

# The Villages®

Community Development Districts

February 24, 2016

11:00 A.M.

## Welcome Wednesday News

### Contact Us:

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(352) 753-4022

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**Human Resources**  
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**Public Safety**  
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**Purchasing**  
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**Recreation Administration**  
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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.**



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

⇒ **Gazebo Closure**

The gazebos located behind the Paradise Recreation Center are currently closed for maintenance. Please stay tuned to [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org) for additional information.

**Villa Road Resurfacing**

Resurfacing is 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 – April 11–15, 2016

Cherry Vale & Heritage – April 25–29, 2016

Clayton & Swainwood – March 28–April 1, 2016

Bellamy & Jasper – May 9–13, 2016

Chesterfield & Mount Vernon – February 22 - 29, 2016

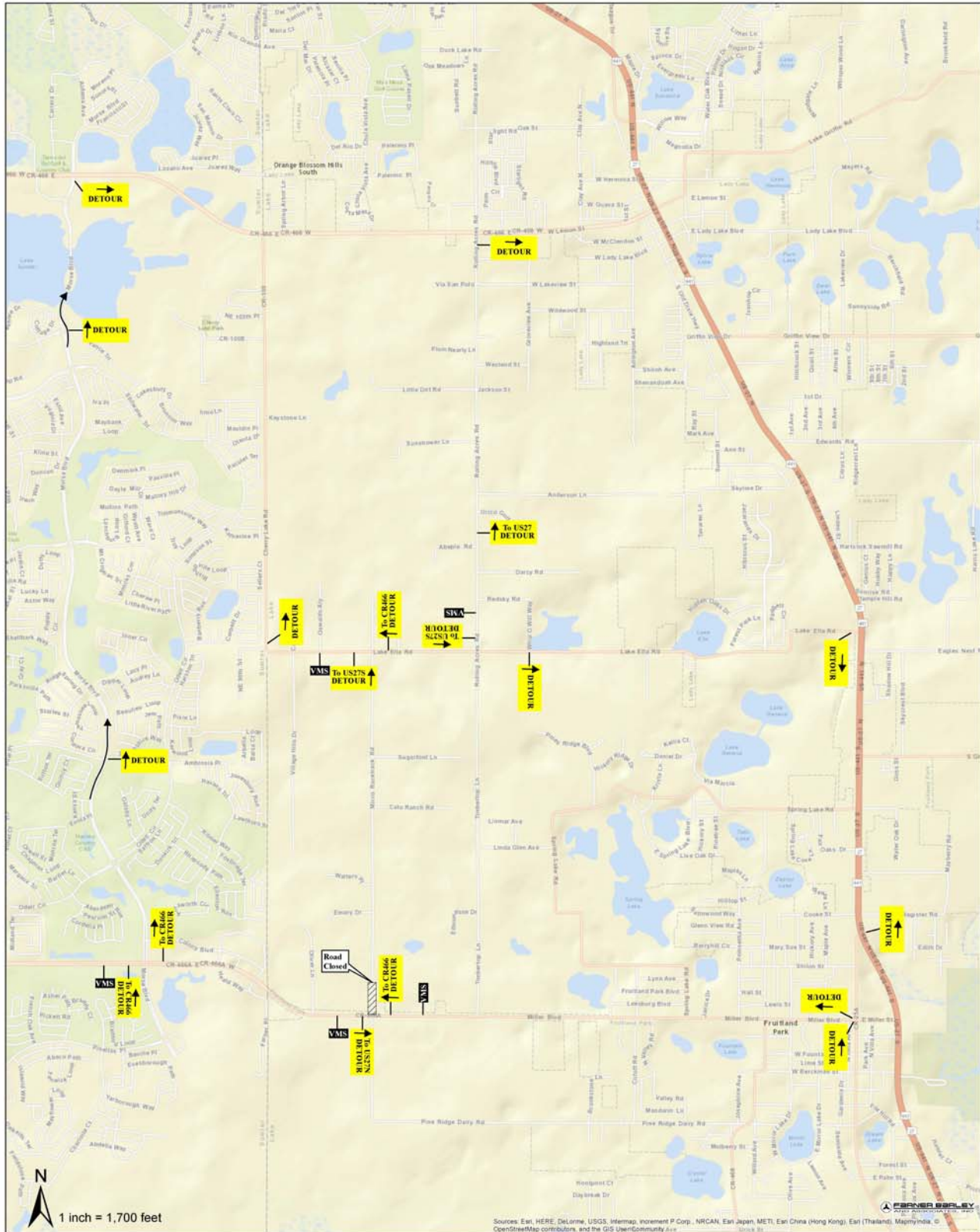
Eagle Ridge – February 22 - 29, 2016

**Tunnel Closures**

The following tunnels will be closed for stucco replacement and maintenance. These schedules 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.

- Tunnel B5 located under El Camino Real near the Savannah Center will be closed until Friday, February 26th
- Tunnel B6 located under Buena Vista Boulevard near Savannah Center will be closed Monday, February 29th – March 28th

**Micro Race Track Road** will be closed for improvements February 29, 2016 through March 4, 2016. Please use caution in this area and pay attention to all detour signage. The detour routes are included in the map below.



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Intermap, increment P Corp., NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri (Thailand), Swire, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

## A Message From...

### Schwartz Park Renovation

Installation of the underground utilities and drainage systems are nearing completion. The foundation work for the pavilion is now underway. The project is on schedule and is anticipated to be complete in April 2016. Please use caution in this area and remain out of all construction areas.



### Del Mar & Boone Gate Restrooms

District Property Management has completed the relocation of controls and utilities to prepare for the construction of the restrooms. The sites are now ready for the installation of sewer services and the preparation of the final construction plans are nearing completion.

