



Happy Holidays

The Villages®
Community Development Districts

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 19, 2024

HOLIDAY SANITATION

SCHEDULE

Christmas &
New Years Day



Village Community Development Districts 1-11

If you live in Village Community Development Districts 1-11 in the Sumter County, Marion County or Fruitland Park portions of The Villages, there will be no changes to the sanitation collection schedule.

Village Community Development District No. 12 and the Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney

If you live in District 12, District 15 or the Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney there will be no changes to the sanitation collection schedule.

Village Community Development District 13 (excluding Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney) and District 14 If you live in District 13 (excluding the Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney) and District 14, there will be no changes to the sanitation collection schedule.

If you live in the **unincorporated Lake County portion of The Villages** (not including VCDD No. 11 or 14), Wednesday collection will occur on Thursday. All remaining collection days for the week will be moved to the next day.

If you live in the **Town of Lady Lake portion** of The Villages, there will be no changes to the sanitation collection schedule.

If you live in the **Middleton Community Development District**, there will be no changes to the sanitation collection schedule.

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The District Customer Service Centers and all District Administrative Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of New Years Day.

Regular hours of operation will be in place unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.

The Villages[®]
Recreation & Parks



HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE

NORMAL OPERATIONS

Recreation Centers (open until 6PM)

Fit Clubs (open until 1PM)

Resident Lifestyle Groups (open until 6PM)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY

CLOSED

Recreation Centers & Offices

Fit Clubs

OPEN

Outdoor Facilities (open play all day)

& Equipment Sheds

Swimming Pools

(sports pools-combo swim only)

& Dog Parks

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

NEW YEAR'S EVE

OPEN

Recreation Centers

Fit Clubs (open until 1PM)

Resident Lifestyle Groups (open until 1PM)

Outdoor Facilities & Equipment Sheds

Swimming Pools & Dog Parks

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Recreation Centers & Offices

Fit Clubs

OPEN

Outdoor Facilities (open play all day)

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Swimming Pools

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Save the Date

DECEMBER 2024

CAMP Villages Holiday Weeks



See activities & schedule at **DistrictGov.org**

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SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: DistrictGov.org | 352-753-1716 | RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org



RUNNING OF THE SQUARES

LAKE SUMTER LANDING™ 5K

SAT | JANUARY 11 | 8AM

REGISTER NOW

Pre-Registration Entry Fee: \$25
Deadline: January 5
REGISTRATION \$40 AFTER 1/5
Fee includes registration packet & t-shirt (while supplies last).



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: La Hacienda Recreation & DistrictGov.org
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Villagers Provide Happy Holidays

The Recreation & Parks department partnered with a number of organization to assist with the collection of holiday gifts and food in an effort to make the holidays more special for all.

Angels of The Villages

For over 28 years The Villages Recreation & Parks Department has been partnering with Lake Sumter Families Foster Parent Association in sponsoring Angels of The Villages. This program helps to provide Happy Holidays for foster children throughout Lake and Sumter Counties.

Silver Trefoil Girl Scout Alumnae's Pajama & Book Drive

For over 20 years former Villages Girl Scouts have collect new pajamas and books for homeless children. This year over 11,500 pairs of pajamas and 6,000+ books were collected.

Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center

The mission of the Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center is to provide a child-friendly, community-based facility where a child victim can be safely interviewed, provided with crisis counseling, receive medical exams and long-term specialized therapy, when needed. We work together with agency representatives to provide child abuse victims with all necessary services in a single location. Numerous toys and other items were collected.

Toys for Tots

The Villages chapter of the Marine Corps League placed collection boxes at many recreation centers to help provide toys to community children, over 3,000 families served in Lake and Sumter Counties.

Villagers are wonderfully generous,
these drives offered many an opportunity to help others!



CLOSURES & RE-OPENINGS

The courses listed below remain closed for public use due to water basin management or renovation efforts. We appreciate your patience as District staff continues to work hard to preserve the beauty and playability of these world-class courses. Please continue to monitor DistrictGov.org for updates.

Championship Courses

- **Evans Prarie-Egret**

Executive Courses

- **Amberwood**- under renovation
- **Chula Vista**- under renovation
- **Pimlico**- under renovation
- **Pelican**- under renovation
- **Roosevelt**- under renovation

Information Provided By...

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Executive Golf

Golfing on Christmas Day

The Executive Golf Courses will be staffed this holiday to provide a safe and enjoyable golfing experience. As you enjoy a round of golf at one of our Executive Golf Courses on Christmas Day, Starters and Ambassadors will be on site to assist you with your golfing needs.





