



**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts

## **DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**January 8, 2026**



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

**The District Customer Service Centers** and all **District Administrative Offices** will be closed on Monday January 19, 2026 in observation of the [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#) holiday.

Regular hours of operation will be in place on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 unless otherwise noted.

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

The time is always right  
to do what is right.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



# LEARN ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNMENT

## CDD ORIENTATION

CDD Orientation is an informational program that provides you with an introduction to your local special-purpose District government. During this course, you will learn about how the District operates and what functions and services each department provides for you.

No sign-ups or fees are required. This program is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the District office located at 3571 Kiessel Road.

## UPCOMING DATES

**TUESDAY**

**JAN. 20 | 10 AM**

**TUESDAY**

**FEB. 3 | 10 AM**

**TUESDAY**

**FEB. 17 | 10 AM**

## **SIGN UP FOR RESIDENT ACADEMY - January 27, 2026**

Resident Academy is an interactive program for residents who are interested in learning about their local government. Our ultimate goal for the Resident Academy is to alleviate the confusion, questions, or misinformation that exists throughout the community regarding the responsibilities and functions of the Community Development Districts (CDD).

During this program, participants will receive an in-depth look at the various District Departments and how they work together to make this the best community to live, work and play. Department Directors will also be available to answer questions or make appointments for those seeking additional information.

**Registration is open,** for our January session! [REGISTER HERE](#)



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

## What does the ARC Committee do?

The purpose of the [Architectural Review Committee](#) is to maintain the high quality and consistency of the aesthetics and design of the residences and home sites found throughout The Villages.

Whether it is a pool addition, landscaping, painted driveway, porch enclosure, coloring of walks and/or driveways, arbors, pergolas or trellises, it is necessary to submit a Modification/Alteration Form for approval. For more information or to request an application please contact us via [email](#).

## ARC Vacant Volunteer Positions

- District 1 Primary
- District 2 Alternate
- District 4 Alternate
- District 5 Alternate
- District 7 Alternate
- District 8 Alternate
- District 10 Primary

## HAVE AN EYE FOR GOOD *Design?*

- *Do you love the aesthetic beauty and design of your community?*
- *Do you have experience in architecture, landscaping or reading site plans?*
- *Do you want to participate in keeping your community beautiful?*

COME JOIN YOUR LOCAL  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AS A *Volunteer!*



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Community Standards

For More Information: [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) | [ArchReview@DistrictGov.org](mailto:ArchReview@DistrictGov.org) | 352-751-3912

[DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) | 352-753-4508 | [CustomerService@DistrictGov.org](mailto:CustomerService@DistrictGov.org)



**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
- Walnut Grove
- Bogart
- Bonita Pass
- Truman
- Heron
- Saddlebrook - January 12, 2026

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

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



# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



## FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards



**The Villages**  
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT



# Recreation & Parks

## January's Square Event – Cardio Drumming

Enjoy a full body workout while drumming! Whether you're a regular participant or new to Cardio Drumming join us at the Squares. Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Lake Sumter Landing, Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Spanish Springs Town Square, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> Brownwood Paddock Square. Registration is not required however please bring your hard copy Villages ID, or Guest ID, and a photo ID. Limited equipment will be available.

## **SQUARE EVENT** *Cardio Drumming*

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Recreation & Parks 

**TUE | JAN 13**

Lake Sumter Landing  
Market Square™

**WED | JAN 14**

Spanish Springs  
Town Square™

**THU | JAN 15**

Brownwood  
Paddock Square™

**10AM EACH DAY**

**Enjoy a full body workout while drumming!**

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes  
and bring two wooden spoons or drumsticks!

**FREE EVENT | REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**DistrictGov.org | 352-753-1716**

**ORIGINAL HARD COPY VILLAGES ID, OR  
GUEST ID, AND A PHOTO ID REQUIRED**



## Winter Recreation Social Leagues

Join your friends and neighbors for some friendly competition. League registration begins on January 14, 2026 at 8:30am on-line or at all At Your Service Centers. The full schedule of offerings can be found on the [District website](https://www.districtgov.org) or stop by a recreation center and pick up the brochure.

