

# **DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**September 18, 2025** 

# 19th ANNUAL

# **Executive Golf Championship**

# October 7th-8th

# Registration

#### AUGUST 28TH - OCTOBER 2ND

- \$15 per player\*
- Register and pay entry fees at Palmer Legends Golf Shop (352) 753-5300
- Tee times/pairings available on Friday, October 3rd by 5:00pm on GolfTheVillages.com

# **Scoring & Prizes**

- Players submit scorecards to respective starter buildings following each round
- Results will be posted on GolfTheVillages.com
   Available on October 9th by 12:00pm
- Payouts in golf shop credit for awards & contests

# Format & Eligibility

- 36 holes, stroke play
- Players flighted based on results of final gross score total
- Straight tee times format
   Starting at 7:30am, both days
- · Minimum age of 45

Division	1	Tees	-	<b>Day 1</b> Courses	Day 2 Courses
Men		Black	]	Southern Star & Yankee Clipper	Pimlico & Churchill
Ladies	1	Gold	1	Southern Star & Yankee Clipper	Pimlico & Churchill
Super Sr. Men (70+)	1	Gold		Pimlico & Churchill	Southern Star & Yankee Clipper
Super Sr. Ladies (70+)	]	Green	1	Pimlico & Churchill	Southern Star & Yankee Clipper



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# September 18: A Day in History and Notable Observances

September 18 is full of fascinating history, meaningful observances, and fun traditions. It's a chance to look back at milestones that shaped our world, appreciate values like kindness and respect, and maybe even enjoy a cheeseburger with friends and neighbors!

# **National Days to Enjoy:**

- National Cheeseburger Day- A fun tradition to enjoy a classic treat or try a new recipe with friends and neighbors.
- <u>National Respect Day</u>- A perfect reminder to celebrate kindness, understanding, and the value of each person in our community.

A kind word goes a long way!

<u>National Thank a Teacher Day</u>- Take a moment to honor the teachers who
have made a difference in your life or in the lives of your children and
grandchildren.

# **Notable Birthdays:**

- George Read (1733–1798) Founding Father & signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- Samuel Johnson (1709–1784) English author and compiler of one of the first comprehensive English dictionaries.
- Greta Garbo (1905–1990) Iconic actress from Hollywood's Golden Age.
- Johnny Mantz (1918–1972) First winner of the Southern 500 NASCAR race.
- James Marsden (1973–) Actor known for X-Men and The Notebook.

# **Memorable Events in History:**

- 1769 The first spinet piano is built by John Harris, marking a step forward in the world of music and arts.
- 1793 President George Washington lays the first cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol, a symbol of the beginnings of our nation's government.
- 1837 Tiffany & Young opens in New York City (later Tiffany & Co.), bringing elegance and craftsmanship that continues to inspire today.
- 1927 The Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) begins broadcasting, shaping the way millions of people experienced news and entertainment.



# **CROSSWALK SAFETY- A Shared Responsibility**

\*Information verified in partnership with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office



As The Villages continues to grow and thrive, so does the importance of pedestrian safety throughout our community. Whether you're walking to a nearby recreation center, enjoying a scenic stroll, or using a golf car around town, safe and respectful crosswalk behavior is essential for everyone.

### **Why Crosswalk Safety Matters**

Crosswalks are designed to protect pedestrians and improve traffic flow by clearly indicating where walkers have the right of way. In a vibrant, active community like ours, with a mix of pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and golf cars, following crosswalk rules helps prevent accidents and ensures that everyone can move safely through shared spaces.

# **Key Tips for Pedestrians and Drivers:**

For Pedestrians:

- Always use designated crosswalks. Avoid crossing mid-block or between parked vehicles.
- Make eye contact with drivers or golf car operators before stepping into the crosswalk.
- Stay alert don't assume a vehicle or golf car will stop.

# For Drivers and Golf Car Operators:

- Slow down when approaching crosswalks, especially in high-traffic areas.
- Always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Stay off phones and avoid distractions your full attention saves lives.

# **A Community Effort**

Crosswalk safety isn't just about rules - it's about respect. Every resident has a role in keeping The Villages safe and welcoming for all. Whether you're behind the wheel or on foot, taking a moment to be cautious and courteous can make a big difference.

Let's work together to ensure that The Villages remains not only the friendliest hometown, but also one of the safest.



# SANITATION

- All household solid waste and yard waste are picked up twice a week - between 6 am - 5 pm.
- All household waste should be placed in sealed tall kitchen trash bags, or 20–30-gallon trash bags.
   Any color is acceptable except for red, which is used for medical waste.
- All materials can be placed in the same bag, no need to sort.



