

**The Villages®**  
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**DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**January 22, 2026**

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

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 **Thursday, January 29, 2026**, at Moyer Recreation Center and will feature presentations from the Fruitland Park Police Department and Seniors vs. Crime.

For more information, contact Community Watch at 352-753-0550 or email [CommunityWatch@DistrictGov.org](mailto:CommunityWatch@DistrictGov.org).



## 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

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# COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Extreme cold is uncommon in Central Florida, but a few simple precautions can help protect your family and home.

## Follow these safety tips when using heaters or fireplaces:

*Space heaters and fireplaces can provide warmth but must be used safely.*

- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected before use
- Follow manufacturer instructions
- Keep heaters at least 3 feet from flammable items
- Never leave heaters unattended; turn them off when leaving the room
- Plug heaters directly into wall outlets- never use extension cords

## Protect Your Home From Frozen or Burst Pipes

*Cold temperatures can cause pipes to freeze or burst. Reduce risk by:*

- Draining and disconnecting outdoor hoses.
- Drain sprinkler supply lines.
- Insulating exposed pipes in unheated areas using pipe sleeves or heat tape.
- Keep your home adequately heated. If you will be away, set your thermostat to at least 65°F.
- Keep garage doors closed during cold weather.
- During extreme cold, allow a slow drip of cold water from faucets to help prevent freezing.

### Freeze Warning

Temperatures of **32°F or colder** for several hours over a widespread area during growing season. A **hard freeze** is when temperatures are **below 28°F**.

**Plants left outdoors may be killed.**

### Frost Advisory

Temperatures of **33 to 36°F** with clear skies and light winds over a widespread area during growing season, which would promote the development of frost.

**Plants left outdoors may be damaged.**

*Taking these simple precautions can go a long way toward keeping your home safe and comfortable during colder weather.*

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[weather.gov/safety/winter](https://www.weather.gov/safety/winter)

# FLORIDA COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

As temperatures drop and cold weather moves into the forecast, it's important to take a few simple steps to stay safe and prevent weather-related damage. Please keep the "5 P's of Cold Weather Safety" in mind as you prepare for colder conditions.

**Protect People:** Remember to dress in layers and wear a hat and gloves. It is important to try to stay out of the wind and to stay dry.

**Protect Pets:** If cold weather is in the forecast, be sure to bring outdoor pets inside or give them a warm shelter to stay in.

**Protect Plants:** Cover cold sensitive plants to protect them from the dangerous temperatures.

**Protect Pipes:** Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent them from freezing and breaking.

**Practice Fire Safety:** Use safe heating sources indoors. Do not use fuel-burning devices such as grills; they release carbon monoxide, which is a deadly gas.

Also, make sure to use space heaters according to their instructions and be attentive to open flames.

*This information is provided by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.  
Learn more at [floridadisaster.org/cold](http://floridadisaster.org/cold).*

## 5 P's OF COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

- PROTECT PLANTS**  
Cover cold-sensitive plants to protect them from dangerous temperatures.
- PROTECT PETS**  
Bring outdoor pets inside or provide a warm shelter for them.
- PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY**  
Use safe heating sources indoors. Do not use fuel-burning devices such as grills; they release deadly carbon monoxide.
- PROTECT PEOPLE**  
Dress in warm layers and wear a hat and gloves.
- PROTECT PIPES**  
Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent them from freezing and breaking.

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**The Villages®**  
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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).

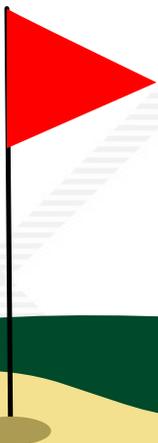
## **Executive Course Closures**

### **Complete Course Renovation**

- De La Vista – **Planned to open on Wednesday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- Walnut Grove
- Bogart – **Planned to open on Tuesday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- Bonita Pass
- Truman
- Heron

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

- The Belmont executive course will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for maintenance.
- The Yankee Clipper executive course will close for rest and rehabilitation beginning Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> (indefinitely).
- The Gray Fox executive course will be closed all day on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for maintenance.
- The Long Leaf executive course will be closed all day beginning Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>.



