



# 2024 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY Parade

SUNDAY | MARCH 17 | 3PM  
Spanish Springs Town Square®

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## DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 7, 2024

## The Villages® Community Development Districts

### Bunker Sand Replacement Project- El Santiago Course



El Santiago Executive Course is temporarily closed for the replacement of all the golf course bunker sand, where all the old sand will be removed and replaced with newer G-angle sand.

G-angle sand goes through a crushing/grinding process to create angular particles which lock and hold together better. This not only helps the water drain through but also helps keep the sand from washing out as bad when it rains. The finished product will create a more playable and aesthetically pleasing playing area!

Once El Santiago is completed El Diablo Course will close for the same process.





# LEARN & GROW EXPO

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 | 10AM – 12PM  
ROHAN RECREATION | 850 KRISTINE WAY



- Meet Instructors and learn more about 200+ course offerings
- Learn how to become a part of our dedicated team of 130 instructors
- Live course demonstrations and entertainment
- Enter drawing to WIN prizes

*"Excellent instructor.  
Very knowledgeable  
and well prepared!"*

*"I enjoyed every  
minute of it and  
learned so much!"*

REGISTRATION FOR COURSES OPENS:

RESIDENTS  
MARCH 25 | 8:30AM

GENERAL PUBLIC  
MARCH 29 | 8:30AM



Register for spring/summer courses  
online at [TheEnrichmentAcademy.org](http://TheEnrichmentAcademy.org)  
or any **At Your Service** location.

**NEW COURSES BEGIN APRIL 1, 2024!**

352-674-1800 | [TheEnrichmentAcademy.org](http://TheEnrichmentAcademy.org) | [TheEnrichmentAcademy@DistrictGov.org](mailto:TheEnrichmentAcademy@DistrictGov.org)



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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](http://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](mailto:Utilities@DistrictGov.org) or call Utility Billing at 352-750-0000.

## 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.

Pelican and Bacall Executive Courses-Closed for rest and rehabilitation until further notice.

Bonita Pass and Redfish Run-Closed for rest and rehabilitation until further notice.

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

El Santiago Executive Course-Closed for scheduled bunker sand project.

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# The Villages®

## Community Development Districts

### Executive Golf

The Executive Golf Maintenance team recognize that residents and guests may be dissatisfied with the conditions on some of the Executive Golf courses. While we consistently aim to provide a great golfing experience on all our courses, there are some real-world challenges that have caused a small number of courses to be less than desirable this busy season. As we shared recently, this winter has been extremely challenging with wet and cloudy conditions and that has contributed to the struggles we see on the courses. We inspect and grade courses in a “A to F” report card style dashboard to show the overall course rating as well as any actions taken to remediate stressed courses. Of the 36 Executive Golf courses under District ownership, four are currently closed for rest and rehabilitation, one is closed for a drainage improvement project, and one is soon to reopen following a full course renovation.

The common denominator of the courses most adversely impacted is the age of the course. In The Villages, golf courses were traditionally renovated every 20-22 years, meaning the majority of our 36 courses have not yet been renovated. Most of these stressed courses fall within the corridor between 466 and 466A, are at least 15-20 years old. With aged greens, organic matter accumulates over time and can become over-saturated soil under the green surfaces during the winter. During the summertime, prolonged sunshine and higher temperatures aid more efficient evaporation – minimizing the condition of the aged greens. Prolonged wet conditions severely increase the likelihood of disease pressure and anaerobic conditions on the greens, resulting in turf thinning and turf loss. This is the case on courses like Bonita Pass, Red Fish Run, Pelican and Bacall. We have also partnered with PGA Tour to develop and implement a custom agronomy plan and adopt higher maintenance standards utilized at PGA Tour courses.

Full course renovations are a continued focus for us as we improve the aging infrastructure. Of the 36 courses under our purview, ten have been fully renovated in the last decade. Renovations provide an opportunity to refresh courses with improved drainage, new soil profiles and newer turf varieties that are more shade and traffic tolerant. The department maintains an ongoing 15-year capital improvement plan, which contains a master schedule for all major renovations, smaller projects and aesthetic enhancements. Each year the plan is reviewed and updated based on the newest technologies available and evolving needs of the courses. Two years ago, Executive Golf Maintenance announced that we need to renovate courses every 10-12 years to provide the quality golf experience that our residents desire and deserve. Our current plan is to fully renovate at least 4 to 5 courses every year. This takes time, as a full renovation can take from 9 to 12 months and pulling 4 to 5 courses out of service at a time means slightly reduced tee time availability.



