

# District Weekly Bulletin

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This photo was submitted by Steve Jackson, District Property Management, as part of the photo contest for the cover of the annual Village Community Development District No. 13. Audit Report. To view the entire audit report for District 13 or any of The Village Community Development Districts, please visit [DistrictGov.org](https://www.districtgov.org).

## CDD Orientation

This valuable program is held on the **second** and **fourth** Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in 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.

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# THANK YOU!

## **The Villages© Independent Fire Control and Rescue District**



*Thank you to those residents who have reached out for additional information and clarification on The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District! District Manager, Kenny Blocker, sat down with Fire Chief Cain to share some of the common questions he's recently received.*

### **As a resident of Sumter County, why would I want a Special Fire Control District?**

After overwhelming support from residents, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved to maintain two distinct Fire operations and two distinct EMS transport operations in 2021. In addition to maintaining a separate fire department, residents of The Villages demanded more responsive emergency rescue, medical, and transport services. The inception of The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District (District) will provide the self-governance and autonomy that better focuses on our planned community and independent financial sustainability of the services to The Villages, and surrounding areas.

### **I live in The Villages, but not in Sumter County. What does that mean for me?**

The proposed boundaries of the District encompass only the Sumter County portion of The Villages and some surrounding areas of unincorporated Sumter County. Other portions of The Villages not located in Sumter County will be addressed via various inter-governmental agreements and include portions of Marion County, Lake County, Lady Lake, Fruitland Park, and the City of Leesburg. This is the same way services are currently achieved for these areas.

## **The Villages® Independent Fire Control and Rescue District**

### **When will The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District take effect?**

The legislation that has been passed quite simply provides the residents the ability to vote for the formal establishment of the District. Upon approval by the Governor, the decision for the establishment of the District will be on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot for residents residing in the District to decide.

If the vote is favorable, The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District would materialize effective October 1, 2023.

### **Why is The Villages Public Safety Department purchasing ambulances when we have not yet voted on The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District?**

Ambulance and transport services will be provided by The Villages Public Safety Department on October 1, 2022, per an Interlocal Grant Agreement with Sumter County BOCC. As this service begins a year in advance of The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District potentially taking effect, it was crucial that The Villages Public Safety Department acquire all the necessary apparatus, equipment, and supplies to appropriately serve the residents.

### **Who is providing ambulance and transport services until October 1, 2022, when The Villages Public Safety Department takes responsibility?**

Between now and October 1, 2022, Sumter County continues to be responsible for ambulance and transport services via their contracted provider, AMR.

### **Are the Board Members who will serve on The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District really going to be residents of The Villages?**

Yes! Once the District is formed, the District shall be governed by a Board consisting of five members residing within the District boundaries initially appointed to staggered terms by the Governor. After the initial term, each member

## **The Villages<sup>®</sup> Independent Fire Control and Rescue District**

will be elected by registered voters in the District. The Governor's office utilizes a standard application process for Gubernatorial Appointments that is accessible online. Once the online application is available for this particular District, additional information will be disseminated to those individuals who may be interested in serving.

### **I'm confused about the funding for properties within the District boundaries...can you elaborate, and is this process fair?**

Both residential and commercial parcels (properties) will be charged using the same methodology – known as the 'Simplified Funding' approach. While different methodologies exist, this one has been approved by the courts, and updates automatically each year as parcels change. The parcel data is obtained from the Sumter County Property Appraiser's Office, the same data that is utilized to develop annual tax bills for Sumter County. The Simplified Method is a non-ad Valorem assessment, meaning it is not based on the value of your property.

#### **CURRENT METHOD**

Each parcel will be charged \$124 on the non-ad valorem portion of the tax bill. In addition to the \$124, an estimated .71 mills of ad valorem property taxes per parcel would be used to fund the Interlocal Agreement for VPSD in October 2023 from the Sumter BOCC.

#### **PROPOSED METHOD**

Each parcel will be charged \$124. The additional needed funding will be generated with \$0.75 per \$1000 of relative improvement value in (market or 'just' value minus land value) in a second tier.

In addition to the 'Simplified Funding', The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District will have the legal ability to generate funding via millage which is an ad-valorem assessment, meaning that it is based on the taxable value of your home. This is **capped** at one (1) mill which is equivalent to \$1 for every \$1,000 of the assessable value of residential and commercial properties. This would mean the Board could levy 0 mills or any millage in between to a maximum of 1 mill.

Under the purview of the District, these revenue methods will provide enhanced transparency in identifying exactly how much you are paying to fund the services received.

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### So, will I be paying more?

The following chart provides sample comparisons of the potential maximum levy for fire and EMS services that would be provided by the District of actual properties within the proposed District boundaries (does not include amenity fee). As you can see, the annual increase varies based on the relative improvement value.

<b>Sample annual cost difference comparisons</b>			
	<b>Current Process</b>	<b>Proposed Process</b>	<b>Annual Difference</b>
Patio Villa	\$171.70	\$299.50	\$127.80
Patio Villa	\$196.52	\$329.50	\$132.98
Courtyard Villa	\$261.56	\$450.45	\$188.89
Courtyard Villa	\$156.58	\$313.11	\$156.53
Designer	\$244.16	\$432.99	\$188.83
Designer	\$338.19	\$628.39	\$290.20
Premier	\$640.16	\$1,183.44	\$543.28
Premier	\$721.42	\$1,437.29	\$715.87
Ranch	\$240.85	\$404.86	\$164.01
Ranch	\$257.61	\$432.62	\$175.01
Publix Plaza - Colony Blvd	\$11,664.35	\$23,878.01	\$12,213.66
Freedom Pointe	\$16,844.26	\$31,173.67	\$14,329.41
Brownwood Lofts	\$19,404.87	\$34,780.16	\$15,375.29

## **The Villages® Independent Fire Control and Rescue District**

### **What will I be getting with the annual increase?**

The Villages Public Safety Department heard from the thousands of residents that they wanted better services and response times than they were receiving from the current transport and service provider. This budget was created to include the revenues and expenditures to provide those comprehensive services, consistent to the higher level of services that residents of The Villages expect in all areas of their lifestyle. Most notably, the increased expenses account for the assumption of ambulance and transport services, as well as funding to support future fire stations, apparatus and personnel to maintain a constant state of readiness in this ever-growing community.

