

The Villages®

January 6, 2016

11:00 A.M.

Community Development Districts

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Welcome Wednesday News

Contact Us:

Customer Service
(352) 753-4508

Administration
(352) 751-3939

Community Standards
(352) 751-3912

Community Watch
(352) 753-0550

Property Management
(352) 753-4022

Finance
(352) 753-0421

Human Resources
(352) 674-1905

Public Safety
(352) 205-8280

Purchasing
(352) 751-6700

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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www.DistrictGov.org

2016 is bringing new opportunities for you to learn more about your District Government and what's happening in The Villages! We constantly strive to improve our communication and one way we do this is through our E-Notification system. To ensure we are meeting your needs as your District government, we are in the process of updating the E-Notification subscriptions available to you. If you have already signed up to receive E-Notifications, look for an email from us in the near future explaining the changes and giving you an opportunity to update your notifications with easy to follow steps. If you have not yet taken advantage of the chance to have us notify you about important notices and changes in the community, you can sign up to receive them by visiting www.DistrictGov.org and clicking on the 'Sign Up for E-Notifications' link. Please stay tuned to www.DistrictGov.org and future Welcome Wednesdays for more information!



As the number of residents increase in The Villages this time of year, please take a moment to ensure you are protecting yourself and others when travelling throughout the community at night. If you are walking or biking, wearing light and reflective clothing make it much easier for you to be seen in the evening and early morning hours. Carrying a flashlight or other flashing light will also make you more visible to vehicles travelling the community. It is important to be aware of your surroundings and when enjoying the multi-modal paths, SHARE the path with your fellow Villagers. Please take a moment to review some of the additional educational and safety materials we have available on www.DistrictGov.org pertaining to safety on the multi-modal paths and on golf carts. The Florida Department of Transportation also has information pertaining to pedestrian and bicycle safety as part of their **Alert Today Alive Tomorrow** campaign. Some of their educational materials can be found on the next two pages or by visiting their website. Help us make this a safe and enjoyable community for everyone!









SAFETY DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT.



www.AlertTodayFlorida.com

**WHEN DRIVING, WALKING,
OR BICYCLING...
PAY ATTENTION.
READ THE SIGNS.
LEARN THE RULES.**

AVOID DISTRACTIONS.   
 STOP BEFORE TURNING RIGHT ON RED.
 USE THE SIDEWALK AND CROSSWALKS.
 BICYCLE PREDICTABLY, WITH TRAFFIC.



 AlertTodayFlorida

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Obey all traffic laws. If no sidewalks are present, walk against the direction of traffic so you can see oncoming vehicles.

Always use the crosswalk. Push the button to get the walk signal.

Be visible. Wear bright, reflective colors on your clothes, shoes, belts and wristbands.



Avoid distractions while driving. Focus on the road.

Pass bicyclists safely. Allow at least three feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist.

Slow down! Speed is the cause of 32% of all fatal crashes.



Always wear a helmet. Ride in the same direction of traffic on the street. Obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

Yield to traffic when appropriate. It's better to yield than "be in the right" and risk injury.

Be visible. Position yourself in the lane so others can easily see you. Always use a headlight and taillight at night.



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

⇒ **Savannah Center Sports Pool**

The Savannah Center Sports Pool will be closed until January 11th.

⇒ **Mulberry Grove Recreation Center**

The Mulberry Grove Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance Monday, January 11th through Monday, January 25th. The fitness club and outdoor facilities will remain open.

Schwartz Park Renovation

The renovations to Schwartz Park are scheduled to begin on January 18, 2016. These renovations include:

- ⇒ Demolition of the existing pier
- ⇒ Construction of permanent erosion control, site drainage and new parking areas
- ⇒ Construction of a new picnic pavilion with BBQ station
- ⇒ Renovation of the existing deck on Lake Paradise
- ⇒ Installation of new landscaping, lighting and irrigation
- ⇒ Utility service upgrades

Please use caution in this area and stay out of all construction areas. This project is anticipated to be complete in March 2016.

Did You Know...

CSX will be performing maintenance on the railroad tracks at the CR 466 intersection near Hwy 301 this month. This maintenance will cause CR 466 to be closed at the tracks while the work is performed **from January 4th—January 8th**. The following two maps indicate detours that will be used when travelling on CR 466 in this area.