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A full course renovation involves a full removal and excavation of the existing greens, making contour and other course changes from the ground up, replacement of the underdrain system, all new gravel, choker and drainage layers, replacing irrigation, re-turf the green and collars and many other enhancement projects to address drainage issues, add decorative features, butterfly gardens and more. One other major factor with full course renovations is we shifted from Tifdwarf grass on greens, developed in the 1960s, to newer TifEagle and TifGrand which is the industry standard for professional golf courses. These newer grass varieties are better for drought and traffic tolerance and hold their color during cooler periods. Some residents commented that when recently playing Bacall they were surprised that the #9 Green was “perfect”, while some others were in need of attention. A year ago, due to continued challenges at Bacall #9, Executive Golf Maintenance replaced this green with the TifGrand turf, which is more resilient to weather and heavy use. This is what you see in our other renovated courses and is an example of the comparison between the older style greens turf and the new standard we are moving towards with each course renovation. Executive Golf Course upcoming planned renovations include:

- 2024: Chula Vista, Amberwood, Pimlico and Pelican
- 2025: Walnut Grove, De La Vista, Heron, Bacall and Bonita Pass.

We are also performing five bunker sand replenishing projects this year which will greatly improve playing conditions. With the bunkers, new G-Angle bunker sand has been installed. This sand is better for playability, drainage and holding on the bunker faces due to the angular shape of the sand particle. It also gives the course an aesthetic pop with the shine of the bright white sand. Despite challenges at some of our courses, there are many golf courses within The Villages (both Executive and Championship) that are in good to excellent condition, open and available for play.

The Executive Golf team has been working closely with contractors to ensure that scheduled maintenance closures are used to aerify, spike, top-dress and apply extra fungicides and fertilizer to the greens. These agronomic practices will help aid in recovery but require time and patience as we await more favorable weather and growing conditions. Additionally, where needed, sod will be installed to close open areas. We have implemented additional closures for rest and recovery on those courses most in need, providing a respite from continually increasing rounds played. From a contractual standpoint, we have developed and are implementing a new agronomic plan which we are integrating into our contracts to ensure desired quality and maintenance standards on all of our courses. We are also in a pilot fertigation program which directly injects water treatment products to the irrigation water to aid with the negative effects of high pH and bicarbonates, resulting in better management of turf and stress areas and decreasing cost of sprinkler parts and repairs.



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Golfers can also do their part with helping to maintain the Executive golf courses as well by, taking time to fill the divots and repairing balls marks. This not only provides an even playing surface for the players behind, but also helps the grass recover and grow in more quickly. Observe cart directional signs and stakes and avoid driving too close to tees and greens. Additionally, take a few moments to rake out footprints in the bunker; this makes the area more aesthetically pleasing and playable for the remainder of the day.

Despite the challenge of weather, heavy use and aging courses, Executive Golf Maintenance is committed to delivering the best possible golf experience to our residents on our Executive Golf Courses. With more favorable weather conditions, we are working hard on all of courses. We will be closing Amberwood, Chula Vista, Pelican and Pimlico full renovations and will be re-opening Belmont having completed a full renovation. Our goal to renovate 4 to 5 courses annually will continue as well. We understand the golf experience is what drew many residents to the Villages. We are fully committed and working hard to ensure that we deliver the best possible golf experience possible. Thank you for your trust and confidence. We will do all we can to continually improve our Executive Golf courses and provide our residents with the best possible golfing experience possible.



# Smoking & Vaping Free Zone

## GUIDELINES

The purpose of this guideline is to provide, identify, and offer a Smoking & Vaping Free Zone at the entrances to all District Village and Regional Recreation Centers. The intent is to reduce the impact of second hand smoke to users as they enter and exit Recreation Centers.

### POLICY

The Smoking & Vaping Free Zone Guidelines establishes a Smoking & Vaping Free Zone that prohibits smoking and vaping within a minimum of 25 feet from any entrance to Recreation Center buildings.

### DEFINITIONS

Smoking refers to the use of traditional tobacco products. Vaping refers to the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices. These are commonly called e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-hookahs and e-cigars.

### PROCESS

- All Village and Regional Recreation Center managers will locate and designate the placement of ash cans based on proximity to entrance doors with a minimum of 25 feet from entrance doors taking into consideration the location of entrance doors to placement of the ash cans.

- All smoking and vaping locations will be clearly marked for reference on each Recreation Center Building floor plan.
- This guideline will be readily available at all Recreation Centers, posted on the District website and advertised periodically in The Villages Daily Sun.
- The center manager will monitor and make changes, if necessary, to the placement of ash cans.
- Enforcement of this guideline by staff will be accomplished through education and awareness to address smokers and vapers not in compliance.