### **If I am no longer paying taxes to Sumter County for fire service, will my Sumter County taxes be reduced?**

Only the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners can respond as to their plan for taxing in Sumter County. We urge you to contact them with your questions or concerns by attending a meeting or visiting their website at <https://www.sumtercountyfl.gov/>.

### **So, what happens now?**

Upon approval by the Governor, House Bill 995 will appear on the General Election Ballot on November 8th for the voters to decide on the creation of The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District.

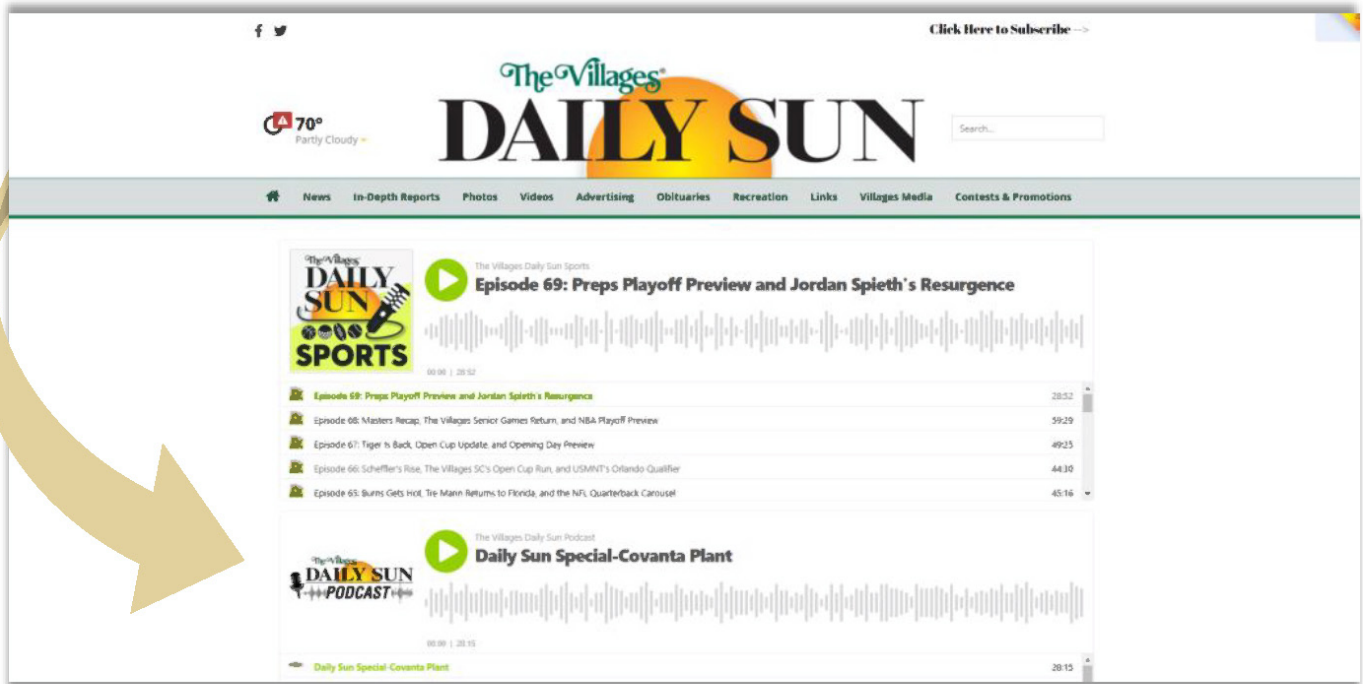
### **As an interested Resident, what can I do to help?**

This process allows for you as a Resident to decide on the establishment of The Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District on November 8th. You can further assist by ensuring that your friends and neighbors are aware of the most current information by visiting [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) and reading the District Weekly Bulletin. We want to ensure that everyone has access to the most beneficial information to make an informed decision in November.

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### Listen to a podcast featuring the District Manager!

Recently, the District Manager was a special guest on an episode of The Villages Daily Sun Podcast called 'Daily Sun Special - Covanta Plant'. In this special edition you'll hear from the District Manager, Kenny Blocker, along with other experts on how the Covanta Plant operates and how it turns Villages residents waste into electricity. To listen to the podcast episode, click on the following link, scroll down and click on 'Daily Sun Special - Covanta Plant'. [The Villages Daily Sun Podcasts.](#)



### Message from the District Manager

I am pleased to present The Villages Community Development Districts 2021 Annual Report. This report highlights the accomplishments of each District Department as well as presents informative financial information on each District and introduces their Board Members. To read the 2021 Annual Report on the District website, click on the following link — [2021 Annual Report.](#)



## **Thank you to everyone who attended Resident Academy on April 20, 2022!**

Those who attended Resident Academy heard presentations from the District Manager, The Villages Public Safety Department, District Property Management, Community Watch, Recreation & Parks, Finance, Utilities and more!

For more information on Resident Academy, please visit our website at [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) or contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.

## **Rumor Control**

Governor DeSantis announced in a news conference that in addition to a new congressional map they're voting on this week in a special session, lawmakers "will be considering termination of all independent special districts that were enacted in Florida prior to 1968, and that includes the Reedy Creek Improvement District."