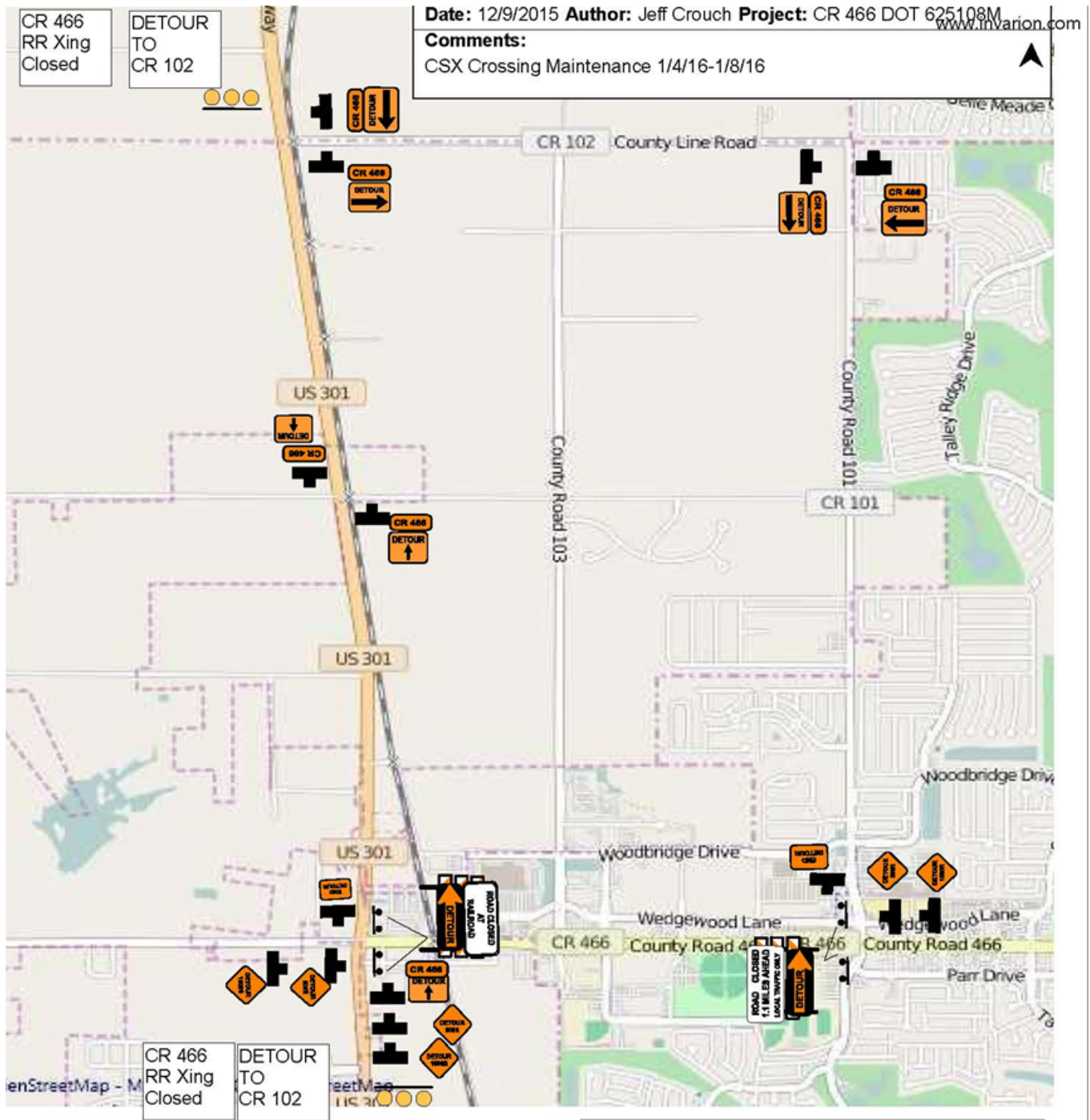


Double notification will be used for all signs placed on 4 lane roads in accordance with MUTCD and FL Index 600.

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.

Did You Know continued...

