

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

December 16, 2015

11:00 A.M.

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.

**** CDD Orientation is cancelled on 12/24/15 & 12/31/15****

Holiday Closures and Cancellations

- ◇ The District Customer Service Center , District Administrative offices and recreation centers will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016. All recreation outdoor facilities will remain open for your enjoyment.
- ◇ Welcome Wednesday is cancelled on December 23, 2015 and December 30, 2015
- ◇ CDD Orientation is cancelled on December 24, 2015 and December 31, 2015



- ◇ Residents who reside in the Sumter County, Marion County and Fruitland Park portions of The Villages will not have sanitation collection on Friday, December 25, 2015 or Friday, January 1, 2016.

Household trash and recycling (for those residents with Friday trash and/or recycling collection) will be collected on **Saturday, December 26th and Saturday, January 2nd**. Please have your bags out no later than 6:00am. All others will follow your normal collection schedule. For additional information, please visit www.DistrictGov.org.

*** We wish you a safe & happy holiday!! ***





The following facilities will be closed or have scheduled maintenance on the dates noted this week:

⇒ **Paradise Fitness Trail**

Oak Loop at the Paradise Fitness Trail and Equipment will be closed December 14th through December 18th for maintenance.

⇒ **Softball Complex**

The Buffalo Glen, Knudson, Saddlebrook & Soaring Eagle Softball Complexes will be closed until December 27th for scheduled maintenance.

⇒ **Chula Vista Bocce Court**

The Chula Vista Bocce Courts are closed through December 18th.

⇒ **Allamanda Recreation Center**

The Allamanda Recreation Center will be closed on Sunday, December 27th for quarterly maintenance. Outdoor facilities will remain open.

⇒ **Churchill Recreation Center**

The Lindsey Paddock Room will be closed for floor maintenance on December 29th.

