

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

January 13, 2016

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Wednesday News

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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.

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Community Development Districts

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!



Parking in Front of Emergency Exits

Community Watch will begin placing "WARNING" signs on vehicles parked in an unsafe manner restricting access to emergency exits in neighborhoods. The warnings are designed to educate vehicle operators of their parking infractions.

The emergency exit can be identified by the white fence in a concrete wall that surrounds a neighborhood. The white fence may or may not have some vegetation in front of it.

By parking in front of the fence, your vehicle may prevent the residents of the neighborhood from exiting during an emergency. Also, in the event that emergency responders (Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS), need to access the neighborhood, they may have to use the designated emergency access if the neighborhood is not accessible through the normal entrance.



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 through Monday, January 25th. The fitness club and outdoor facilities will remain open.

The construction of two additional pickleball courts is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 14th.

⇒ **Pimlico Recreation Center**

The Pimlico Recreation Center will be closed for quarterly cleaning on Saturday, January 16th.

⇒ **Eisenhower Sports Pool**

The Eisenhower Sports Pool will be closed for maintenance January 17th through January 24th.

Saddlebrook Village Recreation Center—

During the December 9, 2015 meeting, the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) directed staff to move forward with preparing documents necessary to bid the Saddlebrook Village Recreation Center renovation project. The estimated cost to complete the renovation is \$1.3 million and includes professional fees, HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical, new windows, flooring, carpentry, wallcoverings, millwork, FFE and replacing the pool shade structure. Staff will provide additional information to the AAC at a future meeting for review and direction regarding the proposed project. Please stay tuned to www.DistrictGov.org for additional information and to view AAC agendas in advance of the meeting.

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 – March 28—April 1, 2016

Bellamy & Jasper – February 15 - 19, 2016

Chesterfield & Mount Vernon – February 22 - 29, 2016

Eagle Ridge – February 22 - 29, 2016

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.

What to do after a tornado strikes?

- Call 911 for assistance with any injuries.
- Avoid all downed power lines. They may still be carrying an electric current.
- Watch your step! Nails, broken glass and other sharp debris can cause serious injury.
- Do not use open flames such as lighters or matches. Leaking gas lines or fuel may ignite.
- Listen for information and/or instructions from local authorities.
- If you are outside of a tornado-impacted location, **do not** venture into a disaster area to sightsee.



Are you Prepared?

Tornadoes, along with any other disaster, can occur at any time. You or your family could be anywhere—at home, school, or work. You may be together or separated. How would you find each other? What would you do if basic services were cut off, such as telephone and electricity. The Florida Division of Emergency Management encourages everyone to have a personal disaster plan. Find out how to create your own family or business disaster plan at:

www.FloridaDisaster.org

SIGN UP FOR SEVERE WEATHER EMAIL ALERTS AT

<http://www.weather.gov/emailupdates/index.php>
VIEW RSS FEEDS AT
<http://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu/projects/>

NOAA Weather Radio

Operating since the 1970's, NOAA Weather Radio has been “the voice of the National Weather Service,” broadcasting weather information 24 hours a day, every day. This “All Hazards” alert mechanism warns the public of both weather-related and non weather-related dangers.

With a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio, you can monitor current weather conditions as well as forecasts for your local area. These radios also have an alert feature which will sound a loud alarm—followed by important weather information—whenever a watch or warning is issued. This particular feature has been credited with saving countless lives. Newer models have the capability to connect accessories such as strobe lights and pillow shakers to the radio. These devices, specifically designed for people with special needs, will activate whenever a warning is issued.

NOAA All Hazards Weather Radios can be purchased at most electronics stores, hardware stores, retail stores, or online. Prices start at around \$30. Accessories such as strobe lights and pillow shakers are sold separately.



For additional information on tornadoes and tornado safety visit:

<http://www.weather.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml>

www.FloridaDisaster.org



A Guide to Tornado Safety

This preparedness guide explains tornadoes, their associated hazards, and steps that you can take to protect yourself, your family, your home, and your business.

What is a Tornado?

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from the base of a thunderstorm cloud to the ground. Although research continues into how tornadoes develop, what is known is that tornadoes form when rapidly rising air inside of a thunderstorm changes direction and speed with increasing height, resulting in increased rotation within the storm. It is within this area of strong rotation that tornadoes tend to develop. Tornadoes have winds ranging from 65mph to over 200mph. Such winds can easily inflict serious property damage as well as deaths and injuries from flying debris and fallen trees.

