

# Keep these things in mind as population increases for the winter

The cooler weather is a good indication that the fall season officially has arrived. As I have stated so often, fall is my favorite time of year. I enjoy the colors of the season and the change in the weather.

My husband and I recently visited the mountains of North Carolina and for the second year in a row, we were fortunate to arrive when the leaves were at their peak. The colors were amazingly beautiful and the cool, crisp air made for a great time to be outside enjoying nature and visiting the small town shops.

During our visit we had the opportunity to spend time with our niece and nephew and it seems we always learn something new when we spend time with the younger generation.

As we sat one evening at dinner discussing our activities and the number of shoppers in the downtown area, my niece made a statement that gave me a deer-in-the-headlights look. Her statement was, "This time of year, the downtown area is very busy until the 'leaf seekers' go home."

She explained that in the mountain areas, visitors from the South are referred to as leaf seekers in the fall season, just like we refer to our northern friends as snowbirds when they escape the cold and snow of the winter months and come south.

Because I love the scenery and cooler weather of the mountain areas in the fall, that discussion gave me a true appreciation of what I like to refer to as our seasonal residents.

As we welcome our seasonal residents home for the next few months and enter the



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holiday season, there are several housekeeping items I would like to discuss.

As the population increases for the next several months, so does the amount of household recycling and trash. As a reminder, your household trash and recycling should not be placed curbside earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup.

The sanitation schedule is available on the District website, [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org). Just click on "Sanitation Schedule and Information" under the Quick Links on the left side of the home page. This information also includes the list of recyclable items.

Plastic trash bags are to be used for household trash and clear plastic bags for recycling.

Residents in Sumter County also may take items for recycling to the Sumter County recycling center at 819 County Road 529, Lake Panasoffkee. Call 569-1975 for hours of operation.

For our residents in Marion County, there is a recycling center in Weirsdale off County Road 42 on the east side of U.S. Highway 27/441. The address is 13535 SE 164th St. Residents can call 671-8465 for hours of operation.

Residents in the Lady Lake/Lake County area of The Villages may visit the Lake County Convenience Center at 1200 Jackson Street, Lady Lake. Call 753-2399 for hours

of operation.

All yard waste is picked up on Wednesday. Please remember to cut all branches and yard waste to be no longer than 4 feet in length and bundle and tie all the yard debris together. Yard waste should be placed at the curb no earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup.

The bundling is so that the debris does not blow into the roadway area and for easier handling by the sanitation workers, allowing for all yard waste throughout the community to be pickup up in a timely manner.

With the increase in residents also comes additional stops for the sanitation trucks. Be aware that your pickup may be delayed as much as an hour or two because of the additional stops and the additional amount of garbage residents have around the holidays.

If you have concerns regarding your trash pickup, call Sumter Sanitation at 748-0109 or District Customer Service at 753-4508.

As a steward of our water, remember your lawn and plants need less water in the fall and winter months than they do in the spring and summer months.

Adjust your irrigation timer accordingly and refer to Water Wisdom on the District website for complete information on zone run times and frequency during the cooler months.

If you are a resident of District 9, the Board of Supervisors will consider approval to begin the process of adopting the Rule to Bring about Deed Compliance for the enforcement of Deed Restrictions and

to join Districts 1-8 as a member of the Architectural Review Committee.

The entire approval process will span the next couple of months, with

resident information sessions anticipated to be held in early February.

Information regarding the Deed Compliance and Architectural Review process will be presented to the board at its next regular monthly meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in the

large conference room in the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, Lake Sumter Landing. The entrance to the District Office is across the breezeway from Starbucks.

I encourage all residents to attend their respective board meetings to learn what is happening within their

district.

As our seasonal residents return, and family and friends visit for the holidays, the traffic on the multimodal paths and streets will increase. Please slow down, share the path and be courteous to those you meet. We want everyone to enjoy the

holidays in Florida's Friendliest Hometown.

Until next time, have a safe and happy holiday season!

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