The Villages® Community Development Districts

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

July 3 , 2024



THE PARTY



The District Customer Service Centers and all District Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day. Regular hours of operation will resume on Friday, July 5, 2024.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call District Customer Service at 352-753-4508.

WILDOOD HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA CELEBRATION



Wildwood's annual Happy Birthday America event will take place **Wednesday, July 3, 2024**, on the grounds of the Wildwood Community Center, 6500 Powell Road. Festivities kick off at 5:00 p.m. with vendors, food trucks, games, activities, and entertainment, including live music by Clark Barrios. A professional fireworks show tops off the night at 9:00 p.m. Learn more, **here**!

JULY 4TH HOURS & CLOSURES

CLOSED

Recreation Offices

Fit Clubs

Recreation Services Representative Available (8:30AM - 12PM at La Hacienda, Lake Miona, Eisenhower, Rohan, & Everglades ONLY) OPEN

Recreation Centers (until 9PM, except for Pools - which will remain open until Dusk)

Outdoor Facilities Boat Tours Dog Parks Indoor Activities end at 6PM

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FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks. They glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages!

2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.

3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!

4. Red, white, and blue silly string is fun for all ages.

5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.

6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake!





• More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.

• Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.

• Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.

• Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.

• Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

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HOLIDAY SANITATION



Village Community Development Districts 1 – 11

If you live in Village Community Development Districts 1 – 11 located in Sumter County, Marion County or Fruitland Park portions of The Villages, there will be normal residential sanitation collection on Thursday, July 4, 2024.

Village Community Development District 12 and the Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney

If you live in Village Community Development District 12 or the Village of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney, there will be normal residential sanitation collection for the week.

Village Community Development District 13 (excluding the Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney) and District 14

If you live in Village Community Development District 13 (excluding Village of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney) and District 14, there will be no residential collection on Thursday, July 4, 2024. The next collection date will be on Monday, July 8, 2024.

If you live in the **Town of Lady Lake portion of The Villages**, there will be no residential sanitation collection on Thursday, July 4, 2024. The next collection date will be on Monday, July 8, 2024.

If you live in the **Lake County portion of The Villages** (not including VCDD Nos. 11 or 14), there will be no sanitation collection on Thursday, July 4, 2024. Collection will occur on Friday, July 5, 2024 and all remaining collection days for the week will be moved to the next day.

If you live in the **Middleton Community Development District**, there will be no sanitation schedule change due to the holiday.



WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

In our continued commitment to improving the quality of life and maintaining the utility infrastructure within The Villages, the Village Center Community Development District will initiate a Water Service Line Replacement Program in the Villages Center Service Area (VCSA).

Beginning July 15, 2024, District Contractor RCM Utilities, LLC., will begin replacing the water service connections in the Patio Villas in District 1 of The Villages. The project is expected to take 8-10 weeks.

The potable water system in VCSA is aging, and the project's purpose is to replace service lines, significantly reducing the future potential for leaks. Water service lines bringing water from the water main to household water meters will be replaced as part of this project. During construction, water outages may occur at different times, depending on which area workers are concentrating on. No resident will be without water service during overnight hours. This upgrade to the water system will enhance reliability and service.

During construction, the homeowner's water service will be off for no more than eight hours. Homeowners will be given 24-hour notice of when their service will be impacted by way of a door hanger placed on their door. If required, boil water notices will be sent to residents which will be in effect for a 2-day testing period.

The safety of our residents and construction personnel is of utmost importance. We ask that everyone abide by all barricades and warning signs to avoid the active construction areas for anything other than access to your property.

We understand that as a homeowner you may have questions concerning the replacement process and may wish to speak with someone. An optional, informational "tailgating" discussion will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2024, at 9 a.m. at the Rio Grande Postal Station to discuss the project.** Please contact Karen White, District Utilities Operations, at 352-753-4022 for more information or refer to the district website at www.districtgov.org. The Villages® Community Development Districts Finance

BOND PAYMENTS



If you are interested in paying off your Bond in full, our next Bond Cut-Off date is Tuesday, July 16, 2024. If the Bond is paid off in full by 5:00 pm on July 16th, the bond assessment will no longer appear on your annual County Property Tax bill. This option allows you to avoid future interest payments on your Bond.