Frost Delays in the Villages

Frost occurs when the dew point is below 32 degrees and air temperature is getting close to the same. This can happen, some mornings, even when the air temperature is around 38 degrees. One thing to remember is that the coldest time in the mornings is at sunrise. Thus, on really cold mornings, delays are easier to predict. But when the air temperature is in the 38-40 degree range, frost may not form until sunrise. With sunrise at 7:22 AM on January 1st, frost could form right when your scheduled tee time is. This is why it is difficult to predict frost delays, so we wait until just before 7:00 AM to make the call.

Here in The Villages, there are four different ways to find out if there is a frost at the golf course you're scheduled to play.

1. Call the golf course after 7:00 AM.
2. Listen to WVLG after 7:00 AM.
3. Check the ticker on www.golfthevillages.com after 7:15 AM.
4. Check the ticker on VNN after 7:15 AM.





Frost Delays in the Villages

Understanding Frost Delays Presented by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

As winter starts it signals a change in golf course management activities that can affect one's game and the conditions found on the course.

In many regions of the country, golfers occasionally face frost delays, thus losing starting tee times. When frost is present golf course superintendents delay play until the frost has melted. This is done to prevent damage that affects the quality of the playing surface and could potentially be very expensive to repair.

Frost is basically frozen dew that has crystallized on the grass, making it hard and brittle. A grass blade is actually 90 percent water, therefore it also freezes. Because of the short mowing height (sometimes as low as 1/8 inch) and fragile nature of the turf, putting greens are most affected by frost. Walking on frost-covered greens causes the plant to break and cell walls to rupture, thereby losing its ability to function normally. When the membrane is broken, much like an egg, it cannot be put back together.

Golfers who ignore frost delays will not see immediate damage. The proof generally comes 48-72 hours later as the plant leaves turn brown and die. The result is a thinning of the putting surface and a weakening of the plant. The greens in turn become more susceptible to disease and weeds. While it may not appear to be much of an issue if a foursome begins play early on frost covered greens, consider the number of footprints that may occur on any given hole by one person is approximately 60.

As golf enthusiasts Superintendents do not like to delay play, but they are more concerned about turf damage and the quality of conditions for the golfer. Frost also creates a hardship on a golf facility's staff as all course preparations are put to a halt until thawing occurs. Golf carts can cause considerable damage, therefore personnel cannot maneuver around the course to mow, change cup positions, collect range balls, etc.

Key points:

- * Frost is basically frozen dew that has crystallized on the grass, making it hard and brittle. A grass blade is actually 90 percent water, therefore it also freezes.
- * Walking on frost-covered greens causes the plant to break and cell walls to rupture, thereby losing its ability to function normally.
- * When damaged, the putting surface weakens and becomes more susceptible to disease and weeds.
- * One foursome can leave several hundred footprints on each green, causing extensive damage.
- * A short delay while the frost melts can preserve the quality of the greens and prevents needless repairs.

