



Welcome Wednesday

March 18, 2015 – 8:00am

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

- **District Board Member Updates** – The elected officials for several District Boards have recently changed:
 - District 1:
 - Seat 5: Craig Estep was appointed to replace Bill Mapel who resigned. His term expires in 2016.
 - District 2:
 - Marty Rothbard was appointed to replace Bob Gilmartin who resigned. His term expires in 2018.
 - District 9:
 - Don Hickman was appointed to replace J.R. Rebecky who resigned. His term expires in 2018.

For a complete listing of elected officials for all District Boards, please visit www.DistrictGov.org.

- **Budget** - All of the District Boards have approved their workshop and meeting dates related to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget process. The FY15-16 Budget Calendar is posted on the District's website under the Budget Department tab.
 - In March, many of the Districts will be having Preliminary Budget Workshops which provide an opportunity for the Boards and staff to discuss items that may need to be included in the FY15-16 Budget, working capital/reserve balances, maintenance assessments, etc. As always these meetings are open to the public and will be held at the District Office – Large Conference Room located. The schedule for the March Preliminary Budget workshops is below:
 - Wednesday, March 18th
Amenity Authority Committee 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.

- **Architectural Review Committee** – Is seeking an *alternate* committee member for Village Community Development Districts 1 and 3.
 - The applicant must be a full time resident of District 1 or 3 and have lived in The Villages for at least one year. Candidates are recommended to have education and/or experience in any of the following areas: architecture, ability to read site plans, residential/commercial construction, building management, deed restricted communities, landscaping, county code enforcement, etc; however, this is not required. The Committee meets weekly, on Wednesdays, for approximately 3 hours (8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.).
 - If you are interested in becoming an alternate representative for District 1 or 3, the required attendance for the alternate is to attend an Architectural Review Meeting each week for four (4) weeks and then once a month thereafter.
 - For additional information or a copy of the application, please contact the Community Standards Department at 751-3912.
- **Executive Golf** – Landscape enhancements are continuing on several courses this week. We are also continuing to take a proactive approach with our cart path repairs on several heavily tree lined golf courses.
 - Mira Mesa will be continuing their cart path repairs from tree root damage that has occurred this past fall and winter on holes #6 and #7.



- **Recreation** - The District is proud to announce the telephone communication system has been upgraded to Voice over Internet Protocol at all Regional and Village Recreation Centers. Voice over Internet Protocol also known as VoIP is a type of technology that allows its users to make calls using the broadband Internet rather than the conventional or analog phone system. This multi-functional technology is cost effective and efficient in allowing us to better communicate with our residents/customers. Signage is currently being updated to reflect the upgrade and is standard at all of the outdoor and indoor recreation facility courtesy phones. Please note there are no changes to phone equipment or signage at the Neighborhood facilities.



- **Pool Lighting Update** – The electrical contractor is currently working on Hilltop and South Side pools. Paradise pool has passed the necessary inspections and will be open for night swimming on March 17, 2015.
- **El Santiago Update** – The removal of the existing architectural cupola is now complete. Demolition of the remaining building is scheduled the week of March 23, 2015.



- **Tierra Del Sol Update** – The final site work is underway and the cart paths and walks are now complete. The contractor has received final electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections. The interior finishes are nearing completion.



- **Information Provided by Sumter County** – The Sumter County Pavement Management FY 15 program is currently underway. Sumter County is providing continuous updates with streets included in the program and their status. Please visit www.DistrictGov.org for updates or sign up for E-Notifications to receive them via e-mail. If you have any questions or would like additional information on the Pavement Management program, please contact Sumter County Public Works at (352) 569-6700.
- **Proposed Expansion of VCDD No. 4-** On March 12, 2015 representatives from The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and the law firm of McLin Burnsed presented a proposed boundary expansion of VCDD No. 4 to the Board of Supervisors. The proposal included the addition of 64.27 acres and 300 residences. The benefits presented included no additional expense to the existing residents for the issuance of bonds, economy of scale for the operational costs of the VCDD No. 4, two additional Neighborhood Recreation Centers and the reimbursement of all administrative and legal expenses associated with the expansion. The VCDD No. 4 has scheduled a workshop to further review and discuss the proposal on April 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mulberry Grove Regional Recreation Center.
- **Transportation in Downtowns and Recreation Centers-** The District Rule prohibits bus/transportation companies to use the downtown areas and recreation centers as a pick-up location for day trips, cruise destinations and any other organized activities. Long term parking in those areas creates a negative impact on those that wish to enjoy the downtown areas and recreation centers. The District has been working to communicate with the bus companies, but it is also imperative that residents know, understand and help communicate the Rule that is in place. A letter from Janet Tutt is included as an attachment that addresses the issue.



- **Meet the New Division Chief of Community Watch, William Elliott -**


- **Personal**

I have been married to Kristin for over 25 years. We have four children: Nicholas (36), Erin (32), William (24) and Michael (22). I was born and raised in Rogers City, Michigan. I ran cross-county/track at Michigan State University and for Adidas for several years after college. Graduated from Michigan State University in June of 1979 with a Bachelor's Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration and received my Master's Degree from Central Michigan University in Public Administration in 2005. Hobbies: I love music. I was in a rock band and the high school choir. I play guitar and a little piano. I also love all sports but especially ice hockey, college football and college basketball.

