



**Welcome Wednesday**

**March 11, 2015 – 8:00am**

**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

- **In Case of Emergency** – In the case of an emergency, it is strongly recommended that residents call 9-1-1 to obtain immediate law enforcement or medical assistance. Suspicious persons or activity should be reported immediately. If you believe a crime is in progress or is about to take place please call 9-1-1 right away. If you're not sure the suspicious persons are committing a crime, you should still contact the Sheriff's office using one of the listed non-emergency numbers.  
Community Watch is a non-emergency service whose primary function is to observe and report. The Community Watch Dispatch Center is available 24 hours a day and provides services such as removing roadway debris, traffic control and citizen resource assistance.  
Non-emergency contact information:
  - Sumter County Sheriff's Office: 352-569-0440 or 352-793-2621
  - Marion County Sheriff's Office: 352-732-9111
  - Lake County Sheriff's Office: 352-343-2101
  
- **Thank you!** We would like to thank all residents who contact us on a regular basis to recognize the outstanding District staff members exemplifying our Core Values. These employees are recognized in our monthly Employee Newsletter and we appreciate those residents who take the time to notify us of a job well done. Thank you!
  
- **VHA General Meeting** – During the VHA meeting this evening, District Property Management will be recognized and honored with the Partner Award. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Lake Miona Recreation Center and all Village residents are welcome to attend.
  
- **Recreation -**
  - **Scanners** – The Recreation Department is exploring a new scanner product (tablet) which has many improved features for checking IDs. This new tablet will be used at the Laurel Manor Regional Recreation Center as a test site prior to them being implemented community wide.



- **Spring Craft Show** – Please join us Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9am – 2pm for the Spring Craft Show. The talented Villages Crafters will showcase an array of unique gifts and craft items at (3) Regional Recreation Centers - Lake Miona, Laurel Manor and Seabreeze. Please note, parking is limited and we encourage coming by golf cart or carpool.
  
- **2015 Annual Resident Survey** – The 2015 Annual Resident Survey is now available to all residents until April 5, 2015. The survey consists of two sections, one relating to the Developer and the other pertaining to your District Government. By completing the survey each year, residents have the opportunity to provide useful feedback that can be used to improve operations and enhance services in your community. Letters were mailed to each resident with a unique access code and instructions on completing the survey. If you do not have access to a computer, the following locations are available for you to complete the survey:
  - Savannah Center Computer Lab
  - Mark Twain Library at Paradise Recreation Center

If you have any questions, please contact the District Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508.

- **Budget** - All of the District Boards have approved their workshop and meeting dates related to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget process. The FY15-16 Budget Calendar is posted on the District's website under the Budget Department tab.
  - In March, many of the Districts will be having Preliminary Budget Workshops which provide an opportunity for the Boards and staff to discuss items that may need to be included in the FY15-16 Budget, working capital/reserve balances, maintenance assessments, etc. As always these meetings are open to the public and will be held at the District Office – Large Conference Room located. The schedule for the March Preliminary Budget workshops is below:
    - Thursday, March 12th
      - District # 5            8:00 a.m.
      - District # 6            9:30 a.m.
      - District # 7            11:00 a.m.
      - District # 8            2:00 p.m.
      - District # 9            3:00 p.m.
    - Monday, March 16th
      - District # 1            8:00 a.m.
      - District # 2            9:30 a.m.
      - District # 3            11:00 a.m.



District # 4 1:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 18th

Amenity Authority Committee 1:30 p.m.

- Residents are encouraged to provide input during the Budget Process. You can do so by attending any of the Budget workshops, monthly board meetings, contacting a Board member or contacting Janet Tutt or Barbara Kays, Budget Director at 751-3939 or email Barbara at [Barbara.Kays@Districtgov.org](mailto:Barbara.Kays@Districtgov.org).
- **Multi-modal Path Striping** – At the request of the Project Wide Advisory Committee, the District engineer attended several of the District Board meetings in February to address striping on the multi-modal paths. If you were unable to attend one of these meetings and would like to hear the information presented, audio recordings of Board meetings, workshops or public hearings are available for purchase per Florida Statute 119.07 through the District Clerk for \$1.00 per CD requested. Residents may also arrange to listen to audio recordings at the District office. Please contact Jennifer McQueary at 352-751-3939 for requests or information.
- **Architectural Review Committee** – Is seeking an *alternate* committee member for Village Community Development Districts 1 and 3.
  - The applicant must be a full time resident of District 1 or 3 and have lived in The Villages for at least one year. Candidates are recommended to have education and/or experience in any of the following areas: architecture, ability to read site plans, residential/commercial construction, building management, deed restricted communities, landscaping, county code enforcement, etc; however, this is not required. The Committee meets weekly, on Wednesdays, for approximately 3 hours (8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.).
  - If you are interested in becoming an alternate representative for District 1 or 3, the required attendance for the alternate is to attend an Architectural Review Meeting each week for four (4) weeks and then once a month thereafter.
  - For additional information or a copy of the application, please contact the Community Standards Department at 751-3912.
- **Executive Golf** –
  - The Chula Vista Golf Course will have new coquina beds installed along the multi modal trail for improved aesthetics and improved access from the trail to the golf course. The bathroom located at #4 Chula will have coquina rock installed to tie beds together that formed from wear patterns from cart traffic. This will reduce maintenance and improve aesthetics and functionality.
  - Silver Lake is currently having the golf course bulletin boards repaired. The concrete path is also currently being repaired and a walkway is being installed at the starter building. This will help foot traffic from cutting through landscape beds and reduce