Tornadoes are widely known to develop within severe thunderstorms associated with cold and warm fronts; however, tornadoes can also form within the outer rain bands of hurricanes. These tornadoes tend to be smaller and short-lived, making them very difficult to detect, but they can still cause serious damage in addition to the hurricane itself.

Tornadoes that form over a body of water are called waterspouts. Waterspouts are generally weaker than their land-based counterpart, but they can cause major damage to ships and vessels. Waterspouts that move over land are classified as tornadoes. If a circulating cloud is not touching the ground, it is called a funnel cloud.

Just because you may have heard a loud roar during a damaging storm does not necessarily mean it was a tornado. Any intense thunderstorm wind can produce damage and cause a roar.

You can find out more about tornadoes from the Storm Prediction Center's website:

www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado

The Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale

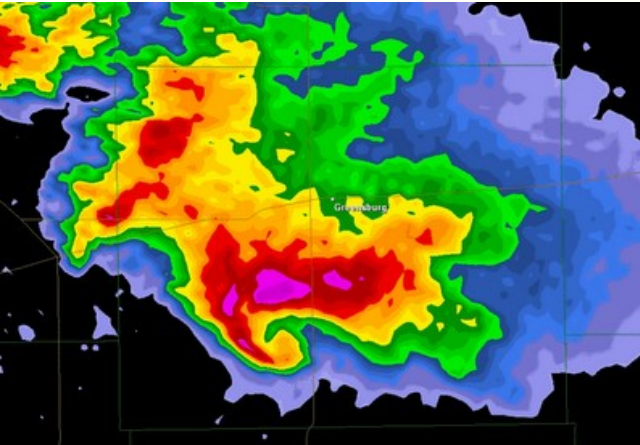
The National Weather Service uses the EF-Scale to assign a tornado a "rating" based on estimated wind speeds and related damage.

EF - Scale	
EF Rating	3 second Wind Gust (mph)
0	65-85
1	86-110
2	111-135
3	136-165
4	166-200
5	Over 200

Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning

A Tornado Watch is issued whenever conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes. If a Tornado Watch is issued for your area, continue routine activities, but keep a close eye on the weather by tuning into your local TV or radio station, NOAA Weather Radio, or internet. Be prepared to take shelter quickly in the event a Tornado Warning is issued.

A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted by a trained weather spotter, or one is being indicated on Doppler weather radar. If a Tornado Warning is issued for your area, **take cover immediately.**



What to do if a tornado threatens?

- If you are in a mobile home or automobile, get out! Seek shelter in a sturdier building.
- If you are in a house without a basement, go to an interior, windowless room such as a closet or bathroom. Crouch as low as possible to the ground a cover your head and body with pillows, a mattress, or clothing to protect you from falling debris.
- If you are at school, follow your teacher's or principal's instructions. Go to an interior hallway in an orderly fashion. Crouch down, and cover the back of your head. Abandon all portable classrooms and gymnasiums.



- If you are work, church, a store, or some other facility, go to an interior bathroom, hallway or stairwell and cover your head with your arms. Avoid windows. Stay off elevators.
- If you are outdoors and can't find a sturdy shelter, lie face down on the ground and cover your head with your arms. Get as far away from trees and vehicles as possible.
- Above all, **DON'T PANIC!!!!**

Tornadoes in Florida

Florida has its fair share of tornadic activity, ranking *third* in the nation with an average of 55 tornadoes per year. The peak of tornado activity in Florida is from January through April as strong late winter cold fronts move through the Southeast U.S. A smaller, secondary peak occurs in October and November due to late fall season cold fronts. Tornado outbreaks can and do occur in Florida. A tornado outbreak in 1998 killed 42 people in Central Florida while another outbreak in 2007 killed 21 people in Lake and Volusia counties.

Florida's tornado history shows us that strong to violent tornadoes are just as likely to occur after midnight as they are in the afternoon. This unique feature makes these tornadoes more dangerous, because most people are asleep after midnight and cannot receive weather warnings relayed by commercial radio or television stations.



