

District Weekly Bulletin

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This photo was submitted by Katie Evans, Customer Service Department as part of the photo contest for the cover of the annual District 6 Audit Report. To view the entire audit report for District 6 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.



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

⇒ **La Hacienda Recreation Center**

The La Hacienda Recreation Center will be closed for cleaning on April 6th.

⇒ **Silver Lake Recreation Center**

The Silver Lake Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance on April 14th.

⇒ **Southside Recreation Center**

The Southside Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance on April 14th.

⇒ **Tierra Del Sol Shuffleboard Courts**

The Tierra Del Sol Shuffleboard Courts will be closed for maintenance April 1st through April 4th.

⇒ **Saddlebrook Recreation Center**

The Saddlebrook Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance on April 7th.

⇒ **Springdale Neighborhood Pool**

The Springdale Neighborhood Pool will be closed for maintenance on April 4th.

⇒ **Bridgeport Billiards Room**

The Bridgeport Billiards Room will be closed for maintenance on April 3rd through April 5th.

⇒ **Pimlico Billiards Room**

The Pimlico Billiards Room will be closed for maintenance on April 17th through April 19th.



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

⇒ **Coconut Cove Tennis Courts**

The Coconut Cove Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance until further notice.

⇒ **Coconut Cove Recreation Center**

The Coconut Cove Recreation Center will be closed for cleaning on April 7th.

⇒ **Canal Street Tennis and Pickleball Courts**

The Canal Street Tennis and Pickleball Courts will be closed for maintenance until further notice.

⇒ **Colony Cottage Recreation Center**

The Colony Cottage Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance on April 27th.

⇒ **Pinellas Neighborhood Pool**

The Pinellas Neighborhood Pool will be closed for the replacement of pool furniture on April 17th.

⇒ **Manatee Recreation Center**

The Manatee Recreation Center will be closed for parking lot paving April 6th and April 7th.

⇒ **Big Cypress Recreation Center**

The Big Cypress Recreation Center will be closed for maintenance and parking lot resurfacing on April 27th and April 28th.

⇒ **Cattail Recreation Area Pickleball Courts**

The Cattail Recreation Area Pickleball Courts will be closed for maintenance until further notice.

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Property Management

Landscape Policy

The Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) adopted a Landscape Policy in February 2019. The policy outlines the intent to maintain the Landscape Architect's original design intent. If a certain type of plant does not do well in a particular area due to soil conditions or amount of sun light, a new plant type will be selected. The removal, relocation or excessive trimming of trees will not be done to improve view shed. Trees are permitted to grow to their natural size and shape.



Alteration of District Landscaping

Each individual resident is responsible for maintaining their specific property as outlined in their Declaration of Restrictions. Residents or unauthorized contractors do NOT have the authority to perform maintenance of any kind on District owned property such as roadways, basins, preserves or wetlands. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, tree trimming, cutting tree limbs or removing plant materials, trees, etc.

If you have any questions on maintenance of a specific District area, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

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**Calling all Grandchildren,
Parents, & Grandparents...
You're Invited!**

Join the Easter Bunny for
special Easter activities for
children ages 3-16.



April 15th-18th

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

Ticket sales begin April 2 at all Box Office locations in The Villages®.

The Easter Egg Hunt is **FREE**. All other events are \$8 except Ice Cream with the Bunny which is \$4 and JFT Leather Crafting which is \$15. A ticket for each grandchild is required to attend each event. Tickets are not required for grandparents **except** for Ice Cream with the Bunny.

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VOLUNTEERS

Thank you

for all you do to make dreams
come true in Florida's
Friendliest Hometown®!

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⇐ LAKE SUMTER LINE ⇒

\$2⁰⁰
PER PASSENGER

Tickets available
at The Dock.

CRUISE SCENIC

Lake Sumter



EVERY DAY*
4PM-SUNSET

Located at the docks behind
Haagen Dazs & RJ Gators Restaurant.

Ask us

about our "Private Boat Rentals" and Special "Holiday-Theme" Tours.

**weather and lake conditions permitting*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 352-751-7110 OR VISIT www.DistrictGov.org

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Better bicycling
means a better Florida



February 21, 2019

John Rohan
The Villages Dept of Recreation and Parks
984 Old Mill Rd
The Villages, FL 32162

Dear John:

Congratulations! The Florida Bicycle Association is pleased to announce The Villages has been selected as our 2018 Bicycle Friendly Community of the Year. We realize The Villages Dept of Recreation and Parks played an important role in achieving the Gold designation from the League of American Bicyclists. Your efforts and achievements for bicyclists are shaping our vision for bicycling to be safe, accepted and encouraged in Florida. Thank you.