## The Villages® Community Development Districts Executive Golf

In our efforts to keep the infrastructure for our executive golf course operating and functioning correctly for years to come, The Executive Golf Maintenance department continues to evaluate and make necessary repairs to cart paths throughout the Executive Golf Courses. This week, we will be grinding and removing broken path at hole #1 on both Briarwood and Walnut Grove courses. This work is scheduled to be complete on **February 25, 2016** and should not cause interference in play. The newly repaired cart path on Hill Top #8 and #9 will be backfilled and dressed out prior to new grass installation this week. These schedules may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. We apologize for the inconvenience.



# A Message From...

## The Villages® Community Development Districts Recreation

The Villages®  
OUTDOOR  
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**EXPO**  
15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

SATURDAY FEB 27TH • 9AM-3PM  
SUNDAY FEB 28TH • 10AM-3PM






**EXHIBITORS ✦ DEMOS ✦ FOOD ✦ FUN**

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**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts  
Recreation

**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!

**FREE ADMISSION**



**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

## SHARON ROSE WIECHENS PRESERVE



- HOURS OF USE: 7:00 AM TO DUSK
- FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMAIN ON PATH, OBSERVATION DECK, OR BOARDWALK AT ALL TIMES
- WEAR APPROPRIATE SHOES
- USE FACILITIES AT YOUR OWN RISK
- UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VILLAGE RESIDENT OR GUEST OVER 19 YEARS OF AGE WITH A VALID GUEST ID AND PHOTO
- THE PRESERVE IS HOME FOR MANY SPECIES OF WILDLIFE; NATURAL FOOD IS ABUNDANT THEREFORE PLEASE DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE
- PLEASE DO NOT FISH
- PLEASE DO NOT HARM OR HARASS WILDLIFE
- PLEASE DO NOT INTRODUCE ANY PLANTS OR ANIMALS INTO THE PRESERVE
- PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS INTO THE PRESERVE
- PLEASE DO ENJOY THE VIEW, TAKE PICTURES AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS
- PLEASE NO GOLF CARTS PERMITTED IN THE PRESERVE

## A Message From...



### **Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Kick-off**

The District has officially kicked off its Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Process! The Boards approved the FY16-17 Budget Calendar which can be found on the District's website. The Budget Preparation Staff has received their Budget Instructions and are ready to prepare their packets! This budget process will result in a final adopted budget for FY2016-17 that begins on October 1, 2016 and ends September 30, 2017. All meetings are public and residents are encouraged to provide input. You may provide your comments by attending the budget workshops or monthly board meetings; calling Janet Tutt, District Manager or Barbara Kays, Budget Director at 751-3939; emailing Barbara at [Barbara.Kays@districtgov.org](mailto:Barbara.Kays@districtgov.org) or contacting your District Board Supervisors.