Please call the Bond Team at 352-751-3900 for the payoff amount and instructions on how to submit your check. Payments can be placed in the District Drop Boxes located at each Postal Station (up until July 11th) and the District Drop Box located outside our main office (until 5pm on July 16th.) Please call to schedule an appointment prior to visiting the office. If mailing your payment, allow enough time for it to reach us by the 16th.

Please remember that even when the Bond is paid in full, there will continue to be an annual Maintenance assessment on your County property tax bill which pays for ongoing costs to maintain the infrastructure of your District.

You are not required to pay off your Bond in advance. You can continue to pay the Bond through the annual assessment on your County Property Tax bill.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bond Team at bonds@districtgov.org or 352-751-3900.



CLOSURES & RE-OPENINGS

Amberwood and Chula Vista Executive Courses

The Amberwood and Chula Vista Executive Golf Courses will be closed until year-end 2024, weather permitting, as part of an approved capital improvement project for new greens, fairways, bunker sand, and updated landscaping.

Pelican and Pimlico Executive Course

Pelican and Pimlico Executive courses are undergoing a full renovation including new greens, tees, fairways, bunker sand and course enhancements with a tentative re-opening at the start of 2025.

Truman and Roosevelt Executive Courses

Truman and Roosevelt Executive Golf courses are closed until mid-July 2024 weather permitting, for rest and rehabilitation.

Hawkes Bay and Turtle Mound Executive Courses

Hawkes Bay and Turtle Mound Executive courses are closed for aerification.



Find the most up-to-date information regarding Executive Golf Course closures on the **Executive Golf page**, listed on the Executive Golf Conditions form. *Updated weekly

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SHALLOW CREEK CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF CLUB Grand Opening



The Villages' 14th championship course at Shallow Creek Golf Club, opened its greens to the public on Sunday, June 30th. The highly anticipated course located south of State Road 44 promised and delivered a new look and feel. Open to resident play, it will also serve as



the new home of the Villages High School (VHS) golf teams, with its location just a short drive past The Villages High in the Village of Moultrie Creek.

Make your tee time now at Shallow Creek here!

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FACILITY CLOSURES



- Atlas Canine Recreation Park
 Tuesday, July 16
- Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
 Monday, July 8 Thursday, July 11
- Bradenton Recreation Shuffleboard Courts: resurfacing
 Monday, July 15 Friday, July 26
- Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Monday, July 8- Thursday, July 11
- Brinson Perry Dog Park
 Monday, July 8 Monday, July 29
- Captiva Recreation Billiards Room
 - Wednesday, July 10-Friday, July 12
- Coconut Cove Recreation Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
 Thursday, July 12
- Colony Cottage Recreation Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities, and Sports Pool
 - Wednesday, July 10
- Eisenhower Recreation Platform Tennis Courts: court relocation & resurfacing

• Closed until further notice

- Hibiscus Recreation Family Pool
 Monday, July 15
- La Hacienda Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts: fence maintenance
 Tuesday, May 28 Friday, July 5
- Laurel Manor Recreation Parking Lot
- Monday, July 8 Saturday, July 13
 Paradise Dog Park: sod installation
- Monday, June 17 Sunday, July 7
- Rohan Recreation Pickleball Court Pod A
 - Closed until further notice
- Rohan Recreation Platform Tennis Courts
 Closed until further notice
- Savannah Recreation Sports Pool: full renovation
 Monday, March 18, until further notice
- Silver Lake Recreation Tennis Courts: fence repair and replacement
 Monday, June 10 Monday, July 8
- Tall Trees Neighborhood Recreation Area Parking Lot
 Sunday, June 30 Wednesday, July 3
- Tierra Del Sol Recreation Tennis Courts: fence replacement
 Monday, July 9 Tuesday, July 23
- Truman Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 Friday, July 19





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A school supply drive is an easy way to have a profound impact on students and their learning experience. Make school a better place for both students and teachers by the simple act of providing school supplies.



The Recreation & Parks Weather Policy is in place to provide consistent and uniform guidelines for creating awareness and quidance staff and participants to regarding inclement weather that may impact the health, safety, and well-being of staff, volunteers, participants, and facilities. Due to outside temperatures with a heat index of 104 degrees or higher we recommend outdoor activities be postponed until the heat index falls.

To review the complete Weather Policy, click **here**.

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Kick off National Parks & Recreation Month with a special social!



