

# DISTRICT Weekly Bulletin

### March 23, 2023



**Community Development Districts** 

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Join us for this Monthly Square Event and learn why WATER MATTERS!

### SATURDAY | APRIL 22 | 2023

9AM - 1PM | Lake Sumter Landing Market Square®

### GIVEAWAYS | EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS | DEMONSTRATIONS

#### PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

- 9AM The Villages Community Development Districts | Sustainability Efforts: District Property Management Kick Off & National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- 9:15AM The Villages High School Future Farmer's of America | Drip System/Vertical Hydroponic
- 9:45AM UF/IFAS Extension | Drought Tolerant Plants
- 10AM Florida-Friendly Landscaping
- 10:15AM UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County Master Gardeners | Warm Season Turf Grasses

10:30AM UF/IFAS Extension | Saving Florida Water

- 11AM The Villages Water Wisdom
- 11:30AM Vikus Water
- 12PM UF/IFAS Extension Indoor Water Conservation
- 12:30PM University of Florida | Pond Management: Ponds for Fishing



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Stop by the following vendor booths to learn more about why WATER MATTERS!

#### VENDOR BOOTHS

- · The Villages Community Development Districts
- The Villages High School Future Farmers of America
- UF/IFAS Extension | Groundwater Model (Enviroscape/Interactive)
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping
- UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County Master Gardeners
- The Villages Water Wisdom/Vikus Water
- University of Florida
- · Jacobs | Water Management Reuse Irrigation
- Solitude | Lake Management
- Hunter Industries
- St. Johns River Water Management District Bureau of Water Supply Planning

- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Cepra
- Walker Technical Services
- University of Florida Florida Automated Weather Network
- Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
- City of Wildwood | Wildwood: Only Rain Down the Drain: Stormwater Pollution -Keep America (City) Beautiful
- The Villages Community Development
   District Utilities
- The Villages Grown Hydroponics/Water Conservation/Reusable Efforts

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT



#### PropertyManagement@DistrictGov.org

Main Office 1026 Canal Street The Villages, FL 32162 Office Hours 8AM to 5PM Monday - Friday Excluding Holidays

Office Phone 352-753-4022 Fax: 352-753-4296

## **GRAND RE-OPENING** OF THE **MIRA MESA EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE**



The Grand Re-Opening of the Mira Mesa Executive Golf Course took place on February 15, 2023 and District Staff, the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) and members of the community came out to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and see the newly renovated course.

Following the completion of the Mira Mesa Executive Golf Course Renovation Project, the course is sporting new greens, tees and fairways as well as landscaping and bunker enhancements. We encourage you to visit the Mira Mesa Executive Golf Course and enjoy the many improvements!



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# A DAY IN THE LIFE: COMMUNITY WATCH DISPATCHER

Have you ever wondered what a typical day for a Community Watch Dispatcher looks like? Do you think you might be up for the job?

Check out the video below that gives an inside look at what a typical day consists of for a Community Watch Dispatcher.





# PROTECT YOUR PIPES

# **BY REDUCING FATS, OILS & GREASE**

IN YOUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

### **GREASE IS A PROBLEM**

Many food items contain fat, oil & grease (FOG) that can be harmful to your pipes and sewer system. Pouring FOG materials down your kitchen sink can result in dangerous sewage backups in your home and community. FOG materials include:

- Meat drippings
- Oil
- Butter
- Dressings
- Cooking fats



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Fat, oil & grease solidify and can build up in your sewer pipes potentially resulting in blockages. Outside of your home, FOG can build up in the collection system and lift stations potentially causing odors and sewage overflows in our neighborhoods. FOG can cause:

- Property damage
- Pipe maintenance requirements
- Health & environmental hazards due to overflows







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## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

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By doing your part to reduce fats, oils & grease (FOG), you can contribute to a cleaner and healthier utility system.



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### FOLLOW THESE 4 SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE FOG

Wipe FOG & food scraps from pots, pans and dishes before washing.

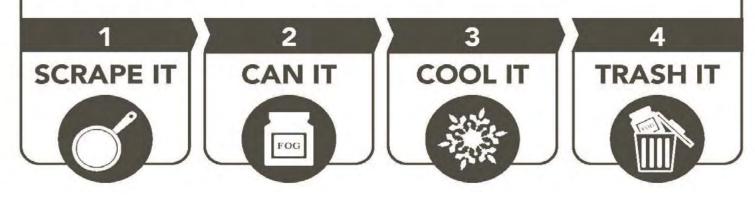
Allow FOG to cool and solidify.