# Information Provided By Sumter County

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

**Saturday, January 24, 2026 — 8 AM to 2 PM**

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



<b>What to bring:</b>		
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	

<b>What not to bring:</b>		
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 containers in clear plastic bags 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](#)

# Recreation & Parks

## Resident Dog Owners

For the enjoyment of all residents and their pets, The Villages offers nine dog-friendly, leash-free parks. These fenced areas provide separate spaces for large and small dogs to run and socialize, along with water, waste stations, benches, and scenic surroundings.

Outside of dog parks, please be considerate of others and all properties. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and taking all waste home for proper disposal –do not use storm drains, postal, or recreation facilities. All dogs must be leashed when not in a dog park. Please note that one day each week dog parks open at 9 a.m. for maintenance; posted signs indicate specific days.

Visit <https://www.districtgov.org/trails-parks/dogs/> for park locations and hours.



## Spring Craft Show

Residents of The Villages – Showcase your homemade crafts at the spring craft show. The deadline to apply is Thursday February 19, 2026.

**300+**  
TABLES THROUGHOUT  
THE 3 LOCATIONS

**SPRING CRAFT SHOW**

**SAT, MAR 8 • 9AM – 2PM**

**Laurel Manor • Rohan • SeaBreeze**

**Shop for your favorite crafts**

Embroidery | Quilting | Pottery | Carpentry | Polymer Clay  
Card Making | Basket Weaving | Bead Work | Glass Fusion & More!

The banner features three women showcasing their crafts: a man with a green beaded wreath, a woman with a pink crocheted bird, and a woman with a bronze sculpture of a woman.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [DistrictGov.org](https://www.districtgov.org)  
[RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org) | 352-753-1716

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Recreation & Parks

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# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Aviary Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Tuesday, February 10
- **Bacall Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence replacement**
  - Monday, February 9 – Sunday, March 1
- **Bonita Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, February 5
- **Bridgeport Recreation Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - Monday, January 19 – Sunday, February 8
- **Bridgeport Recreation Family Pool**
  - Monday, January 26 – Sunday, February 1
- **Buttonwood Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Monday, January 26
- **Canal Street Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - Monday, January 19 – Friday, January 30
- **Canal Street Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Wednesday, February 11
- **Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Chula Vista Recreation Sand Court**
  - Wednesday, January 28 – Friday, January 30
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Tuesday, January 27
- **Dunedin Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Monday, January 26
- **Duval Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Monday, January 26
- **El Santiago Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Friday, February 27
- **Everglades Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
  - Friday, January 23
- **Gilchrist Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Hacienda of Mission Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Monday, January 26
- **Hillsborough Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park – Monday, January 26**
  - Tuesday, January 27
- **LaBelle Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, January 23

# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Lake Deaton Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Wednesday, January 28
- **Lake Shore Cottages Neighborhood Recreation Area and Family Pool**
  - Wednesday, January 28
- **Largo Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Tuesday, January 27
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - Thursday, January 15 – Friday, January 23
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports**
  - Wednesday, February 4
- **Moyer Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Tuesday, February 3
- **Paradise Recreation Basketball Court – Monday, January 26**
  - Wednesday, January 28
- **Pimlico Recreation Pickleball Courts, resurfacing**
  - Thursday, January 29 – Friday, February 6
- **Riverbend Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Monday, January 26
- **Rohan Recreation Fit Club**
  - Tuesday, January 27
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
  - Friday, February 13 – Friday, February 27
- **Sabal Chase Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, January 23
- **Sanibel Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, January 23
- **Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, pool refurbishment**
  - Tuesday, January 13 – Friday, February 27
- **St. James Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Friday, January 30
- **Swallowtail Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, January 23
- **Tamarind Grove Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - Thursday, January 29
- **Tierra Del Sol Recreation Tennis Courts – Monday, February 9**
  - Friday, February 13
- **Virginia Trace Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, January 23

# OUTSMART online outlaws

## Avoid Phishing Scams with Three Simple Tips

Phishing scams are online messages designed to look like they're from a trusted source. We may open what we thought was a safe email, attachment or image only to find ourselves exposed to malware or a scammer looking for our personal data. The good news is we can take precautions to protect our important data. Learn to recognize the signs and report phishing to protect devices and data.

# 1

### Recognize the common signs



- Urgent or emotionally appealing language
- Requests to send personal or financial information
- Unexpected attachments
- Untrusted shortened URLs
- Email addresses that do not match the supposed sender
- Poor writing/misspellings (less common)

# 2

### Resist and report

**PHISHING****SPAM**

Report suspicious messages by using the "report spam" feature. If the message is designed to resemble an organization you trust, report the message by alerting the organization using their contact information found on their webpage.

