

# The Villages®

Community Development Districts

## DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

APRIL 4, 2024

April is National Volunteer month!



Thank  
You

**Resident Lifestyle  
Volunteer Leaders**

National Volunteer Month | April 1 - 30



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Recreation & Parks



Thank you Volunteers! The phenomenal success of The Villages Lifestyle is a reflection of the ever increasing dedication and enthusiasm The Villages volunteers display on a continual basis!

We ♥ our  
Volunteers



# Executive Golf Course Closures

**Heron Executive Golf Course** will be closed until further notice. This closure is part of an approved capital improvement project for improving the drainage on the golf course.

**Chula Vista Executive Golf Course** will be closed until further notice. This closure is part of an approved capital improvement project for new greens and fairways, bunker sand, and updated landscaping.

**El Santiago Executive Course** is closed for a scheduled bunker sand project.

**Pelican and Bacall Executive courses** are closed for rest and rehabilitation until further notice.

**Bonita Pass and Redfish Run Executive Courses** are closed for rest and rehabilitation until further notice.

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## GRAND RE-OPENING!

### Belmont Executive Golf Course

*April 9, 2024*



Following its comprehensive course renovation, Belmont Executive Golf Course is getting ready to re-open its greens. It is natural for courses over time to lose their curves and feel, but this twenty-year-old gem is back with a fresh look, still possessing the same boldly designed greens, challenging shot options and a majestic oak tree-lined layout. Originally opened for play in 2004, the course tested every skill level and is rated level 4 on the Executive rating scale – being one of the more challenging Executives in our complement. It will now play just like it did on its original opening day with some added aesthetically pleasing features to entice you along the way.

**Tee Times Open NOW!**

[TheVillages.net](https://TheVillages.net)

# I bet you didn't know...

I love this time of year when the days are longer, and spring is in the air. As my husband and I take on home projects inside and out, I love seeing all my neighbors outside planting new flowers, pressure washing their homes, and sprucing up from the cold winter we have had. There are many things I love about living in The Villages, and one of them is that every homeowner signs a declaration of deed restrictions that they will uphold the aesthetic value of their property in The Villages. The Villages is such a beautifully designed and well-maintained community, and I am proud to live here and work with the teams that keep our community pristine. The Community Standards Department works tirelessly upholding the standards of our community's residential architectural design, landscaping, and aesthetics. District Property Management does an outstanding job of maintaining District property and every homeowner should have the same standard for their property as what they see when they drive around The Villages, visit a Recreation Center, Swimming Pool, Golf Course, or Town Square. Pride in ownership and community never goes out of style.

## **Contributed by**

*Tamara Hyder, Executive Assistant to the District Manager and Resident of The Villages*





# FACILITY CLOSURES

**Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family**

> Friday, April 5

**Burnsed Recreation Tennis Courts**

> Closed until further notice

**Burnsed Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool**

> Monday, April 8

**Eisenhower Recreation Platform Tennis Courts**

> Closed until further notice

**First Responders Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, Family Pool, and Putting Course**

> Tuesday, April 2

**Fish Hawk Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool**

> Monday, May 20 – Thursday, May 23

**Hibiscus Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool**

> Monday, April 15

**Knudson, Soaring Eagle, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, and Everglades Softball Complexes**

> Sunday, April 14-Sunday, April 28

**Mulberry Grove Dog Park**

> Monday, April - Friday, May 4

**Osceola Hills Neighborhood Recreation Adult Pool**

> Friday, April 5

**Pimlico Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool**

> Thursday, April 11

**Rohan Recreation Pickleball Court Pod A**

> Closed until further notice

**Rohan Recreation Platform Tennis Courts**

> Closed until further notice

**Savannah Recreation Sports Pool**

> Closed until further notice

**Silver Lake Recreation Indoor and Outdoor Facilities**

> Tuesday, April 23

**Southside Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**

> Friday, April 12

**Truman Recreation Family Pool**

> Tuesday, April 9 - Wednesday, April 10

# THE Q&A Meeting

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**7:00 to 9:00 pm**  
**Mulberry Grove Rec Center**



*Don Deakin*

This Q&A meeting will be hosted by District 4 Supervisor Don Deakin. These Q&A meetings are open to the public. Each month residents have an opportunity to “chat” with Supervisor Deakin, who is just one of five Supervisors serving on the Community Development District 4 Board.

“The purpose of the **Q&A** meetings is to provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, share their concerns, offer suggestions, and address rumors” said Deakin.



For this meeting, the new MCSO Commander at the Mulberry Grove Marion County Sheriff’s Office annex in The Villages, **Sgt. Benjamin Adams**, has been invited as a Special Guest to meet the residents of The Villages. The office oversees and serves more than just the Marion County section of The Villages. The District also includes Spruce Creek, Stonecrest and other area communities.

Sgt. Adams has volunteered to make a presentation of significant importance to all of us, entitled “**How to Detect and Prevent Scams**”.

This presentation will be followed by the Q&A on this topic and anything else of interest to our residents.

Sgt. Adams has been with the Sheriff’s office for 17 years. In 2015, he was named the American Legion’s Southern Region Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Prior to joining law enforcement, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps, including an 18-month deployment in Iraq.

Sgt. Adams plans to take a more active role to interact with the community. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, he made a point of attending District 4’s Town Hall meeting and had an opportunity to introduce himself to the residents in attendance.

