

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has placed a Phase 1 Water Shortage Order for areas within The Villages. This shortage order began on December 1, 2025, and is scheduled to run through July 1, 2026, and applies to counties and cities in our vicinity as well.

While this order does not make changes to existing two day per week irrigation, it does prohibit "wasteful and unnecessary" use, such as allowing water to flow from an unattended hose.

Please visit <u>DistrictGov.org/WhatsHappening</u> for the most upto-date information.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

- · Visit WaterMatters.org/Restrictions for more information.
- · Send an inquiry to <u>WaterMatters.org/Restrictions</u> at any time.
- · Call (813) 856-5679 during business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found here.



For more information on water conservation in The Villages, we also encourage you to explore Water Wisdom University at <a href="https://www.waterwisdomuniversity.com/">https://www.waterwisdomuniversity.com/</a>



The District Customer Service Centers and all District Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, 2025 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen with regular hours on Monday, December 29, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

Offices will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day, and will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please visit <u>DistrictGov.Org</u> or contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.

## **HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS**

#### DON'T BE A VICTIM, PROTECT YOURSELF!

- Lock your vehicle
- Hide packages in the trunk
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Don't leave electronics in plain sight
- Do not carry large sums of cash

- Park in a lighted area/attended lot
  - Tell security if you see any suspicious persons and/or activities



#### Villagers Spread Holiday Cheer

The Recreation & Parks Department partnered with several local organizations to collect holiday gifts and food, bringing extra joy to families and children throughout our community.

#### **Angels of The Villages**

For nearly 30 years, The Villages Recreation & Parks Department has teamed up with the Lake Sumter Families Foster Parent Association to sponsor Angels of The Villages. This program ensures foster children in Lake and Sumter Counties experience a happy holiday season.

#### Silver Trefoil Girl Scout Alumnae Pajama & Book Drive

For over 21 years, former Villages Girl Scouts have collected new pajamas and books for children experiencing homelessness. This year, generous donors contributed more than 11,500 pairs of pajamas and over 6,000 books.

#### Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center

The Advocacy Center provides a safe, child-friendly environment where child victims of abuse can receive interviews, crisis counseling, medical exams, and long-term specialized therapy when needed. Villagers helped by donating numerous toys and essential items to support these children.

#### **Toys for Tots**

The Villages chapter of the Marine Corps League placed collection boxes at recreation centers, helping provide toys to community children. This year, over 3,000 families in Lake and Sumter Counties benefited from the program. Villagers' generosity shines through every year—these drives offered countless opportunities to make the holidays brighter for those in need!

For more information about these programs or how to get involved, please contact the District Government Recreation & Parks Department at 352-674-1800 or email <a href="mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org">RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org</a>. You may also visit <a href="mailto:DistrictGov.org">DistrictGov.org</a> for details on activities, facilities, and events.



# HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE Christmas Day

#### **Village Community Development Districts 1-11**

If you live in Village Community Development Districts 1-11 in the Sumter County, Marion County or Fruitland Park portions of The Villages, Thursday collection will occur on Saturday, December 27, 2025. Friday collection will have normal services.

Village Community Development District No. 12 and the Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney, Thursday collection will occur on Saturday, December 27, 2025. Friday collection will have normal services.

Village Community Development District 13, (excluding Villages of DeLuna and Hammock at Fenney) and District 14 Thursday collection will occur on Saturday, December 27, 2025. Friday collection will have normal services

If you live in the **Lake County portion of The Villages** (not including VCDD No. 11 or 14), Thursday collection will occur on Friday. All remaining collection days for the week will be moved to the next day.

If you live in the **Town of Lady Lake portion of The Villages**, Thursday services will be performed on Friday, December 26, 2025.

Village Community Development District 15 (excluding Villages of Oak Hollow and Well Point) the Thursday pick up will be rescheduled to Saturday, December 27, 2025.



## 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

Join The Villages Community Watch for an important educational series designed to help residents recognize and prevent common scams and fraud.

The next session will be held on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026,** from 3 to 4 p.m. at Mulberry Recreation Center and will feature presentations from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Seniors vs. Crime.

For more information, contact Community Watch at 352-753-0550 or email <a href="mailto:CommunityWatch@DistrictGov.org">CommunityWatch@DistrictGov.org</a>.









