



DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

July 10, 2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

What to expect from Recreation & Parks in the event of a Hurricane

Pre: The Recreation & Parks department manages and oversees an abundance of amenities. To safely prepare for an expected hurricane, the Recreation & Parks department may be required to close 48 hours prior to the storm. This allows the department the much-needed time to appropriately secure the many different areas (pools, courts, parks, etc.).

During: All indoor and outdoor Recreation Facilities, including swimming pools, courts, etc. may be closed for your health, safety and well-being. Indoor and outdoor recreation facilities will remain closed until further notice. In the event of a closure all scheduled events will be cancelled. For your health, safety and well-being please DO NOT ENTER any facility or park vehicles in the parking lots until it has been cleared and opened by The Villages Public Safety Department or other appropriate agency.

Post: All indoor and outdoor Recreation Facilities, including swimming pools, courts, etc. will remain closed to provide ample time for District Staff and contractors to evaluate each facility. For your health, safety and well-being please DO NOT ENTER any facility or park vehicles in the parking lots until it has been cleared and opened by The Villages Public Safety Department or other appropriate agency. Please note timing and opening may vary depending on storm impacts. We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience.

Each storm is different and unique in and of itself. We follow the direction of emergency management personnel and The Villages Public Safety Department.

Stay up to date with the latest information by signing up for our e-notifications.

For additional information, please stay tuned to the District website, Districtgov.org, or contact Recreation Administration at 352-674-1800.



Sports Pool Scheduling and Water Exercise Programs

We understand that recent discussions on social media and in the community may have led to concerns about water exercise programs being limited or removed. We want to assure all residents that there are no plans to reduce or eliminate any current water exercise classes. Instead, what is taking place is a comprehensive review of how our sports pools are being used, with the goal of enhancing access and program variety for all residents.

Over the past several months, staff have been working closely with resident volunteer leaders to assess and review water exercise schedules for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. This process is part of our ongoing commitment to best practices as a Nationally Accredited Recreation and Parks agency. The goal is to ensure safe, consistent, and optimal use of our sports pools for all residents.

Data-Driven Decision Making

Staff are conducting a thorough, data-driven review of how our 12 sports pools are currently being used. This review includes:

- Statistical analysis of past participation numbers
- Input from resident volunteer leaders
- Consideration of how to allow more residents to enjoy the pools safely

Currently, **7 of the 12 sports pools already share space** for different activities, including water aerobics, lap swimming, and water walking, with **20 shared sessions per week**. This model has successfully managed both safety and noise levels, while increasing opportunities for different types of pool users.

Exploring Flexible and Inclusive Options

Several ideas are being considered to improve the pool schedule while maintaining the quality of existing water exercise programs:

- Using the **entire pool for water aerobics** when participation numbers support it
- Allocating **two-thirds of the pool** for water aerobics with lane ropes in place (but unused) and no other programming in the remaining area.
- **Sharing lane-rope areas** for other water-based programs, such as water walking or lap swimming, when space and safety allow

We are also looking at expanding our program offerings to include additional activities such as water volleyball, lap swimming, and future water-based fitness classes, depending on demand and pool availability.

Enhancing the Experience

As always, we are committed to improving the quality of your recreational experience. For example, to better support our water aerobics instructors, we've invested in wireless, waterproof microphones, improving sound clarity and instruction in active environments.

A Collaborative Approach

We want to reassure all residents that no final decisions will be made without thorough discussion and input from our volunteer leaders and community members. Staff is working hard to ensure fairness, consistency, and an enhanced experience across all facilities.

Our goal is to ensure that the sports pools serve all members of the community—**today, tomorrow, and into the future**. Through thoughtful planning and open communication, we are confident that this collaborative approach will lead to a better, more inclusive pool schedule — one that serves the needs of today's residents and future generations.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Recreation and Parks Department directly. Your feedback helps shape the future of our community programs.

Local Student Earns Top Honors for Innovative Turf Grass Fertilizer Research

The Villages Community Development District (VCDD) is proud to recognize Sarah Colley, a tenth-grade student at The Villages High School, for her outstanding achievement in agricultural science. Sarah earned the top award in the Division 3 Plant Systems category at the 2025 Florida State FFA Agriscience Fair, showcasing an innovative approach to turf grass fertilization with potential benefits for both the environment and local golf course maintenance.

Sarah's award-winning research centers around the use of Biochar—a heat-processed biosolid material derived from wastewater treatment facilities—as an alternative fertilizer for turf grass. Her project explores how Biochar could reduce the cost of biosolid disposal while also decreasing reliance on commercial fertilizers currently used on golf courses throughout The Villages, and country.