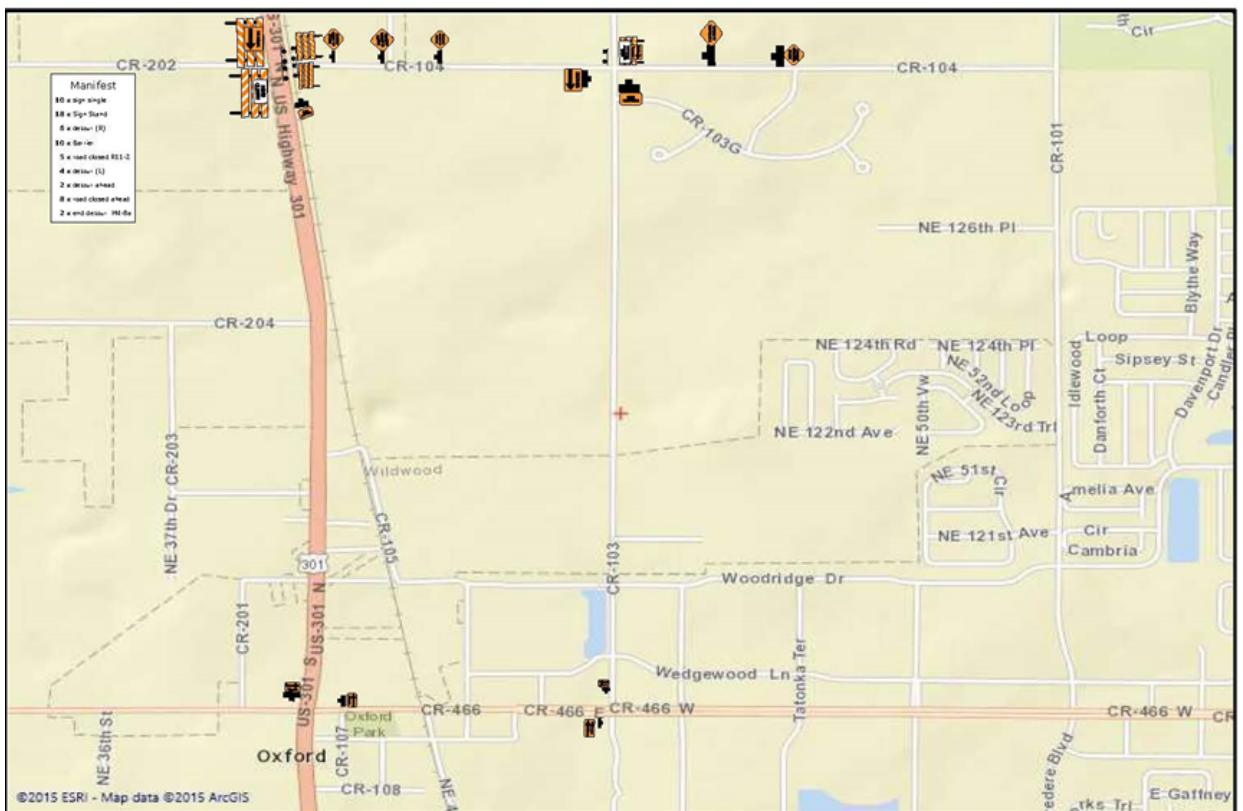
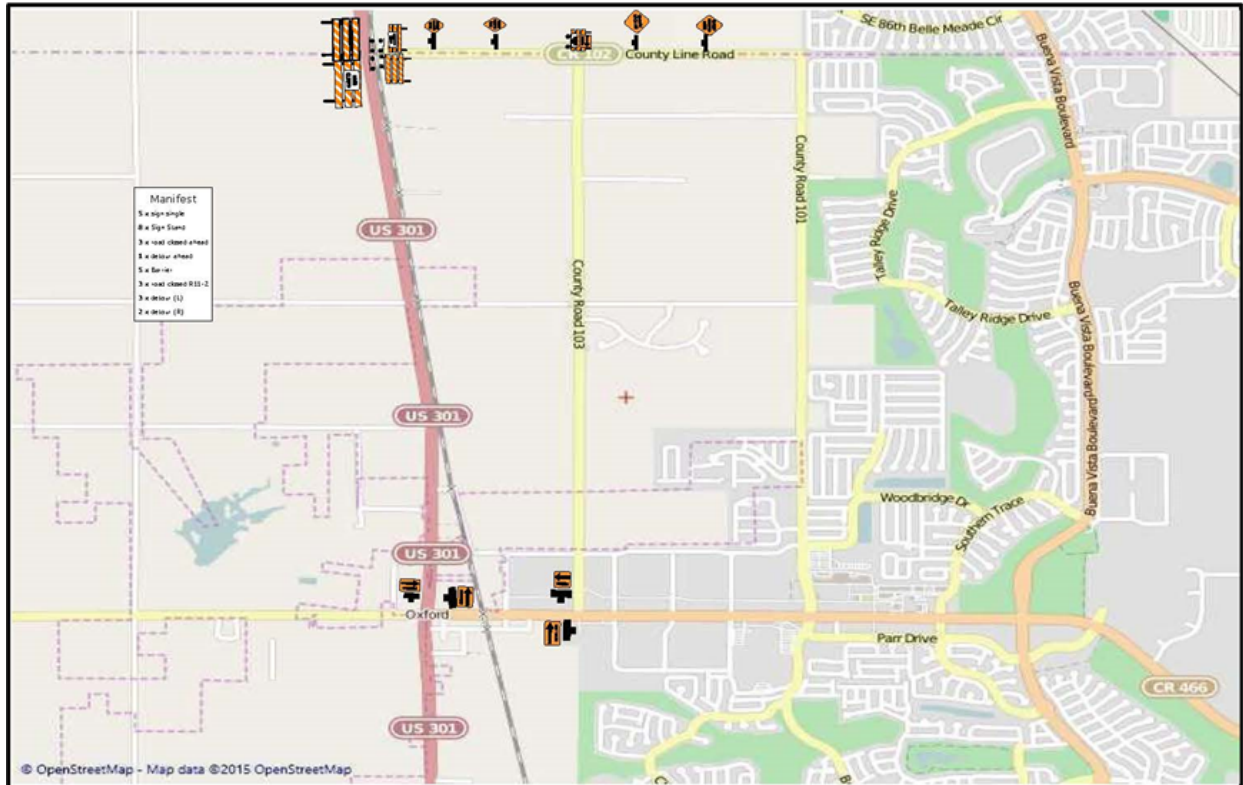


