

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

March
2022

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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Smart Planning!

We are starting the new Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget process, and it is hard to believe since we just adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget!

The Board of Supervisors for the 19 District Boards and the two committees – Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) and the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) – have approved their Budget Workshops and important meeting dates for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget process. The approved District Budget Calendar with Budget Workshop/Meeting dates can be found on the District's website under the Budget Department at Districtgov.org.

The AAC and the PWAC will hold preliminary Budget Workshops this month to discuss topics that may impact the upcoming budget year. The Budget Workshops allow each department the opportunity to present projects for committee consideration to be included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget. Each department is responsible for assembling and the submittal of requested Budget Packet during the month of March.

The Budget process is a key component in the success and sustainability of the Districts. It requires the participation and hard work of many team members, including the District Board of Supervisors for each District, two committees, District staff, and YOU! We encourage you, as a stakeholder, to engage in the process by providing input, ideas, and process improvements to your Department Leadership. Always remember the Budget is a very critical and key component of the planning process. Without a plan, we have no vision!

*Kenny Blocker
District Manager*

In the Spotlight

Billie Garriott Budget Budget Analyst



Where were you born & raised and went to school?
I was born and raised in Tebbets, Missouri and I went to school at Mokane Schools.

What was special about where you are from?
I grew up on a farm in a small town along the Missouri River.

Tell us about your family, people in your life (including pets!)
I have 2 daughters. One lives in Missouri and one in North Carolina. I have 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 2 cats.

Hobbies? Favorite activities?
I love to travel and see new destinations.

Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?
My mother was a very successful businesswoman and I learned a lot from her.

What's the best advice you have ever received?
It you want change, you have to choose it.

What is the career & training path that led you to the District?
I have always been good with numbers and all my jobs have been focused in customer service and finance.

Can you tell us about your day-to-day responsibilities?
I support the District staff and departments with their budgets.

What is your favorite aspect of working for the District?
I like working at Lake Sumter Landing and being a part of The District team.

What is the most interesting thing you have ever seen?
The 911 memorial in New York City. Very humbling.

Favorites



Sports Team: Mizzou College Football

Movie: Any movie w/Diane Keaton

Food: Mexican



Current Job Openings

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

Administration

Fleet Administrator \$41,638.24 / Annual
Staff Assistant \$15.30 / Hour

Budget

Budget Analyst \$51,573.41 / Annual
Budget Manager \$60,515.99 / Annual

Community Watch

Dispatch & Gate Operations Supervisor \$37,404.41 / Annual
Gate Attendants \$10.49 / Hour

- Briar Meadow, Blue, 1200-1800
- Chatham, Blue, 0000-0600
- Morse North, Red, 1200-1800
- Morse South, Blue, 1200-1800
- Morse South, Red, 0000-0600

Gate Operations Attendant Substitute \$10.00 / Hour
Patrol Drivers \$11.07 / Hour

- Region 10, Blue, 0000-0800
- Region 10, Red, 0000-0800
- Region 11, Red, 0000-0800
- Region 14, Red, 2300-0700
- Region 5, Blue, 0000-0800
- Region 7, Blue, 0000-0800
- Region 8, Blue, 2300-0700

Finance

Billing & Collection Technician \$15.30 / Hour
Staff Accountant-General Ledger \$51,573.41 / Annual

Property Management

Asset Management System Coordinator \$43,931.30 / Annual

Public Safety

Fire Inspector \$46,346.46 - \$69,177.60 / Annual
Public Education Technician \$10.49 / Hour

Recreation & Parks

Facility Specialist \$11.07 / Hour
Fitness Assistant \$10.00 / Hour
Recreation Assistant \$10.00 / Hour
Recreation Assistant-Boats \$10.00 / Hour
Recreation Assistant-Softball \$10.00 / Hour
Recreation Leader \$11.07 / Hour

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.



Welcome TO THE TEAM

Recreation & Parks

Charles Bellucci
Martin David
MaryAnn Dean
Mary Mihajlovic
Susan Reynolds
Kathleen Rufrano
Kenneth Sherfinski

Peter DeCrescenzo
Paul Drew
Diane Fitzpatrick
Samantha Lester
Daniel Phillips
Herbert Sweren
Amber Steverson

Community Watch

Leo Connolly
Thomas Kaeding
Kip Reaves
Philip Hollister
Reginald Smith
David Wire

Customer Service

Dawn Harbour
Deborah Lynam

Finance

Valerie Brown

Employees On The



Community Watch

- **Clarence Hunter** transferred from Patrol Driver Substitute to Patrol Driver.
- **Randall Edgar** was promoted from Patrol Driver to Training Coordinator.

