

UPDATES FROM YOUR **DISTRICT GOVERNMENT**

The Villages Community Development Districts Customer Service

As part of our ongoing efforts to protect you, our customer, we are elevating privacy and security measures associated with payments to Invoice Cloud, our online Utility Billing platform. On your



August utility bill, you will notice a 7-character PIN on the top of your notice. This PIN is unique to its user and not the address being billed. It must be entered before executing a payment online through Invoice Cloud.

Please call our **Utility Billing Customer Service Department at 352-750-0000** with any questions or concerns about this process. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

Savannah Recreation Center Pool Re-Chewing

Following an extensive pool house building, pool and trellis renovation, the Savannah Recreation Center has reopened the pool house and pool! Over time, a pool's interior plaster finish (Marcite) and tile will begin to color fade and become detached from the pool's concrete shell. It is at this point that the



pool requires a complete renovation. The pool received a new interior finish, waterline tile, swim lane tile and pool deck pavers. The pool house received a complete interior renovation, including the showers, restrooms and new cubbies for storage. The original wooden shade trellis structure was replaced with an updated PVC trellis, new exterior speakers, and lighting. The exterior ceiling fans were replaced as well. VISIT THE SAVANNAH POOL AND ENJOY!

Florida Division of Emergency Management Encourages Hurricane Preparedness

Get Educated, Get Informed

- Learn about community disaster plans and community warning systems.
 Every household is encouraged to have a battery-operated, or hand-crank weather radio to ensure they can continue to receive alerts from the National Weather Service in the event of power outages or damaged cell towers.
- Register to receive life-saving emergency weather alerts at <u>FloridaDisaster.org/AlertFlorida</u>.

Make a Plan

- Make a list of personal household needs and resources for meeting them in a disaster environment.
- Include all family members, including children, in the disaster preparedness planning process so that everyone knows what to do in an emergency.
- Pets are part of the family, too identify a safe place to take pets if you cannot bring them with you during an evacuation. Never leave household pets behind during a hurricane or tropical storm.
- Make a family plan at <u>FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare</u>, and make a business plan at <u>Business.FloridaDisaster.org</u>.

Inventory Home Possessions

• Make a record of your possessions – in writing or video – to help claim reimbursement in case of loss or damage.

Reduce Home Hazards

- Have defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections repaired.
- Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Have cracks in ceilings and foundations repaired.
- Make landscaping hurricane-resistant by trimming trees and plants down and putting any items inside that may turn into dangerous projectiles in high winds.

Prepare an Emergency Kit

- Every household should have a fully stocked disaster supply kit with at least seven days of items for each household member, including consideration of children, pets and seniors.
- Florida's Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday provides residents with the opportunity to purchase supplies tax-free during one of two 14-day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays.
- For a full disaster supply kit checklist, visit FloridaDisaster.org/Kit.

Safeguard Important Records and Documents

• Keep copies of important family records and other documents (birth and marriage certificates, Social Security cards, passports, wills, deeds, insurance cards, etc.) in a safe deposit box or other waterproof location.

Know Your Zone, Know Your Home

- Visit <u>FloridaDisaster.org/Know</u> to learn if you live in an evacuation zone or low-lying flood-prone area.
- Know your home's ability to withstand hurricane-force winds.
- Follow all evacuation orders issued by local county emergency management officials.

If You're Halfway Full, You're Halfway There

 During hurricane season, vehicles should always have at least half a tank of gas or be halfway charged to ensure they have enough fuel to evacuate as soon as possible without worrying about long lines at gas stations and to avoid gas shortages prior to a storm.

Evacuate Tens of Miles, Not Hundreds of Miles

• Evacuations do not have to be hundreds of miles away – they can typically be tens of miles inland to a location that can withstand hurricane-force winds and remain out of reach from life-threatening storm surge.

2024 Florida Hurricane Season Guide

For a compilation of hurricane preparedness resources, visit **FloridaDisaster.org/Guide**.

Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

\$10 or less

Wet dog or cat food if sold individually or the equivalent if sold in a box or case

\$15 or less

Manual can openers

Collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls for pets Cat litter pans

Pet waste disposal bags

Hamster or rabbit substrate

\$20 or less

Reusable ice Leashes, collars, and muzzles for pets Pet pads

\$25 or less

Cat litter weighing 25 or fewer pounds

\$40 or less

- Portable self-powered light sources
- Pet beds

\$50 or less

- Portable self-powered radios, two-way radios, or weather-band radios
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks
- Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only:
 - o AA-cell
 - o AAA-cell
 - o C-cell
 - o D-cell
 - o 6-volt
 - o 9-volt

\$60 or less

- Nonelectric food storage coolers
- Portable power banks

\$70 or less

- Smoke detectors or smoke alarms
- Fire extinguishers
- Carbon monoxide detectors

\$100 or less

- Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor systems
- Portable pet kennels or pet carriers
- Dry dog or cat food weighing 50 or fewer pounds
- Over-the-counter pet medications

\$3,000 or less

 Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage

June 1-14, 2024 August 24-September 6, 2024 Visit floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep





CLOSURES & RE-OPENINGS

The following Executive and Championship courses will reopen on **Friday**, **August 9th.** The tee time system is now available for booking.

CHAMPIONSHIP

- Orange Blossom
- Tierra Del Sol
- Nancy Lopez Ashley & Erin
- Palmer Riley & Laurel
- Southern Oaks
- Shallow Creek
- Hacienda Hills Lakes & Palms

EXECUTIVE

- Hill Top
- El Santiago
- El Diablo
- Saddlebrook
- Red Fox
- Grey Fox
- Lowlands
- Marshview Pitch & Putt
- Fenney Putt & Play
- Clifton Cove Putt & Play

Due to recovery efforts from Tropical Storm Debby and the temporary closure and limited availability of golf courses, please note that all Men's/Ladies' Day events and group play on Championship and Executive courses throughout the rest of August will be suspended. Groups who have already booked will be notified. The remaining courses will be consistently reevaluated in order to provide optimal service.

For questions related to golf, please contact the Tee Time Office at 352-750-4558, or call your golf course(s) of interest. You can also **GolfTheVillages.com** for frequent golf operations and maintenance updates.



PROPOSED MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASES

Numerous Districts have approved proposed increases to their FY24-25 maintenance assessment rates. After review and discussion during May Budget Workshops, **Districts 1, 12, 13, 14 & Middleton-A have approved** proposed increases to their maintenance assessment rates. The newly proposed rates will help maintain the existing level of service and ensure the long-term integrity of the infrastructure necessary for the sustainability of their Districts.

Since District 15 is a new district, this is the first year for the Maintenance Assessments, and are paid only once a year on your annual tax bill.

As required by the Florida State Statutes, a notice to homeowners in Districts 1, 12, 13, 14 & 15 will be mailed on August 12, 2024, to notify you of the proposed increase and further details, along with the date & time of the public hearing when the rate increase will be discussed and public input will be accepted.

***This increase DOES NOT pertain at all to your monthly amenity fees that are billed on your utility bill. The maintenance assessments are paid only once a year on your annual tax bill. ***

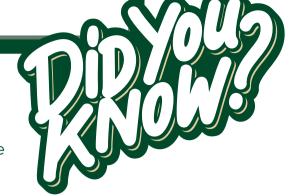
DISTRICT SPECIFIC AND PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

District	Maint. Increase	Public Hearing Date, Time & Location		
D1	15%	Sept. 13, 2024 @ 8:00 AM-Savannah Recreations Center		
D12	8%	Sept. 12, 2024 @ 9:30 AM-Everglades Recreation Center		
D13	15%	Sept. 12, 2024 @ 11:00 AM-Everglades Recreation Center		
D14	56%	Sept.12, 2024 @ 1:00 PM- Everglades Recreation Center		
Middleton-A	31%	Sept. 6, 2024 @ 10:00 AM- Everglades Recreation Center		
First Maintenance and Bond Assessment on Non-AD Valorem Tax Bill				
D15	N/A	Sept. 12, 2024 @ 2:00 PM- Everglades Recreation Center		

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brandy Cook, Budget Director at 751-3939 or email at Brandy.Cook@Districtgov.org.



