

# The Villages®

## Community Development Districts

December  
2021

**Hospitality ~ Stewardship ~ Creativity & Innovation ~ Hard Work**

Meeting the needs of The Villages community Residents is our primary objective.

**PURPOSE** To provide and preserve the lifestyle of Florida's Friendliest Hometown.

**VISION** To be respected as the most responsive and responsible Community Development District.

**MISSION** To provide responsible and accountable public service that enhances and sustains our community.

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### *Reflection, Thank you & Best Wishes*

December is always a special time of year for me. It is a time when I reflect as well as look forward. This particular decision was especially difficult as I made an active decision to end my 35-year career in state and local government. I do so as I have just received a clean medical report from my nine-month CAT scan and knowing that the team I lead, and I am leaving, is even stronger than before. None of this made my decision easy but I believe it is the right decision from a personal and professional stand point. I pushed myself to work throughout the year in order to make sure that several projects and programs were well under way for our residents and Board Supervisors. This year District 14 was started, bond refinancing completed, a fueling and Solid Waste site purchased and the future of The Villages Public Safety Department assured. All of this and more was accomplished due to the extraordinary effort, support and input of our wonderful resident population. I look forward to spending more time with friends and family in south Florida as well as getting back into teaching again. I will hold the memory of all of you close at heart and wish you each a very safe and merry holiday season. I will never forget my very positive work experience as District Manager here within The Villages. You have touched me beyond what you know and I thank you for this.

*Richard Baier, P.E. LEED AP  
District Manager*

*Happy Holidays*

# In the Spotlight

## Amanda Brooks Recreation & Parks Staff Assistant



### Where were you born & raised and went to school?

I was born in Okinawa, Japan on a US Military base in Naha City. I Moved back to New Hampshire when I was 2 years old and was raised in Stratham. Stratham was a very small town so after elementary & middle school I attended Exeter High School in the next town over.

### What was special about where you are from?

You can't get better seafood than in New England! The Kancamagus highway is a tourist area for leaf peepers to visit, along with the famous Mt. Washington that you can either hike, drive or take the cog railway to the top of the mountain.

### Tell us about your family, people in your life (including pets!)

My daughter Emilee and I just moved into our brand new home in Lady Lake. We also just celebrated her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 13<sup>th</sup>. She is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and attends at The Villages Charter School. We have a one year old Maine Coon cat, named Winnie. Nearby we have my grandparents in The Villages and my parents in Lady Lake. My younger brother Nicholas lives in New Hampshire and we can't wait to see him in January when he comes down to visit.

### Hobbies? Favorite activities?

My favorite hobby right now is doing do-it-yourself projects around my new house. My daughter's favorite activity is going to Disney World. We go as much as we can. Our favorite park is Hollywood Studios because we are huge Star Wars fans.

### Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

My daughter. She brought out the best in me and is the reason I strive to reach my goals every day.

### What's the best advice you have ever received?

Just keep going. No matter what. If you have grit, determination and persistence you will make it to brighter better days.

### What is the career & training path that led you to the District?

When I moved to Florida in 2016, my mom worked here and told me about all the great opportunities The District had to offer. I started as a Recreation Service Representative at Lake Miona Regional Recreation center. A few years later I moved on to be a Staff Assistant with The Enrichment Academy. A year after that, I was given the opportunity to work in Recreation Administration as a Staff Assistant.

### Can you tell us about your day-to-day responsibilities?

I work directly with the Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks (Finance & Operations) on purchases and bills for our Recreation facilities.

### What is your favorite aspect of working for the District?

The family atmosphere. My work family helped me with my sweat equity hours that I had to complete to qualify for my house with Habitat for Humanity.

### What is the most interesting thing you have ever seen?

Shows about different types of weather storms. I just can't even imagine some of these storms being real.

## Favorites



## Grey's Anatomy

## Restaurant: My Mom's house



## Ice Cream



## Current Job Openings

Are you looking for a career change, or know someone who is seeking employment? Our current job openings include:

### Budget

Budget Analyst \$51,573.41-\$56,730.75 / Annual

### Community Watch

Dispatcher, Revolving 12 Hour Shift \$13.74 / HR  
 Dispatcher Substitute \$13.74 / HR  
 Gate Attendant Substitute \$10.49 / HR  
 Gate Attendant Substitute (Sunset Pointe) \$10.49 / HR  
 Gate Operations Attendant \$10.00 / HR  
 Patrol Driver, Region 14, Blue 2300-0700 \$11.07 / HR  
 Patrol Driver, Region 14, Red 2300-0700 \$11.07 / HR  
 Training Coordinator-28 Hours per week \$14.50 / HR

