

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

July 29, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News

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Recreation Administration
(352) 674-1800

Utility/Amenity
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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 exterior finishes for the new facility are near completion. Work continues to progress on the interior finishes and underground utilities. The project is on schedule for an estimated December opening.



A Message From...

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Executive Golf

The Executive Golf Courses experienced over 5 + inches of rain last week! You may have noticed that our water retention basins have become quite full.

When this occurs, we request our contractors irrigate often and for longer periods of time to assist in managing appropriate water levels. This process allows us to use the irrigation systems like large water pumps to move water from interior basins, to exterior catch basins and dry retention areas. As the rainy season progresses, you will notice this practice occurring even when it may be raining outside. Rest assured that it is by design, and not a contractor forgetting to shut down the system.

A Message From...



RECREATION DEPARTMENT – HELPFUL INFORMATION

Recreation centers are staffed from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. - 361 days a year.

Closed (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter)

Community Watch opens the outside facilities on those holidays.

We have 1093 total individual facilities operated by the Recreation Department.

Recreation Centers include:

- 9 Regional Recreation Centers
- 23 Village Recreation Centers
- 47 Neighborhood Recreation Centers

Pools:

- **8 “Resident Only” Sport Pools** - reserved for residents 30 years of age and older. Water sports activities are scheduled daily.
- **22 Family Pools** – these pools are for residents who have young family members visiting under the age of 30. You may use noodles for floating, along with goggles, unbreakable water masks, small plastic buckets.
- **47 Adult (Neighborhood) Pools** – (30 years of age and older)

Fitness Clubs:

- **4 Fitness Clubs** – Located at Mulberry Grove, Laurel Manor, Colony Cottage, SeaBreeze.
**Membership fees apply.*

Fitness center hours are **Mon - Fri:** 6:30am to 8:00pm **Sat & Sun:** 7:00am to 5:00pm

Softball Fields:

- **11 Softball Fields** – Located at Knudson Field (Paradise Region), Saddlebrook Softball Complex, Buffalo Glen Softball Complex and Soaring Eagle Softball Complex

Dog Parks:

- **Paradise Dog Park** – Located on the north side of the golf cart bridge on Paradise Dr.
- **Mulberry Dog Park** – Located behind the Springdale Pool off of Belle Meade Circle.
- **Brinson-Perry Dog Park** – Located behind Fire Station 51 off of Bonita Blvd.

All dog parks feature separate play areas for small and large dogs.

Recreation Parks:

- We provide a variety of parks throughout the community. These include Fitness Trail Parks, Passive Parks, and Leisure Parks.

Programs/Activities:

- There are currently over 2,300 clubs and activities led by Resident Lifestyle Volunteers in the Recreation Department.

Boat Tours:

- Lake Sumter Line Boat Tours is located at Lake Sumter Landing.

Executive Golf:

- The Villages Executive Golf Trail consists currently of 33 (and growing yearly) nine hole courses unique to The Villages.

When Do You Need Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Approval?



Whether you are repainting your home or villa, adding a pool enclosure, pergola, arbor, trellis, additional landscaping, painting or coloring your driveway and/or walk it may be necessary to submit a Modification/Alteration Form for approval.

- The Community Standards Department receives a request from the property owner to improve their property and provides staff with the application form, a site plan showing the placement of the house, property lines and easements and elevation drawings if the modification is to change the footprint of the home.
- If the application is received by noon on Thursday, the request will be heard the following Wednesday with results available on Thursday.
- The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) consists of ten (10) members from the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages and Village Community Development Districts 1 through 9 that are appointed by their respective District Board of Supervisors.
- Once the ARC has reviewed the applications they are either approved or denied.
- The results are placed on the district website at www.district.gov.org.
- Staff contacts any property owner who indicates they would like to be contacted with the results.
- If the application is denied and the denial is for additional information and the ARC receives the requested information, i.e. contractor/property owner to attend, the application is typically approved.
- The ARC meets every week on Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages and the meetings are open to the public.
- There is no charge by the District for this process.
- If you live in a home and would like to have a tree removed in excess of four (4) inches in diameter, architectural approval is required prior to removing or effectively removing any tree.
- If the requested tree is a canopy tree those requests are provided to our arborist for a report and once completed are provided to staff for the ARC's review at their next meeting.
- If you live in a courtyard or patio villa, architectural approval is not required for tree removals.