### Community Watch Speaker Series

SCAM AND FRAUD PREVENTION

#### What's Covered

- Common Sense Scams
- · Recognizing Red Flags
- · Protecting Your Information
- · What to Do If You've Been Scammed
- Q&A Session

#### JAN 7, 2026 Wednesday

- Marion County Sheriff's Office and Seniors vs Crime (Marion County)
- Mulberry Recreation
- 2PM 3PM

#### JAN 29, 2026 Thursday

- Fruitland Park Police Department and Seniors vs Crime
- Moyer Recreation
- 2PM 3PM



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**

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

#### **Bunker Sand Renovation**

Sarasota

#### Closed for special course maintenance:

- Palmetto beginning on Monday, December 1, 2025 until Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the course is closed for bulkhead repair at the #5 green. The course will reopen on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Oakleigh will be closed all day on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for course maintenance.



#### **Recreation & Parks**

#### Olympia Regional Recreation Center is NOW OPEN

Check out the news regional recreation center, Olympia! In addition to the regular amenities Olympia features The Athletic Club (indoor gymnasium), The Summit (rock climbing wall), Sunset Island and Nadine Walking Trail.

Olympia is located in Eastport at 1210 McPherson Terrace, The Villages.







#### **Recreation & Parks**

#### **Running of the Squares 5K**

Registration is open for the second race of the 2025–2026 season, <u>Register online</u> or download the application from <u>DistrictGov.org</u> and return it to La Hacienda Regional Recreation Complex by January 4. For details, call 352-753-1716.





#### 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 <a href="Districtgov.org">Districtgov.org</a>.



## FACILITY CLOSURES

- Allamanda Recreation Indoor Facilities, HVAC replacement
  - Monday, August 11 Monday, September 15
- Bridgeport Recreation Indoor Facilities, HVAC maintenance
  - Monday, November 24 Monday, December 29
- Bridgeport Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing
  - Wednesday, December 3 Friday, December 19
- Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool
  - Thursday, January 29
- Fernandina Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool
  - Thursday, January 8
- Knudson, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, Soaring Eagle, Everglades and Farragut Softball Complexes
  - Sunday, December 14 Sunday, January 4
- Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool
  - Friday, January 9
- Rohan Recreation Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool
  - Monday, December 29
- Savannah Recreation Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool
  - Monday, December 29, 2025
- Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, refurbishment
  - Friday, November 7 Sunday, December 21
- Spanish Moss Sports Pool
  - Tuesday, December 23, 7am-12pm



**Beginning January 2026,** several District Board and Committee meetings will permanently move to the **Olympia Recreation Center**, located at 1210 McPherson Terrace, The Villages, Florida.

Please note the updated meeting schedules below:

- Eastport Community Development District 2:00 p.m. January 6, March 10, May 5, June 9, September 8
- **Eastport Maintenance Advisory Committee** 1:00 p.m. January 6, March 10, May 5, June 9, September 8
- Village Community Development District No. 14 11:00 a.m. January 8, March 12, May 7, June 11, September 10
- Village Community Development District No. 15 1:00 p.m. January 8, March 12, May 7, June 11, September 10
- Village Community Development District No. 16 2:00 p.m. January 8, March 12, May 7, June 11, September 10
- **Wildwood Utility Dependent District** 8:00 a.m. January 6, February 10, March 10, April 7, May 5, June 9, July 7, August 11, September 8



#### **NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 9**



The Villages Community Development District No. 9 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling Seat 4, which was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor.

The remainder of the existing four (4)-year term for the vacated seat will expire in November 2026.

Any interested applicants must be a qualified elector, which is defined by Florida Statute 190 as "any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the District, and who registers to vote with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the district land is located." To obtain additional information or request an application, you may contact Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, at (352) 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the application on the <a href="https://www.districtgov.org">www.districtgov.org</a> website.

Applications must be submitted to Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, no later than Friday, January 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office, 3571 Kiessel Road, The Villages.

The Board of Supervisors will interview applicants during a Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center, 2864 Buena Vista Boulevard, The Villages, FL.

The Board of Supervisors welcomes interested applicants to include a résumé outlining their experience as an attachment to the <u>application</u>.



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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 <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.

352-753-4022 Email

#### **Public Safety**

352-205-8280 Email

#### **Purchasing**

352-751-6700 Email

#### **Recreation & Parks**

352-674-1800 Email

#### Risk Management

352-674-1828 <u>Email</u>

#### **Utility Billing**

352-750-0000 Email