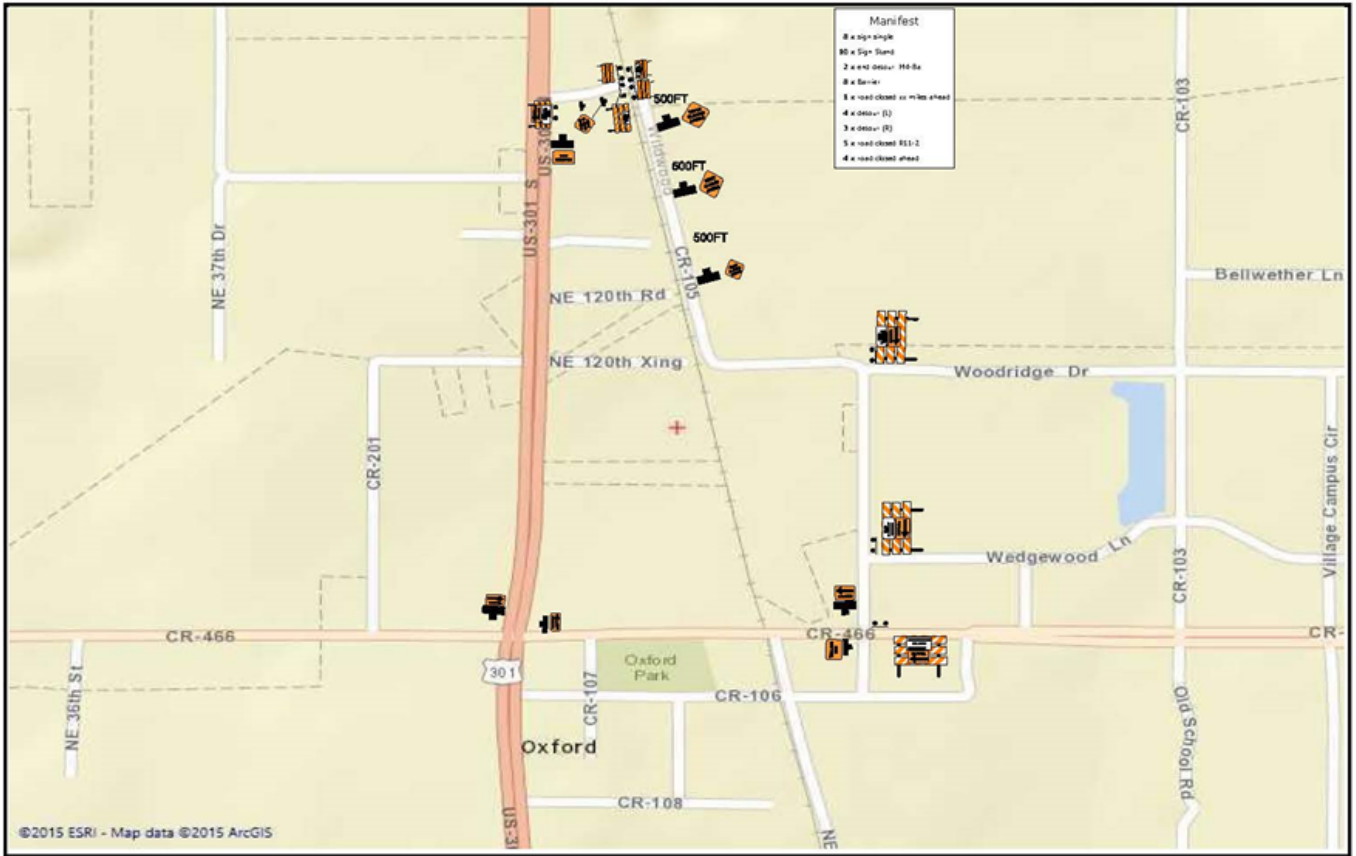
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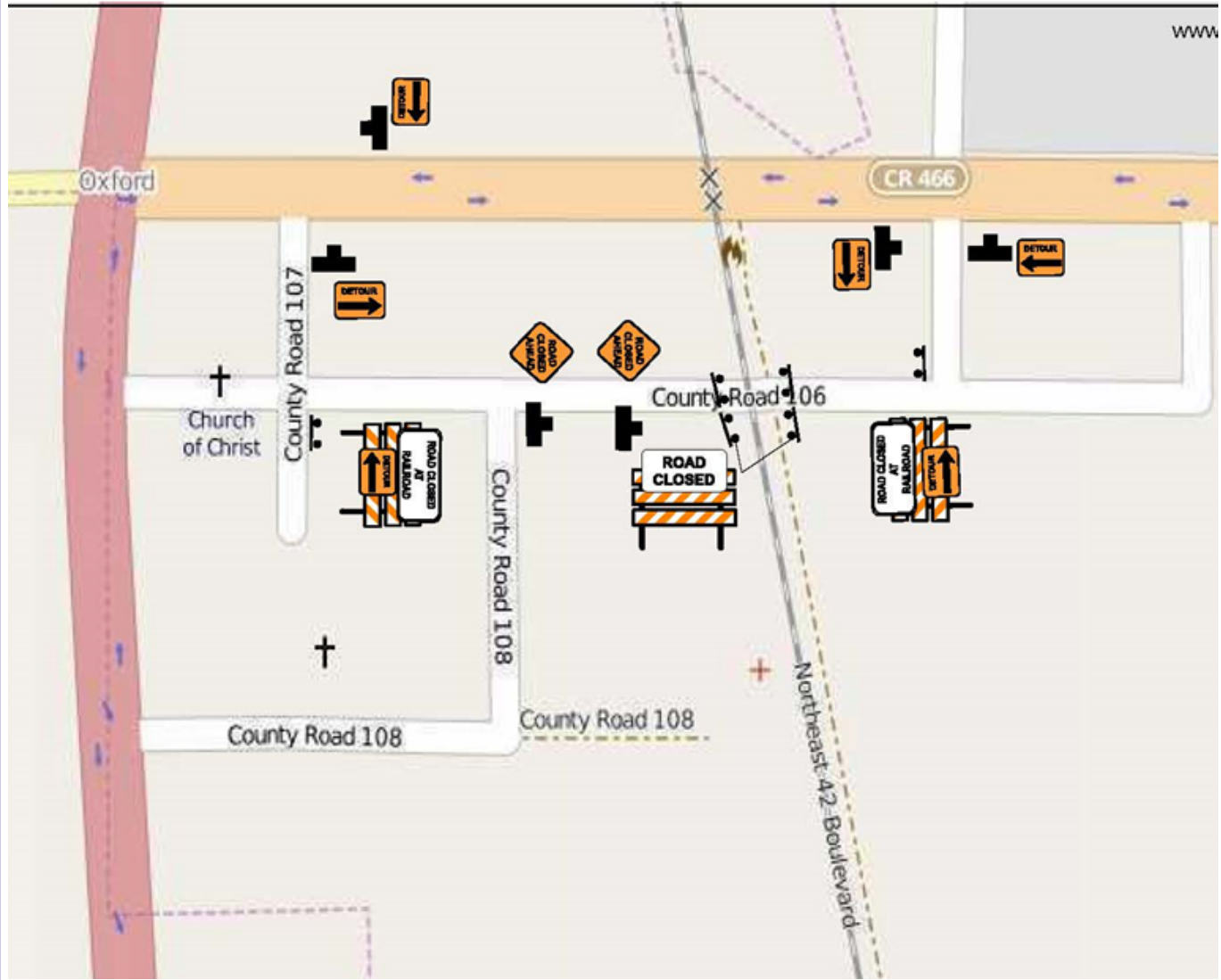
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CSX will be performing maintenance on the railroad tracks several intersections along Hwy 301 this month. In addition to the closing of CR 466, it will also impact other roads. Maps for the detour paths are included in the following pages.