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Pour into a sealable container.



Dispose of FOG properly in your trash can.





The Villages<sup>®</sup> Community Development Districts Recreation & Parks

# Where Can I Find Recreation & Parks Information?

There are many outlets that provide multiple options for our residents to stay up-to-date on Recreation & Parks.

### > The Recreation & Parks Publication

Read The Daily Sun Newspaper and grab a copy of The Villages Recreation & Parks Publication distributed every Thursday. The Villages Recreation & Parks Publication is also available online at <u>DistrictGov.org</u>, <u>TheVillagesDailySun</u>. <u>com</u> or at any Recreation Center.

#### > DistrictGov.org

This is the website for The Villages Community Development Districts, your local special-purpose government. Go to <u>DistrictGov.org</u> > Departments > Recreation for information about clubs, events, parks, fishing, The Enrichment Academy and much more.

### > TheVillages.com

For comprehensive information on The Villages, visit their website at <u>TheVillages</u>. <u>com</u>. Here you can also sign up for The Villages monthly Vmail.

### > The Villages App and WVLG

On the go and needing information at your fingertips? Download The Villages App (Apple App Store or Google Play) or listen to WVLG Radio, broadcast on 102.7 FM in the northern part of the listening area and 104.5 FM in the southern area. You can always send us your questions or suggestions by email at <u>RecreationDepartment@districtgov.</u> org and we'll be happy to respond.

### **Recreation Code of Conduct**

Recreation is an integral part of the lifestyle of The Villages community, providing our residents with outlets for leisure, exercise, socializing and entertainment. To ensure that your programs and activities remain enjoyable for everyone, it's important that we respect our recreation facilities and fellow residents who utilize them. When using the recreation facilities, we share with you the recreation code of conduct. If any issues arise, we ask that you work towards a resolution, taking advantage of the following mechanisms that are in place to help you do so.

The use of obscenity, profanity or vulgarity in any conversations involving participants or department staff will not be tolerated.

It is everyone's responsibility to maintain a safe, pleasant and comfortable playing atmosphere. Every individual who participates in any program has the right to be treated with respect. The Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," prevails. The Villages® Community Development Districts Recreation & Parks

### **Closing of Outdoor Facilities**

The Villages Recreation & Parks Department, in partnership with the Community Watch Department, as stewards of Recreation Facilities within The Villages, are requesting your cooperation when closing outdoor Recreation Facilities.

The time of dusk fluctuates throughout the year. Dusk is the window of time usually within a 30 minute timespan after sunset. When closing facilities, staff ensures there is adequate lighting to enter, inspect, and allow participants the ability to exit the facilities in a safe manner. Safety is of the utmost importance and we appreciate you taking this into consideration as staff closes the facilities.

Recreation & Parks and Community Watch teams appreciate your support and adherence as we aim to be good stewards of the recreation facilities while ensuring the safety and wellbeing of both staff and residents.



# Did You Know?

The Villages Community Development Districts Property Management

### **Annual Plantings**

Annual plants or "Seasonal Color" are plants that grow from seed to flower, produce seeds, and die within a single growing season.

On District property within The Villages, landscape contractors install around 2 million (and counting) annuals every year, replanting by hand every quarter to coordinate with Florida weather and seasons for full color appearance throughout the year.

These annuals are contract grown in nurseries around the state of Florida. Once the plants are ready, it is crucial that they be installed quickly to avoid becoming root bound in the container and shortening their life expectancy.

We do not specify the species as long as they are plants proven to work in our area and adhere to the design intent within The Villages. This provides a change of color as you move through The Villages.



### WHO PROVIDES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGES?

Emergency management and services related to preparation for severe weather, floods, hurricanes and other disaster response activities fall under the purview of the county in which you live.

If you have questions on severe weather or other emergency management issues in your area, please contact the appropriate county. Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties also have programs to notify their residents of weather incidents, hazardous conditions and other important information.

