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# District Weekly Bulletin



### **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.

CDD Orientation is cancelled on Thursday, January 3rd.





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

### ⇒ Silver Lake Recreation Center

The Silver Lake Recreation Center will be closed for quarterly maintenance on January 13th.

### **⇒ Southside Recreation Center**

The Southside Recreation Center will be closed for quarterly maintenance on January 13th.

### ⇒ Summerhill Neighborhood Pool

The Summerhill Neighborhood Pool will be closed until further notice.

### ⇒ Hadley Neighborhood Pool

The Hadley Neighborhood Pool will be closed for maintenance January 2nd through January 9th.

### ⇒ Colony Cottage Fitness Club

The Colony Cottage Fitness Club will be closed for quarterly maintenance on January 4th.

### ⇒ Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center

The Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center will be closed for quarterly maintenance January 3rd and January 4th.





### Save the Date

The Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) directed Staff to receive input from residents and Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Groups for both internal and external recreation center features such as meeting space, storage, restrooms, facility enhancements, type of pool and other considerations for the property located at the First Baptist Church, 16985 SE 79th Clearview Ave., The Villages in Marion County. On January 7, 2019, the survey will be posted online at www.DistrictGov.org and will be available at all recreation centers. For additional information, please contact Recreation Administration at (352) 674-1800.

### **Update Recreation News**

Starting with the January 10, 2019 edition of the Recreation News, you will see improvements and new features! Some of the new features include:

- The flow of the paper will start from North (Mulberry Grove) and move South (Fenney).
- There will be more icons (symbols) for the types of amenities/services available at the various locations.

These are just a few of the updates so check it out and let us know your thoughts!

### **Running of the Squares – Lake Sumter Landing 5K**

Join us for the second race of our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Running of the Squares on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Pick-up a registration form at any recreation center and return with payment to La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center. You can also register on-line at <a href="https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/TheVillages/">https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/TheVillages/</a> RunningtheSquaresLakeSumterLanding. The pre-registration deadline is January 9, 2019. For further information visit <a href="https://www.districtgov.org/departments/">https://www.districtgov.org/departments/</a> Recreation/recevents.aspx.

## **Information Provided by...**





### **Fenney Putt & Play**

<u>Hours of Use</u>: The Putt & Play courses are open from 9:00 a.m. until dusk from November–April and 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. until dusk from May – October. The Croquet/Lawn Bowling & Fishing areas are available from 7:00 a.m. to Dusk. Dusk is defined as 30 minutes after sunset. All facilities are smoke-free. In addition, the putt & play will be closed at various times to properly maintain the greens.

**Parking**: Only golf car parking is available at the Putt & Play recreation area. All vehicles are to be parked at the Sugar Cane or Blue Heron Recreation Areas. Please do not park on residential streets.



### Information Provided by Sumter County

Warm Springs Avenue from US 301 to C-501 will be closed overnight for construction work on the following dates and times:

- Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM through Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 AM.
- Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM through Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 AM.

Signage will be posted announcing the road closures.





### **Executive Golf Course Closures**

In our efforts to keep the infrastructure protected and functioning correctly, we utilize our executive golf courses for water management and movement. The District Executive Golf Management Team will temporarily close Amberwood, Hawks Bay, Oakleigh, and Silver Lake Executive Golf Courses until further notice for the water dumping needs of weather related recovery. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions or need additional information on this dumping, please contact the District Executive Golf Offices at 352-753-3396.



### **Christmas Tree Collection**

### **Village Community Development Districts 1-11**

If you live in Village Community Development Districts 1-11 in the Sumter County, Marion County or Fruitland Park portions of The Villages, discarded live Christmas trees can be placed at the curb and will be picked up with your normal Wednesday yard waste collection. Artificial trees can be placed on the curb with your regular household trash (not recycling) on your designated day. If you have any questions, please contact 352-748-0109.

### <u>Village Community Development District No. 12</u>

If your sanitation collection is serviced by Waste Management in the Villages of Fenney, DeSota, and McClure, you can place your tree at the curb and it will be picked up with your normal household trash.

If you live in the Lake County portion of The Villages, please contact Lake County Solid Waste at (352) 343-3776 for information.

If you live in the Lady Lake portion of The Villages, please contact Waste Management at (352) 787-4416 for information.

### Did You Know???

Did you know that road maintenance in The Villages Community falls under the purview of various governmental entities? If you have concerns pertaining to road maintenance in your area, please contact the appropriate agency below. If you are not sure who to call, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022 for assistance.