- **Professional**

I have been in public service my entire adult life. I worked as a park ranger in the Michigan State Parks system while attending college. My first full time position after college was as a Park Manager with the Ingham County Parks Department from 1980 to 1986. I joined that Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) in April of 1986 and will be officially retired on April 1 of this year. During my 29 years with the MSP, I have served as a uniform trooper; an undercover narcotics officer; a detective sergeant in the intelligence unit and organized crime unit; a command officer (lieutenant) in several positions such as narcotics, fire marshal, three different uniform post operations, and emergency management/homeland security.



TO: Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Group Leaders
FROM: Janet Y. Tutt, District Manager 
RE: Transportation

Hopefully this memo finds you enjoying The Villages Lifestyle!

Although I have a situation to discuss that may or may not pertain to your Lifestyle Group, I wanted to first say thank you for helping to make this community so very special! While our Recreation Facilities are first class and our staff are passionately committed to making your experience at our facilities a memorable one, you, as volunteers, provide life to the buildings and a tremendous opportunity to residents to explore and experience friendships and the multitude of activities you provide.

As you are aware, our three "Downtowns", Spanish Springs, Lake Sumter Landing and Brownwood and Recreation Centers, are usually bustling and a hub of activity from early morning to late in the evening. They are an important part of the lifestyle in The Villages.

With all that activity, comes the need to park golf carts and cars to access all the opportunities the downtowns and recreation centers provide. It is important and critical (and a District Rule) that the parking areas be used for those using the business and entertainment in the downtown and recreation areas.

To this end, I have been working with the bus companies and explaining it is breaking a District Rule to use the downtown areas to pick up groups for day trips, transportation to cruise destinations and any other reason which provides an impact on the parking availability. Please note that the District does have the ability to trespass those bus companies from the downtown areas for violating the District Rule. We have not taken that drastic action to date as education of the bus companies and tour coordinators needed to take place. While this issue began small, it has grown to the point where sometimes four to six busloads of residents are picked up which has resulted in a substantial amount of parking areas being used up long term which impacts those who wish to enjoy the downtowns.

The purpose of my communication to you is that if you have a group planning a trip (whether for a day or longer), the bus companies need to explore pick up location options other than the downtowns or recreation facilities.

This will help all residents better enjoy the great opportunities available.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at janet.tutt@districtgov.org or 352-751-3939.

Thank you.

Thursday, April 9th
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 10th
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 11th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SPRING CLEANINGS

Are you...
Cleaning out your closets?
Replacing your furniture?
Upgrading your appliances?

Please consider donating your usable items
at our 3-day donation event sponsored by the
Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

*Your donations will help support the kids of the
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.*

April 9-11

Event Location:
Sumter County
Sheriff's Substation
8035 County Road 466
The Villages, Florida

If you have items too large
to bring to us, we will be
happy to pick them up!
Call 800-338-0377 for
pick up.

Sample items to donate:
Clothes, Furniture,
Appliances, Jewelry,
Cameras, Housewares,
Antiques, Etc.



Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises, Inc.
P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, Florida 32064

800-338-0377

www.sheriffsrancheenterprises.org



Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer's Office 17th Annual Golf Charity For Youth

This golf tournament benefits the youth of Sumter County. The proceeds will remain in Sumter County and go back to the local schools & school age children. This event is open to anyone that wants to attend. For this event to be successful we need 288 players. You can sign up as an individual and be paired up with a group of four or make your own group. We also need sponsors to assist with this event. Business can make a monetary donation and will be placed on a sponsor board that will be displayed on the golf course and at the dinner as well.

There will be prizes & trophies for the winning teams. Phillips Buick GMC is sponsoring a hole-in-one prize for a chance to win a car. The Village Golf Cars is sponsoring a hole-in-one prize for a chance to win a golf cart. The golf tournament will be held on June 6, 2015, at the Tierra Del Sol Golf Course and it has a 7:45am and a 1:00pm shotgun start. A dinner will follow the event at 7:30pm at the Savannah Center with a cash bar starting at 6:00pm. There will be door prizes given away at the dinner.

To play golf and attend the dinner the cost is \$75.00. Golf only is \$60.00 and the dinner alone is \$25.00.

The proceeds benefit the children by supporting the following programs:

- 4-College scholarships for 4-students that are pursuing careers in criminal justice
- The Athletic Clubs such as Dixie Youth League, Pop Warner, Soccer Leagues and Soft Ball for boys and girls
- Project Graduation and other school-related clubs
- Sumter County Youth Center
- Science Fair for Sumter County Middle & High Schools to include The Villages Charter Middle & High Schools
- Elementary Music programs in the Sumter County Schools
- Positive Behavior Support Program through the Sumter County Schools
- Math Field Day through the Sumter County Schools

As a sponsor or player you help a child's education and expand their activities. If you want to sign up or need more information contact Sumter Sheriff's Office Theresa Cooper at (352) 689-4600.