### **General Fund Refund**

A very detailed and complex cost allocation process occurs at the end of the budget process that allocates general governmental services costs to the numerous funds that utilize their services. We allocate 100% of the budgeted costs for departments such as Administration, Budget, Finance, Property Management, Customer Service, Clerk, Human Resources etc. The unspent funds accumulate which occasionally provides the opportunity to "refund" surplus funds. During its February meeting, the Village Center Community District Board, which is responsible for the Village Center General Fund, approved a refund to the other funds for Fiscal Year 15-16. A refund was previously provided during Fiscal Year 13-14. It is anticipated that a refund may also be included in the Fiscal Year 16-17 Budget.

### **Budget amendments for Fiscal Year 14-15 Carryforwards**

All District Boards have approved their FY15-16 Budget Amendment resolutions that will "carryforward" unspent FY14-15 budgeted funds for projects/expenses that were budgeted and not completed or items that were ordered yet unpaid at the end of the fiscal year into the FY15-16 Budget. These budget amendment resolutions are available for viewing on Districtgov.org.



The annual financial audit for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 has been completed and all District Boards accepted the audited financial statements at their February meetings. Representatives of the audit firm of Purvis Gray and Company, LLC, were available at the meetings to present their reports on the financial statements. All reports were given an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion for governmental financial statements. There were also no Management Letter comments for any of the Districts. The audited financial statements for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 are available on-line on the District's website, [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).

# What's Happening in Your District...



## NOTICE OF VACANCY VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Village Community Development District No. 8 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 by visiting [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).

**Applications must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than  
5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 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, March 18, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the **District Office Board Room, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL.**



Village Community Development District No. 1 will be hosting Town Hall meeting on **March 31, 2016 at 6:00pm at the La Hacienda Recreation Center**. This Town Hall meeting provides residents an opportunity to learn interesting facts about the District and ask questions of the District Supervisors. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts.

## Did You Know?

# The Villages®

## Community Development Districts

There are several ponds throughout The Villages that residents can enjoy fishing as they can be accessed without traveling on private property or property designated as right-of-way areas for maintenance purposes only. A listing of recommended fishing locations and additional information on fishing in The Villages can be found on [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org). When fishing or enjoying these public access areas, please keep the following in mind:

- ◆ Fishing is prohibited in Lake Sumter, Harmeswood, and other areas with “No Fishing” signs posted.
- ◆ Water bodies throughout the community are available for fishing provided the access areas do not impose or interfere with golf courses, private property, or have a “No Public Access” sign displayed.
- ◆ When fishing, all fishermen are required to comply with federal, state and local laws, statues and ordinances while fishing in the boundaries of The Villages. For licensing information, please visit [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com).
- ◆ Any person crossing into jurisdictional wetlands is in violation of state and federal law and may be prosecuted.
- ◆ Community Watch and Law Enforcement are aware of areas not accessible by the public and should be contacted if there are concerns.



### Notice of March 3rd AAC Workshop Cancellation

On February 21, 2016 the District received a letter from a First Baptist Church Official providing written notice of termination and withdrawal from the Contract for Purchase and Sale with the Village Center Community Development District. The Contract provided the right to terminate and withdraw from the Contract within 30 days after both appraisals were received by both parties.

In light of this development, the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) Workshop scheduled on March 3, 2016 to discuss the Contract for Purchase and Sale has been canceled.



Beginning this Thursday, February 25th, OUR PLACE is moving from the Recreation News to The Daily Sun! We appreciate OUR PLACE readers and look forward to sharing what's happening with your District governments each week in The Daily Sun!

Our Place

February 18, 2016

## Annual budget process already kicking off for fiscal year 2016-17

Today marks the day that I married my husband 27 years ago! Happy Anniversary, Joe! Through most of those years, he and our three children have lived through numerous budget cycles. If you ask him he would say he has "suffered" through too many annual budget processes, but I'm sure he is just joking.

