# The Villages® Community Development Districts

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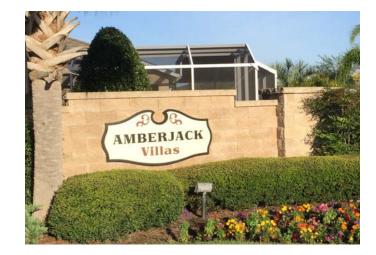
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# Welcome Wednesday News



This photo was submitted by Jodell Thurgaland, Budget Analyst, as part of the photo contest for the cover of the annual Village Community Development District No. 8 Audit Report. To view the entire audit report for District 8 or any of The Village Community Development Districts, please visit www.DistrictGov.org.

# **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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## The following areas will be closed or have scheduled maintenance:

## ⇒ La Hacienda Sports Pool

The La Hacienda Sports Pool will be closed for deck maintenance May 15th through May 27th.

## $\Rightarrow$ Tierra Del Sol Bocce Courts

The Tierra Del Sol Bocce Courts are tentatively closed until May 9th for maintenance and improvements.

### ⇒ Savannah Center Sports Pool

The Savannah Center Sports Pool will be closed for improvements May 1st through May 22nd.

### ⇒ Chatham Tennis Courts

The Chatham Tennis Courts will be closed for resurfacing April 26th through May 12th.

### ⇒ Mulberry Grove Theater

The Mulberry Grove Theater will be closed for stage maintenance May 9th through May 22nd.

### ⇒ Laurel Manor Recreation Center

The indoor and outdoor facilities at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance on Sunday, May 14th.

### ⇒ Bridgeport Recreation Center

The Cape Hatteras Room and the Outer Banks Room in the Bridgeport Recreation Center will be closed for the installation of a new sound system on May 18th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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#### ⇒ Lake Miona Enterprise Room

The Lake Miona Enterprise Room will be closed for maintenance May 8th through May 19th.

#### ⇒ Lake Miona Bocce Courts

The Lake Miona Bocce Courts will be closed for maintenance until May 12th.

#### ⇒ Lake Shore Cottages Pool

The Lake Shore Cottages Pool will be closed for mill and overlay of the parking lot May 8th to May 13th.

#### ⇒ Canal Street Recreation Center & Billiards Room

The Canal Street Billiards Room will be closed for the installation of table pockets on May 9th. The recreation center will be closed for maintenance on May 20th.

### Saddlebrook Village Recreation Center Renovation

The new trellis is substantially complete and the new pool equipment has been installed. The interior finishes are continuing to be installed. The project is on schedule for an opening in mid-summer 2017. For your safety and the safety of all workers, please refrain from entering all construction areas.

## Saddlebrook IPM Building

The finishing touches are being completed and we anticipate the building will be in service mid-May 2017.





# What's Happening in Your District

# The Villages Community Development Districts District 10

#### **Road Rejuvenation – Village Community Development District No. 10**

Road rejuvenation is scheduled to begin on villa roads located within District 10 Tuesday, May 9, 2017 through Friday, May 19, 2017. Door knockers will be delivered as a reminder the week before work begins and signs will be placed at your Villa entry approximately two weeks before work begins. Please check the signs at your entry for dates of application and check daily for any changes which may occur that are out of our control. Additional information can also be found by visiting www.DistrictGov.org.

We <u>strongly recommend</u> you follow all instructions given to you by the workers in your Villa and the information provided on the doorknocker you will receive. Some of these instructions include no car washing, no parking in the street or in the guest parking area. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we complete this necessary road maintenance to extend the life of the road infrastructure.

Day 1	Day 5	
Antrim Dells Villas	Pensacola Villas	
Day 2	Kelsea Villas	
Alden Bungalows	Whitney Villas	
Day 3	Harlow Villas	
Perry Villas	Day 6	
Carrabelle Villas	Beauclair Villas	
Marianna Villas	Belle Glade Villas	
Melbourne Villas	Callahan Villas	
Day 4		
New Haven Villas		
Leyton Villas		
Pineland Villas		
Ventura Villas		

It is extremely important that you do not run any irrigation or wash your car the day before, the day of and the day after application. The product being used needs to completely soak into the asphalt on a dry road to ensure a successful application.

All multimodal trails will also receive a reclamite application. This project will be a night time operation and should have little to no impact on cart traffic.

# What's Happening in Your District

## The Villages® Community Development Districts District 5



The District Property Management Department is coordinating with Rainey Construction to mill and overlay the Villa roads in VCDD No. 5 and 6 that were not previously completed. The work began on January 16, 2017 and will continue through July 2017.

The District will deliver notices to each home that will be impacted by the work approximately 7-10 days in advance, in addition to placing informational signs at the entry and exit of each villa which will include the anticipated start and end date of the project.

