

Welcome Wednesday News

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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.



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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Property Management

Work in Progress

El Santiago Update

The exterior of the building is substantially complete and the landscaping is near completion. The interior finishes continue to be installed, including plumbing fixtures. Site improvements performed by District Property Management (DPM) are underway. The project is on schedule for completion in December 2015.



Irrigating in the rain

Have you ever wondered why the irrigation is running along a roadway for a mile or two, or on a golf course after an excessive amount of rain has fallen? Well, it's due to the fact that the water retention areas throughout the community must maintain adequate space for additional rain that is collected from streets, yards and golf courses. You may also notice that the direction and distance of the irrigation system is also different during this time. This is due to a different level of water pressure coming through the system compared to normal irrigation practices.



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Recreation

Proposal for Concession Services at El Santiago Recreation Center

Staff is currently developing the framework for a Request For Proposal (RFP) for concession services to be provided by a qualified contractor at the El Santiago Recreation Center, 2375 Enrique Drive.



Staff recognizes residents would like input regarding El Santiago food service. As part of the development of this RFP, staff would like to receive input from residents on food and beverage suggestions for this proposed concession area. Please email or call John Rohan, Director of Recreation with suggestions at John.Rohan@Districtgov.org or 352-674-1800.

Staff will collect input from August 31 – December 31, 2015 to take into consideration for the development of the RFP.

The El Santiago Recreation Center will offer a covered outside patio area that consists of approximately 1,171 square feet and will provide seating capacity for approximately 24. The infrastructure for this area consists of a sink, three electrical outlets, and water/drainage. Other enhancements, with the exception of a fryer hooded system, could be taken into consideration.

Savannah Center Update



The Savannah Center Regional Recreation Center will re-open tomorrow, Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

The Savannah Center had several restoration projects completed in August. We are proud to showcase the accomplishments as we continue to maintain all recreation facilities to optimal condition.

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Work is scheduled to be complete this week on the new drainage additions at holes number 4, 5 and 6 on the Hill Top Executive Golf Course. This project experienced weather delays, but with the dissipation of Hurricane Erika the project got back on track. All major piping connections are complete. The tie-ins to the main line drainage system are scheduled to be completed on Thursday.

The number 7 tee area at Belmont Executive Golf Course also has some drainage work being completed. The improvements will provide a dryer area for residents between the path and surface playing area.

The installation of striping at the newly upgraded starter shack parking area at Hawkes Bay has been delayed due to weather. Staff and the contractors are diligently working to get the project back on schedule.



Please continue to watch our “What’s Happening” announcements at www.districtgov.org for updated information on closures and other improvements on your executive golf courses.



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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 was 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 was 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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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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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.

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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 17th or thereafter another six months' worth of interest will be collected.

High Water Information



District staff was recently informed about a resident concern of high irrigation water billings over the last few months in a particular area in The Villages. Based on the concerns, Staff identified the properties and performed a thorough review. A number of the properties had specific concerns regarding the irrigation controller. Training was conducted with the residents by the District's contractor, OMI, to show how to properly set and operate the irrigation controller. None of the properties were billed more than their actual usage, and none were found to have meter problems or meter reading errors. We encourage residents to contact the District if they feel there is a billing error, and to understand water conservation tips to help reduce their use, and in turn save on their monthly bill.

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SAVE \$\$\$ ON YOUR IRRIGATION CHARGES

To read more about these tips and many others visit the district website, **www.districtgov.org** and click on Water Wisdom. Save water, save money!

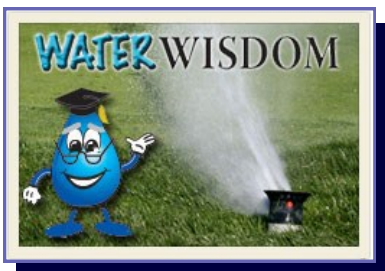
Turn your irrigation timer off after rainfall events and let your lawn “tell” you when you need to turn the timer back on. If a particular zone begins to show signs of stress, only set the irrigation system to irrigate the stressed zone, don’t run the entire system. Rain sensors should be checked monthly to ensure that they are not clogged with debris. Your irrigation system settings should also be checked monthly to be sure that it is operating on the proper day and time, and to verify that no “extra” start times are accidentally turned on.



To assist with the correct use of your irrigation timer as well as copies of the Owner’s Manuals, visit **www.districtgov.org**. There are several videos specific to your type of timer that offer easy to follow informative instructions. The amount of irrigation needed varies depending on the time of year, rainfall and soil conditions.

