

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

September 30, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News

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(352) 751-3939**

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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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El Santiago Update

The exterior of the building and site work is substantially complete. The landscaping is complete. The Mechanical and Electrical systems are substantially complete and being tested. All plumbing fixtures are scheduled to be installed and complete this week. Audio / Visual systems are being installed and tested and the interior finishes are nearing 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 Family Pool**

The Paradise pool will be closed through October 4th.

⇒ **Paradise Archery Range**

The Paradise Archery Range will be closed through October 2nd.

⇒ **Colony Cottage—Parlor Stage Maintenance**

The Parlor Stage will be closed for reconditioning through October 2nd.

⇒ **Eisenhower Sports Pool**

The Eisenhower Sports Pool will be closed through October 4th.



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.





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Recreation



The Villages Resident

Italian American Parade

Benvenuti Amici... Welcome Friends

Come out and celebrate 'Italian-Style!'



Parade Sponsored By www.districtgov.org

PARADE
STARTS AT
3:30PM



TUESDAY ~ OCTOBER 6

For more information call Frank Truglio 352-391-1740 / TheTrugs@gmail.com

*please
join us*



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German American Parade

Wunderbare Freunde... Welcome Friends

'Roll Out the Barrel' with us!



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PARADE
STARTS AT
3:30PM



TUESDAY ~ OCTOBER 20

For more information call Kirk Fruendt 352-350-6533 / Kfreundt1@aol.com

A Message From...

The Villages® Community Development Districts Executive Golf



October 2015 Turf Talk

On Wednesday, the 23rd of September, the calendar said it was the first day of fall. On that day many courses received a little over ½ inch of rain and overnight temperatures fell to 68 degrees. That was a great way to start our first fall day and transition our golf courses into the month of October.

In this upcoming month, our golf management community will be preparing for the busy months of winter play. Our golf maintenance contractors will be starting their fall overseeding of the golf course this month as well.

Please remember the courses will have the normal 3 day closures for overseed and several blocked tee time periods for overseed irrigation and establishment. This will ensure superintendents get their proper amounts of seeding completed on all greens and tees. Along with tees and greens, this year we will again be including the additional areas of Par 4 fairways on your Executive courses. After 21 to 28 days with proper weather your courses overseed should be fully established and your playing conditions should be everything you ask for as a player through the winter months.

Please Remember also if you see players not on tees ahead of you and gaps in your tee times, the starter may be holding some tee times open to facilitate the superintendents watering cycle for these overseeded areas. Please be patient.



Silver Lake
Hill Top
De La Vista
Chula Vista
Mira Mesa
El Diablo
El Santiago
Saddlebrook
Hawks Bay
Walnut Grove
Briarwood
Amberwood
Oakleigh
Pimlico
Churchill
Belmont

Yankee Clipper
Southern Star
Bonita Pass
Red Fish Run
Tarpon Boil
Heron
Pelican
Bogart
Bacall
Sandhill
Turtle Mound
Truman
Roosevelt
Palmetto
Sweetgum
Mangrove
Volusia
Escambia
Okeechobee
Sarasota

TURF TIP:

Overseeding-

The process of planting seed into existing turf grass. We use this process to establish cool season grasses that grow better in and during cooler temperatures than our warm season grasses here in Florida. This enhances your playing satisfaction by supplying smoother playing surfaces and more colorful playing conditions

Executive Golf Course Up-Dates and News October 2015
Turf Talk by Eric Van Gorder Director of Executive Golf Maintenance
352-753-3396 • Eric.VanGorder@Districtgov.org
www.Districtgov.org • www.GolfTheVillages.com

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

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2015

20th Anniversary



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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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LOCATION

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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

9.11

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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To ensure the safety and comfort of all residents and employees, only service animals are permitted in District facilities. This includes all administrative offices located in Lake Sumter Landing, Community Watch, Public Safety, Recreation Centers and Fitness Centers. Signage is located on the recreation centers and is currently being installed on all administrative buildings. We appreciate your help in making our facilities safe, comfortable and clean for everyone to enjoy!

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Business Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Service Animals Only

Thank You.

For assistance after hours:
please contact Community Watch
(352) 753-0550

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Clerk

During this time of the year the Boards adopt their meeting schedule for the upcoming fiscal year and this year some Boards have made a change to the date, time and location of their meetings. Effective with their October Board Meeting, the District 7 Board will no longer meet on the third Friday of the month and will now meet on the Thursday before the second Friday (October 8, 2015) at 8:00 a.m. in the District Office Board Room located at 984 Old Mill Run. Also, effective with their October 16th 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 also be relocating their meetings to the District Office Board Room. This move will free up additional recreational meeting space at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center for resident usage just in time for high season! For additional meeting times, please visit www.DistrictGov.org.