Recreation & Parks

- **Amanda Brooks** was promoted from Staff Assistant to Recreation Supervisor.
- **Nancy Konz** transferred from part time Recreation Service Representative to full time Recreation Service Representative.
- **Wendy Losser and John Hallquist** were promoted from Fitness Assistant to Facility Specialist.

Public Safety

- **Brian Twiss** was promoted from Battalion Chief to Deputy Fire Chief of Operations.
- **Mike Sapp** was promoted from Lieutenant to Battalion Chief.
- **Eduardo Villagomez** was promoted from Firefighter Paramedic to Lieutenant.
- **Joshua Hayes** was promoted from Firefighter EMT to Firefighter EMT/Driver Engineer.

Finance

- **Angel Steffani** transferred from Senior Billing & Collection Technician to Accounting Technician-Bond Customer Service.

Budget

- **Brandy Cook** was promoted from Budget Manager to Budget Director.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to spring forward on Sunday, March 13th at 2am.





Happy March Birthday!



Victoria Franklin	1	Recreation & Parks	Gilbert Regan	17	Community Watch
Jeffrey Loder	1	Public Safety	Stephan Romanchak	17	Community Watch
Charles Corrao	2	Community Watch	Celeste Peloquin	17	Customer Service
Newton Shannon	2	Recreation & Parks	Jeffrey Meier	17	Recreation & Parks
Shirley Sirkis	2	Public Safety	David Morrow	18	Community Watch
Brandi Ricker	2	Finance	Hugh Calvert	18	Community Watch
Edward Dockham	3	Community Watch	Thomas Christian	18	Recreation & Parks
Thaddeus Cassiday	3	Recreation & Parks	Bruce Greenberger	18	Community Watch
Richard Rest	3	Community Watch	Douglas Connelly	18	Recreation & Parks
Tammy Lopez	4	Property Management	Kymberly Kovach	18	Community Watch
Charles Adams	5	Recreation & Parks	Michael Woomer	19	Community Watch
Thomas McDonnell	5	Community Watch	William Bruno	19	Community Watch
Michael Hess	5	Recreation & Parks	Jewell Edney	19	Recreation & Parks
Jeffrey Lutley	6	Recreation & Parks	Walter McFarlane	19	Recreation & Parks
Christian Greene	6	Public Safety	Jose Finol	19	Public Safety
Donald Arney	7	Community Watch	Brian Draper	20	Public Safety
Denise Naasz	7	Recreation & Parks	Joseph Cordero	21	Community Watch
Thomas Phillips	7	Recreation & Parks	Sean Murray	21	Recreation & Parks
Nancy Gibson	7	Recreation & Parks	Martha Dennis	22	Community Watch
Bouchaib Rharbite	7	Recreation & Parks	Nancy Konz	22	Recreation & Parks
Keith Gordon	7	Community Watch	Julie Quick	22	Recreation & Parks
Susan Reynolds	8	Recreation & Parks	Perry Sumner	23	Community Watch
James Howell	8	Property Management	Karen Haley	23	Community Watch
Robert Montalbano	9	Community Watch	Kevin Flynn	23	Recreation & Parks
Dusan Mihajlovic	9	Recreation & Parks	Jaclyn King	23	Recreation & Parks
Edward Porreca	9	Recreation & Parks	Randall Phillips	23	Recreation & Parks
Chelsea Illeck	9	Public Safety	David Gomez	23	Public Safety
Matthew McCarthy	9	Public Safety	John Hoover	24	Recreation & Parks
John Mabus	10	Community Watch	Genevieve Tetrault	24	Recreation & Parks
Martin David	10	Recreation & Parks	John Hackney	24	Community Watch
Stephen Jackson	10	Property Management	Terry Kennedy	24	Recreation & Parks
Taylor Atherton	10	Public Safety	John Tew	24	Community Watch
Thomas Wilkerson	11	Property Management	David Herriott	24	Recreation & Parks
Ayako Terao	11	Finance	Nicholas DeVogel	24	Public Safety
Thomas Morris	12	Community Watch	Eugene Whitaker	25	Community Watch
William Grady	12	Community Watch	William O'Leary	25	Community Watch
Paula Di Julio	12	Community Watch	Daniel DiSanto	25	Community Watch
Paul Brake	12	Community Watch	Ernest Casalini	26	Community Watch
Linda Wren	12	Finance	Cathy Bretz	26	Finance
Christopher Arrowood	12	Recreation & Parks	Lee Thompson	27	Recreation & Parks
Molly Farrar	12	Recreation & Parks	Daniel Lehman	27	Recreation & Parks
Jaime Cooper-Rodriguez	13	Finance	Daniel Lucin	27	Property Management
Devin Lawrence	13	Public Safety	Michael Birch	27	Public Safety
Paula Smith	14	Community Watch	Andrew Esposito	28	Recreation & Parks
Robert Carreiro	14	Recreation & Parks	George Ann Roberts	29	Recreation & Parks
Niels Jansen	15	Community Watch	Gregory Sherman	29	Community Watch
Richard Smith	15	Recreation & Parks	Kevin Cunliffe	29	Public Safety
Angel Steffani	15	Finance	David Grimes	29	Recreation & Parks
Tyler Szewczyk	15	Public Safety	Linda Gazzetta	30	Community Watch
Dick Huffman	16	Community Watch	Pennock Valentine	31	Community Watch
Michael Bronersky	16	Community Watch	Paul Dreher	31	Recreation & Parks
Robert Ward	16	Recreation & Parks	Frances Hershey	31	Community Watch
Robert Rexroth	16	Community Watch	David Rutter	31	Public Safety