This month we are celebrating how the Recreation & Parks department fosters a sense of belonging in The Villages community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services, and safe accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

Registration is required. Register online at DistrictGov.org or any At Your Service location.



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Intro to Outdoor Fitness

Mulberry Grove/La Hacienda/Lake Miona/Rohan | 9AM Come and learn how to utilize and enjoy our new outdoor fitness equipment. A tutorial for each item will be discussed and demonstrated by recreation staff.

FRI 5

The Villages Health

 Lake Miona | 9AM
 "Living Well for Better Brain Health." Speaker will be Kari Walker with The Villages Health.

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Bone Builders

Eisenhower | 9AM Led by group leader Lynas Wheeler, participants lift light hand weights to improve bone and muscle strength, while also working to better their balance.

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Touch Tennis

First Responders | 9AM Come and learn to play touch tennis. It is played on the platform tennis courts. The lesson will cover rules of the game, court etiquette, and scoring.

FRI 19

Fishing Presentation & Demonstration

Lake Okahumpka | 9AM Come hear a presentation by Jamie Folwer on fresh water fishing and see a demonstration on the patio at Lake Okahumpka by members of the Freshwater Fishing Club.

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The Villages Health

 Savannah | 9AM "Mindful Eating in the Nutrition Realm." Speaker will be Kristen Hubbard with the Villages Health.

FRI 26

Bean Bag Baseball

First Responders | 2PM Bean Bag Baseball is a fun indoor game that everyone loves! Come learn how to play or brush up on your skills. All are welcome!



Disc Golf

First Responders | 9AM Come out and learn how to play a fun, new sport to The Villages! Join the Disc Golf Club in learning more about how to play this enjoyable game.

All activities are free. Please bring your original hard copy Resident ID to all activities.



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Monday, JULY 8th, 2024 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Mulberry Grove Recreation Center

Don Deakin

This month's meeting will be hosted by Don Deakin, who has been involved with government in The Villages for over 20 years.

Seven (7) years ago, on May 1, 2017, Don started hosting Q&A Meetings at the Mulberry Grove Recreation Center at night in order to improve communications between local government & the residents.

Although most of us are retired, our active schedules make it difficult for some residents to attend District Board meetings during the day; so, the Q&A meetings are held in the evenings, starting at 7:00 pm. Arrive when you can and depart when you need to.

These Q&A meetings provide an informal setting with no agenda, no speaking time limits, no microphones, but may sometimes include scheduled guest speakers.

The purpose of Q&A meetings is to provide residents with opportunities to ask questions, get answers, share their concerns, offer suggestions, and address rumors.

Q&A meetings are open to the public. A variety of topics will be on the table, including but not limited to:

- District 4
- Amenity Authority Committee (AAC)
- The Villages
- Marion County

Because residents choose the topics, each Q&A meeting will be different. The discussions are informative and often entertaining.

So, plan on coming, and bring your family and neighbors with you. (And, come prepared to make new friends.)

"I hope to see you there and look forward to meeting you, if we haven't already." said Supervisor Deakin.

For more information: Call Supervisor Don Deakin at (352) 445-0181; or send an Email to DRDeakin@aol.com



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
971 Joiner Place, The Villages	In progress, ECD 6/14
839 Aberdeen Run, The Villages	Pending locates, ECD 6/26
1140 Eureka Mill Run, The Villages	ECD 7/25
1109 Nash Loop, The Villages	ECD 8/174
862 Bartlet Lane, The Villages	ECD 8/21
707 Chapman Loop, The Villages	ECD 9/25
1178 James Island Street, The Villages	ECD 10/22
2403 St George Avenue, The Villages	ECD 10/24
1029 Nash Loop, The Villages	ECD 11/15

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Current Open Positions

* Part time position

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Cleaner Tierra Del Sol Golfing *
- Outside Staff Hammock *
- Outside Staff Arnold Palmer *
- Pool Clerk Orange Blossom Hills *
- Outside Staff Evans Prairie *
- Outside Staff Mallory Hill *
- Golf Staff Lead Bonifay Golf *
- Outside Staff Glenview *
- Cleaner Glenview Golf*

RECREATION & PARKS

- Recreation Assistant*
- Recreation Assistant Fitness*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Firefighter EMT
- Firefighter Paramedic

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Customer & Admin. Support Representative.
- Staff Assistant- Customer Service



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