The District is pleased to be able to serve its residents with a supply of pure and safe water while providing dependable wastewater services. The Utilities serving the residents of The Villages are:



- Village Center Service Area Serving Lake County and District 1 in Sumter County is owned by Village Center Community Development District.
- Little Sumter Service Area Serving Districts 2, 3 in Sumter County and District 4 in Marion County) is owned by Village Center Community Development District. EXCLUDES Dist. 4 Ph. IV Phillips (M232) / Soulliere (M233) / Chatham Acres (M839)
- North Sumter Utility Serving Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and a small section of District 9 in Sumter County is owned by North Sumter County Utility Dependent District.
- Central Sumter Utility Serving a majority of District 9 and all of Districts 10 and 11 in Sumter County is owned by North Sumter County Utility Dependent District.
- South Sumter Utility Serving Districts 12, 13 and a portion of District 14 is owned by the Wildwood Utility Dependent District.
- Gibson Place Utility Serving Districts 15 and 16 and is privately owned.

The VCCDD Utilities Department is responsible for the operations and management of the water and wastewater treatment systems. The VCCDD Utility Billing Customer Service Department is responsible for the billing and collection of payment for those services.

Water supply quantities are regulated by the St. Johns Water Management District (Lake County) and Southwest Florida Water Management District (Sumter and Marion County) which have issued consumptive use permits to the five utilities serving the residents of The Villages. Water and wastewater treatment and distribution are regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



Information Provided by Sumter County

Sumter County Residents Only:

Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection - Amnesty Day

Saturday, August 24, 2024 — 8 AM to 2 PM Sumter County Public Works 319 East Anderson Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513

What to bring:					
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				

What not to bring:					
Biological/Infectious waste	Explosives	Radioactive waste			
Empty paint cans	Tires				

HOW TO PACKAGE AND TRANSPORT CHEMICALS

- Do NOT mix chemicals together.
- Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
- Place containers into cardboard boxes to prevent breakage.
- Place leaky container in clear plastic bag and transport in box with newspaper.
- Put boxes in trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.

For more information, visit their website at https://sumtercountyfl.gov/1236/ Household-Electronics-Hazardous-Waste-Mo.



Household Hazardous Waste

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

MARION COUNTY

Marion County Marion County residents can dispose of the following items at any of the county's 18 recycling centers.

- Used motor oil & oil filters up to five gallons per day
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex paint up to five gallons per day
- Chemicals, gasoline, pesticides can be disposed of at the Baseline facility's Household Hazardous Waste area.
- 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. The calendar of dates can be found at **Solid Waste | Marion County, FL (marionfl.org)**

LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Lake County residents can dispose of hazardous waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 13130 County Landfill Road, County Road 561, Tavares with proof of residency. There are also Mobile Unit Events held throughout the year in various Lake County locations.

- Automotive fluids (Antifreeze, Gasoline, Motor Oil, etc.)
- Paint Products
- Lawn/Garden (Fertilizers, Insecticides, Pesticides, etc)

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Household Hazardous Waste

- 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 https://lakecountyfl.gov/trash-recycling/hazardous-waste.

SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County Solid Waste does provide a Citizen's Drop-Off Area (CDA) at 819 CR 529, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538 for residents to drop off the following acceptable items:

- Residential/Household Class 1 Waste/Garbage
- Residential Recyclable Materials No Charge
- Plastics #1 through #7
- Aluminum, Tin, and Steel Cans
- Mixed Paper (Magazines, Newsprint, Office Paper,
- Phone Books, Catalogs)
- Clean Paper Bags
- Waste Tires
- Batteries, Car, rechargeable, normal household batteries
- Scrap Metal
- Cardboard
- Brush, Construction, and Demolition Debris
- Electronics
- Furniture
- Fire Extinguisher

Sumter County hosts two Household Electronics and Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection events a year. For more information, please visit **Solid Waste | Sumter County, FL - Official Website (sumtercountyfl.gov).**