Community Watch offers programs to ensure residents' peace of mind

Hello and greetings from Community Watch. Our dedicated staff has had a very busy summer serving our residents and visitors. I have yet to experience the "peak" season here in The Villages, but I understand from several of my staff that things will get even busier for us as we accomplish our primary responsibilities and respond to resident's requests for assistance.

Please be assured that we will continue to do our best to make The Villages the best community in which to live and play.

Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to meet with several different community groups to discuss the Community Watch organization and the services we provide.

Of course, our mission statement, "To provide a safe community for Villages residents by keeping a watchful eye around the clock," is discussed, and I also cite several examples to show how we go about fulfilling that mission statement.

I always am excited about sharing our good work with our residents and I welcome the opportunity to present the Community Watch story to any community group interested in having me attend one of their meetings. I can be reached by calling the Community Watch office at 750-8201.

Today, I want to describe three programs that we provide to our residents to make their lives a little more carefree.

House Checks

If you will be away from your Villages home for seven days or more, you can arrange for a Community Watch patrol driver to check your home three times during the week at different times of the day.



BILL ELLIOTT
COLUMNIST

You must register with us by completing a form at the Community Watch office at 1135 Bonita Blvd. Some of the information recorded on the form includes your contact information while you are away and a possible house key-holder in or around your neighborhood who can be contacted in case of emergency. The fee for this service is a little more than \$5 per week.

When a Community Watch patrol driver visits your home, he or she will walk the perimeter of your home to make sure everything is as it should be. If there are any signs of a problem, such as a broken window or door, the driver immediately will contact local law enforcement to investigate.

The Community Watch driver will not enter your home. At some point, the house key-holder listed on the registration form may be contacted to assist law enforcement. A Community Watch dispatcher also will call you at the contact number listed on your registration to advise you of the situation involving your home.

This is a very popular program for our residents. Community Watch personnel perform an average of 800 house checks per month, with the summer months being the busiest time (approximately 1,500 house checks in June, July and August).

Adult Watch

The Adult Watch program is a

free service that offers a sense of reassurance for our residents. Villages residents who participate in this program will receive phone calls from Community Watch dispatch personnel at times that are designated by the resident. The purpose of the call is to check on the well-being of the resident.

The Adult Watch program is easy to use. As a Villages resident, you need only to complete the necessary form and indicate the days of the week and the time of the day that you wish to be contacted.

Also listed on the form are emergency contacts and their phone numbers. If there is no response when a call is placed, Community Watch dispatch will attempt to reach the emergency contacts listed on the registration form to determine the whereabouts of the resident.

If needed, a Community Watch patrol driver will be dispatched to the residence along with a local law enforcement official.

Adult Watch has been an excellent service to our residents, especially those who are recovering from a medical procedure and appreciate a call to check on their well-being.

However, we do ask that if you are going to be leaving home on vacation, please let us know so that we don't spend hours searching for you only to learn that you are visiting your grandchildren in another state.

Resident Out of Area

Similar to the House Check program, the Resident Out of Area program is a way for residents who are away for more than seven days to be notified if there is a significant event that damages their Villages home.

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This is a free service and only requires the resident to register with us and provide the necessary emergency contact

information if needed. This is a helpful program in the event of bad weather that may include high winds, heavy rains and power outages, which of course happens a fair amount of time here in Central Florida.

That is a brief description of the three programs we offer. If you have any questions about the programs or any other services that we provide, please contact us.

To register for any of the three

programs I have described, you either can come into our office at 1135 Bonita Blvd (this is required for the House Check program); call us at 750-8201 or visit our webpage at district.gov.org. Take care and please be safe

while you are enjoying your wonderful lifestyle here in The Villages.

Bill Elliott is the division chief for Community Watch. He can be reached at 750-8201.

Navigating www.DistrictGov.org

Each week we are highlighting different services available on the website, www.DistrictGov.org. This week's feature introduces you to What's Happening!

The What's Happening section of the website is updated daily with information pertaining to what's going in your community.

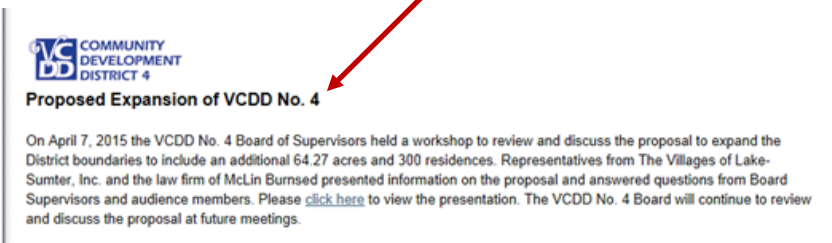
1. On www.DistrictGov.org, select the 'What's Happening' quick link.



2. View General Information to learn about community wide information



3. View information specific to your District and closures occurring in recreation centers in your area



4. Remember to check back daily for additional updates!

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.**