Happy March Anniversary! Thank You For Your Service!

Lynda Feustel	03/28/1989	33	Recreation & Parks
Eugene Graney	03/03/2003	19	Recreation & Parks
George Martin Pezick	03/29/2003	19	Community Watch
William Miller	03/23/2005	17	Public Safety
William Thompson	03/20/2006	16	Property Management
Richard Grunert	03/07/2007	15	Community Watch
James Neilsen	03/14/2007	15	Recreation & Parks
Rebecca Manserra	03/26/2008	14	Recreation & Parks
Ronald Miller	03/04/2009	13	Recreation & Parks
Lisa Parkyn	03/18/2009	13	Recreation & Parks
Terry Gibbons	03/17/2010	12	Recreation & Parks
Kevin Kane	03/17/2010	12	Community Watch
Jo Bugala	03/31/2010	12	Recreation & Parks
James Mahaffey	03/30/2011	11	Community Watch
Candice Harris	03/05/2012	10	Purchasing
Gregory Luginbill	03/05/2012	10	Community Watch
Nancy Schaffer	03/19/2012	10	Recreation & Parks
Quenton Jones	03/19/2012	10	Recreation & Parks
Kathleen Foltz	03/04/2013	9	Recreation & Parks
Andrew Malinosky	03/04/2013	9	Recreation & Parks
Robert McCants	03/03/2014	8	Community Watch
James Basile	03/03/2014	8	Community Watch
Robert Culbertson	03/03/2014	8	Community Watch
Patsy Anderson	03/03/2014	8	Community Watch
Ronald Smith	03/03/2014	8	Community Watch
Carol Deyle	03/17/2014	8	Recreation & Parks
Keith Norris	03/17/2014	8	Public Safety
Ronald Baroni	03/17/2014	8	Public Safety
Justin Boudreaux	03/17/2014	8	Public Safety
Debra LoMonaco	03/02/2015	7	Recreation & Parks
Bryant Rooney	03/02/2015	7	Recreation & Parks
Kurtis Mancauskas	03/02/2015	7	Recreation & Parks
Joseph Bynum	03/02/2015	7	Community Watch
Joseph Beddia	03/02/2015	7	Community Watch
Joann Tucker	03/02/2015	7	Community Watch
Bruce Brinkerhoff	03/02/2015	7	Community Watch
Donald Fitzpatrick	03/02/2015	7	Community Watch
Shelli Farnsworth	03/02/2015	7	Community Standards
William Elliott	03/16/2015	7	Community Watch
Julie Ferwerda	03/14/2016	6	Recreation & Parks
Barbara Denza	03/14/2016	6	Community Watch
Harold Shelton	03/14/2016	6	Community Watch
Lawrence Greenstein	03/14/2016	6	Community Watch
Joseph Yarborough	03/18/2016	6	Recreation & Parks
Robert Huebsch	03/28/2016	6	Recreation & Parks
Richard Magan	03/28/2016	6	Community Watch

