



**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts

## **DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**April 17, 2025**



# District Customer Service Centers

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**Please visit one of our customer service centers for assistance with:**

Issuance of Villages Resident ID Cards, Issuance of Gate Access Cards, Guest ID & Trail Fee Services, Information about District departments and programs, & much more!



## **DISTRICT CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER**

3571 Kiessel Road

at Brownwood Paddock Square

*\*Entrance is on Parking Lot side facing Kiessel Road*



## **LAKE SUMTER SATELLITE OFFICE**

1030 Lake Sumter Landing Suite A

at Lake Sumter Landing

Market Square

*The North Satellite Office is temporarily closed for renovations through July.  
For the latest information on District closures, please visit [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org).*

**For More Information: [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) | 352-753-4508**

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

17TH ANNUAL



# Hurricane Expo

**FRIDAY, MAY 2 | 10AM – 2PM**

Savannah Recreation | 1545 Buena Vista Blvd.



- Join government agencies and local businesses to learn how to prepare for a storm and how to obtain recovery assistance if a hurricane hits close to home.
- Sign language interpreter available.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bring your Weather Radio for programing at The Villages Public Safety Department and Sumter County Emergency Management Tables
- Blood Drive is being provided by Oneblood
- WVLG am Radio Broadcasting from Savannah Recreation

In lieu of admission fee, please bring nonperishable food for the following local food banks:

- Wildwood Soup Kitchen
- Christian Food Pantry
- Salvation Army/Lake County

A food truck will be on-site, serving up delicious dishes available for purchase!

## DISASTER SUPPLY KIT INFORMATION

How and what to pack for you and your pets.

## SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION

Where and how to apply. Help your local Emergency Management Division help you.

## MANAGING HEALTH ISSUES

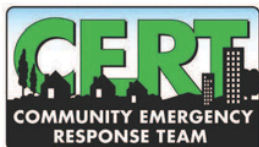
If disaster threatens: what you need to know and how to prepare.

## GIVEAWAYS

Enter to win one of ten Midland Weather Radios or a gift basket at The Villages Public Safety Department table.

## INSURANCE

Are you covered? Hurricane season begins June 1.



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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

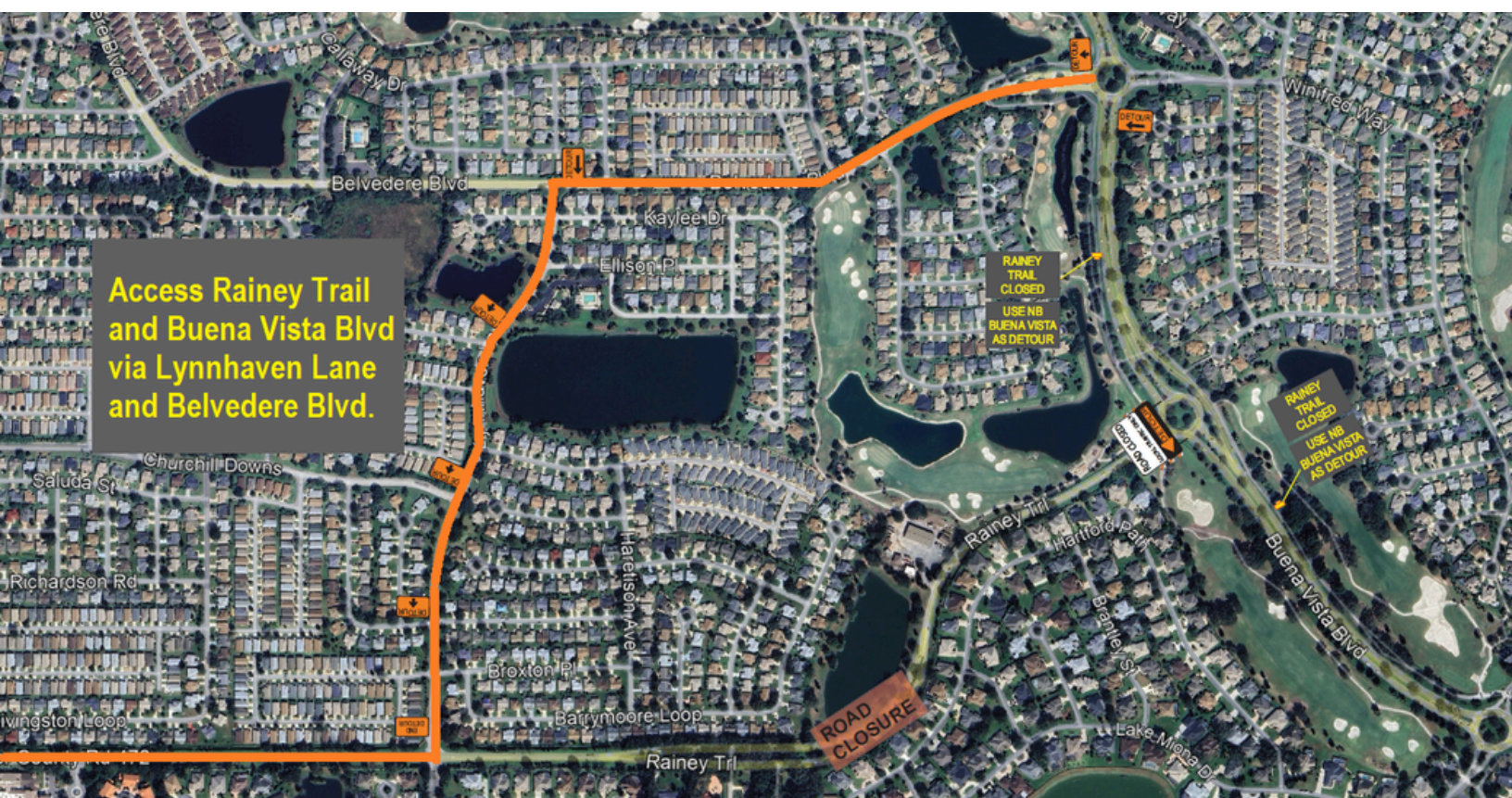
Please be advised that the westbound lane of Rainey Trail at Buena Vista Boulevard will be closed for stormwater system maintenance starting at 8 AM on Thursday, April 24, 2025, and is expected to reopen by approximately 5 PM on Saturday, April 26, 2025. This schedule is subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