Generally a tree that matures at over 30 feet and is not a palm or conifer is considered a canopy tree. Per the arborist, below is a list of the most commonly used canopy trees:

Live Oak, Shumard Oak, Laurel Oak, Southern Magnolia, Little Gem Magnolia, Drake Elm, Chinese Elm, Allee Elm, Winged Elm, Red Maple

For additional information regarding the architectural application process, please contact the Community Standards Department at 352-751-3912 or visit us on the website at

www.districtgov.org.

Architectural Review Committee Vacancies



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

The **primary applicant** must be a full time resident of District No. 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.).

The **alternate applicant** must be a full time resident of District No. 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. This requires attendance at the ARC meeting every week for the first four (4) weeks and once every month thereafter. 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 or alternate volunteer representative for District No. 4, applications are available on www.DistrictGov.org, or at the Community Standards office. 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 Wednesday, August 5, 2015. For information about the position, contact the Community Standards Department at 751-3912.

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CITIZENS ACADEMY AND PARTNERSHIP 2015 FALL COURSE

The Marion County Sheriff's Citizens Academy and Partnership (CAP) program, a free 12-week educational course about the operations of the Sheriff's Office, is accepting applications for the fall course. The class will be offered at three locations:

- The Villages will host a Tuesday afternoon class from 1-3:30 p.m. beginning August 25, 2015. The class will be held at Villages Mulberry Recreation Center, 8445 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, The Villages. To register for this class, email Jenifer Lowe at JLowe@marionso.com or call 352-368-3598.
- The Marion County Sheriff's Office will host a Tuesday evening class from 6-8:30 p.m. beginning August 25, 2015. The class will be held at MCSO Central Operations, 3300 NW 10 Street, Ocala in the Multipurpose Conference Room. To register for this class, email Jenifer Lowe at JLowe@marionso.com or call 352-368-3598.
- On Top of the World will host a class on Thursday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning August 27, 2015 at its Master the Possibilities learning center. Registration for the OTOW class is open to the public but must be done through Master the Possibilities by calling 352-854-3699 or online at MasterThePossibilities.com.

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During the program, MCSO staff will highlight all units within the Sheriff's Office, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies, procedures and overall function. Students will have an opportunity to view specialty unit equipment, hear from experts in the field of law enforcement, investigations, corrections and prosecution. After graduation, students will be offered an exclusive chance to obtain their concealed weapons license through a firearms safety course taught by licensed firearms instructors.

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Did You Know...

Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group

The Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group met on July 6, 2015 to review the findings of Individual Project Order 17 (IPO) with Kimley-Horn & Associates (Engineer). The IPO was previously approved 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).

A second meeting was held on July 20, 2015 due to additional information relative to paint materials and reflectivity, the estimated cost of the project, and resident communication received.

The Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group listened to public comment and discussed the next step relative to the project. The members unanimously supported moving forward with the center island markings on the paths; however, based on the importance of the subject, the majority of the group agreed to further discuss side striping at their August 2015 Board Meetings.

August 12, 2015, Savannah Center

Amenity Authority Committee 9:00 a.m.

August 14, 2015, Savannah Center:

VCDD No. 1 8:00 a.m.

VCDD No. 2 9:30 a.m.

VCDD No. 3 11:00 a.m.

VCDD No. 4 1:30 p.m.

August 20, 2015, District Office Large Conference Room

VCDD No. 9 1:30 p.m.

VCDD No. 10 3:00 p.m.

August 21, 2015, Lake Miona

VCDD No. 5 8:00 a.m.

VCDD No. 6 9:30 a.m.

VCDD No. 7 11:00 a.m.

VCDD No. 8 2:00 p.m.

To view the report from the Engineer, please visit www.DistrictGov.org.