



**The Villages®**  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

**June 10, 2015**

**11:00 A.M.**

# **Welcome Wednesday News**

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**Administration  
(352) 751-3939**

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**Community Watch  
(352) 753-0550**

**Property Management  
(352) 753-4022**

**Finance  
(352) 753-0421**

**Human Resources  
(352) 674-1905**

**Public Safety  
(352) 205-8280**

**Purchasing  
(352) 751-6700**

**Recreation Administration  
(352) 674-1800**

**Utility/Amenity  
(352) 750-0000**



## **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.**



### **El Santiago Update**

The building's framework is complete and the preparation for the installation of the exterior finish has begun. The mechanical, plumbing and electrical rough in work continues. The roofing substrate is on the building and the building is now "dried in".



### **Lake Sumter Landing Bridge Maintenance**

Over the next several months, maintenance work will begin on the bridges at Old Mill Run and Lake Shore Drive. The work on Old Mill Run began on Monday, May 18, 2015. While this work is completed, please use caution in the area and follow all detour and directional signage. The surrounding restaurants and shops are remaining open for your enjoyment. The concrete pour is now complete and the concrete curbing will begin this week. The project is on schedule.



**Tunnel Work**—The majority of the external work on the stucco finish on the exterior wing walls of Tunnel B4 located near Harmeswood of Belle Aire is now complete and the tunnel is open. As work finishes on the exterior of the tunnel, please use caution and pay attention to all directional signage. Two additional tunnels will have similar work and updates will be provided at future Welcome Wednesday sessions and on [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) as they are available.



**Villa Road Maintenance in VCDD No. 1, 3 & 8**

The District will begin cleaning and rejuvenating villa roadways located in VCDD No. 1, 3 & 8 beginning Sunday, June 7, 2015. Signs will be posted at your villa entry and exits 1-2 days before application is to begin and will include times and dates. Please adhere to workers instructions as accessibility will be limited for a period of 1-2 hours during and after application. Times and dates are subject to change due to the possibility of inclement weather, equipment issues, etc. Please take special note that even though the product being used is a natural product, walking barefoot or walking pets is not advised for the first 36 hours as it may cause irritation of sensitive skin or paws. Please do not run irrigation or wash cars once the signs are posted and for 24 hours after the product has been applied. The roads must be dry for a proper application to be effective. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

Montbrook Villa	8:00am	VCDD 8	Crestview Villa	10:00am	VCDD 8
Biscayne Villa	9:00am	VCDD 8	Southwood Villa	11:00am	VCDD 8
Southern Star Villa	11:00am	VCDD 8			

**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

Apalachee Villa	8:00am	VCDD 8	Kingfisher Villa	10:00am	VCDD 8
Amberjack Villa	9:00am	VCDD 8	Bayport Villa	11:00am	VCDD 8

**Friday, June 12, 2015**

Juniper Villa	8:00am	VCDD 8	Fairhope Villa	11:00am	VCDD 8
Sawgrass Villa	9:00am	VCDD 8	Fairwinds Villa	12:00pm	VCDD 8
Windermere Villa	10:00am	VCDD 8			

# A Message From...



“Golf is a unique game in all respects. Certainly, no other sport requires so many skills for the development, preparation, and maintenance of the surface on which it is played”.

Dr. James Beard.

Your VCDD Executive Golf Course Director (responsible for 16 Executive courses owned by the District) in coordination with Golf Management Solutions GMS (Responsible for 19 Executive courses owned by the Developer) oversee the day to day operations and ensure our licensed and trained contractors are performing to the standards set forth in their contracts to maintain consistency. Even though they are separated by ownership boundaries, (District and the Developer) contractors work hard to perform the necessary duties to keep your playing surfaces sustainable and consistent throughout the year. This work is orchestrated every morning the same throughout The Villages community and waivers only so slightly so we may deliver the same standards on all 300 + holes of Executive golf every day.



A day in the life of a contractor's typical morning prior to play and how everything is accomplished is as follows:

- 5:45am - meeting at the maintenance building to go over daily tasks until 6:00am
- 7 days a week - Set up teams leave the shop (most of the time in the dark) to cut cups, change tee markers and check course amenities (water coolers filled, trash cans emptied, towels inspected and replaced, benches cleaned, rake placement in bunkers corrected and ball washers filled) prior to play
- 7 days a week - mowing is performed on greens playing surfaces
- 3 days a week - course tees are mowed
- 3 days a week - courses that have fairways are mowed
- 3 days a week - all collars and approaches are mowed
- 3 days a week - all bunkers are raked

These are the basic tasks required for your playing needs each day. There are many other tasks both cultural and agronomical that are included on a weekly and monthly basis to ensure the overall health of the course. The basic requirements listed above that are performed each day are the back bone to the start of your golf game.

# A Message From...



As part of the district's continued commitment to provide our residents with efficient and dependable utility service, Village Center Community Development District/Utilities will be replacing the water services in portions of the Village Center Service Area. The contractor for this project will be **Hamlet Underground LLC**.

Hamlet Underground will be replacing the water services in three (3) phases.