The eastbound lane will remain open throughout the project, allowing traffic to enter Buena Vista Boulevard from Rainey Trail as usual. However, this closure will necessitate a detour for vehicles exiting Buena Vista onto Rainey Trail.

## Detour Information:

**Exiting Buena Vista to Rainey:** Exit instead onto Belvedere Boulevard. Turn left onto Lynnhaven Lane. Turn right onto Rainey Trail and proceed.

**Entering Buena Vista from Rainey:** Proceed as usual. The eastbound lane will remain open.



District Property Management (DPM) appreciates your patience and understanding as we perform the required stormwater system maintenance. For more information, please call DPM at 352-753-4022 or visit [DistrictGov.org/Happening](https://DistrictGov.org/Happening) for updates.



# Update from the City of Wildwood

## Wildwood Completes Asphalt Rejuvenation Ahead of Schedule

City of Wildwood officials have announced the completion of asphalt rejuvenation for the current fiscal year. Despite weather and equipment delays, the city's contractor completed the work ahead of schedule and within budget.

The largest project of its kind in Wildwood's history, this round of treatment encompassed approximately 868,000 square yards of asphalt, with a contract price of approximately \$1 million.

"Several years ago, we implemented a pavement management plan that incorporates measurable data to determine the optimal timing and treatment for each city-maintained roadway," said Public Works Director Jeremy Hockenbury. "With more than 150 centerline miles of pavement under our jurisdiction, and more being added every year, we needed a scientific approach that would maximize the taxpayers' investment in our infrastructure. The system we adopted is already paying off and we expect that to continue long into the future as these roads age."

Emphasizing quality as well as longevity, the city set a goal of maintaining an average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) network rating of 82 based on a standardized scale of 0 (worst) to 100 (best or new). Each road segment is monitored, with its condition carefully analyzed by both city staff and engineers to provide quantifiable information fed into a specialized algorithm.

That algorithm determines the appropriate management steps for each segment. Treatments include not only traditional mill and overlay, full-depth reclamation, and micro surfacing, but also newer maltene replacement and photo catalytic technologies. Each offers advantages for specific situations.

"The quality of our streets is one of the things that sets Wildwood apart," said City Manager Jason McHugh. "We have taken a much more proactive approach to maintaining the quality of our pavement than many other communities, and I believe that is among the factors making Wildwood such an attractive landing spot for the thousands of people moving to this region every year."

While rejuvenation treatments have concluded for FY 2025, Hockenbury assures residents that his team is not neglecting other streets within its jurisdiction.

