



August 19, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Community Development Districts

# Welcome Wednesday News

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

**District Customer Service and all Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.**



### Contact Us:

**Customer Service**  
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**Administration**  
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**Community Standards**  
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**Community Watch**  
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**Finance**  
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**Human Resources**  
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**Public Safety**  
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**Purchasing**  
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**Recreation Administration**  
(352) 674-1800

**Utility/Amenity**  
(352) 750-0000

## 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.**

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## Community Development Districts Property Management



### **El Santiago Update**

The exterior of the building is receiving final trim work and the landscaping will begin next week. The contractors are completing the heating / cooling and electrical systems. The permanent electricity will be turned on this week so all systems can be tested. The interior finishes continue to be installed. The project is on schedule for completion in December 2015.



### **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.



### **Town of Lady Lake Road Work**

The Town of Lady Lake will be performing road work on Paradise Drive and Del Mar Drive, south of Rio Grande. The work will take place on August 19-20, 2015. Please use caution and adhere to all directional signage if you are in the area.



# A Message From...

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Community Development Districts

## Recreation

### Recreation Staff Updates

**MEET OUR TEAM**



The Recreation Department is proud to announce exciting changes with the Recreation team. After an extensive interview process and several candidates, Ted Burgwald has been promoted to Assistant Director of Recreation. James (Jim)

Lucas will be shifting his job duties and responsibilities from Assistant Director of Recreation to Recreation Supervisor at Truman Recreation Center effective Friday, August 28, 2015. Jim has embarked on a new journey in his life to become a permanent diaconate (deacon) for the Catholic Church. We are all supportive and excited as he pursues his new mission in life.

Ted Burgwald will be moving quickly into this new role and you will begin to see him in all aspects of our operations.

There has been movement and changes within the majority of our management team as well. Some may notice existing staff stationed at a different or a new location. Jennifer Slayton-Munday is our new interim Room Reservations Manager and Wendy Touchette has been promoted to Room Reservations Supervisor. The movement provides opportunity within the organization for our Recreation team to experience new facilities and build upon the exceptional level of customer service provided.

### Outdoor Court Guidelines

Do you want to get together with your friends and neighbors to play a little bocce, shuffleboard, pickekleball or any other outside sport on a regular basis? Court times are available for reservation by resident lifestyle groups.

Neighborhood and social groups have the ability to reserve any outdoor court facility for six months at a time. Interested groups must complete an application located on our website [www.districtgov.org](http://www.districtgov.org) or available at any recreation center. Applications for the fall/winter session (Oct. 1 – March 31) will be accepted up to August 31<sup>st</sup> with approved permits issued by September 19, 2015.





# A Message From...

## The Villages® Community Development Districts Executive Golf

Summer time is a busy time for the Executive courses. We are continuing to grow and improve our amenities any chance we get, even when Mother Nature is not cooperating. These added rains might slow our construction progress down, but our landscape enhancements are right on track.

The planned upgrades to the #5 green at Amberwood golf course continue to progress. The renovations are behind schedule approximately two weeks due to bare soil being exposed to heavy rains; however, the contractors are diligently working to make up for the delay.

Drainage is currently being installed in the green surface areas and is scheduled to be completed Wednesday, weather permitting. Following this, the greens mix sand fill will be installed just in time for the new Bermuda grass sprigs for the surface area.



# A Message From...

## 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.

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

The maintenance assessments are paid only once a year on your annual tax bill.

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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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**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 second 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).



## Information provided by...

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Finance



### **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.

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**Customer Service    Postal Facility Bulletin Boards**

The District has guidelines for placing material in the bulletin boards at the postal facilities. Information placed in the bulletin boards is restricted to events and activities for the village and community, not commercial interests. A copy of the guidelines can be obtained by visiting the Customer Service Center located at 984 Old Mill Run or visiting: <http://www.districtgov.org/departments/Community-Service/PostalFacilityBBGuidelines.pdf>

Residents wishing to place information in the bulletin boards can accomplish this in one of the following ways:

- Visit the Customer Service Center at 984 Old Mill Run to drop off a copy of the item you are requesting be placed in the bulletin board.
- Email the item to [customerservice@districtgov.org](mailto:customerservice@districtgov.org)
- Place the item in the Utility/Amenity/District Correspondence box located at each postal facility.

For each request that is made, please include your name, contact information, post & removal date (not to exceed 2-weeks) and the postal facility, or facilities where you would like your item to be posted. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact the Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508.



## 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.

## 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).

### **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.

The Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) will meet at 9:00 a.m. on August 31, 2015 in the District Office, Large Conference Room.

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.

# 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



## **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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## **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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