# Recreation & Parks

## 5K Road Closures

The Running of the Squares 5K at Lake Sumter Landing will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, starting promptly at 8:00 a.m. Please be aware of 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 Lake Sumter Landing from Citizens First Bank, Lake Shore Drive south of the Lighthouse Restaurant, Old Mill Run from Sherwin Williams to the four-way light, and Canal Street to Stillwater Trail. Area access will be available via Buena Vista Blvd. to Old Mill Run and Morse Blvd. to Lake Sumter Landing and Old Camp Road.

The multi-modal path from the Buena Vista Blvd tunnel to Morse Blvd. will be closed from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m., and the path from Caroline Gate to Mallory Hill Country Club will be closed for the duration of the race. Golf cart travelers from north of CR 466 should use the CR 466 multi-modal path to Laurel Manor and Buena Vista Blvd. for southbound travel until about 9:30 a.m.

For safety, please follow directions from law enforcement and event staff and use caution with temporary traffic changes. For more information, contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (352) 753-1716.



# RUNNING OF THE SQUARES

LAKE SUMTER LANDING™ 5K

**SAT | JANUARY 10 | 8AM**

**REGISTER NOW**

**Pre-Registration  
Entry Fee: \$25**

**Deadline: January 4**  
**REGISTRATION \$40 AFTER 1/4**

Fee includes registration packet & t-shirt  
(while supplies last).  
Race time limit: 70 minutes



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: La Hacienda Recreation & DistrictGov.org  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: 352-753-1716 | RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org

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



# 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, Fort McCoy, 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 [Solid Waste | Marion County, FL \(marionfl.org\)](https://www.marionfl.org/SolidWaste)



# Household Hazardous Waste

## 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>.

## 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 I 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 | Sumter County, FL - Official Website \(sumtercountyfl.gov\)](https://sumtercountyfl.gov)



## 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



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 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](#)

# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Amelia Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - *Monday, January 12*
- **Bridgeport Recreation Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Wednesday, January 7 – Wednesday, January 14*
- **Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, January 29*
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Tuesday, January 27*
- **Creekside Landing Neighborhood Recreation Area and Family Pool**
  - *Tuesday, January 20*
- **Dunedin Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Monday, January 26*
- **Everglades Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Tuesday, January 12, 7am-12pm*
- **Gilchrist Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, January 29*
- **Hillsborough Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, January 29*
- **LaBelle Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, January 23*
- **La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool, pressure washing**
  - *Friday, January 9, 7am-12pm*
- **Lake Deaton Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Wednesday, January 28*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Monday, January 12, 7am-12pm*
- **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*
- **Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Friday, January 9*
- **Moyer Recreation Minneola Card Room, painting**
  - *Thursday, January 15*



# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Moyer Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Tuesday, February 3*
- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Wednesday, January 14*
- **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 Sports Pool, pressure washing**
  - *Friday, January 9, 7am-12pm*
- **Saddlebrook Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
  - *Wednesday, January 14*
- **Sabal Chase Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, January 23*
- **Sanibel Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, January 23*
- **Shady Brook Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Wednesday, January 7 – Friday, January 9*
- **Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, pool refurbishment**
  - *Tuesday, January 13 – Friday, February 27*
- **Southside Recreation Indoor Facilities and Outdoor Facilities**
  - *Monday, January 12*
- **Swallowtail Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, January 23*
- **Truman Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Friday, January 16*
- **Virginia Trace Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, January 23*
- **Willow Tree Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, January 16*



## 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 [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?

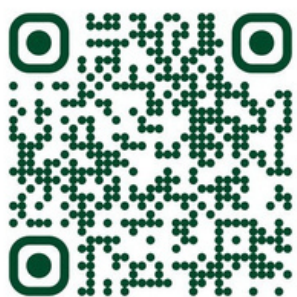
If so, look no further than the  
Villages Community Development District.

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 > Contact Us>Careers**

# Contact Us

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## Bond Division

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## Budget

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## Community Standards

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## Community Watch

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[Email](#)

## Customer Service

352-753-4508

[Email](#)

## District Clerk

352-751-3939

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## Executive Golf Maintenance

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## Finance

352-753-0421

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## Golf & Tennis Operations

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