Douglas Pratt	03/13/2017	5	Community Watch
Philip McDermott	03/13/2017	5	Community Watch
Terrone Carpenter	03/27/2017	5	Recreation & Parks
Thomas Carlyon	03/27/2017	5	Community Watch
Angel Steffani	03/12/2018	4	Finance
Ryan Founds	03/26/2018	4	Recreation & Parks
Thomas Bradley	03/26/2018	4	Recreation & Parks
Gary Sorace	03/26/2018	4	Recreation & Parks
Sandra Borieo	03/26/2018	4	Community Watch
David Showers	03/01/2019	3	Community Watch
Clifford Williams	03/04/2019	3	Community Watch
Marguerite Wolanin	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
Rembert Rivenbark	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
William Clark	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
David Gipp	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
Thomas Frigo	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
Terry Pyle	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
Cheryl Hoffman	03/11/2019	3	Community Watch
Pamela Webb	03/19/2019	3	Human Resources
Claire Fusco	03/25/2019	3	Recreation & Parks
Martin Golden	03/25/2019	3	Recreation & Parks
Daniel Wood	03/25/2019	3	Recreation & Parks
William Scott Jr	03/25/2019	3	Community Watch
John Villyard	03/25/2019	3	Community Watch
Thomas DeBortoli	03/25/2019	3	Community Watch
Thomas Baker	11/22/2019	3	Recreation & Parks
Clarence Hunter	12/02/2019	3	Community Watch
Vincent De Robertis	03/09/2020	2	Recreation & Parks
Diane Edwards	03/09/2020	2	Property Management
John Hartley	07/27/2020	2	Recreation & Parks
Paul Brake	03/08/2021	1	Community Watch
Charles Corrao	03/08/2021	1	Community Watch
David Churches	03/08/2021	1	Community Watch
Kolette Delimat	03/08/2021	1	Community Watch
Ryan Plute	03/08/2021	1	Property Management
Armani Floran	03/08/2021	1	Public Safety
Jordan Kays	03/08/2021	1	Public Safety
Christian Moreno	03/08/2021	1	Public Safety
Jose Santiago Ayala	03/08/2021	1	Public Safety
Jose Finol	03/08/2021	1	Public Safety
Edward Daly	03/12/2021	1	Recreation & Parks
Virginia Scott	03/22/2021	1	Recreation & Parks
Jack Laurie	03/22/2021	1	Community Watch
Heather Evans	03/22/2021	1	Property Management
Jody Restor	03/22/2021	1	Finance
Jack Snyder	03/25/2021	1	Recreation & Parks
Daniel McConnell	09/15/2021	1	Recreation & Parks

Recognizing Our Core Values In Action!

Public Safety

Kara Watts, Division Chief-EMS Training (right)
Bob Sjogren, Public Education Technician (left)



“Just wanted to let you know that you and Bob received accolades from just about every one of the Community Watch CPR attendees. Both days the attendees came back thanking me. High praise



for the two of you especially from our dispatcher who was a Navy EMT and operating nurse. Not only did you assist us greatly but you did it wonderfully. Looking forward to experiencing it myself on February 24th.”

Michael Grubb, Firefighter Paramedic (left)
Machel Davis, Firefighter EMT (right)

“I would like to thank Public Safety for the wonderful attention they gave me on the night of January 28th.



Fortunately after they had given me the usual blood pressure tests and temperature it was decided that I had no need to go to hospital. I have macular degeneration and suffered some hallucinations so I didn't really know what was going on but was told how wonderful the team were.



Please convey my thanks and apologies if I was rude to them in any way.”

A letter to Chief Edmund Cain and the following: Firefighter EMTs: Tyler Cariglio, Christopher Green and Jose Santiago Ayla. Firefighter Paramedics: Justin Cicero, Mason Guyette. Lieutenants: Jason Croom, Christopher Gruber, Jeff Loder and Robert Meffen. Firefighter Paramedic/Driver Engineers: Shane Danford, Brian Konnerth, Zachary Morreale and Christopher Roberts. Battalion Chief: David Rutter.