A Message From...

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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 – March 28—April 1, 2016

Bellamy & Jasper – February 15 - 19, 2016

Chesterfield & Mount Vernon – February 22 - 29, 2016

Eagle Ridge – February 22 - 29, 2016

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Recreation



Winter
SOCIAL LEAGUES

Registration Starts - January 14th

Look for a complete listing & registration form in the 1/14 edition of the Recreation News

Join your friends and neighbors
for some Winter Social League
Competition and Fun!

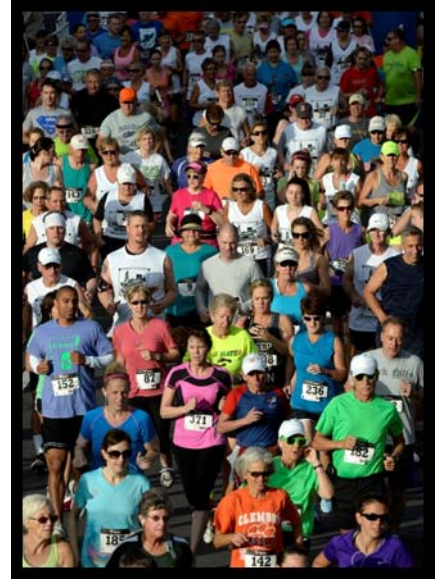
Need more information about the 2016 Winter Social Leagues?
Contact: Danny Jacobs at (352) 259-5377

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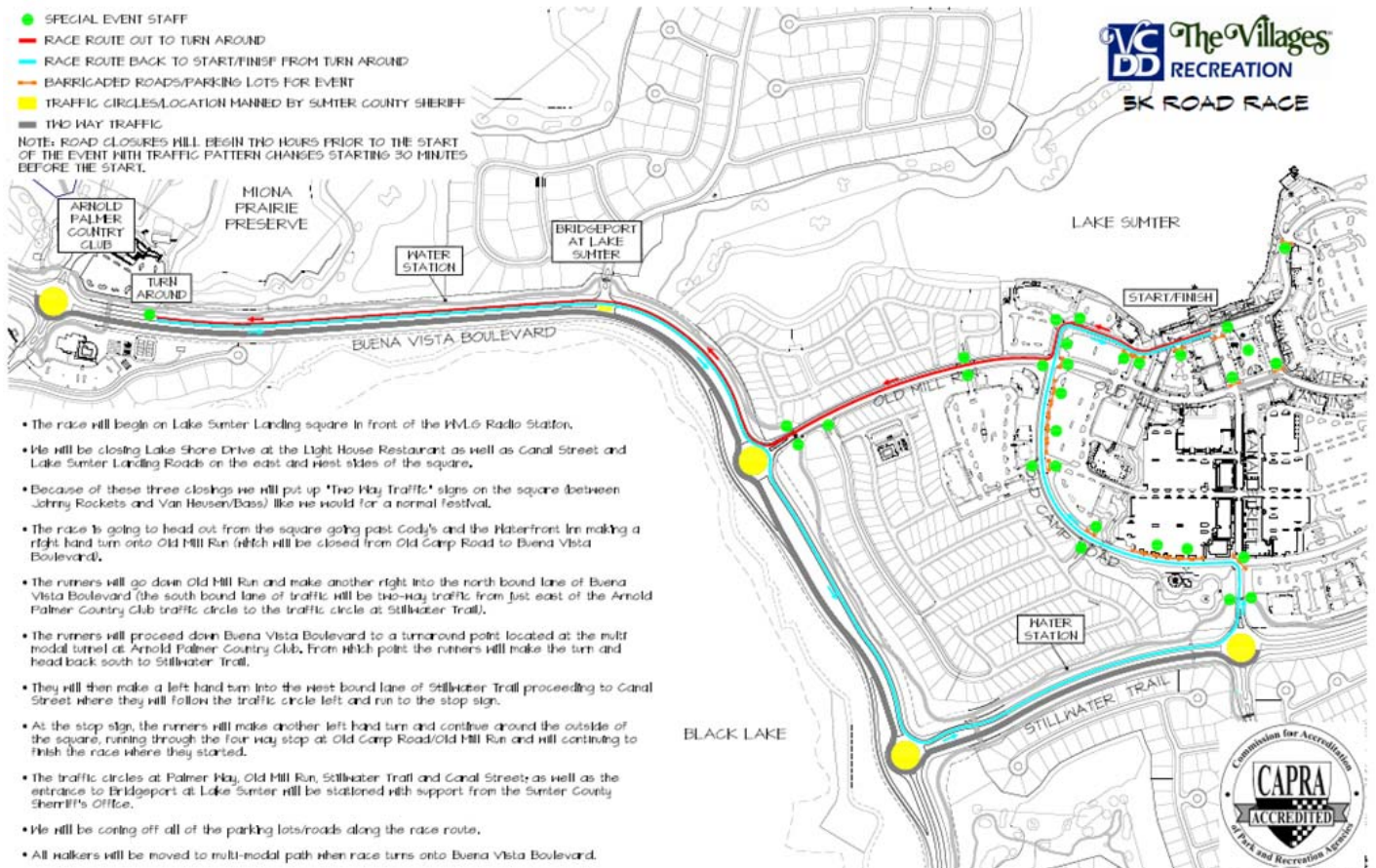