If passed, this dissolution would only affect Chapter 189 special districts enacted in Florida prior to 1968.

First established in the early 1990s, The Villages Community Development Districts were, and will continue to be, formed under Chapter 190 Florida Statutes, and **therefore this has no impact on our community.**

In fact, there are only five special districts that could potentially be dissolved. They are:

- a. Hamilton County Development Authority
- b. East Point Water and Sewer District (Franklin County)
- c. Bradford County Development Authority
- d. Reedy Creek Improvement District aka Disney (Orange and Osceola Counties)
- e. Sunshine Drainage District (Broward County)

Please visit <https://www.flgov.com/> for additional information.



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### **Two District Departments work together to save a family of ducklings**

District Property Management and The Villages Public Safety Department came to the aid of some of our most recent residents of The Villages. When residents of Fairwinds Villas called District Property Management to report that eight ducklings had fallen down a storm drain, they were distraught and didn't know who to call or how they could save the family of ducks. Josh Santiago, Infrastructure Supervisor, quickly arrived at the scene and alerted The Villages Public Safety Department for help and were immediately dispatched to assist.



Firefighters from Station 51 arrived at the scene and immediately put all their efforts into getting the ducklings out of the storm drain and safely reunited with their mother duck, who was anxiously waiting nearby. When the mission was completed, Luitenant Adelisa Luciano acknowledged that the Public Safety Department deals with cases like this on a daily basis and they're glad to help at any time.

Great teamwork by our residents, District Property Management and The Villages Public Safety Department to bring a happy ending to this situation. Yet another example of what it is like to live in Florida's Friendliest Hometown!

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## National Public Safety Telecommunications Week 2022 was April 10th – April 16th!

In recognition of the hard work and dedication that Community Watch Dispatchers exhibit, we authorized a ‘fun attire’ week for those stationed at the Key Largo office to have a little fun. As you can see below, the week was definitely a success!



**On Sunday**, staff was able to show team spirit by wearing their favorite team jersey to work.



**On Monday**, it was tourist day and we sure had some great tourists around here. The only thing missing was sand and some boats!



**On Tuesday**, it was show your spirit day and staff was decked out in patriotic red, white and blue.



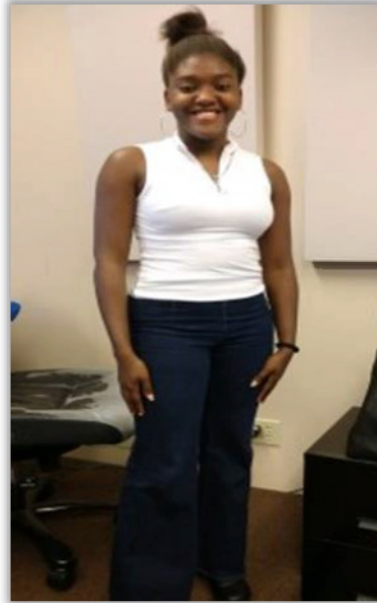
**On Wednesday**, it was Disney day – a favorite of many. Everybody got decked out in their favorite Disney gear. It was quite interesting to see who everybody chose as their favorite Disney character to display for the day.

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**On Thursday**, it was blackout/whiteout day where the idea was to wear either all black or all white.



**On Friday**, it was 70's/disco day and staff boogied the way through their shift.

**On Saturday**, it was superhero Saturday and everybody got to dress up as their favorite superhero.

Our Dispatchers have the superpower of being the informational hub and nucleus of The Villages. They are the calm in chaos, the trusted lifeline between our citizens and field personnel; they are efficient, brilliant and creative. They have the ability to power through a pandemic, a severe staffing shortage, and stepped up to train several new employees. They have proven that they're resilient, passionate about their role in Dispatch and are a cooperative and morale-boosting force!





## District 2 - Q&A Meetings Are Re-starting! Tuesday, April 26, 2022

This month's Question & Answer meeting will be hosted by Tom Swiers, District 2 Supervisor.

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. Residents are able to sit down together to discuss any topics they would like pertaining to District 2.

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

- All meetings are held at **El Santiago 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 schedule.
- 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 Districts 2 and 4 offers informal, evening-time opportunities for YOU to meet and discuss whatever is on your mind regarding the day-to-day operations of The Villages. 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 2 Question & Answer Meetings have included:

- Amenity Authority Committee (AAC)
- Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
- Budget & Finances (District 2 & AAC)
- Community Watch
- Deed Restrictions, Violations & Compliance
- Dog Parks
- First Responders Recreation Center (FRRC)
- Fire & Ambulance Services
- Landscaping, Fences, Walls
- Law Enforcement
- Multi-Modal Paths (MMP)
- Recreation, Parks & Executive Golf
- Road Maintenance
- YOUR CHOICE OF OTHER TOPICS?

**For more information:** Call District 2 Supervisor Tom Swiers at (847) 951-2230;  
or send an Email to: [tom@swiers.com](mailto:tom@swiers.com) or [Tom.Swiers@DistrictGov.org](mailto:Tom.Swiers@DistrictGov.org)

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### Facility Advisory

For your safety and well-being, please refrain from utilizing any unopen recreation facility prior to the official opening.

### The Enrichment Academy (TEA) Speaker Series

The Speaker Series offers a variety of lectures presented by professional guest speakers who share their knowledge and experiences with the audience. General admission, limited seating. Next up — Gary Vidito, WWII: A Survivor's Story.

Visit [TheEnrichmentAcademy.org](http://TheEnrichmentAcademy.org) to register today!



