

# The Villages®

## Community Development Districts

September 16, 2015

11:00 A.M.

# Welcome Wednesday News

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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 plumbing, mechanical and electrical features are near completion and being tested. The interior finishes such as cabinets and wall coverings are being installed. The project is on schedule for completion in December 2015.



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**The following facilities will be closed on the dates noted for scheduled maintenance this week:**



⇒ **Paradise Pool**

The Paradise pool will be closed through October 4, 2015 .

⇒ **Paradise Bocce Courts**

The Paradise Bocce Courts will be closed through October 1, 2015.

⇒ **Savannah Center Bocce Courts**

The Savannah Center Bocce Courts will be closed through September 18, 2015.

⇒ **Mulberry Grove Recreation Center**

The Mulberry Grove Recreation Center will be closed through September 24, 2015.

⇒ **Coconut Cove Recreation Center**

The Coconut Cove Recreation Center will be closed through September 18, 2015.

⇒ **Fernandina Neighborhood Pool**

The Fernandina Neighborhood Pool will be closed through September 20, 2015.

**Knudson Softball Field Renovation**

The renovation of the Knudson Softball Field is in progress. The new sprigs have been placed and they are growing in nicely. The outfield fence is also being replaced.





# A Message From...

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Community Development Districts  
Recreation

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ACTIVE AGING

2015  
**ACTIVE AGING WEEK**

**LIVE Your Adventure**      **Try Something NEW!**

**SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2**

**The Villages**  
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**Recreation**

*"To create and implement excellent recreational opportunities that promote an active and healthy lifestyle."*

The Villages Recreation Mission Statement

Join your friends and neighbors for a different activity every day of Active Aging Week.

The Recreation Department is offering...

**5 DAYS of FUN, CAMARADERIE & EDUCATION!**

All activities are **FREE**

Sign-up at your nearest regional recreation center beginning

**September 24th.**

Open to all Residents and guests with valid ID's. Space is limited, first come, first served.

For more information about the week's activities, please go to [www.DistrictGov.Org](http://www.DistrictGov.Org)

	ACTIVITY	TIME	CENTER
<b>MONDAY 9-28</b>	Pedal your way to health-cycling	9am	SeaBreeze
	Adult learn to swim	11am	Lake Miona
	Softball clinic (sign up not required)	2pm	Saddlebrook
<b>TUESDAY 9-29</b>	Bocce golf lessons	9am	El Santiago
	Keeping active in the park	9am	Paradise Park
	Bocce lessons	9am	Chatham
<b>WEDNESDAY 9-30</b>	Chair volleyball	1pm	Colony Cottage
	Lawn bowling	9am	Rio Grand
	Beginner pilates	9am	Chatham
	Tai Chi	9:30am	Captiva
	Zumba	12:30pm	Lake Miona
<b>THURSDAY 10-1</b>	Intro to billiards	1pm	Odell
	Masters tennis	5pm	Tierra Del Sol
	Tai Chi for health	8:30am	Manatee
	Shuffleboard lessons	9am	Mulberry Grove
<b>FRIDAY 10-2</b>	Unique tennis sports	9am	SeaBreeze
	Mah-jongg	10am	Bradenton
	Left - Right - Center	9am	Laurel Manor
	Cornhole (sign up not required)	9am	Big Cypress
	Intro to platform tennis	9am	Eisenhower
Adult learn to swim	11am	Lake Miona	
Water polo	2pm	Bridgeport	
Water polo	3:30pm	Bridgeport	



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District Management

**THANK  
YOU**

As District Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Budget team, Barbara Kays, Budget Director, Jodell Thurgaland and Janice Larned, Budget Analysts, for their commitment, expertise and hard work to accomplish another successful budget process. The budget season concluded with the adoption of 15 different government agency budgets (14 CDDs and 1 Dependent District) which included 48 individual funds. Although these three folks were heading the charge, they were aided in their efforts by our district management team of department directors and financial coordinators who helped prepare the over \$270,000,000 in budgeted funds.

Finally, a thank you to our elected officials: 75 elected officials of the different districts and six members of the Amenity Authority Committee and six members of the Project Wide Advisory Committee. They work very hard throughout the year providing stewardship of the dollars you pay for amenities, property assessments, utility and sanitation services. Their direction and guidance helps staff develop the best work product possible.

