

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 22, 2024



Amberwood Executive Golf Course

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

Bricks can be purchased to commemorate U.S. Veterans, both past and present. Bricks are placed at the Veterans Memorial Park located near Spanish Springs Town Square, each Veterans Day – November 11th. All bricks must be purchased by March 29 this year to be included the November ceremony. All bricks purchased after March 29th will be included in the following year's ceremony

Memorial Brick Order Form



Join the Easter
Bunny as he hops
to special Easter
activities
throughout The
Villages.
Registration begins
Thursday March 7,
2024. See flyer for
the activities to be
offered.

Current Executive Golf Course Closures

Heron Executive Golf Course – The Heron Executive Golf course will close starting January 2, 2024 until further notice. This closure is part of an approved capital improvement project for improving the drainage on the golf course.

Belmont Executive Golf Course-Closed for renovation until further notice.

Yankee Clipper and Southern Star Executive Golf Courses-Closed until further notice for stormwater repairs.

The District Sewer Cleaning/CCTV Program

Throughout the year within The Villages service area, our Utilities
Operations and Maintenance contractor (Jacobs), conducts sewer
cleaning and closed-circuit camera CCTV inspection activities. Sewer
cleaning is needed to clear any accumulated material and keep the
system operating properly. CCTV inspection is conducted to confirm that
the cleaning was effective and determine if repairs are needed.
As the cleaning takes place, you will see the Jacobs team moving through
with a camera truck along with other large service trucks (pictured below).
Work hours are typically 8 am to 5 pm. Information will be updated
regularly on the District's website regarding locations, schedules, etc.
This maintenance work typically has no effect on your sewer service. It is
necessary preventative maintenance needed to ensure optimal system
operation and to detect issues that may require further maintenance
and/or repair.

The safety of residents and our personnel is of the utmost importance. If you see signs indicating this activity or trucks such as those pictured below, please exercise caution.



If you have any
questions, concerns,
or would like
additional
information, please
contact District
Utility Billing
Customer Service at
352-750-0000

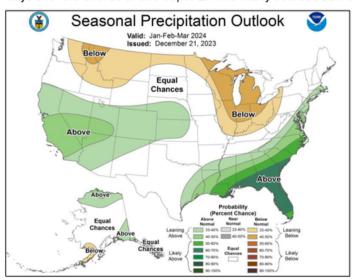
Pictured are the CCTV truck (left) and sewer cleaning truck to the right.



February 20, 2024

Re: Mid-winter Course Conditions

With the wet and cooler El Nino weather pattern in the forecast this winter, we expected to face challenges on the Executive courses. John Rowland, Ph. D and agronomist with the United States Golf Association, noted that the weeks of gray skies "turned out to be one of the strongest El Nino cycles most of us have ever seen." The contracted maintenance teams will need to utilize periodic closures for cultural practices such as spiking, solid tine aerifications and top-dressing in effort to aid the greens from extra moisture accumulation expected during what is usually a drier season. Extra fungicide applications and chemical wetting agents will be used to combat the unfavorable conditions. Although fresh rainfall is typically a positive for the courses, during this time of year, lower temperatures, cloudy conditions, and shorter daylight time frames make the courses slower to dry and recover from wet conditions. Some of the greens turf can become weak, thin, off-color and matted down. As Rowland has observed across the region, "With less than a handful of sunny days over the course of this Super El Nino many courses saw a decline in turfgrass density."



Without consistent sun and warm temperatures, course recovery can be difficult. Tackling these scenarios on top of the numerous rounds played during the busy season will be our top priority over the next sixty days as we wait for springtime and better growing conditions. The Executive Golf department will work closely with the maintenance contractors to provide the best possible playing conditions through this highly unusual weather pattern and the courses will continue to improve with the upcoming change of season.

For more information about the Executive Golf courses, please visit www.districtgov.org.

¹ Rowland, John, Ph. D. "Super El Nino." *Green Section Record*, Vol. 62, Issue 3. 2024 Feb. 16. https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/course-care/green-section-record/62/issue-03/super-el-nino--.html#

² Ibid.