# 3

### Delete

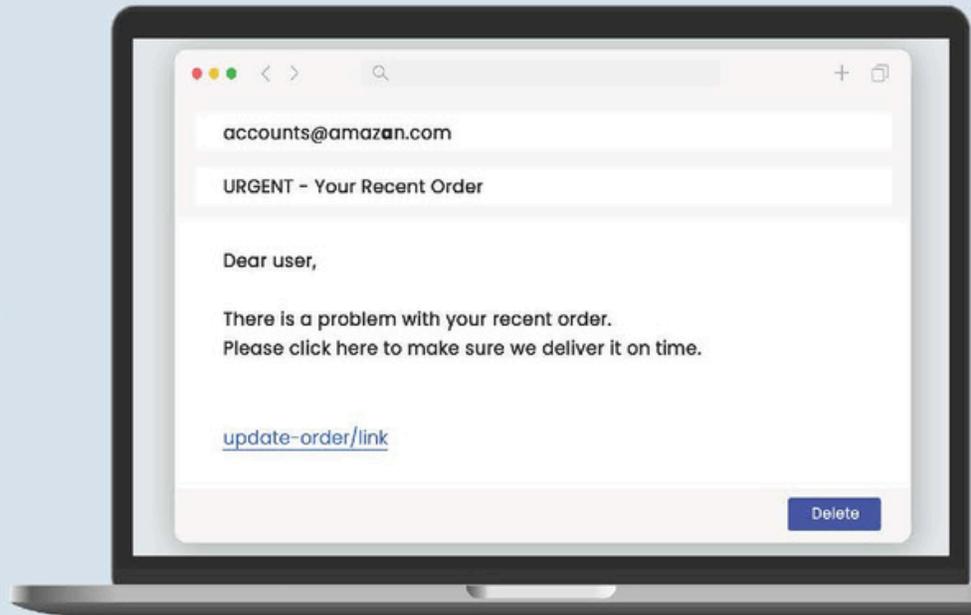
Delete the message. Don't reply or click on any attachment or link, including any "unsubscribe" link. The unsubscribe button could also carry a link used for phishing. **Just delete.**

**DELETE**

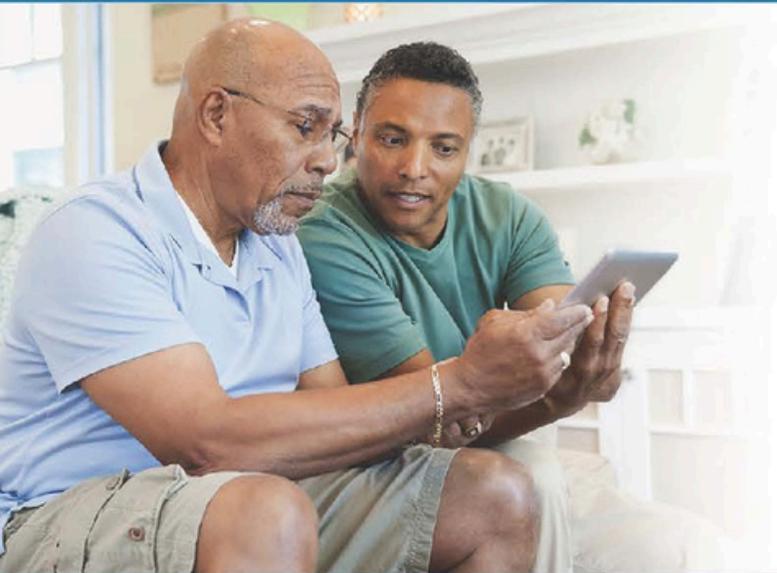
# If a message looks suspicious, it's probably phishing.

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](https://cisa.gov/SecureOurWorld)

# NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 9

The Villages®  
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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

Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

## CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Are you looking for employment?

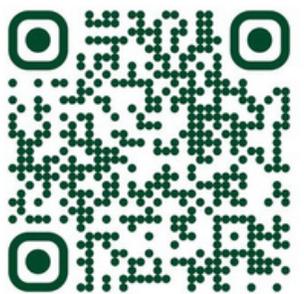
If so, look no further than the Villages Community Development District.

All of our current job openings are listed on through our website by visiting [www.DistrictGov.org](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](http://DistrictGov.org) > **Contact Us**>**Careers**

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