I am often asked “how do you do it with so many elected officials and different government bodies you are responsible for?” The answer is simple: Cooperation, teamwork and a shared belief in sustaining the lifestyle residents have moved to The Villages to enjoy and invest their retirement dollars in their homes. It is only with this cooperation and positive approach to each of our undertakings that we maintain and, in many instances, improve upon the year before through the careful and diligent stewardship of your money.

Finally, to the residents who have and continue to be involved in your local government: Thank you. This community of 105,000+ is larger than 95% of the cities in the State of Florida. It is the partnership among the elected officials, district staff and residents that allow us to succeed both in services and financial strength.

We look forward to a great Fiscal Year 2015-2016 beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>!

# A Message From...

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Executive Golf

As your Executive Golf Department works to complete this summer's planned course renovations, we continue to witness firsthand that Mother Nature can be difficult. We have experienced a significant amount of rainfall over the last three months during our planned projects and our short growing season. The yearly averages for Florida have almost been met in only 9 months. The contractors are developing innovative ways to complete the work around the inclement weather.



The following projects continue to progress on your Executive Golf Courses:

- The De La Vista full course renovation is in the final phase of completion. The greens have been grassed, tees enlarged and leveled, fairways shaped and repaired, and new bunker sand will be installed this week. Staff anticipates a delay in opening the course due to weather.
- Final shaping and grassing is taking place on the newly constructed Amberwood green # 5. At this time, the contractors are promoting growth of the new green complex with a vigorous fertilizer program. Staff anticipates a delay in opening the green to ensure proper growth of the sprigs to provide a sustainable playing surface.
- Hawks Bay #4, Mira Mesa #9 and Chula Vista's new practice green all are growing in well and being evaluated daily by your Executive Golf Department.

Please stay tuned to Welcome Wednesday and [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) regarding any adjustments to the course opening schedule.



# District continues multiple golf course renovation efforts

**G**oodbye summer, hello fall! I couldn't think of a better introduction for the first Our Place article following Labor Day.

As we all know, summer is quickly coming to an end. For our family, Labor Day weekend meant that we only have a short time to get our wonderful beach activities completed before we begin preparing for fall festivities. I personally look forward to the cooler, fall weather. It truly is one of my family's favorite times of the year. In a few short weeks, I can't help but think of the beginning of fall activities like camping, fishing, and football games.

Since we are not quite out of summer, I would like to highlight some of the current projects taking place on your District Executive Golf Courses.

For the month of September, we continue to stay on track despite the inclement weather that has produced large amounts of rain. The upgrades to De La Vista, one of our more seasoned courses, are 95% complete and include renovations to the tees, greens, fairways and bunkers.

Other renovation projects set for completion this summer include the resurfacing of the green complexes at Mira Mesa #9 and Hawks Bay #4. The newly-added Chula Vista and Mira Mesa practice green facility is growing in nicely with some minor details scheduled for completion this month.

One of our most challenging projects was the Amberwood #5 green renovations; the green area turned out beautiful and is starting the grow-in phase.

The summer is flying by quickly. We will continue to implement our plan for long



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term sustainability and successful growth for the remaining summer weeks and into fall.

During the upcoming fall months we have planned to begin the overseeding program. Our greens, tees and fairways are scheduled to be completed in October and November.

Please remember the ground is much softer during this time with the added water to establish the seed. These areas on your courses are more prone to divots and ball marks as compared to the summer growing season. Bermuda grass will lay flat during the fall, turn brownish and become hard as dormancy begins to occur.

These conditions will bring an old nemesis out of the closet—the challenge we have with divots and ball marks.

As many of you know, repairing divots and ball marks has been the topic of many conversations. Since we cannot close the courses in the fall and winter, they can be very unsightly.

However, in the end, these areas will become much more plush and vigorous as a result of the overseeding.

Repairing divots, fixing ball marks, placing rakes in the bunkers and using the cart paths all create no impact to the players, but help tremendously to keep your courses in excellent condition.

When checking into play, golfers can ask for current

conditions, look for signs that help direct and lead by example with your fellow golfers in etiquette. An extra set of eyes are very helpful when trying to manage all of our executive courses. We all are stakeholders so please share your observations.

If you are new to the golf experience and planning to make it one of your new lifestyle activities in your hometown, please take the opportunity to become educated about the expectations of playing this life-long game. We provide constant updated programs that include good golf school, golf instruction, printed information and other opportunities to prepare for this game.

Residents also have access to on-going updates with the monthly turf talks that are posted on the Golf Administration web page at [golfthevillages.com](http://golfthevillages.com) and on the District site at [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org).