- The trash bags should be left at the end of your driveway. NO garbage cans are allowed, or they will be disposed of along with the household waste.
- Each bag should weigh no more than 40 pounds.
- Bags must be placed for collection before 6 AM on collection day, or the night before, no earlier than 5 PM.
- Wrap broken glass or sharp objects in newspaper and place them where they are unable to cause an injury.
- Tree limbs and branches should be bundled and tied, and may not exceed 5" in diameter, 5' in length, or exceed 40 pounds.

#### Residents of Districts 1-11:

Sumter Sanitation at 352-748-0109

#### Residents of Districts 12- 15 and Middleton-A:

District Utilities Customer Service at 352-750-0000

#### Residents of the Town of Lady Lake:

Waste Management at 352-787-4476

#### Residents of the unincorporated Lake County Portion of The Villages:

Lake County Solid Waste at 352-343-3776



To maintain the integrity of the Executive Golf Courses and to provide the best play experience possible, the below courses are closed until further notice.

For any further information, please contact District's Executive Golf Maintenance at (352) 674-1885 or <a href="maintenance@districtgov.org">executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org</a>.

## **Executive Course Closures**

#### **Complete Course Renovation**

- Bacall
- Bogart
- Bonita Pass
- De La Vista
- Truman
- Walnut Grove

#### **Bunker Sand Renovation**

- Escambia
- Volusia

#### **Golf Course Rest & Restoration**

- Roosevelt
- Sarasota



Bacall

EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE

# **THURS, SEPT 25**

RIBBON CUTTING 9:00AM
TEE TIMES START AT 10:00AM

#### 2042 Canal Street

You are invited to the ribbon cutting and to play our newly renovated course.

Those who attend the ribbon cutting will receive a commemorative gift!

# See you on the green!

TEE TIMES OPEN ON SEP 18

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# **Recreation & Parks**

## **Resident Closing of Outdoor Facilities**

The Villages Recreation and Parks Department, in partnership with the Community Watch Department, as stewards of Recreation & Parks Facilities within The Villages, are requesting your cooperation when closing outdoor Recreation & Parks Facilities.

The time of dusk fluctuates throughout the year. Dusk is the window of time usually within a 30 minute timespan after sunset. When closing facilities, staff ensures there is adequate lighting to enter, inspect, and allow participants the ability to exit the facilities in a safe manner. Safety is of the utmost importance and we appreciate you taking this into consideration as staff closes the facilities.

The Villages Recreation & Parks and Community Watch team appreciates your support and adherence as we aim to be good stewards of the recreation facilities while ensuring the safety and wellbeing of both staff and residents.

Note: Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 2, 2025.



# **Neighborhood Recreation Area Sports Courts**

Have fun playing bocce, shuffleboard or corn toss at your local neighborhood recreation area. The recreation sports equipment is available inside the pool in the equipment room - please return the equipment after use. Don't know the rules, copies can be found in the equipment room as well.

These areas are open 7:00 a.m. to dusk, enjoy at your own risk and please carry your resident ID or guest ID with a photo ID with you.



# Parks, Trails & Pathways

The Villages Recreation & Parks Department parks, trails and pathways add another dimension to enrich the active and passive lifestyles of all residents and their guests by meeting their existing and future outdoor recreational needs. A full listing of these areas can be found at <a href="https://www.districtgov.org/trails-parks/">https://www.districtgov.org/trails-parks/</a>.

# **Recreation & Parks**

### **Train Expo Show & Sale**

Join The Villages Railroad Historical Society as they present their Fall Train Expo Show & Sale at Savannah this Saturday and Sundy. Start a new hobby or expand your existing collection and view many operating layouts of all gauges of model trains.



# The Villages Dog Parks

For the enjoyment of all residents and their pets, there are nine dog friendly leash-free parks in The Villages. The dog parks consist of two fenced in areas for both large and small dogs to run freely and socialize with other dogs.

Please only utilize the side that best fits your dog. Large Dog Area: Dogs Over 30lbs; Small Dog Area: Dogs up to a max. of 30lbs. For more information including location of the dog parks visit <a href="https://www.districtgov.org/trails-parks/dogs/">https://www.districtgov.org/trails-parks/dogs/</a>.



If you have a lost or found a pet in The Villages, please contact the following local agencies for assistance:

SUMTER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

352-689-4400

TOWN OF LADY LAKE ANIMAL CONTROL

352-751-1530

LAKE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Excludes Town of Lady Lake, includes
City of Fruitland Park