Tornado Safety FAQ

- **Question:** Am I safe inside of a mobile home?
Answer: No. Even a tied-down mobile home can be destroyed by a tornado's winds. Seek shelter in a stronger structure.
- **Question:** Should I open the windows as a tornado approaches to equalize the pressure?
Answer: Absolutely not! Winds blowing against a structure causes tornado damage, not pressure differences. Stay away from all windows during a tornado.
- **Question:** Can I seek shelter from a tornado under a bridge or overpass?
Answer: Although overpasses are better shelter than cars, they are not recommended. Winds may actually be stronger under an overpass because of the air moving through a more confined space.
- **Question:** Can I outrun a tornado in my car?
Answer: No. Tornadoes can move at speeds in excess of 60 mph, and they don't have to follow roads as cars do. Never try to outrun a tornado!



A Message From...

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Recreation



Please Join Us!!

Please join us for the Grand Opening of the Burnsed Village Recreation Center on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 10:00am!

The Burnsed Recreation Center is located at 4019 Deskin Lane.

We hope to see you there!

We are excited to announce the addition of table shuffleboard at Tierra Recreation center. The new table is located in the card room. There is open play every Saturday 9am – 11:50am. For additional information or shuffleboard club information, please call Tierra Del Sol at 753-4412.



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PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Tornado Safety – The Villages Public Safety Department would like to share the following information from the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, OK.

One of the most important safety measures you can take for tornadoes is to take preventative measures and practice before the storm:

- At home, have a family tornado plan in place
- Know where you can take shelter in your home
- When a tornado watch is issued, think about the drill and check to make sure your supplies are available
- In a house with no basement:
 - Avoid windows
 - Go to the lowest floor, small center room (such as a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows—do NOT use an elevator
 - Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down and cover your head with your hands
 - Cover yourself with thick padding such as a mattress or blanket to protect yourself from falling debris
- If you are in the open outdoors:
 - If possible, seek shelter in a sturdy building
 - If you remain outdoors, lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms
 - Get far away from trees and cars – they may be blown onto you in a tornado

After the storm...

- Keep your family together and wait for emergency personnel to arrive
- Stay away from power lines and puddles with wires in them – they may still be carrying electricity



**North Sumter County
UTILITY
Dependent District**

SUMTER SANITATION

2016 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

The following Holiday Pick-up Schedule is for those residents residing in the Sumter County, Marion County and Fruitland Park portions of The Villages. For those residents residing in Lady Lake, please contact Waste Management at (352) 787-4416 for information on your sanitation pick-up. For those residents residing in Lake County, please contact Lake County Solid Waste at (352) 343-3776.

Friday, January 1st – New Years Day **No Residential Trash or Recycle Pick-Up**

Both will be collected on Saturday, January 2nd. HAVE BAGS OUT NO LATER THAN 6:00AM.

Monday, January 18th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Normal Residential Trash Pick-Up

Monday, February 15th – Presidents Day Normal Residential Trash Pick-Up

Monday, May 30th – Memorial Day **No Residential Trash or Recycle Pick-Up**

Both will be collected on Saturday, May 28th. HAVE BAGS OUT NO LATER THAN 6:00AM.

Monday, July 4th – Independence Day **No Residential Trash or Recycle Pick-Up**

Both will be collected on Saturday, July 2nd. HAVE BAGS OUT NO LATER THAN 6:00AM.

Monday, September 5th – Labor Day **No Residential Trash or Recycle Pick-Up**

Both will be collected on Saturday, September 3rd. HAVE BAGS OUT NO LATER THAN 6:00AM.

Monday, October 10th – Columbus Day Normal Residential Trash Pick-Up

Friday, November 11th – Veterans Day Normal Residential Trash Pick-Up

Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Day **No Residential Trash or Recycle Pick-Up**

Both will be collected on Saturday, November 26th. HAVE BAGS OUT NO LATER THAN 6:00AM

Monday, December 26th – Christmas Day (Observed) Normal Residential Trash Pick Up

For additional information, please visit www.DistrictGov.org

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.**

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.

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**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.**

Town Hall Meetings

Two Village Community Development Districts will be hosting Town Hall meetings . The Town Hall meetings provide residents an opportunity to learn interesting facts about the District and ask questions of the District Supervisors. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts.