The timeline may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. If the timeline is adjusted, the informational signs at the villa entry and exits will be updated.

\*\* Please note this schedule was updated 3/17/2017



DISTRICT	VILLA NAME	SCHEDULE
6	Lake Shore Cottages	May 8-13, 2017
6	Emmalee and Katherine	May 22-27, 2017
6	Oleander and Tanglewood	June 5-10, 2017
6	Kaylee and Madison	June 19-24, 2017
5,6	Sullivan and Newport	July 10-15, 2017
5	Lime Grove and Mount Pleasant	July 24-29, 2017

## A Message From...

The Villages® Community Development Districts Property Management

In The Villages, there are over 2,000 acres of natural areas consisting of preserves, wetlands, mitigation areas, upland buffers and conservation easements. All of these are permitted through one or more of the following agencies: Southwest Florida Water Management District, St. Johns Water Management District, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Corps of Army Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. All of the natural areas are owned by and are the responsibility of one of the Community Development Districts which are units of special purpose government in the State of Florida.

The purpose of the natural areas is to ensure that the property will be retained forever in its existing natural condition and to prevent any use of the property that will impair or interfere with the environmental value of the property. The majority of the permits have special conditions requiring that specific success criteria be met. These criteria generally deal with herbaceous or shrub species, other appropriate vegetation, and/or tree canopy. It can take multiple years of annual monitoring and reporting to meet the success criteria.

Now, let's talk about some of the things that are prohibited. These include dumping or placing soil or other substance or material as landfill; removing or destroying trees, shrubs or other vegetation; excavating, dredging or removing other material substances; and surface use, except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominately in its natural condition. With the exception of the walkway and observation platform at the Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve, entering into any of the natural areas is prohibited to the public,

which includes Village residents.

Unfortunately, some residents have taken it upon themselves or hired someone to cut or destroy vegetation and /or trees in a permitted natural area.

Please continue to assist us in maintaining the environmental value of these properties. If you don't own the property, please do not enter it, let alone illegally cut or destroy any vegetation or trees.



Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve





#### Savannah Center Lobby Furniture

To ensure the furniture in the Savannah Center is kept in optimal condition, all upholstered furniture in the lobby has been replaced. Please stop by to see the improved facility!



#### El Santiago and Sweetgum Executive Golf Courses

The El Santiago Executive Golf Course and Sweetgum Executive Golf Course are currently closed. Some of the cultural programs that are occurring during the closure include aeration and top dressing. We appreciate your patience while this work is performed. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the Director of Executive Golf Maintenance at 352-753 -3396.



## The Villages® Community Development Districts Executive Golf

The month of April has passed quickly and our transition from this Fall over seeded turf areas to our native Bermuda grass is almost complete. The weather in April was extremely hot and dry which aids in the transition processes and reduces the amounts of over seed quicker. In May, we expect that our courses will benefit with these conditions for transition removal. Although the good weather conditions are favorable to reduce over seed, we are still having to monitor our water allocations closely due to the dryer than normal spring with our native Bermuda grasses.

With the reduced rainfall this spring we continue on a planned path of improvements for your playing conditions. Beginning this month we will start our summer <u>mechanical aeration programs</u>. To accommodate these cultural programs, we will be starting our course single day bi-weekly closure schedules, in addition to our weekly closures.

While aerification may provide a short term inconvenience, this is one of the most important and necessary grass cultural programs available. This process helps us recover and ensure our playing surfaces remain consistent throughout the rest of the year. Please plan your tee times accordingly and expect transition surfaces to be slightly sandy over the course of 14 to 21 days from the start dates of the aerations.

We encourage all of you enjoying the facilities to assist us in our endeavors in maintenance by practicing proper "Golf Etiquette" and playing "Ready Golf" so everyone that plays has the best golf experience possible.





## May 2017 Turf Talk

Silver Lake Hill Top De La Vista Chula Vista Mira Mesa El Diablo El Santiago Saddlebrook Hawks Bay Walnut Grove Briarwood Amberwood Oakleigh Pimlico Churchill Belmont

Yankee Clipper Southern Star Bonita Pass Red Fish Run Tarpon Boil Heron Pelican Bogart Bacall Sandhill Turtle Mound Truman Roosevelt Palmetto Sweetgum Mangrove Volusia Sarasota Escambia Okeechobee

### TURF TIP:

**Transition Period** This is the time period between the management of cool season over seed grasses and our native Bermuda grass management. Contractors will promote growth of the native Bermuda grass with the upcoming warm weather and kill off the over seeded cool season type grass varieties. This ensures that the strongest and most adaptable grass varieties for consistent playing conditions are maintained for your golf courses throughout the year.

