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Community Development Districts

September 9, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News

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(352) 205-8280

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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.

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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.



Paradise Pool Closure

The Paradise pool will be closed through October 4, 2015 for maintenance. This schedule may be adjusted for unforeseen circumstances, including weather. We appreciate your patience during this time.

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Recreation

Pet Information and Pet Adoptions

The Recreation Department in conjunction with the Humane Society / SPCA of Sumter County will be hosting local pet information and adoptions days the 3rd Friday of each month at various recreation center pavilions.



Please Join Us This Friday To Learn More About...

Pet Information Services And Pet Adoptions

If you're interested in learning how easy it is to adopt a loving pet that needs a good home, please join us Friday at the Recreation Center Pavilion listed to the right. We have cats and dogs of all shapes and sizes that want to share The Villages lifestyle with you!

Call 352-753-0637
For more information

Friday August 21
11am - 2pm
SeaBreeze Recreation Ctr.
8445 SE 165th Mulberry Lane

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Friday Sept. 18
11am - 2pm
Lake Miona Recreation Center
1526 Buena Vista Blvd

Friday Oct. 16
11am - 2pm
Colony Cottage Recreation Center
510 Colony Blvd.

Friday Nov. 20
11am - 2pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center
1985 Laurel Manor Road

Friday Dec. 18
11am - 2pm
Paradise Recreation Center
1403 Paradise Drive

Fall Social Leagues

Check this out! We now offer a new easier and more user friendly process for signing up for the fall social leagues. All you need to do is visit our website www.Districtgov.org for the Fall Social League Registration booklet for a complete listing of all available leagues. The registration booklet can also be found in the September 10th edition of the Recreation News or pick up a booklet at any regional recreation center. Just check the league(s) you'd like to join and turn the completed form into any regional recreation center by September 25, 2015. If leagues fill up, additional leagues will be added in order to accommodate all who wish to play.



When to REGISTER!

September 10 - 25

- BILLIARDS • BOCCE
- BOCCE BOWLING
- BOCCE GOLF
- CORN HOLE
- DART BASEBALL
- HORSESHOES
- PICKLEBALL
- SHORT COURT TENNIS
- SHUFFLEBOARD
- SHUFFLEPIN
- TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD
- TENNIS

ORGANIZATIONAL WEEK:
SEPT. 28th - OCT. 4th

LEAGUE DATES:
OCT. 5th - NOV. 21th
Seven Weeks

No Leagues Thanksgiving Week Nov. 22nd - 29th

Interested in scheduling a facility for your group or neighborhood?

Check with the staff for availability at the Recreation Center where you'd like to meet .

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Executive Golf

Amberwood and Oakleigh

Due to the scheduled parking lot resurfacing at the Chatham Recreation center, the Amberwood and Oakleigh Executive Golf Courses will be rerouting traffic to accommodate golfers to the starter building. The point of entry/exit will be relocated to the cart path exit of #9 at Oakleigh onto Legacy Lane, just before the Chatham entry way. A sign will be placed at the street entry way off of Legacy Lane showing the entry/exit point, and directing golfers .



De La Vista

We will be adding new bunker sand at the De La Vista Executive Golf Course to the reconstructed, and shaped bunkers on the course. This will be the final contracted phase of the rebuilding and refurbishment project for De La Vista . We are excited to see the progress after 4 months of closure. Currently, the opening is planned in October, weather permitting.



A Message From...



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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 consists 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:

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

BCDD - 11:30 a.m.

SLCDD - 12:00 p.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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Clerk

Sumter Landing Community Development District

Notice of Meeting Time Change

The Thursday, September 10, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Sumter Landing Community Development District, generally held at 10:00 a.m. will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at **12:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the District Office Board Room, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, Florida.

If you have any questions please contact District Administration at 352-751-3939.

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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.

RUMOR

On August 30, 2015 the District Office received a copy of an anonymous letter sent to Villages-News regarding the functionality of the gate card reader system and the cameras located at each gate. The letter specifically claimed the District Government purposely did not report specific issues.

The claims made in this letter are unfortunate and incorrect; the District prides itself in operating in an open and transparent manner.

On August 27, 2014 a memo was prepared and sent to the Amenity Authority Committee, Village Center and Sumter Landing Community Development Districts regarding the gate card reader system. The gate card readers in The Villages operate using 32-bit controlled access gate cards which are unique to the community. However, it came to the attention of the District that in 2005 and 2007 we were provided with 26-bit cards, a more common card. At the time, the gate card readers were modified to allow access using the 26-bit card resulting in the system reading all 26-bit cards, whether or not they were issued by the District.

At the time the District became aware of this, we began working with our vendor to ultimately remove the modification that permits the use of 26-bit cards. Staff began manually checking each gate card issued to make every attempt to contact the affected residents and provide 32-bit replacement cards. To date, the District has made contact with 3,000 of the estimated 5,000 affected residents. Based on the number of replacement cards necessary, the estimated fiscal impact is \$15,501.00.

In February 2015 the Amenity Authority Committee and Village Center Community Development District completed the installation of fiber and replacement of cameras at all of the gate houses north of C.R. 466. The Sumter Landing Community Development District recently approved moving forward with the replacement of cameras and equipment at the five gates owned by the district and, additionally, The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. has committed to the replacement of cameras and equipment at developer owned gates.

When cameras and equipment are initially installed at any gate in the community, it is the most current technology available. Since the initial installation at the gates south of C.R. 466, technology has evolved and the camera image quality and method of storing/viewing data has improved.

There are over 80 gate houses in the community with well over 400 cameras. The community is effectively monitored and the District government maintains a positive working relationship with the local law enforcement agencies to provide for the well-being and safety of the residents.



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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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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!

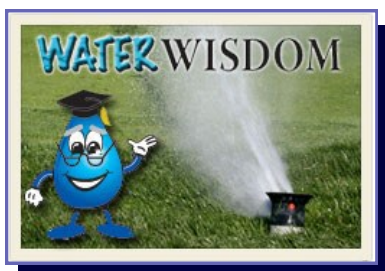
Turn your irrigation timer off after rainfall events and let your lawn “tell” you when you need to turn the timer back on. If a particular zone begins to show signs of stress, only set the irrigation system to irrigate the stressed zone, don’t run the entire system. Rain sensors should be checked monthly 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



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Local, State
& Federal Offices

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Seniors vs Crimes

SW Florida Water
Management District

Retired and Senior
Volunteer Program

SATURDAY

NOV 7

10am-1pm

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Regional Recreation Center
3560 Buena Vista Blvd.
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State of Florida
Department of Elder Affairs

Sumter County
Sheriff's Office

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Documentary Display

Lake Griffin State Park

and
many more!

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