FACILITY CLOSURES

- Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool: parking lot mill & overlay
 - Tuesday, August 13 Thursday, August 15
- Chula Vista Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts: fence replacement
 - Monday, August 5 Saturday, September 7
- Dudley Dog Park and Archery Range: ground maintenance
 - Monday, August 5 Friday, August 16
- Eisenhower Recreation Platform Tennis Courts: court relocation & resurfacing
 - Closed until further notice
- El Santiago Recreation Upper Building Indoor Facilities
 - Tuesday, August 27 Thursday, August 29
- El Santiago Recreation Indoor Facilities (Upper & Lower Buildings), Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Thursday, August 29
- First Responders Recreation Stars and Strips Putting Course: aerification
 - Monday, August 12 Wednesday, August 14
- Fish Hawk Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 Friday, August 16
- Knudson, Soaring Eagle, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, and Everglades Softball Complexes
 - Sunday, August 11 Sunday, August 25
- Manatee Recreation Card Room (Biscayne Bay): new floor installation
 - Wednesday, August 14 Thursday, August 15
- Manatee Recreation Shuffleboard Courts: resurfacing
 - Monday, August 12 Friday, August 23
- Pennecamp Recreation Area Parking Lot: seal and stripe
 - Monday, August 12 Thursday, August 15
- Saddlebrook Recreation Indoor Facilities
 - Monday, August 26 Saturday, August 31
- Savannah Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Sports Pool
 - Thursday, August 22 Thursday, September 5
- Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve
 - Closed until further notice







- Springdale Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool: parking lot seal & stripe
 - Sunday, August 18 Wednesday, August 21
- St. Charles Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool: parking lot seal & stripe
 - Monday, August 12 Thursday, August 15
- Sterling Heights Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Thursday, August 22
- Sterling Heights Recreation Shuffleboard Courts
 - Closed until further notice
- Tierra Del Sol Recreation Tennis Courts: fence replacement
 - Monday, July 22 Friday, August 23
- Water Lily Recreation Pickleball Courts,: resurfacing
 - Monday, July 29 Monday, August 12

The Recreation & Parks staff appreciates your patience and understanding as we work to resume regular activities following Tropical Storm Debby.

All (118) swimming pools, with the exception of those listed below (2), are now open. Contractors and staff are working diligently to open all facilities safely and in a timely manner.

- Bonnybrook
- DeLuna

SPORTS POOL SCHEDULING

Staff is currently planning for the Fall/Winter Sports Pool Season (October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025). The different types of sports pool programming include: lap swimming, combo swim, open exercise & walk, water volleyball and water exercise. Requests for additional programming is now being accepted please see the Recreation Facilities Manager at your nearest Regional Recreation Complex.



FIBER OPTIC UTILITY EASEMENT WORK

Please be advised that fiber optic utility easement work will be taking place in Village Community Development District No. 7 over the coming weeks and months.

The location of utility easements varies throughout the community, and work may be conducted in closer proximity to some residences compared to others.

Residents in affected areas will receive door hangers with additional information approximately 60 days before work begins in their specific location.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work, please contact the telephone number provided on the door hanger: 1-888-705-4339.

District Staff will be closely monitoring the project to ensure any impacts to District infrastructure are minimized and properly addressed.

The utility provider has furnished the following estimated completion dates (ECD) for work in each affected area:

Street Location	Estimated Completion Date
1140 Eureka Mill Run, The Villages	ECD 7/25/24
1109 Nash Loop, The Villages	ECD 7/24/24
862 Bartlet Lane, The Villages	ECD 8/26/24
707 Chapman Loop, The Villages	ECD 9/25/24
1178 James Island Street, The Villages	ECD 10/22/24
2403 St George Avenue, The Villages	ECD 10/24/24
1029 Nash Loop, The Villages	ECD 9/11/24

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

Current Open Positions

* Part time position

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Outside Staff Tierra Del Sol Golf *
- Cleaner Glenview Golf *
- Range Associate Sarasota Golf Practice Center *
- Golf Shop Sales Associate Palmer *
- Golf Shop Sales Associate Evans Prairie *
- Golf Shop Sales Associate -Hacienda Hills *

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Supervisor DPM Infrastructure
- Senior Construction Manager
- Assistant Director

DITRICT CLERK

Deputy District Clerk

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Firefighter EMT
- Firefighter Paramedic
- Single Cert Paramedic FF Trainee
- Single Cert EMT FF Trainee

EXECUTIVE GOLF

 Supervisor Executive Golf-Maintenance

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 Service



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