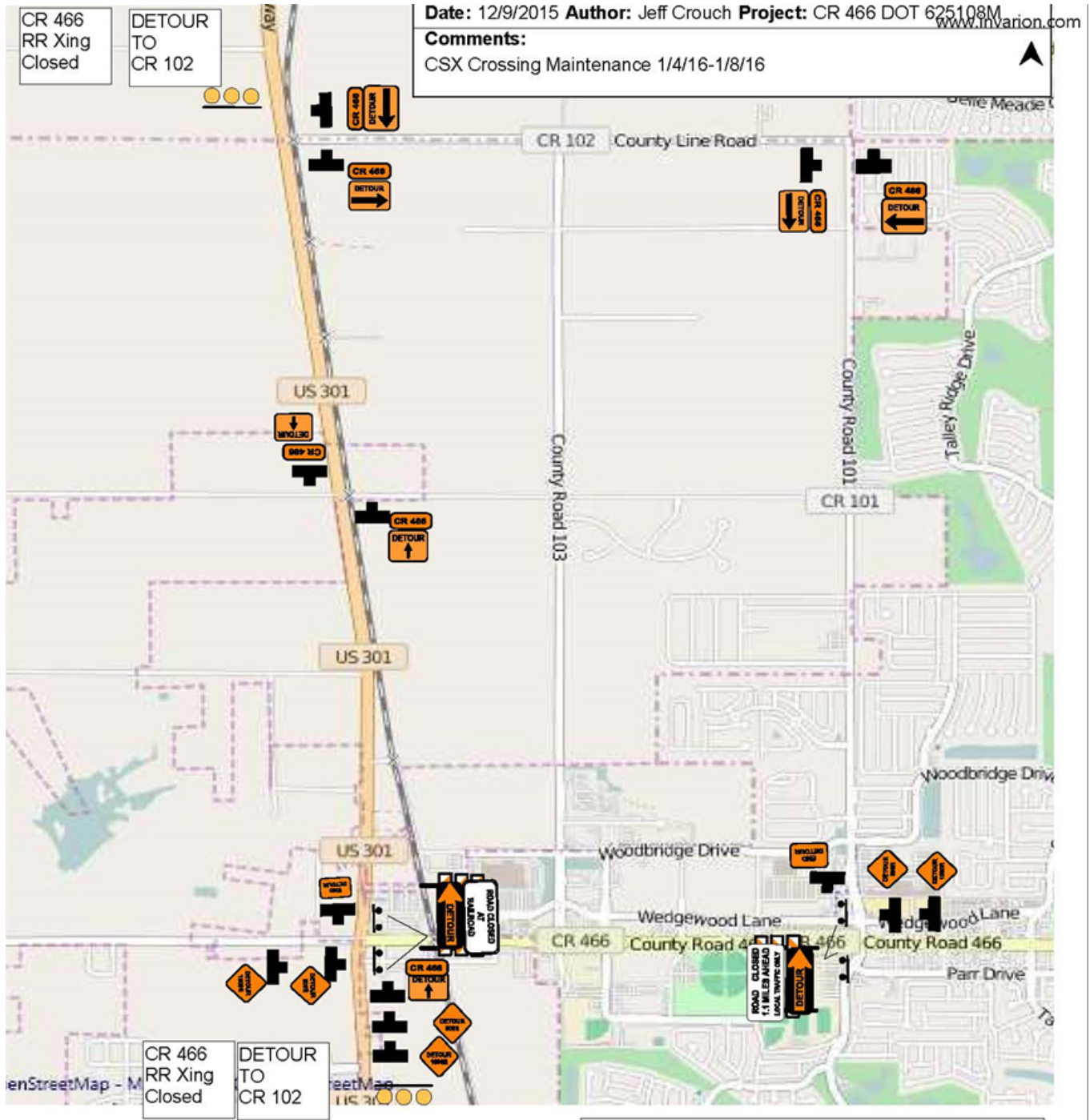
⇒ **Captiva Shuffleboard Courts**

The Captiva Shuffleboard Courts will be closed for resurfacing until December 18th.

Bridge Closure

The bridge on the multimodal path along Glenview Drive is currently closed for repairs. Please use Glenview Drive while the work is completed. Please use caution in this area and contact District Property Management with any questions or concerns.

Did You Know continued...