352-343-9688

MARION COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

352-671-8727





# FACILITY CLOSURES

- Allamanda Bocce Courts
  - o Monday, September 15 Friday, September 19
- Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
  - Tuesday, October 7
- Bradenton Recreation Bocce and Shuffleboard Courts, backfill
  - o Monday, September 22
- Captiva Recreation Starfish Room, hearing loop system installation
  - Monday, October 13 Tuesday October 14
- Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
  - o Friday, September 19
- Colony Cottage Recreation Sports Pool, shower door installation
  - o Monday, September 22 Tuesday, September 23
- Colony Cottage Recreation Indoor Facilities and Fit Club, chair cleaning
  - o Friday, September 26
- Eisenhower Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool
  - o Thursday, September 25
- Everglades Recreation Sports Pool
  - o Friday, September 26
- Franklin Recreation Family Pool
  - Wednesday, September 24
- Hadley Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool, tropical treatment
  - Monday, September 22 Sunday, September 28
- Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities, HVAC replacement
  - Monday, September 15 Monday, October 20
- Hibiscus Recreation Bocce Courts
  - Monday, September 22 Friday, September 26
- Hilltop Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, floor maintenance
  - o Monday, September 29 Wednesday, October 1



# FACILITY CLOSURES

- Hillsborough Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool, parking lot mill and overlay
  - o Wednesday, September 24
- Lake Miona Recreation Indoor Facilities, duct cleaning
  - o Monday, September 22 Friday, September 26
- Laurel Manor Recreation Bocce Courts, PVC frame replacement
  - Wednesday, September 24 Friday, October 3
- Moyer Recreation Card Room, wallpaper installation
  - o Monday, September 15 Friday, September 19
- Moyer Recreation Billiards Hall
  - Tuesday, September 23
- Mulberry Grove Recreation Indoor Facilities, flooring replacement
  - o Monday, September 8 Friday, September 19
- Odell Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool\
  - o Friday, September 26
- Paradise Recreation Dog Park
  - o Monday, September 15 Friday, September 19
- Phillips Neighborhood Recreation Area Family Pool, maintenance/cleaning
  - Monday, September 15 Sunday, September 21
- SeaBreeze Recretion Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool
  - o Monday, September 22
- SeaBreeze Recreation Indoor Facilities and Fit Club
  - Tuesday, September 23
- Soulliere Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, maintenance/cleaning
  - o Monday, September 22 Sunday, September 28
- Virginia Trace Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, maintenance/cleaning
  - o Monday, September 22 Monday, September 29

If it's not raining or cloudy, you're safe from lightning. **FACT** 

If you can hear thunder, lightning is nearby. Lightning often strikes over 10 miles from the center of a thunderstorm.

# Lightning WYTHS Shocking FAGTS:

In the event of a lightning strike, the rubber in a car's tires protect occupants from being harmed.

#### FACT

Lightning travels at about 220,000,000 mph and will have exited the body by the time you approach. Check for a pulse and render first aid if possible. Call 911 immediately.

A lightning strike victim carries a charge and should not be touched.

#### FACT

If struck, it is the metal frame of the car that provides protection. The charge travels through the frame and into the ground without harming occupants if they avoid touching anything that conducts a charge.

# PROTECT YOURSELF

Use the 30/30 rule: When you see lightning, count until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles of you and is dangerous. Immediately seek shelter indoors or in a hardtop vehicle and remain until you have not heard thunder for 30 minutes.

# PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY



Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and televisions, to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes.

Surge protection can help prevent damage to your electronics. There are two types of surge protection:



Don't touch concrete surfaces, including those in a basement or garage. Lightning can travel through the metal wires in concrete walls and flooring.



Stay off corded phones and plugged in electronics.



Avoid plumbing and water, including bathing or doing laundry.



Never seek shelter under trees, poles or other tall structures as they are more likely to be struck by lightning.



Point-Of-Use Surge Protection: Protects only the items that are directly plugged into the device from most electrical surges.



"Whole Home" Surge Protection: Located at your main electrical panel or the base of the electric meter, this device provides protection for your entire electrical system.

However, neither type can safeguard against a direct lightning strike. If you live in an area prone to lightning, consider a lightning protection system.



For additional severe weather resources please visit www.esfi.org.





# Foin Ow 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 <a href="www.DistrictGov.org">www.DistrictGov.org</a>

> 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

# Contact Us

**Administration** 

352-751-3939 Email

**Bond Division** 

352-751-3900 Email

**Budget** 

352-674-1920 Email

Community Standards

352-751-3912 <u>Deed Compliance</u> ARC Review

**Community Watch** 

352-753-0550 Email

**Customer Service** 

352-753-4508 Email **District Clerk** 

352-751-3939 Email

**Executive Golf Maintenance** 

352-674-1885 Email

**Finance** 

352-753-0421 Email

Golf & Tennis
Operations

352-753-3396 Email

**Human Resources** 

352-674-1905 Email

District Property Mgmt.

<u>352-753-4022</u> Email **Public Safety** 

352-205-8280 Email

**Purchasing** 

352-751-6700 <u>Email</u>

**Recreation & Parks** 

352-674-1800 Email

Risk Management

352-674-1828 Email

**Utility Billing** 

352-750-0000 <u>Email</u>