

Sometimes sprinklers have to run during, after rainstorms

Summer is finally here and so is the much-needed rainfall throughout the community.

In The Villages, we have been experiencing average to above-average rainfall in most areas. In light of this, I would like to take this opportunity to explain how the water retention areas operate.

Some of the water retention areas throughout the community are interconnected, with the ability to move water among them to achieve the recommended levels.

In the event that all of the water retention areas are at the recommended levels and a rain event is on the way, the District will run the irrigation system along the roadways or golf courses to ensure the water retention areas can adequately retain additional water.

This practice may occur even while it is raining outside.

The District is in the process of executing an aggressive capital project plan that includes upgrades and renovations of certain facilities and infrastructure. Included in the projects is an upgrade to the fiber optics for the operation of the gates north of County Road 466.

Our entrance-exit gates and their operation seem to be a constant topic here in The Villages. About a year ago, I wrote an article on how the gates work and today I will tell you a little about the installation of our new system north of CR 466.

The new technology involves the installation of fiber optics instead of the use of the typical standard phone lines for the operation of the gate.

Gates south of CR 466



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have had this new technology installed since they were developed. The District now is upgrading to fiber optic technology for the camera system and gate operation north of CR 466.

Under the current system, if you wanted to check for gate damage, you would have to go to the gate where the damage occurred and make a disc copy to review with a DVD player.

The new upgrade to fiber optics will allow for instant viewing from the office location. This also will help identify vehicles involved in gate accidents.

The current system also requires new gate cards to be downloaded to each gate through the phone lines and into a modem at each gate location, which can take up to a few hours per location.

The new traffic signal on Colony Boulevard at the multimodal trail crossing is nearing completion. The paver brick crossing has been completed, the signal poles installed, and the wiring for the signals is being run.

The pole brackets and signal heads will be installed this week, weather permitting. Once the new road markings for golf-cart left-turn lanes on Colony Boulevard and stop bars have been completed, the traffic signal will be put into flashing mode operation for a few days to make the public aware of the traffic signal.

Be sure to stay tuned to

districtgov.org for updates and any additional information on this project.

I also would like to inform you that the District 4 board of supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in serving in the following two positions:

- District 4 board supervisor
- District 4 representative on the Amenity Authority Committee

The remainder of the existing four-year terms for each position will expire in November 2016. Any interested applicants must be a resident of CDD 4.

To obtain additional information or request an application, contact Jennifer McQueary, district clerk, at 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the application at districtgov.org.

Applications must be submitted to the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday at the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, Lake Sumter Landing.

In closing, The Villages now comprises more than 40 square miles, so sometimes a maintenance issue may not be immediately noticed.

If you see anything in need of repair, trimming, etc., please call the District Customer Service Center at 753-4508 to advise them of your maintenance issue or concern. It takes a team effort to ensure this community is maintained at the highest standard.

Please watch for more updates next time here at Our Place.

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