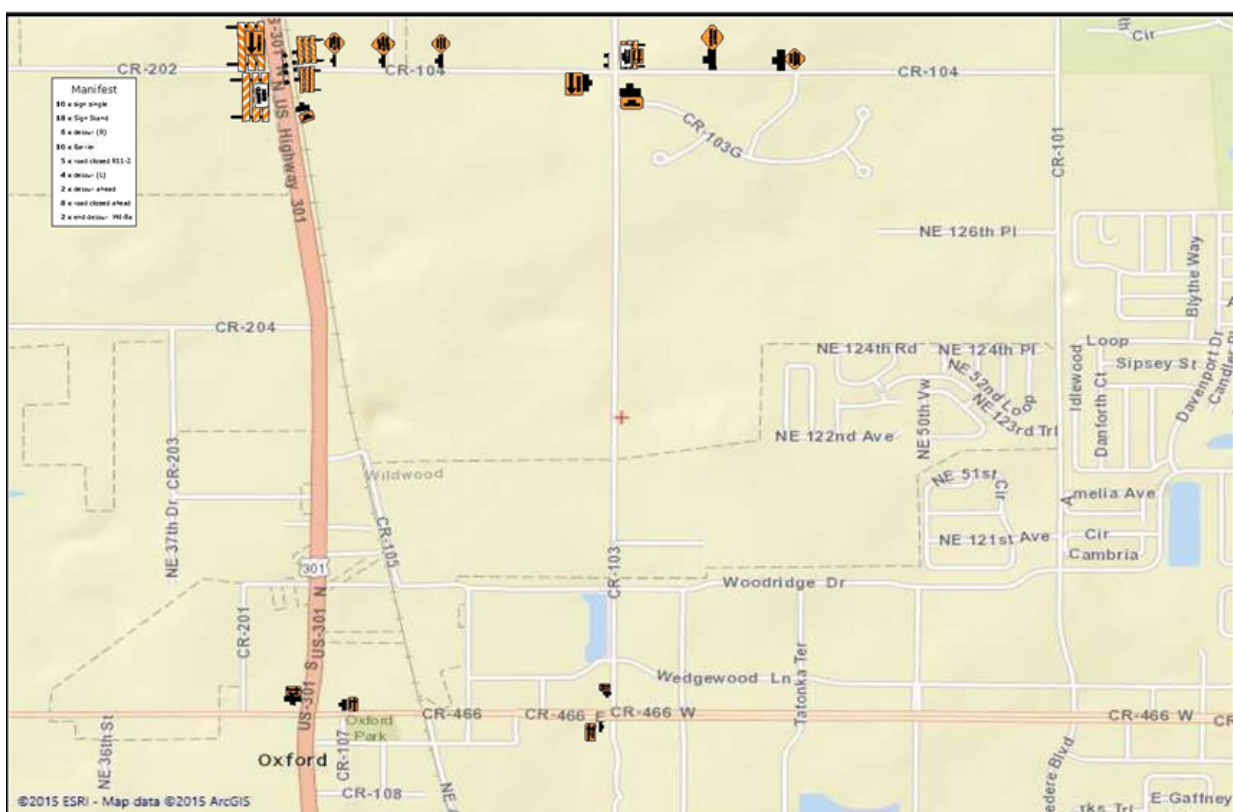
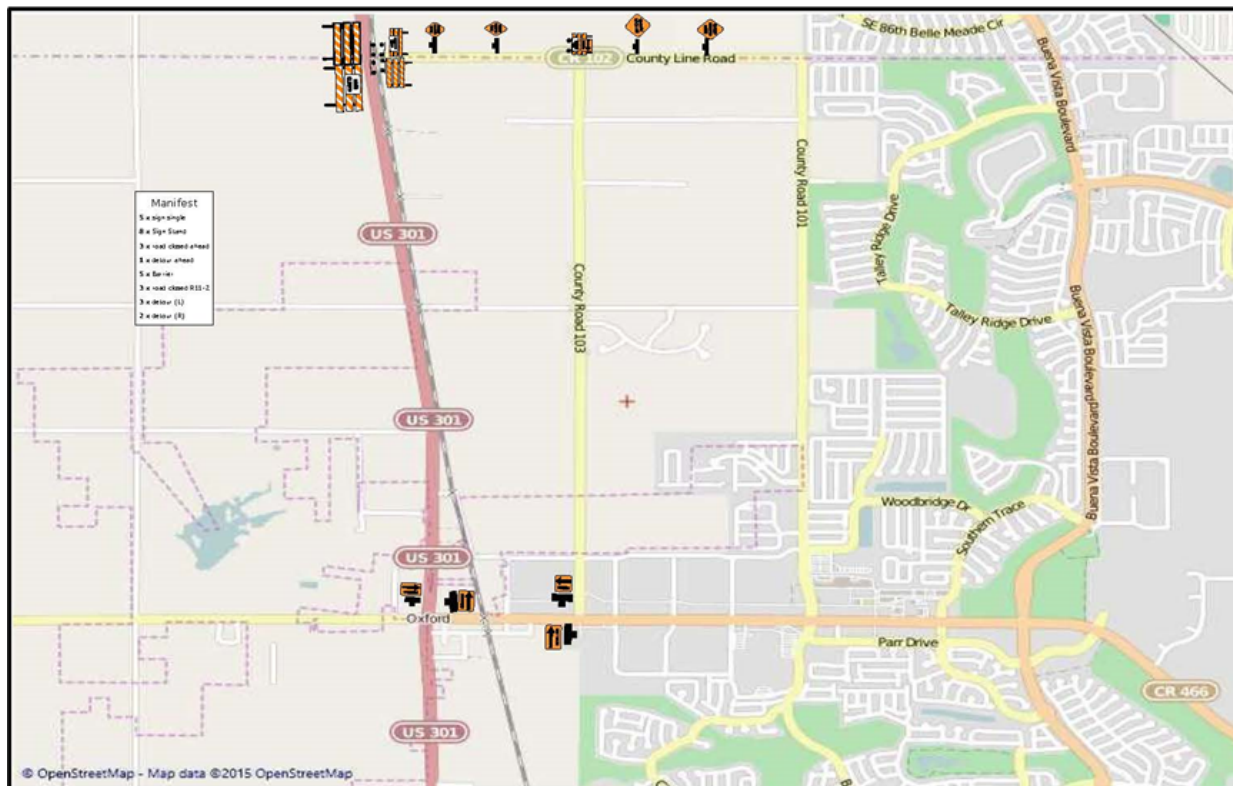


