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Welcome Wednesday News



CDD Orientation

Please join us each Thursday at 10:00am at the District office located at 984 Old Mill Run to learn about how the Districts operate and other important community information. For additional information, please contact us at (352) 753-4508.



The following facilities will be closed or have scheduled maintenance:

⇒ **Atlas Canine Park**

The Atlas Canine Park will be closed for maintenance Monday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 8th.

⇒ **Softball Complex Closure**

The Buffalo Glen, Knudson, Saddlebrook and Soaring Eagle Softball Complexes will be closed for scheduled maintenance until April 29th.

⇒ **Chula Vista Golf Course**

The Chula Vista Golf Course is currently closed to allow the transition from cool season grasses to our native Bermuda grass.

⇒ **Poinciana Pool**

The Poinciana Pool will be closed Thursday, April 21st and Friday, April 22nd for maintenance.

⇒ **Bridgeport Family Pool**

The Bridgeport Family Pool will be closed for painting April 27th through April 29th.

⇒ **Manatee Billiards Room**

The Manatee Billiards Room will be closed until April 22nd for table recovering.

Parr Drive Closure

Parr Drive between Buena Vista Boulevard and Tall Trees Lane is currently closed. The closure began on Monday, March 21, 2016 and will continue for approximately 6 weeks. Please use caution in this area and pay attention to all directional signage. A detour map is available on www.DistrictGov.org.



A Message From...

Schwartz Park Renovation

Improvements to the existing deck is near completion. The new landscape and irrigation installation is underway. The project is on schedule and is anticipated to be complete in April 2016.



Boone & Del Mar Gate Attendant Restrooms

The selection of a General Contractor is underway. The pre-bid meeting was this week and the bids will be publically opened mid-May. The restrooms will be for use by the gate attendants working at those locations.

Villa Road Resurfacing

Resurfacing is taking place on many of the villa roads in Districts 5 & 6. A tentative work schedule can be found below. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. Each home impacted by this work will be notified exactly when the work is scheduled to take place in their area along with specific safety instructions. Please use caution and follow all directional signage and workers.

- Alexa & Audrey – April 18—22, 2016
- Cherry Vale & Heritage – April 25—29, 2016
- Bellamy & Jasper – May 2—6, 2016

A Message From...

Bridge Closure

The bridge on the multimodal path along Glenview Drive is currently closed. Please use Glenview Drive until further notice. Stay tuned to www.DistrictGov.org for additional updates.

Golf View Dock Replacement

The contract for the project has been awarded. The contractor is working with District Property Management to complete the permit process. DPM anticipates work will begin in mid-May.

Morse Boulevard Bridge

A Geotechnical Engineer will begin test borings on the Morse Boulevard Bridge located over Lake Sumter on Thursday, April 21, 2016 and Friday, April 22, 2016. On Thursday, the golf cart path over Morse Bridge will be temporarily closed for approximately 20 minutes, beginning at 7:30am and will temporarily close again later in the day when the work is complete. On Friday, April 22nd, the outside northbound lane will be closed all day while the drilling on the east side of the island takes place. We anticipate the lane closure to begin in the morning and last for approximately 6 to 8 hours. Please use caution and pay attention to all directional and detour signage. For additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.



The Villages®
Community Development Districts
Property Management

The following letter was provided to District Property Management from the contractor used to treat hydrilla on the water retention areas in The Villages. This letter outlines their current plan and what you can expect to see in your area.

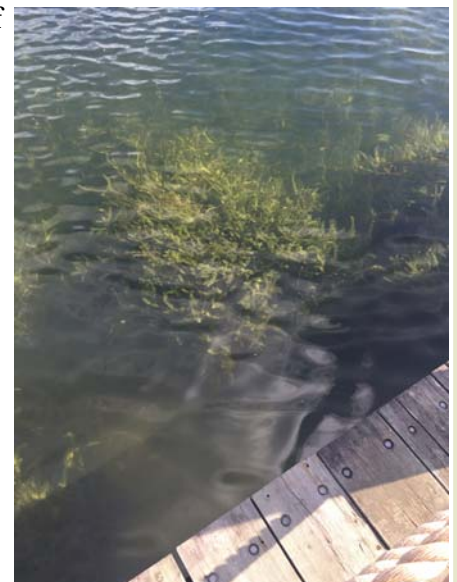
During the month of May a number of ponds within your community will be treated with the herbicide Topramezone (called Oasis) to control hydrilla. This herbicide is a slow acting one, but a product that will provide long term control of this plant and prevent vegetation from growing to the surface for the remainder of this year. Many of the ponds had little vegetation, or vegetation that was well below the surface and not readily visible, in these ponds the effect of the treatment will likely go unseen, but so will the vegetation. This is how a long term management program should work on this plant.

