

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

September 23, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News

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(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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El Santiago Update

The exterior of the building, and the plumbing mechanical and electrical features are substantially complete. The landscaping and interior finishes are near completion.

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.

⇒ **Paradise Archery Range**

The Paradise Archery Range will be closed beginning September 28, 2015 through October 2, 2015.

⇒ **Mulberry Grove Recreation Center**

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

⇒ **Allamanda Recreation Center**

The Allamanda Recreation Center will be closed on September 27, 2015. All outdoor facilities will be available.

⇒ **Gilchrist Neighborhood Pool**

The Gilchrist Neighborhood Pool will be closed through September 27, 2015.

⇒ **Eisenhower Sports Pool**

The Eisenhower Sports Pool will be closed beginning September 28, 2015 through October 4, 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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Recreation

**Save
the
Date**



Sharon Rose Wiechens
Preserve

Join us for the

GRAND OPENING

of the SHARON ROSE WIECHENS PRESERVE and the ATLAS CANINE RECREATION PARK

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Friday, September 25th
9:00am at 3513 Moyer Loop

Come and visit with many representatives from state and local groups to learn about the canine park and preserve.



Welcome to
Atlas Canine
RECREATION PARK

A Message From...

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Executive Golf

We are in the process of wrapping up our weekly course closure scheduling this month. There are two weeks left before the Over Seeding program begins and continues through this fall. To ensure we achieve optimal growth of the Bermuda grass, the contractors will be using this time to perform any necessary tasks in preparation for the Over Seeding.



- The De La Vista Course renovations continue to progress. The course has been substantially completed. This week the contractor is focusing on minor details while waiting for full grow-in and conditioning. All 10 greens, tees and bunkers have been re-grassed and sanded. The grand opening is anticipated to take place in October.
- The new Chula Vista practice green surface construction is complete and growing in well. The drainage is scheduled to be finalized this week, weather permitting.
- The greens at Mira Mesa #9 and Hawks Bay #4 have also been completed and will be evaluated daily for conditioning.
- The green at Amberwood #5 will have the granite yardages, new tee signage and other amenities installed this week. This project has been delayed due to weather and will require additional work based on the current condition.

Please stay tuned to Welcome Wednesday and www.DistrictGov.org regarding any adjustments to the course opening schedule.



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Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group

On September 21, 2015 the Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group (MMPDG) met to discuss the Technical Memorandum prepared by Kimley Horn & Associates (Engineer) related to the multi-modal paths. The memorandum specifically addressed striping and reflective pavement markings for the following areas:

- Medians
- Geometrically constrained locations
- Trail-side obstructions
- Roundabouts

The Engineer conducted the field analysis using a GPS enabled device to map all locations where improvements are recommended.

The MMPDG reviewed and discussed the findings and provided unanimous support for implementation.

Staff is currently working on preparing the information to determine the cost of the project and the method of which a contractor should be chosen based on District purchasing policies and procedures.

If you would like to view the memorandum prepared by the Engineer, please visit www.DistrictGov.org or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://www.districtgov.org/PDFView/PDFMeeting.aspx?id=201509210t0201>

Hint of fall in the air means seasonal residents are returning

Well the Labor Day holiday has come and gone and Monday morning was the first morning that was a little cooler and had a hint of fall in the air ... just a hint. Now on to my favorite season of the year – football season!

I will be cheering loudest this year for The Villages Buffalo and my son, Michael, who is a senior. Many of the 22 senior teammates have been playing together since they were on The Villages Pop Warner team at age 7.

It is bittersweet as parents to watch them all take the field together for their last season (sigh). Michael is our first child graduating from high school, and obviously mom isn't dealing with it so well.

As the fall season approaches and the cooler temperatures hopefully will be coming to stay, this also means that the population around The Villages will be increasing as our seasonal residents come back to town. The Villages will be hustling and bustling even more than it is now, if that's possible.

It's also that time of year when it's important to remind everyone that courtesy and patience are extremely important as you travel along the roadways or multimodal paths. While we're all familiar with the area, new residents and guests may not be as familiar with our roundabouts and winding roads as they attempt to find their way around this beautiful community.