The idea for this unique research originated from Sarah's participation in the Jacobs Engineering Innovation Summit in November 2024. There, she was introduced to the challenges of biosolid disposal and the emerging technology of Biochar production. Inspired, Sarah embarked on a year-long experimental study, growing turf grass from seed in her garage and monitoring plant health and growth using advanced digital image analysis techniques.

Her work has already garnered attention and accolades at regional science fairs, leading her to success at the state level and qualification for upcoming international science competitions.



Sarah's commitment to research and innovation is ongoing. She is currently expanding her work through a partnership with The Villages Community Development Districts and the Villages Executive Golf Maintenance Team. This continued collaboration will form the foundation for her 2026 science fair and FFA competitions, as she refines her methods and explores Biochar's long-term effects on turf quality and environmental impact.

As a result of her achievements, Sarah will represent Florida at the 2025 National FFA Convention in October, competing in the National FFA Agriscience Fair. The Villages CDD congratulates Sarah Colley on her exceptional work and looks forward to seeing how her research continues to grow—much like the turf she's helping to improve.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNMENT

CDD ORIENTATION

CDD Orientation is an informational program that provides you with an introduction to your local special-purpose District government. During this course, you will learn about how the District operates and what functions and services each department provides for you.

No sign-ups or fees are required. This program is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the District office located at 3571 Kiessel Road.

UPCOMING DATES

TUESDAY

JULY 15 | 10 AM

TUESDAY

AUG. 5 | 10 AM

TUESDAY

AUG. 19 | 10 AM

RESIDENT ACADEMY, SAVE THE DATE - October 21, 2025

Registration opens on July 31st - [MORE INFO](#) or [REGISTER HERE](#)



NOTICES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE



Bond Cut-Off Date : July 18, 2025

If you are interested in paying off your Bond in full, our next Bond Cut-Off date is Friday, July 18, 2025. If the Bond is paid off in full by 5:00pm on July 18th, 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 15th. If you are paying after July 15th, please call our office to schedule an appointment to come in and pay. If mailing your payment, allow enough time for it to reach us by the 18th.

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.

To view details of your Bond, all Bond amortization schedules are available on the District website at www.DistrictGov.org/bonds.

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



The Villages®

Community Development Districts
Executive Golf

To ensure the Executive Golf courses are kept in optimal condition the following courses are under refurbishment. Please note, this scheduled closure may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to weather and materials supply.

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.

Executive Course Closures

Complete Course Renovation

- Bacall
- Bogart
- Bonita Pass
- De La Vista
- Laurel Oaks
- Mangrove
- Palmetto
- Turtle Mound
- Walnut Grove

