

Florida Preparedness Month is observed each September by the State of Florida and Florida Division of Emergency Management in conjunction with FEMA National Preparedness Month to increase awareness for the historical peak of Atlantic Hurricane Season.

MAKE A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN



Create a list of important contacts (family, friends, doctors, etc...) & store them in a waterproof container of secrue digital space for easy access.



Develop a family meeting place in the event of a separation



Consider needs of children, pets & seniors in disaster plans and update the plan annually



Have kids make an emergency backpack:

- Clothes
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- · Comfort items
- Portable Charger for devices



Include items for pets:

- Medications
- Vet paperwork
- Collars & ID Tags
- Sturdy leashes/carriers
- Favorite toys
- Pet Food



Remember for seniors:

- Medications
- Eyeglasses
- Medical equipment & extra batteries
- Medical ID bracelet
- Insurance cards
- Doctor and relative contact information

MAKE A PLAN AT FLORIDADISASTER.ORG/PLANPREPARE/



CLOSURES & RE-OPENINGS



Amberwood and Chula Vista

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

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

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



Mangrove, Palmetto, and Turtlemound

Mangrove, Palmetto, and Turtlemound Executive courses are closed for oversaturated conditions due to running water to lower basins and continued rain accumulation.



Oakleigh

Oakleigh Executive course is closed for infrastructure pipe repair.

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



UNDERSTANDING MS4

What does MS4 stand for and how does it relate to the Villages?

MS4 is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets and underground pipes, designed to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers. It's called a separate system because it's not connected to the sanitary sewer system which drains wastewater from inside a home to one of our wastewater treatment plants within the Villages. The Villages has jurisdiction over the management and discharge of stormwater. Stormwater is runoff. surface runoff and drainage.

Stormwater that is collected throughout the Villages is sent (via stormwater conveyance systems) to basins, ponds, and, in some cases, eventually, larger bodies of water. Captured stormwater is also utilized as an alternative water source for irrigation purposes, which minimizes the need to utilize water from the Floridan aguifer. To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed dumped into MS4s, the District is required to obtain National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and develop a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) that must include pollution

prevention measures, treatment or removal techniques, monitoring, use authority, and legal appropriate measures to control the quality of stormwater discharged to the storm drains. The SWMP describes the stormwater control practices that will be implemented consistent with permit requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants from the stormwater system. Of course, some water, such as rainwater or irrigation water, can naturally absorb into the ground and end up in the Floridan aquifer. However, the goal of the program is to eliminate pollutants from entering the stormwater system and ultimately entering our aquifer system, which is where the water we drink comes from.

Every SWMP includes focus areas that the Environmental Protection Agency considers essential for success, called Minimum Control Measures or "MCMs: Because stormwater originates from everywhere within the Villages. increasing public stormwater awareness is considered verv important. To achieve this goal, the District has developed communitywide educational events and information designed to inform residents about what stormwater is.



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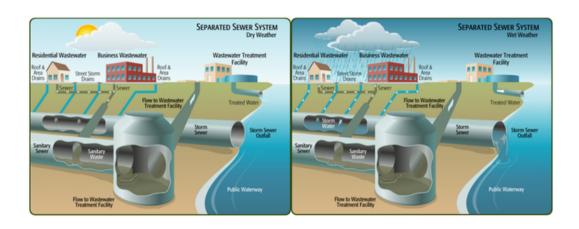
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why it requires management, and things they can do to make a difference. One such event is the annual "Water Matters" event held in conjunction with Earth Day each year. Involving our residents in stormwaterrelated activities is important. These programs are designed to educate and provide awareness on how to improve stormwater at home, work and across the Villages. Keeping pollutants out of the separate storm sewer systems is critical. This happens when things other than stormwater get dumped into a storm sewer inlet. Examples of illicit substances include septic tank drainage, laundry wash water, paint, automobile oil, grease from restaurant grease traps, and sanitary waste among other things.

Poorly managed construction sites can be a major source of polluted

stormwater so MS4s are required to reduce this risk. Activities include procedures to make sure erosion and sediment control practices installed correctly and maintained as long as needed. We also work to reduce stormwater pollution from streets, parking lots, buildings and other facilities owned by the District, includina the maintenance. inspection and upkeep of the stormwater system.