### State & Federal Severe Weather Resources

- & Local Weather
- 🔗 <u>Tropical Weather</u>
- State Emergency
   Management

To sign up for the notifications in your county, please visit the website using the following links or contact the county in which you live for additional information.

### LAKE COUNTY

- *Emergency Management*<u>Website</u>
- 2 352-343-9420

### MARION COUNTY

- *Emergency* Management Website
- 152-732-8100 352-732-8100

### SUMTER COUNTY

- *Emergency Management*<u>Website</u>
- & Emergency Alert Program
- 2 352-689-4400



## **COURSE CLOSURES**



### Palmetto Executive Golf Course Closure Notice

In our efforts to provide optimum conditions on the Executive Golf Courses, the Palmetto Executive Golf Course will be closed Friday, March 24, 2023 for several weeks to undergo necessary maintenance work. This closure will give the maintenance team time to execute cultural practices on the greens and tees such as aerification and sand topdressing to aid with drainage, relieve compaction and provide oxygen to the root zone. Additionally, the maintenance team will work on eradicating disturbing winter weeds like Poa annua grass. We thank you for your patience during this closure.

### **Belmont Executive Golf Course Closure Notice**

The Belmont Executive Golf Course will be closed Saturday, April 1, 2023 until further notice. This closure is part of the Project Wide Advisory Committee approved Capital Infrastructure Improvement Project. This project will consist of new greens, tees, fairways and new bunker sand. Additional landscaping and cart path improvements will take place as well during the closure. We thank you for your patience and look forward to opening the revitalized course in the fall.



# DistrictGov.org

## HOW TO



### Where can I find information on Executive Golf Course Closures on DistrictGov.org?

To view a comprehensive list of all current and upcoming Executive Golf Course Closures as well as various maintenance schedules on the District website, follow these steps.

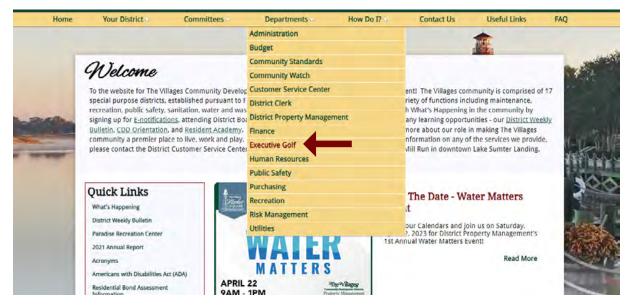
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Visit the District webiste at <u>DistrictGov.org</u>.



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### Under the Departments tab, click on Executive Golf.



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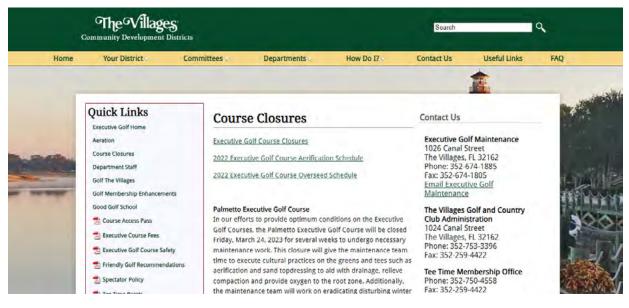
### Where can I find information on Executive Golf Course Closures on DistrictGov.org?

On the Executive Golf Department, click on Course Closures in the Quick Links menu on the left-hand side of the page.



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On the Course Closures page you'll find a list of current Executive Golf Course Closures, renovation project updates and links to the routine Course Closures, Aerification and Overseed schedules for the year.



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## Hazardous Household Waste In The Villages The Villages

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# Do you have old paint sitting in the garage? An old empty propane tank? Leftover gasoline or used motor oil?

If so, these and other hazardous chemicals and items should not be placed in your regular household trash. The following locations will accept these items and more. Please contact the appropriate disposal site for full details.



### **Marion County**

Marion County residents can dispose of the following items at any of the county's 18 recycling centers:

- Used motor oil and oil filters
- Household and automotive batteries
- Latex paint
- Household electronics (accepted at Baseline, Dunnellon, Forest Corners, Fort McCoy, Martel, Newton, and Weirsdale (13535 SE 164th ST) recycling centers in the big green compactor boxes

labeled "electronics recycling")

In addition, there are four special household electronics recycling events held at the McPherson Complex in Ocala throughout the year. The calendar of dates can be found at <u>Marioncountyfl.org</u>.