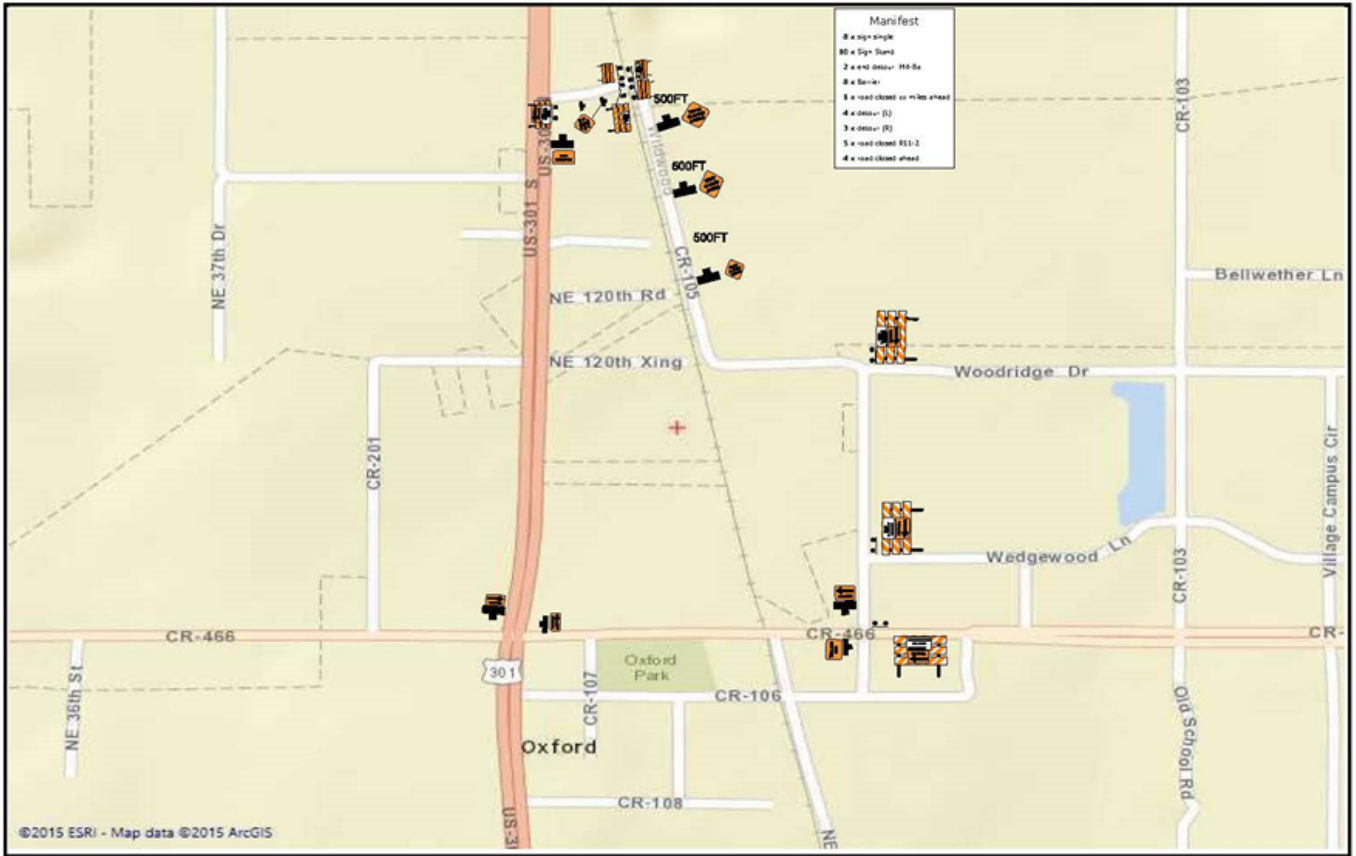
Double notification will be used for all signs placed on 4 lane roads in accordance with MUTCD and FL Index 600.

