

# Welcome Wednesday News

### Contact Us:

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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.**

**\*\* Please note CDD Orientation is cancelled on 11/26/2015**



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

⇒ **El Santiago Recreation Center**

The El Santiago Recreation Center parking lot is being resurfaced November 20th and November 21st. During this time, all outdoor activities including the pool, all courts and picnic pavilions will be closed.

⇒ **SeaBreeze Platform Tennis Courts**

The SeaBreeze Recreation Center Platform Tennis Courts will be closed through November 20th for resurfacing.

⇒ **Pinellas Pool**

The Pinellas Neighborhood Pool will be closed for refinishing November 30th through December 5th.

⇒ **Captiva Pool**

The Captiva Pool will be closed for deck refinishing until November 22nd.

**Phone Books**

As you receive your new phone books, please refrain from placing the old ones at the postal facilities. Please keep our community clean by placing your old phone books out for collection on your regular home collection day.



## A Message From...

### HOLIDAY DECORATION POLICY

**OVERVIEW:** The District will allow the Gate Houses and Village/Villa entry sign walls to be decorated by resident groups. This excludes postal stations. Residents must submit a design to District Property Management, 1071 Canal Street, prior to installation. Once approval has been given, decorations can be installed no earlier than December 1, 2015. Please contact District Property Management at 352-753-4022 for additional information.

#### **Specifications for Village/Villa Entry Wall Decorations:**

Green garland, green wreaths (maximum 3' in width, not to obscure sign wall lettering) and red bows are acceptable decorations.

Only wire, rope or cord can be used to display holiday decorations from entry walls.

No nails, screws, tape or any other material that would break, peel or penetrate the surface, lights (electric or battery), statues or colored ribbon other than red are permitted.

#### **Specifications for Gate House Decorations:**

One green wreath with a red bow (maximum 3' in width) may be placed on the entrance and exit side of the Gate House.

No nails, screws, tape or any other material that would break, peel or penetrate the surface, or lights (electric or battery) are permitted.



## A Message From...

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# GRAND OPENING

## El Santiago Village Recreation Center

Wednesday December 16th

### Ribbon Cutting 2pm

- Tour This Beautiful New Facility
- Attend the EXPO and Learn About Various Resident Lifestyle Groups
- See What This Facility Has to Offer You!



### Sock Hop 3pm - 5pm

- Take Off Your Shoes, Leave Your Socks On & Dance Away to the Music of DJ Ric Mitchell
- Light Refreshments Provided

For More Information  
Call (352)674-1800  
or visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org)

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### El Diablo & El Santiago Traffic Update

Due to the planned upcoming parking lot resurfacing on Friday, November 20, 2015 and Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the El Santiago Recreation Center, the El Diablo and El Santiago Executive Golf Courses will be rerouting traffic to accommodate golfers to the starter building. The point of entry/exit will be relocated to the right side of the main entry on Enrique and the recreation center. A sign will be placed at the street entry way off of Enrique showing the entry/exit point directing golfers to the starter shack. This path will be clearly marked along #8 Diablo and adjoining the cart path at the practice green to the starter building where normal traffic will resume.

# Did You Know...

## **Villa Road Resurfacing**

Resurfacing will be taking place on many of the villa roads in Districts 5 & 6 October 2015 through May 2016. A tentative work schedule can be found below. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. Each home impacted by this work will be notified exactly when the work is scheduled to take place in their area along with specific safety instructions. Please use caution and follow all directional signage and workers. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

Carlton & Hampton - November 16 - 20, 2015  
Janeann & Natalie – November 30 – December 4, 2015  
Alexa & Audrey – December 7 – 11, 2015  
Cherry Vale & Heritage – December 14 – 18, 2015  
Ezell & Inglewood – January 11 – 15, 2016  
Cherry Hill & Hialeah – January 18 - 22, 2016  
Clifton – January 25 - 29, 2016  
Clayton & Swainwood – February 8 - 12, 2016  
Bellamy & Jasper – February 15 - 19, 2016  
Chesterfield & Mount Vernon – February 22 - 29, 2016  
Eagle Ridge – February 22 - 29, 2016

## **TURTLE MOUND WATER STORAGE TANK PRESSURE WASHING AND PAINTING**



The District Utilities Department, contracting with Utility Service Group, will begin pressure washing and painting the water tower located at 2649 Buena Vista Boulevard (Turtle Mound) on November 19, 2015. Pressure washing will last for 1 to 2 days and surface preparation and painting procedures will begin immediately following, and will take approximately 5 to 7 days.