### Customer Service

Customer & Administrative Support Rep \$15.30 / HR

### District Clerk

Assistant to the District Clerk \$15.30 / HR

### Finance

Senior Accountant \$57,378.50 / Annual

### Public Safety

Fire Inspector \$46,346.46 - \$69,177.60 / Annual

Public Education Technician \$10.49 / HR

### Recreation & Parks

Facility Specialist \$11.07 / HR  
 Fitness Assistant \$10/00 / HR  
 Recreation Assistant \$10.00 / HR  
 Recreation Assistant-Softball \$10/00 / HR  
 Recreation Service Representative \$11.07 / HR  
 Recreation Supervisor \$39,464.80 / Annual

Keep an eye out for emails from Terianne Carroll, HR Administrator, for future openings within the District.

Or use our internal link to apply for internal positions:

<https://www2.appone.com/Search/Search.aspx?>

[Internal=yes&ServerVar=villagescentercommunitydevelopment.appone.com](https://www2.appone.com/Search/Search.aspx?Internal=yes&ServerVar=villagescentercommunitydevelopment.appone.com)

If you have questions on job openings or how to apply, please call

Terianne at 352-674-1905

or email [terianne.carroll@districtgov.org](mailto:terianne.carroll@districtgov.org).

## Property Management

### Soups On!

Property Management held a "Soup Cook Off" on November 19th. Ten soups were entered and tasted by the finest judges around, **Pamela Webb, Human Resources Director, Tamara Hyder, Executive Assistant to the District Manager & Tanika Clayton-Henry, Human Resources Manager!** Congratulations to **Andrea Crecelius, Property Management Staff Assistant.** She was the winner with her chicken and rice recipe. Pictured from left to right: Pamela, Andrea, Tamara & Tanika.



# Welcome TO THE TEAM

### Recreation & Parks

Nancy Beaulieu	Gail Charrette
Bryan Johnson	Joseph Fischer
Lester Kessler	Larry Freitas
George Ann Roberts	David Herriott
Charles Sipes	Gary Mastny
Dorothy Stephens Duncan	Barbara McNulty
Sandra Toscano	Craig Simoens
Joey Trowbridge	Richard Smith
Michael Barron	Colin St Germain
Maureen Capehart	Lori Stone-Stogner
Annette Vogt	Victor Trivisonno

### Property Management

Brenden Tuttle

### Community Watch

Dick Huffman  
 Wayne Moser  
 Jeffrey Shain  
 Bonnie Watkins

### Customer Service

Belinda Karnes  
 Victoria Garie

## Employees On The



### Community Standards

- **Shannon Mattiucci** was promoted from Community Standards Staff Assistant to Community Standards Manager.

### Community Watch

- **Clinton Pike** transferred from Gate Attendant Substitute to Gate Attendant.

### Recreation & Parks

- **Randall Voiles** transferred from Recreation Assistant to Recreation Assistant-Softball.

## 'TIS THE SEASON

*Rise and Shine, Jingle & Mingle!*

Hosted by Property Management  
 Enjoy Cookies, Coffee & Conversation  
 Wear Your Favorite Holiday Attire

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30am - 10:30am

Property Management Office  
 1026 Canal Street  
 Above City Fire in Lake Sumter Landing

## Merry Christmas

District Administration Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas Day and Friday, December 31st in observance of New Years Day.

