



Community Development Districts

August 12, 2015

11:00 a.m.

# Welcome Wednesday News

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## CDD Orientation

Please join us each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. 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.

# A Message From...

**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts  
Property Management



## El Santiago Update

The interior work is progressing with the mechanical and electrical installation, as well as woodworking and painting. The District is also in the process of installing owner supplied systems. The project is on schedule for an estimated December opening.



## Knudson Softball Field Renovation

The renovation of the Knudson Softball Field is in progress. The work includes the grading and preparation of the outfield for sprigs to grow in for new grass. The outfield fence is also being replaced.

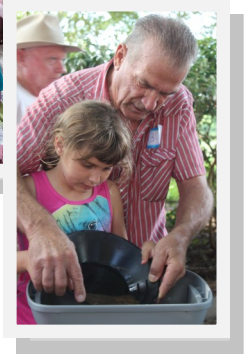


# A Message From...

## The Villages® Community Development Districts Recreation

### Camp Villages 2015 – Fun Facts

- ⇒ Camp Villages is in its 15th year
- ⇒ Over 4,000 kids participated
- ⇒ Over 7,000 tickets were available
- ⇒ 30 Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Groups assisted
- ⇒ 390+ volunteers (includes RLVG and individuals)
- ⇒ 28 different locations used for activities
- ⇒ 80 different activities offered (some multiple times over the 9 weeks) for a grand total of 261 sessions
- ⇒ Camp Buckaroos is in its 2nd year – age appropriate activities for 3 to 6 year olds
- ⇒ New activities this year: Basketball, Belly Dancing, Sustainable Gardening, Hula Hoop, Tennis, Walking Exercise for Fun & Fitness, Learn to Sew, Beaded T-Shirts, Patriotic Flag Making and JFT Colored Pencil Workshop



### Reciprocal Use Agreement

In cooperation with The Villages Charter School and The Villages Lifelong Learning College, the Village Community Development Districts have a reciprocal use agreement for use of buildings, recreational spaces and fields. This agreement allows all agencies to work together to provide more lifestyle activities for residents and Charter School students based on facility needs including gymnasiums, courts, fields and other recreational spaces. Currently, The Villages Charter High School utilizes the Laurel Manor Sports Pool for its swim team, and Villages residents have use of the Charter School's campus gymnasium on Sundays for basketball and volleyball play.



# A Message From...

**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts  
Executive Golf

## **Hawkes Bay Parking Expansion**

The new parking expansion for the Hawkes Bay executive starter building is now open to accommodate residents that park and ride with fellow golfers. This area was highly congested and posed some difficulties in maneuvering carts among golfers staging to play. The new expansion not only relieves congestion, but it also encourages our ride sharing program. Ride sharing on your executive golf courses creates comradery and forms new friendships throughout the community. Additionally, this expansion contributes to the maintenance sustainability of the area by reducing wear and tear.



## **De La Vista Renovations**

The planned tee renovations at the De La Vista Executive Golf Course are nearing completion. Due to slight delays caused by the weather, our contractors worked through the weekend and were able to get these renovations back on track. We will be finishing up the smaller details on the enlarged tee areas, leveling the tee surfaces, and re-grassing by the end of this week.

# A Message From...



Community Development Districts

Office of Management and Budget

## Maintenance Assessment Information

The Districts will be adopting their FY15-16 Final Budgets and maintenance assessments rates at their September Board meetings. Florida State Statutes require that a Final Budget and Final Maintenance Assessments be approved no later than September 15th of each year.

As we have communicated over the last several months, a few Districts have approved proposed increases to their FY15-16 maintenance assessment rates. After spending hours reviewing and discussing budgets during their May Budget Workshops, three Districts (2, 3, and 4) have requested increases to their maintenance assessment rates in order to maintain the existing level of service and ensure the long-term integrity of the infrastructure necessary for the sustainability of their Districts.

As required by the Florida State Statutes, a notice to homeowners in Districts 2, 3 and 4 will be mailed on August 17, 2015 to notify them of the proposed increase and the date/time of the public hearing when the rate increase will be discussed and adopted. On the same date, a large ad will also be placed in the Daily Sun as required. The notice to homeowners will consist of a letter that is personalized for each unit/lot that includes the required legal verbiage, purpose of the increase, the current rate, the proposed rate, and proposed annual increase amounts, along with a Frequently Asked Questions information page. This increase DOES NOT pertain at all to your monthly amenity fees that are billed on your utility bill. The maintenance assessments are paid only once a year on your annual tax bill.