The District is kicking off its fiscal year 2016-17 budget process. The boards are in the process of approving their budget workshop and meeting dates related to the fiscal year 2016-17 budget process. After each district has approved its calendar, the approved budget calendar will be provided on the District's website – [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org).

Fiscal year 2016-17 actually begins Oct. 1, 2016; however, we start the budget preparation process eight months before the fiscal year actually starts.

Did you know that the original fiscal year 2015-16 budget is \$270,705,980 for 48 funds over 15 Districts? This includes more than \$190 million for operations and maintenance costs in addition to more than \$60 million for debt service costs for the purchase of infrastructure and amenity fee revenue stream and more than \$20 million for District 11 capital funds.

The total operations and maintenance portion covers numerous functions such as Utilities, Sanitation, Recreation, Property Management, Safety and support services – Administration, Budget, Clerk, Finance, Purchasing, Human Resources, Customer Service, etc. Below is a small sampling of operations and maintenance items that are considered during the budget preparation



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process:

The Department of Property Management is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of all of the district-owned facilities and infrastructure, including more than 285,000 square feet of recreation facilities, 30 postal stations, pools, 506-plus acres of preserves, 1,126 acres of wetlands, 392 water retention areas/basins, more than 41 miles of multimodal paths, 120 miles of roadways, street lighting, irrigation systems and more than 1,015 acres of landscaping. They oversee more than 180 different contracts ranging from landscaping to janitorial to pool maintenance.

The Recreation Department is responsible for the operations of more than 1,157 facilities, including 10 regional, 24 village and 48 neighborhood recreation centers; nine sports pools, 23 family pools and 48 neighborhood pools; five fitness clubs, 11 softball fields, four dog parks and many others. Plus, there are 16 District-owned executive golf courses that had more than 1 million rounds of golf played on them last year.

Community Watch Department has 93 gate complexes with 21 staffed gates, including 11 that are staffed 24/7, with approximately 145,000 vehicles/carts per day passing through them. Patrol drives more than 1,140,000 miles a year to patrol every

neighborhood at least two times a day, 365 days a year.

The Villages Public Safety Department is responsible for seven fire stations that are staffed 24/7, providing commercial and residential coverage over a service area of more than 40 square miles. They served more than 18,984 requests for services last year, of which 80 percent were medically related.

The Utilities funds includes the operations and maintenance costs of more than 77 lift stations, 440 miles of potable water mains and 380 miles of sanitary sewer gravity mains to provide water and sewer services to the residents.

All of these services and more are carried out by 1,000 full-time and part-time District employees. Operating costs for all of these departments and more are included in the budget.

Now you may have a better understanding of why it is a major undertaking to prepare, review, adjust and finalize so many budgets for that amount of funding.

There are 14 Districts that operate as separate governments with the responsibility to review and adopt their own budgets. In addition, the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District reviews and provides a proposed budget to Sumter County Board of Commissioners for adoption.

There are also two committees (Amenity Authority Committee and the Project Wide Advisory Committee) that review certain funds and make recommendations to the respective District Board.

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are reviewing the needs and priorities for their areas of responsibility and preparing their budget requests to be submitted at the end of March. The Office of Management and Budget, along with the District Manager, will review each budget during April and May.

During the May budget workshops, the board

supervisors will review the recommended budget by line item to determine a proposed budget. Proposed budgets are approved in June and final budgets are adopted in September with a whole lot of work happening in between.

Of course the budget process is a public process and we encourage everyone to attend. You can express your thoughts

and comments by attending a budget workshops or a monthly board meeting, calling Janet Tutt or myself at 751-3939, or emailing me at [barbara.kays@districtgov.org](mailto:barbara.kays@districtgov.org). All budget workshops are open to the public and we urge you to attend even if you don't have any comments. This is a great way to learn how your District government works.

Thank you for taking the time from your Villages lifestyle to read about your District government's budget process, and be sure to join us next week at Our Place!

*Barbara Kays is the budget director for the District Office of Management and Budget. She can be reached at [barbara.kays@districtgov.org](mailto:barbara.kays@districtgov.org).*

District Budget Preparation Team that includes staff from all departments. Most are veterans of the budget process, so with their professional experience and knowledge, the process runs smoothly. The departments currently

# **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 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.