Happy New Year



# Happy December Birthday!



Cheryl Horgan	1	Finance
Jodell Thurgaland	1	Finance
Cody Little	1	Public Safety
James Neilsen	2	Recreation & Parks
Robert Calling	2	Community Watch
Alexander Leshnick	3	Community Watch
Stanley Davis	3	Property Management
Douglas Gossard	3	Recreation & Parks
Michael Roy	3	Recreation & Parks
Kurtis Mancauskas	3	Recreation & Parks
Naneki Delerme	4	Finance
Joshua Hayes	4	Public Safety
Cameron Bryan	4	Public Safety
Cheryl Hoffman	5	Community Watch
Gregory Luginbill	5	Community Watch
Michele O'Donnell	5	Recreation & Parks
Floyd Davis	6	Community Watch
Pamela Elsmore	6	Recreation & Parks
Jody Restor	6	Finance
Regan Quick	6	Recreation & Parks
Gregory Simar	7	Community Watch
Jeffrey Givens	7	Recreation & Parks
Gregory Correale	8	Community Watch
Kathryn Rose	8	Recreation & Parks
James Rhoads	8	Community Watch
Frances Schwab	9	Recreation & Parks
Eric Williamson	9	Public Safety
William Thompson	10	Property Management
Jose Alvarez	10	Community Watch
Adelisa Luciano	10	Public Safety
Cynthia Bennett	11	Recreation & Parks
Vincent Walczak	11	Public Safety
Dylan Sharpe	11	Public Safety
Antoinette Marsinelli	12	Recreation & Parks
James Brooks	13	Community Watch
George Rega	13	Community Watch
John O'Connell	13	Community Watch
Randy Ottoson	14	Recreation & Parks
Kelsey Muller	14	Public Safety
John Bastian	15	Community Watch
William Clark	15	Community Watch
Yovany Hogeland	15	Public Safety
Donna Walker	16	Community Watch
Thomas Watkins	16	Recreation & Parks
Tracy Engleson	16	Recreation & Parks
Mike Sapp	16	Public Safety
Robin Santangelo	17	Recreation & Parks
Michael Desautels	17	Customer Service
Jann Cooksey	17	Recreation & Parks
Lisa Parkyn	17	Recreation & Parks

Jack Pike	17	Community Watch
Robert Meffen	17	Public Safety
Mary Leach	18	Recreation & Parks
Thomas Ladow	18	Community Watch
Alisa Jacoby	18	Property Management
Everett Robinson	19	Community Watch
Belinda Karnes	19	Customer Service
Dennis McNeil	20	Community Watch
Edward Przybowski	21	Recreation & Parks
Douglas Lloyd	21	Community Watch
Jackson Brecklin	21	Public Safety
Robert Schwarz	22	Recreation & Parks
Jane Chavez	22	Community Watch
Rodney Coe	22	Property Management
Shannon Martin	22	Community Watch
Michael Stephens	22	Public Safety
Katheryn Ernst	23	Community Watch
Karen Briggs	23	Finance
Jessi Evans	23	Property Management
Roger Williams	24	Community Watch
Bruce Brinkerhoff	24	Community Watch
Alexandria Allen	24	Finance
Roger Bruce	25	Community Watch
Gayle Gibson	25	Recreation & Parks
Rose Marginson	25	Recreation & Parks
Arlene Schuchmann	26	Recreation & Parks
Austin Rooke	26	Public Safety
Arthur Miglio	27	Recreation & Parks
Louis Branda	27	Community Watch
Luis Negron Figueroa	27	Recreation & Parks
Paula Hahnert	28	Recreation & Parks
Terese Smigielski	28	Community Watch
Janet Mrozowski	28	Purchasing
Mason Guyette	28	Public Safety
Daria Lotocky	28	Recreation & Parks
Nicolas Hodgins	28	Public Safety
George Tule	29	Community Watch
David Olson	29	Recreation & Parks
Michael Miller	29	Community Watch
Virginia Carlin	29	Human Resources
Virginia Michaels	30	Recreation & Parks
Joseph Schenk	30	Public Safety
Kimberly Watts	30	Public Safety
Reilly Reinhold	30	Recreation & Parks
Frederick Urfer	31	Community Watch
Dennis Van	31	Recreation & Parks
Kathleen Herring	31	Community Watch
Jack Laurie	31	Community Watch
Norman Hager	31	Recreation & Parks
Amanda Brooks	31	Recreation & Parks