I would like to present you with your award at a function or venue of your choice, perhaps at a bike club gathering or city/county council meeting, preferably between Florida Bike Month (March) and National Bike Month (May).

Please let me know when you would like to schedule the presentation and I will make plans to be there. I can be reached at 813-748-1513 or Becky@floridabicycle.org.

Your hard work and dedication to bicycling is to be commended and celebrated. It will be my honor to present to you the Florida Bicycle Association 2018 Bicycle Friendly Community of the Year award.

Sincerely,

Becky Afonso
Executive Director

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Fishing Information

Florida is conducive to year-round fishing which makes The Villages a perfect community to offer ample fishing opportunities for those who wish to wet a hook and line. To ensure your fishing experience is enjoyable, it is important to know the rules and regulations for fishing these water bodies. The Village Community Development Districts and the State's Water Management Districts who oversee and manages these water bodies, which serves several purposes for the community, also provides anglers fishable areas for their recreational enjoyment.

In order to have a healthy and manageable fishery available for anglers, The Village Community Development Districts (VCDD) along with the Freshwater Fishing Club outlined expectations for those anglers wanting to fish the bodies of water within the boundaries of The Villages in accordance with the following conditions:

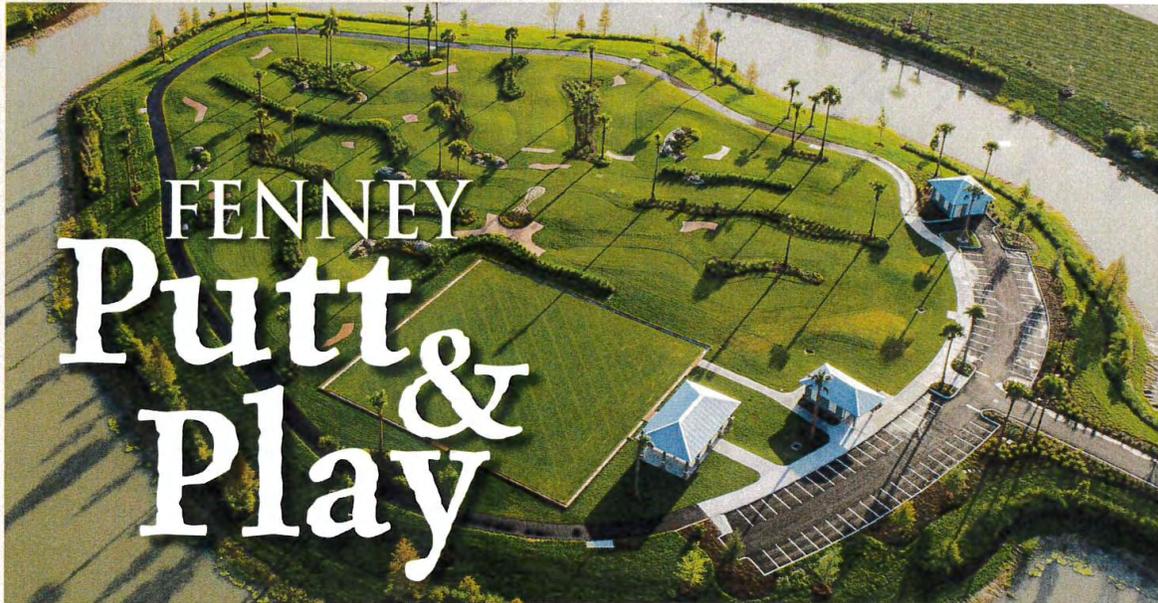
1. All fishermen are required to comply with federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances while fishing within the boundaries of The Villages. (Licenses are required for those 16 years of age or older. No license is required for those over 65 with proof of age.) For licensing information visit www.MyFWL.com.
2. Fishermen may fish in any lake, canal or stream, whether natural or man-made, which can be reached without crossing over or trespassing upon any privately owned property or golf courses.
3. Fishermen are prohibited to fish in Lake Sumter, Harmeswood or other areas with "No Fishing" signs posted.
4. Any person crossing into jurisdictional wetlands is in violation of state and federal law and may be prosecuted.
5. Please be mindful and respectful by others property, vegetation, foliage, and landscaping. No feeding of any wildlife (birds, alligators etc.).
6. Park in designated area.
7. Catch and Release Fishing is encouraged.
8. Please do not litter.

Information Continued...