When it comes to golf and the two million rounds being played yearly on these courses, it requires everyone to do their part to keep them enjoyable for years to come.

As always please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me on the courses. My contact information is posted at every VCDD Executive starter building. Please contact me with any concerns or comments, as I welcome the correspondence with the residents regarding your executive golf courses.

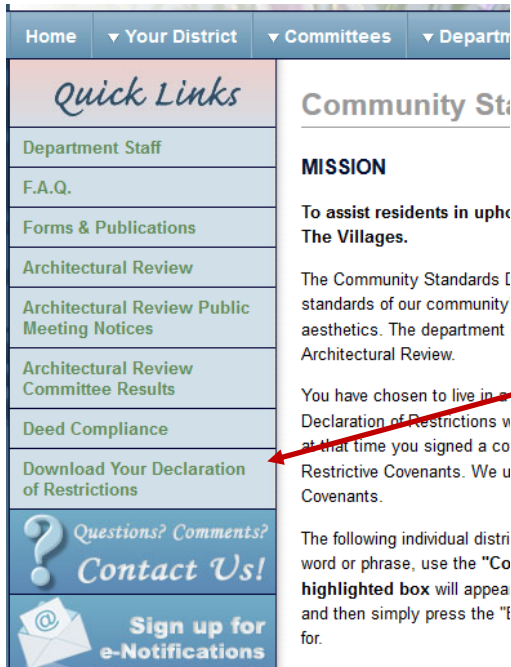
Until next time, see you on the courses!

*Eric Van Gorder is director of executive golf maintenance. He can be reached at 753-3396 or [eric.vangorder@districtgov.org](mailto:eric.vangorder@districtgov.org).*

# Navigating www.DistrictGov.org

Each week will begin highlighting different services available on the website, www.DistrictGov.org. This week's feature outlines how to download the Declaration of Restrictions (Deed Restrictions) for your property. For additional information, please contact Community Standards at 352-751-3912.

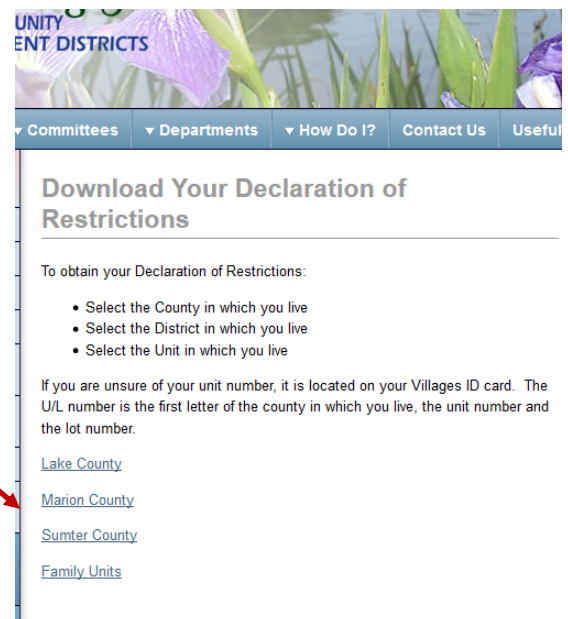
**STEP 1: Click on "Departments", and select "Community Standards"**



**STEP 2: Click on "Download your Deed Restrictions" located on the left hand side under Quick Links.**

**STEP 3:**

**Click on the County to review your individual set of Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for your specific unit. Your unit/lot is listed on your Villages ID card.**







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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](http://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](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.

## Information provided by...



### ***SAVE \$\$\$ ON YOUR IRRIGATION CHARGES***

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

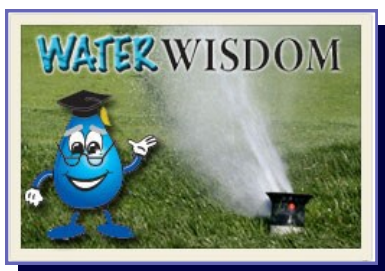
Turn your irrigation timer off after rainfall events and let your lawn “tell” you when you need to turn the timer back on. If a particular zone begins to show signs of stress, only set the irrigation system to irrigate the stressed zone, don’t run the entire system. Rain sensors should be checked monthly 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](http://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](http://www.districtgov.org)** and click on Water Wisdom. Save water, save money!

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Join us on Saturday, November 7, 2015 for Government Day!

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