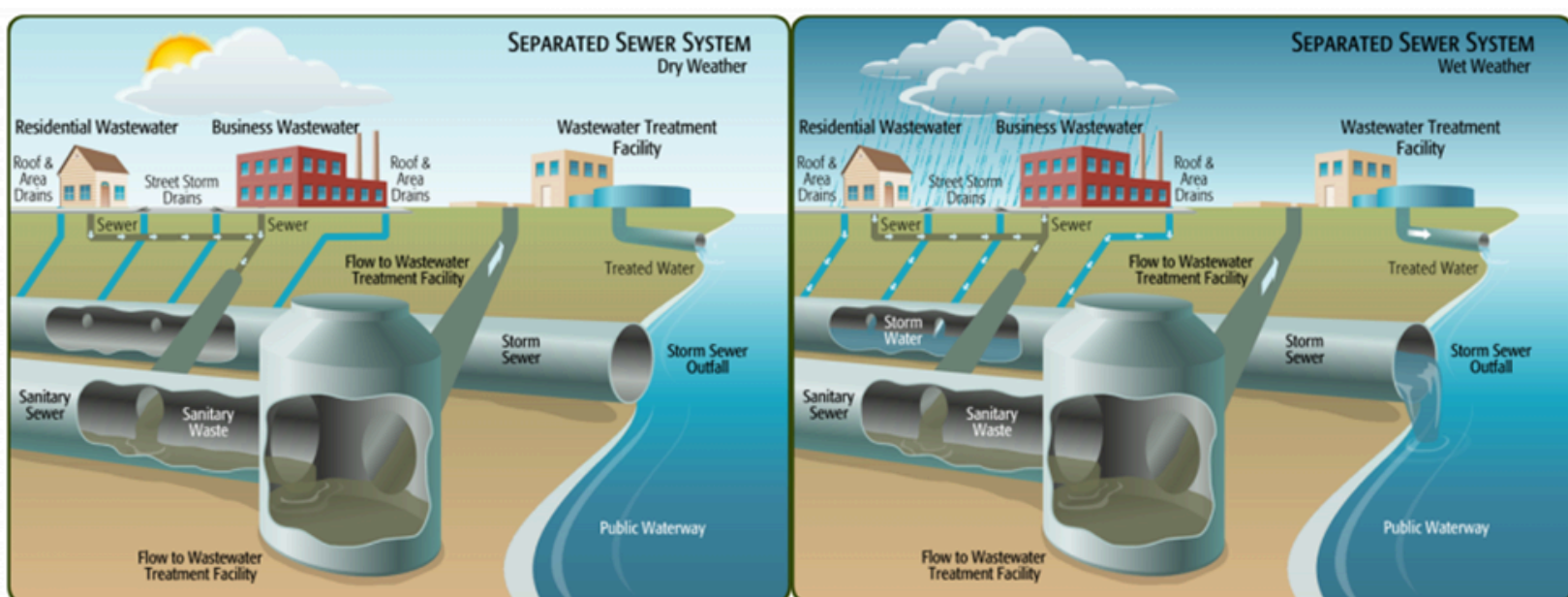
Understanding MS4

MS4 is perhaps an acronym you may not be familiar with, but it is critically important to The Villages and our environment. What does MS4 stand for and how does it relate to the Villages?

MS4 is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets and underground pipes, designed to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers. It's called a separate system because it's not connected to the sanitary sewer system which drains wastewater from inside a home to one of our wastewater treatment plants within the Villages. The Villages has jurisdiction over the management and discharge of stormwater, surface runoff and drainage.

Stormwater that is collected throughout the Villages is sent (via stormwater conveyance systems) to basins, ponds, and in some cases eventually larger bodies of water. Captured stormwater is also utilized as an alternative water source for irrigation purposes, which minimizes the need to utilize water from the Floridan aquifer. To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into MS4s, the District is required to obtain National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and develop a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) that must include pollution prevention measures, treatment or removal techniques, monitoring, use of legal authority, and other appropriate measures to control the quality of storm water discharged to the storm drains. The SWMP describes the stormwater control practices that will be implemented consistent with permit requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants from the stormwater system. Of course, some water, such as rainwater or irrigation water, can naturally absorb into the ground and end up in the Floridan aquifer, however the goal of the program is to eliminate pollutants from entering the stormwater system and ultimately entering our aquifer system, which is where the water we drink comes from.

Every SWMP includes focus areas that the Environmental Protection Agency considers essential for success, called Minimum Control Measures or "MCMs:



Understanding MS4

Because stormwater originates from everywhere within the Villages, increasing public stormwater awareness is considered very important. To achieve this goal, the District has developed community-wide educational events and information designed to inform residents about what stormwater is, why it requires management, and things they can do to make a difference. One such event is the annual “Water Matters” event held in conjunction with Earth Day each year. Involving our residents in stormwater related activities is important. These programs are designed to educate and provide awareness on how to improve stormwater at home, work and across the Villages. Keeping pollutants out of the separate storm sewer systems is critical. This happens when things other than stormwater get dumped into a storm sewer inlet. Examples of illicit substances include septic tank drainage, laundry wash water, paint, automobile oil, grease from restaurant grease traps, and sanitary waste among other things.

Poorly managed construction sites can be a major source of polluted stormwater so MS4s are required to reduce this risk. Activities include procedures to make sure erosion and sediment control practices are installed correctly and maintained as long as needed. We also work to reduce stormwater pollution from streets, parking lots, buildings and other facilities owned by the District, including the maintenance, inspection and upkeep of the stormwater system.

Understanding how these systems work provides a better understanding of where our stormwater goes and how illicit dumping (such as oil spills, construction debris, etc.) could greatly affect our waterways. With just a basic understanding of the importance of these systems, each of us can help to improve the environment in which we live.



Household Hazardous Waste

Do you have old paint sitting in the garage? An old empty propane tank? Leftover gasoline or used motor oil? If so, these and other hazardous chemicals and items should not be placed in your regular household trash. The following locations will accept these items and more. Please contact the appropriate disposal site for full details.

MARION COUNTY

Marion County Marion County residents can dispose of the following items at any of the county's 18 recycling centers.

- Used motor oil & oil filters up to five gallons per day
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex paint up to five gallons per day
- Chemicals, gasoline, pesticides can be disposed of at the Baseline facility's Household Hazardous Waste area.
- Household electronics (accepted at Baseline, Dunnellon, Forest Corners, Fort McCoy, Martel, Newton, and Weirsdale (13535 SE 164th ST) recycling centers in the big green compactor boxes labeled "electronics recycling")

In addition, there are four special household electronics recycling events held at the McPherson Complex in Ocala throughout the year. The calendar of dates can be found at [Solid Waste | Marion County, FL \(marionfl.org\)](#)

LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Lake County residents can dispose of hazardous waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 13130 County Landfill Road, County Road 561, Tavares with proof of residency. There are also Mobile Unit Events held throughout the year in various Lake County locations.