# Speaker Series 2022

## *WWII: A Survivor's Story*



Presenter:  
Gary Vidito

Join songwriter and performer, Gary Vidito, in this fascinating true story about a World War II US Navy officer and the largest ship rescue of all time. Featured topic on the History Channel "Deep Sea Detectives," Gary portrays his father in a dynamic and heartwarming presentation on World War II, and the impact here at home.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 3pm**

**Everglades Recreation Complex – General Admission Seating**

**\$12 Residents • \$15 General Public**

**NOW**

**REGISTER**

- IN PERSON: All Regional Recreation Complexes
- ONLINE: [TheEnrichmentAcademy.org](http://TheEnrichmentAcademy.org)

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### Wireless Access

The Recreation & Parks Department offers limited wireless access of devices. Customers may access the wireless service available at all recreation centers with the exception of Southside and the neighborhood centers. The use and application of this service is for limited Wi-Fi capability, and to assist our residents within the lobby areas, with limited service in the recreation centers. Eligible guests may access the wireless internet if the resident is present. For more information on wireless internet access, please see the following page.

### Camp Villages Summer 2022

Whether your grandkids live nearby or are coming for a visit, mark your calendars for the upcoming summer Camp Villages program. This year's activities begin June 6th and continue through August 5th. The camp brochure, with details regarding activities, age recommendations and registration information, will be available in May. Be sure to check [DistrictGov.org](https://www.districtgov.org) and the weekly Recreation & Parks Publication for further updates on all Camp Villages activities. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Villages!



# Wireless Internet Access



All Regional and Neighborhood Recreation Centers now offer a free wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) service. Villages residents and guests with wireless-enabled devices can access the Internet from within the centers. Eligible guests may access the wireless internet if the resident is present.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you are interested in connecting to the Wi-Fi, contact one of the Recreation Center staff members who will help with information on how to connect to the Wi-Fi.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO HAVE?

You will need a wireless-enabled device and your Villages ID or Guest ID. The staff can assist you on how to log in.

## KEEP IN MIND

Individual connectivity and use may vary.

Service may be limited with multiple users.

Printers are not available.

The Villages Recreation & Parks Department is not responsible for any loss or damage to wireless devices or software. It is recommended that users take steps to protect their own wireless device, such as installing current anti-virus software and maintaining appropriate firewall protection.

The Villages Recreation & Parks Department's Wi-Fi program is subject to terms and conditions and may be modified at any time.

## RESIDENTS AND GUESTS WILL NEED



WIRELESS DEVICE



VILLAGES RESIDENT OR GUEST ID CARD

For questions or assistance please contact a staff member at your Regional or Neighborhood Recreation Center.

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# Construction Update

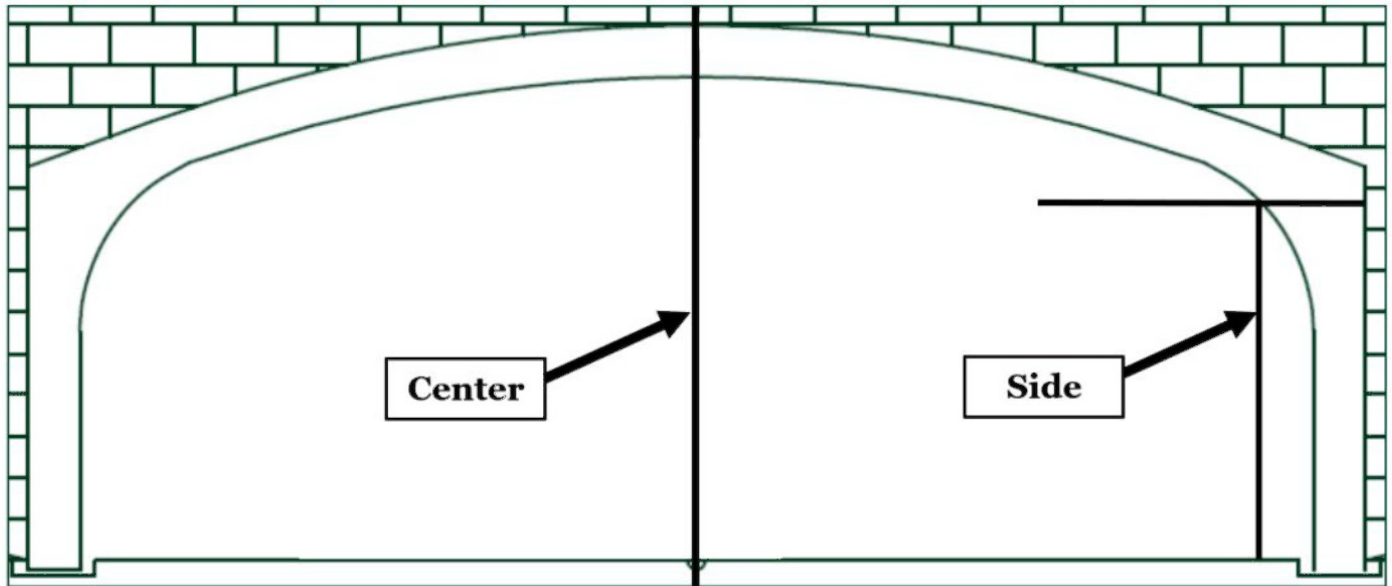
## First Responders Recreation Center

- The site work is approximately 96% complete.
- The Recreation Center is approximately 89% complete.
- Support buildings are approximately 95% complete.
- The Putt & Play Course & Lawn Bowling is approximately 98% complete.
- Total General Construction Project is approximately 94% complete.
- The General Contractor is expected to complete Mid-May. District work (Furniture, Fixtures, equipment, facility take over and setup) will then begin.
- We anticipate opening in July 2022.
- [Click here to view the drone footage on the District website.](#)





# Information Provided By...



## Golf Car Tunnel Locations and Heights in The Villages

An increasingly common question is what the height of the golf car tunnels in The Villages are and whether or not a new or recently modified golf car will have safe clearance through them on the multi-modal paths. Please use the diagram above as reference for the measurements listed in the chart below and the following pages.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact District Property Management at 352-753-4022.