Driveway (NE 42 Blvd) will be accessible, or resident will be notified if it needs to be blocked off on CR 466 end.

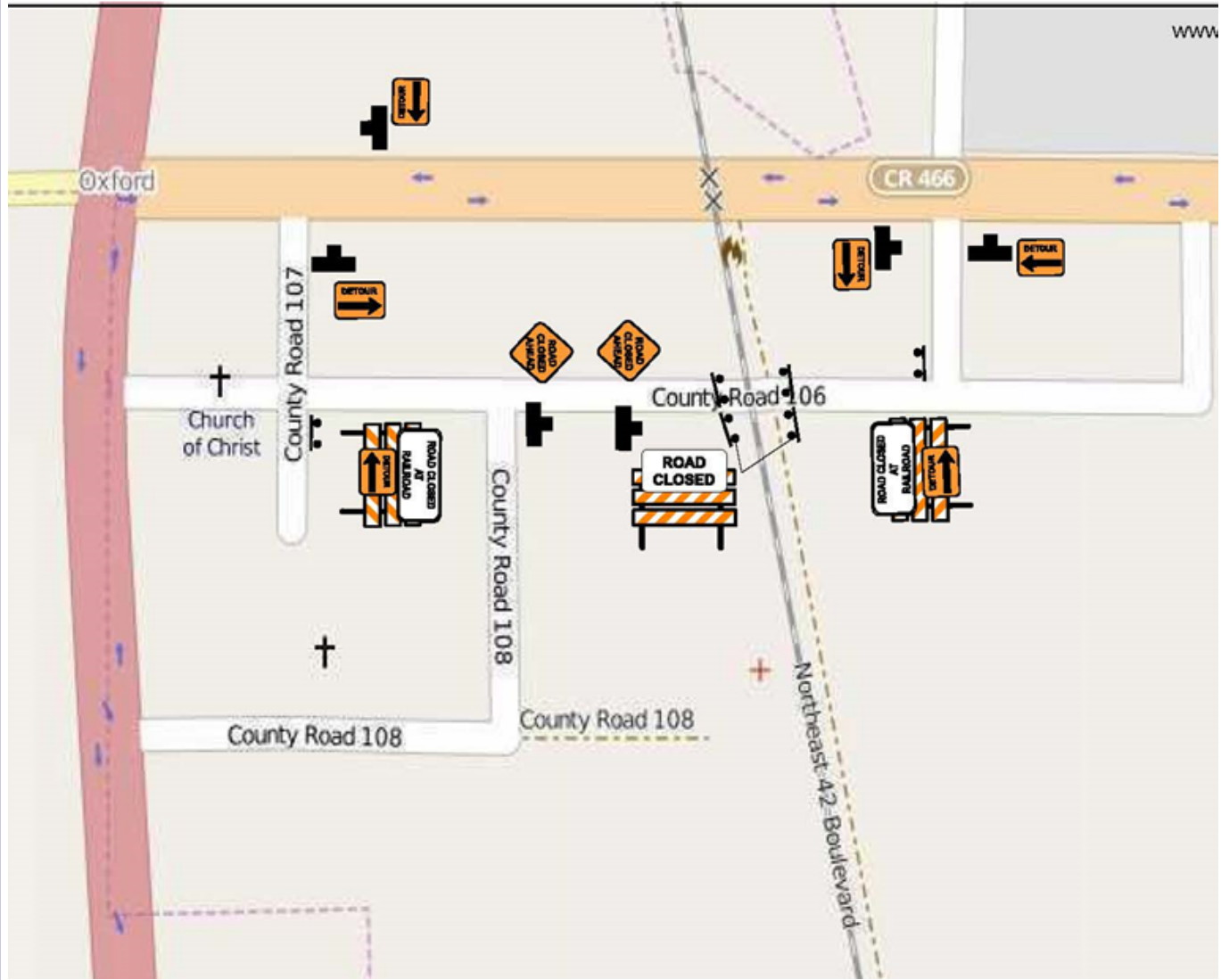
Sign placement will ensure driver visibility from all intersections at all times.