- Automotive fluids (Antifreeze, Gasoline, Motor Oil, etc.)
- Paint Products
- Lawn/Garden (Fertilizers, Insecticides, Pesticides, etc)
- Propane cylinders
- Fluorescent lamps
- Household batteries (including rechargeable)
- Pool chemicals

A complete list of acceptable items and the schedule of Mobile Unit Events can be found at <https://lakecountyfl.gov/trash-recycling/hazardous-waste>.

Information Provided By Sumter County

Sumter County Residents Only: Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection - Amnesty Day

Saturday, January 18, 2025 – 8 AM to 2 PM

Location:

Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E SR 44, Wildwood, FL 34785

What to bring:		
Automotive fluids and batteries	Herbicides	Propane Tanks (25 lbs)
Cleaners	Paint removers and thinners	Solvents
Fertilizers	Latex & oil based paints	Smoke detectors
Fluorescent lamps and Mercury containing devices	Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)	Rechargeable household batteries
Fungicides	Pesticides	Wood Preservatives
Gas (old gas & old gas cans)	Pool Chemicals	

What not to bring:		
Biological/Infectious waste	Explosives	Radioactive waste
Empty paint cans	Tires	

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.

For more information, visit their website at

<https://sumtercountyfl.gov/1236/Household-Electronics-Hazardous-Waste-Mo>

The Villages®
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District 8

District 8 Board Meeting Cancellation

Due to no new business items needing to be addressed, the December 20, 2024 District 8 Board meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2025 at SeaBreeze Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. For additional information, please visit DistrictGov.org or call 352-753-4508.

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District 9

District 9 Board Meeting Cancellation

Due to no new business items needing to be addressed, the December 19, 2024 District 9 Board meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2025 at SeaBreeze Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. For additional information, please visit DistrictGov.org or call 352-753-4508.

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District 10

District 10 Board Meeting Cancellation

Due to no new business items needing to be addressed, the December 19, 2024 District 10 Board meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2025 at SeaBreeze Recreation Center at 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please visit DistrictGov.org or call 352-753-4508.

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Allamanda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**

Friday, December 20

- **Bacall Recreation Bocce Courts**

Monday, December 30 – Sunday, January 12, 2025

- **Chula Vista Recreation Adult Pool**

Monday, December 2 – Tuesday April 1, 2025

- **Colony Cottage Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**

Thursday, January 2

- **Eisenhower Recreation Bocce Courts**

Monday, December 16 – Monday, December 30

- **Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**

Thursday, December 19

- **Hogeye Disc Golf Course**

until further notice

- **Knudson, Soaring Eagle, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen and Everglades Softball Complexes**

Sunday, December 15 – Sunday, January 5

- **Lake Sumter Line Boat Cruises & Outdoor Excursions**

until further notice

- **Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**

Thursday, January 9

- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**

Friday, December 20

- **Odell Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**

Monday, December 9 – Monday, December 23

- **Paradise Recreation Dog Park**

Monday, December 9 – Friday, December 27

- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Adult Pool**

Monday, December 9 – Friday, December 13

- **Rohan Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**

Monday, December 30

- **Rohan Recreation Pod A Pickleball Courts**

Monday, December 23 – Sunday, December 29

- **SeaBreeze Recreation Indoor Facilities and Fit Club**

Monday, January 6 – Sunday, January 19

- **Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve**

until further notice

- **Silver Lake Recreation Tennis Courts**

until further notice

- **St. James Neighborhood Recreation Adult Pool**

Friday, December 6 – Sunday, December 22

- **Trillium Table Shuffleboard Table**

Monday, December 23 – Wednesday, December 25

- **Truman Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**

Friday, January 3

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CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Outside Staff - Bonifay
- Golf Shop Sales Associate - Sarasota Golf *
- Golf Shop Sales Associate - Southern Oaks *
- Outside Staff - Belle Glade *
- Golf Shop Sales Associate - Cane Gardens *
- Outside Staff - Cane Gardens *
- Golf Staff Lead - Southern Oaks *
- Outside Staff - Palmer *
- Outside Staff - Southern Oaks *
- Pool Clerk - Orange Blossom Hills *
- Cleaner - Glenview Golf *
- Golf Shop Sales Associate - Belle Glade *
- Outside Staff - Glenview Golf *
- Cleaner - Bonifay *

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Firefighter—EMT
- Firefighter—Paramedic
- Single Cert. Paramedic

PURCHASING

- Procurement Agent

FINANCE

- Manager—Accounting
- Senior Accountant

EXECUTIVE GOLF

- Supervisor-Maintenance
- Director- Executive Golf Maintenance

RECREATION & PARKS

- Recreation Assistant *

RISK MANAGEMENT

- Risk Generalist

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Billing & Collection Tech. I *

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

- Deed Compliance Officer



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