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District Weekly Bulletin



CDD Orientation

CDD Orientation is cancelled on Thursday, October 3, 2019. This valuable program is held each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the District office located at 984 Old Mill Run in Lake Sumter Landing. For additional information, please contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.



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

⇒ **La Hacienda Recreation Center and Sports Pool**

The La Hacienda Recreation Center and Sports Pool will be closed for cleaning on October 5th.

⇒ **Silver Lake Tennis Courts**

The Silver Lake Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance until October 31st.

⇒ **Paradise Archery Range**

The Paradise Archery Range will be closed for maintenance until October 4th.

⇒ **Belvedere Neighborhood Pool**

The Belvedere Neighborhood Pool will be closed for maintenance October 8th and October 9th.

⇒ **Lake Miona Recreation Center and Sports Pool**

The Lake Miona Recreation Center and Sports Pool will be closed for cleaning October 6th.

⇒ **Lynnhaven Neighborhood Pool**

The Lynnhaven Neighborhood Pool will be closed for maintenance October 7th through November 4th.

⇒ **Allamanda Recreation Center**

The Allamanda Recreation Center will be closed until October 6th.

⇒ **Coconut Cove Tennis Courts**

The Coconut Cove Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance until October 2019.

⇒ **Truman Recreation Center Family Pool**

The Truman Recreation Center Family Pool will be closed for maintenance until October 4th.

Did You Know??



Mark Your Calendar

The Recreation Department team of staff and volunteers offer many activities to meet your lifestyle needs. Our efforts are to provide the most enjoyable experience and opportunities to participate and utilize these activities and facilities.

MARK YOUR
Calendar!

	CAMP VILLAGES	SQUARE EVENTS	OUTDOOR CONCERTS	OUTDOOR MOVIES
OCT 2019	HALLOWEEN CRAFT October 25 th Brownwood* 3pm Free	TAI CHI October 8 th Lake Sumter Landing™ 9am Free	FOREVER YOUNG October 16 th La Hacienda 2pm Free	
NOV 2019	FALL HARVEST November 26 th Truman 1pm \$8 per Grandchild Grandparents Free	TOTAL BODY WORKOUT November 12 th Lake Sumter Landing 9am Free	THE CELTIC VILLAGE SHOW BAND November 20 th Fenney 2pm Free	DUTCH November 21 th Saddlebrook Softball Complex 6:30pm Free Registration Required
DEC 2019	CV HOLIDAY WEEKS December 20 th to December 30 th Visit DistrictGov.org or See Recreation & Parks News for Activities & Locations	UKULELE December 10 th Lake Sumter Landing 9am Free	NO REGRETS December 18 th La Hacienda 2pm Free	PRANCER December 19 th Soaring Eagle Softball Complex 6:30pm Free Registration Required
JAN 2020	NATURE EXPLORATION January 2 nd SRW Preserve 10am \$8 per Grandchild Grandparents Free	ZUMBA January 7 th Lake Sumter Landing 9am Free	THE POPS FOLK QUARTET January 15 th Fenney 2pm Free	OCEANS 11 January 16 th Saddlebrook Softball Complex 6:30pm Free Registration Required
FEB 2020	ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR GP February 28 th La Hacienda 4:30pm \$8 per Grandchild Grandparents Free	CARDIO DRUMMING February 11 th Lake Sumter Landing 9am Free	BOARDWALK February 19 th La Hacienda 2pm Free	THE PROPOSAL February 13 th Soaring Eagle Softball Complex 7pm Free Registration Required
MAR 2020	STEM CHALLENGE (pick one) March 20 th Moyer 2pm March 27 th Burnsed 2pm \$8 per Grandchild Grandparents Free	INTERVAL TRAINING March 10 th Lake Sumter Landing 9am Free	RAZZEL DAZZEL March 18 th Fenney 2pm Free	DAYS OF THUNDER March 5 th Saddlebrook Softball Complex 7pm Free Registration Required
APR 2020	CV EASTER WEEK April 6 th to 9 th Visit DistrictGov.org or See Recreation & Parks News for Activities & Locations	EARTH DAY April 14 th Lake Sumter Landing 8am Free	For further information visit DistrictGov.org or see Recreation & Parks News for Activities and Locations.	
MAY 2020	BUBBLES, BUBBLES & MORE BUBBLES May 29 th Laurel Manor 2pm \$8 per Grandchild Grandparents Free	GROUP SYNERGY May 12 th Lake Sumter Landing 8am Free	 www.DistrictGov.org 352-674-1800	
JUN 2020	CAMP VILLAGES SUMMER June 8 th to August 7 th Watch for Brochure	YOGA DAY June 18 th Lake Sumter Landing 8am Free	This flyer is intended as a guide for the upcoming 2019-20 monthly events. The Recreation & Parks Department reserves the right to alter and/or modify activities, movies, etc. to effectively provide enjoyment, excellent lifestyle programs and enhance the quality of life for all Villagers.	