CSX will be performing maintenance on the railroad tracks several intersections along Hwy 301 beginning in January. In addition to the closing of CR 466, it will also impact other roads. Maps for the detour paths are included in the following pages.





CR 110 has residents on both sides of the crossing with access to CR 472 and US 301 respectively.



A Message From...



Community Development Districts

Property Management

Villa Road Resurfacing

Resurfacing will be taking place on many of the villa roads in Districts 5 & 6. 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.

Alexa & Audrey – March 7 – 11, 2016

Cherry Vale & Heritage – March 14 – 18, 2016

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



Community Development Districts

Office of Management and Budget

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As our FY14-15 Budget process winds to an end, we will be providing carryforward resolutions in December and January to the pertinent District Boards for adoption. The carryforward process allows the District to move unspent appropriated funds for approved items or projects that were not completed or entirely paid for in FY2014-15 to FY2015-16.

Did You Know...



North Sumter County
UTILITY
Dependent District

Pressure Washing and Painting will begin on the Water Tower located on Laurel Manor Drive Saturday, December 19th and continue through December 30th. For your safety, please refrain from accessing any District property near this location while this work is being completed. For your convenience and safety, Transportation Path's will be detoured during this time.

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



What's Happening in Your District...



NOTICE OF VACANCIES VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Village Community Development District No. 6 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling two vacant seats on the District Board:

Seat 3 was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor. The remainder of the existing four (4) year term for the vacated Seat will expire in November 2016.

Seat 4 was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor. The remainder of the existing four (4) year term for the vacated Seat will expire in November 2018.

Any interested applicants must be a qualified elector which is defined by Florida Statute 190 as "any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the district land is located". To obtain additional information or request an application you may contact Jennifer McQueary, District Clerk at (352) 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the applications on the www.districtgov.org website.

**Applications must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than
5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2016
at the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages.**

****Please note: If you are interested in submitting your name for both vacant seats an application for each seat must be submitted to the District Clerk.****

The Board of Supervisors will interview applicants at a Special Board Meeting to be held on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the **District Office Board Room, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL.**

What's Happening in Your District...



NOTICE OF VACANCY VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Village Community Development District No. 1 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling Seat 4, which was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor. The remainder of the existing four (4) year term for the vacated Seat will expire in November 2018.

Any interested applicants must be a qualified elector which is defined by Florida Statute 190 as "any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the district land is located". To obtain additional information or request an application you may contact Jennifer McQueary, District Clerk at (352) 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the application on the www.districtgov.org website.

**Applications must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than
5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016
at the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages.**

The Board of Supervisors will interview applicants at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting to be held on **Friday, February 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.** in the **Ashley Wilkes Room of the Savannah Center Regional Recreation Center, 1545 Buena Vista Boulevard, The Villages, FL.**

A Message From...

FRPA Journal

Facilities Showcase Issue

The Villages® Community Development Districts Recreation

Check out page 27, Winter issue of the FRPA Journal. Three of the VCDD recreation areas/facilities have been featured in the Facility Showcase. Truly a GREAT place with so much to offer!

The Villages Recreation Department

Director	John Rohan
Project	Paradise Park
Cost	\$1.1 million
Size	3 acres
Architect	Michael Pape & Associates, Ocala
Engineer	Kimly-Horn & Associates Inc., Ocala
Contractor	Down-To-Earth, Mount Dora

The Villages created Paradise Park to provide its residents with additional green space and park area to enjoy. The Villages' Amenity Authority Committee, Community Development District Board, resident lifestyle volunteer groups and residents all worked together on the park's design and construction.

The new Paradise Park offers many amenities for The Villages' residents and their guests. They can enjoy strolling or jogging among the large live oak trees as they travel along a rubberized walking trail that surrounds and cuts through the park. Along the way, people intent on staying in shape can take advantage of one of the nine outdoor fitness stations for additional exercising opportunities. Those in the mood for a game of chess or checkers can sit on a stone bench as they take on a challenger at one of the park's concrete game boards. Residents' canine companions were not been forgotten during planning for the park. They can now play in the newly renovated dog park shaded by the large live oaks.

Project funding came from The Villages Recreation Amenity Capital Fund.