9. The Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to alter, modify, restrict, suspend or prohibit fishing from any water body under the Districts' management at any time and without notice
10. There is an abundance of wildlife in any water body. Any fishing or recreational use in any area is at the discretion and sole use and risk of the user. Use area(s) at your own risk
11. The Community Development Districts nor The Villages of Lake-Sumter or Holding Company will be responsible for any damage, injury, loss of any kind as result of use of these areas
12. This map is provided as a courtesy and reference and not to scale or detail. The District does not warrant or guarantee its accuracy, access or availability of fishing areas
13. Please use best judgement for use of the water bodies and access. You are responsible for not violating any rules, or laws
14. Map is subject to be changed, amended, discontinued or altered at any time
15. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines please call Recreation and Parks Administration at 352-674-1800.

Thanks to the contributions of the Freshwater Fishing Club, the Recreation Department has a Rod Loaner Program which is available at La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center, Rohan Recreation Center and Fenny Recreation Center. It is a "free-rental" system where, upon request, rods and reels can be checked-out with a Villages ID or Guest ID card. You may contact the La Hacienda Recreation Center at 753-1716, Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center 430-2950 or Rohan Center 674-8400 for more information. If you would like more information you may attend The Fresh Water Fishing Club meeting which is held the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm at the Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center.

The VCDD practices catch and release. Catch and release is defined as "a practice within recreational fishing intended as a technique of conservation. After capture, the fish are unhooked and returned to the water before experiencing serious exhaustion or injury." This definition goes hand in hand with the core values of The Villages and the VCDD.



Two 9-Hole Putting Courses | Picnic Pavilion | Walking Path
Lawn Bowling | Croquet | Fishing

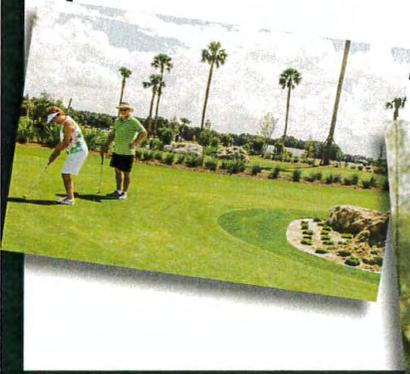
HOURS OF OPERATION

May – October: 7:30am - 12:00pm | 3:00pm - Dusk

November – April: 9:00am - Dusk

- Bring your putter and golf balls or stop by Fenney Recreation Center (3200 Fenney Way) to check out equipment for all areas. First Come/First Served; Villages ID required.
- Only Golf Car parking is available at the Putt & Play recreation area – Vehicle parking is available at the Blue Heron and Sugar Cane recreation areas.

For more information call 352-674-8460 or visit www.DistrictGov.org



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House Check Program

The House Check Program is designed to provide residents of The Villages with a system of checking the perimeter of their property while they are away for long periods of time, 7 days or more. The House Check Program includes registration, property inspection 3 times per week and owner notification of issues discovered. The cost of this program is \$5.35 per week.

To enroll in this valuable program, please come to Community Watch at 1135 Bonita Boulevard to apply and complete the necessary forms. Please bring your Villages Resident ID and payment via cash or check. It is a simple process and takes only a few minutes to complete!

If you have further questions or would like additional information, please call Community Watch at 352-750-0550.



Did You Know??

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Each day in the United States, approximately 9 people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver (The Center for Disease Control and Prevention).

There are three main types of distraction:

- Visual:** taking your eyes off the road;
- Manual:** taking your hands off the wheel; and
- Cognitive:** taking your mind off of driving.

Texting while driving is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distraction. Sending or reading a text message takes your eyes off the road for about 5 seconds, long enough to cover a football field while driving at 55 mph.

Motorists are urged to:

- **Turn off electronic devices** and put them out of reach before starting to drive.
- **Be good role models for young drivers** and set a good example. Talk with your teens about responsible driving.
- **Speak up when your driver uses an electronic device** and you are a passenger. Offer to make the call for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the driving task.
- **Always wear your seat belt.** Seat belts are the best defense against unsafe drivers.



For more info: <https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/get-involved/distracted-driving-awareness-month> or call Risk Management at 352-674-1828.

Please Join Us!

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After Hours with the District

Residents of The Villages have additional opportunities after hours to meet District staff to discuss what a unique community you live in! Your District government will be attending the following Market Night and we hope to see you there:



- **Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 5pm – 9pm** at Brownwood Paddock Square for Vendor Market Night

Please join us after hours to learn more about the services available to you and to take the opportunity to have your questions answered by District staff. For additional information, please contact the District Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508.

What's Happening in Your District

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District 10

The District 10 Board Meeting that was scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. has been rescheduled. The District 10 Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Did You Know??



