

October 25, 2017 11:00 A.M.

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### Welcome Wednesday News



#### **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:

#### **⇒ Rio Grande Lawn Bowling / Croquet Court**

The Rio Grande Lawn Bowling / Croquet Court will be closed beginning November 1st for greens maintenance. It is scheduled to re-open on November 9th.

#### **⇒ Paradise Recreation Center**

The Paradise lower building will be closed for quarterly cleaning on October 28th. The upper building will be closed on October 29th.

#### ⇒ Laurel Manor Sports Pool

The Laurel Manor Sports Pool will be closed October 27th at 3:00 p.m. through October 29th.

#### **⇒ Lake Miona Recreation Center**

The Lake Miona Recreation Center will be closed for quarterly maintenance on Sunday, October 29th. All outdoor facilities will remain open for your enjoyment.

#### ⇒ Captiva Recreation Center

The Captiva Recreation Center will be closed for quarterly maintenance on Saturday, November 4th.

#### **⇒ Truman Recreation Center**

The Studebaker Room in the Truman Recreation Center will be closed until further notice for maintenance.



### The following facilities will be closed or have scheduled maintenance:

#### ⇒ Hemingway Neighborhood Pool

The Hemingway Neighborhood Pool will be closed October 25th through October 26th. The shuffleboard courts, bocce courts and pavilion will remain open for your enjoyment.

#### **⇒ Eisenhower Outdoor Facilities**

The Eisenhower outdoor facilities and sports pool will be closed on November 4th from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for our annual Government Day.

The multi-modal path along Stillwater Trail will be closed October 30, 2017 and October 31, 2017 for resurfacing. The portion of path that will be closed is along Stillwater Trail from the tunnel at Buena Vista Boulevard heading east to the tunnel located next to Winn Dixie.

- The multi-modal paths along Morse Boulevard and Buena Vista Boulevard will remain open.
- If you are travelling south on the multi-modal path along Buena Vista Boulevard and would like to enter the path along Morse Boulevard, you will need to travel through Lake Sumter Landing and enter the Morse Boulevard path in the entrance in the Winn Dixie parking lot.

For your safety and the safety of all workers, please use caution in this area and pay attention to all directional and detour signage. For additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

#### **Information Provided by**



The reconstruction project of the Hacienda Trail and other Multi-Modal Paths North of C.R. 466 began on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 and is anticipated to be complete in February 2018. This project encompasses existing concrete multi-modal paths north of C.R. 466 in the geographical areas of Village Community Development District No. 1 and the Lady Lake portion of The Villages.

The first phase of the project included the multi-modal path between Panama Place and Soledad Way along the Hacienda Hills Championship Golf Course. This portion of the project is still underway with installation of landscape and ribbon curbing.

The portion of the path from the Hacienda Hills Championship Golf Course to Soledad Way has the first layer of asphalt down and a portion of ribbon curbing installed.

The contractors are currently performing demolition of the existing concrete path from Panama Place to Rio Grande Avenue, and the portion from Hacienda Hills Championship Golf Course to Del Mar Drive. Once that is complete, they will continue demolition and reconstruction from Del Mar Drive to Chula Vista.

Please use caution and adhere to all directional signage in these areas.

Please stay tuned to www.DistrictGov.org for additional information as the project progresses. If you have any questions please contact District Property Management at 352-753-4022.



#### **Hurricane Irma Recovery**

We are happy to announce that almost all recreation facilities are now open. The following areas remain closed at this time:

Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve Lake Sumter Boat Tours

#### **Community Watch & Gate Information**

All remaining gate arms were placed on gates throughout the community on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. For the safety of everyone in the community, please continue to use caution and reduce your speed when approaching a gate.

#### **Debris Removal**

All residential areas in The Villages have resumed normal yard waste collection. All yard debris must meet the requirements of your normal yard waste collection.

Debris removal along the major roadways and the recreation facilities throughout the community is continuing. Stump removal is taking place and the debris hauler is now covering areas that were previously inaccessible due to high water levels.

