



**May 6, 2015
11:00 A.M.**

Welcome Wednesday News

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New Format!!

Welcome Wednesday was created as a way to get residents the opportunity to learn about ongoing projects, address rumors and have questions answered by District staff.

To all those who have attended and provided us with your valuable feedback—THANK YOU!! Based on this feedback—we will now be holding Welcome Wednesday at 11:00am. Please take a moment to view our new “Newsletter” format and we look forward to seeing you at future Welcome Wednesdays!

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.



Tierra Del Sol Grand Re-Opening!!

Please join us for the Grand Re-Opening of Tierra Del Sol Village Recreation Center, located at 808 San Marino Drive—next to the Tierra Del Sol Country Club!!

Thursday, May 7, 2015

3:00pm





El Santiago Update

The foundation for the new building is now complete and the concrete block walls are being erected! Please use caution in the area and stay out of the construction zone.



Hydrilla treatments

Treatments have begun on water retention areas throughout The Villages and will continue through the month of May.

Tunnel work will begin on Tunnel B4 which is located at Harmeswood of Belle Aire on May 11, 2015. This work is anticipated to take approximately 4-6 weeks, weather permitting. While the work is completed, please use Tunnel B5 on El Camino Real to travel east or west and Tunnel B6 on Buena Vista Boulevard to travel north or south. Please use caution in the area and play attention to all directional signage. If you need any additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

Pool Lighting Update:

The final pool—Southside is now open for night swimming! The lighting upgrades are now complete for Chula Vista, Paradise, Hilltop, and Southside pools.

Architectural Review Committee—NEW MEETING TIME!!

Due to the increase in the number of applications reviewed each week by the Architectural Review Committee the meeting time will change. **Beginning Wednesday, May 20, 2015 the weekly meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m.** The meeting location will remain the same—984 Old Mill Run.



Budget Workshops

Several Budget Workshops will be held during the month of May as part of the FY15 -16 Budget process. The Board Supervisors will review the budget by line item, the capital improvement plan, working capital/reserve balances and the proposed maintenance assessment rates.

As always these workshops are open to the public and will be held at the District Office – Large Conference Room located at 984 Old Mill Run. The schedule for the May Budget Workshops is below:

Tuesday, May 12th

District # 1 - 8:00 a.m.
District # 2 - 9:30 a.m.
District # 4 - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14th

SLCDD – Immediately following regular Board Meeting that starts @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 19th

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.
District #10 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20th

Amenity Authority Committee - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21st

District # 3 - 2:00 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.

What's Happening in Your District...



Proposed Expansion of VCDD No. 4

On April 7, 2015 the VCDD No. 4 Board of Supervisors held a workshop to review and discuss the proposal to expand the District boundaries to include an additional 64.27 acres and 300 residences. Representatives from The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and the law firm of McLin Burnsed presented information on the proposal and answered questions from Board Supervisors and audience members. The presentation provided during the meeting is now available on www.DistrictGov.org. The VCDD No. 4 Board will continue to review and discuss the proposal at future meetings.



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.

UPDATE: District 1 received several application over the previous week and will conduct interviews during their June meeting on June 12, 2015. If you are interested in applying, please make sure your application is received by the Community Standards Department by June 1st.

Did You Know...



North Sumter County
UTILITY
Dependent District

Beginning early May 2015, contractors on behalf of Verizon Wireless, will be performing upgrades to the existing cellular equipment located on the Turtle Mound Water Tower located at 2649 Buena Vista Boulevard. The construction portion of the project is expected to last one week; weather permitting and will involve path detours due to the use of heavy equipment, all of which has been approved and will be monitored by District staff along with Golf Management Solutions. The final phase of the project will include restoration to the site involving painting and landscaping all of which will be performed by district contractors utilizing existing district agreements. All contractors involved have been made aware of the districts expectations and level of service standards while working on District property. We have been assured that all contractors will make every effort to minimize any disruption this may cause to our resident's daily activities.

For the safety of everyone, we ask that you avoid the area and if you have any questions please contact us at (352) 751-3939 or at Bernadette.nataline@districtgov.org.



Golf begins bi-weekly closures this week to allow maintenance contractors the opportunity to start and perform their cultural programs for the summer. This includes aeration of greens, tees and fairways to aid in soil compaction relief from winter play. These closures also help tremendously in our transition program from over seed areas and allow for a quicker recovery of our native Bermuda grass. Expected recovery time typically takes an average of 2 full weeks once the cultural program begins.

Sumter County Pavement Management FY 15 Program—

The Sumter County Pavement Management FY 15 program is currently underway. Weekly updates are provided by Sumter County and included on www.DistrictGov.org. If you have any questions or would like additional information on this program, please contact Sumter County Public Works at (352) 569-6700.

RUMOR CONTROL!

Our Utility Billing Customer Service Team has started to see an increase in calls from customers in the Central Sumter Utility Service Area (CSU) in response to some misinformation. They had either received an email, read a blog or social media containing incorrect information. This document apparently spoke about erroneous high usage being billed to accounts in the area, questioning the credit that will be issued, and when their meters would be changed out. This information is totally erroneous and was not initiated by the CSU Utility or the District Governments.

Almost all high irrigation readings on irrigation water meters are not caused by the water meter, rather they result from incorrect settings on the irrigation control boxes found in the garages of most properties. These boxes are set by the homeowner or an authorized service representative engaged by the homeowner, such as a landscaper. In some cases they are set higher than necessary, producing increased water consumption, high water meter readings and high water bills. It should be also noted that a near miss by a lightning strike can reset these control boxes. Periodically the box should be checked, particularly in the summer months to make sure it is not providing excessive watering while you sleep.

It is also advised that you check the weekly paper on Saturdays under the Home & Garden section for information on a weekly class given at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. A class on Florida-Friendly Landscaping is held from 9 to 11 am the third Tuesday of each month at Colony Cottage. The program features information on irrigation and an introduction to Florida-Friendly landscaping. Additionally, you can reach out to the Sumter County Extension Office or a landscape maintenance contractor to obtain assistance from them with setting your irrigation control box effectively. Information can also be found on the Water Wisdom website, www.thevillageswaterwisdom.com.



Information Provided to you by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office...

CODE RED

CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high volume - high speed communication service available for mass emergency notifications for Sumter County residents. It can deliver 60,000 calls per hour.

CodeRED employs a one-of-a-kind internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to Sumter County homes and businesses.

In addition to emergency notifications for missing persons, natural disasters, manmade disasters, and criminal activity, CodeRED offers severe weather warnings that can be sent directly to your home phone and/or cell phone.

There are two ways to sign up for severe weather notifications

- 1.) go to www.sumtercountysheriff.org. Go to the bottom of the page, click on the red and black CodeRed icon and follow the instructions.
- 2.) call Sumter County Emergency Management at 352-569-1660.