



## Senior Services

### **AARP Offers Safe Driving Courses**

AARP Driver Safety now offers a 6 hour "Smart Driver" course for seniors; it is designed for those 50 and older. In The Villages, there are at least 4 classes each month. The classes are either two days, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or one day\* 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Select your class and call the instructor to register.

Instructor will give instructions and time to arrive to complete registration.

December 13\* Harbor Chase, Dick Wiegand, 633-7565

December 16 and December 23, Paradise, John Shepard, 399-2344

December 18 and December 22, Savannah, Don Walker, 430-0610

January 02 and January 03, Colony Cottage, John Shepard, 399-2344

January 09 and January 12, Laurel Manor, Wink Daniel, 753-8563

January 10\*, Harbor Chase, Charlie Webb, 693-2562

January 15 and January 18, Savannah, Wink Daniel, 753-8563

January 17, Sumter Grand, Jack Haughtn, 352-603-1420

January 20\*, Paradise, Don Walker, 430-0610

All available courses are listed at [www.aarp.org/findacourse](http://www.aarp.org/findacourse) or call 877-846-3299.

### **AARP Tax-Aide**

Taxpayers who use Tax-Aide service in The Villages, FL and surrounding areas will be able to make their appointments for the upcoming tax season online beginning December 17, 2017! We will only open a portion of appointments initially and will add more after the January volunteer training is completed.

There will be a new Express Lane appointment at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. This will be for simple returns with fewer than 6 forms (no Sch C, brokerage statements, or itemized deductions). Longer appointment times will be available after mid-March for those with complex returns that generally take over an hour and a half to prepare. Email [appointments@villagestaxaid.com](mailto:appointments@villagestaxaid.com) to schedule an appointment. In-person appointments are available: January 15 & 16, 9am-1pm at Colony Cottage Recreation Center; January 16 & 17, 9am-1pm at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

### **SHINE Provide Free, Unbiased help with Medicare questions**

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is increasing its counseling sites considerably during the annual enrollment period. Volunteers will be available to assist clients with Medicare related questions including drug, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and Medigap plans. Counselors will be at the following locations to assist area residents for one on one counseling on the indicated days:

Tuesdays, 9-11:50 Lake Miona Recreation Center, Nov 14, 28, Dec 5

Wednesdays, 9-11:50 Eisenhower Recreation Center, Nov 15, 29, Dec 6

Wednesdays, 2-4 Lady Lake Library Nov 15, 29, Dec 6, 13

Fridays, 3-5:50 Chula Vista Recreation Center, Nov 17, Dec 1

The service is free and reservations are not taken. For more information, call 800-963-5337. "Understanding Medicare" a group presentation geared toward those turning 65, will not be made again until February 2018.

Finally, SHINE has certified presenters who are trained to speak to groups. If interested, please contact the number, above, to schedule a presentation.

### **Military Retiree Activities Office**

The Military Retiree Activities Office was established to provide assistance to all military retirees, dependents, widows, widowers and divorcees on all programs and benefits to which they may be entitled. The office provides assistance on military pay matters, health and dental insurances, ID card procurement, survivor's benefits and more. The office is located in the Lake County Sheriff substation at 108 La Grande Blvd. in The Villages. Hours are 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information call 430-1679.

### **Seniors vs. Crime offers free dispute resolution assistance and scam awareness speakers**

Seniors vs. Crime, a project of the Florida Attorney General's Office, is available to assist all Floridians in resolving disputes of any nature. Seniors vs. Crime also has a speaker's bureau. Any social, civic, religious or community service organization can get a speaker for their meetings to discuss scam awareness and avoidance. Visit or contact any office for personal assistance or to arrange for a speaker. The Marion County office is located in the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 8230 Mulberry Lane in The Villages. They are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesday or 753-7775. The Sumter County office is located in the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at 8035 County Road 466 in the Sumter County Villages Annex. They are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or 689-4600, ext. 4606. The Wildwood Office is located in the Wildwood Police Department Annex next to Barnstorm Theater, 2722 Brownwood Blvd. They are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or 750-1914. The newest location can be found at 3000 Moyer Loop. They are open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by call 674-1882.