BB1 – A rubberized walking trail takes visitors around and through the beautifully landscaped spaces of Paradise Park.
BB2 – Large live oak trees provide dappled shade at many locations throughout the park.
BB3 – More fun with a friend: park visitors can stay in shape by taking advantage of nine different exercise stations along the walking trail.
Photo credits – The Villages Daily Sun.

The Villages Recreation Department

Director	John Rohan
Project	Soaring Eagle Softball Complex & Air Gun Range
Cost	\$2 million
Size	36,000 square feet
Architect	KP Studios, Ocala
Engineer	EBS Inc.
Contractor	David Construction Alliance LLC, Ocala

The Villages built the Soaring Eagle Softball Complex & Air Gun Range as part of its community master plan. The Villages, The Village Community Development District, the Recreation Department, resident lifestyle volunteer groups and residents all collaborated on its design and construction. The lifestyle volunteer groups and resident focus groups provided design, programming and equipment suggestions for the new facility.

The new softball complex offers two fields, picnic benches, bleachers, electronic scoreboards and a scoring tower equipped with WiFi for the scorekeepers. Bulletin boards provide information about upcoming events and help residents keep track of recreation and neighborhood league play schedules and team standings.

The air gun range has five stations for residents and their guest to enjoy target practice. They can assemble their air gun rifles at a convenient counter, wait their turn on one of the benches under the shaded structure or check the bulletin boards for information about upcoming events and shooting times during the week.



CC1 – Construction of the Soaring Eagle Softball Complex & Air Gun Range was part of The Village's community master plan. This WiFi-equipped scoring tower makes it easy for softball officials to monitor the games.
CC2 – The softball complex features two fields, picnic benches, bleachers and an electronic scoreboard.
CC3 – After assembling their air guns on a convenient counter, air gun users can aim at targets from one of the range's 15 stations.
Photo Credits – The Villages Daily Sun.

The Villages Recreation Department

Director	John Rohan
Project	Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center
Cost	\$1.5 million
Size	6,280 square feet
Architect	KP Studio Architects PA, Ocala
Engineer	Farner Barley & Associates, Wildwood
Contractor	Mark Cook Builders Inc., Leesburg

In response to residents' desire for more recreational space, The Villages' Community Development District Board and Amenity Authority Committee allowed the creation of a new center that would better serve them. Resident lifestyle volunteer groups, residents, the Recreation Department staff and district staff all collaborated with them on the design of the new project.

Contractors demolished the old center and built a new, larger one in its place. The layout of the Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center gives residents more programming opportunities. It offers additional meeting rooms, a card room, a kitchen and a lobby area where residents and guests can gather to talk and enjoy the center's amenities. Outside they can play games of bocce, shuffleboard, tennis and horseshoes or share a picnic lunch in the pavilion.



DD1 – Residents of The Villages celebrate the grand opening of the larger Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center. It replaces a smaller center on the same site.
DD2 – The additional space in the center provides more opportunities for regular programming and special events.
DD3 – Interesting artwork adds to residents' enjoyment of the new center.
Photos courtesy of The Villages Sun.

Please Join Us!

The Villages®
Community Development Districts
Recreation

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**

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As part of our stewardship core value and safety, please park bicycles in designated areas/bike racks in the community. Please refrain from leaning or parking bicycles along storefront windows or any other area that may create a safety or facility concern.



A Message From...



Safety Reminders for the Holidays

Community Watch will be working around the clock throughout the holidays. We will be at full staffing levels in all phases of our operation: patrol, gate attendants, dispatch and gate ops.

A couple of safety reminders:

- If you will be away for the holidays, CW offers a house check program for your consideration. For a small fee, a CW patrol driver will walk the perimeter of your home 3 times per week. If something appears unusual, we will contact you, your neighbor, or law enforcement if necessary. At the very least, have a neighbor keep an eye on your home while you are away.
- Indoor lights on timers are a great way to give the impression that someone is home.
- Cancel paper deliveries or have your neighbor pick up your papers from the driveway.
- Track the delivery of your packages to be delivered to your home. Do not leave your packages sitting on your front doorstep for very long.