Understanding how these systems work provides a better understanding of where our stormwater goes and how illicit dumping (such as oil spills, construction debris, etc.) could greatly affect our waterways. With just a basic understanding of the importance of these systems, each of us can help to improve the environment in which we live.



You're Invited

Join us as we celebrate



Wed, October 2nd | 9–10am Eisenhower Recreation



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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 were mailed a notice 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.



FACILITY CLOSURES

- Allamanda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Wednesday, September 18
- Bacall Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Wednesday, September 11
- Captiva Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Friday, September 6
- Charlotte Neighborhood Recreation Area parking lot seal and strip
 - Monday, September 9 Thursday, September 12
- Chatham Recreation Secretariat Room- wallpaper
 - Tuesday, September 24 Friday, September 27
- Chitty Chatty Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool
 - Monday, September 16 Thursday, September 19
- Chula Vista Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence replacement
 - Monday, August 5 Saturday, September 7
- Eisenhower Recreation Platform Tennis Courts court relocation & resurfacing
 - Closed until further notice
- Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Monday, September 9
- La Belle Neighborhood Recreation Area- parking lot seal and stripe
 - Monday, September 9 Thursday, September 12
- La Hacienda Recreation Indoor Facilities, theatre flooring-billiards carpet and windows
 - Sunday, August 25 Saturday, September 7
- La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool, painting, touch-ups to pool
 - Thursday, September 5 Friday, September 6
- Odell Recreation Family Pool
 - Closed until further notice
- Osceola Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area- parking lot seal and stripe
 - Monday, September 9 Thursday, September 12
- Paradise Recreation Dog Park
 - Monday, September 23 Friday, September 27
- Paradise Archery Range-painting & quarterly maintenance
 - Tuesday, September 24 Wednesday, September 25



- Paradise Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool
 - Wednesday, September 25
- Saddlebrook Recreation Silver Oaks Room, wainscoting replacement
 - Monday, September 16 Friday, September 20
- Sanibel Neighborhood Recreation Area- parking lot seal and stripe
 - Monday, September 9 Thursday, September 12
- SeaBreeze Recreation Ponte Vedra Theatre Room
 - Monday, September 9 Friday, September 13
- Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve
 - Closed until further notice
- Southside Recreation Indoor Facilities and Adult Pool-painting
 - Monday, September 9 Tuesday, September 10
- Springdale Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool- parking lot seal and stripe
 - Monday, September 9 Thursday, September 12
- Sterling Heights Recreation Shuffleboard Courts
 - Closed until further notice



Save The Hate







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

UPDATES FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNMENT





Bond Cut-Off Date:

September 16, 2024

As a homeowner in the Villages, you have the option to:

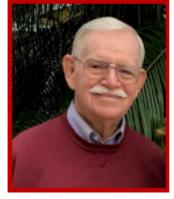
(1) Pay off your Bond over time through the annual assessment on your County Property Tax bill, or (2) pay off your Bond principal balance in full at any time.

If you are thinking about paying off your Bond in full, contact our office at 352-751-3900 to obtain the payoff amount and instructions on how to submit your payment. If we receive your check by Monday, September 16, 2024, you will save all the interest for the year. Since we are past the July cut-off date, you will still have one last Bond assessment due as part of your November 2024 tax bill.

Bond payoff checks can be placed in the District Drop Boxes located at each Postal Station (up until September 12th) or the District Drop Box located outside the main office (until 5pm on September 16th.) Please call to schedule an appointment prior to visiting the office.

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 covers ongoing costs to maintain the infrastructure of your District.







The Q&A Meeting

Monday, <u>SEPTEMBER 9th</u>, 2024 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Mulberry Grove Recreation Center

This month's meeting will be hosted by Supervisor Don Deakin, who has been involved with government in The Villages for over 20 years, first as a resident and then as a representative.

Over 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 government 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," says Don.

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

The purpose of the 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:

- Resident questions in 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 friends 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 Don.

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



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CURENT OPEN POSITIONS

* Part time position

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Outside Staff-Belle Glade
- Outside Staff-Palmer*

RECREATION & PARKS

Recreation Assistant-PT*

FINANCE

- Staff Accountant II Safety General Ledger
- Staff Accountant I

COMMUNITY WATCH

• Dispatcher Sub. PT 8 hr. shifts (8AM-4PM & 8PM-4AM)



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