

# The Villages®

Community Development Districts

**March 2, 2016**

**11:00 A.M.**

## **Welcome Wednesday News**

### **Contact Us:**

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**Administration  
(352) 751-3939**

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(352) 751-3912**

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**Purchasing  
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**Recreation Administration  
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## **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.**



**The following facilities will be closed or have scheduled maintenance on the dates noted this week:**

⇒ **Gazebo Closure**

The gazebos located behind the Paradise Recreation Center are currently closed for maintenance. Please stay tuned to [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) for additional information.

⇒ **Lone Oak Pier Closure**

The Lone Oak Pier located behind the Paradise Recreation Center is currently closed for maintenance.

⇒ **La Hacienda Billiards Room**

The Hustler Billiards Room located at the La Hacienda Recreation Center is closed for table recovering through March 4th.

⇒ **Eisenhower Platform Tennis**

The Eisenhower Platform Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance March 8th through March 10th.

**Mulberry Grove Pickleball Courts**

The construction of two additional pickleball courts at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center is underway! The net poles are currently being installed and we anticipate an opening date of March 18th, weather permitting. Please stay tuned for additional updates!

**Tunnel Closure**

Tunnel B6 located under Buena Vista Boulevard near Savannah Center is scheduled to be closed for stucco replacement and maintenance until March 28, 2016. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. Please use caution and pay attention to all directional and detour signage. For additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.



## A Message From...

### Schwartz Park Renovation

Installation of the underground utilities and drainage systems are now complete. The foundation work for the pavilion is also complete and the structural steel has been erected. Curbing is now complete for the parking areas. The project is on schedule and is anticipated to be complete in April 2016. Please use caution in this area and remain out of all construction areas.



### Del Mar & Boone Gate Restrooms

District Property Management is finalizing the plans for the installation of sewer services and the preparation of the architectural plans are now complete.

### Villa Road Resurfacing

Resurfacing is taking place on many of the villa roads in Districts 5 & 6. A tentative work schedule can be found below. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. Each home impacted by this work will be notified exactly when the work is scheduled to take place in their area along with specific safety instructions. Please use caution and follow all directional signage and workers.

Alexa & Audrey – April 11–15, 2016

Cherry Vale & Heritage – April 25–29, 2016

Clayton & Swainwood – March 28–April 1, 2016

Bellamy & Jasper – May 9–13, 2016

Chesterfield & Mount Vernon – February 22 - 29, 2016

Eagle Ridge – February 22 - 29, 2016



## MARCH 2016 Turf Talk

**Remember: Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most beloved and seasonal groundhog, DID NOT SEE his shadow in February proclaiming six more weeks of winter. That means we should have a glorious month of March! Keep your fingers crossed!**

As I write this latest Turf Talk I am sitting in my office and it is 74 degrees currently. Our Executive courses have had very limited Frost delays this past winter and the ones we have had luckily have been very short.

We have experienced some of the warmest days on record this winter, however we are not quite out of the woods yet! Until spring is officially declared this month, we have to be cautious in our spring transitions.

With these fluctuations by Mother Nature, our playing conditions supplied this winter by your course contractors have been very good.

We will continue to ensure your contractors are keeping the consistent conditions and we will continue to help educate our fellow resident golfers by supplying them with various venues of learning so they can help us in our maintenance efforts. We encourage all of you enjoying the facilities to assist us in our endeavors in maintenance by practicing proper "Golf Etiquette" and playing "Ready Golf" so everyone that plays has the best golf experience possible.

**Please remember, we are not quite out of winter month yet! Remaining off the playing surface during Frost delays is extremely important. Please be patient and wait for your starters to give the all clear before proceeding onto turf surfaces.**



Silver Lake  
Hill Top  
De La Vista  
Chula Vista  
Mira Mesa  
El Diablo  
El Santiago  
Saddlebrook  
Hawks Bay  
Walnut Grove  
Briarwood  
Amberwood  
Oakleigh  
Pimlico  
Churchill  
Belmont

Yankee Clipper  
Southern Star  
Bonita Pass  
Red Fish Run  
Tarpon Boil  
Heron  
Pelican  
Bogart  
Bacall  
Sandhill  
Turtle Mound  
Truman  
Roosevelt  
Palmetto  
Sweetgum  
Mangrove  
Volusia

### *TURF TIP:*

#### Frost Delay and turf:

This is caused by micro climates at leaf level falling around 32 degrees.

