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Welcome Wednesday News



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:

⇒ **Chula Vista Floor Replacement**

The Chula Vista Recreation Center is currently closed for floor replacement. It is scheduled to re-open on October 11th.

⇒ **Bridgeport Bocce Courts**

The Bridgeport Bocce Courts are scheduled to be closed for maintenance October 7th through October 10th.

Mill and overlay is scheduled to take place along Legacy Lane, east of Buena Vista Boulevard October 9, 2017 through October 12, 2017.

During daylight hours, Legacy Lane will be reduced to one lane and will be one lane only from Buena Vista Boulevard to Belle Meade Circle. For your safety, please use caution and pay attention to all directional signage and flagmen. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

Information Provided by Sumter County

Sumter County is resurfacing at night this week on Buenos Aires from US 441 to El Camino Real . Work will occur from 7 PM to 7 AM as to limit the impacts to the businesses on this corridor. Contractor will be milling and replacing 3” of AC in each travel lane to restore this roadway. Travel lanes may be left temporarily during the day with a 1.5” drop-off in between asphalt lifts. The paving work and temporary striping is expected to occur the Tuesday through Thursday evening. In the event the work is not complete at this time, the contractor will return on the evening of 10-8-17 to complete the paving. Placement of permanent thermoplastic striping will occur 14 days after paving is complete.

A Message From...

The Villages®
Community Development Districts
Office of Management and Budget

**Happy
New Year!**

On October 1st, the District celebrated the start of its new Fiscal Year 2017-18!

The FY2017-18 Adopted Budgets for 53 Funds total ... \$314,198,374!

A **BIG THANKS** to the Budget team which includes 82 elected Board Supervisors, 13 members of 2 Committees, District staff along with residents that have provided input and attended budget workshops/board meetings.

The Budget information is posted on the District's website – www.Districtgov.org for all 16 Districts. To view the Budget information please click on your district, click on the Budget link under Quick Links on the left-hand side then click on the FY17-18 Adopted Budget link. Be sure to check out the budget information which includes line-item budgets and maintenance assessment schedules that provide the maintenance assessments rates for each unit.

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Oktoberfest 2017
parade

For more information, call resident parade committee member Kirk Freundt
@ 352-350-6533 or visit www.DistrictGov.org

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 17**

Spanish Springs Town Square®

**PARADE BEGINS
AT 3:30p.m.**

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Mark Your Calendar!

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**LIGHT UP
Fenney Recreation**

**THE VILLAGE OF
FENNEY**

Wednesday, October 18
6PM | \$1

We're lighting up the fire pit at Fenney Recreation Center for the first time! Help kick off Fall by joining us for some s'mores by the fire.
For more information call 352-674-8460. (Registration Required)

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**FALL
Craft
SHOW**

100 TABLES PER VENUE!
9a.m.-2p.m.
**At Savannah, Laurel Manor
& Colony Cottage**

**Saturday, October
21**

Cross Stitch | Embroidery | Quilting | Pottery
Carpentry | Calligraphy | Card Making
Basket Weaving | Decoupage | Pressed Flowers
Bead Work | Stained Glass and Glass Fusion

For more information visit www.DistrictGov.org

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AND PARKS**

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Hurricane Irma Recovery



Storm Debris Removal

The removal of storm debris by FEMA approved contractors is continuing throughout the community. There are currently 20 trucks with trailers and 7 loaders that are working throughout the community to collect storm debris. They are working 7 days per week from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The debris hauler will only visit each area one time. If yard debris is placed after the initial collection, it must meet the requirements of your normal yard waste collection. The debris hauler will not return to areas to pick up freshly cut limbs or debris that was not placed roadside when the initial collection took place. If you have additional debris that exceeds the limit that your normal yard waste provider is equipped to handle, it is your responsibility to have it removed.

In addition, please DO NOT take your vegetative debris to postal and recreation centers due to safety concerns. For those Sumter County residents that wish to drop off debris, a temporary disposal site has been established by Sumter County on CR 528 in Sumterville. Lake County residents can visit the following link for debris drop-off locations: https://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public_works/solid_waste/storm_debris.aspx

- **VCDD Nos. 3 and 4** have resumed normal yard waste collection. All yard debris must meet the requirements of your normal yard waste collection.
- **VCDD Nos. 1, 2 and 11, and the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages** will resume normal yard waste collection this week. All yard debris must meet the requirements of your normal yard waste collection.
- Debris removal along the major roadways and the recreation facilities north of CR 466 is currently underway.
- **VCDD Nos. 9 and 10** have resumed normal yard waste collection. Should there be large amounts of debris/tree limbs/stumps, they will be left and Crowder-Gulf will remove.
- **Collection in VCDD Nos. 5 – 8 and VCDD No. 12** will begin once all areas north of CR 466 are complete. We anticipate this will begin by Wednesday, October 4th and will occur from north to south.

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

Hurricane Irma Recovery

As the District continues to assess damages caused by Hurricane Irma, we are happy to announce that almost all facilities are now open. As the safety of residents of The Villages community and District staff remain our top priority, please understand that storm recovery and clean-up will remain an ongoing process.

You may continue to see FEMA contractors throughout the community. Please note that they will have FEMA credentials and will indicate that they are contractors.

