




TO: Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Group Leaders  
FROM: Janet Y. Tutt, District Manager   
RE: Transportation

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Hopefully this memo finds you enjoying The Villages Lifestyle!

Although I have a situation to discuss that may or may not pertain to your Lifestyle Group, I wanted to first say thank you for helping to make this community so very special! While our Recreation Facilities are first class and our staff are passionately committed to making your experience at our facilities a memorable one, you, as volunteers, provide life to the buildings and a tremendous opportunity to residents to explore and experience friendships and the multitude of activities you provide.

As you are aware, our three “Downtowns”, Spanish Springs, Lake Sumter Landing and Brownwood and Recreation Centers, are usually bustling and a hub of activity from early morning to late in the evening. They are an important part of the lifestyle in The Villages.

With all that activity, comes the need to park golf carts and cars to access all the opportunities the downtowns and recreation centers provide. It is important and critical (and a District Rule) that the parking areas be used for those using the business and entertainment in the downtown and recreation areas.

To this end, I have been working with the bus companies and explaining it is breaking a District Rule to use the downtown areas to pick up groups for day trips, transportation to cruise destinations and any other reason which provides an impact on the parking availability. Please note that the District does have the ability to trespass those bus companies from the downtown areas for violating the District Rule. We have not taken that drastic action to date as education of the bus companies and tour coordinators needed to take place. While this issue began small, it has grown to the point where sometimes four to six busloads of residents are picked up which has resulted in a substantial amount of parking areas being used up long term which impacts those who wish to enjoy the downtowns.

The purpose of my communication to you is that if you have a group planning a trip (whether for a day or longer), the bus companies need to explore pick up location options other than the downtowns or recreation facilities.

This will help all residents better enjoy the great opportunities available.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [janet.tutt@districtgov.org](mailto:janet.tutt@districtgov.org) or 352-751-3939.

Thank you.