## **Lake County Phase I**

### **Units 7, 8, 9, 11 & 13**

Village of Country Club

### **Unit 10**

Village of Orange Blossom Garden

## **Lake County Phase I-B**

### **Units 3, 3.1B, 4, 5, 6 & 12**

Village of Silver Lake

## **Lake County Phase II**

### **Units 14 & 15**

Village of Del Mar

### **Unit 16**

Village El Cortez

### **Unit 80**

Courtyard Villas in Village El Cortez

### **Unit 81**

Chula Vista Villas in the Village of Del Mar

### **Unit 82**

Hacienda Villas in the Village of Del Mar

Hamlet Underground has been granted permission to work during weekends in order to remain on schedule. The project is expected to last approximately 210 calendar days, weather permitting. Residents will be notified by way of a door hanger placed at your entry door, prior to work beginning in your immediate area. Hamlet Underground does not anticipate water service to be interrupted. However, if a temporary shutdown is necessary, it will only last 3-4 hours and you will be notified in advance by Hamlet Underground. While no water quality impact is anticipated, if you encounter discoloration of water or any air in the lines upon water service being restored, please let the water run until the condition clears.

If construction activities cause disruption to turf areas, the contractor is obligated under the contract to appropriately restore the area. All contractors involved have been made aware of the district's expectations and level of service standards while working on district property and will make every effort to minimize any disruption this may cause to our resident's daily activities.

For our resident's safety we ask that you avoid the construction area and if you have any questions please contact **Hamlet Underground at 352-236-3355 or District Administration Operations at 751-3939**. For general project updates, please visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org)

# What's Happening in Your District...



The Districts will be approving their FY15-16 Proposed Budgets and maintenance assessments rates at their June Board meetings. Florida State Statutes require that a Proposed Budget and Proposed Maintenance Assessments be approved no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The meetings for Districts 5 – 8 have been moved to the first Friday in order to meet that requirement.

After spending hours reviewing and discussing budgets during the May Budget Workshops, three Districts (2, 3, and 4) have requested increases to their maintenance assessment rates in their FY15-16 Proposed Budgets so they could maintain the existing level of service and ensure the long-term integrity of the infrastructure in their District.

District 2 has only had one maintenance assessment rate increase over the last nine years and is proposing a 10% increase, which averages out to a \$14.79 annual increase for villa owners, a \$109.96 annual increase for Harmeswood unit owners and a \$27.20 annual increase for other unit owners. They took this step after reviewing their additional landscaping costs of \$68,903, the need to upgrade their outdated irrigation system and convert to new technology to maximize water conservation and the need for future road mill and overlay projects in 5-8 years.

District 3 has only had one maintenance assessment rate increase over the last nine years also and is proposing a 15% increase. While the percentage amount may sound like a huge increase, the dollar increase for the year averages out to a \$26.89 annual increase for villa owners, a \$146.11 annual increase for Sunbury Place unit owners and a \$45.14 annual increase for other unit owners. The Board took this step after reviewing a \$67,507 increase to their landscaping contract, a need to upgrade their irrigation systems and to convert to new technology to conserve water, and the need for road mill and overlay projects in the next 5-10 years.

District 4 is proposing their first increase in six years with a 20% increase, which averages out to a \$48.47 annual increase for villa owners and an \$81.67 annual increase for other units. In accordance with Marion County's development requirements when the District was built, District 4 (and any other new development in Marion County) was required to be responsible for the maintenance of their collector, residential and villa roads where the other Districts are responsible for only their villa roads. Part of the increase is attributable to the CIP and future road projects such as rejuvenator application, resurfacing, mill and overlay in addition to an additional \$100,000 in landscaping costs.

# What's Happening in Your District...



The FY15-16 Proposed Budgets and maintenance assessment rates will be approved at the June Board meetings as listed below:

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ District – Large Conference Room

VCCDD— 2:00 p.m.  
District 11 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ District – Large Conference Room

SLCDD - 10:00 a.m.  
BCDD - 11:30 a.m.  
District 9 - 1:30 p.m.  
District 10 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ Savannah Recreation Center

District 1 - 8:00 a.m.  
District 2 - 9:30 a.m.  
District 3 – 11:00 a.m.  
District 4 - 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).

# Did You Know...

## **Speaking Engagements**

Did you know that all District departments are available to speak at your club, group or village if requested? If you are interested in having a District representative speak at your club or group meeting, please contact us and we will be happy to attend your next meeting!

## **Responsible Parking**

Due to resident comments and some Board members' concerns, I have been asked to reach out with a reminder regarding parking!

The issue is clear – be considerate as to where you park! In neighborhoods and villa units, depending on where you park, your vehicle may be the only thing a resident sees outside their window! Regularly parking in guest spaces in patio or courtyard villas is inconsiderate to those residents who may have guests and cannot use the space! Parking anywhere that limits access by an emergency vehicle is illegal and could potentially impact accessibility to an emergency (although our emergency vehicles WILL make room at your expense if they need to get through an area). If you do not know the rules pertaining to parking, just check with law enforcement or Community Standards.

Responsible parking - it is the respectful and responsible thing to do!

## A Message From...



## **Wheelchairs at Regional Recreation Centers**

The recreation department is taking a look at supplying each Regional Recreation Center throughout the Recreation Department with an ADA-compliant wheelchair as an auxiliary support for the general public's use upon request. These wheelchairs are donated through the CIC and are available as a courtesy to our residents and guests should they need assistance accessing our facilities.

This program will be tested initially at Savannah Regional Recreation Center for a period of three months, and upon completion, Recreation Administration will consider the feasibility of expanding this program to all regional recreation centers.