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Did You Know??

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Recreation & Parks



October Outdoor Excursions

The Recreation and Parks Department present Guided Fishing, Kayaking and Nature Tours on Lake Sumter! Experience Lake Sumter up close and personal!

- Kayaking – Every Thursday 8-10am / \$25 pp up to 8; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Nature Pontoon Tours – 1st & 3rd Friday 8-10am / \$25 pp up to 4; Oct 4, 18
- Fishing Tours – Every Saturday 8-10am / \$250 up to 4; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26
- Fishing Tours – 2nd & 4th Friday 8-10am / \$250 up to 4; Oct 11, 25

To register, visit any Regional Recreation Centers or register online at www.DistrictGov.org.

Tai Chi ON THE SQUARE

Lake Sumter Landing™

WED OCT 8TH | 9-10AM

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention is based upon the Sun style of tai chi which is gentle for ordinary people. Developed by Dr. Paul Lam, Tai Chi is proven to ease the pain of arthritis. Participation is free and all are welcome to join.

For more information
call 352-753-1716
or visit www.DistrictGov.org

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Market SQUARE
LAKE SUMTER LANDING

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Join your fellow residents and neighbors for a celebration of Italian and German traditions including music, food and entertainment!

Tuesday,
October 15th
Parade begins
at 3:15PM



Spanish Springs
Town Square®

For more information, contact Resident Parade Committee member Peggy Carli at 352-350-2798 | peggycarli4@gmail.com or visit www.DistrictGov.org

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Executive Golf

Executive Golf Course Closings

Due to the 25 inches of rain we have received in the past few months, there are 12 Executive Golf Courses closed to aid in moving water and lowering storm water basin levels. This is part of the planned infrastructure for storm water management. The following courses are closed until further notice while our efforts continue for public safety.

- Heron– will reopen Friday, October 4, 2019
- Pelican
- Amberwood
- Hill Top

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the District Executive Golf Maintenance Office at 352-674-1885. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Safety First!

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Recreation & Parks



Everglades Construction

For your safety and well-being and that of the construction workers, please refrain from entering any construction area prior to the opening. Thank you for your cooperation.



Hogeye Preserve Pathway

The Hogeye Preserve Pathway winds through the neighborhoods and amenities near the Cattail Recreation Area and Pitch & Putt. This pathway was created for Villagers to take a walk, wander over to a local recreation center, jog through their favorite park or go for a bike ride. Please refrain from driving golf cars on the pathway as it was not designed for this purpose.



No Vehicles

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Property Management

South Morse Boulevard

South Morse Boulevard is still under construction. For the safety of construction workers and all motorists, please remember that this is an active work zone traffic control area. Within the construction zone, speed limits are reduced as indicated by signage. Large construction vehicles are routinely merging and entering the through lanes. Law enforcement is active in this area to ensure the safety of all.



Del Mar Gate

The project to improve the Del Mar gate access is substantially completed. The new sidewalk and truncated domes at the new ADA ramp are completed as is the construction of the new vehicle access lane, gate operators, key card scanners, CCTV cameras, landscaping, irrigation, paving and related pavement marking work. The District will be performing a project walk-through this week for final acceptance of the project.

