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COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

June 24, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News

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**The District Customer Service
Center and all District
Administration offices will be
closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 in
observance of Independence Day.
We will resume normal business
hours on Monday, July 6, 2015.**

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.



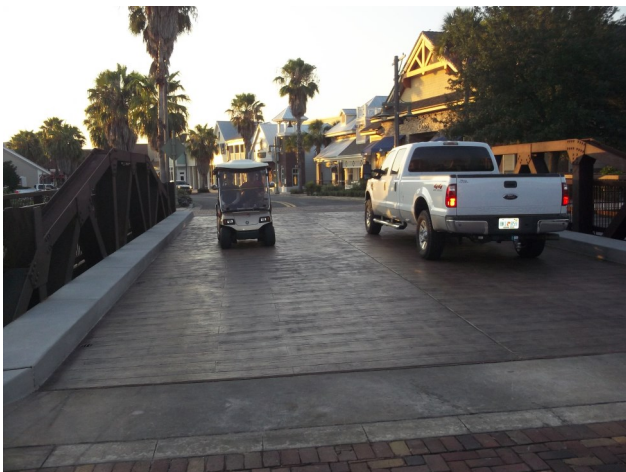
El Santiago Update

The installation of the exterior finishes is progressing. The Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical (MP&E) rough in work is nearing completion. The dry-wall installation continues to progress. The project is on schedule.



Lake Sumter Landing Bridge Maintenance

Over the next several months, maintenance work will begin on the bridges at Old Mill Run and Lake Shore Drive. The work on Old Mill Run began on Monday, May 18, 2015 and is now complete. The work on Lake Shore Drive Bridge is now underway and the work is scheduled to continue until July 22, 2015. While this work is completed, please use caution in the area and follow all detour and directional signage. The surrounding restaurants and shops are remaining open for your enjoyment.



A Message From...



The second phase of the De La Vista Executive Golf course renovations are on underway. This week we will be laser leveling tees and finishing up the contouring and capping of greens with new greens sand mix. This is to prepare the new greens surfaces for sprigging with new grass.



Savannah Recreation Center Computer Lab Upgrade

As we continue to keep the recreation facilities in optimal condition, we are happy to announce the computer lab has been outfitted with 12 new complete sets of computers. Computer replacements along with many other maintenance upgrades to the center began on Sunday, June 14th and expected to reopen on Thursday, July 2nd. Residents will enjoy larger computer monitors and an overall computer performance increase. Please keep in mind, computers are publicly accessed. To protect equipment and software, all computers are equipped with advanced security settings to help protect against computer virus/spyware threats. As with any upgrade/replacement to technology, if users experience any issues, please report to Savannah staff. Computer lab hours of operation are each day 8:00am – 9:00pm unless closed for a special event.



Did You Know...



Proposed Shade Structure at La Hacienda Sports Pool Public Meeting

At the June 10, 2015 Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) meeting, District staff presented the committee with options to discuss providing sun protection for those residents wishing to utilize a swimming pool. District recreation staff has been directed by the AAC to receive input from residents and resident lifestyle groups for a proposed shade structure retrofitted to the current La Hacienda sports pool. Resident feedback and suggestions will be gathered by recreation staff at the public meeting for the AAC board to review on August 12, 2015.

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend the public meeting:

Date: Friday, June 26, 2015
Time: 1:00pm
Location: La Hacienda Recreation Center
Julio Iglesias Room

If you cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to contact: John B. Rohan, Director of Recreation to provide any comments or suggestions at 352-674-1800 or via email: john.rohan@districtgov.org.

Any person(s) requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Recreation Administration 352-674-1800 at least five business days prior to scheduled meeting date.

OPERATION S.A.F.E.

The Village Community Development Districts in partnership with The Villages Homeowners Association are sponsoring Operation S.A.F.E. (seniors against financial exploitation), a free workshop for seniors, their family and caregivers. Operation S.A.F.E is an initiative presented by CFO Jeff Atwater and the Florida Department of Financial Services. The program is designed to Stop Adult Financial Exploitation by protecting Florida's seniors from financial fraud and scams through education.

Attendees will have the opportunity to become Scam Smart by learning about:

- * The Psychology of a Scam
- * Common Scams that Target Seniors
- * How to Spot Fraudulent Behavior
- * How to Fight Identity Theft

Tickets are required to attend the event and can be picked up at any Regional Recreation Center beginning Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Savannah Regional Recreation Center
1545 Buena Vista Boulevard
The Villages, FL 32162



Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater invites you to attend Operation S.A.F.E., *Be Scam Smart*, a free workshop for seniors, their families and caregivers.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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The Department of Financial Services launched Operation S.A.F.E. (Stop Adult Financial Exploitation) as part of CFO Atwater's On Guard for Seniors initiative. Be Scam Smart workshops are open to seniors, their family and caregivers to help inform, empower, and protect Florida's seniors from financial scams and fraud.