- Roads located within the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages - Lady Lake Public Works— 352-751-1500 or Lake County Road Works- 352-343-6439
- Roads located within the Marion County portion of The Villages District Property Management— 352-753-4022
- Roads (with the exception of villa roads) located in Districts 1-3 and 5-11 in the Sumter County & Fruitland Park portion of The Villages — Sumter County Public Works- 352-689-4400 or Fruitland Park Public Works— 352-360-6795
- Villa Roads located in Districts 1-3 and 5-11 in the Sumter County & Fruitland Park portion of The Villages — District Property Management— 352-753-4022
- Roads located in Districts 12 & 13 in the Wildwood portion of The Villages Please contact District Property Management— 352-753-4022 and they will forward your concerns to the appropriate agency



# What's Happening...

# Commercial Fire – TownePlace Suites by Marriot in Spanish Springs Date: December 31, 2018



On December 31, 2018, The Villages Public Safety Department was dispatched to a commercial structure fire at a hotel in the town center of Spanish Springs.

The fire was called in by the fire alarm company which reported a fire alarm activation in the building.

Units arrived and found the fire in a room on the second floor. The fire was quickly declared under control and was confined to a stove in the room. The cause of the fire was accidental. There was no significant damage, only minor smoke damage in the room the fire was located in. The hotel was temporarily evacuated as firefighters used fans to remove the smoke. There were no reported injuries.

Units on Scene: The Villages Battalion 43, Ladder 43, Engine 41.

Photos from left to right:

Battalion 43 – David Rutter

L43 – Kevin Cunliffe

L43 – Ryan Rushing

L43 Tanner Gaddy

E41 – Rocky Hartman

E41-Michael Birch

**E41 Chris McEntire** 















# **Coming Soon!**



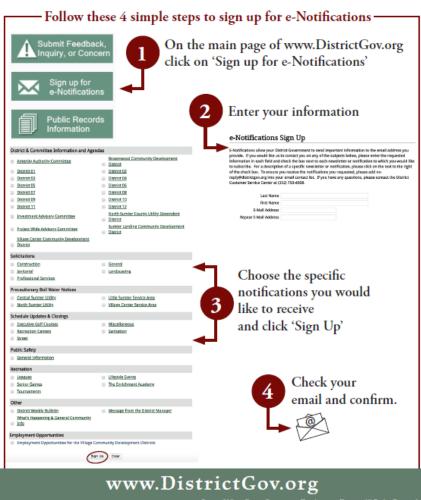
Information for upcoming Resident Academy sessions will be coming soon. Stay tuned to <a href="www.DistrictGov.org">www.DistrictGov.org</a> and future Weekly Bulletins for more updates. You can also sign up for e-Notifications to receive updated information straight to your email.



#### Sign up for e-Notifications

Would you like us to notify you when important things occur in your area? Sign up for e-Notifications for the following subjects and we will contact you!

- District Board Meeting & General District Information
- Recreation Center & Road Closures
- Employment Opportunities
- Precautionary Boil Water Notices
- Recreation Lifestyle Events
- Much More!



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### **Did You Know???**



Community Watch's House Check Program is a service available to all residents who will be leaving the area for more than seven days. Residents signing up for this program will have a patrol driver check the outside of their home three times per week. The patrol driver checks the perimeter of the house on foot and keeps an eye out for broken windows, unlocked doors, packages left at the front door, etc. Patrol drivers do **not** enter the home. We ask that you have a local key holder that we may contact in case of an emergency. The key holder can access your home to address problems our patrol driver has identified. The cost for this program is \$5.35 a week and cash or checks are accepted. You can sign up for this program at the Community Watch office located at 1135 Bonita Boulevard. Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. For additional information, please contact (352) 750-8201.

## **Information Provided by...**



### **Nuisance Alligators**

If an alligator enters your yard or is a nuisance in the water retention area surrounding your home, you can report it to District Property Management at 352-753-4022.



# The Alhambra Pond (Lago De Leon)

Next week, January 7, 2019— January 11, 2019, a temporary clay plug will be put in at the Lago De Leon Pond located in Alhambra. After this is complete, the engineer will schedule a few grout points for additional grouting.

# What's Happening in Your District... The Villages





# District 4 - Q&A Meeting! Monday, January 7th



This month's Question & Answer meeting will be hosted by Don Deakin, Supervisor and Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) Representative.