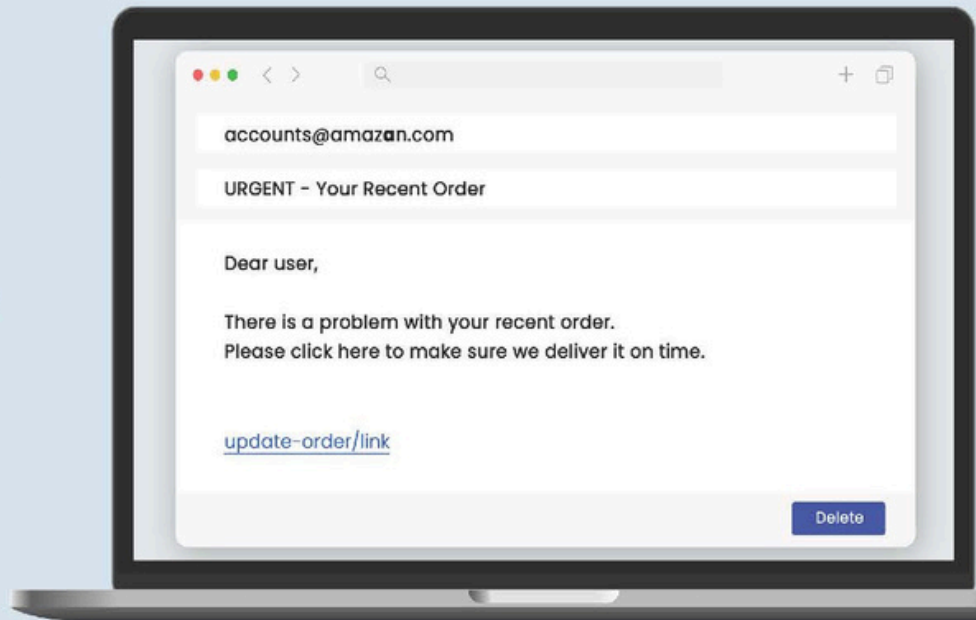


Pelican Ribbon Cutting - July 3, 2025

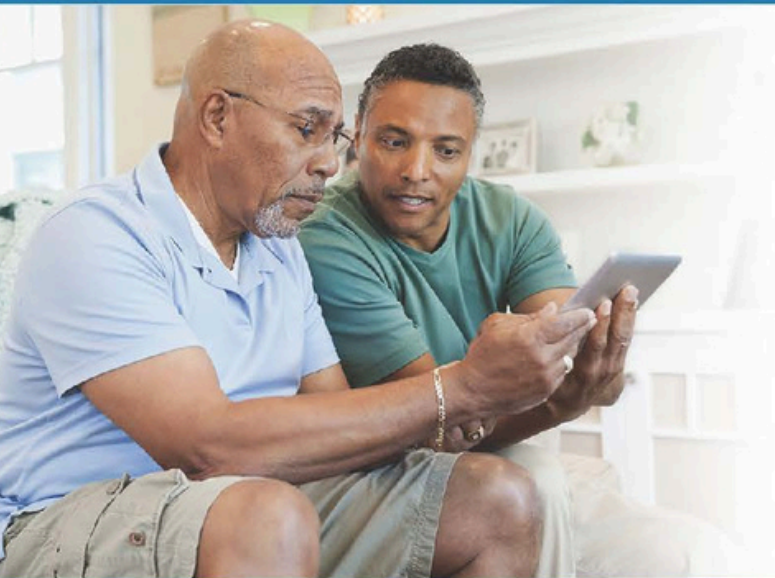
If a message looks suspicious, it's probably phishing.

But even if there's a possibility it could be real, don't click any link, attachment or call any number. Look up another way to contact a company or person directly:

- Go to a company's website to find their contact information
- Call the individual at a known number and confirm whether they sent the message



Avoiding phishing is one way to
Secure Our World.



We can all help one another
stay safer online, so share these tips
with a family member or friend!

cisa.gov/SecureOurWorld

Recreation & Parks

Camp Villages Train Show

Join The Villages Railroad Historical Society for the annual Camp Villages Train Show – Monday, July 14 – Wednesday, July 16 from 9am-4pm each day at Savannah Regional Recreation Center. No registration is required for this free event. Grandparents must accompany their grandchildren.

TRAIN SHOW

Presented by The Villages® Railroad Historical Society

Mon, July 14 - Wed, July 16 | 9AM - 4PM
Savannah Recreation

FREE EVENT

No registration required
(Grandparents must accompany their grandchild)


The Villages
Recreation & Parks



RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org

DistrictGov.org | 352-753-1716

Resident Lifestyle Clubs & Contacts

Looking for a club or activity? Visit [The Villages Recreation & Parks Department](http://TheVillagesRecreation&ParksDepartment.com) website. This is an alpha listing of all the clubs and the contact's name, phone number, email address and website if applicable. To search the list use Control F for the search engine, then type in a keyword. If using an Apple computer use Command F. We encourage you to check with the prospective group about the group's expectations, membership requirements, dues and other fees etc., prior to attending a club or activity.

Interested in starting a Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Group? Our Volunteer Packet makes it simple, with a checklist of easy steps to guide you through the process and introduce your group to the community. Start your journey today by visiting our website and make a lasting impact in The Villages. [Download Packet here.](#)

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Atlas Recreation Dog Park**
 - Monday, August 4 – Friday, August 8
- **Bonita Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, restroom floor replacement**
 - Tuesday, July 22 – Wednesday, July 30
- **Brinson Perry Recreation Dog Park, sod installation**
 - Monday, July 7 – Sunday July 27
- **Buffalo Glen Softball Complex Field 1, outfield renovation**
 - Sunday, June 1 – Sunday, August 31
- **Buttonwood Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 18
- **Chatham Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - Monday, July 7 – Monday, July 21
- **Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool, interior painting and parking lot seal/stripe**
 - Saturday, July 19 – Tuesday, July 29
- **Coconut Cover Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - Wednesday, July 23
- **Churchill Street Recreation, HVAC replacement**
 - Monday, July 7 – Monday, August 11
- **Dudley Recreation Dog Park, sod maintenance**
 - Monday, July 18 – Sunday, August 17
- **Duval Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Monday, July 21
- **Everglades Recreation Sports Pool, paver work**
 - Tuesday, July 22 – Friday, July 25
- **Fernandina Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, refurbishment**
 - Friday, June 27 – Friday, July 18
- **Hadley Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, restroom floor replacement**
 - Tuesday, July 22 – Wednesday, July 30

