



# DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 31, 2025





# Community Watch Speaker Series

## SCAM AND FRAUD PREVENTION

Community Watch is proud to host a speaker series to help educate our residents on how to recognize and prevent common scams and frauds. Key speakers will include local law enforcement, CrimeLine and Seniors vs Crime.

In an age where scams are becoming increasingly more sophisticated, fraudsters are finding new ways to target individuals. This series will provide the knowledge and tools you need to protect yourself from falling victim to these schemes.

## Upcoming Events

### JAN 7, 2026 *Wednesday*

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

### JAN 29, 2026 *Thursday*

- Fruitland Park Police Department and Seniors vs Crime
- Moyer Recreation

### FEB 11, 2026 *Wednesday*

- Leesburg Police Department and Crimeline
- Franklin Recreation

### FEB 23, 2026 *Monday*

- Wildwood Police Department and Seniors vs Crime
- Everglades Recreation

## What's Covered

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

Join us as we kick off our new speaker series program and stay tuned for more events in Spring 2026. This is a free event, and no registration is required.

For more information, please contact Community Watch at **352-753-0550** or **CommunityWatch@DistrictGov.org**

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**Please note:**

All events are from 2pm - 3pm



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

**The District Customer Service Centers** and all **District Administrative Offices** will be closed on Thursday January 1, 2026 in observation of the [New Years](#) holiday.

Regular hours of operation will be in place on Friday, January 2, 2026 unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please visit [DistrictGov.org](https://DistrictGov.org), or contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.





# HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

**New Years Day**

## **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 be moved to Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

## **District 12, 13, 14 or 15**

If you live in District 12, 13, 14, or 15, Thursday collection will be moved to Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

**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 collection will be moved to Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.



# CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

## Village Community Development Districts No. 1—No. 15

If you live in Districts 1-15 in the Sumter County, Marion County or Fruitland Park portions of The Villages, discarded live Christmas trees can be placed at the curb and will be collected with your regular household trash on your designated day. The trees must follow the procedures for yard waste. Tree limbs and branches may not exceed four (4) feet in length, four (4) inches in diameter or exceed 40 pounds.

Artificial trees should be taken apart and placed curb side in sections and will be collected with your regular household trash on your designated day. If you have any questions, please contact sanitation at 352-748-0109 (Districts 1-11) and 352-750-0000 for Districts 12-15.

If you live in the **Lake County portion of The Villages** (not including District No. 11), live trees can be placed at the curb on your assigned yard waste day and must be in 4' lengths and no more than 6" in diameter. To discard artificial trees, please call Lake County Solid Waste to schedule a bulk pick up at 352-343-3776.

If you live in the **Town of Lady Lake portion of The Villages**, live and artificial trees can be placed at the curb and will be collected with your regular household trash on your designated day. If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management at 352-787-4416.



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January marks the start of a new year, a month full of fresh beginnings, reflection, and community connection. It's a time when neighbors come together to set intentions, families enjoy winter activities, and communities celebrate traditions that inspire hope and renewal.

In The Villages, January brings opportunities to gather at neighborhood socials, participate in winter events, and embrace the new year with energy and optimism- reminding us, like Florida's gentle wildlife emerging in the cooler months, to pause, enjoy, and appreciate our surroundings.

## National Celebrations this month:

- [New Year's Day](#) – January 1
- [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#) – January 19
- [National Compliment Day](#) – January 24
- [National Puzzle Day](#) – January 29

## Fun Facts About January:

- Ellis Island opened on New Year's Day 1892.
- January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors and beginnings, symbolizing transitions and fresh starts.
- The Earth always reaches perihelion in early January. Perihelion is when the Earth reaches its closest point from to the Sun.



**January Zodiac Signs:** Capricorn or Aquarius

**Birth Flower:** Carnation and Snowdrop

**Birthstone:** Garnet



## Notable people born in January include:

- |                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Dolly Parton   | • Ellen DeGeneres           |
| • Oprah Winfrey  | • Tony Bennett              |
| • Maya Rudolph   | • Barbra Streisand          |
| • Kate Middleton | • Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson |
| • Jim Carrey     | • Alicia Keys               |
| • Diane Keaton   | • Lin-Manuel Miranda        |
| • George Foreman | • Justin Timberlake         |





