

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

February 10, 2016

11:00 A.M.

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.



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

⇒ **Mulberry Grove Sports Pool**

The Mulberry Grove Sports Pool will be closed until February 11th for maintenance.

⇒ **Burnsed Billiards Hall Closure**

The Burnsed Billiards Hall will be closed for table maintenance on Thursday, February 11th.

⇒ **Big Cypress Family Pool Closure**

The Big Cypress Family Pool will be closed for pool acid washing and tile work Monday, February 15th through Sunday, February 21st.

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

Clayton & Swainwood – March 28—April 1, 2016

Bellamy & Jasper – March 21—25, 2016

Chesterfield & Mount Vernon – February 22 - 29, 2016

Eagle Ridge – February 22 - 29, 2016

Did You Know??

Marion County will be performing grading work along Buena Vista Boulevard in the Marion County portion of The Villages. The work will take place between Mulberry Circle and the Calumet Grove gate. This work will cause lane closures from Tuesday, February 16th through Friday, February 19th. Please use caution in this area and pay attention to all directional signage. For additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

Tunnel Closure

Tunnel B5 located under El Camino Real near the Savannah Center is closed for stucco replacement and maintenance until February 22, 2016. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. Please use caution and pay attention to all directional and detour signage. For additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

County Road 468 Bridge Construction – Turnpike Traffic Detour Information

SB Detour Dates: February 10–11, 2016 SB Detour Hours: 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM

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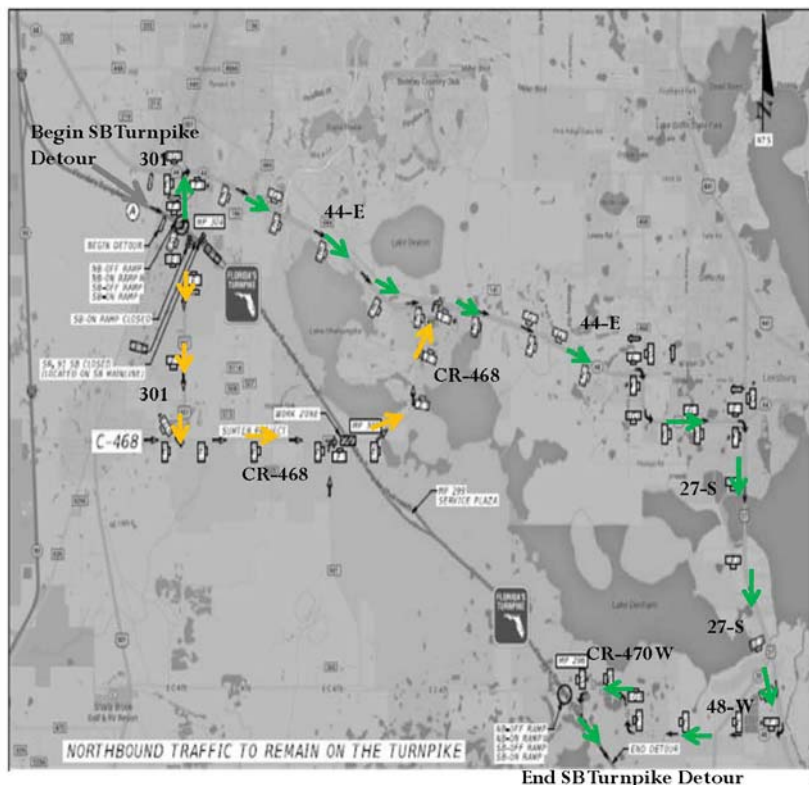
SB Traffic along the Florida Turnpike Enterprise will be detoured 2/10 – 2/11. Northbound Turnpike Traffic to Remain open. Traffic heading South along the Turnpike will be detoured at 301 near Mile post 304 along the below routes:

Southbound Turnpike Detour:

1. Exit Turnpike at 301 Near Mile Post 304
2. Follow Detour along 301 to 44 Eastbound
3. Cont. along 44 Eastbound to 27-S
4. Cont. along 27-S to 48 Westbound
5. Cont. along 48 W to CR-470W
6. Take CR-470W to Turnpike
7. End Detour

Local Traffic Detour:

1. Exit Turnpike at 301 Near Mile Post 304
2. Follow Local Traffic Detour along 301-S
3. Turn onto CR-468
4. Cont. along CR-468W to 44- Westbound.



Did You Know??

Schwartz Park Renovation

The renovations to Schwartz Park are now underway! The project is anticipated to be complete in April 2016. Please use caution in this area and stay out of all construction areas. Stay tuned to future Welcome Wednesdays and www.DistrictGov.org for additional information and updates as the project progresses.