Be Scam Smart by learning about:

- The Psychology of a Scam
- How to Spot Fraudulent Behavior
- Common Scams that Target Seniors
- How to Fight Identity Theft

From seniors who attended Be Scam Smart workshops:

"Savored every moment of this workshop. The information was needed and vital for seniors' and consumers' financial survival." - West Palm Beach

"Presentations were great & well timed. Excellent information we all need to know." - Pensacola

"Every senior in the city and state should attend the Be Scam Smart Workshop." - Jacksonville

"Thank you for alerting us to the scam we as seniors are exposed to." - Brandon

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop by contacting Iris Collier at (850) 413-2854 or Iris.Collier@MyFloridaCFO.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Iris Collier using the Florida Relay Service 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).



This Be Scam Smart workshop is brought to you in partnership with Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Sheriff's Office, The Villages Public Safety Department, Fruitland Park Police Department, Lady Lake Police Department and Wildwood Police Department.



For more information please visit www.MyFloridaCFO.com/SAFE
or call 1-877-MY-FL-CFO (693-5236).

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL REGIONAL RECREATION CENTERS

What's Happening in Your District...

Review of Multi-Modal Paths

The Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group met and approved moving forward with an Individual Project Order (IPO) with Kimley-Horn & Associates (Engineer) to review options for center island markings and side markings on the multi-modal paths. The discussion group consists of representation from Districts 1-10 and the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC). Each representative previously received direction from their respective Boards to participate in the public meeting and move forward with a unified direction to the Engineer.

The approval of the IPO authorizes the Engineer to review all options and suggestions presented and provide a written recommendation.

As part of the IPO, traffic counters will be placed at locations on the multi-modal paths both north and south of CR 466 to gather data for the recommendation. The Engineer has taken into account the reduced traffic volume during this time of year.

The Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group will reconvene on July 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Savannah Center to review and discuss the recommendation by KHA.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Is seeking a primary committee member for Village Community Development District No. 4

Village Community Development District No. 4 (District 4) is seeking a primary representative to complete a four (4) year term on the Architectural Review Committee.

The applicant must be a full time resident of District 4 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 1/2 hours (8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.).

If you are interested in becoming a primary representative for District No. 4, applications are available at www.DistrictGov.org or by contacting the Community Standards Department. Please complete the application and return it to the Community Standards Department, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, Florida, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday June 29, 2015. For information about the position, contact the Community Standards Department at 751-3912.

A Message From...



Utility Billing Software

The vendor recommended by the selection committee to replace the Utility Billing Software was placed on the Village Center Community Development District's June 10, 2015, agenda for approval to negotiate a contract. The Village Center Board approved the District to negotiate a contract and bring it back to the Board for further action. If the resultant contract is subsequently approved by the Board, the new software will be implemented in early 2016. The recommended vendor is BS&A Software of Bath, Michigan.

Utility Billing Customer Service

Calls to the Utility Billing Customer Service team have increased due to banks returning on-line utility payments made through their bank because the mailing address for the District had not been updated by the customer. Since the move from Wedgewood Lane to Old Mill Run took place over 14 months ago, the post office is no longer forwarding checks from Wedgewood Lane to Old Mill Run. This has caused some payments to be returned to the customer and call volume to increase.

If you bank online, please update the mailing address for the District Utilities to **984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL 32162** from the old Wedgewood Lane address. This will ensure that your payments are promptly posted to your account and will avoid the application of late fees.



The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budgets and Proposed Maintenance Assessments for 14 Districts have been approved during their regular June meetings. The North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD) Board will have a budget workshop on Thursday, June 18th at 8:30 a.m. in the District Conference Room. The NSCUDD Board will approve the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget at their July meeting on Monday, July 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the District Conference Room. Once the Proposed Budget is approved, it will be submitted to Sumter County for adoption.

A Message From...



Neighborhood and Family Pools

In consideration of fellow resident pool users, please refrain from organized water exercise activities at the Neighborhood and Family pools. Staff informs residents accordingly while encouraging utilization of sports pools for organized water exercise activities.



IRS Update

Over the past seven and half years the IRS has taken the position that the Village Center Community Development District (VCCDD) was not a political subdivision eligible to issue tax exempt bonds. The VCCDD Board filed a 7805(b) Request for Relief pertaining to the Technical Advice Memorandum that determined the VCCDD was not a political subdivision for the purpose of issuing tax exempt bonds.

On Friday June 22, 2015 the VCCDD received communication that the IRS granted the 7805(b) Request for Relief and stated, "Based on the circumstances of this case, we conclude that the criteria for section 7805(b) relief has been satisfied and the Issuer is entitled to relief. Therefore, TAM 1 will be applied without retroactive effect."

A memo has been prepared by Janet Tutt that outlines the determination and the importance of this development for the VCCDD and Sumter Landing Community Development District (SLCDD).

Additionally, the legal counsel for the SLCDD provided the following comment, "Although the original TAM and the 7805b relief are directed only to the VCCDD, the principles of both IRS pronouncements are equally applicable to SLCDD and, therefore, the impact on the IRS audit of the SLCDD is expected to follow a similar path."

While this is a major step forward, the IRS examination is continuing pertaining to private activity.

To view the correspondence from the IRS and the memo prepared by Janet Tutt, please use the following link: <http://www.districtgov.org/IRSupdate.aspx>