These cold temperatures are enough to cause cell walls in plant tissue to become brittle and break. This kills the leaf by disturbing the natural flow of nutrients and photosynthesis process.

Frost Delays are used to stop traffic from breaking plant leaves until thawing can occur.

## A Message From...

# The Villages®

Community Development Districts  
Recreation



### Camp Villages Easter Week Activities

March 21, 2016 - March 24, 2016

#### AT ALL BOX OFFICE LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGES

- All events are \$7 except The Easter Egg Hunt which is FREE.
- A ticket for each Grandchild is required to attend each event. Tickets are not required for Grandparents.
- Each event has limited availability so don't wait and purchase in advance.
- All tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. There are no refunds for rain-outs.
- The Easter Bunny may not be able to attend each activity.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

### Facility Use



The Villages Senior Games continue to grow and provide fun, fellowship, fitness and competition for all Villages residents. Many of your recreation facilities will be used for Senior Games Friday, March 11 – Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Please call ahead to confirm availability.

### WE'VE MOVED!!

**The weekly OUR PLACE articles have moved from the Recreation News to the Local section of The Daily Sun! We appreciate OUR PLACE readers and look forward to sharing what's happening with your District governments with you each week!**

# What's Happening in Your District...



**NOTICE OF VACANCY  
VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT NO. 8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Village Community Development District No. 8 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling Seat 4, which was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor. The remainder of the existing four (4) year term for the vacated Seat will expire in November 2018.

Any interested applicants must be a qualified elector which is defined by Florida Statute 190 as "any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the district land is located". To obtain additional information or request an application you may contact Jennifer McQueary, District Clerk at (352) 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the application by visiting [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).

**Applications must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than  
5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
at the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages.**

The Board of Supervisors will interview applicants at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting to be held on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the **District Office Board Room, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL.**



Village Community Development District No. 1 will be hosting Town Hall meeting on **March 31, 2016 at 6:00pm at the La Hacienda Recreation Center**. This Town Hall meeting provides residents an opportunity to learn interesting facts about the District and ask questions of the District Supervisors. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts.

## Did You Know?



### Notice of March 3rd AAC Workshop Cancellation

On February 21, 2016 the District received a letter from a First Baptist Church Official providing written notice of termination and withdrawal from the Contract for Purchase and Sale with the Village Center Community Development District. The Contract provided the right to terminate and withdraw from the Contract within 30 days after both appraisals were received by both parties.

In light of this development, the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) Workshop scheduled on March 3, 2016 to discuss the Contract for Purchase and Sale has been canceled.

### Fire Hydrant Testing

Fire Hydrant testing within the North Sumter Utilities and Villages Water Conservation Authority (NSU/ VWCA) utility areas will begin this week and continue over the next six weeks. Testing will begin in District 5 and systematically move to the south through each village until complete. Residents should see no adverse impact other than the inconvenience of water streaming from the hydrant. This operation involves the irrigation system only and there should be no interruption in service. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Terry Austin in District Administration at 352-751-3939 or via email at [Terry.Austin@districtgov.org](mailto:Terry.Austin@districtgov.org).



### Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Kick-off

The District has officially kicked off its Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Process! The Boards approved the FY16-17 Budget Calendar which can be found on the District's website. The Budget Preparation Staff has received their Budget Instructions and are ready to prepare their packets! This budget process will result in a final adopted budget for FY2016-17 that begins on October 1, 2016 and ends September 30, 2017. All meetings are public and residents are encouraged to provide input. You may provide your comments by attending the budget workshops or monthly board meetings; calling Janet Tutt, District Manager or Barbara Kays, Budget Director at 751-3939; emailing Barbara at [Barbara.Kays@districtgov.org](mailto:Barbara.Kays@districtgov.org) or contacting your District Board Supervisors.