Pressure washing will involve water only; however a very mild non-harmful chlorine solution may be utilized to eliminate existing algae. This is non-hazardous to the public or surroundings and is 100% Biodegradable. Painting will involve a special type of rolling procedure, no spraying of paint will be allowed.

**For your safety, please refrain from accessing any District property near this location while this work is being completed.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Terry Austin in District Administration at 352-751-3939 or email [Terry.Austin@districtgov.org](mailto:Terry.Austin@districtgov.org).

## A Message From...

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Finance



Effective with the billing for the service period beginning October 1, 2015, there was a scheduled 2.5% increase in both the base rates and usage rates for water and sewer for Little Sumter Service Area (LSSA), Village Center Service Area (VCSA), and North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD) customers. This increase will show in the November bills currently being mailed.

To learn more about how to evaluate water use based on home type, visit the Water Wisdom page of the District Website at [www.thevillageswaterwisdom.com](http://www.thevillageswaterwisdom.com).

# The Villages®

Community Development Districts  
Office of Management and Budget

### **Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Amended Budget Process**

The Office of Management & Budget staff has been busy working on the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Amended Budget Process. Staff reviews all of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 income statements on a weekly and sometimes daily basis to ensure that the actual expenditures are within budget appropriations. All final budget adjustments requiring Board approval will need to be provided to the Board during their November board meetings in accordance with State Statutes.



# Navigating www.DistrictGov.org

Each week we are highlighting different services available on the website, www.DistrictGov.org. This week's feature includes obtaining information on resident lifestyle volunteer groups.

**1. On www.DistrictGov.org, select the 'Recreation' link on the Department drop down menu.**

**2. Hover over the 'Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Information' quick link to view the pop-up menu:**



**3. Choose the link with the information you are looking for!**

**4. By clicking on the 'Club Contacts' link, you will have the opportunity to view an alphabetical listing of all Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Groups within The Villages!**

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## Company Listing Report (Detail)

10/21/2015  
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Event Types: Media Exceptions; Off Site; Permanent Outdoor; Recreation; Resident Lifestyle Group; Sanctioned Health; Support Group

Sorted By: Company Name

Company Name	Full Address	Geographic Area	Phone 1	Phone 2	Phone 3
2012 Discussion Group 2&4W@3P Bridgeport	Richard Matwyszen 819 Santa Rita Way The Villages, FL 32159	Resident Lifestyle Group	(352) 751-0365		
26er's Club 2ndM Even Mo. @6P La Hacienda	Nancy Shephard 1354 Augustine Drive The Villages, FL 32159	Resident Lifestyle Group	(352) 750-9642		
2nd Honeymoon Club 1stM @7:30P Savannah	Mitchell Sheinbaum 1304 Iberia Court The Villages, FL 32162	Resident Lifestyle Group	(352) 751-4138		
4 O'Clock Club 1stW@4PM Chula Vista	Richard Petulla 518 Chula Vista Ave The Villages, FL 32159	Resident Lifestyle Group	(352) 750-5641		
A Capella Sing Along 2&4W @1P Laurel Manor	Mark Chatfield 1277 Weaton Ct The Villages, FL 32162	Resident Lifestyle Group	(352) 751-3892		
A New Vibrant You 2ndTU@7PM La Hacienda	Richard Matwyszen 819 Santa Rita Way The Villages, FL 32159	Resident Lifestyle Group	(352) 751-0365		

# Golf course upgrades keep grounds ready all year round

**T**hanksgiving is quickly approaching. This is the time of year when we start noticing the bigger swings (no pun intended) in weather, the clocks getting rolled back and our courses reaching their full playing potential following completion of summer projects. As we move into winter, many of the residents are returning to enjoy Florida weather and the lifestyle here in The Villages. Villages residents have the opportunity to experience and benefit from a variety of projects we completed this past summer. We are very excited to hear feedback regarding the changes and improvements made for the long-term enjoyment and sustainability of the courses.