Tunnel	Location	Side	Center
CR1	Under CR 501 at Corbin Trail	63"	97"
MB1	Under Marsh Bend Trail near Everglades Recreation	64"	99"
MR4	Under Meggison Rd at intersection of Warm Springs Ave	64"	70"
WS1	Under Warm Springs Ave at intersection of Meggison Rd	64"	70"
WS2	Under Warm Springs Ave near Marsh Bend Trail	73"	96"
B4	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Talley Ridge Dr (north near Belle Aire)	74"	82"
B7	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Saddlebrook Recreation	74"	82"
M4	Under CR 466 near Morse Blvd	75"	86"

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<b>Tunnel</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Center</b>
M1	Under El Camino Real near Morse Blvd	76"	86"
B1	Under Buena Vista south of Mulberry Recreation	77"	92"
B2	Under Buena Vista at Nancy Lopez Legacy Country Club	77"	92"
B20	Under Buena Vista Blvd between St Charles Pl & CR 466A	77"	95"
B24	Under Buena Vista Blvd north of Hillsborough Trail	77"	96"
B25	Under CR 44A between Eisenhower Rec & Brownwood	77"	91"
B28	Under Powell Rd near CR 44A at Alden Bungalows	77"	95"
B3	Under Buena Vista Blvd at intersection of Belle Meade Circle	77"	91"
B17	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Bailey Trail & Odell Circle (north near Lake Miona Recreation)	78"	95"
B18	Under Buena Vista Blvd at St Charles & Bonita Blvd	78"	96"
B19	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Bailey Trail & Odell Circle (south near SeaBreeze Recreation)	78"	96"
B22	Under Buena Vista Blvd north of Pinellas Place	78"	96"
B26	Under CR 44A at Antrim Dells	78"	97"
B27	Under Buena Vista Blvd south of CR 44A	78"	93.5"
B29	Under Powell Rd near SR 44 at Atwood Bungalows	78"	94"
M11	Under Morse Blvd near CR 466A	78"	96"
M13	Under Morse Blvd south of Hillsborough Trail	78"	96"
M14	Under Morse Blvd near Burnsed Recreation	78"	96"
B12	Under Belvedere Blvd at Bonnybrook Gate	79"	96"
B16	Under Stillwater Trail at Buena Vista Blvd	79"	96"
B21	Under CR 466A near Buena Vista Blvd	79"	96"
B23	Under Buena Vista Blvd between Pinellas Place and Evans Prairie Country Club	79"	97"

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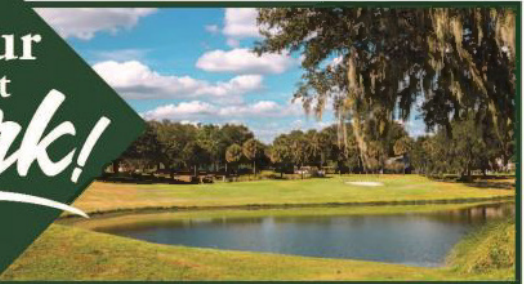
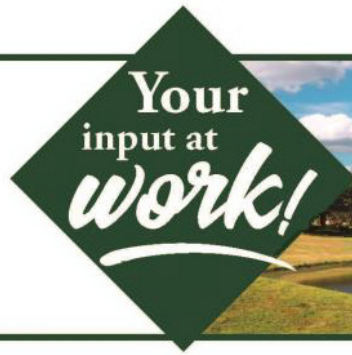
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<b>Tunnel</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Center</b>
M10	Under CR 466A near Morse Blvd	79"	96"
M15	Under Morse Blvd at Soaring Eagle Softball Complex	79"	96"
M5	Under Morse Blvd south of CR 466	79"	96"
M6	Under Morse Blvd near Stillwater Trail	79"	96"
M7	Under Morse Blvd at Odell Circle (north near Mallory Hill Country Club)	79"	96"
M9	Under Morse Blvd at Odell Circle (south near Havana Country Club)	79"	96"
B10	Under SR 466 at Laurel Manor Recreation	80"	98"
B13	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Rainey Trail	80"	96"
B14	Under Rainey Trail at Buena Vista Blvd	80"	96"
B15	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Arnold Palmer Country Club	80"	97"
B9	Under CR 466 at the intersection of Belvedere Blvd	80"	96"
B11	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Laurel Manor	81"	98"
B8	Under CR101 North of CR 466	84"	96"
M3	Under Rio Grande Ave at Chula Vista Recreation	86"	95"
B5	Under El Camino Real at Savannah Recreation	87"	97"
MR2	Under Meggison Rd near Waterlily Bridge	87"	121"
MR3	Under Meggison Rd north of Warm Springs Ave	87"	121"
B6	Under Buena Vista Blvd at Savannah Recreation	88"	96"
M18	Under Morse Blvd at the intersection of Meggison Rd	88"	123"
M2	Under Morse Blvd near Hacienda Hills Country Club	88"	98"
MR1	Under Meggison Rd south of SR 44	88"	122"
BT1	Under Bexley Trail at Meggison Rd	89"	123"

# MIRA ♦ MESA

EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE

## RENOVATION UPDATE



The Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) approved the renovation of Mira Mesa Executive Golf Course.