RUNNING OF THE SQUARES

The second of the three 5K Road Race Series is on **Saturday January 9, 2016** - Lake Sumter Landing Market Square. These races are built on community spirit with a festive atmosphere. Please note traffic patterns have been adjusted to accommodate participants.

- SPECIAL EVENT STAFF
 - RACE ROUTE OUT TO TURN AROUND
 - RACE ROUTE BACK TO START/FINISH FROM TURN AROUND
 - BARRICADED ROADS/PARKING LOTS FOR EVENT
 - TRAFFIC CIRCLES/LOCATION MANNED BY SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF
 - TWO WAY TRAFFIC
- NOTE: ROAD CLOSURES WILL BEGIN TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT WITH TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES STARTING 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START.

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RECREATION
5K ROAD RACE



- The race will begin on Lake Sumter Landing square in front of the WFLG Radio Station.
- We will be closing Lake Shore Drive at the Light House Restaurant as well as Canal Street and Lake Sumter Landing Roads on the east and west sides of the square.
- Because of these three closings we will put up 'Two Way Traffic' signs on the square between Johnny Rockets and Van Heusen/Bass like we would for a normal festival.
- The race is going to head out from the square going past Cody's and the Waterfront Inn making a right hand turn onto Old Mill Run (which will be closed from Old Camp Road to Buena Vista Boulevard).
- The runners will go down Old Mill Run and make another right into the north bound lane of Buena Vista Boulevard (the south bound lane of traffic will be two-way traffic from just east of the Arnold Palmer Country Club traffic circle to the traffic circle at Stillwater Trail).
- The runners will proceed down Buena Vista Boulevard to a turnaround point located at the multi-modal tunnel at Arnold Palmer Country Club, from which point the runners will make the turn and head back south to Stillwater Trail.
- They will then make a left hand turn into the west bound lane of Stillwater Trail proceeding to Canal Street where they will follow the traffic circle left and run to the stop sign.
- As the stop sign, the runners will make another left hand turn and continue around the outside of the square, running through the four way stop at Old Camp Road/Old Mill Run and will continue to finish the race where they started.
- The traffic circles at Palmer Way, Old Mill Run, Stillwater Trail and Canal Street; as well as the entrance to Bridgeport at Lake Sumter will be stationed with support from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.
- We will be closing off all of the parking lots/roads along the race route.
- All walkers will be moved to multi-modal path when race turns onto Buena Vista Boulevard.



The Villages Executive Golf Trail

January 2016 Turf Talk

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2016 golf season! We are very excited about the course playing conditions and can not wait to see all of you out on the courses for the start of 2016. December yet again, brought some great playing conditions and warm weather to your executive golf courses and many of your friends and family were able to experience what you play on consistently throughout the year.

During the month of January we will be ending the course closure schedule and opening all courses for normal play to accommodate as many golfers as possible and to increase everyone's chance to play on one of these courses.

It is very important that all of you help our maintenance crews by using proper golf etiquette and practicing good golf as there are no course closures this month. The smallest of things make a huge impact for everyone's enjoyment.

Please help by repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, keeping reasonable accommodation passes 15 feet from greens and tee surfaces, filling divots and playing from the tees that commensurate with your ability. These small things impact everyone and this will help ensure quality conditions on your courses and make our courses more enjoyable!

Frost delays have not been implemented so far this past year in any great numbers and we are thankful for this. Please be aware, however when we do have frost delays on courses this is strictly to protect the plants from desiccation and permanent damage.

Remaining off the playing surface is extremely important. Please be patient and wait for your starters to give the all clear before proceeding onto any turf surfaces.

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
Sarasota
Escambia
Okeechobee

TURF TIP:

Frost Delay and turf:

This is caused by micro climates at leaf level falling around 32 degrees.

These cold temperatures are enough to cause cell walls in plant tissue to become brittle and break. This kills the leaf by disturbing the natural flow of nutrients and photosynthesis process.

Frost Delays are used to stop traffic from breaking plant leaves until thawing can occur.

