



Welcome Wednesday

January 7, 2015 – 8:00am

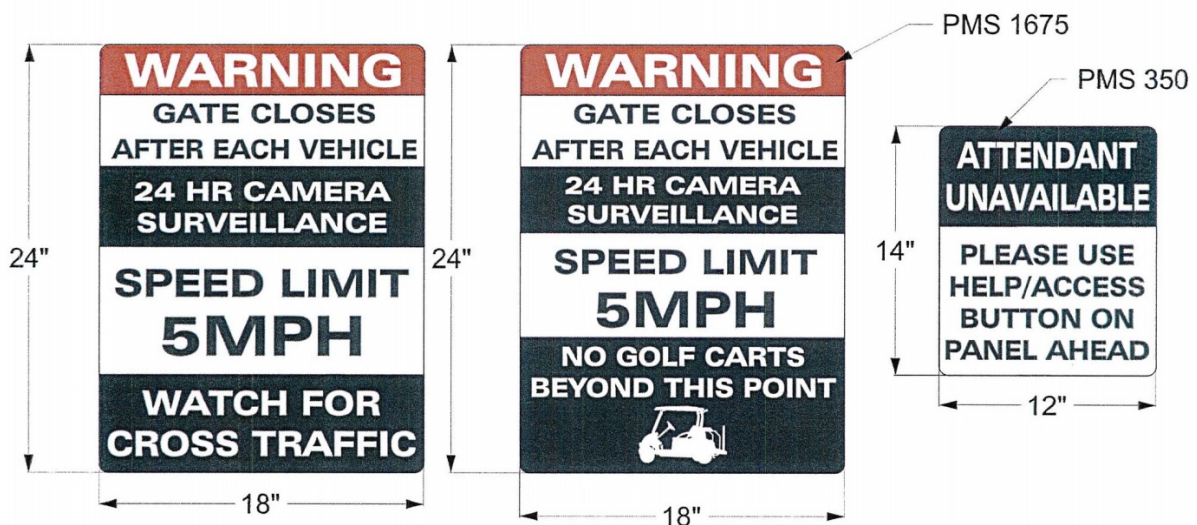
- **Recreation:** We would like to invite you to attend the following grand openings!
 - **Alden Bungalows Neighborhood Recreation Center** - Please join us on January 9, 2015 at 2:00pm for the grand opening of Alden Bungalows Neighborhood Recreation Center located at 3538 Kessel Drive, west of Brownwood off of Powell Road.
 - **Soaring Eagle Softball Complex & Air Gun Range** - Please join us at 10:00am on January 16, 2015 for the grand opening of Soaring Eagle Softball Complex and Air Gun Range located at the south end of Morse Boulevard.
 - **Paradise Park Area B** - On January 23, 2015 at 1:00 pm, please join us for the grand opening of Paradise Park 'B', completing the final phase of Paradise Park located at 1324 Paradise Drive, north of the golf cart bridge in Lady Lake.

- **District Property Management** – Several residents have asked how to prevent rats and other rodents from entering their home or residing on their property. Please follow the following steps to help prevent rodents in your area:
 - Remove all bird or squirrel feeders
 - Keep trees and shrubs trimmed and away from your home
 - Do not leave food outside for cats, dogs, or other pets
 - Keep your yard clear of debris and yard trimmings

- **Deed Compliance** – The Village Community Development District No. 9 is beginning the Deed Compliance enforcement process. This will also include selecting a member to serve on the Architectural Review Committee. The following schedule is for the Public Information Sessions to review the Deed Compliance procedures and Matrix:
 - Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 9:00am – 11:00am at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center
 - Friday, February 6, 2015 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at the SeaBreeze Recreation Center
 - Monday, February 9, 2015 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the SeaBreeze Recreation Center
 - Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Colony Cottage Recreation Center

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Diane Tucker at diane.tucker@districtgov.org or Candice Dennis at Candice.dennis@districtgov.org. You can also reach them by telephone at (352) 751-3912 or stop by 984 Old Mill Run.

- On December 19, 2014 the VCDD No. 5 received a First Notice of Permit Condition Violation from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The violation was based on the unauthorized removal and dumping of vegetation in a conservation easement. The VCDD No. 5 did not conduct or permit this work. The SWFWMD has directed the VCDD No. 5 to bring the property back into compliance based on the permit. The Sumter County Sherriff's Office has been investigating who is responsible for these actions and has offered a \$1000.00 reward for information regarding the case.
- Marion County Sherriff's Office** - Due to a promotion, the Marion County Sherriff's South District Office is now supervised by Lt. Thomas Calhoun. Lt. Calhoun was promoted from the Property Crimes Division of the MCSO and brings great experience and knowledge to the position. The District looks forward to continuing the partnership that has been formed with the MCSO and surrounding law enforcement agencies.
- Town Hall Meetings** - Several Village Community Development Districts will be hosting Town Hall Meetings in 2015. The Town Hall meetings provide residents an opportunity to learn interesting facts about the District and ask questions of the District Supervisors. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts.
 - District 8 – February 26, 2015 at 6:00pm at SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center
 - District 9 – March 5, 2015 at 6:00pm at Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center
 - District 4 – March 12, 2015 at 6:00pm at Mulberry Grove Regional Recreation Center.
 This will be their monthly meeting followed by a question & answer session.
- New Gate Signage**- to ensure consistency and safety at all gates in The Villages, new signage is being placed at both the entrance and exit gates. These signs include the following information:





- **No Solicitation Decal** – You may also notice there are “no solicitation” decals appearing on the card readers. These are being added to inform those entering The Villages that they are not welcome to go door to door.
- **Information provided by the Town of Lady Lake** – the attached information on tree and tree maintenance is being provided to you at the request of the Town of Lady Lake. For additional information, please contact their Growth Management Department at (352) 751-1582.

Trees and Tree Maintenance: Trees provide several benefits to the property owner including energy saving shade, privacy, and a pleasing neighborhood environment. Choosing the right type of tree and planting location can avoid future problems from roots or intrusive tree limbs. Do not plant trees close to power lines, stop or yield signs, street lights, or other traffic control devices. Do not plant trees near the sidewalk which could create a sight obstruction for pedestrians and motorists. Please trim and allow eight (8) feet of clearance for pedestrians using the sidewalks. Before planting call the Growth Management Department at (352)751-1582 for information on swale plantings. Pruning of large trees may be recommended to improve or maintain the health of the tree. To control the size and shape of the tree, prune completely being mindful of the trees natural shape and aesthetics: trimming trees also avoids safety hazards under power lines

Tree Trimming: Should tree limbs need to be pruned, choose a licensed and insured tree care professional, or arborist, that can trim your trees according to Tree Care Industry Association standards. He/she should also be familiar with our Town's ordinances and be licensed and insured.

Excessive Lifting: Lifting trees is a common pruning practice where the lower branches of the tree are removed to provide clearance for cars, structures, etc. Over lifting or excessive thinning of trees is a poor pruning practice. This type of pruning causes trees to be top heavy, reduces trunk taper and increases chances of branch breakage. It also disfigures the natural form of the tree.

Topping: Topping is a type of pruning where most of the canopy is removed from a tree, leaving mostly branch stubs. Topping initiates decay in the trunk and main branches and attracts wood boring insects. Never top or allow anyone to top one of your trees. Topping is equivalent to butchering a tree. Competent landscape professionals do not top trees.

Should conditions require the removal of a tree, a permit is required prior to removal from the Town's Growth Management Department. For any questions, please contact the Town's Growth Management Department at (352) 751- 1582.