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Multimodal Path Guide Sign Project (MMPDG Sign Project)

The project to complete the installation of new guide signs on the multimodal trail was completed last week. The new retroreflective signs are more visible and easier to read than the previous decorative signage. The project consisted of the installation of 88 new path guide signs and decorative poles or wall mount brackets on the multimodal trails within the community.



Village of Marion Unit 56 Stormwater Improvement Project

All pipe and structures have been installed and inspected. The storm system is once again functioning as a gravity system. The contractor is now focusing work on the final restoration of the project area. The asphalt milling is completed and the resurfacing of the entire Unit 56 roadway area is scheduled to be complete this week. In conjunction with this paving work, the contractor will be installing all the traffic signs and pavement markings in the project area. Once the paving is complete, the contractor will demobilize their equipment and begin the final restoration of all impacted landscaping within the project area. The project is scheduled to be completed a few weeks ahead of the original contract schedule.

What's Happening In Your District?



VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4

TOWN HALL MEETING ON SIGNAGE ENFORCEMENT

You are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting hosted by Village Community Development District No. 4:

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Mulberry Grove Regional Recreation Center, Americana Room

The Town Hall Meeting will include a discussion regarding signage enforcement in VCDD No. 4 and residents will be able to ask questions of the District Supervisors.

If you are not able to attend but would like to provide input, please visit www.DistrictGov.org to obtain a comment card that will be presented to the Board.

For more information please contact Candice Harris, Deputy District Clerk, at 352-751-3939 or by email at Candice.Harris@DistrictGov.org.



After Hours with the District

Community Development Districts

Please join us after hours to meet District staff and discuss what a unique community you live in! Your District government will be attending the following Market Nights this month. We hope to see you there!

- Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 5pm – 9pm at the Spanish Springs Town Square for Vendor Market Night
- Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 5pm – 9pm at the Lake Sumter Landing Market Square for Vendor Market Night
- Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 5pm – 9 pm at the 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.

Did You Know??

Water Retention Areas – Lake Inversions

It is not abnormal this time of year to experience “Lake Inversions” in the Florida aquatic systems throughout the state. These inversions occur when warm water sits on top of colder, denser water. If the water on the surface cools, the density becomes greater than that of the deeper water and the inversion takes place. There are over 100 to 150 occurrences reported annually to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The water retention areas within The Villages Community are not immune to this type of natural occurring experience. Such occurrences happen throughout the year and are mainly based on weather patterns, water temperatures, oxygen levels, fish susceptibility and depth of basins.



Congratulations!

The Jacobs Villages Project in partnership with NSCUDD and VCCDD won the 2019 Jacobs Buildings, Infrastructure and Advanced Facilities (BIAF) Performance Excellence Award.

The award selection was based on and recognizes the outstanding Execution, Safety, and Innovation demonstrated on your project, and the acknowledgment of these achievements by your Client.

The award was presented by Tom Meinhart, VP Regional Operations.



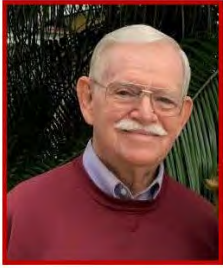
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STORMCENTER

Visit StormCenter at www.SECOEnergy.com>[StormCenter](#). On the StormCenter [outage map](#), you can view current outages in SECO's service area, search for and bookmark your address on the map and view the current weather radar. To enroll in outage notifications, click on the "[Manage Notifications](#)" tile to add an email address or phone number. You can choose to receive outage notifications via email, text, voice or all three. Set times that you would not wish to be disturbed for each communication type chosen.

Check the status of an existing outage and a seven-day outage history using the "[Check Status](#)" tile. Choose "[Report Outage](#)" to report a current power outage 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Locate your service location using the account holder's last name and house number, or search by phone number on record or account number.



District 4 - Q&A Meetings!

Monday, October 7th
Thursday, October 10th

This month's Question & Answer meetings will be hosted by Don Deakin, Dist. 4 Supervisor and Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) Representative.

The purpose of these informal meetings is to provide ALL residents with the opportunity to get together, make friends, ask questions, get answers, share concerns, offer suggestions, seek solutions and address rumors.