### RENOVATIONS INCLUDE



- New Greens
- New Tees
- New Fairways
- Improved Bunkers
- Landscape Enhancements
- Other Modifications

### ESTIMATED TIMELINE

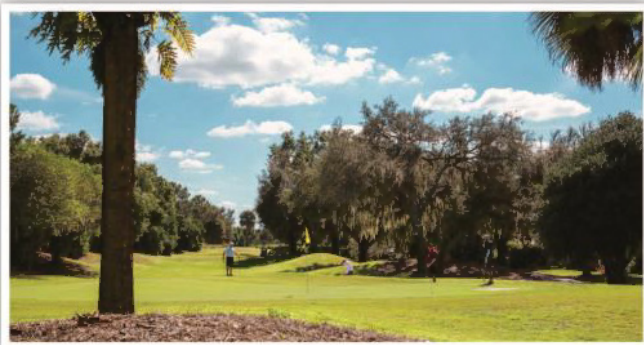


**February – April 2022**  
Vendor Bid & Board Approval

**May – October 2022**  
Renovation & Grow-in Period

**Late Fall of 2022**  
Course Opening

*Dates are subject to change.*



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### Fire Extinguisher Safety

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives, but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority is to get out safely. Becoming familiar with the use of a portable fire extinguisher may prevent or reduce fire-related death, injuries, and damage.



Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called and the room isn't filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:

- **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- **S**weep the nozzle from side to side.

As a general rule, you should inspect your fire extinguishers yourself on a monthly basis and review how to use your fire extinguisher. These monthly checks don't need to be anything significant—just take a look and make sure the extinguisher is in good condition and that the gauge indicates that the canister is sufficiently pressurized for proper usage.

### Fire Extinguisher Locations:

- Place in areas that are **accessible within seconds**.
- Place them in **easy-to-grab spots, near exits**.
- The National Fire Protection Association recommends having **at least one fire extinguisher on every floor** of the home.
- The **first location should be the kitchen**. More than half of all fires in the home begin in the kitchen.

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## Fire Extinguisher Safety

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (which can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

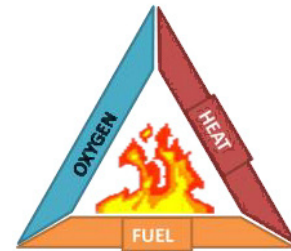
Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation **BEFORE** a fire breaks out.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms. **If a room fills with smoke, leave immediately.**

## Elements of a Fire:

- **Fuel** – can be from vapor, liquid, or a solid source.
- **Oxygen** – in the air around the fire.
- **Heat** – as small as a spark, or a large heat source.



All three must be present to have a fire. **If you remove one, the fire will die.**

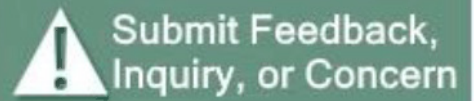
Before you attempt to extinguish a fire:

- Make sure everyone has left or is leaving, the building.
- Make sure the fire department has been called/alarm sounded.
- Make sure the fire is confined to a small area and is not spreading.
- Make sure the room is not rapidly filling with smoke.
- Be sure you have an unobstructed escape route to which the fire will not spread.
- Be sure you know what's burning and that extinguisher is right for the fire.

**It is reckless to fight a fire in any other circumstances. Instead, leave immediately and close off.**

Sources: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Fire-extinguishers>  
<http://safety.ucanr.edu/files/1444.pdf>

# Frequently Asked Questions and Answers



## The Villages® Community Development Districts Utilities

### **How can I save money adjusting my irrigation timer?**

Turn your irrigation timer off after rainfall events and let your lawn “tell” you when you need to turn the timer back on. If a particular zone begins to show signs of stress, only set the irrigation system to irrigate the stressed zone, don’t run the entire system. Rain sensors should be checked monthly to ensure that they are not clogged with debris. Your irrigation system settings should also be checked monthly to be sure that it is operating on the proper day and time and to verify that no “extra” start times are accidentally turned on.

### **Know and follow your watering restrictions and don’t water just because it’s your day!**

The amount of irrigation needed varies depending on the time of year, rainfall, and soil conditions.

Irrigation systems should only be operated when the lawn begins to show signs of stress, some examples are listed below:

- Lingering footprints or mower tracks
- Grass blades or leaf blades begin to close lengthwise
- The top few inches of soil feel dry

Lawn and Landscaping watering is limited to two days per week during the hours of 12:00 AM—10:00 AM or 4:00 PM—12:00 AM. To find the correct irrigation schedule for your residence, as well as other interesting topics, please visit our website at [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) and click on the Water Wisdom icon to the right.