## Happy December Anniversary! Thank You For Your Service!

Albert Chevalier	12/28/2001	20	Community Watch
Barry Lee Hoch	12/03/2004	17	Community Watch
Jason Croom	12/31/2004	17	Public Safety
Jackie Tuggerson	12/31/2004	17	Public Safety
Albert Cotoia	12/13/2006	15	Community Watch
Kevin Cunliffe	12/31/2007	14	Public Safety
Brian Konnerth	12/01/2008	13	Public Safety
William Pent	12/01/2008	13	Public Safety
Candace Langton	12/16/2009	12	Community Watch
Roger Navarro	12/23/2009	12	Recreation & Parks
Mike Sapp	12/08/2010	11	Public Safety
Kathryn Dutkiewicz	12/07/2011	10	Recreation & Parks
Frederick Gerber	12/07/2011	10	Community Watch
Michele O'Donnell	12/07/2011	10	Recreation & Parks
William Pellatt	12/07/2011	10	Recreation & Parks
William Easton	12/10/2012	9	Community Watch
Hervey Forward	12/10/2012	9	Recreation & Parks
Anita Graner	12/10/2012	9	Community Watch
Brad Koozman	12/10/2012	9	Recreation & Parks
Virginia Michaels	12/10/2012	9	Recreation & Parks
Henry Henderson	12/09/2013	8	Community Watch
Robert Livingston	12/09/2013	8	Community Watch
William O'Leary	12/09/2013	8	Community Watch
Anita Detterbeck	12/23/2013	8	Recreation & Parks
Rose Marginson	12/08/2014	7	Recreation & Parks
Larry Marlow	12/08/2014	7	Recreation & Parks
Armando Norat	12/08/2014	7	Community Watch
Nancy Norval	12/08/2014	7	Finance
Bouchaib Rharbite	12/08/2014	7	Recreation & Parks
Robert Wetzel	12/08/2014	7	Recreation & Parks
Cynthia Bennett	12/07/2015	6	Recreation & Parks
Kimberly Cappellini	12/07/2015	6	Recreation & Parks
Jeffrey Holland	12/07/2015	6	Community Watch
Thomas Ryan	12/07/2015	6	Recreation & Parks
Elizabeth Stone	12/07/2015	6	Recreation & Parks
Mary Ann Stumpf	12/07/2015	6	Recreation & Parks
Juan Berrios	12/05/2016	5	Public Safety
Tyler Cariglio	12/05/2016	5	Public Safety
Luis Marquez	12/05/2016	5	Public Safety
Zachary Morreale	12/05/2016	5	Public Safety
Austan Scherr	12/05/2016	5	Public Safety
Hunter Shumate	12/05/2016	5	Public Safety
David Weston	12/17/2016	5	Recreation & Parks
Carol Donato	12/19/2016	5	Recreation & Parks
Doyle Graf	12/19/2016	5	Property Management
Arthur Michaels	12/19/2016	5	Recreation & Parks
Rebecca Armstrong	12/04/2017	4	Finance
Paula Di Julio	12/18/2017	4	Community Watch
Suzanne Metelsky	12/18/2017	4	Recreation & Parks
John Minelli	12/18/2017	4	Community Watch
Dillon Berry	12/03/2018	3	Public Safety
Brian Hilty	12/03/2018	3	Public Safety
Zachary Meckstroth	12/03/2018	3	Public Safety
Daniel Moore	12/03/2018	3	Public Safety
Janet Mrozowski	12/03/2018	3	Purchasing
Jacob Rogers	12/03/2018	3	Public Safety

Joseph St John	12/03/2018	3	Community Watch
Stuart Venables	12/03/2018	3	Public Safety
Brandy Cook	12/17/2018	3	Budget
Joan Ferrara	12/17/2018	3	Finance
Sharon Gwin	12/17/2018	3	Community Watch
Robert Murphy	12/17/2018	3	Recreation & Parks
Robert Priest	12/17/2018	3	Property Management
Fred Register	12/17/2018	3	Recreation & Parks
Christopher Ryzoc	12/17/2018	3	Property Management
Lee Thompson	06/17/2019	2	Recreation & Parks
Christina Pittsley	12/02/2019	2	Community Watch
Leo Shelko	12/02/2019	2	Community Watch
Patricia Bledsoe	12/16/2019	2	Community Watch
Keith Boyle	12/16/2019	2	Recreation & Parks
Thomas Christian	12/16/2019	2	Recreation & Parks
Christopher Iannello	12/16/2019	2	Recreation & Parks
Elsina Riddell	12/16/2019	2	Recreation & Parks
John Tomashunas	12/16/2019	2	Community Watch
Joseph Abel	12/14/2020	1	Community Watch
Douglas Connelly	12/14/2020	1	Recreation & Parks
Lawrence Gerszewski	12/14/2020	1	Recreation & Parks
Cynthia Moorman	12/14/2020	1	Community Watch
Clinton Pike Sr	12/14/2020	1	Community Watch
Jane Saunders	12/14/2020	1	Community Watch
Richard Schuchmann	12/14/2020	1	Recreation & Parks
Denise Smith	12/14/2020	1	Finance
Douglas Webster	12/14/2020	1	Community Watch
Taylor Atherton	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Dillon Bourassa	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Alec Brown	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Colby Brown	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Cameron Bryan	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Connor Cerase	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Angel Ferrer	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Christian Greene	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Michael Grubb	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Brandun Herbert	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Nicolas Hodgins	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
James Holly	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
James Howell	12/28/2020	1	Property Management
Hubert Johnston	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Zachariah Maddox	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Christopher Moore	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Donald Morris	12/28/2020	1	Property Management
Jake Prange	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Cody Pratt	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Austin Rooke	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Jose Ruiz	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Dylan Sharpe	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Nathan Smith	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Steven Stewart	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
William Stokes	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Jonathan Webster	12/28/2020	1	Public Safety
Frank Buzolits	12/29/2020	1	Recreation & Parks
Robert Carreiro	12/29/2020	1	Recreation & Parks
Regan Quick	12/29/2020	1	Recreation & Parks