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

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

- 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 of you may come and go as you please, based on your own schedules.
- Because residents choose the topics, each meeting will be different.

Why attend a Q&A? The Villages currently has 13 residential Districts that total over 60,000 households. But only three, (CDD-2, CDD-4 & CDD-8), offer informal, evening-time opportunities for YOU to meet and discuss whatever is on your mind regarding the day-to-day operations of The Villages. And --BEST OF ALL-- Villages Administration and Staff often attend these meetings and respond QUICKLY to your concerns. Q&A's offer an opportunity that very few Villagers get to enjoy. Come join us this month . . . and become more involved in your ever-changing local community!

TOPICS discussed at previous District 4 Question & Answer Meetings have included:

- Amenity Authority Committee (AAC)
- Amenity Deferral Rates
- Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
- Bonds (District 4 & AAC)
- Church Purchase
- Community Watch
- Deed Restrictions
- Dog Parks
- Emergency Storm Drain Project
- Finances (AAC)
- Finances (District 4)
- First Responders Recreation Center (FRRC)
- Fitness Trails
- Gates
- Hurricanes
- Landscaping, Fences, Walls
- Law Enforcement
- Multi-Modal Paths (MMP)
- New Development on County Road 42
- Phillips Villas
- Recreation, Parks & Executive Golf
- Road Maintenance
- Sinkholes
- Solid Waste Management & Recycling
- Soulliere Villas
- Water Usage & Surcharges
- Water Retention Areas
- YOUR CHOICE OF OTHER TOPICS??

For more information: Call District 4 Supervisor Don Deakin at (352) 750-5395;
or send an Email to: DRDeakin@aol.com or Don.Deakin@DistrictGov.org

Did You Know?

Did you know all of the public meeting agendas are located on DistrictGov.org?

Select your District from the drop-down menu.



From the Quick Links, select Agendas and Minutes.



On this page, you can choose to view the upcoming agenda or read previous minutes.

Community Development District No. 6

Meets on the Third Friday of the month | 9:30 a.m.

** December meetings are held on the 1st Friday of the month

The District is now posting electronic agendas for public review. Once you have opened the Agenda, a # signifies documentation is attached for review. Simply click on the number and it will link you to the documentation for the corresponding number. To return to the agenda hit Ctrl and Home.

To view board meeting agendas and minutes before March 2014, please [click here](#).

Meeting Search

Meetings Within: 6 Month Span From: 4/30/2019

Meeting Type: VCDD 6 Meeting

Category:

Containing Text: Search Clear

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Meeting Location	Online Agenda	Do
07/19/19	VCDD 6 Meeting	District Office Board Room		
06/07/19	VCDD 6 Meeting	District Office Board Room		
05/17/19	VCDD 6 Meeting	District Office Board Room		
05/13/19	VCDD 6 Meeting	Budget Workshop - District Office Board ...		

Construction Update

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Property Management

The Villages Public Safety Department Fire Station #40 located at 2455 Parr Drive:

Final mechanical systems are being installed and finishes are substantially complete on Phase 1. Inspections are scheduled for next week. We will then move the staff to the temporary housing and the renovation of the existing structure will begin.



District Field Ops Facility for District Property Management (DPM), Community Watch and South Sumter Utilities (SSU) located at 4890 Morse Boulevard:

The building is near completion and occupancy should take place mid-November.





OCTOBER

CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

History and purpose of Crime Prevention Month

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council designated October Crime Prevention Month. Every year since then, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations have reached out to educate the public, showcase their accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during this special month.

October has become the official month for recognizing and celebrating the practice of crime prevention, while promoting awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and creating safer, more caring communities. The month-long celebration spotlights successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national level

Here are a few practical crime prevention tips that are good reminders for everyone.