"Our plan is comprehensive," he said. "We budget every year to perform this type of maintenance and will be starting another round of treatments in the fiscal year that begins in October. Meanwhile, we have other road projects underway and always respond to issues that require immediate attention. I ask every resident to report problems to us as soon as possible so we can rectify them before they get worse."

The public can report street concerns by phone at 352-330-1343 during business hours or via the city's web form, <https://www.wildwood-fl.gov/publicworks/webform/report-complaint>, at any time.



### Sumter County Temporarily Closes Disc Golf Course at Lake Okahumpka Park to Prepare for Expansion

Sumter County, FL – From Wednesday, April 16, 2025, to Friday, May 23, 2025, the disc golf course at Lake Okahumpka Park, located at 6085 E. SR 44 in Wildwood, will be temporarily closed as construction crews work to expand it. As directed by the County, crews plan to expand the existing nine-hole disc golf course into an 18-hole course, improving the overall user experience at the park. Additional course enhancements will include two baskets per hole, new golf tees, and concrete pads.

“The expansion project supports Sumter County’s ongoing commitment to providing the most efficient, effective, and responsive services to our growing community,” said Freddie Fudge, Sumter County’s Facilities and Parks Manager. “We hope the course improvements will encourage residents to get active and make memories at our park.”

Disc golf is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, and Sumter County is proud to be part of that momentum. By investing in an upgraded and expanded disc golf course, we’re not just improving a park, we’re creating a space where more residents can get outside, stay active, and connect with others in a fun, low-cost, and inclusive sport.

It’s a family-friendly, eco-friendly activity that requires minimal gear but delivers maximum fun, making it the perfect way to enjoy the Florida outdoors all year long.

This expansion is more than just extra holes; it’s a step forward in supporting healthier lifestyles, building community, and keeping our parks engaging for all ages.

Rankel Stillwagon Contracting is partnering with the County to complete the course expansion. We will provide updates on this project as it progresses. To view updated messages, please make sure to monitor our website and social media accounts.

We appreciate the community’s patience with us as we work swiftly to complete this project.

[www.sumtercountyfl.gov](http://www.sumtercountyfl.gov)