Class 1901 participated in a “Burn Day” Training. The Burn Day Training was on Thursday, March 28, 2019. “Burn Day” Training is meant to train new recruits on putting out fires on various methods such as car and building fires.



Firefighters pictured above:

Back row left to right: Jackson Brecklin, James Hiller, Hunter Scherr, and Peter Bratkovich

Front row left to right: Robert Rivers, Clyde Christan, Lee Longo

Did You Know??

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Property Management

Rainey Construction Company is tentatively scheduled to begin resurfacing the following villa roads. Dates may be adjusted due to weather or equipment issues.

Villa Natchez – Monday, April 1, 2019 – Friday, April 5, 2019

Villa De Leon – Monday, April 15, 2019 – Friday, April 19, 2019

Villa Del Canto – Monday, April 22, 2019 – Friday, April 26, 2019

The contractor will do everything possible to minimize your inconvenience. For the SAFETY of our crews and all residents, we ask that you reschedule any work or deliveries to your Villa until the paving is complete as they may be denied access. Only residents and emergency vehicles will have immediate access during the construction.

PLEASE DO NOT run your irrigation, wash your vehicle or empty your pool during the week as it will make the work take longer.

ALL vehicles and trailers must be parked OFF of the roads and overflow parking areas as this will impede the work. If you know anyone that parks in the overflow area, please remind them to move their vehicle.

Please be advised that newly paved roadways will take approximately one hour to cure and should not be driven on while hot! Driving before this time could result in tracking asphalt onto your driveway and damaging the new roadway.

If you must travel through the construction, PLEASE drive slowly and watch for and listen to directions provided by the contract workers.

Our goal is to give you a new road that will last a maximum life with the LEAST amount of inconvenience. Your cooperation is GREATLY APPRECIATED. If you have any questions during the work there will be someone on sight to help. For additional information, please contact District Property Management at (352) 753-4022.

What's Happening in Your District...

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

VILLAGE CENTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

FOR THE LADY LAKE / LAKE COUNTY PORTION OF THE VILLAGES

Village Center Community Development District for the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages (this area does not include Fruitland Park) is seeking a **primary** and **alternate** volunteer member to serve as their representative on the Architectural Review Committee.

The **primary applicant** must be a full time resident of the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages (this area does not include Fruitland Park) and have lived in The Villages for at least one year. Candidates are recommended to have education and/or experience in any of the following areas: architecture, ability to read site plans, residential/commercial construction, building management, deed restricted communities, landscaping, county code enforcement, etc; however, this is not required. The Committee meets weekly, on Wednesdays, for approximately 4 hours (8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.).

The **alternate applicant** must be a full time resident of the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages (this area does not include Fruitland Park) and have lived in The Villages for at least one year. Candidates are recommended to have education and/or experience in any of the following areas: architecture, ability to read site plans, residential/commercial construction, building management, deed restricted communities, landscaping, county code enforcement, etc; however, this is not required. This requires attendance at the ARC meeting every week for the first four (4) weeks and once every month thereafter. The Committee meets weekly, on Wednesdays, for approximately 4 hours (8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.).

If you are interested in becoming a primary or alternate volunteer representative for the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages, please contact the Community Standards Department at 751-3912 or find the application online at www.DistrictGov.org. Applications for the primary and alternate member are due no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

What's Happening in Your District...



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**is seeking an alternate volunteer committee member for Village
Community Development District No. 4**

Village Community Development District No. 4 (District 4) is seeking an alternate representative on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

The **alternate applicant** must be a full-time resident of District No. 4 and have lived in The Villages for at least one year. Candidates are recommended to have education and/or experience in any of the following areas: architecture, ability to read site plans, residential/commercial construction, building management, deed restricted communities, landscaping, county code enforcement, etc; however, this is not required. This requires attendance at the ARC meeting every week for the first four (4) weeks and once every month thereafter. The Committee meets weekly, on Wednesdays, for approximately 4 hours (8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.).

If you are interested in becoming the alternate volunteer representative for District No. 4, please contact the Community Standards Department, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, Florida, 352-751-3912 or find the application online at www.DistrictGov.org. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Information Provided by Sumter County

Sumter County Public Works
Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste

MOBILE COLLECTION



Saturday

April 6, 2019

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

located at the

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
- Rechargeable household batteries
- Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)
- Latex & oil based paints
- Paint removers
- Paint thinners
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Smoke detectors
- 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 AI Assets at 407-339-7030 for electronic waste.



For more information on this and other mobile collections, contact Sumter County Public Works at 352-689-4400.