“We wanted to say thank you for all that you did for us. We have never in our lives had a fire in any of our homes so when it did happen to us we thank god that you all were there to help and to do such a great job. You treated us with compassion with what we were going through. You all took control of the situation and you kept the fire in our garage and saved our home. Once the crisis was under control, you answered our questions and helped us. Please send along our thank you to each and every fireman and company that came out to help. We are so very thankful that they were there. Also, a big thank you for coming out days later to see how we were doing. That was beyond kind of you.”

Josh Neebling
Public Education Technician



“Josh was at my house to change batteries in my smoke detectors. I just want to comment on his efficiency and courteousness. Also, to you for this service available to us. It is certainly appreciated.”

Property Management

Salvador Martinez Aviles
Infrastructure Supervisor

A resident called in to thank Salvador for the quick response in taking care of a light.

Customer Service

Becky Perkins
Customer Service Manager

“Having had as an advocate and showing concern for me as a resident of The Villages, Becky Perkins totally handled and followed through with a process that needed to be dealt with. She was very knowledgeable and extremely efficient. Your organization is very blessed to have such a person representing it. I wanted to make sure that you know what a positive effect she made on me as well as a positive influence on The Villages.”

Recreation & Parks

Patrick Wetzel, Facility Specialist (right)
Rick Titus, Facility Specialist (left)

“They are great at working and setting everything up for our monthly meetings. They always seem to love their work and make it easier on us. Thanks!”



Chuck Carr, Recreation Assistant (left)
Tom Watkins, Recreation Assistant (not pictured)



“Just an informal note regarding the management and staff of the Everglades Regional Recreation Complex. The performance, dedication, and extra effort we have seen from the entire management and staff team at the complex through this last month have been spectacular. Our club has found it necessary to make many adjustments regarding AV equipment and space, which could not have happened without the dedication and concern of the staff. The whole team continues to meet our ever-changing needs and requirements with the utmost professionalism. Please pass on our compliments and thanks to the Everglades team.”

John Rohan, Recreation & Parks Director
Pam Henry, Recreation Manager, Lifestyles, Parks & PR
Debbie Hurtt, Recreation Facilities Manager

“I want to thank Pam, John, Debbie and the entire recreation staff. They've always been so supportive of our art groups.”

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

Recognizing Our Core Values In Action cont.

Recreation & Parks



Joe Natoli
Recreation Service Representative
 “I want to mention how much I appreciate Joe's efforts to help with our Platform Tennis lessons. His printouts are always complete, especially with email addresses, making our job more manageable. He is a real asset to The Village's staff.”

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Monica Lui
Recreation Supervisor

“I'm sure you always hear when homeowners have concerns. Though it might be good to hear when one of your outstanding team members does what I'm sure they do all day, every day but might not be recognized for their efforts. I ask that you share my sincere appreciation for the 700 homeowners in the Village of Hawkins. They were impacted by Ms. Lui's helpful and quick response to a scheduling issue we recently encountered. Monica was awesome!”



Wear RED Day!

February is American Heart Month. Our District Finance team happily celebrated Wear Red Day on February 4th! On this day, everyone across the country dons the color red in order to raise and spread awareness in hopes to help eradicate heart disease and stroke in millions of women all over the nation.



Looking for a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?
Wear your green and enjoy these two events in The Villages.

St. Patrick's Day Festival
March 11th
Lake Sumter Landing
4-9pm
Music & Entertainment

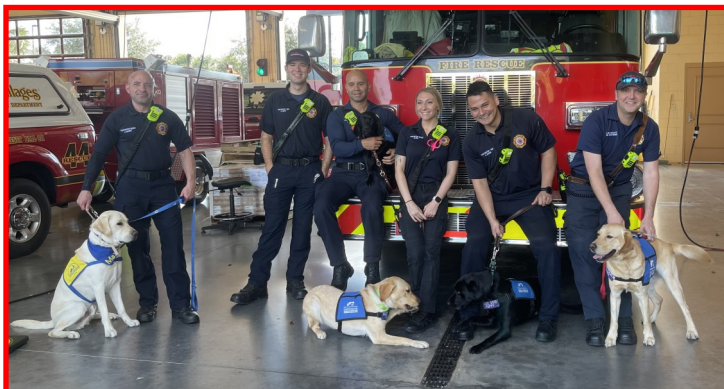


St. Patrick's Day Festival
March 17th
Spanish Springs Town Square
3-9pm
Music & Entertainment