# Update from Sumter County

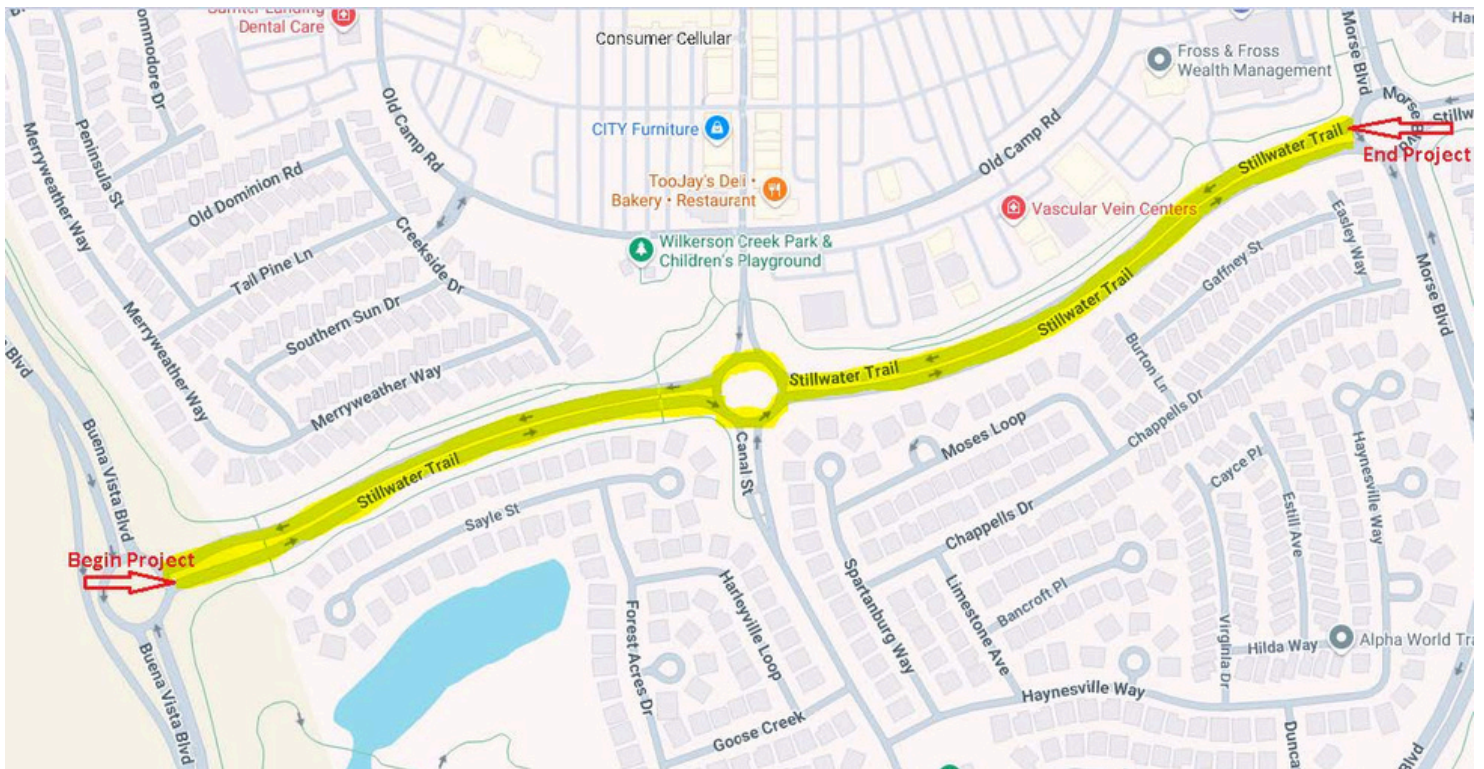
## Stillwater Trail Resurfacing

Sumter County, FL - A resurfacing project on Stillwater Trail, from Buena Vista Boulevard to Morse Boulevard, will begin Tuesday, April 22. The work is expected to be completed within two weeks, weather permitting.

Resurfacing improves road safety, extends pavement life and ensures a smoother, more reliable driving experience.

To reduce traffic disruption, construction will take place overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Partial lane closures will be in effect during those hours. Motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through the area, as heavy equipment and crews will be working close to the roadway.

Sumter County appreciates the community's patience and cooperation during this important infrastructure project. Drivers are asked to follow all posted signage and lane closures to help keep both workers and the traveling public safe.



For updates and more information, visit [sumtercountyfl.gov](http://sumtercountyfl.gov) or follow Sumter County on Facebook at [facebook.com/sumtercountyfl](https://facebook.com/sumtercountyfl)

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## Executive Golf

To ensure the Executive Golf courses are kept in optimal condition. Belmont will be closed due to the refurbishing of the drain spillway, along with installment of a new designed retention wall for proper drainage and resident safety, from April 16-18.

Thanks so much for you cooperation during this time. For information on this project please contact District Property Management at 352-753-4022.

### Executive Course Closures

- **Bacall**- under renovation
- **Bogart**- under renovation
- **De La Vista**- under renovation
- **Pelican**- reopening soon
- **Pimlico**- reopening soon







In efforts to keep the Executive Golf Courses in the best possible conditions the below courses will all be closing for one day each.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. For any further information, please contact District's Executive Golf Maintenance at (352) 674-1885 or [executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org](mailto:executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org).

## Executive Course One Day Closures

- **Chula Vista-** 4/17/2025
- **Sarasota-** 4/17/2025
- **Palmetto-** 4/18/2025
- **Yankee Clipper-** 4/18/2025
- **Sandhill-** 4/21/2025
- **Silver Lake-** 4/21/2025
- **El Diablo-** 4/22/2025
- **Mangrove-** 4/22/2025
- **Tarpon Boil-** 4/22/2025
- **Briarwood-** 4/23/2025
- **Roosevelt-** 4/23/2025
- **Bonita Pass-** 4/24/2025
- **Volusia-** 4/24/2025
- **Churchill Greens-** 4/25/2025
- **Escambia-** 4/25/2025
- **Mira Mesa-** 4/25/2025
- **Oakleigh-** 4/25/2025
- **Southern Star-** 4/25/2025
- **Hill Top-** 4/28/2025
- **Turtle Mound-** 4/28/2025



# Recreation & Parks

## Guest & Resident ID Information

The nationally accredited Villages Recreation and Parks Department manages recreation facilities daily while following the Board-approved Guest & Resident ID policy to ensure proper stewardship of District resources.