Detour / Road Closure Safety

If you approach detour or other directional signage when travelling the community, please use caution and follow the instructions provided on the signage or given by the contractors. Safety signs, cones and barricades are used to protect workers, property and everyone enjoying The Villages! Please do not move these cones or signs as they are important safety measures taken by District staff or other contractors while work is being performed. We appreciate your cooperation! For information on work being performed in your area, please sign up for E-Notifications or visit www.DistrictGov.org.

A Message From...

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Recreation

Mulberry Indoor Lighting

We are excited to announce LED lighting has been installed throughout the Mulberry Regional Recreation Center.

Today's efficient way of illumination and lighting, LED lighting is a power-saving solution and **ecologically friendly**.



Mulberry Grove Pickleball Courts

Construction of two additional pickleball courts at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center is currently underway. The fencing has been placed around the new court area. For the safety and welfare of others, please avoid the construction area. If you have any questions regarding this project, please visit www.DistrictGov.org. All outdoor activities will remain open during this time. Early March is the projected opening of the new pickleball facilities (weather permitting).



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Executive Golf

In our efforts to keep the infrastructure for our executive golf course operating and functioning correctly for years to come, The District Utilities Operations Management Team will be replacing a mainline section of the 12" water supply line along Rio Grande Ave that feeds the Chula Vista and Mira Mesa Golf Courses. This work is scheduled to be complete on **February 12, 2016**. While the work is taking place, the Chula Vista and Mira Mesa Executive Golf Courses will be closed temporarily. Included in this closure are the new Practice and Chipping Green facilities located in the same area. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Rumor Control!



The District recently received phone calls concerning a rumor that if a tree is dead, or is affecting utilities or infrastructure such as curbing, sidewalks or a driveway, residents do not have to get Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval to have the tree removed. All trees 4 inches or greater in diameter MUST have ARC approval before they are removed, regardless of the reason for removal. In addition to receiving ARC approval, the Town of Lady Lake also requires a permit for removal of any tree that is greater than 4 inches of more in diameter, and they may fine the property owner if they do not get proper approval before removing a tree. The Town of Lady Lake also has an ordinance that prohibits the topping, pollarding or lions-tailing of a tree within their boundaries, and they have been enforcing this and they have been issuing fines and will likely continue to do so. If you have any questions pertaining to tree removal on your property, please contact Community Standards at (352) 751-3912.

What's Happening in Your District...

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**

VHA North and South Region Presentations

Janet Y. Tutt, District Manager for the Village Community Development Districts, will be presenting at two VHA meetings in February on the topic of: "Where Does Our Money Go?" Some of the topics that will be covered include a detailed review of your monthly Amenity Fee and annual Maintenance Assessment. While each presentation is tailored to the area that Village residents reside in, all residents are invited to attend.

VHA South Region:

February 11, 2016

Rohan Regional Recreation Center

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

VHA North Region:

February 16, 2016

Savannah Regional Recreation Center

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Any Changes to Your Home's Exterior Must Be Approved First by the ARC

Happy 2016! My parents always said as you become a little more "seasoned," the time seems to go by so quickly. They knew what they were talking about. It's hard to believe that we are already in the second month of 2016.

As I write this article, we are experiencing the coldest weather we've had so far this winter. As a native Floridian, I also know that the first three months of the new year are always our coldest months, so we still have a couple of months to go before it begins to warm up.

While many of you move here to avoid the cold, I love the little bit of cold that we have. The cooler weather provides for a change from the nine months or so of the weather Florida is known for – warm and humid.

Based on past experience, this is the time of year the Community Standards Department experiences an increase in the number of Architectural Review applications from residents requesting to make changes to their home or property.

It seems that after things settle down from the hustle and bustle of family visiting during the holidays or hosting and attending holiday parties, many residents begin thinking about making improvements to their home in preparation for the spring and summer months.

When you purchased your home in The Villages, every homeowner agreed to the Declaration of Restrictions, a legal contract between the Developer and the property owner that remains with the property whether you purchased your



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home new or from a previous owner.

You should have received a copy of the Declaration of Restrictions that applies to your property, but if you do not have a copy, you can find the restrictions on the District website at districtgov.org or you can call the Community Standards Department at 751-3912 and staff will be glad to provide them.

The restrictions state that after the home has been constructed, no reconstruction, additions, alterations or modifications to the home will be permitted except with the written consent of the Developer or Architectural Review Committee.

Approval is required for external improvements only. If you are planning to do modifications within your home, i.e. kitchen renovation, replacement of flooring, etc., approval from the Developer or the ARC is not required.

The ARC for residents in the Lady Lake/Lake County portion of The Villages and Village Community Development Districts 1-9 meets at 8 a.m. Wednesdays to review, for approval or denial, the applications submitted by residents within those districts.