### Lake County

Lake County residents can dispose of hazardous waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 13130 County

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Landfill Road, County Road 561, Tavares with <u>proof of residency</u>.

There are also Mobile Unit Events held throughout the year in various Lake County locations.

- Automotive fluids (Antifreeze, Gasoline, Motor Oil, etc.)
- Paint Products
- Lawn/Garden (Fertilizers, Insecticides, Pesticides, etc)
- Propane cylinders
- Fluorescent lamps
- Household batteries (including rechargeable)
- Pool chemicals

A complete list of acceptable items and the schedule of Mobile Unit Events can be found at <u>www.lakecountyfl.gov</u>.

### **Sumter County**

Sumter County residents can dispose of the following items at the Sumter County Citizens Drop Off Area at 819 CR 529, Lake Panasoffkee:

- Batteries
- Clean Scrap Metal
- Gasoline
- Oil and oil filters
- Tires and Household Electronics are accepted also, however there is a charge to drop off these items.

Sumter County hosts two Household Electronics and Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection events per year, during the Spring and Fall. For more information, please visit <u>www.sumtercountyfl.gov</u>.

## Information Provided By Sumter County

### Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection - Amnesty Day

### Saturday, April 1, 2023 — 8 AM to 2 PM

Location: Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E SR 44, Wildwood, FL 34785

What to bring:			
Automotive fluids and batteries	Herbicides	Propane Tanks (25 lbs)	
Cleaners	Paint removers and thinners	Solvents	
Fertilizers	Latex & oil based paints	Smoke detectors	
Fluorescent lamps and Mercury containing devices	Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)	Rechargeable household batteries	
Fungicides	Pesticides	Wood Preservatives	
Gas (old gas & old gas cans)	Pool Chemicals		

What not to bring:			
Biological/Infectious waste	Explosives	Radioactive waste	
Empty paint cans	Tires		

### 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.

For more information, visit their website at <u>https://sumtercountyfl.gov/1236/</u> <u>Household-Electronics-Hazardous-Waste-Mo</u>.

# **Architectural Review Committee**

## **OPEN SEATS**



Village Community Development District No. 3 (District 3), No. 4 (District 4), 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: <u>District 3 Application</u>, <u>District 4 Application</u>, <u>District 6</u> <u>Application</u>, <u>District 10 Application</u>, <u>Lady Lake/Lake County Application</u> and returning it to Community Standards, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, Florida.

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Community Development Districts Community Standards

# LEARN ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNMENT

## **CDD ORIENTATION**

CDD Orientation is an informational program that provides you with an introduction to your special-purpose District government. During this course, you will learn about how the Districts operate and what functions and services they provide to you.

No sign-ups or fees are required. This program is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM at the District Office located at 984 Old Mill Run.

## UPCOMING DATES



## MILL AND OVERLAY ROAD WORK SCHEDULE

UPDATED 3/14/2023



CW Roberts will begin Mill and Overlay Road Work in the following areas based on the schedule below:

\*This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather.

### **District 4**

- <u>Unit 59:</u> 3/20/2023 3/24/2023
- <u>Unit 53:</u> 3/24/2023 3/31/2023
- <u>Unit 47:</u> 3/31/2023 4/5/2023

District 3

<u>Cottages at Summerchase:</u> 4/6/2023 – 4/11/2023

<u>Cottages at Glenview:</u> 4/11/2023 – 4/12/2023

## For the safety and quality assurance of residents, guests and workers, please adhere to the following requests:

- 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 increase the work time.
- ALL vehicles and trailers must be parked OFF of the roads and the overflow parking areas must be empty, so as to not impede the work.
- 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 endure its 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 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.

For additional information, please contact District Property Management at 352-753-4022.

# Preliminary Budget Workshops

The Villages Community Development Districts Office of Management and Budget

There are three Preliminary Budget Workshops scheduled for March — the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD), the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) and the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC).

These workshops provide an opportunity to discuss requested topics and general issues, gather input from the public and provide direction to staff before the recommended budget is finalized.

Workshops are open to the public and residents are encouraged to provide input. You may provide your comments by attending these Budget Workshops or attending the monthly Board Meetings. You may also contact your Board of Supervisors, the District Manager Kenny Blocker at 352-751-3939 or Budget Director Brandy Cook by phone at 352-751-3939 or by email at <u>Brandy.Cook@districtgov.org</u>.