THANK YOU to all residents who kept your debris in your yard while collection took place. We truly appreciate your patience and cooperation!



We will continue to post updates and information as they become available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508.

#### **Information Provided by**

# The Villages Community Development Districts Property Management

#### **Phone Books**

As you receive your new phone books, please refrain from placing them at the postal facilities. Please keep our community clean by placing your old phone books out for collection on your regular home collection day.



#### **Retention Pond Maintenance**

The fall hydrilla treatment is now beginning on water retention areas throughout The Villages. Depending on the density of the hydrilla, some areas may appear to look worse before getting better. For additional information on this treatment program or to inquire on other maintenance activities on a retention pond near you, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.



#### A Message from the District Manager

On behalf of the Districts' elected officials and staff, I would like to say thank you to the residents of The Villages for your preparation and actions before, during and after Hurricane Irma.

Although there was substantial debris, an extensive amount of water, and some infrastructure damage, fortunately, there were no reports of injuries.

As you are aware, the District performed numerous preparatory actions ranging from lowering pond levels to taking wind screens down at recreation facilities — and everything in between. Securing infrastructure was a critical part of our efforts leading up to Irma's arrival.

Unfortunately, Irma's arrival resulted in lost power, debris, downed trees, building damage, pond flooding, and many other situations that affected the Districts' normal operations and functions and we continue to deal with a number of lingering challenges. However, there is an end in sight and soon all that will be left is the necessary paperwork associated with insurance claims and FEMA.

However, as is our practice, no event or activity takes place without staff reviewing all that transpired with the intent to always improve upon our efforts and actions.

To this end, staff is in the process of compiling after action items for discussion and improvements to our current emergency plan (understanding of course no two situations are the same).

As part of our efforts, we would like to hear from anyone who would like to share their thoughts and input. Previous phone calls and emails will be considered in our discussions.

Please note the Community Development Districts have a limited purview and our functions pertain to debris, sanitation services, water retention, property management, landscaping, golf, recreation, gates, utilities (water and wastewater), Customer Service, Community Watch and Villages Public Safety.

Should we receive input on any areas outside of our responsibility (shelters, electric utilities, Emergency Management, etc.) we will direct your comments to the appropriate entity.

Any comments/input you have may be directed to any of the following contacts:

Email: CustomerService@DistrictGov.org or Janet.Tutt@DistrictGov.org

Call: Customer Service at 352-753-4508 or District Administration at 352-751-3939

Mail: District Administration, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL 32162 or place

suggestions in the Utility/Amenity/District Correspondence box located at

each postal facility (no postage required!)

Please provide your comments by Thursday, November 9, 2017. Your input will also allow us to identify any additional public information efforts that may be needed to clarify situations, improve responsiveness and meet the expectations of our residents to the extent possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Janet Tutt

#### **Please Join Us!**







# PUMPKIN PAINTING at the PUMPKIN PATCH

CÄMP Villages

The Villages' Recreation & Parks

Friday, October 27 - 4PM

(While supplies last. Supplies will be provided.)

For more information call 753-1716 or visit www.DistrictGov.org



#### **Mark Your Calendar!**







## Government Day

November 4, 2017 · 10AM-1PM

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**Community Development Districts** 

## <u>Information Provided by Marion County Sheriff's</u> Office



#### MCSO TO PARTICIPATE IN DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

MARION COUNTY, FL (October 16, 2017)- The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative on Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative is a safe, convenient and anonymous way of disposing of prescription drugs and preventing them from falling into the hands of those who might abuse them. This is a one-day event where Marion County citizens can bring in their unused or unwanted prescription medications to three MCSO locations.

These locations are:

South Marion District Office 8230 SE 165th Mulberry Lane The Villages, FL 32162

Southwest District Office 9048 SW SR 200 Ocala, FL 34481

South Multi District Office 3260 SE 80th Street Ocala, FL 34480

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