*Smoking and Vaping will be permitted only in designated areas where ash cans are located.*

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### District 4

The Village Community Development District (VCDD) No. 4 Board will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mulberry Grove Recreation Center.

The VCDD No. 4 Board invites residents to attend the Town Hall Meeting to provide input to your Board of Supervisors on District-related items and issues. The main topic of discussion will be the upcoming budget process.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, at (352) 751-3939.



## VPSDDD Funding Mechanism Public Information Sessions

Monday, March 11, 2024 at  
10:00 a.m. at Rohan  
Recreation Center

Thursday, March 14,  
2024 at 5:30 p.m. at  
Laurel Manor Recreation  
Center

Monday, March 25, 2024 at  
2:00 p.m. at Ezell  
Recreation Center



# Sanitation Collection Guidelines in The Villages

All Household Solid Waste and Yard Waste is picked up twice a week—same time, same truck, all together!

All household waste should be placed in sealed tall kitchen trash bags or 20-30 gallon trash bags (any color with the exception of red, which is used for medical waste).

All materials can be placed in the same bag, no need to sort!

The trash bags should be left at the end of your driveway, no garbage cans are allowed (they will be disposed of with the household waste).

Each bag should weigh no more than forty (40) pounds.

Bags must be placed for collection before 6 AM on your collection day or the night before (no sooner than 5 PM).

Wrap broken glass/sharp objects in newspaper and put them where they can't cause injury.

Limbs & branches should be bundled and tied and may not exceed 5" in diameter, 5' in length or exceed 40 pounds.

**Residents of Districts 1-11:  
Contact Sumter Sanitation at 352-748-0109 for additional information.**

**Residents of Districts 12-15 and  
Middleton-A:  
Contact District Utilities Customer  
Service at 352-750-0000 for  
additional information.**

**Residents of the Town of Lady  
Lake:  
Contact Waste Management at 352-787-4416 with questions.**

**Residents of the  
unincorporated Lake County  
Portion of The Villages:  
Contact Lake County Solid Waste at  
352-343-3776 with questions.**



Please click on  
link below for  
2024  
Sanitation  
Schedules

[2024 Sanitation  
Schedules](#)

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](#)

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## **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

**March 7, 2024**

**Allamanda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool-Thursday, March 28**

**Burnsed Recreation Tennis Courts – closed until further notice**

**Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool-Thursday, March 21**

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

**Eisenhower Recreation Pickleball Courts-Monday, March 11 through Monday, March 18**

**Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool-Friday, March 15**

**Odell Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool-Monday, March 11**

**Paradise Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool-Friday, March 22**

**Paradise Recreation Dog Park-Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22**

**Rio Grande Recreation Air Gun Facility-Monday, March 11**

**Rohan Recreation Pickleball Court Pod A – closed until further notice**

**Rohan Recreation Platform Tennis Courts – closed until further notice**

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

**Savannah Recreation Computer Lab- Friday, March 8 through Saturday, March 9**

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

**Sterling Heights Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool-Monday, March 25**

**Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool-Thursday, April 4**



## 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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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 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 Utility Customer Service at 352-753-0000.

A tentative schedule of impacted areas in the upcoming week:

**Liberty Park** Wednesday, March 6 through Monday, March 11  
**Liberty Park** Tuesday, March 12 through Thursday, March 14

**[Click Here To View Flushing Zones Map](#)**



# JOIN OUR TEAM

Hospitality | Stewardship| Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

## Current Open Positions

### GOLF OPERATIONS

Outside Staff-Glenview Golf\*  
Golf Shop Sales Associate-Bonifay\*  
Golf Shop Sales Associate-Glenview Golf\*  
Outside Staff-Havana\*  
Cleaner-Havana\*  
Outside Staff-Palmer Legends\*  
Pool Clerk-Orange Blossom Hills\*  
Golf Shop Sales Associate-Hacienda Hills\*

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Supervisor-Construction  
Assistant Manager DPM-Facilities  
Supervisor DPM-Cross Divisional

### RECREATION & PARKS

Recreation Leader-Admin  
Recreation Assistant-Fitness\*  
Recreation Assistant\*

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Firefighter/EMT  
Firefighter/Paramedic

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Accounting Technician Prorations

### FINANCE

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

### COMMUNITY WATCH

Sub. Gate Attendant-Part Time, On Call\*

\* Part time position



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