The ARC consists of 10 volunteer members who represent the District in which they reside. Each district board has appointed a primary and alternate member from its

respective district.

A representative of the Developer reviews, for approval or denial, the applications submitted by residents in Districts 10 and 11 every Monday afternoon. Until such time that Districts 10 and 11 have a majority of qualified electors (registered voters within the District), the Developer representative will review the applications submitted by residents for external improvements within these two districts.

All architectural review applications must be submitted prior to beginning construction to the Community Standards Office, no later than noon Thursday to be reviewed the following week. The ARC and Developer representative meet in the District Office at 984 Old Mill Run in Lake Sumter Landing.

Applications should be submitted for all external improvements. Some of the types of improvements that require approval include, but are not limited to: repainting, home additions, driveway extensions, pools, birdcages, tree removal for any tree that is greater than 4 inches in diameter, pergolas, trellises or landscaping (whether installing new landscaping or replacing existing landscaping).

If you're anticipating an alteration or modification to your home and you are not certain if the desired improvement requires approval from the ARC or Developer representative, call Community Standards at 751-3912 and they will assist you.

When submitting an Architectural Review application for review, please provide a site plan or boundary survey which

be highlighted and building plans included, if available.

The mission of the ARC is to assist you, as the property owner, in maintaining the high quality and consistency of the aesthetic beauty and design of residences and home sites found throughout

the community. It is better to err on the side of caution by checking with the Community Standards office before making any improvement.

If the requested improvement is not within the guidelines of the restrictions and the Architectural Review manual,

the committee and the staff representative will work with you to stay within the required guidelines. Our goal is to assist you in meeting the desired outcome of your project.

Enjoy the final months of winter until next time, here at Our Place.

Diane Tucker is the administrative operations manager for the district. She can be reached at diane.tucker@districtgov.org.

identifies all existing easements, the placement of the home and all existing improvements on the property. The proposed modification should

Information Provided by Sumter County Sheriff's Office

We are approaching the time of year when our agency sees a spike in residential burglaries committed by nomadic criminals. These groups of people commonly referred to as "Gypsies" travel in groups throughout the state of Florida as well as other states along the east coast and prey on unsuspecting residents.

It is imperative that each resident does their part to stay vigilant and mindful of not only their own property, but that of the residences around them. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office asks our residents in The Villages to keep an eye out for unfamiliar subjects walking in their neighborhood. They have been known to walk up to residences, between them and/or behind them. In past years, female criminals have advised inquiring residents they were looking for a dog and the females had thick accents. A newer-style vehicle, usually a rental, is often nearby. It is used to drop off the subjects who ultimately commit the burglaries and then picks them back up after the crime has been committed.

Past accounts of males and females observed walking through residences have been that they are of Hispanic descent due to their medium skin tone, dark-colored hair, and dark-colored eyes. Nomadic criminals are not Hispanic. To the contrary, they are of European descent, but are often mislabeled by witnesses as being Hispanic. They usually have thick Russian or Polish accents and are based near the Chicago, Illinois area.

The most common items that have been stolen from Villages residents in the past have been valuable jewelry and silver housewares. Nomadic Criminals typically have not been interested in firearms and electronics. The master bedroom is often the target area. It is believed the items are being brought back to the Chicago area to be sold on the underground market.

Our agency reminds you to lock your residence's doors and windows when you are not home to limit the temptation of criminals. However, nomadic criminals have been known to forcibly enter a residence through either the rear sliding glass door when it is found to be locked. Do not leave valuable jewelry lying unsecured in your residence where it is easily accessible to anyone looking for it in a hurry. Maintain all serial numbers of expensive watches as well. If someone approaches you and says they are looking for a dog, they could in fact be distracting you from what is occurring at the rear of your residence or at your neighbor's residence. Past burglaries have occurred in short windows of the homeowner not being home. Some victims only reported being gone for 30 minutes. Be careful of indicating on social media of you not being home.

We are taking numerous proactive steps to track and deter these criminals from impeding on your lifestyle and invading your privacy, but we can be immensely more effective if you do your part too. Please call **911** immediately upon observing any of the above-described individuals or if your residence has been burglarized. Time is of the essence and waiting to call could mean letting the criminals get away and preying on fellow residents. Do not touch anything in your residence if it has been burglarized and exit the same way you entered. Cleaning up will compromise the scene and inhibit a thorough investigation. You can also reach the Sumter County Sheriff's Office non-emergency hotline at 352-793-2621 or 352-728-6909.

Sheriff

(352) 569-1600



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Tips to help secure your home.

1. Look around when leaving your home. A burglar may be watching your neighborhood waiting for people to leave.
2. If you see a suspicious person or vehicle call the Sheriff's Office and make note of the tag on the vehicle if possible. A description of the people and vehicles will be helpful when investigating.
3. If only one person leaves the home and shortly afterwards someone you do not know knocks on your door, call the Sheriff's office and report a suspicious person right away. The reason to make this call is that it could be the burglar checking to see if anyone is home prior to breaking in.