In order to improve communications, each month residents have an opportunity to "chat" with a Supervisor of District 4. Residents are able to sit down together to discuss any topics they would like pertaining to District 4.

The purpose of the meetings is to provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, share concerns, offer suggestions and address rumors.

These "Q&A Meetings" provide an informal setting with no agenda, no scheduled speakers and no microphones.

- All meetings are held at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center
- Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM. (Residents are invited to attend the entire meeting to listen to other residents' questions, but each resident may arrive and depart on their own schedule.)
- Because residents choose the topics, each meeting will be different.

TOPICS discussed at previous D4 Question & Answer Meetings have included:

- Architectural Review Committee
- Amenity Authority Committee
- Bonds (D4 & AAC)
- Church Purchase
- Community Watch
- Deed Restrictions
- Dog Parks
- Finances (D4 & AAC)
- Fitness Trails
- Gates

- Hurricanes
- Landscaping, Fences, Walls
- Law Enforcement
- Multi-Modal Paths (MMP)
- New Development
- · Phillips & Soulliere Villas
- · Recreation, Parks & Executive Golf
- Road Maintenance
- Sinkholes
- Water Usage & Surcharges

For more information: Call District 4 Supervisor Don Deakin at 750-5395; or send an Email to: DRDeakin@aol.com or Don.Deakin@DistrictGov.org

## **Information Provided by...**



### **Del Mar Gate Operation Changes**

Based on direction from the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) at the November 2018 meeting, residents will begin to see operational changes at the Del Mar gate during the week of December 17, 2018 to improve the overall functionality of the gate. Some of the changes you may begin to see include:

- December 19, 2018 through January 6, 2019 the gate will operate as a "visitor lane" style gate in which the Gate Attendant will open the gate for all users. The Gate Attendant will NOT use a hand held stop sign or be stationed on the sidewalk near the roadway. The gate arm activation switch is located in the gatehouse where the attendant will be located. The Gate Attendant will have discretion to lock the gate in the "up" position during heavy traffic, as necessary.
- <u>January 7, 2019 through January 26, 2019</u> the gate will be operated in "automatic open mode". The Gate Attendant will be stationed in the doorway to provide customer service and greet users. As users approach the gate, the arm will automatically open WITHOUT the use of a gate access card or push of the button. The Gate Attendant will have the discretion to lock the gate in the "up" position during heavy traffic, as necessary.

We appreciate your patience as we attempt to improve the functionality and customer service provided at the Del Mar Gate. Please use caution and reduce your speed when approaching the gate and pay attention to all directions provided by the Gate Attendant. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Community Watch at (352) 753-0550.

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



# You're Invited

# ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKSHOP

Are you interested in environmental stewardship?

Are you aware of how wastewater is treated and used throughout The Villages\* Community?

Join us for the second workshop in a series designed to inform residents of water resources and environmental stewardship in The Villages community!

JANUARY 14, 2019 • 10AM

ROHAN RECREATION CENTER - 850 KRISTINE WAY

or

JANUARY 17, 2019 • 10<sub>AM</sub>

SAVANNAH CENTER - 1545 BUENA VISTA BOULEVARD

#### FREE EVENT - TICKETS REQUIRED

Tickets will be available November 15, 2018 at all of The Villages Box Office locations and at www.TheVillagesEntertainment.com

Staff and a consultant team of water resource engineers will be available to address your questions after each presentation. The material at each workshop will be identical. Hope to see you there!
For additional information, please contact
The District Customer Service Center
(352) 753-4508

#### WEBSITE

To learn about these events and others, please visit our website. You can also learn about what's happening, obtain contact information and other helpful information.

#### E-Notifications



Sign up for email notifications – Would you like us to notify you when events such as these occur? Are you interested

in finding out other important community information? If so, sign up for E-Notifications!

Need help signing up? Please contact our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for assistance.





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# The Villages

Community Development Districts

Office of Management and Budget

The Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) has scheduled a Capital Projects Budget Workshop for Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Board Room. The workshop agenda includes the discussion of the scope, schedule and budget for the recently acquired First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall/acreage and the Paradise Recreation Center. Other topics include aquatic chair lifts and the Del Mar gate in addition to a review of financial and budgetary information.

Mark your calendars and join us on January 23, 2019 for the AAC Capital Projects Budget Workshop!