For more information: Call Supervisor Don Deakin at (352) 750-5395; or send an Email to: [DRDeakin@aol.com](mailto:DRDeakin@aol.com)

CELEBRATE

# Earth Week

April 21 to 27 is Earth Week!

Covanta.com



Drive-thru

## DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DAY

Join us as we celebrate Earth Week 2024 at our free community event. Document destruction day is a great way to securely dispose of your documents that may contain personal information.

*Invest in Our Planet*

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

9AM—2PM (rain or shine)

3830 Rogers Industrial Park Road Okahumpka, FL 34762

Paper only, 3 boxes per car

352-365-1611 x 230

# COVANTA

Powering Today. Protecting Tomorrow.



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

*\*Sumter County Residents Only\**

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
8 AM - 2 PM  
*Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E SR 44, Wildwood, FL. 34785*

<b>What to bring:</b>		
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	

<b>What not to bring:</b>		
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 the Sumter County website [here](#).

# Hazardous Household Waste Disposal

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## *In The Villages*

**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 the regular household trash. The following locations will accept these items and more. Please contact the appropriate disposal site for full details.



### 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. Visit [Marioncountyfl.org](http://Marioncountyfl.org) for more information.



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### LAKE COUNTY

Residents can dispose of the following items at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 13130 County Landfill Road, CR 561, Tavares with proof of residency:

- Automotive fluids like antifreeze, gasoline, motor oil, etc...
- Paint products
- Lawn and 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 [lakecountyfl.gov](http://lakecountyfl.gov).

### 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
- Household electronics (\*extra charge)

Sumter County hosts two household electronics and hazardous waste mobile collection events per year, one in the Spring, listed below, and another in the fall. For more information, visit [sumtercountyfl.gov](http://sumtercountyfl.gov).

# EMERGENCY SERVICES & Courtesy Phones

## AT RECREATION FACILITIES



### IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911

- All outside recreation facilities have important 911 information posted in case of an emergency.
- The information provides you with the:
  - **Address** of your location
  - **County** of your location
  - **Phone Number** of your location
- Emergency 911 phones are located at all equipment buildings and pools with important emergency information.
- When visiting any recreation center or swimming pool, please take a moment to locate this important 911 information and the location of 911 emergency phones.



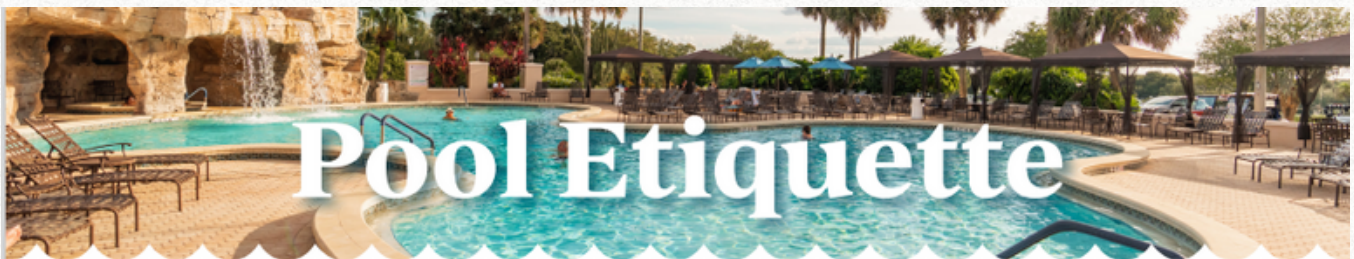
### COURTESY PHONES

- Courtesy phones are available for use by residents and guests in case of an emergency or to reach a Recreation team member.
- Courtesy phones are available at all pools and equipment sheds with the facility name and address posted on the wall by the phone.
- For non-emergency matters you can call Community Watch at 352-753-0550.



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

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The Recreation & Parks Department strives to make the pools safe for everyone's use and enjoyment!

*Inside any pool area, all eligible users are asked to refrain from:*



\*Please use headphones or earbuds

\*Designated smoking areas are outside the pool area

All residents and guests are **REQUIRED** to comply with ID requirements and ages to use the swimming pools and supporting amenities. Infants and toddler flotation devices are allowed with adult supervision.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) | 352-674-1800 | [RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org)

# DID YOU KNOW?

You can request Guest ID cards online!



Residents may apply online [here!](#)

The resident must provide all required guest(s) information requested on the application in order to be issued a guest ID card.

In the event that the host resident is unable to pick up the Guest ID Card, eligible guests may pick it up with a valid photo ID.

## 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

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

Hospitality | Stewardship| Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

## Current Open Positions

\* Part time position

### GOLF OPERATIONS

Golf Shop Sale Associate- Evans Prairie\*  
Outside Staff- Hacienda Hills\*

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Supervisor DPM- Cross Divisional  
Staff Assistant DPM - Water Resources &  
Special Projects

### FINANCE

Senior Accountant  
Staff Accountant I-General Ledger  
Accounting Technician Intern (Temp)\*  
Accounting Technician Accounts Payable  
Accounting Technician- Bond CS

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Accounting Technician Prorations  
Accounting Technician Utilities  
Billing and Collections Technician I

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Firefighter/EMT  
Firefighter/Paramedic

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Payroll Specialist\*

### RECREATION & PARKS

Recreation Assistant\*



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