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park, maintenance and sod replacement**
 - Monday, July 7 – Sunday, July 27
- **La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, HVAC replacement**
 - Friday, April 4 – Until Further Notice
- **Lake Miona Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Friday, July 11, 7am-12pm
- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult**
 - Wednesday, July 23
- **Richmond Recreation Dog Park, sod installation**
 - Monday, June 16 – Monday, July 7
- **Rohan Recreation Theatre Room, installation of hearing loop system**
 - Monday, August 11 – Wednesday, August 13
- **Rupert Recreation Dog Park, sod maintenance**
 - Monday, July 7 – Sunday, July 27
- **Savannah Recreation Indoor Facilities, flooring replacement**
 - Sunday, July 20 – Monday, September 2
- **SeaBreeze Recreation Platform Tennis Courts, repainting**
 - Thursday, July 3 – Tuesday, August 5
- **Spanish Moss Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Monday, July 21, 7am-12pm
- **St. James Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 18
- **Sterling Heights Recreation Billiards Hall, table recovering**
 - Wednesday, July 23 – Friday, July 25
- **Tamarind Grove Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 18
- **Tierra Del Sol Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - Friday, June 27
- **Truman Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - Monday, July 21

What is a Precautionary Boil Water Notice?

A major component of service provided by the District's Utilities Department is the risk assessment involving waterborne contaminants through natural or man-made means. It is our responsibility to provide guidance and assistance to prevent exposure to drinking water contaminants that could present a threat to our resident's health. Water suppliers are required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to notify customers to boil water when conditions exist that may cause the water supply to be vulnerable to the potential for contamination. A Precautionary Boil Water Notice (PBWN) is a form of notification that advises customers to boil tap water used for drinking, cooking, and ice-making until tests verify the water is safe. The determination that the water is safe is a process through which the Utility Operations and Maintenance Contractor sends water samples to a State Certified Water Testing Lab and receives a report back, usually after 48 hours, stating that the water samples meet all federal and state regulations.

The precautionary boil water notice would then be rescinded by notifying all affected residents. An incident that requires a PBWN may include a water, wastewater or irrigation incident that could develop as a result of, but not limited to, a water line break, a problem at a water plant, a new connection to an existing line, a sewer back up, a Wastewater Treatment Plant incident or shutting off the water and turning it back on.

BOIL WATER **Advisory in Effect**



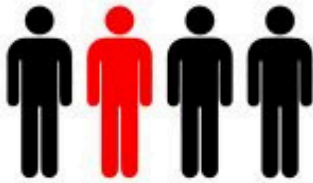
STROKE AWARENESS



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Globally 1 in 4 adults over the age of 25
will have a stroke in their lifetime.

RISKS FACTORS

- High blood pressure
- Smoking
- Obesity
- High cholesterol
- Harmful use of alcohol
- Stress



KEY SIGNS OF STROKE

F

FACE

Facial drooping

A

ARM

One sided
body
weakness

S

SPEECH

Slurred speech

T

TIME

Time to call
999

Recognize stroke symptoms quickly and act FAST.

2 MAJOR TYPES OF STROKE



Ischemic

This happens when a blood vessel supplying the brain is blocked, which can be due to a blood clot forming in the vessel or a clot from another part of the body traveling to the brain.



Haemorrhagic

This occurs when a weakened blood vessel in the brain ruptures and causes bleeding.

TREATMENT OPTIONS

1 Medication

2 Surgery

3 Rehabilitation

- Speech therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy



Good news is
that stroke can
be prevented

Know your risks

Exercising regularly

Live tobacco-free

Manage medical conditions

Take medications as directed

Eating a balanced diet



Don't wait until it's too late. Share this post with your friends and family to raise awareness about stroke prevention and treatment. If you have any questions or concerns, talk to your healthcare provider.

Join Our Team

Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Are you looking for employment?

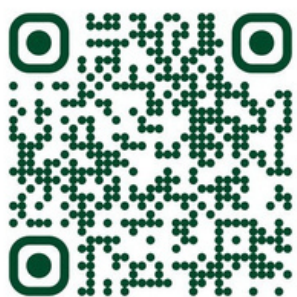
If so, look no further than the
Villages Community Development District.

All of our current job openings are listed on through our website by
visiting www.DistrictGov.org.

> 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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