What to do when you find that your house has been burglarized.

1. Upon learning that your house has been broken into, exit the residence the same way you entered and call the Sheriff's Office and wait for a deputy to arrive.
2. Someone may still be in your house, exiting your house is safer for you and better for the deputy that will be looking for evidence.
3. Do not touch anything or walk around the residence leave everything as you found it. There is evidence everywhere that could lead to the capture of the suspect. When you walk around the residence you are covering up their possible shoe prints on your floors. When you touch the items in your house you are covering, smudging and ruining possible fingerprints that could be discovered by the deputy.
4. During the investigation remain outside as not to contaminate the residence and lose any evidence that might be found by the responding Crime Scene Deputy.
5. Be patient during the investigation. It takes time for the Crime Scene deputy to respond. It takes time for the responding Deputy to complete his paperwork and a thorough investigation.

We know that it can be hot during the summer and cold during the winter and once a Crime Scene Deputy responds and begins processing the residence, they make sure that an inside room is completed so you can return inside to one room while they complete their investigation.

To recap:

1. Exit your house and call the Sheriff's Office.
2. Do not touch anything or walk around your house.
3. Remain outside during the investigation
4. Be patient.

In an Emergency dial **911**, if there is not an emergency call the non-emergency number to report the burglary at 352-569-2621



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Information Provided by Sumter County Sheriff's Office



OPERATION **MEDICINE CABINET**

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with The Village Fire Rescue will be sponsoring Operation Medicine Cabinet. This will give Sumter County residents a chance to dispose of unused or expired prescriptions.

The event will be held on Saturday March 5th, 2016 at The Villages Winn Dixie Supermarket at 820 Old Camp Rd, The Villages, 32162.

Deputies and Firefighters will be on hand to retrieve the discarded medicines from 9am to 2pm.

Proper disposal prevents the medicine from being stolen or abused. Thrown into the garbage, pharmaceuticals can wind up leeching into the environment. Flushed down a toilet the medicines can contaminate groundwater supply. Disposing of unused or expired medicine will also keep children and grandchildren from getting into the prescriptions.

Operation Medicine Cabinet provides a safe way of destroying pharmaceuticals through incineration, to avoid polluting the environment. Help us keep medications from getting into the wrong hands or our water supply.

Information Provided by The Villages Home Owners Association

The Villages Home Owners Association



Presents a **“FREE”**
COMMUNITY ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT
Saturday, February 20, 2016
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Please bring all items to the drop off area in the parking lot of Winn Dixie at Lake Sumter

Items Accepted:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Video Game Systems/Consoles, Controllers✓ Camera (Photo/Video Equipment)✓ Network Equipment (Routers, Modems, Servers, etc.)✓ Digital TV Boxes (TIVO, Direct TV, etc.)✓ Stereo Systems (Speakers, Amplifiers, etc.)✓ Radios, Tape Players✓ VCR's, DVD Players, Blu-Ray Players✓ Musical Equipment (Guitar/Bass Amplifiers & Effects, etc.)✓ All Types of Wire, Cables, Cords, Connectors & Adapters✓ Microwaves, Small Household Appliances✓ Commercial Copiers✓ Fitness Equipment✓ Batteries, Uninterrupted Power Supplies (personal & network) NO ALKALINE BATTERIES ACCEPTED! | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Flat Screen Monitors✓ LCD & Plasma TV's✓ Computers (Desktops and Laptops)✓ Computer components (Mice, Keyboards, Speakers, External Drives, Cards, etc.)✓ Main Frames, Servers, Docking Stations, Network Hubs✓ Chargers for Laptop Computers, Digital Cameras, etc.)✓ Printers, Fax Machines, Scanners and Copiers✓ Toner/Ink Cartridges (contained within equipment or unit)✓ Telephones, Cell Phones & Desk Phones (and telecom equipment)✓ MP3 Players, Ipods, etc.✓ PA Systems, Loud Speakers, etc.✓ Electronic Circuit Boards and Components |
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*Please note that we **DO NOT accept Hazardous Materials** such as: **HID or Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Liquids of any kind, Fuel-containing devices, Fluid-containing devices, Pressurized Tanks, Radioactive Materials, CRT TV's, CRT Monitors, Floppy Disks or CD's, Alkaline Batteries!***

Services are provided by **MPact Services, LLC**. For more information regarding this event and/or acceptable items, please contact: **Matt McCarty @ 813-601-6221, mmccarty1029@gmail.com** or visit our website @ www.mpactservicesusa.com.



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 A1 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.