



**Welcome Wednesday**

**April 8, 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

- **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** –
  - To ensure quality and overall consistency among golf amenities we will be replacing two smaller water coolers with two new larger water cooler towers at the Hill Top golf course for the upcoming summer months. This is a small amenity but will have a large impact on player satisfaction with hydration and will have a lower maintenance cost by reducing trips to fill the current coolers.
  - Golf continues to enhance the Reasonable Accommodations pass holders access while reducing damage to turf areas by adjusting, adding & extending cart path access areas in key wear areas. Mira Mesa #2 will be completed this week, weather permitting. This will enhance the players' mobility to drive on the outside edges of playing areas and will help relieve maintenance issues by reducing wear to turf areas on this golf hole.



- **Recreation** – The Recreation Department is updating signage and notices to reflect information to inform our residents regarding pets at recreation centers. Effective April 8, 2015 verbiage on the notice located on the front doors at all Regional and Village Recreation Centers has been updated to include “Service Animals Only”.
  - For the safety and comfort of all residents, only service animals are permitted in all District facilities.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR**

**RESIDENT ID**

**OR GUEST PASS**

**AND PHOTO ID**

**WITH YOU**

*Thank You.*

*Service Animals Only*



- **Fishing in The Villages** – The Villages offers residents an array of different activities and amenities that can be enjoyed throughout the entire year. Did you know that in coordination with the Freshwater Fishing Club, the Recreation Department has identified areas that are conducive to holding fish in The Villages? This list is included below and on our website, [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org). For those of you who are considering taking up this relaxing sport and do not have the equipment, you can contact the La Hacienda Recreation Center at 352-753-1716 or Lake Miona Recreation Center at 352-430-2950 for information on checking out rods and reels. As you enjoy fishing in The Villages, please keep the following in mind:
  - All fishermen are required to comply with federal, state and local laws, statues and ordinances while fishing in the boundaries of The Villages. For licensing information, please visit [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com).
  - Fisherman are prohibited to fish in Lake Sumter, Harmeswood, the two ponds located near the Sumter County Annex on CR466 and Morse Boulevard, or other areas with “No Fishing” signs posted.
  - Fishermen are allowed to fish all water bodies throughout the community provided the access areas do not impose or interfere with golf courses or private property.
  - Any person crossing into jurisdictional wetlands is in violation of state and federal law and may be prosecuted.

For additional information on fishing in The Villages, please visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) or contact the Recreation Department at 352-674-1800.

- **El Santiago Update** – The demolition of the building is now complete! The site work and building foundation will begin on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. For the safety of both workers and residents, please refrain from entering the work zone.



- **Tierra Del Sol Update** – The landscaping installation is progressing with the installation of the trees. The improvements to the existing recreational features are moving ahead. The District has begun receiving the furniture, fixtures and equipment for installation and we are anticipating a May 2015 opening!



- **Pool Lighting Update** – The electrical contractor is currently working on the South Side Pool and it is scheduled to re-open this week!



- **Information provided by Sumter County** – Sumter County will be performing work on the stormwater pipe systems in Districts 1 and 2 over the next two weeks. This work will not impact travel lanes in the roadway or private property. Additional updates will be added to [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) as they are available.
- **Evening CDD Orientation** – Please join us on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 for a special evening Community Development District (CDD) Orientation! For those of you who may not be able to make the regularly scheduled CDD Orientation each Thursday at 10:00am, we are hosting our first ever evening session! Join us at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center at 6:00p.m. to learn about how the Districts operate and other important community information about the people, services and other supporting entities that help make The Villages a premier community. No sign-ups or fees are required for this presentation! For additional information, please contact the Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Finance** - Pricing on the Series 2015 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds in District No. 7 was completed on April 1, 2015 for bonds extending out to May 1, 2036. This maturity is the same as on the Series 2006 bonds being replaced. The All-in TIC (Total Interest Cost) was 3.755492%, a reduction from 5.375% on the Series 2006 Bonds being replaced. Savings to District No. 7 and its residents will amount to \$15,976,806.34 over the upcoming 21 years. On a Net Present Value Basis, the savings are equal to receiving \$10,026,106.97 today.
- **Proposed Expansion of VCDD No. 4** - On April 7, 2015 the VCDD No. 4 Board of Supervisors held a workshop to review and discuss the proposal to expand the District boundaries to include an additional 64.27 acres and 300 residences. Representatives from The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and the law firm of McLin Burnsed presented information on the proposal and answered questions from Board Supervisors and audience members. The presentation provided during the meeting will be available on [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org). The VCDD No. 4 Board will continue to review and discuss the proposal at future meetings.
- **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.

- **Rumor Control** – Rumors are no longer limited to small talk at the pool or on the golf course and now include text, email, online blogs and publications. Please, help do your part to....



If you are ever in doubt about information you have heard or read, please contact us to get the rest of the story!

# Water Bodies Available For Fishing within The Villages

## North of CR 466

### GOLF VIEW LAKE

Location: Behind the Paradise Rec. Center  
Where you can fish: Around the 2 piers

### LAKE PARADISE

Location: East side of Hwy. 441 next to the golf cart bridge.  
Where you can fish: You can fish anywhere there are not any homes by the lake

### SILVER LAKE

Location: Dustin Drive next to the Silver Lake Rec. Center  
Where you can fish: You can fish the entire lake.

### LAKE MIRA MAR

Location: Behind the La Hacienda Rec. Center  
Where you can fish: You can fish the entire lake.

### LAKE CHULA VISTA

Location: Avenida Central to Bernardo Blvd.  
Where you can fish: Along the banks of Bernardo Blvd.

### FISHABLE POND

Location: Opposite Chula Vista Rec. Center (Mira Mesa golf course 9th hole.)  
Where you can fish: Along Rio Grande

### LAGUNA MADRE

Location: Morse Blvd., Lake behind Freedom Pointe  
Where you can fish: Along the banks beside Morse Blvd.

### LAGO SANTIAGO

Location: Enrique Drive, next to the El Santiago Rec. Center  
Where you can fish: Along the banks beside Enrique Drive, next to the sidewalk

## South of CR466

### BONITA POND

Location: Located across the street from Bonita postal station  
Where you can fish: You can fish all around the pond

### FISHABLE POND

Location: Located at the corner of Ardson Ave. & Odell Circle  
Where to fish: Fish on Odell Circle only (respect homeowner property)

### FISHABLE POND

Location: Located intersection of Buena Vista Blvd. & Bailey Trail  
Opposite the entrance to Lake Miona Rec. Center

Where to fish: You can fish all around the pond


### ASHLAND POND

Location: Located behind Ashland postal station

Where to fish: You can fish all around the pond

\*All water bodies/lakes as identified are classified as water retention areas that may or may not hold water.



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

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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](mailto:janet.tutt@districtgov.org) or 352-751-3939.

Thank you.