# Congratulations!

## Thank you for your years of service!

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**Albert Chevalier**  
*Patrol Driver*



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**Albert Cotoia**  
*Gate Attendant*



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**Michele O'Donnell**  
*Recreation Facilities  
Manager*



*Accepting their awards  
at the Board Meeting:*

**(L) Elisa Hurst**  
*Lieutenant*

**(M) Scott Rylski,**  
*Firefighter EMT  
Driver Engineer*

**(R) Adelisa Luciano**  
*Lieutenant*

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**Kathryn Dutkiewicz**  
*Recreation Assistant*



*Not Pictured: Frederick Gerber, Gate Attendant, 10 years*

## Recognizing Our Core Values In Action!

### Property Management



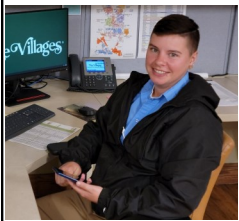
**Rob Priest**  
*Landscape Supervisor*

A resident called to compliment Rob on his excellent job with trimming a tree. He was very pleased with the outcome and wanted to thank Rob.



**David Van Vleet**  
*Water Resource Supervisor*

A Wildwood Commissioner complimented Dave on handling a water bubbler issue in the water retention pond near his home. He said the interaction and follow-up was great!



**Jessi Evans**  
*Landscape Supervisor*

A resident called in to thank Jessi for resolving her concern quickly. There was a broken tree limb next to her home, along Churchill Down Way.

### Recreation & Parks

**Ardis Barness**  
*Recreation Assistant*

“Recently, I and three others were the last to leave the Mulberry Dog Park while Ardis Barness was locking up the park. When I got home, I realized I had left my phone on one of the benches. I called Mulberry Recreation Center to find out what time they unlock the park in the morning. Ardis told me about 7. I told her I wanted to get there before anyone else so I could get my phone. I thanked her, and we hung up. About 3 minutes later, Ardis called me back and said she had a few minutes to come over and let me in the park that evening. Ardis was so friendly and caring. I couldn’t believe how wonderful she was. Thank you to The District for hiring such caring and happy people.”



### Customer Service

**Donna Oates**  
*Customer & Administrative Support Representative*

“I submitted a request for 3 veterans bricks. Unfortunately, I made some errors on my application. I called and spoke to Donna. She was very helpful and was able to fix my errors. I just wanted her to know that the bricks were wonderful and the Veterans they honored were quite touched. I would like to thank Donna for her attention to detail and hard work to fix my screw up! She went above and beyond and helped make Veterans Day memorable for our family.”

### Community Watch

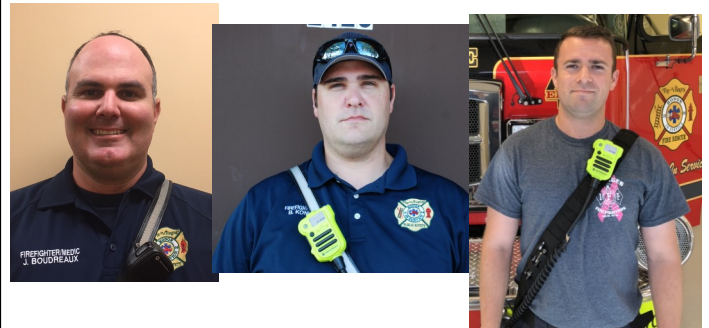
**Sharon Gwin**  
*Staff Coordinator*

“I believe Sharon should be recognized for her helpfulness, kindness, and composure. Sharon is a “constant” here in Community Watch. She often gives encouraging notes, cards and words to all who work around her. Her smile is given to all as she spreads calmness over any chaotic situation. You would think she had big ears for all the troubles and stories she has heard from our employees but she doesn’t. Offering to help and jumping in whenever she sees a need is just part of who she is. Sharon is never too busy, no matter how swamped she might be. She is there spreading her wings over anyone within reach. We think she is an angel.”