I find that a smile and a deep breath seem to work and are definitely in keeping with the core values of our community.

The Districts have just completed what our Budget Director, Barbara Kays,



**JENNIFER
MCQUEARY**
COLUMNIST

annually refers to as "Budget Bliss." While she is about the only one of us who refers to the budget process as bliss, the budget crunch officially has come to an end – woo hoo! The District boards adopted their budgets at meetings held over the past two weeks.

You might be asking, "How do the District budget adoptions affect me?" Well, if you live in CDDs No. 1-11, the non-ad valorem maintenance assessment you pay on your annual tax bill funds the landscaping and infrastructure maintenance within your District.

The Village Center and Summer Landing community development district budgets include the Amenities Division Funds, which comprise the monthly amenity fees each of the residents pay for the continued maintenance and upkeep of the recreational facilities, pools and common areas such as postal facilities.

Additionally, the Village Center CDD provides for the common area maintenance in the Lady Lake/Lake County portion of The Villages.

All of the long hours that have gone into the budget process will ensure the community each of you fell in love with when you moved here remains just as beautiful and active!

During this time of year, the boards adopt their meeting schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, some boards

have made a change to the date, time and location of their meetings.

Effective with their Oct. 8 board meeting, District 7 now will meet on the Thursday before the second Friday at 8 a.m. in the District Office Board Room, 984 Old Mill Run.

Effective with their Oct. 16 meeting, the District 8 Board will begin meeting at 11:30 a.m.

One other change beginning in November is that the District 5, 6 and 8 boards will relocate their meetings to the District Office Board Room. The meetings for District 5, 6 and 8 will remain on the third Friday of each month.

This move will free up additional recreational meeting space at Lake Miona Recreation Center for resident usage, just in time for peak season.

Please remember that the District offers Welcome Wednesday at 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run. This is a great opportunity to have all those rumors you may be hearing addressed by the District department directors and board supervisors in attendance.

Please remember that just because you hear something at the pool, on the pickleball court or on the golf course does not necessarily mean it is fact. We at the District find that certain rumors tend to resurrect themselves every few years.

If you have a question about a rumor and you are not able to attend Welcome Wednesday, call the District Customer Service Department at 753-4508. They can help provide you with the factual answer

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to your question. Each Welcome Wednesday newsletter is also available on our website, districtgov.org.

If you would like to learn more about your District Government, I suggest you attend CDD Orientation which takes place at 10 a.m. every Thursday morning in the District Office.

Or, if you are interested in the inner-workings of each of the District departments, you can call our District Customer Service Department at 753-4508 to inquire about our Resident Academy program. You just might be surprised at how

much goes on around you on a daily basis to ensure the sustainability of your lifestyle here in The Villages.

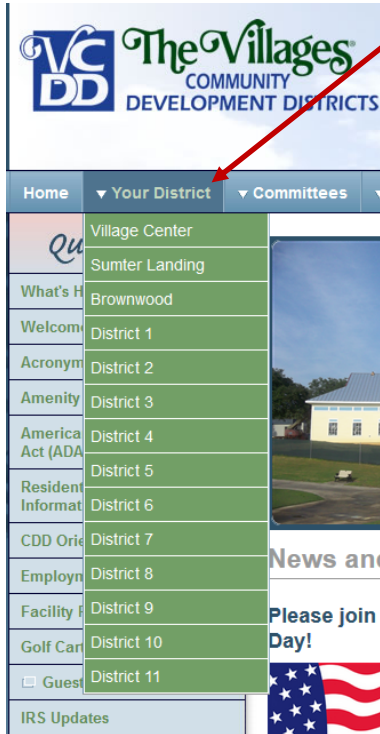
Have a wonderful week, and I hope you'll come back again next week to Our Place.

Navigating www.DistrictGov.org

Each week we will begin highlighting different services available on the website, www.DistrictGov.org. This week's feature outlines the information available for each of the 15 Special Districts in The Villages.

