



Community Development Districts

July 1, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News



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Customer Service
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Administration
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Community Standards
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Community Watch
(352) 753-0550

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Finance
(352) 753-0421

Human Resources
(352) 674-1905

Public Safety
(352) 205-8280

Purchasing
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Recreation Administration
(352) 674-1800

Utility/Amenity
(352) 750-0000

The District Government has a new look! We recently updated the logos used by District Management and the individual District departments for items and information that represent the collective community. The new logos will be incorporated on the website, publications and the purchase of new uniforms and vehicle decals.

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 installation of the exterior siding and trim is near completion. The exterior painting has begun and the roofing panels are being installed. The Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical (MP&E) rough in work is nearing completion. The fire suppression system rough in piping is complete. The drywall installation is near completion. The project is on schedule.



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 and is now complete. The structural modifications on Lake Shore Drive Bridge are now underway and the work is scheduled to continue until July 22, 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.



Independence Day

The District Customer Service Center and all District Administration offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of Independence Day. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, July 6, 2015.

Recreation Center Closures

The recreation centers, outdoor facilities and swimming pools will be open as usual for your enjoyment. The Recreation Offices will be closed July 3, 2015 and July 4, 2015.

Guest ID card services, trail fees and activity registration will be available Friday, July 3rd - Sunday, July 5th from 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. at La Hacienda, Lake Miona and Eisenhower Regional Recreation Centers only.

Please always carry your original Villages ID and be sure to tell your guest to always carry their valid photo ID showing their home address and Guest ID card when they are using a Villages recreation facility, even when accompanied by a resident. If they are under 19 years of age, they must be accompanied by a Villages resident or a Villages guest 19 or over with a valid Guest ID card and photo ID when they are using a Villages recreation facility.

Closings

- Recreation Administrative Offices - July 3rd
- Recreation activities end at 6:00 p.m. and the centers close at 9:00 p.m. - July 4th
- Fitness Clubs - July 4th
- Outdoor Facilities & Swimming Pools close at dusk

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your nearest recreation center or call 674-1800.

Sanitation Collection

All trash and recycling collection services will continue as regularly scheduled in the Sumter and Marion county portions of The Villages. No changes or interruptions to sanitation services will occur in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

If you live in the Lady Lake portion of The Villages, please contact Waste Management at 787-4416 for your collection information. If you live in the Lake County portion of The Villages, please contact Lake County Solid Waste at 343-3776 for your collection information.

**We wish you a wonderful
and safe Independence Day!**



Did You Know...



IRS Update

Over the past seven and half years the IRS has taken the position that the Village Center Community Development District (VCCDD) was not a political subdivision eligible to issue tax exempt bonds. The VCCDD Board filed a 7805(b) Request for Relief pertaining to the Technical Advice Memorandum that determined the VCCDD was not a political subdivision for the purpose of issuing tax exempt bonds.

On Friday June 22, 2015 the VCCDD received communication that the IRS granted the 7805(b) Request for Relief and stated, "Based on the circumstances of this case, we conclude that the criteria for section 7805(b) relief has been satisfied and the Issuer is entitled to relief. Therefore, TAM 1 will be applied without retroactive effect."

A memo has been prepared by Janet Tutt that outlines the determination and the importance of this development for the VCCDD and Sumter Landing Community Development District (SLCDD).

Additionally, the legal counsel for the SLCDD provided the following comment, "Although the original TAM and the 7805b relief are directed only to the VCCDD, the principles of both IRS pronouncements are equally applicable to SLCDD and, therefore, the impact on the IRS audit of the SLCDD is expected to follow a similar path."

While this is a major step forward, the IRS examination is continuing pertaining to private activity.

To view the correspondence from the IRS and the memo prepared by Janet Tutt, please use the following link: <http://www.districtgov.org/IRSupdate.aspx>

OPERATION S.A.F.E.

The Village Community Development Districts in partnership with The Villages Homeowners Association are sponsoring Operation S.A.F.E. (seniors against financial exploitation), a free workshop for seniors, their family and caregivers. Operation S.A.F.E is an initiative presented by CFO Jeff Atwater and the Florida Department of Financial Services. The program is designed to Stop Adult Financial Exploitation by protecting Florida's seniors from financial fraud and scams through education.