### Public Safety

**Justin Boudreaux, Lieutenant**  
**Brian Konnerth, Firefighter Paramedic Driver Engineer**  
**Dylan Sharpe, Firefighter Paramedic**

“I was feeling hot and faint. Justin, (left) Brian (middle) and Dylan (right) responded. My vitals were taken and did not look great so the decision was made to transport me to the hospital. Being new to the area and not familiar with the hospital, the Lieutenant had my husband follow him. He appreciated his kindness. Special thanks. Please accept this donation for your station. All of you are an asset to your engine company and to all the people in The Villages.”



**Cheryl Bidwell, Administrative Assistant**  
**Joshua Neebling, Public Education Technician**

“I wish to thank The Villages Public Safety department and the service you provide to replace batteries and install smoke detectors for us at no charge. Your work is commendable. Special thank you of appreciation to Cheryl (left) and Joshua (right) for their professionalism and kindness to me during the service.”



# GRAND OPENING

## Ezell Recreation Complex

Recreation & Parks opened the Ezell Regional Recreation Complex with a series of tours during the second week of November. This complex has a fitness club, various activity rooms, sports pool, outdoor courts and is located in Sawgrass Grove next to the Clifton Cove Putting Course, Southern Oaks Championship Golf course, and The Market. Plan your visit soon!



## Hummingbird Neighborhood Recreation Area

Friday, October 29th marked the opening of Recreation & Parks newest facility, the Hummingbird Neighborhood Recreation Area, located in the Village of Hammock at Fenney. The area has a view of Red Fox and Grey Fox golf courses and offers bocce, shuffleboard, and corn toss courts along with a resort-style pool. As the Village of Hammock continues to grow, this beautiful area will be the hub of activity for our newest residents.



## Running of the Squares - Brownwood 5K

On Saturday, October 23rd, over 600 participants ushered in the “in-person” return of the Running of The Squares. The three-race series held at each town square starts in Brownwood during the fall, Lake Sumter in winter, and ends in the spring at Spanish Springs. Recreation & Parks staff were up before daybreak to ensure everything was in place and the anticipated event went off as planned. Everyone is marking their calendar for the second leg scheduled for Saturday, January 8th, in Lake Sumter Landing Market Square.. **L to R: Jack Doty, Recreation Supervisor, Ernie Stevens (2<sup>nd</sup> place – age group), Staff Assistant, & Mike Kroeger, Recreation Area Supervisor.**



## Lake Sumter Line Halloween Pirate

Ahoy Mate! Residents and guests who sailed the treachery waters of Lake Sumter on Halloween were treated to goodies for their bravery! This year, the boat line surrendered to the meanest ugliest band of pirates ever. As you can see from the photo, the boat team has a lot of fun and is always ready for this yearly event. Arrr!



## “Hula Hoop” On the Square

Everyone was moving to the music on a cool brisk morning at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square as Recreation & Parks held their 2nd monthly outdoor workout with the classic pastime Hula Hoop! Several participants haven’t touched a hula hoop since childhood but gave it a try. Be ready for next month’s workout scheduled for the beginning of December. Pictured L to R: All Lifestyle Events, **Lisa Parkyn, Recreation Area Manager, Yajaira Perez, Recreation Supervisor, and Dawna Dean, Recreation Supervisor.**



## Walk to End Alzheimer’s

On Saturday, October 9th, the Recreation & Parks Department participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s and raised \$200! Everyone had a good time for a great cause, and plans are in the works to have an even larger turnout next year. **From L to R: Drew Burleson, Buster Burleson, Mike Burleson, Recreation Area Manager, Mary Ann Esposito, Recreation Service Representative, Lynda Feustel, Recreation Facilities Manager, Andy Shpur, Recreation Supervisor, Katelyn Shpur, Kerri Shpur, & Emily Shpur. Not pictured: Sandy Martynovich, Martha Cashman, Gary Sorace, Recreation Supervisor, & Jann Cooksey, Fitness Assistant.**





## Public Safety

### In the Community

Public Safety was present at the Brownwood Halloween festivities on October 30th. Pictured: **Firefighter EMT Alec Brown** showing Jack (HR Administrator Terianne Carroll's son) how to use the fire hose. "Alec was very kind to take the time with Jack. Jack really enjoyed it! Thank you."