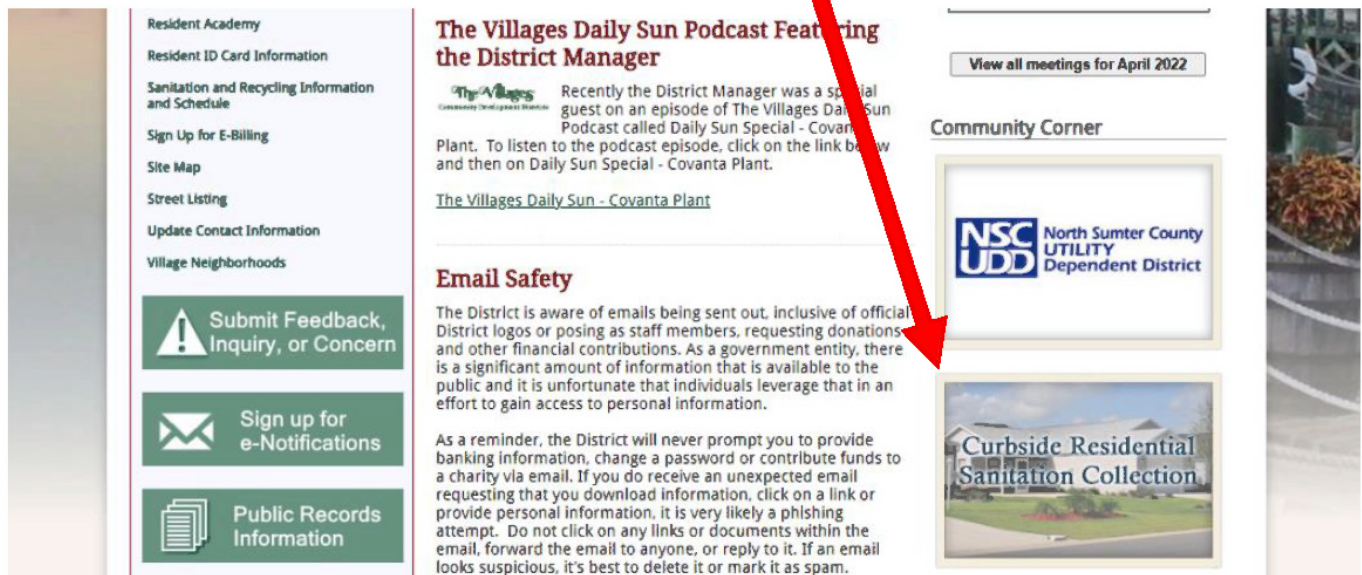


## Did you know that you can find Curbside Sanitation Collection Information and Schedules on DistrictGov.org?

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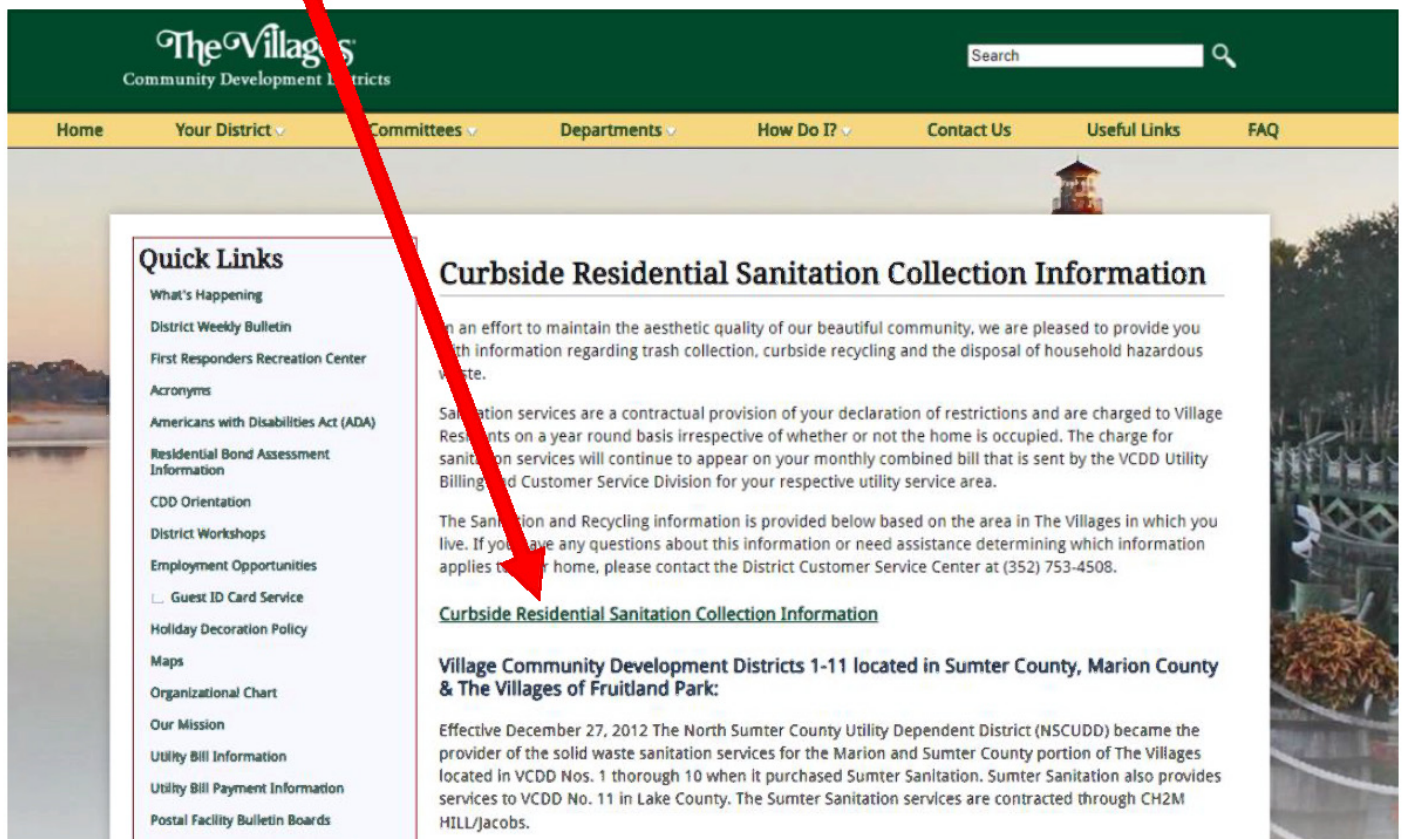
2. Scroll down and click on the Curbside Residential Sanitation Collection Quick Link on the right-hand side of the page.





**Did you know that you can find Curbside Sanitation Collection Information and Schedules on DistrictGov.org?**

3. On this page, you will find a link to the Curbside Residential Sanitation Collection Information for the area in which you reside.



To view the Curbside Residential Sanitation Collection schedule on the District website, please click the following link — [Curbside Residential Sanitation Collection Information](#).