Public Safety

Southeastern Guide Dogs

The Southeastern guide dogs club held a training at Station 44 with the “C” shift on February 4th. The trainers brought the dogs in to get familiar with the noises and smells of the fire apparatus and crew so they will remain calm in an emergency. Group picture from left to right: **Chris Moore, Firefighter Paramedic, Nathan Smith, Firefighter EMT, Jorge Molina, Firefighter Paramedic/Driver Engineer, Samantha Bell, Firefighter Paramedic, Alex Dacek, Firefighter EMT and Mike Stephens, Lieutenant.**



Public Safety

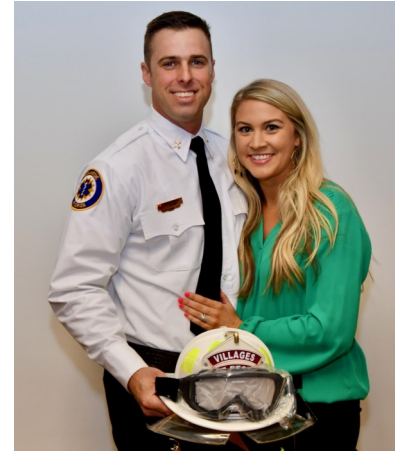
On Friday, February 18th, The Villages Public Safety Department held a ceremony in their Emergency Operation Center located at 3035 S. Morse Boulevard. Five new firefighter/EMTs, and a new Fire Inspector were welcomed and promotions of current staff were recognized. Speeches were given by Fire Chief Edmund A. Cain, Deputy District Manager Carrie Duckett and District Board Chairperson Kelly Flores.



Above Left to Right: Firefighter EMTs **Nick DeVogel, Ed Faktorovich, Jared Martinez, Blake Normoyle, & Ariel Valladares**



Left: **John Castell, Fire Inspector**



Above: **Mike Sapp, Battalion Chief & his wife Lauren**



Left: **Brian Twiss, Deputy Chief of Operations & his wife Misty**

Congratulations!



March 2022

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
New Hire Orientation	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>	7 21	8:00am To 12:30pm	Colony Cottage 510 Colony Blvd.
Public Records & Ethics	Computer Based Learning	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 via the training department</i>	8	Will be assigned	Online

- **All Community Watch staff:**
Contact Sharon Gwin (352-750-8203)
- **All Finance staff:**
Contact Linda Sojourn (352-753-0421)

- **All Recreation staff:**
Contact Jennifer Schuler (352-674-1800)
- **All other District staff:**
Contact Angela Pattillo, Manager, Training & Instructional Design Angela.Pattillo@DistrictGov.org

Lake Miona Regional Recreation Team

“We had a very successful fund-raising event at the Lake Miona Regional Recreation Complex on Saturday, January 29th. We want to give a special thanks to Daria, Dahllann, Kristine, Kevin, Karen, and from Canal Street, Meryl. Your team’s contribution and assistance are always a plus! Thank you.” Pictured left to right: **Karen Dalton Facility Specialist, Kris Bosworth, Recreation Service Representative, Daria Lotocky, Recreation Facilities Manager, Kevin Flynn, Facility Specialist and Dahllann Disher, Recreation Service Representative.** Not pictured, **Meryl Boyd, Recreation Supervisor.**



Homestead Village Recreation Center

Hundreds of residents toured the newest recreation facility on January 21st, in the Village of Citrus Grove. This village center features a resort-style family pool, pickleball, tennis, bocce, shuffleboard, horseshoe, corn toss, dog park, nature trail, and the first in The Villages, astronomy pads! In addition, the center's interior offers meeting rooms, a kitchen, and a game room with billiards, darts, and table shuffleboard. Homestead Village Recreation Center will definitely be a fan favorite!