### Resident Visit



October 29th, Public Safety had a visit from three new residents of the St. Catherine area in The Villages. Paula Love hosted a Halloween party at her home and all the residents that participated decided to donate to The Villages Public Safety Department. Mrs. Love and her neighbors came to Station 44 to present the check to Fire Chief Edmund Cain and Deputy Chief James Goodworth.

L to R: Mary Gloop, Paula Love, Katie Gordon, **Fire Chief Edmund Cain** and **Deputy Fire Chief James Goodworth**.

### New Firefighter Class Pinning Ceremony

On Friday November 12th, New Firefighter class 21-04 was pinned at a ceremony held at the Everglades Recreation Center. Members of the new firefighter class include **Samantha Bell, Firefighter Paramedic, who is also the class leader, Machel Davis, Firefighter EMT and David Quevedo, Firefighter EMT**. Also recognized at the ceremony was **Christopher Battle, new Fire Inspector** for The District. After taking their Oath of Office the newest members of the Villages Public Safety Department and their families watched a video compiling their 6 weeks of training. Speakers at the event included **Fire Chief Edmund Cain, Deputy District Manager Kenny Blocker** and Chairperson of the Villages Center Community Development District Kelly Flores.. Pictured L to R: Christopher Battle, David Quevedo, Machel Davis and Samantha Bell. Sworn in by Deputy Chief Jim Goodworth.



## Property Management

### First Responders Recreation Center Build Update

- The site work is approximately 75% complete.
- Construction of the art room addition and card room enclosure is underway.
- The building, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins continue, as well as the installation of the drywall.
- The Recreation center construction is approximately 40% complete.
- Support buildings are approximately 40% complete.
- The foundations and steel erection are complete. Trusses, roof decking, and shingles have been completed on all shade pavilions.
- Block walls have been constructed for the starter shack, restroom, and pool equipment area. Trusses and roofing are under way.
- The putt & play course and lawn bowling is approximately 60% complete.
- The rough grading and storm drainage are near completion.
- The irrigation system piping is complete and the fine grading is underway.
- The lawn bowling drainage system and final grading is complete and the sod is underway.
- Total project is approximately 50% complete.



## Community Watch

### Share the Knowledge

Since being awarded accreditation status for the first non-911 dispatcher center by the Florida Telecommunication Accreditation Commission (FLA-TAC) in June, 2021, the Community Watch Dispatch Center has been sharing their knowledge. In October, **Assistant Director Juliane Day** was asked to travel to the Florida Police Accreditation Commission training event in St. Petersburg to teach a class on Chapter and Training. The class focused on the challenges and accommodations that Community Watch had to make to come into compliance with the applicable standards. In addition, FLA-TAC Executive Director Robert Brongel has requested that Juliane service as Team Leader for two accreditation assessments. In December, Juliane will travel to Pensacola Police Department to assess their 911 center and ensure they are in compliance with accreditation standards. She will do the same in January for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office.

## Preparing for Flu Season

In the United States, flu season occurs in the fall and winter. While influenza viruses spread year-round, most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February, but activity can last as late as May. Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

**How does it spread?** Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by tiny droplets made when people with flu, cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or possibly their eyes.

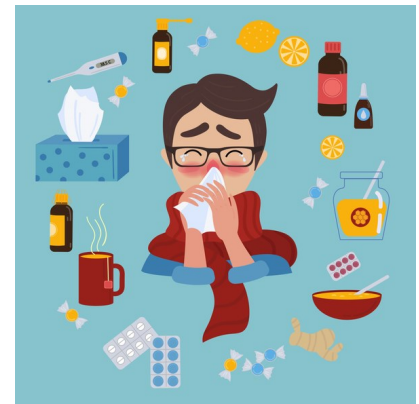
**Preventing Seasonal Flu:** The first and most important step in preventing flu is to get a flu vaccine each year. Flu vaccine has been shown to reduce flu related illnesses and the risk of serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization or even death. CDC also recommends everyday preventive actions like

- staying away from people who are sick
- covering coughs and sneezes
- frequent handwashing to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu, and COVID-19

**What is the difference between Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19?** Influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a coronavirus first identified in 2019, and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu, COVID-19, and other respiratory illnesses are similar, the difference between them cannot be made based on symptoms alone. Testing is needed to tell what the illness is and to confirm a diagnosis. People can be infected with both flu and the virus that causes COVID-19 at the same time and have symptoms of both influenza and COVID-19.