**March 31, 2016 at 6:00
p.m. at La Hacienda
Recreation Center**



**February 18, 2016 at 6:00
p.m. at Laurel Manor
Recreation Center**

Information provided by The Villages Homeowners Association—

The VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic

The new Golf Cart Safety video will be shown at the VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Representatives from insurance, law enforcement and golf cart service and maintenance will provide additional information and answer questions. In response to residents' requests, Moderator Mark Gallo has announced that a sign language interpreter will be at this meeting. All Villages residents are welcome to attend—come early to get a good seat!



There is a reason it takes a long time for projects to come to fruition

Each week, the District department directors work hard to determine what to include in their assigned Our Place column. For some it is easy, as their departments are visible and have a number of topics you find interesting.

For some, it is a more difficult task. Often, behind the scenes, they provide a very valuable service. Although their work may not seem as interesting as parades, sanitation schedules, resurfacing projects and staffing a gate, it is critical to our success.

All the District departments are part of a mechanism that makes sure this community runs as well as it does. Our more than 1,000 employees are committed to the Districts' core values and exhibit this commitment daily. I am proud to be associated with all of them!

During a recent meeting, one of the boards directed staff to move forward with a project. Comments from the audience were made about the time it takes staff to get things accomplished. This is not the first, nor will it be the last, time there is frustration that something cannot get done "tomorrow" and it seems like things take forever before a decision or project is accomplished.

Fortunately – or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it – there is a process within our local government, and in adherence to state statutes, which often takes some time. However, I believe it is in your best fiduciary interest that there is a process.

The delay in local government results from making sure residents have adequate input, information is fully vetted and,



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COLUMNIST

finally, the statutory requirements for bidding, proposals and awarding of business is followed.

While it may seem unnecessary, the process allows for better decision making both for the future of this community and for stewardship of your assessment or amenity fee revenues.

Yes, projects may seem to take a while, but the outcome can be well worth it! Just take a look at the recent opening of the El Santiago Recreation Center. While the Amenity Authority Committee could have taken the more expedient lower-cost approach of just renovating the old building, which would have resulted in a more quickly built new recreation center, they chose to look at a number of issues pertaining to the project, which included, but were not limited to, the benefits of expansion, the cost of gutting the building versus new construction and the opportunity to reposition the building. The result: another gem in this community's recreation facilities!

And, of course, a good portion of last year was spent on the discussion of "striping." Yes, it seemed to go on forever and forever. However, considering there were 50 elected officials and the six AAC members involved, along with input from thousands and thousands of residents, the topic was fully vetted.

And a valuable lesson was learned: input from residents on issues affecting this community is critical. Staff and your elected officials will do our best in the future to make sure there is a forum at the beginning of a decision instead of responding to it when it becomes an "issue."

Due to a number of different reasons, there have been openings on some of the District boards over the last few months. It is refreshing to see so many residents stepping forward to put their name on the list of candidates to be considered.

Community involvement on the District boards, on the Architectural Review Committee and volunteering time as leaders in the some 2,300 resident lifestyle groups is unprecedented and speaks to the commitment you have to the future of The Villages.

If you have not learned about your District Government, there are a myriad of ways to do so: District Orientation every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Lake Sumter Landing Office, 984 Old Mill Run; Welcome Wednesday every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Lake Sumter Landing Office, 984 Old Mill Run; and Resident Academy – just call 751-3939 to get signed up.

And, of course, our 15 different government meetings held each month. Check out our website at districtgov.org for meeting times, locations and What's Happening in the Districts. And you can always email me at janet.tutt@districtgov.org.

Finally as this is the beginning of 2016, I would like to

Let me wish you a healthy, safe and happy 2016! During this last year, we have lost employees, many employee family members and friends and a board supervisor. This year has been filled with tears, prayers for the sick and,

thankfully, happiness for the births of employees' children and grandchildren!

While it is all part of life, it still affects us: Our District Family.

That is why, perhaps now that I am getting older, it is

so important to hold dear every day, enjoy each other's company and friendship, and my former long list of New Year's resolutions is narrowed to just one: Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life. ~ Omar Khayyam

May you be happy for your moments in 2016!

See you next time, here, at Our Place!

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restate what I shared with our employees this month in my letter to them, as it is my new year's wish for everyone:

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.