constricted traffic area in front of the starter building itself. It will also enhance communications with a repaired board to golfers of that facility.

- **Town Hall Meetings**

Several Village Community Development Districts hosted or 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 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.

- **Pool Lighting Update** – The electrical contractor is currently working on Paradise, Hilltop and South Side pools simultaneously. Paradise pool is being inspected and is expected to open the week of March 16, 2015.

- **El Santiago Update** – The District has acquired the necessary site permits and the contractor has submitted the construction documents for building permits. The contractor has begun the pre-construction preparation for the project by installing safety measures, staging storage facility and construction office. Demolition of the old building will begin the week of March 23, 2015.



- **Tierra Del Sol Update** – The site work is on schedule and nearing completion. The interior finishes continue with the final installation of light fixtures, flooring, wallpaper and millwork. We are still on schedule for an April 2015 opening!



- **Information Provided by Sumter County** – During the month of March 2015, Sumter County will be performing repairs on the underground stormwater pipes in the following areas of The Villages:
  - March 11, 2015
    - Camero Drive
    - Cardona Drive
    - Morse Boulevard
  - March 16, 2015
    - Augustine Drive
    - Morse Boulevard

For additional information, please visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) or contact Sumter County Public Works Division at (352) 569-6700.

- **Finance** - Properties in the numbered Districts 2-10 still have active bond assessments. These assessments can be paid one of two ways. They can be paid in annual installments over the life of the bond on your annual property tax bill, or they can be paid in full at any time. To get a payoff amount, please contact the Bond Customer Service Team at (352) 751-3900 and ask for Jackie or Barbara.  
Property owners should also be aware that there are two bond payment cutoff dates for these payments in full. The cutoff dates are March 16 and September 16 of each year. If you pay off your bond after a semi-annual cutoff date, you will be responsible for paying an additional six months' worth of interest. This requirement is set in the bond documents and cannot be waived by the Districts.  
The next cutoff date is March 16, 2015. If you are considering paying your bond in full, paying it by March 16 will save you six months interest.



- **Scam Jam / Shred-A-Thon** – Help protect yourself from identity theft and join regional law enforcement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scam Jam / Shred-A-Thon! Bring your documents containing personal information on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2pm at the Target parking lot located at 716 North US 27/441. Please see the flyer on [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) for additional information.
- **Information provided by Sumter County Sheriff's Office** – Please see the flyer below to learn about tips on securing your home and what to do if your house is burglarized.

# Sheriff

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### Tips to help secure your home.

1. Look around when leaving your home. A burglar may be watching your neighborhood waiting for people to leave.
2. If you see a suspicious person or vehicle call the Sheriff's Office and make note of the tag on the vehicle if possible. A description of the people and vehicles will be helpful when investigating.
3. If only one person leaves the home and shortly afterwards someone you do not know knocks on your door, call the Sheriff's office and report a suspicious person right away. The reason to make this call is that it could be the burglar checking to see if anyone is home prior to breaking in.

### What to do when you find that your house has been burglarized.

1. Upon learning that your house has been broken into, exit the residence the same way you entered and call the Sheriff's Office and wait for a deputy to arrive.
2. Someone may still be in your house, exiting your house is safer for you and better for the deputy that will be looking for evidence.
3. Do not touch anything or walk around the residence leave everything as you found it. There is evidence everywhere that could lead to the capture of the suspect. When you walk around the residence you are covering up their possible shoe prints on your floors. When you touch the items in your house you are covering, smudging and ruining possible fingerprints that could be discovered by the deputy.
4. During the investigation remain outside as not to contaminate the residence and lose any evidence that might be found by the responding Crime Scene Deputy.
5. Be patient during the investigation. It takes time for the Crime Scene deputy to respond. It takes time for the responding Deputy to complete his paperwork and a thorough investigation.

We know that it can be hot during the summer and cold during the winter and once a Crime Scene Deputy responds and begins processing the residence, they make sure that an inside room is completed so you can return inside to one room while they complete their investigation.

To recap:

1. Exit your house and call the Sheriff's Office.
2. Do not touch anything or walk around your house.
3. Remain outside during the investigation
4. Be patient.

In an Emergency dial **911**, if there is not an emergency call the non-emergency number to report the burglary at 352-569-2621



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