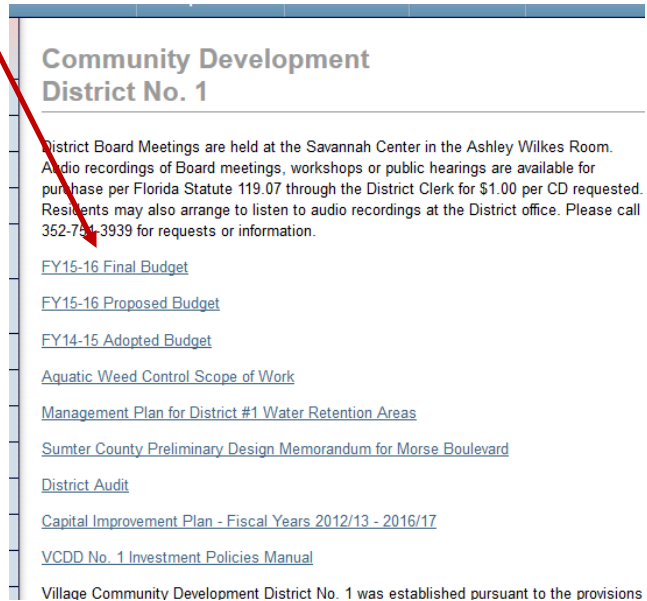
The 14 Community Development Districts and the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District each have their own webpage with the following information available:

1. On www.DistrictGov.org, select the 'Your District' menu.

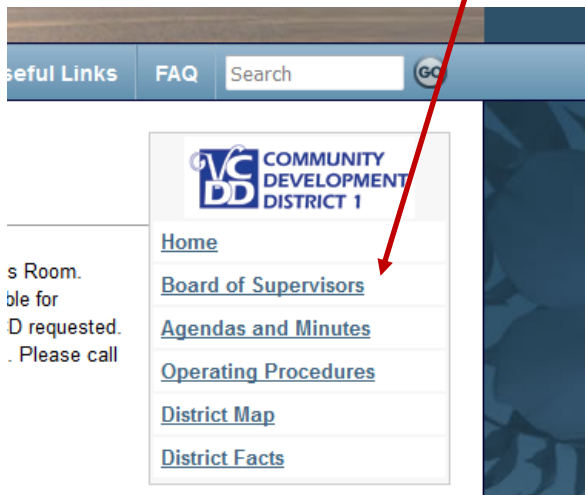


2. The following information is available on the main page for each District:

- Final Budget
- Audit
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Investment Policies Manual



3. You can also view all of the meeting agendas and minutes, contact information for the Board Supervisors and District facts.



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

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YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

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2015

20th Anniversary



WORKING TO SERVE YOUR HOMETOWN

GOVERNMENT DAY

Over 70 Agencies • State of Florida • Lake, Sumter, Marion Local Governments

The Villages® Community
Development District Departments

Local, State
& Federal Offices

USF Health in
The Villages® community

Seniors vs Crimes

SW Florida Water
Management District

Retired and Senior
Volunteer Program

SATURDAY

NOV 7

10am-1pm

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EISENHOWER

Regional Recreation Center
3560 Buena Vista Blvd.
The Villages • 674-8390

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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!

Learn all about your local, state and federal government agencies. Plan to attend...
gather information and have your questions answered by the experts!

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Information provided by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office



ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKES & COFFEE
Served with 2 Sausages &
1 Glass of Orange Juice
\$6.00 Donation

Hosted by: RJ Gators Restaurant
Located at: 1015 Lake Shore Drive, The Villages
Saturday October 24, 2015
7:00 am to 10:00 am

Please come and support our fundraiser to benefit the
Sumter County Sheriff's Office
"Kids, Cops & Christmas"
program.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office will also host
"Operation Medicine Cabinet"
a program to collect unused medications.

For questions please contact the Sheriff's Annex
352-689-4600

**Please get your tickets in advance at the Sheriff's
Annex located at CR 466 & Morse Blvd.**