If you are having guests for the holidays that may be unfamiliar with The Villages, let them know that they can get assistance in the form of “word maps directions,” from any of the 21 manned gates. The attendants at the manned gates also have word map directions to neighborhoods behind unmanned gates. Please help us create a safe and happy environment for everyone this holiday season!



Practice patience this time of year and help out those who are lost

How many of us have taken time out of our busy schedules to call those relatives and friends who still live up North, to check on them and nonchalantly (or not) let them know that while they are dealing with freezing temperatures, snow and sleet, we are lucky enough to be enjoying temperatures in the upper 70s? Not to mention we're only two weeks from Christmas!

As long as you live in The Villages with our beautiful weather and surroundings, those phone calls never get old ... to us!

But because of this beautiful weather, sometimes when you live in The Villages the only way you know the holidays are approaching is when the holiday decorations appear at the village entrances, recreation centers and town squares.

While we can't give you snow, The Villages is truly one of the most beautiful places to be around the holidays (and all of the other days, too). I'd much rather see the beautiful green landscape and flowers compared to the white, slushy stuff any day!

I hope each of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and have begun to make holiday memories here in The Villages, whether it was shopping on Black Friday or attending the Christmas tree lightings at one or all three of the town squares.

No matter what background or faith you come from, the holidays are a very special time to enjoy family and friends and to remember all the special gifts in our lives.

Residents of The Villages also know that the holidays



JENNIFER
MCQUEARY
COLUMNIST

mean increased traffic and an increased number of guests traveling throughout the community. It's during this time of the year that we like to remind everyone to dig deep for their holiday cheer, and that patience is definitely a virtue. It will keep you on Santa's "nice" list, and it's also the best way to maintain your sanity!

Whether you are traveling along the roadways and roundabouts or along the multimodal paths on your golf cart, you inevitably will come across someone who may not know exactly where they are, or where the road is that they are looking for. Please remember the season and provide a helpful hand and a smile!

If you haven't already done so, and you and your neighbors are interested in decorating your village sign walls, please be sure to review the Holiday Decoration Policy on our website, districtgov.org.

In case you were thinking of attending a District board meeting, as I write this article, none of the boards have officially canceled their December board meetings. But please make sure to double check the districtgov.org website before you head to the meeting to make sure it still is being held.

This is also the location where you would review the electronic agenda for all upcoming board meetings.

The electronic agenda that is included on the website is exactly the same as what is provided to our board members.

In a time when people are looking for transparency in their government, look no further. The Village Community Development Districts are truly an open book.

While I'm not sure where each of you are originally from, the State of Florida is renowned for putting a high priority on the public's right of access to governmental meetings and records. These principles not only are embodied in the Florida Statutes but also are guaranteed in the State of Florida Constitution. I'm originally from Chicago – enough said.

Have you taken the opportunity to attend Welcome Wednesday yet? If you're not already aware, Welcome Wednesday is held at 11 a.m. every Wednesday in the District Office at 984 Old Mill Run in Lake Sumter Landing.

Each week you have the opportunity to spend "quality time" with staff and District supervisors, learn about ongoing projects and get all of your questions answered firsthand by the District departments.

I know not all of you will be shocked by this, but not everything you hear at the pool or on the golf course is the whole story. Stop by our office on Wednesday morning and you can receive the rest of the story. We'd love to see you.

Now that I've provided you with that open invitation, please keep in mind that

opportunity to wish all of the residents a very happy and healthy holiday season and let you know how very blessed each of us feel to be able to work in this wonderful community.

On a personal note, I would

like to wish a very Merry Christmas to our family here in The Villages, especially my parents, Tom and Kathy Farlow (Lime Grove Villas), my in-laws, Karen and Chuck Smith (Village of St. James), and to our close family

friends the Sealys (Village of St. James) and the Stoefflers (Village of Buttonwood).

Here's to a very happy, healthy and wonderful 2016!

Thank you for joining me this week and I hope you'll come back again next week

to Our Place.

Jennifer McQueary is the district clerk for the Village Community Development District. She can be reached at jennifer.mcqueary@districtgov.org or 751-6700.

we have canceled the Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 Welcome Wednesdays.

I would like to take this