Executive Golf Course Up-Dates and News May 2017 Turf Talk by Eric Van Gorder Director of Executive Golf Maintenance 352-753-3396 • <u>Eric Van Gorder@Districtgov.org</u> www.Districtgov.org • www.GolfTheVillages.com

# **The Villages**<sup>®</sup> Community Development Districts **Recreation**



## **Did You Know??**





- This was our 17<sup>th</sup> year of Senior Games
- Over 1,800 Athletes, 610 were first timers
- The youngest athlete was 50 & the oldest athlete was 98
- 1109 Gold, 629 Silver and 420 Bronze medals were awarded
- 3 new sports were introduced: Quoits, fencing and racquetball



## **Mark Your Calendar!**

# The Villages

Community Development Districts Office of Management and Budget

#### ~ Fiscal Year 2017-18 May Budget Workshops ~

As we continue with our Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Budget Process, we will be conducting several budget workshops or Budget updates during the month of May. These workshops will include an in-depth review of the line-item budget, maintenance assessment rate schedule, working capital & reserve balances, and capital improvement plan updates with the Board Supervisors.

As always these workshops are open to the public. Except for AAC, they will be held at the District Office – Large Conference Room located at 984 Old Mill Run.

Below is the schedule for the May Budget Workshops:

#### Monday, May 8th

District # 5 - 8:00 a.m. District # 6 - 9:30 a.m. District # 8 - 11:00 a.m. District # 9 - 1:30 p.m. District #10 - 3:00 p.m.

#### Monday, May 15th

District # 1 - 8:00 a.m. District # 2 - 9:30 a.m. District # 3 - 11:00 a.m. District # 4 - 1:30 p.m.

Some Districts will be reviewing the FY2017-18 Budget during their regular May Board meeting also held at the District Office Large Conference Room except as noted:

#### Wednesday, May 10th

Amenity Authority Committee - 9:00 a.m. at the Savannah Center Rec. Center District 11 - 3:00 p.m.

### Thursday, May 11th

District 7 - 8:00 a.m. District 12 - 10:00 a.m.

# Mark Your Calendar con't...

The Villages Community Development Districts Office of Management and Budget

**Thursday, May 18th** Sumter Landing CDD – 8:00 a.m.

Residents are encouraged to provide input during the Budget Process. If you are unable to attend this May Budget Workshop then you may provide your comments by attending any of the monthly board meetings, contacting a Board member or contacting Janet Tutt or Barbara Kays, Budget Director at 751-3939 or email Barbara at Barbara.Kays@Districtgov.org.

## A Message From...



E-billing is now available for your monthly utility/amenity bill. To sign up, use the following link <u>http://www.districtgov.org/ebill</u> or you can access the link by logging on the District website, go to the "Quick Links" on the left, and go to the item "Sign Up for E-Billing". The form is simple, four questions (account number, e-mail address, customer name, street address, and a check box saying "Yes, I would like to sign up for E-Billing"). Once you complete the on-line form, it may take one billing

cycle for the change to become effective depending on where we are with your particular billing cycle. Don't be alarmed if you receive one more paper bill after registration. You will receive an e-mail confirmation within a week of sign up. If you have any questions, please contact our Finance Customer Service at 352-750-0000.



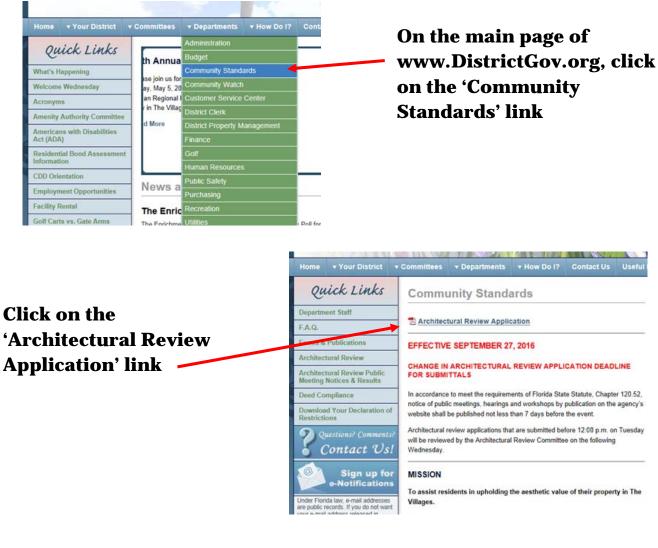


# **Did You Know??**



Did you know that you are required to fill out an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Home / Property Alteration Application before you change or modify anything on the exterior of your home?

Applications can be obtained by visiting the Community Standards Department at 984 Old Mill Run or by visiting www.DistrictGov.org.



If you have any questions or need assistance filling out your application, please contact Community Standards at (352) 751-3912.