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS		
LEVYING AUTHORITY	RATE	AMOUNT
861A UNIT 161 SPEC ASMT MAIT		586.73
861B UNIT 161 SPEC ASMT BOND		1,579.45
F045 VILLAGES FIRE DISTRICT	Per Parcel	81.00

For information regarding the above Special Assessment(s)(district 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9) call 352-751-3900

Please Note: The VCCDD non-ad valorem tax (maint & bond spec. assmt.) is not a county tax. Money collected is distributed back to VCCDD office.

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS	
	\$2,247.18

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Community Development Districts

Office of Management and Budget

## Maintenance Assessment Information Continued...

**District 2** has only had one maintenance assessment rate increase over the last nine years and is proposing a 10% increase, which averages out to a \$14.79 annual increase for villa owners, a \$109.96 annual increase for Harmeswood unit owners and a \$27.20 annual increase for other unit owners. They took this difficult step after reviewing a \$68,903 increase to the landscaping contract; a need to upgrade the outdated irrigation system and to convert to new technology to improve water conservation; and the need for road mill and overlay projects in the next five to ten years.

**District 3** has only had one maintenance assessment rate increase over the last nine years also and is proposing a 15% increase. While the percentage amount may sound like a huge increase, the dollar increase for the year averages out to a \$26.89 annual increase for villa owners, a \$146.11 annual increase for Sunbury Place unit owners and a \$45.14 annual increase for other unit owners. The Board took this step after reviewing a \$67,507 increase to their landscaping contract; a need to upgrade their irrigation systems and to convert to new technology to conserve water; and the need for road mill and overlay projects in the next five to ten years.

**District 4** is proposing their first increase in six years with a 20% increase, which averages out to a \$48.47 annual increase for villa owners and an \$81.67 annual increase for other units. In accordance with Marion County's development requirements when the District was built, District 4 (and any other new development in Marion County) was required to be responsible for the maintenance of their collector, residential and villa roads where the other Districts are responsible for only their villa roads. The increase is due in part to future road projects such as rejuvenator application, resurfacing, mill and overlay along with other projects identified in the Capital Improvement Plan plus an additional \$100,000 in annual landscaping costs.

**District 11** Board of Supervisors will be approving the levying of maintenance assessment rates for the first time. In compliance with Florida State Statutes, postcards will be mailed to residents on August 12 to notify them of the public hearing for the adoption of the FY15-16 Budget and maintenance assessment rates. Letters will also be mailed on the same date to notify the homeowners of the maintenance and bond assessment amounts that will be levied and collected on their tax bill.

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**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts  
**Office of Management and Budget**

**Public Hearings**

During the September Board meetings, the District Board of Supervisors will conduct public hearings to accept public input and then adopt the Final FY15-16 Budget and maintenance assessment rates. The public hearing will take place during the District Board meetings as listed below:

**Thursday, September 3rd @ District - Large Conference Room**

District 5 - 8:00 a.m.

District 6 - 9:30 a.m.

District 7 - 11:00 a.m.

District 8 - 2:00 p.m.

(In order to meet State Statutes the meetings for Districts 5 – 8 have been moved to the first Thursday instead of their regular meeting date on the third Friday.)

**Wednesday, September 9th @ District – Large Conference Room**

VCCDD - 2:00 p.m.

District 11 - 3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 10th @ District – Large Conference Room**

SLCDD - 10:00 a.m.

BCDD - 11:30 a.m.

District 9 - 1:30 p.m.

District 10 - 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 11th @ Savannah Recreation Center**

District 1 - 8:00 a.m.

District 2 - 9:30 a.m.

District 3 - 11:00 a.m.

District 4 - 1:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Kays, Budget Director at 751-3939 or email at [Barbara.Kays@Districtgov.org](mailto:Barbara.Kays@Districtgov.org).

# A Message From...

## The Villages® Community Development Districts Finance

### Preliminary Audit Review



The auditors from Purvis & Gray were at the District offices the week of August 3-7 doing their preliminary audit review for the FY 2014-2015 annual financial audit. They check the Districts' internal controls and took a sample of 60 utility bills, 60 accounts payable payments, and 25 employee payments for review. They plan on returning December 7, 2015 to complete the

audit. We expect to present the audited financials to the 15 District Boards at their February 2016 meetings.

### Bond Payoff Information



We are approaching one of the semi-annual deadlines for payoff of bond assessments in full. There is no requirement to pay bond assessments in full, as they can continue to be paid in installments on an annual basis as part of the annual property tax bill payment. However, for those property owners who want to save the interest expense on future installments, they can be paid off at any time. For those property owners that chose to pay by

September 16, 2015, they will avoid paying an additional six months interest on the outstanding balance. If payment is received on September 17<sup>th</sup> or thereafter, another six months' worth of interest will be collected.