Please click on link below for 2024 Sanitation Schedules

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e-Billing AVAILABLE

e-Billing is available for your monthly water, trash and amenity bill! By signing up for e-Bill, we will no longer send you a monthly paper statement. To utilize e-Billing, please visit **DistrictGov.org** and click on the "**Sign up for e-Billing**" quick link. After signing up, a confirmation email will be sent to you within 7 business days. If you have questions or concerns, please email **Utilities@DistrictGov.org** or call Utility Billing at 352-750-0000.

Bond Payment Cut-Off Date-March 15, 2024

If you still have a Bond balance on your Villages home, you can continue to pay the Bond through the annual assessment on your County property tax bill, or you may choose to prepay the remaining Principal balance at any time. If you are interested in paying off your Bond in full, you will save half the interest for the year if we receive your payoff check before the end of business on Friday, March 15, 2024. You will also eliminate the annual Bond assessment on your November 2024 tax bill and avoid future interest payments.

Please contact the Bond office at 352-751-3900 to obtain your Bond payoff amount and instructions on how to submit your payment. Payments can be placed in the District Drop Boxes located at each Postal Station (up until March 11th) and the District Drop Box located outside the main office (until 5pm on March 15th.) Please call to schedule an appointment prior to visiting the office.

Please remember that even when the Bond is paid in full, there will continue to be an annual maintenance assessment on your County property tax bill which pays for ongoing costs to maintain the infrastructure of your District.

To view the details of your Bond, please click link below.

Bond Amortization Schedules

FACILITY CLOSURES

February 22, 2024

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Burnsed Recreation Tennis Courts – closed until further notice

Burnsed Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool-Friday, March 1

Captiva Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool-Monday, March 4

Eisenhower Recreation Platform Tennis Court #1 - closed until further notice

El Santiago Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool – Tuesday February 27

La Hacienda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool- Friday, February 23

Pimlico Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool- Monday, March 4

Rohan Recreation Basketball Court-Tuesday, February 20 through Saturday, February 24

Rohan Recreation Pickleball Court Pod A – closed until further notice

Rohan Recreation Platform Tennis Courts – closed until further notice

Savannah Recreation-Monday, March 4

Savannah Recreation Sports Pool-Monday, March 18 until further notice

SeaBreeze Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool – Wednesday, March 6

SeaBreeze Sports Pool - Friday, February 16 through Friday, March 29

Sterling Heights Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool -

Wednesday, February 28



Irrigation Flushing prevents the accumulation of small particles and build-up, which can lead to plugging issues in our irrigation system. This service continues in Districts 5-8 and you will see the Jacobs team opening fire hydrants and flushing irrigation lines only into the roadway. This maintenance work will not have any effects on your drinking water quality nor pressure.

Work hours will be from 8 am to 5 pm.

The safety of residents and contractor personnel is of the utmost importance. We are requesting everyone to abide by all barricades and warning signs and to avoid the active work area for anything other than access to your property. Information will be updated regularly on the District's website on when you can expect to see the Jacobs team in action in your area. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact District Utilities at 352-753-4022.

A tentative schedule of impacted areas in the upcoming week: Zone 66 Thursday, February 22 through Monday, February 26 Zone 70 Tuesday, February 27 through Thursday, February 29

Click Here To View Flushing Zones Map

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Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

Current Open Positions

GOLF OPERATIONS

Outside Staff*
Golf Shop Sales Associate-Bonifay*
Custom Club Shop Repair Associate-Sarasota
Golf Practice*

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Supervisor-Construction

COMMUNITY WATCH

Sub. Gate Attendant-Part Time, On Call*

PUBLIC SAFETY

Firefighter/EMT Firefighter/Paramedic

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Accounting Technician Prorations Manager-Customer Service

FINANCE

Senior Accountant
Staff Accountant I-General Ledger
Accounting Tech. Intern (Temporary)*

* Part time position



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