Executive Golf Course Up-Dates and News January 2016
Turf Talk by Eric Van Gorder Director of Executive Golf Maintenance
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www.Districtgov.org • www.GolfTheVillages.com

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.**

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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.**

Our Place

The spirit of giving, sharing is all around our community

It seems like we went from fall to our so-called Florida winter in the blink of an eye. It was just three months ago we were writing about fall, now it is "Season's Greetings" and "Happy New Year" and a continuous flow of lifestyle events since then. I, like many of us, have a tendency in this active community to go, go, go! And, before I knew it, the holiday season has come and gone.

There is still time to savor, relax, enjoy, cherish, capture, and reflect on the lyrics when Andy Williams sings "It's the most wonderful time of the year." There are holiday celebrations and entertainment all centered on the traditions that bring us together for a time to embrace and enjoy the spirit of the season with others.

In reality, our community actually carries this song year-round as we live, work and play in our hometown. This time of year makes it even more special to be enjoying our friends, neighbors, family members, and those we don't even know and who are in need. Our resident "elves" and community reaches out to make the spirit of the season come alive to so many that may otherwise no longer "Believe."

We've always been a giving and caring community. It just seems during the months of November and December we escalate our generosity and support to an even higher level. The numerous resident clubs and entities come together to make a positive difference to others.

The Angels of The Villages Secret Santa program



**JOHN
ROHAN**
COLUMNIST

provided more than 500 gifts for Guardian Ad Litem. Santa's sleigh, a large U-Haul trailer, was packed full. The Silver Trefoil Girls Scout Club collected more than 3,500 pajamas and books. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office received hundreds of bicycles during their drive, and the Marine Toys for Tots had a warehouse full of toys for the youth in the area.

These are just a few examples of the generosity of our community. The food pantries, soup kitchens and other benefiting charities also received outreach from our residents.

And while it is more focused and prevalent during the holiday months, the spirit of giving, sharing, and helping is part of our culture year-round. Look at the over 2,300 resident lifestyle volunteer leaders who use their talents and share them every day at the recreation centers.

The various support groups come together to share, learn, and manage how to cope with their situations with one another. One example is the Daybreak Club, which gives an hour or two respites to the caregivers whose loved ones are suffering from a memory loss condition.

In addition to the gifts our residents provide to others, the District has and continues to share our gifts of new

and improved facilities, and services to help assist in the overall quality of life for our residents.

Your District team is a partner in helping provide the opportunities in our community to facilitate and manage our areas so residents can use their time, talents, and energy to get the most out of their lives. The Christmas Parade, the opening of El Santiago Recreation Center, and new outdoor exercise equipment installed at Rohan Recreation Center all add to this spirited time of year. There will be more great gifts coming in January, with more facilities and improvements to our recreation centers and golf courses. Stay tuned to www.districtgov.org.

We have first-class facilities, amenities, recreation, golf, squares, activities, volunteers, and dedicated Board Members, staff and residents.

Every day there are endless opportunities to share, support, encourage, participate, and help ourselves and others in the community.

On behalf of the District team, we hope everyone gets some time to enjoy each other, the music, and the festive atmosphere this season brings.

Thanks for making our hometown the most wonderful place every day of the year!

I hope you have a happy and healthy New Year! See you in 2016, here, at Our Place!

John Rohan is director of recreation in The Villages. He can be reached at john.rohan@districtgov.org.

Information Provided by Sumter County

Sumter County Public Works
Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste

MOBILE COLLECTION



Saturday, April 2, 2016

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

located at

Lake Okahumpka Park
6085 E. SR 44, Wildwood 34785

What to bring

- 
- Automotive fluids
 - Automotive batteries
 - Cleaners
 - Fertilizers
 - Fluorescent lamps and Mercury containing devices
 - Fungicides
 - Wood preservatives
 - Herbicides
 - Household batteries - rechargeable
 - Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)
 - Latex & oil based paints
 - Paint removers
 - Paint thinners
 - Pesticides
 - Pool chemicals
 - Smoke detectors
 - Solvents
 - Propane tanks (25lbs)



What not to bring

- Biological/Infectious waste
- Explosives
- Radioactive waste
- Empty paint cans

HOW TO PACKAGE AND TRANSPORT CHEMICALS

- (1) Do NOT mix chemicals together.
- (2) Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
- (3) Place containers into cardboard boxes to prevent breakage.
- (4) Place leaky container in clear plastic bag and transport in box with newspaper.
- (5) Put boxes in trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.

Businesses may arrange for drop off and payment by calling Perma-Fix for hazardous waste at 800-365-6066 and AI Assets at 407-339-7030 for electronic waste.



For more information on this and other mobile collections, contact Sumter County Public Works at 352-569-6700.