It is important to remember not to irrigate just because it is your scheduled day. Irrigation systems should only be operated when the lawn begins to show signs of stress, some ex-amples are listed below:

- ◆ Lingering footprints or mower tracks
- ◆ Grass blades or leaf blades begin to close lengthwise
- ◆ The top few inches of soil feel dry



To read more about these tips and many others visit the district website, **www.districtgov.org** and click on Water Wisdom. Save water, save money!

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What is a Precautionary Boil Water Notice?



Certain conditions, such as a water main break, sometimes require the need to issue a Precautionary Boil Water Notice.

It is the responsibility of the Village Center Community Development District (VCCDD) and North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD), and Central Sumter Utilities (CSU) to provide our water customers with the quality water and customer service our community has come to expect and deserve. It is our responsibility to provide guidance and assistance to prevent exposure to drinking water contaminants that could present a threat to the health of our residents. Issuing the notice is a precaution until water samples are collected and analyzed to confirm that water quality has not been affected.

What condition caused the need for this notice?

It could be one or more of a number of different things. The most common is a loss in positive water pressure, typically due to a break in a water main. A loss of positive water pressure indicates the existence of conditions that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system. These can occur when there is construction in the area and a pipe is disturbed while digging, normal aging, or even a lightning strike. Notices are also released when scheduled repair and replacements of water lines are done to ensure your safety.

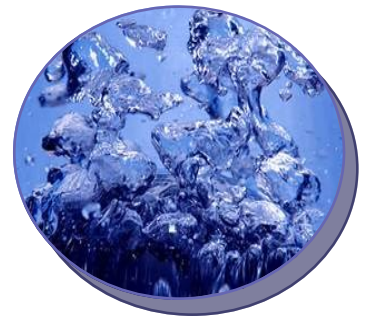


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What actions do I need to take?

Bring all water used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, or for food preparation to a rolling boil, then boil for one minute and cool before using. Continue this until the determination that the water is safe, a process through which the Utility Operations and Maintenance Contractor sends water samples to a State Certified Water Testing Lab and receives a report back stating that the water samples meets all federal and state regulations.



How long will I have to boil my water?



Water samples must be collected to test for any bacteria in the distribution system. The first samples are taken on the day the cause of the notice has been corrected. Another set of samples are taken in the next 24 hours. Two consecutive days of “clear” test results are required before the notice can be rescinded.

How will I know that the notice has been rescinded?

The most efficient and reliable way to be notified of any advisories and rescinding of the notice is to register for e-Notifications. The District will send an e-notification to residential and commercial customers that have signed up to receive the e-notifications. To sign up for e-notifications, simply go to www.districtgov.org and click on “sign up for e-notifications” beneath the Quick Links on the left side of the home page. After inserting your name and email information, check the appropriate utility that your property is serviced by beneath the Precautionary Boil Water Notification category. If an incident occurs within your utility, you will be notified of the situation and the property addresses affected by the incident.



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***





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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 or click the following link: http://www.districtgov.org/PdfView/PdfView.aspx?path=%27/PdfUpload/MultiUse%20Trail%20Marking_KHA%20Report%206.22.15.pdf%27&ql=standard

Districts 1-10, the Amenity Authority Committee met in August to discuss the issue and provide information to their Board representatives who serve on the Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group.

On August 31, 2015 the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) met and addressed side striping. The majority of the committee (4-2) voted in opposition of moving forward with side-striping.

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.

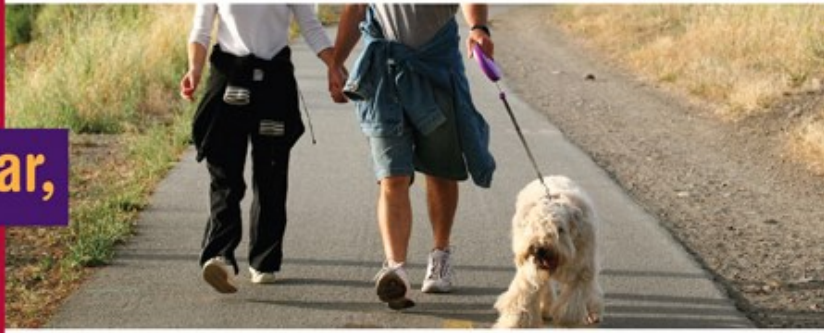
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