

Community Spirit Shines at National Night Out

The Villages came alive as neighbors gathered for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th- strengthening the bonds that make our community special.

Residents connected over food and activities while local law enforcement joined the festivities, reinforcing the partnership between our community and those who protect us. Neighbors who usually just wave became friends, sharing stories and laughter throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this year's National Night Out a celebration of what makes The Villages truly special: our people.













VPSD Fire Prevention Week Hits Local Schools

The Villages Public Safety Department firefighters spent Fire Prevention Week engaging students across the community. They visited Amazing Grace Early Learning Center, The Villages Early Childhood Center – Middleton, Buffalo Ridge Early Learning Center, Buffalo Ridge Elementary School, and Middleton Elementary School.

Children took part in a fire engine display, sprayed a real fire hose, watched an interactive safety video, and met Sparky the Fire Dog. Over the week, VPSD firefighters reached 850+ children, sharing important fire safety lessons and building connections with the community.



Celebrating Customer Service Week

The week of October 6th, is national Customer Service Week & we'd like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible staff who keep The Villages running smoothly. Our Utility Billing team handles resident accounts with care, our Recreation staff coordinates programs and activities, our Golf staff ensures excellent course experiences, our Community Standards team maintains neighborhood quality, and our Community Watch team keeps residents safe. The dedicated teams at our three Customer Service Centers are always ready with a friendly smile & helpful guidance.

We are truly grateful for all our staff who work every day to serve our residents and enhance our community. Next time you see one of our Customer Service staff, be sure to say thank you!













COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

You can request Guest ID cards online here!

The resident must provide all required guest(s) information requested on the application in order to be issued a guest ID card. Please allow 3 days for processing.

In the event that the host resident is unable to pick up the Guest ID Card, eligible guests may pick it up with a valid photo ID.



Community Standards Volunteers needed!



DistrictGov.org | 352-753-4508 | CustomerService@DistrictGov.org

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TIPS TO HELP AVOID VEHICLE BREAK INS



REMEMBER

While break-ins can occur, you can significantly reduce your risk by following these simple tips to protect your vehicle and personal property.

SAFETY TIPS

- Close all windows completely
- Install an alarm system with a kill switch
- Always keep your doors locked
- Store valuables out of sight, in the trunk or take them with you
- Install a locking fuel cap
- Never leave the car running unattended
- Park in well-lit areas
- Neverleave any spare keys inside of the vehicle
 & Lock your vehicle before bed!





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 executive golfmaintenance@districtgov.org.

Executive Course Closures

Complete Course Renovation

- Bogart
- Bonita Pass
- De La Vista
- Truman August 26, 2025
- Walnut Grove

Bunker Sand Renovation

- Escambia
- Sarasota
- Volusia









Recreation & Parks

Running of the Squares Brownwood 5K - Road Closures

The Running of the Squares 5K - Brownwood will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Temporary closures to the Buena Vista Blvd. multi-modal paths (east side) will occur from Hillsborough Trail to Antrim Dells Villas beginning at 7:15 a.m. until approximately 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the race. Cars on Buena Vista Blvd. will not be impacted. Access to West Torch Lake Drive will be closed from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as well. Please plan your travels accordingly.





Fishing Rod Loaner Program

Thanks to the contributions of the Freshwater Fishing Club, the Recreation & Parks Department has a Rod Loaner Program which is available at La Hacienda, Lake Miona, Rohan, Fenny and Everglades regional recreation centers. It is a "free-rental" system where, upon request, rods and reels can be checked-out with a Villages ID or Guest ID card.

You may contact the La Hacienda, 753-1716; Lake Miona, 430-2950; Rohan, 674-8400; Fenney, 674-8460; Everglades, 674-8483 for more information.

Recreation & Parks

The Villages Championship Softball Tournament

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 17-19 softballs will be flying at the Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, Everglades, Soaring Eagle and Olympia Softball Complexes. It's the annual Villages Championship Softball Tournament – Come Out and Cheer On your friends and neighbors! Games begin at 8:30am.





Wireless Access Overview for Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Groups & Rentals

The Recreation & Parks Department offers limited wireless access of devices. Customers may access the wireless service available at all recreation centers with the exception of Southside and the neighborhood centers. The use of any application of this service is for limited WiFi capability, and to assist our residents within the lobby areas, with limited service in the recreation centers.

Eligible guests may access the wireless internet if the resident is present. Residents will need Wireless laptop, Village ID card and their golf PIN number in order to access the Wireless service. For questions or assistance contact the recreation center staff or go to Districtgov.org.