## Guest & Resident ID Info

To obtain a Guest ID card(s), apply online at **DistrictGov.org** or in-person at one of the following locations:

- **District Customer Service Center:**  
3571 Kiessel Road
- **North Satellite Office:**  
1200 Avenida Central \*temporarily closed
- **Lake Sumter Satellite Office:**  
1030 Lake Sumter Landing, Suite A
- **At Your Service or At Your Service + Locations:**  
Mon - Fri 8:30AM - 5PM  
Sat & Sun 8:30AM - 12PM\*

Colony Cottage	Laurel Manor
Eisenhower*	Mulberry Grove
Everglades*	Paradise
Ezell +	Rohan*
Fenney +	Savannah
La Hacienda +*	SeaBreeze +
Lake Miona*	

\*Weekend At Your Service Hours are available only at marked locations

Only hardcopy of original IDs are accepted at the recreation centers, swimming pools, outdoor facilities and dog parks.



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Please always carry your original hardcopy Villages ID, or guest ID, and a photo ID and follow all rules and regulations posted in recreation centers.

**District Customer Service  
Office Hours:**

**Mon-Fri  
8AM-5PM**

Inappropriate use and/or falsification of information on guest ID card application will result in loss of guest privileges.  
Due to call volume, internet changes are not accepted over the phone.

**DistrictGov.org | 352-674-1800**  
**RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org**



# Cheer On OUR ATHLETES



COME TO ANY SCHEDULED GAME!  
**APRIL 18 - 27**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [TheVillagesSeniorGames.com](http://TheVillagesSeniorGames.com)  
352-753-1716 | [RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org)

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# Recreation & Parks

## Guest & Resident ID Information

The Speaker Series offers a variety of lectures by professional guest speakers who share their knowledge and experiences with the audience. Next up Tom F. Cruise!



**THE ENRICHMENT Academy**  
Learn & Grow

# Speaker Series

2025

Presenter: Tom F Cruise

**Secret Service:  
Assassinations to Arrests**

**THU | MAY 15 | 6PM**

**Rohan Recreation**



**NOW**

**REGISTER**

- IN PERSON: At Your Service Locations
- ONLINE: [TheEnrichmentAcademy.org](https://TheEnrichmentAcademy.org)

**AT YOUR SERVICE**

  
[TheEnrichmentAcademy@DistrictGov.org](mailto:TheEnrichmentAcademy@DistrictGov.org)

## Courtesy Phones at Recreation Facilities

Courtesy phones are available for use by residents and guests in case of an emergency or to reach a Recreation team member. Courtesy phones are available at all pools and the equipment sheds. The facility name and address are posted on the wall by the courtesy phone. For non-emergency issues you can call Community Watch.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES & Courtesy Phones

AT RECREATION FACILITIES



**IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

- All outside recreation facilities have important 911 information posted in case of an emergency.
- The information provides you with the:
  - **Address** of your location
  - **County** of your location
  - **Phone Number** of your location
- Emergency 911 phones are located at all equipment buildings and pools with important emergency information.
- When visiting any recreation center or swimming pool, please take a moment to locate this important 911 information and the location of 911 emergency phones.



**COURTESY PHONES**

- Courtesy phones are available for use by residents and guests in case of an emergency or to reach a Recreation team member.
- Courtesy phones are available at all pools and equipment sheds with the facility name and address posted on the wall by the phone.
- For non-emergency matters you can call Community Watch at 352-753-0550.





More information: [DistrictGov.org](https://DistrictGov.org) | [RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org) | 352-674-1800





