

# The Villages®

Community Development Districts

February 17, 2016

11:00 A.M.

## Welcome Wednesday News

### Contact Us:

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Administration  
(352) 751-3939

Community Standards  
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Property Management  
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Finance  
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(352) 674-1905

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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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Property Management



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

⇒ **Laurel Manor Pickleball & Tennis Courts**

The Laurel Manor Pickleball & Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance on Friday, February 19th.

⇒ **Bradenton Family Pool Closure**

The Bradenton Family Pool will be closed on Wednesday, February 17th for deck maintenance.

⇒ **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.

### **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 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](http://www.DistrictGov.org).



## A Message From...

### Schwartz Park Renovation

The demolition phase of the construction is now complete and the installation of the underground utilities and drainage systems have begun. The project is anticipated to be complete in April 2016. Please use caution in this area and remain out of all construction areas. Stay tuned to future Welcome Wednesdays and [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) for additional information and updates as the project progresses.



### Del Mar & Boone Gate Restrooms

The relocation of controls and utilities to prepare for the construction of the restrooms are now underway by District Property Management. Sites for the installation of water and sewer services are being prepared and the preparation of the final construction plans are underway.





# A Message From...

## The Villages® Community Development Districts Recreation



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**LOVE THE OUTDOORS & ADVENTURE?**

Then you will not want to miss this year's Outdoor Expo featuring over 50 clubs and vendors!

Meet fellow Villages Residents who would love to introduce you to their club - right here in The Villages.

**The Villages Outdoor Recreational Clubs**  
KAYAK | SCUBA | FISHING | AIR GUN  
ARCHERY | TRAP & SKEET | & MORE!

Village Cycles, Inc. | Discovery Kayak Tours  
Blue Moon Ranch | & Many More!

La Hacienda REGIONAL REC CENTER AND Lake Mira Mar  
Golf Cars & Carpooling Encouraged  
Call 352-753-1716 or click [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) for more information

Map labels: Knudson Softball Field, Paradise Park, La Hacienda RRC, Lake Mira Mar, Hacienda Hills Golf & Country Club, Chula Vista VRC, Air Gun Range, Rio Grande, Avenida Central, Veterans Memorial Park, Paradise Dog Park, Golfview Archery, Silver Springs, Soleside, Green Ave.

## Senior Games 2016 - Friday, March 11, 2016 – Tuesday, March 15, 2016

The Villages Senior Games continues to grow, and provide fun, fellowship, fitness and competition for all Villages residents. The focus of The Villages Senior Games is not winning, but participating. The Villages Senior Games is dedicated to:

- Encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles for Villages residents.
- Providing Villages residents with the opportunity to compete at local, state and national levels.
- Providing Villages residents with an affordable and quality multi-sport festival they can call their own Games.

**Registration is open!** Bring or mail your registration form and payment to La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center before the deadline of February 24th. New this year – Athlete's Hours that will feature music, beverages and appetizers. Tickets will be provided to all athletes upon check in at your event(s). Additional tickets will be available for purchase for your guests. For detailed information, please visit [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).



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## Community Standards

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.

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## Customer Service

### Veteran Memorial Bricks

The Customer Service Center is selling bricks to be placed in the Veterans Memorial Park for the 2016 Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2016. The bricks are used to commemorate U.S. Veterans, both past and present. The cost of each brick is \$55.00 and can be purchased at the Customer Service Center located at 984 Old Mill Run in Lake Sumter Landing. While the bricks are sold year-round, they must be purchased by March 31, 2016 to have them included in the 2016 ceremony. All bricks purchased after March 31<sup>st</sup> will be included in the 2017 ceremony.



For additional information, please contact us at (352) 753-4508.

# 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**

## Did You Know??

There are several areas in The Villages that have been designated as not accessible by the public. These areas are not for use by the public as they cannot be accessed without travelling on private property or property designated as right-of-way areas specifically for maintenance purposes. Some of these areas have a “No Public Access” sign posted to notify it is not an area that should be accessed by the public. Both Community Watch and Law Enforcement are aware of these areas and should be contacted if there are concerns.



# Get Proper Approval Before Doing Anything With Trees in Your Yard

It is already into February, and so far the weather predictions that said this winter would be colder and wetter than normal because of El Niño have been half right. We definitely have received more rain than normal this winter, but the cold weather has been late to arrive and so far has had minimal impact to our landscapes.

I live west of The Villages in Oxford, and while driving to work I have seen frost on the pastures only four or five times this winter, and the lows at my house have dipped down to around 29 degrees for only a brief time.