For those few ponds that do have visible vegetation the effect of the herbicide is slow and oftentimes it seems as if nothing was done. Once the effects begin to be seen however, it will be obvious management efforts were undertaken. The first clue that the herbicide is working will be a clear “whitening” at the very tips of vegetation. This is because this herbicide works to block the formation of plant pigments which help to protect the plant from “too much sun”. Basically the herbicide prevents the plant from using “sunblock” and the plant gets a “sunburn”. As the plant attempts to continue growing more and more of it will turn white and eventually a combination of starvation (no new growth means no new energy) and the combined impact of sun damage will eliminate this plant. This process can take weeks or even months depending on how much vegetation is present and what the conditions (how much sun) are like. The problem will not get worse before it gets better, but it might take awhile. You should start to see symptoms with 14 days, and we will be monitoring all treatments.

Additionally on ponds that have hydrilla, but are used for irrigation, or are pumped into, we will use the herbicide endothall (called Aquathol K). This is a much faster acting herbicide. Symptoms will show within several days and it will appear as though the plant is “browning” and it will start to turn mushy. Typically within 2-3 weeks the plant material will drop out of the water and to the bottom of the ponds.

The one negative of these treatments, especially in the ponds with more hydrilla, would be an increase in algae growth as the treatment progresses. This occurs because all plants and algae require nutrients in order to grow. As hydrilla begins to decrease it uses less nutrients in the water, freeing that source for something like algae to use. To compound this problem as hydrilla begins to decay it releases nutrients in the water, again something the algae can utilize. Clarke is fully aware of this and proactively planning for this possibility to reduce the impacts of this growth. As management efforts continue in years this problem will decrease and the overall health of the lakes will improve. For Oasis this “algae bloom” will be much slower and less pronounced, but for the aquathol K treatments it will be intense and typically 10-14 days after treatment. We are aware of this and prepared to treat this algae as it occurs.

We at Clarke understand the importance of your waterways and are doing all we can to maintain a healthy system and want to ensure that you have all the information needed to understand our management efforts. Thank you for your trust and patience as we work to make your lakes and ponds a source of pride within your community.



A Message From...

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Recreation

Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Due to the upcoming Primary Elections in August 2016 and General Elections in November 2016, the Saddlebrook Recreation Center, which is a Voting Precinct for Sumter County, will postpone the renovation project until the conclusion of this year's elections. Please continue to visit our District website, www.DistrictGov.org for project updates and timelines.



The Recreation Departments offers a variety of walking sidewalks and trails for Residents and their Guests to enjoy at many of our Regional Recreation Centers. Walking path distances range from 1/8 mile up to 1.3 miles. Walking paths at Springdale Fitness Trail, Rohan Regional Recreation Center, Paradise Park, and Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center offer stationary exercise stations for additional exercise opportunities. Please visit our website www.Districtgov.org for distances and diagrams or contact Recreation Administration at 352-674-1800 for additional information.

What's Happening in Your District



NOTICE OF VACANCY VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Village Community Development District No. 8 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling Seat 3, which was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor. The remainder of the existing four (4) year term for the vacated Seat will expire in November 2018.

Any interested applicants must be a qualified elector which is defined by Florida Statute 190 as "any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the district land is located". To obtain additional information or request an application you may contact Jennifer McQueary, District Clerk at (352) 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the application on the www.districtgov.org website.

**Applications must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than
5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016
at the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages.**

The Board of Supervisors will interview applicants at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting to be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the **District Office Board Room, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL.**

Please Join Us!

The Villages

11th Annual

HURRICANE EXPO



**FRIDAY
May 6th
10am - 2pm**

**Rohan Recreation Center
850 Kristine Way • The Villages**

FREE ADMISSION

** Sign Language Interpreter Available **

Please Join Us!

This popular and informative Villages public service event showcases government agencies and local businesses that can help you not only prepare, but also be on hand to help in recovery

assistance if a hurricane does hit close to home.



National Weather Service

Dan Noah - Meteorologist

Program Your Weather Radio



Bruce Thomas, Chief Meteorologist



"Tale of 2 Homes"

*Video Presentation: FLASH
Federal Alliance for Safe Homes*

**WVLG
640am**

*Broadcasting Live
from the EXPO*



Disaster Supply Kit Information

How & What to Pack for You and Your Pets

Special Needs Registration

*Where & How to Apply. Help Your Local
Emergency Management Division Help You!*

Managing Health Issues

*If Disaster Threatens: What You Need
to Know and How to Prepare*

Inland Threats & Hazards

*YES! Central Florida Can Feel the Side
Effects of a Hurricane*

Insurance

Are You Covered?

CERT of The Villages

*"Community Emergency Response Team"
Accepting Non-Perishable Food Donations
for Local Food Banks*

**HURRICANE SEASON
BEGINS - JUNE 1st**



**For More Information or How to Become an EXPO Vendor:
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