## Remaining Budget Workshops In March:

March 29, 2023 PWAC - 8:30 AM at SeaBreeze Recreation Center

<u>March 30, 2023</u> AAC - 9:00 AM at Savannah Recreation Center



### **Spanish Springs Flag Pole Project**

 DPM has scheduled to close Spanish Springs Main St. at 441 on the evening of Sunday, March 19, 2023 through April 9, 2023, to remove the old flag pole and foundation and construct the new foundation.

### **Chula Vista Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**

> Closed Monday, March 27th through Sunday, April 9th.

### Paradise Dog Park

> Closed Monday, March 20th through Friday, March 24th.

### Tierra Del Sol Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool

> Closed on Friday, March 31st.

### Savannah Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool

> Closed on Monday, March 27th.

### Saddlebrook Recreation Tennis Courts

> Closed Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 24th.

### Mulberry Grove Recreation Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool

> Closed on Thursday, March 30th.

### **Bridgeport Recreation Indoor Facilities**

> Closed Tuesday, March 28th through Friday, March 31st.

### **Allamanda Recreation Indoor Facilities**

> Closed Monday, March 27th through Friday, March 31st.

### **Sunset Pointe Recreation Adult Pool**

> Closed Friday, March 10th through Friday, March 31st.

### **Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities**

> Closed Tuesday, March 21st through Friday, March 24th.



### **Odell Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**

> Closed on Friday, March 31st.

### **Colony Cottage Recreation Sports Pool**

> Closed Friday, March 31st through Thursday, May 11th.

### SeaBreeze Recreation Sand Courts

> Closed Monday, April 10th through Friday, April 21st.

### Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool

> Closed on Thursday, April 6th.

### **Sterling Heights Recreation Pickleball Courts**

> Closed Monday, April 10th through Friday, April 21st.

### Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool

> Closed on Friday, April 7th.

### Rohan Recreation Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool

> Closed on Wednesday, March 29th.

### **Rohan Recreation Pickleball Court Pod A**

> Closed until further notice.

### **Burnsed Recreation Tennis Courts**

> Closed until further notice.

### Pine Hills Recreation Adult Pool

> Closed on Monday, March 27th.

### **Richmond Recreation Dog Park, Bocce Courts and Shuffleboard Courts**

> Closed Monday, February 20th through Friday, March 30th.



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Hospitality • Stewardship • Innovation & Creativity • Hard Work

## CURRENT OPEN POSTIONS

### **Community Standards**

Administrative Coordinator

### **Community Watch**

Gate Attendant - 6 hour shifts, regular & substitutes \*

Gate Operations Attendant Substitutes (inside position) \*

Patrol Driver - 8 hour shifts, regular & substitutes \*

Patrol Driver - midnights, 8 hour shifts \*

Dispatcher

Dispatcher Substitute - 8 hour shifts \*

#### Finance

Staff Accountant - General Ledger

Senior Accountant

Billing & Collection Technician

### Human Resources

Human Resources Technician

### **Property Management**

Assistant Director

### **Public Safety**

Firefighter EMT

**Firefighter Paramedic** 

Public Education Technician \*

Deputy Chief of Administration

**Fire Inspector** 

### **Recreation & Parks**

Recreation Assistant \*



### \* = PART-TIME

Scan the QR code to apply online or go to: DistrictGov.org > Departments > Human Resources > Current Employment Opportunities

# DID YOU MISS THE LAST DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN?

**Sign up for e-Notifications** below and never miss another!



By signing up for e-Notifications, you can get the District Weekly Bulletin sent straight to your email when it's posted!



Stay up-to-date on Recreation Events, renovation projects, what's happening in the community, District news & more!



Click the link below, enter your information, select what you'd like to receive and then confirm your submission!



Sign up for e-Notifications

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Finance 352-753-0421

Email Finance

### Human Resources

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Email Human Resources

**District Property Management** 

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- Email District Property Management

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Recreation & Parks Phone: 352-674-1800 Email Recreation & Parks

Risk Management Phone: 352-674-1828 Email Risk Management

Utilities Customer Service Phone: 352-750-0000

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