# A Message From...



## Public Safety Notes For Safety Regarding Lightning Strikes

- ⇒ Install surge protection to decrease surges in the home.
- ⇒ Unplug computers, appliances and electronic items well before the storm approaches.
- ⇒ Stand clear of windows, doors during storms.
- ⇒ Avoid the use of computers, phones to include cell phones, showers or any items connected to plumbing.
- ⇒ If someone is struck by lightning, call 911 and begin first aid.
- ⇒ Postpone your golf game if lightning is in the area and take cover.
- ⇒ Lightning rods:
  - A) Make sure that the installer is UL\* certified to install the equipment.
  - B) The equipment is UL\* certified.



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# Did You Know...

## Campaign Sign Information

Each election period raises questions about allowable campaign activities within the Village Community Development Districts, including signage. To help all candidates and supporters, we have prepared an overview of signage enforcement for each District. Any questions with regard to signage or political activities should be directed to Janet Tutt, District Manager or Diane Tucker, Administrative Operations Manager at (352)-751-3939.

### ⇒ **Lady Lake/Lake County:**

The placement of not more than one (1) professionally prepared sign not exceeding twenty-four (24) inches wide and twenty-four (24) inches high affixed to an exterior window of a home unit, any content is permitted. There is no enforcement of for rent/for sale signs in villa units; however, no other signage is permitted with the exception of security and lawn care signs as designated in the Rule.

### ⇒ **VCDD No. 1:**

No enforcement of signs in home or villa units.

### ⇒ **VCDD No. 2 & VCDD No. 3:**

The placement of not more than one (1) professionally prepared sign not exceeding twenty-four (24) inches wide and twenty-four (24) inches high affixed to an exterior window of a home unit, any content is permitted. There is no enforcement of for rent/for sale signs in villa units; however, no other signage is permitted with the exception of security and lawn care signs as designated in the Rule.

### ⇒ **VCDD No. 4:**

No enforcement of signs in home or villa units.

### ⇒ **VCDD No. 5-10:**

No sign of any kind shall be displayed to public view on a Homesite or any dedicated or reserved area without prior written consent, except customary name and address signs and one sign advertising a property for sale or rent which shall be no larger than twelve (12) inches wide and twelve (12) inches high and which shall be located wholly within the Home and only visible through a window of the Home with the exception of security and lawn care signs.

⇒ Signs may not be affixed to the exterior walls of District owned property.

⇒ Signs may be affixed to golf carts or Low Speed Vehicles or held by candidates or their supporters.

# 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. To view the report from the Engineer, please visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).

Following the August meetings, the Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group will meet on September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Savannah Center.

### **August 12, 2015, Savannah Center**

Amenity Authority Committee 9:00 a.m.

### **August 14, 2015, Savannah**

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.

## **Schools in the Community**

School is back in session! As you travel throughout the community, please be mindful of school zones and children at bus-stops in the surrounding communities. We can all do our part to help ensure their safety.



# LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

SANITATION PICK UP CHANGE FOR MARION AND SUMTER RESIDENTS WITH MONDAY COLLECTION



## *HOLIDAY SANITATION COLLECTION DATE*

***SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015***

*HOUSEHOLD TRASH AND RECYCLING  
WILL BE COLLECTED ON THE  
SATURDAY **PRIOR** TO THE HOLIDAY.  
NO COLLECTIONS WILL BE MADE ON  
LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.*



\*\*\*NORMAL PICK UP  
SCHEDULE WILL RESUME  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH\*\*\*



# Information Provided By...



MARION COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Media Release*

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://MasterThePossibilities.com).

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BUSHNELL, FLORIDA 33513**

## **CITIZENS ACADEMY COURSE OFFERED**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is holding a Citizens Academy Class, a free 8-week educational course about the operations of the Sheriff's Office. This course is being held at Colony Cottage Recreation Center in The Villages. To enroll or for more Information about this course call Theresa Cooper at the Villages Sheriff's Annex Office at 352-689-4604.

During the course of the classes, citizens will have the opportunity to learn what the Sumter County Sheriff's Office is doing for the Citizens of Sumter County. Each week we will focus on a different division of the Sheriff's Office with speakers from that division. During the course of the event special equipment from some of the divisions will be present for the attendees to view. After graduation, the attendees will travel to the Sheriff's Office and Jail in Bushnell.



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