**Similarities in Symptoms of the Flu & COVID-19:** Both COVID-19 and flu can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms (asymptomatic) to severe symptoms. Common symptoms that COVID-19 and flu share include:

- ⇒ Fever or feeling feverish/having chills
- ⇒ Cough
- ⇒ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ⇒ Fatigue
- ⇒ Sore throat
- ⇒ Runny or stuffy nose
- ⇒ Muscle pain or body aches
- ⇒ Headache
- ⇒ Vomiting and diarrhea
- ⇒ Change in or loss of taste or smell, although this is more frequent with COVID-19.



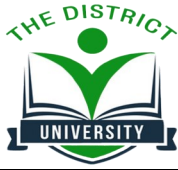
**Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines are safe and effective, and provided at no cost. The first step to prevention is being vaccinated. Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies.**

Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines

- ⇒ Can keep you from getting sick.
- ⇒ Reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- ⇒ Can reduce the risk of hospitalization.
- ⇒ Vaccination helps protect pregnant women during and after pregnancy .
- ⇒ Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

**Stay Safe & Healthy this Flu Season. If you are experiencing any Flu-like, or COVID-19 Symptoms, STAY HOME!**

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>



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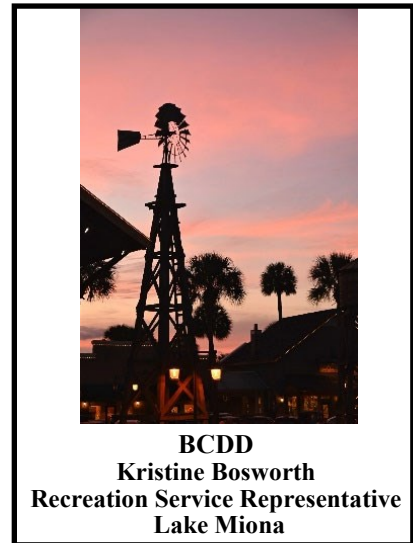
**Training & Development Programs**

**All professional development training workshops are open to all District Staff members.**

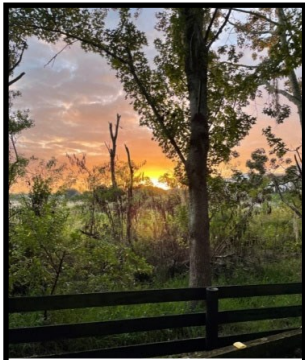
Class Title	Instructor	Class Info	Relevant to	Date	Time	Location
<b>New Hire Orientation</b>	Varied District Staff	Welcome to the Team! This class provides new team members with a wide range of topics to help you navigate your first 60 days as a member of the team. Topics covered include District Core Values, Mission Statement, policy & procedures, diversity & inclusion, and safety practices.	<i>All New Team Members</i>	<b>13 &amp; 27</b>	<b>8:00am To 12:30pm</b>	<b>Colony Cottage</b> 510 Colony Blvd.
<b>Public Records &amp; Ethics</b>	Brionez & Brionez	Each of us, as members of the District, are responsible in our positions to be aware of and fully understand what information is protected under Public Records Law, how long to retain certain records, how to handle public records requests and Government Sunshine Laws.	<i>Mandatory for all District Staff. Attendees will be assigned by their department.</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>9:00am To 12:00pm</b>	<b>Webinar</b>

- **All Community Watch staff:**  
Contact Sharon Gwin (352-750-8203)
- **All Recreation staff:**  
Contact Lory Hatch (352-674-1800)
- **All Finance staff:**  
Contact Linda Sojourn (352-753-0421)
- **All other District staff:**  
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Staff Assistant-TEA**



**Districts 2 & 4  
Katie Evans  
Deputy District Clerk**



**District 6  
Anne Hochsprung  
Finance Director**



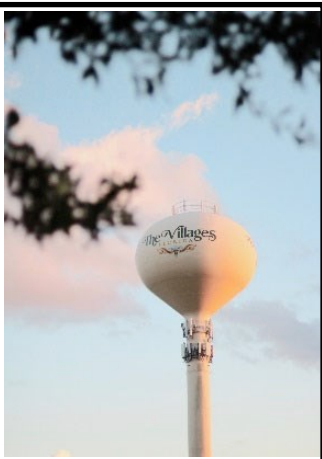
**District 13  
Steve Jackson  
Construction Supervisor  
Property Management**



**VCCDD  
Tracy Whitten  
Recreation Facilities Manager, Paradise**



**District 9, 10 & NSCUDD  
Jerica Adams  
Staff Assistant, Property Management**



**Districts 5 & 11  
Cheryl Horgan ~ Accounting Technician, Finance**