This past summer we were able to recover, revitalize and renovate many areas on our executive courses. A reduction in the number of rounds played during the summer months provides us with a great opportunity to perform maintenance on the courses with limited inconvenience to the residents. The Villages is extremely unique and fortunate to have more than 324 holes of executive golf, which offers alternative golf courses to play on when maintenance is necessary. Closing courses for renovations, upgrades and general rest has ensured sustainable golf in our community. This past summer has been no different with renovations and continued upgrades. One of our accomplishments includes the renovations to



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the greens, tees, fairways and bunkers at De La Vista. Additionally, we have constructed a new practice green facility at Chula Vista and converted the existing area to a chipping facility, and have rebuilt the greens at Mira Mesa #9 and Hawks Bay #4. We also have worked on the development of a new green complex at Amberwood #5 to help us realize the true potential of a par 3 hole based on resident feedback and requests from the golfing community. These are just some of the many additions and improvements to perpetuate and sustain the courses now and into the future.

Remember, now is a time we depend on not only our maintenance contractors to ensure all our course conditions and new improvements are kept in order, but we also depend on our resident golfers. We need your help to maintain our courses during the cooler months when we do not have bi-weekly closures. There are several ways our residents can play a considerable part in our maintenance process.

During the upcoming fall and winter months with over-seeded greens, tees and

fairways, the ground is much softer and prone to more divots and ball marks. We as golf professionals in the industry can do a lot, but we need your cooperation to maintain the exceptional condition on the executive courses. Repairing ball marks, fixing divots, and raking bunkers are all part of good golf etiquette.

In your "Good Golf Guide," the executive courses are rated for difficulty on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being the friendliest and 4 being the most challenging. These ratings will help you pick your desired courses to play to meet your skill level and increase your enjoyment.

As your director of Executive Golf Maintenance, I want all of you to enjoy the courses over the winter holidays and for many years to come.

As always, feel free to introduce yourself when you see me on the courses. My contact information is posted at every VCDD executive starter building. The "Good Golf Guide" can be picked up at your local Villages Pro Shop and tee time offices at the La Rena building.

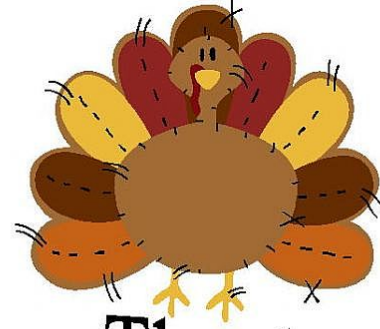
And, feel free to contact me with any concerns or comments.

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

*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).*



# Holiday Closures and Cancellations



## Happy Thanksgiving

- ◆ The District Customer Service Center and all District Administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015 and Friday, November 27, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Welcome Wednesday is cancelled on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.
- ◆ CDD Orientation is cancelled on Thursday, November 26, 2015.
- ◆ All recreation centers will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015—the outdoor facilities, swimming pools and the Silver Lake & Saddlebrook Billiards will remain open for your enjoyment.
- ◆ Guest ID Card & Trail Fee services will be available from 8am—12pm at La Hacienda, Lake Miona & Eisenhower Regional Recreation Centers Friday, November 27th through Sunday, November 29th.

### ◆ **Thanksgiving Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule**

No sanitation collections will be made on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015 for those residents residing in the Sumter & Marion County portion of The Villages.

Household Trash and Recycling (for those with Thursday trash and/or recycling collection) will be collected on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**. **Please have bags out no later than 6:00 AM**. If you do not have Thursday collection, you will follow your normal schedule. For additional information, please visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).



# Information provided by Marion County Sheriff's Office

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2015

# TOWN HALL

## Meeting

Please join Marion County's Sheriff Chris Blair at one of our upcoming Town Hall Meetings to learn about current happenings with Your Sheriff's Office!

**Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Villages Mulberry Recreation Center**  
**8445 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, The Villages, FL**

Please contact Jenifer Lowe for more information  
Ph: (352) 368-3598 / Cell: (352) 843-3823  
jlowe@marionso.com



*Meetings are free and open to the public  
unless otherwise noted.*

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