This is still low enough for us to take precautions to shut off our irrigation where it affects roadways or multimodal paths. This is done just in case it gets cold enough for ice to form, to avoid slippery conditions or damage to tender plantings such as annual flower beds.

Am I complaining? No, but having grown up in north Florida, I know that as the late Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over till it's over." We are still susceptible to a damaging cold snap well into March.

Local folklore suggests we are not safe from a hard freeze in our area any time before or during the last full moon toward the end of March or the beginning of April. While I could not find information to confirm this, I have had tender plants in the garden damaged by frost or a hard freeze around those times.

The worst thing that can occur for some of our plants is for it to get unseasonably warm again for several weeks, followed by a late-season cold snap.



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When this occurs, the warm weather fools some plants into flushing out with succulent new growth, only for the cold weather to come and freeze it all off. So don't put those blankets, sheets and frost cloths away just yet!

Last week, Diane Tucker wrote a great article about deed restrictions and the Architectural Review Committee and how the process works. The three gentlemen who work with me in the landscape department and I all are International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborists. We each assist the ARC by providing our opinions and assessments on trees that residents request to get permission to remove for a variety of reasons.

The requests for removal range from a tree being too large for the area, dropping leaves or being messy, and concerns about driveway or curbing damage. Sometimes these are concerns that we can validate, but often we suggest alternatives such as root pruning and installation of a root barrier by a qualified experienced contractor, especially if the tree meets certain criteria by being a certain workable distance from utilities or hardscapes, and there is nothing structurally or otherwise wrong with the tree to warrant removal.

The reason I am mentioning this is we recently received phone calls concerning a rumor that if the tree is dead, or is affecting utilities or infrastructure such as curbing, sidewalks or a driveway, a resident does not have to get ARC approval.

This is simply not the case and the process must be followed just the same if it is 4 inches or greater in diameter or if the request is being made for any other reason.

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 or 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. They have been enforcing this and issuing fines and likely will continue to do so.

This is also a perfect opportunity to address contractors soliciting and performing tree-related work even though they do not have proper certifications.

There are plenty of websites that show what improper types of pruning looks like, and if you type in "ISA why topping hurts trees," you can pull up information and pictures that show and explain why this practice is not good for the trees.

In addition to seeking approval for removing a tree, please also verify that the individual or company is

reputable and has the necessary certifications to perform the work. If they perform trimming on a tree outside of best practices, or if it is unnecessary, it actually can make the tree more dangerous and costly in the long

run than if it were trimmed properly.

That's all for me this time, but I look forward to meeting you again, here at Our Place.

*Erik Knudsen is The Villages Landscape Manager. He can be reached at [erik.knudsen@districtgov.org](mailto:erik.knudsen@districtgov.org).*

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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"><li>✓ Video Game Systems/Consoles, Controllers</li><li>✓ Camera (Photo/Video Equipment)</li><li>✓ Network Equipment (Routers, Modems, Servers, etc.)</li><li>✓ Digital TV Boxes (TIVO, Direct TV, etc.)</li><li>✓ Stereo Systems (Speakers, Amplifiers, etc.)</li><li>✓ Radios, Tape Players</li><li>✓ VCR's, DVD Players, Blu-Ray Players</li><li>✓ Musical Equipment (Guitar/Bass Amplifiers &amp; Effects, etc.)</li><li>✓ All Types of Wire, Cables, Cords, Connectors &amp; Adapters</li><li>✓ Microwaves, Small Household Appliances</li><li>✓ Commercial Copiers</li><li>✓ Fitness Equipment</li><li>✓ Batteries, Uninterrupted Power Supplies (personal &amp; network) <b>NO ALKALINE BATTERIES ACCEPTED!</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Flat Screen Monitors</li><li>✓ LCD &amp; Plasma TV's</li><li>✓ Computers (Desktops and Laptops)</li><li>✓ Computer components (Mice, Keyboards, Speakers, External Drives, Cards, etc.)</li><li>✓ Main Frames, Servers, Docking Stations, Network Hubs</li><li>✓ Chargers for Laptop Computers, Digital Cameras, etc.)</li><li>✓ Printers, Fax Machines, Scanners and Copiers</li><li>✓ Toner/Ink Cartridges (contained within equipment or unit)</li><li>✓ Telephones, Cell Phones &amp; Desk Phones (and telecom equipment)</li><li>✓ MP3 Players, Ipods, etc.</li><li>✓ PA Systems, Loud Speakers, etc.</li><li>✓ Electronic Circuit Boards and Components</li></ul> |
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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](mailto:mmccarty1029@gmail.com)** or visit our website @ [www.mpactservicesusa.com](http://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.