- ◆ Always carry a cell phone or other communication device with you when you are out by yourself
- ◆ If you go walking or running, always do so in well-populated areas and during daylight hours
- ◆ If you are ever approached by a person attempting to rob you, **don't** put up a struggle. Your life is far more important than a cell phone or other electronic gadget!
- ◆ Never leave items in your vehicle in plain view. Car thieves will often break into your vehicle for an item that has a mere dollar value.
- ◆ Always lock your vehicle, even when parked in your own driveway or parking space.
- ◆ Try not to carry large sums of cash on your person.
- ◆ Park in well-lit, busy areas. Avoid leaving your vehicle in unattended parking lots for long periods of time when possible.
- ◆ Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert of your surroundings.
- ◆ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- ◆ Lastly but most important, when in doubt, call **911**.

<https://www.ncpc.org/programs/crime-prevention-month/>

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Utilities

Please join us for the third interactive Solid Waste Workshop presented by the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD) and Jacobs, formerly CH2M, the waste hauler for Districts 1 – 11 on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at The Savannah Center from 9:00 to 12:00!

The first workshop provided information on the District's current Solid Waste and Recycling Program, and the need to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan, as well as the state of the industry and the impacts this has on our current program. China and other Asian countries have placed policies and restrictions on the import of recyclables and which is impacting recycling throughout the world.

The second workshop recapped what we learned in the first along with additional information on the methods of solid waste disposal, as well as the rising costs. With the use of electronic survey clickers a series of questions were asked of the attendees and the results stated that the majority feels there is no need to change the solid waste collection process and are very satisfied with the service that is provided. The participants also indicated a willingness to pay slightly more per month to maintain the current solid waste and recycling program.

During the third workshop, alternative waste management options, options for waste disposal, and the associated costs will be presented followed by asking for additional input from the attendees. The District and Jacobs appreciate the participation and suggestions we have received so far and look forward to meeting with you again in October. The information from the previous workshops can be found on the District website at www.DistrictGov.org.



**North Sumter County
UTILITY
Dependent District**

Save the Date...

24TH ANNUAL Government Day

—WORKING TO SERVE YOU!—

SAVE
THE
DATE

November 2, 2019
10AM-1PM

Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center
(3560 Buena Vista Blvd.)



www.DistrictGov.org for more information | (352) 753-4508

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Sumter County Public Works
Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste
Mobile Collection

Saturday
November 2, 2019
9 AM to 3 PM

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



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

Questions and Answers with Richard Baier

The Villages CDD District Manager

DEED COVENANTS - PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

Q: Richard, there have been many questions, and some confusion, about the Deed Covenants that each homeowner signed when they purchased their home. Can you help clarify the issue for us?

RB: Sure. Let's start with the purchase of your home in The Villages. You have chosen to live in a community protected by Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. The Declaration of Restrictions was issued to you at the closing on your home. At that time, you signed a covenant as part of your contract with the Developer to comply with the Restrictive Covenants.

Q: That term, Restrictive Covenants, sounds very harsh.

RB: Actually, the key words to remember are "protected by" which means these covenants were designed to protect the value of your investment in your home. This protection comes from the foresightedness of the Developer in establishing these covenants as well as the ongoing oversight of your community development districts.

Q: I'm confused, how can restrictions protect my investment?

RB: Let me give you a few examples. As you drive through The Villages and look at the homes, I'm sure you notice that there are no freestanding storage sheds, other outbuildings, window air conditioners or overgrown yards. Also, the homes are painted in a manner that enhances and fits within the specific neighborhood. This means there are no eyesores on a neighbor's property or home that might detract from the value of your own home.

Q: Ok, but isn't this just common sense?

RB: One might think so. However, in some other Florida communities without protective Restrictive Covenants, this cohesiveness and thus home value protection does not exist. Storage sheds and outbuildings spring up like mushrooms, house colors are determined by the owner's whim and lawns can remain un-mowed with no regard for neighbors or property values.

Questions and Answers with Richard Baier Continued

Q: What does The Village Community Development District (District) do to maintain these high standards and help the homeowner follow the covenants and provide for possible exceptions?

RB: The District has a special Community Standards Department whose sole mission is to assist residents in upholding the aesthetic value of their property in The Villages community. It is committed to upholding the high standards of our community's residential architectural design, landscaping and aesthetics. The department has two divisions: Deed Compliance and Architectural Review.