Attendees will have the opportunity to become Scam Smart by learning about:

- * The Psychology of a Scam
- * Common Scams that Target Seniors
- * How to Spot Fraudulent Behavior
- * How to Fight Identity Theft

Tickets are required to attend the event and can be picked up at any Regional Recreation Center beginning Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Savannah Regional Recreation Center
1545 Buena Vista Boulevard
The Villages, FL 32162



Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater invites you to attend Operation S.A.F.E., Be Scam Smart, a free workshop for seniors, their families and caregivers.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Savannah Regional
Recreation Center

1545 Buena Vista Boulevard
The Villages, FL 32162

The Department of Financial Services launched Operation S.A.F.E. (Stop Adult Financial Exploitation) as part of CFO Atwater's On Guard for Seniors initiative. Be Scam Smart workshops are open to seniors, their family and caregivers to help inform, empower, and protect Florida's seniors from financial scams and fraud.

Tickets are required to attend the free workshop and can be picked up at any Regional Recreation Center. For more information, please call (352) 751-3939.

Be Scam Smart by learning about:

- The Psychology of a Scam
- How to Spot Fraudulent Behavior
- Common Scams that Target Seniors
- How to Fight Identity Theft

From seniors who attended Be Scam Smart workshops:

"Savored every moment of this workshop. The information was needed and vital for seniors' and consumers' financial survival." - West Palm Beach

"Presentations were great & well timed. Excellent information we all need to know." - Pensacola

"Every senior in the city and state should attend the Be Scam Smart Workshop." - Jacksonville

"Thank you for alerting us to the scam we as seniors are exposed to." - Brandon

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop by contacting Iris Collier at (850) 413-2854 or Iris.Collier@MyFloridaCFO.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Iris Collier using the Florida Relay Service 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).



This Be Scam Smart workshop is brought to you in partnership with Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Sheriff's Office, The Villages Public Safety Department, Fruitland Park Police Department, Lady Lake Police Department and Wildwood Police Department.



For more information please visit www.MyFloridaCFO.com/SAFE or call 1-877-MY-FL-CFO (693-5236).

A Message From...

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Recreation

Out with the old and in with the new at Chatham Recreation Center! As we continue to keep the recreation facilities in optimal condition, we are happy to announce Chatham Recreation Center has been outfitted with all new 246 chairs. For the safety of residents and staff, the center will be closed for all inside activities during removal of old and installation of new chairs from Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. to Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. The billiards hall will remain open during this time. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances



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Executive Golf

Golf courses this week will continue with their weekly course closures. Amberwood and Chula Vista will be closed June 29th through July 5th. To ensure the optimum use of this time, contractors will be performing and completing many of the necessary tasks to ensure our courses are benefiting as much as possible during these closures. Fertilization, aeration, verticutting, edging and other cultural programs will be performed in this time period.

De La Vista Renovations continue to move forward. The course is in the next phase of construction with the greens and all 10 greens will be grassed (Sprigged) this week, weather permitting. The new Chula Practice green construction has started and is remaining on schedule even with the brief much needed showers. Mira Mesa #9 green and Hawks Bay #4 greens have been shelled out and await re-contouring and sand mix fill.

Did You Know...

Review of Multi-Modal Paths

The Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group met and approved moving forward with an Individual Project Order (IPO) with Kimley-Horn & Associates (Engineer) to review options for center island markings and side markings on the multi-modal paths. The discussion group consists of representation from Districts 1-10 and the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC). Each representative previously received direction from their respective Boards to participate in the public meeting and move forward with a unified direction to the Engineer.

The approval of the IPO authorized the Engineer to review all options and suggestions presented and provide a written recommendation.

The engineer has provided a report for consideration by the Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group.

The Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group will reconvene on **July 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Savannah Center to review and discuss the recommendation by KHA. The Engineer from Kimley-Horn will present the findings and answer questions from the Group and the public. The recommendation can be found by visiting the main page of www.DistrictGov.org.



Utility Billing Customer Service

Calls to the Utility Billing Customer Service team have increased due to banks returning on-line utility payments made through their bank because the mailing address for the District had not been updated by the customer. Since the move from Wedgewood Lane to Old Mill Run took place over 14 months ago, the post office is no longer forwarding checks from Wedgewood Lane to Old Mill Run. This has caused some payments to be returned to the customer and call volume to increase.

If you bank online, please update the mailing address for the District Utilities to **984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL 32162** from the old Wedgewood Lane address. This will ensure that your payments are promptly posted to your account and will avoid the application of late fees.

A Message From Community Watch



The Community Watch office located at 1135 Bonita Boulevard recently had interior improvements completed that benefit both staff and the services provided to residents. The renovations addressed existing HVAC issues and also increased the functionality of the gate operations and dispatch center.

The work included the removal of a wall to combine and expand the gate operations and dispatch area to improve communications and training between the two divisions, and the construction of a video monitor wall to view gate cameras throughout the community.

We invite you stop by to view our facility and learn about the services Community Watch has to offer!