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE



## The Villages® Community Development Districts Clerk

**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.

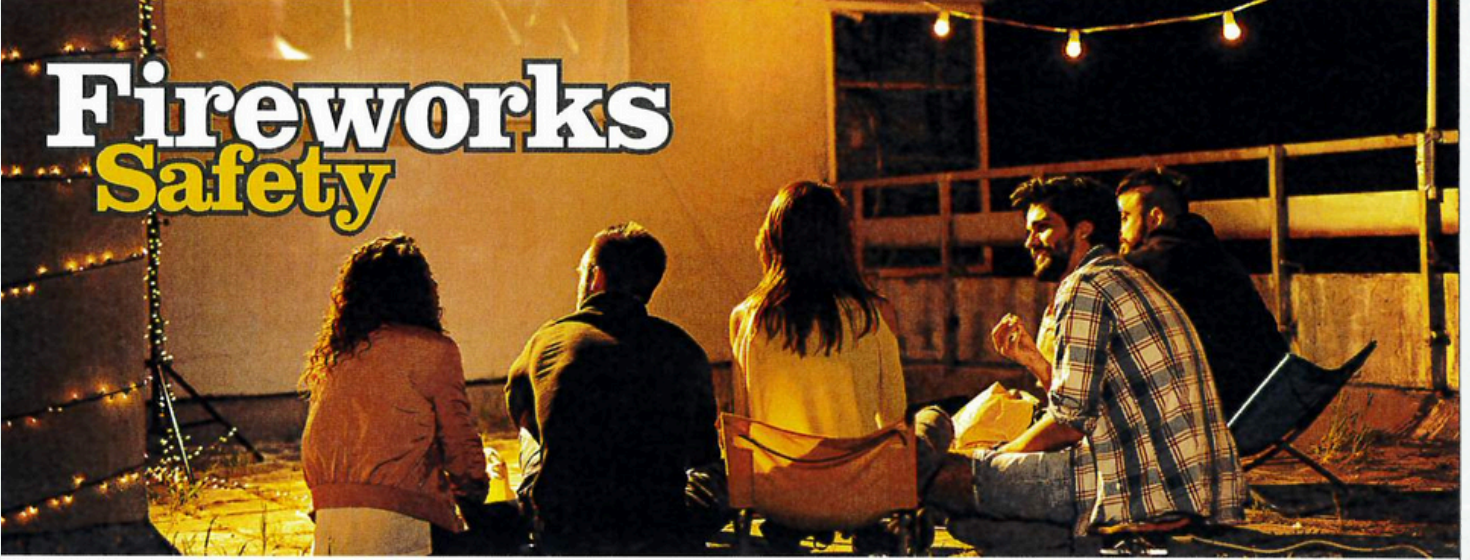
Please note the updated meeting schedules below:

- **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





# Fireworks Safety



**FIREWORKS** are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

## A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

**HOW  
HOT  
DOES  
A  
SPARKLER  
BURN?**



## FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



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**Executive Golf**

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 [executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org](mailto:executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org).

## **Executive Course Closures**

### **Complete Course Renovation**

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

### **Closed for special course maintenance:**

- There are no special maintenance closures the rest of the year.





# Recreation & Parks

## 5K Road Closures – Running of the Squares

The [Running of the Squares 5K](#) at Lake Sumter Landing will take place Saturday, January 10, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please note the new race route and traffic impacts.

From 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Lake Sumter Landing Market Square will be closed to all vehicles, including portions of Lake Shore Drive, Old Mill Run, Canal Street, and surrounding access roads. Alternate access will be available via Buena Vista Blvd., Morse Blvd., and Old Camp Road.

Several multi-modal paths will also be closed during the race, including the path along Stillwater Trail (7:00–9:30 a.m.) and the path from Caroline Gate to Mallory Hill Country Club (duration of the race). Golf cart traffic from north of CR 466 should use CR 466, Laurel Manor, and Buena Vista Blvd. until approximately 9:30 a.m.

Please follow all directions from law enforcement and event staff. For questions, contact Recreation & Parks at (352) 753-1716. [Download Race Map here.](#)



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## HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES

WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 31, 2025  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

### OPEN

Recreation Centers  
Fit Clubs (*open until 1PM*)  
Resident Lifestyle Groups  
(*open until 1PM*)  
Outdoor Facilities & Equipment Sheds  
Dog Parks & Swimming Pools

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 1, 2026  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

### CLOSED

Recreation Centers & Offices  
Fit Clubs

### OPEN

Outdoor Facilities (*open play all day*)  
& Equipment Sheds  
Dog Parks & Swimming Pools



2026



# Recreation & Parks



## Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Leaders' Meetings

Calling all leaders, please join us at any of the resident lifestyle leaders' meeting so we can bring you up-to-date on all happenings in Recreation & Parks.

### *Calling All Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Leaders*

#### JOIN US

at any one of the following meetings:

Friday, January 9 | 3PM at Rohan

Monday, January 12 | 10AM at Everglades

Thursday, January 15 | 2PM at Mulberry Grove

Friday, January 16 | 2PM at Lake Miona

Choose the meeting that best fits your schedule.  
We'll update you on all Recreation & Parks happenings!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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Recreation & Parks



For more info: [DistrictGov.org](https://DistrictGov.org) | [RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org) | 352-674-1800



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

All recreation offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026  
for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Recreation centers, fit clubs, swimming pools and outdoor facilities will remain open.

Recreation Services will be available from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the La Hacienda,  
Lake Miona, Eisenhower, Rohan, Everglades and Olympia At Your Service Centers.  
Normal operation will resume Tuesday, January 20, 2026.



# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Thursday, January 8
- **Bridgeport Recreation Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - Wednesday, January 7 – Wednesday, January 14
- **Captiva Recreation Sand Dollar Card Room, painting**
  - Thursday, January 8
- **Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Dunedin Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Monday, January 26
- **Fernandina Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 8
- **Gilchrist Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Hillsborough Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Knudson, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, Soaring Eagle, Everglades and Farragut Softball Complexes**
  - Sunday, December 14 – Sunday, January 4
- **La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool, pressure washing**
  - Friday, January 9, 7am-12pm
- **Lake Deaton Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Wednesday, January 28
- **Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Friday, January 9
- **Moyer Recreation Minneola Card Room, painting**
  - Thursday, January 15
- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Wednesday, January 14
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool, pressure washing**
  - Friday, January 9, 7am-12pm
- **Silver Lake Recreation Indoor Facilities and Outdoor Facilities**
  - Tuesday, January 6
- **Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, pool refurbishment**
  - Tuesday, January 13 – Friday, February 27
- **Southside Recreation Indoor Facilities and Outdoor Facilities**
  - Monday, January 12
- **Truman Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Friday, January 16
- **Willow Tree Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool – Friday, January 16**



## NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 9



### The Villages® Community Development Districts 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 [www.districtgov.org](http://www.districtgov.org) 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 [application](#).





# Join Our Team



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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](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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