## Information Provided By...



### **WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

Preventative maintenance is occurring on the potable water system field valves throughout many areas of The Villages. Those customers serviced by Village Center Service Area (VCSA), Little Sumter Service Area (LSSA), North Sumter Utilities (NSU), Central Sumter Utilities (CSU) and South Sumter Utilities (SSU) that will be impacted will be notified 24 hours in advance of a temporary interruption in service and will receive the following notification:

THE PUBLIC DRINKING WATER MAINS IN YOUR AREA WILL BE SHUT DOWN TEMPORARILY FOR NEEDED MAINTENANCE. AS A PRECAUTION, UPON RETURN OF WATER SERVICE, WE ADVISE THAT **ALL WATER USED FOR DRINKING, MAKING ICE, AND COOKING BE BOILED, FOR ALL OTHER HOUSE HOLD USES THE WATER IS ACCEPTABLE.** A ROLLING BOIL OF ONE MINUTE IS SUFFICIENT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, BOTTLED WATER MAY BE USED.

THIS "PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE" WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE MAINTENANCE TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND A BACTERIOLOGICAL SURVEY SHOWS THAT THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK. THIS USUALLY CONSISTS OF A TWO-DAY SAMPLING PERIOD TO INSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CONTACT DEANNA SIMMONS, FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT (352) 259-2802 (NSU WWTP).

A notice with the addresses of the affected area along with this information will be left at the door of all impacted addresses. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in order to maintain the continued integrity and safety of the District Infrastructure.

#### **A tentative schedule of the areas impacted in the upcoming week:**

4/26/2022 — 2957 Meadow Lawn Lane

4/27/2022 — 2742 Privada Drive

Information Provided By Sumter County Sheriff's Office

# SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Deputies will accept your **UNWANTED** or **EXPIRED** medications for safe and easy disposal to prevent drug misuse or injury.

**No needles or liquids accepted.**

## WHERE

**WINN DIXIE**  
at Lake Sumter Landing  
820 Old Camp Road  
The Villages

## WHEN

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 30, 2022**  
10 am–2 pm

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**Winn✓Dixie.**





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

⇒ **Chula Vista Village Recreation Center Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**

The Chula Vista Village Recreation Center Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool will be closed for maintenance on April 29th.

⇒ **Savannah Regional Recreation Complex Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**

The Savannah Regional Recreation Complex Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool will be closed for maintenance on May 2nd.

⇒ **Bridgeport Village Recreation Center Shuffleboard Courts**

The Bridgeport Village Recreation Center Shuffleboard Courts will be closed April 11th through May 2nd.

⇒ **Lake Miona Regional Recreation Complex Sports Pool**

The Lake Miona Regional Recreation Complex Sports Pool will be closed for maintenance April 22nd through June 4nd.

⇒ **Bacall Village Recreation Center Key Largo Room**

The Bacall Village Recreation Center Key Largo Room will be closed for maintenance May 2nd through May 8th.

⇒ **Coconut Cove Village Recreation Center Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**

The Coconut Cove Village Recreation Center Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool will be closed for maintenance March 28th through May 3rd.

⇒ **Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Complex Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**

The Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Complex Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool will be closed for maintenance on April 29th.

⇒ **Odell Village Recreation Center Pickleball Courts**

The Odell Village Recreation Center Pickleball Courts will be closed for maintenance April 25th through April 26th.



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

⇒ **St. James Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**

The St. James Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool will be closed for facility maintenance on April 28th.

⇒ **Fish Hawk Village Recreation Center Pickleball and Tennis Courts**

The Fish Hawk Village Recreation Center Pickleball and Tennis Courts will be closed for resurfacing April 11th through April 27th.

⇒ **Brinson Perry Canine Dog Park**

The Brinson Perry Canine Dog Park will be closed for maintenance April 4th through May 1st.

⇒ **Captiva Village Recreation Center Pickleball and Tennis Courts**

The Captiva Village Recreation Center Pickleball and Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance on April 25th.

⇒ **Rohan Regional Recreation Complex Tennis Courts**

The Rohan Regional Recreation Complex Tennis Courts will be closed for maintenance on April 25th until further notice.

⇒ **St. Catherine Neighborhood Recreation Area Parking Lot**

The St. Catherine Neighborhood Recreation Area Parking Lot will be partially closed for resurfacing April 25th through April 26th and April 30th through May 1st.



# Information Provided By...

**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts  
**Community Standards**

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

HAVE AN EYE FOR GOOD *Design?*

- Do you love the aesthetic beauty and design of your community?
- Do you have experience in architecture, landscaping or reading site plans?
- Do you want to participate in keeping your community beautiful?

COME JOIN YOUR LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AS A *Volunteer!*



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For More Information: [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) | [ArchReview@DistrictGov.org](mailto:ArchReview@DistrictGov.org) | 352-751-3912

Village Community Development District No. 6 (District 6), No. 10 (District 10), and the Lady Lake / Lake County portion of The Villages north of County Road 466 are all seeking alternate members to serve on the Architectural Review Committee.

The alternate applicant must be a full time resident of the District they are applying for 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 at 8:00 AM for approximately 2-4 hours.

If you are interested in becoming an alternate member on the Architectural Review Committee, complete the application by clicking one of the following links: [District 6 Application](#), [District 10 Application](#), [Lady Lake /Lake County Application](#) and returning it to the Community Standards Department, 984 Old Mill Run, The

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS DEPARTMENT  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
VOLUNTEER MEMBER FOR  
VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

This application **must** be returned to the Community Standards Department, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, Florida **no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2021.**

I understand that being a member of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is a volunteer position with a four year commitment where I will spend approximately two hours every week as a committee member. **The applicant must be a full time resident of Village Community Development District No. 7 and have lived in The Villages for at least one year.** Committee members 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.

1. Please briefly describe your past business or career paths.

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2. What special skills or education do you have that would benefit the ARC? (Please include special skills, experience or training such as architect, ability to read site plans, builder, condo/building management, working with deed restricted communities, etc.)

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3. Are you familiar with your deed restrictions and/or covenants?    Y    N`

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Village of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**SAMPLE**  
For each District's Application, please see the previous page.