## A Message From...

### Government in the Sunshine

- Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law, commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, provides a right of access to governmental proceedings at both the state and local levels.
- The law is equally applicable to elected and appointed board and has been applied to any gathering of two or more members of the same board to discuss matters which will foreseeably come before that board for action.
- Three basic requirements of Chapter 286.011 of the Florida State Statutes are:
  - Meetings of public boards or commissions must be open to the public;
  - Reasonable notice of such meetings must be given; and
  - Minutes of the meetings must be taken.

### Public Records

- District documents are public records and must be provided upon request.
- The Florida Supreme Court has determined that public records are all materials made or received by an agency in connection with official business which are used to perpetuate, communicate or formalize knowledge.
- They are not limited to traditional written documents. Tapes, photographs, films and sound recordings are also considered public records subject to inspection unless a statutory exemption exists.
- Each type of public record document has its own retention period.
- Jennifer McQueary, District Clerk is the Custodian of all District records and can be contacted at [Jennifer.mcqueary@districtgov.org](mailto:Jennifer.mcqueary@districtgov.org) or (352) 751-3939.

### Ex-Parte Communications

- Florida law prohibits the Board of Supervisors from communicating with residents about Deed Compliance or Architectural Review issues/cases. Please contact the Community Standards Department directly at [deedcompliance@districtgov.org](mailto:deedcompliance@districtgov.org) to report any concerns you might have or by phone: 352-751-3912.

### 2016 Annual Resident Survey

The 2016 Annual Resident Survey will be available to all residents March 7, 2016 through April 3, 2016. The survey consists of two sections, one relating to the Developer and the other pertaining to your District Governments. 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 are being mailed to each resident with a unique access code and instructions on completing the survey. If you have any questions, please contact the District Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508.

# **Information Provided by Sumter County Sheriff's Office**



## **OPERATION** **MEDICINE CABINET**

**The Sumter County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with The Village Fire Rescue will be sponsoring Operation Medicine Cabinet. This will give Sumter County residents a chance to dispose of unused or expired prescriptions.**

**The event will be held on Saturday March 5th, 2016 at The Villages Winn Dixie Supermarket at 820 Old Camp Rd, The Villages, 32162.**

**Deputies and Firefighters will be on hand to retrieve the discarded medicines from 9am to 2pm.**

**Proper disposal prevents the medicine from being stolen or abused. Thrown into the garbage, pharmaceuticals can wind up leeching into the environment. Flushed down a toilet the medicines can contaminate groundwater supply. Disposing of unused or expired medicine will also keep children and grandchildren from getting into the prescriptions.**

**Operation Medicine Cabinet provides a safe way of destroying pharmaceuticals through incineration, to avoid polluting the environment. Help us keep medications from getting into the wrong hands or our water supply.**

# Information Provided by Sumter County

Sumter County Public Works  
Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste

## MOBILE COLLECTION



### Saturday, April 2, 2016

### 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

located at

### Lake Okahumpka Park

6085 E. SR 44, Wildwood 34785

#### What to bring

- 
- Automotive fluids
  - Automotive batteries
  - Cleaners
  - Fertilizers
  - Fluorescent lamps and Mercury containing devices
  - Fungicides
  - Wood preservatives
  - Herbicides
  - Household batteries - rechargeable
  - Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)
  - Latex & oil based paints
  - Paint removers
  - Paint thinners
  - Pesticides
  - Pool chemicals
  - Smoke detectors
  - Solvents
  - Propane tanks (25lbs)



#### What not to bring

- Biological/Infectious waste
- Explosives
- Radioactive waste
- Empty paint cans

#### HOW TO PACKAGE AND TRANSPORT CHEMICALS

- (1) Do NOT mix chemicals together.
- (2) Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
- (3) Place containers into cardboard boxes to prevent breakage.
- (4) Place leaky container in clear plastic bag and transport in box with newspaper.
- (5) Put boxes in trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.

Businesses may arrange for drop off and payment by calling Perma-Fix for hazardous waste at 800-365-6066 and A1 Assets at 407-339-7030 for electronic waste.



For more information on this and other mobile collections, contact Sumter County Public Works at 352-569-6700.