FACILITY CLOSURES

- Atlas Recreation Dog Park
 - Monday, November 3 Friday, November 7
- Buttonwood Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool
 - o Friday, October 17
- Chula Vista Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing
 - Monday, October 13 Friday, October 24
- Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool
 - Thursday, October 23
- Clarendon Recreation Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
 - Thursday, October 23
- Coconut Cove Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
 - Thursday, October 30
- Colony Cottage Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, Sports Pool and Fit Club
 - Tuesday, October 21
- Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities, HVAC replacement
 - Monday, September 15 Monday, October 20
- Homestead Recreation Dog Park
 - Monday, October 13 Friday, October 17
- Lake Okahumpka Recreation Fire Pit
 - until further notice
- Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool
 - Friday, October 17
- Pimlico Recreation Indoor Facilities, HVAC replacement
 - Monday, October 30 Monday, November 24
- Riverbend Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
 - Tuesday, October 28
- Sabal Chase Neighborhood Rec Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool, pressure washing
 - Thursday, October 23
- Saddlebrook Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool
 - Monday, October 27
- Silver Lake Recreation Kitchen, replacement of cabinets & countertops
 - Wednesday, October 15 Friday, October 17
- Sterling Heights Recreation Billiards Hall
 - Wednesday, October 29
- Tamarind Grove Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool
 - Friday, October 17
- Trillium Recreation Outdoor Kitchen, maintenance & equipment replacement
 - Until Further Notice
- Truman Recreation Family Pool
 - Friday, October 17 Saturday, November 18
- Truman Recreation Family Pool, maintenance
 - Friday, October 17 Saturday, November 18

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Do you have old paint sitting in the garage? An old empty propane tank? Leftover gasoline or used motor oil?

If so, these and other hazardous chemicals and items should not be placed in your regular household trash. The following locations will accept these items and more.

Please contact the appropriate disposal site for full details.

MARION COUNTY

Marion County Marion County residents can dispose of the following items at any of the county's 18 recycling centers.

- ·Used motor oil & oil filters up to five gallons per day
- ·Fire extinguishers
- ·Latex paint up to five gallons per day
- •Chemicals, gasoline, pesticides can be disposed of at the Baseline facility's Household Hazardous Waste area.
- ·Household electronics (accepted at Baseline, Dunnellon, Forest Corners, FortMcCoy, Martel, Newton, and Weirsdale (13535 SE 164th ST) recycling centers in the big green compactor boxes labeled "electronics recycling")

In addition, there are four special household electronics recycling events held at the McPherson Complex in Ocala throughout the year. The calendar of dates can be found at <u>Solid Waste | Marion County, FL (marionfl.org)</u>

LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Lake County residents can dispose of hazardous waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 13130 County Landfill Road, County Road 561, Tavares with proof of residency. There are also Mobile Unit Events held throughout the year in various Lake County locations.

- · Automotive fluids (Antifreeze, Gasoline, Motor Oil, etc.)
- · Paint Products
- · Lawn/Garden (Fertilizers, Insecticides, Pesticides, etc)
- Propane cylinders
- · Fluorescent lamps
- · Household batteries (including rechargeable)
- Pool chemicals

A complete list of acceptable items and the schedule of Mobile Unit Events can be found at https://lakecountyfl.gov/trash-recycling/hazardous-waste.

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SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County Solid Waste does provide a Citizen's Drop-Off Area (CDA) at 819 CR 529, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538 for residents to drop off the following acceptable items

- · Residential/Household Class 1 Waste/Garbage
- · Residential Recyclable Materials No Charge Plastics #1 through #7 Aluminum, Tin, and Steel Cans Mixed Paper (Magazines, Newsprint, Office Paper, Phone Books, Catalogs) Clean Paper Bags
- · Waste Tires
- · Batteries, Car, rechargeable, normal household batteries
- · Scrap Metal
- Cardboard
- · Brush, Construction, and Demolition Debris
- Electronics
- Furniture
- Fire Extinguisher

Sumter County hosts two Household Electronics and Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection events a year. For more information, please visit Solid Waste | <u>Sumter County, FL - Official Website (sumtercountyfl.gov)</u>



Information Provided by Sumter County

Sumter County Residents Only: Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection - Amnesty Day

Saturday, November 1st, 2025 — 8 AM to 2 PM

Location: Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E SR 44, Wildwood FL 34785

What to bring:			
Automotive fluids and batteries	Herbicides	Propane Tanks (25 lbs)	
Cleaners	Paint removers and thinners	Solvents	
Fertilizers	Latex & oil based paints	Smoke detectors	
Fluorescent lamps and Mercury containing devices	Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)	Rechargeable household batteries	
Fungicides	Pesticides	Wood Preservatives	
Gas (old gas & old gas cans)	Pool Chemicals		

What not to bring:			
Biological/Infectious waste	Explosives	Radioactive waste	
Empty paint cans	Tires		

HOW TO PACKAGE AND TRANSPORT CHEMICALS

- 1. Do NOT mix chemicals together.
- 2. Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
- 3. Place containers into cardboard boxes to prevent breakage.
- 4. Place leaky container in clear plastic bag and transport in box with newspaper.
- 5. Put boxes in trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.

For more information, visit their website at https://sumtercountyfl.gov/1236/ Household-Electronics-Hazardous-Waste-Mo.

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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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District Clerk

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Golf & Tennis Operations

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