# Dig into

## SAFE PLANTING & FENCING

### 10 TIPS from SUNSHINE 811

AVOID DAMAGE TO BURIED UTILITY LINES

- 1 — 811 BEFORE YOU DIG.**  
Contact 811 two full business days before you dig so underground utilities can be located and marked. It's the law, and damages happen when 811 is not contacted. If working under a prime, get a ticket.
- 2 — LEAVE ROOM FOR ROOTS TO GROW.**  
Know how far plant roots spread. When they run through your dig site, consider moving the plants.
- 3 — PAY ATTENTION TO STUMPS AND ENTANGLED ROOTS.**  
Underground facilities can run beneath stumps. Similarly, roots can become entangled with utility lines – even when originally planted several feet from the lines. Watch for these lines when grinding/removing a stump.
- 4 — AVOID UTILITY BOXES.**  
Plain and simple, do not plant or install fence posts near them.
- 5 — UNDERSTAND DIGGING IN THE TOLERANCE ZONE.**  
The flags and paint used to mark buried facilities show the approximate location of the physical facility, but not the depth. Buried facilities have a tolerance zone that runs 24 inches from a facility's outside edges. When digging in the tolerance zone, you are required to use increased caution to protect and expose underground facilities by hand digging, pot holing, soft digging, vacuum excavation methods, or other similar procedures. Any use of mechanized equipment within the tolerance zone must be supervised by the excavator.
- 6 — CHECK UTILITY RESPONSES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DIG SITE.**  
Once you are in the 811 system for a ticket locate, checking responses becomes the primary way utilities communicate with contractors in real time about job sites, status of locate tickets, if the utility owner wants to be present, and other issues.
- 7 — RECOGNIZE HAND DIGGING CAN DAMAGE BURIED UTILITY LINES.**  
Digging straight down with foot pressure or making sharp jabs will almost certainly cause damage if you hit a buried utility line. Those protective coatings are designed to resist moisture, not sharp objects driven in by workers. In any contest involving steel and plastic, plastic will lose.
- 8 — REACH OUT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CONTACT OR DAMAGE UTILITY LINES.**  
If something doesn't look right, stop and call the utility owner. Stop all excavation in the immediate area that could cause further damage until you receive clearance from the operator. DO NOT attempt to repair, bury, or hide the damage. If there is imminent danger, evacuate the site and call 911.
- 9 — UNDERSTAND HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES.**  
Homeowners should understand the importance of keeping the marks and flags intact and the potential impacts when they are destroyed or moved. Homeowners are also responsible for showing contractors any private facilities they own. Private utilities can be: water/sewer lines and irrigation lines, electrical lines to sheds, landscape lighting and pool pumps, gas lines to a grill, etc.
- 10 — DOCUMENT THE PROPERTY.**  
Take photos before and during digging to document your safe digging procedures.





- **Bradenton Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Friday, May 9
- **Bridgeport Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Monday, May 5
- **Brinson Perry Dog Park, sod installation**
  - Monday, April 7 - Sunday, April 27
- **Canal Street Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence repairs**
  - Monday, March 31 – Sunday, April 20
- **Chatham Recreation Bocce Courts, resurfacing**
  - Monday, April 7 – Monday, April 21
- **Chula Vista Recreation Adult Pool, refurbishment**
  - Monday, December 2 – Sunday, May 4
- **El Santiago Recreation Upper Building, HVAC maintenance**
  - Monday, April 21 - Friday, April 25
- **El Santiago Recreation Craft Room (Hula Lounge), HVAC system maintenance**
  - Monday, March 31 – Monday, April 28
- **Fenney Recreation Nature Trail Boardwalk, flooring repairs**
  - Monday, April 21 – Wednesday, April 23
- **Fernandina Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Wednesday, April 23
- **Gilchrist Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, April 25
- **Hillsborough Recreation Area Adult Pool, building pressure washing**
  - Friday, April 25
- **Hilltop Recreation Area Adult Pool, tile/paver maintenance**
  - Monday, April 21 – Wednesday, April 23
- **Knudson, Soaring Eagle, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen and Everglades Softball Complexes, field maintenance**
  - Sunday, April 20 – Sunday, May 4
- **La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, HVAC replacement**
  - Friday, April 4 – Sunday, July 13
- **La Hacienda Recreation Pickleball, Tennis Courts and Sports Pool**
  - Monday, May 19 – Friday May 23
- **Lake Miona Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - Monday, April 28 – Sunday, May 11
- **Moyer Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, and Family Pool**
  - Thursday, May 1
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool, AC maintenance**
  - Thursday April 24
- **Mulberry Grove Dog Park**
  - Monday, April 21 – Friday, April 25
- **Pimlico Recreation Billiards Hall, table recovering**
  - Wednesday, April 16 - Friday, April 18
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool, pressure washing**
  - Wednesday, April 23, 7am-12pm
- **Silver Lake Recreation Indoor and Outdoor Facilities**
  - Tuesday, April 29
- **Southside Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, April 25

# Join Our Team

Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

## CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Are you looking for employment?

If so, look no further than the  
Villages Community Development District.

All of our current job openings are listed on through our website by  
visiting [www.DistrictGov.org](http://www.DistrictGov.org).

> Contact Us > Careers > See All Openings.

Or [CLICK HERE](#) to view the latest openings

You can contact us Monday-Friday 8a-5p  
with any questions or inquires, at 352-674-1905.



Scan the QR code to apply online or visit  
**DistrictGov.org > Contact Us>Careers**



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