Q: What's the difference between the two divisions?

RB: A homeowner who wishes to make an exterior change to the home or its landscaping is required to submit an application to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) composed of residents who are skilled in building and design. They will review and approve the plan if it is in compliance with the resident's covenants and approved the ARC Manual. If not in compliance, they will often suggest that the resident work with Community Standards staff to amend the application.

Q: What does the deed compliance division do?

RB: On occasion, a resident will make a modification to their home or property that is not in compliance with their covenant. On other occasions, residents may not know that certain items may not be permitted in their lawn. When reported to Community Standards, staff will verify the complaint and if it is valid, notify the homeowner that they are not in compliance. The goal of the deed compliance division is for voluntary compliance. Many times residents were not aware and rectify the situation immediately. The goal is always compliance through education.

Q: Can you give an example?

RB: Lawn ornaments are prohibited in most Districts. While residents cannot place lawn ornaments in their yard due to their Declaration of Restrictions, they are several areas in which they can be displayed. Wreaths on doors, under the stoop by the front door (not the eaves surrounding the home) and in the back screened lanai are a few of the areas.

Questions and Answers with Richard Baier Continued

Q: What if they disagree and do not rectify the situation?

RB: If the resident does not voluntarily bring their property into compliance, the resident is notified in mail of the violation. The final notification will notify the resident that the matter will be heard before their Village Community Development District Board of Supervisors in a public hearing. Based on timing, this process can take between 4 and 6 weeks.

Q: I've heard that people can report non-compliance situations to Community Standards anonymously. Why not have the person making the report identify themselves or have the division itself go around The Villages and discover these situations?

RB: Human nature being what it is, the situation can, and has, gotten ugly if a homeowner is identified as reporting his neighbor's non-compliance. Anonymous reporting protects the one making the report. Having Community Standards actively go out and constantly review all of the Villages would require a huge staff imposing a large financial burden on all homeowners. It was recently analyzed that just to hire staff for one District to proactively educate and enforce would cost that District \$250,000.00. The entire Community Standards Department operates with a staff of 9 people.

Q: I've been hearing a lot of discussion about lawn ornaments, particularly little white crosses. Isn't requiring homeowners to remove these crosses an attack on religious freedom?

RB: Absolutely not. A homeowner can certainly display religious symbols within their entryway stoop, or on their home and some do. However, placing any item on the lawn or in the landscaping whether a religious symbol, a wind mill, a statue or anything that is not part of a 30-day holiday display is considered a lawn ornament and in violation of the covenant that the homeowner signed with the Developer when purchasing their home.

Q: How does a homeowner get a copy of the Deed Covenants for his or her property in addition to the one provided at Closing?

RB: Simply go online to www.DistrictGov.org, click on the tab "How Do I?" and select "Download My Deed Restrictions" and follow directions on that page. If you do not have access to the internet stop by our district office at 984 Old Mill Run in The Villages and we will print a copy for you.

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Is seeking a **primary** and **alternate** volunteer committee member for Village Community Development District No. 1

Village Community Development District No. 1 (District 1) is seeking a primary representative and an alternate representative on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

The **primary applicant** must be a full time resident of District No. 1 and have lived in The Villages for at least one year.

The **alternate applicant** must be a full time resident of District No. 1 and have lived in The Villages for at least one year. This position requires attendance at the ARC meeting every week for the first four (4) weeks and once every month thereafter.

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 noon).

If you are interested in becoming a primary or alternate volunteer representative for District No. 1, please contact the Community Standards Department at 751-3912.

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Is seeking an **alternate** committee member for
Village Community Development District No. 3

Village Community Development District No. 3 (District 3) is seeking an alternate member to serve on the Architectural Review Committee.

The applicant must be a full time resident of District 3 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 required attendance for the alternate member is to attend an Architectural Review Committee meeting each week for four (4) weeks and then monthly thereafter. If you are interested in becoming an alternate member on the Architectural Review Committee, applications are available on the District's website, www.DistrictGov.org and at the Community Standards Department, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, Florida. The deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2019.