Discover Something New

Our Recreation department kicked off their Discover Something New Series, an open house event for residents to experience a new sport or activity. On February 7th, **Todd Phillips, Recreation Supervisor** and several group leaders kicked off the series with “kickball” to over 20 new residents. Everyone enjoyed the session, and several residents signed up to be permanent team members.



Cason Hammock Neighborhood Recreation Area

On January 13th, staff and residents celebrated the grand opening of the Cason Hammock Neighborhood Recreation Area. The new facility, located in the Village of Cason Hammock, sits across from the Ezell Regional Recreation Complex. Residents didn't waste any time and gathered later in the day for their first "social" and several games of corn toss.



Rotary Club Chili Cook Off

On February 6th, the cool weather provided the perfect backdrop for the Rotary Club’s Chili-Cook Off held at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square. Our Recreation & Parks team once again entered into the competition with a “Super Bowl” themed booth and their secret recipe, chili. Always a resident favorite! Pictured left to right: **Michael Burleson, Recreation Area Manager, Mary Ann Esposito, Recreation Service Representative, Amanda Brooks, Recreation Supervisor, Suzanne Metelsky, Recreation Supervisor-Customer Service, Michael Hess, Recreation Supervisor, Jennifer Schuler, Recreation Area Manager-Administration and James Pierce, Recreation Facilities Manager. Not pictured, Chris Iannello, Recreation Supervisor & Bill Skidmore, Staff Coordinator.**



Congratulations!

Thank you for your years of service!

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Steven Waitzman
Gate Attendant



James Neilsen
Recreation Assistant



Robert Grunert
Patrol Driver

10



Nancy Schaffer
Recreation Service Representative



Quenton Jones
Recreation Supervisor



Greg Luginbill
Gate Attendant



Candice Harris
Buyer

10

Risk Management

Courtesy and Safety While Enjoying Our Community

The Villages is among the fastest growing places in the United States and the largest retirement community in the world. This community continues to be developed with a system of roads, multimodal paths, bridges, golf cart/bike lanes, nature trails and amenities that make it an outstanding environment for our residents and their guests to share. The Risk Management Department would like to encourage courtesy and safety during this busy season while enjoying our roads, trails, pathways and nature within the community.

Share the path:

We are currently in the season where we see the highest volume on our multimodal paths, walking or nature paths. The many trails and pathways within our community provide all Villagers the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of Florida while traveling by golf car, bicycle, or pedestrian. So please, use caution and care.

- ◆ Be aware that individuals using mobility devices have equal access to all of our beautiful paths and trails.
- ◆ Slow down and ride single file when experiencing heavy traffic on a path.
- ◆ When passing someone traveling in the same direction, please slow and allow for oncoming traffic to pass before going around the cart, bicycle or pedestrian.
- ◆ Always use caution by controlling the speed of your golf car or bicycle so you have time to react to other users who may be stopping or slowing more suddenly.



Share the Road:

Again, we are currently in the busy season and we are seeing some of the highest volumes of vehicles on our roadways. We hope that all will exercise caution on our roadways and share the road with other vehicles.

- ◆ Obey the speed limit.
- ◆ Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you to allow for stopping, turning, or changing lanes.
- ◆ The left lane on our roads is the passing lane until nearing a roundabout.
- ◆ Headlights help with visibility, even when sunny.
- ◆ Slow to 5 mph when entering gate areas and expect the gate to close after each vehicle.
- ◆ Share the road with bicycles. They are a vehicle in the state of Florida and you must allow 3 feet between you and the left handlebar of the bicycle when passing.



Enjoy Nature:

The Villages has opportunities to enjoy nature on many trails with new opportunities recently. New signage has been added to the Fenney Springs Nature Trail and boardwalk to help educate visitors to the trail and the wildlife that might be present. Another nature trail was recently opened near the Homestead Recreation center. While enjoying Florida wildlife on our paths and trails, please keep in mind that we are sharing their habitat:

- ◆ Never feed any wild animal. Desensitization to humans may result in harm to a human or to the wild animal.
- ◆ Never approach any wild animal. Animals can be aggressive when they are afraid, startled or feel cornered.
- ◆ Do not disturb their habitat:
 - * Clean up your trash and always pick up after your pet and dispose of it properly.
 - * Do not disturb nests or babies.



You can learn more at our website, www.DistrictGov.org homepage regarding protected species within The Villages.



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