Irrigation may continue to run along common areas and roadways to lower the water levels in water retention areas. You may also see water being emptied through fire hydrants as we attempt to lower water levels.

Recreation Information

The following areas will remain closed until further notice:

Live Oaks Park

Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve

Fenney Nature Trail

Lake Sumter Boat Tours

Community Watch & Gate Information

Community Watch placed the gate arms back on the staffed gates on Wednesday, September 13th. As debris removal is substantially complete north of CR 466, gate arms will be added to un-staffed gates located north of CR 466 on Thursday, October 5th. Due to the amount of large trucks and equipment traveling the community to remove debris, gate arms will NOT be added back to un-staffed gates south of CR466. **If you approach a gate where the gate arm has been removed, please use extreme caution and make sure to stop before proceeding.**

We will continue to post updates and information as they become available. **Facilities will only be re-opened after it has been determined that the area and facilities are safe to do so.** We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience. Please continue to check www.DistrictGov.org for additional updates and information.

Hurricane Irma Recovery



The following information has been provided by Golf Management Solutions (GMS) for Executive and Championship Golf Courses:

On Friday, October 6, 2017, the following golf courses will open:

Championship courses:

Kilimanjaro 9 at Havana – this will make all 27 holes available at Havana.

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the following golf courses will open:

Executive courses:

Mira Mesa and Heron.

In addition, Men's and Ladies Day have resumed at the following courses: Saddlebrook, De La Vista, Walnut Grove, Churchill Greens, Volusia, Lopez Legacy, Glenview Champions and Havana. They will resume at Mira Mesa and Heron next week.

While we are able to open these courses, many areas of the community still have very high water levels and the courses will be needed to continue to lower the basin levels. We will open them as soon as the water levels have returned to normal and the courses are both safe and playable.

Keep in mind, upon re-opening, the courses will be safe and playable. However, in some cases they have sustained significant damage in some areas and are very wet from not only the storm, but the large amount of irrigation they have received in lowering the basins. Please be patient as we continue to work on returning our community's golf courses to their normal conditioning.

Please check daily the Daily Sun, GolftheVillages.com, DistrictGov.org, VNN or listen to WVLG for updates on reopening of more golf courses.

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Executive Golf

There are many factors that go into providing the friendliest golf experience in the world. One of the most important of these is the evaluation of course conditions concerning reopening courses following severe weather events. Some of these factors include total rainfall accumulation, storm runoff, wind damage, debris removal, repair of any associated damage and finally (and most importantly) is overall safety.

Various contractors, District staff, Golf and Country Club Administration and The Villages Water Management personnel work closely to proactively prepare in advance for these weather events. The golf courses in The Villages are designed to be the storm water management system for flood events. In the recent case of Hurricane Irma, the system worked as designed and continues to help in controlling water levels. As many residents have noticed, roadside and golf course irrigation can be seen running daily throughout the community. As this process filters previous accumulated rainfall amounts and the water levels in the water retention areas recede, golf will continue to return to The Villages.

Please continue to check golfthevillages.com and www.DistrictGov.org for additional information on course openings.



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District 4

District 4 - Q&A Meetings!

In order to improve communications, each month residents have an opportunity to “chat” with a Supervisor of District 4. Residents are able to sit down together to discuss any topics they would like pertaining to District 4.

The purpose of the meetings is to provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, share their concerns, offer suggestions and address rumors. These “Q&A Meetings” provide an informal setting with no agenda, no scheduled speakers and no microphones.

All meetings will be held in the Liberty Room at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM. (All residents are invited to attend the entire meeting to listen to other residents’ questions, but each resident may arrive and depart on their own schedules.)

Because residents choose the topics, each meeting will be different.

Wednesday, October 4th - District 4 Supervisor Don Deakin will host this meeting.

For more information, call District 4 Supervisor Don Deakin at 750-5395; or send an Email to: DRDeakin@aol.com or Don.Deakin@DistrictGov.org



OPERATION **MEDICINE CABINET**

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office will be hosting an 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 October 14, 2017 in front of RJ Gators restaurant on the sidewalk in the Lake Sumter town square located at 1015 Lake Shore Drive The Villages.

Deputies will be on hand to retrieve the discarded medicines from 7am to 10:30am.

Proper disposal prevents the medicine from being stolen or abused. Thrown into the garbage, pharmaceuticals can end 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.

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Water Shortage Order Expiring in Northern Region *Year-Round Water Conservation Measures in Effect Districtwide*

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's (District) Governing Board is allowing once-per-week watering and other stringent water restrictions in the District's northern region to expire on Oct. 1, 2017. This region includes Citrus, Hernando, Sumter and portions of Lake, Levy and Marion counties.

All 16-counties throughout the District's boundaries are now on year-round water conservation measures, with lawn watering limited to twice-per-week unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours. Local governments maintaining once-per-week watering by local ordinance include Hernando, Pasco and Sarasota counties.

Under the District's year-round measures, even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. and odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Additional details regarding the watering of new lawns and plants, reclaimed water and other water uses can be found at WaterMatters.org/Restrictions. To learn more about how you can conserve water, please visit WaterMatters.org/Conservation.

