



**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts

**DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**February 12, 2026**

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

**The District Customer Service Centers** and all **District Administrative Offices** will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 in observation of the Presidents Day holiday.

Please note that this holiday will not affect any District's regular **sanitation schedule**, service will continue as usual.

**Recreation Offices will also be closed**; however, Recreation Service Representatives will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the following locations only: La Hacienda, Lake Miona, Eisenhower, Rohan, and Everglades.

*Regular hours of operation will be in place on Tuesday, February 17, 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.



# Architectural Review Application *Now Online*

Submitting an application to our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is now easier than ever. Our new online process helps you save time and makes each step simple and easy to follow.

## HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Visit [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org)
2. Select Services > Resident Services > Community Standards
3. Scroll down and click Architectural Review Application
4. Create a user profile and complete the application form
5. Submit!

## WHAT'S NEXT

Once you submit your application, you'll receive helpful email updates as your request moves through the ARC review process—keeping you informed along the way.

## REACH OUT

The Villages Community Development District Community Standards Team is always happy to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact our team using the online form at [DistrictGov.org/Contact-Us](http://DistrictGov.org/Contact-Us), stopping by the District Office at 3571 Kiessel Road, or giving us a call at 352-751-3912.



# COMMUNITY WATCH SPEAKER SERIES

## *Don't Miss the Final Community Watch Speaker Series!*

Our Community Watch Speaker Series has been a hit, and we're inviting all residents to join us for the **final session Monday February 23rd!** This is your chance to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from common scams, theft, and other losses- straight from local officials who know the best strategies to keep our community safe.

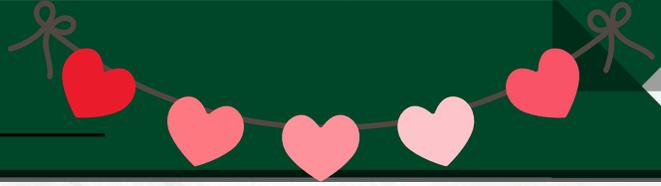
Whether you've attended before or are joining us for the first time, this is a great opportunity to educate yourself, ask questions, and take-home practical tips to stay safe.

*Mark your calendar and join us-  
your safety is worth it!*

For more information, please contact Community Watch at **352-753-0550** or email [CommunityWatch2@DistrictGov.Org](mailto:CommunityWatch2@DistrictGov.Org).



# Keep the Flame Alive (Safely!)



Valentine's Day is all about candles, delicious dinners, and heart-shaped everything-but let's talk fire safety, because keeping your evening safe keeps the romance glowing. Whether you're cooking up love or decorating with balloons, a little safety goes a long way to keeping your night heartwarming and worry-free.

## Cooking Up Love: Kitchen Fire Safety Tips

They say the way to someone's heart is through their stomach, but the kitchen is also the #1 spot for house fires. Make fire safety your secret ingredient!

- Never leave the stove unattended
- Keep flammables (towels, mitts, paper hearts) away from burners
- Turn off the heat if oil smokes- don't fan it
- Keep pot handles turned in

*Keep the sparks where they belong- in your romance, not your stove!*

## Candles: Keep it Romantic (and Safe)

Nothing sets the mood quite like a candlelit dinner, a relaxing bath, or a cozy glow, as long as you light them up with safety in mind.

- Place candles on stable, heat-resistant surfaces, 12" from anything flammable
- Never leave a burning candle unattended
- Blow out gently to avoid splashing wax
- Consider flameless LED candles for worry-free glow

*After all, no one wants their Valentine's Day to be lit for the wrong reasons!*

## Love in the Air, Not Sparks!

Balloons are a classic way to lift someone's spirits on Valentine's Day, but they can spark trouble- literally! Metallic balloons that float away can hit power lines, causing dangerous sparks and outages.

- Secure balloons with weights
- Keep decorations away from heat, flames, and vents
- Avoid metallic balloons near power lines

*Showing love means keeping those you care about safe.*

*This Valentine's Day, let fire safety be part of your celebration and keep the warmth where it belongs- your heart!*



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## SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH!

February 2026

### BY THE LETTERS

#### ABCs of Heart Health

An easy and simple way to reducing the risk of heart disease.



**Aspirin:** Take as directed by your doctor.

**Blood pressure:** High blood pressure is a significant risk factor for heart disease.



**Cholesterol:** High levels of LDL or bad cholesterol can cause plaque buildup on the arteries.

**Don't smoke:** Smoking raises your blood pressure which increases your risk for heart attack or stroke.



### FOCUS

## National Heart Month

A healthy heart is the foundation of overall wellness. This month, we're shining a spotlight on heart health - sharing simple ways to keep your heart strong through nutrition, movement, and more. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men, women and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.



### DETAIL

## Let's not forget the power of walking

By Isaac A. Cruz, Sr. Population Health & Wellbeing Consultant

The power of walking is a heartfelt habit that never misses a beat! If we could identify what love language a heart would have, it would be walking. Why? It's simple, consistent and always shows up. Although, all forms of exercise have a positive effect on overall health and wellbeing, walking is the type of exercise that goes straight to the heart. Here's the science:

- Walking helps lower blood pressure and reduce strain on the arteries.
- Manages your blood sugar which lowers your risk for diabetes (a major heart disease factor).
- Be less stressed! Walking lowers cortisol levels which helps for a calmer nervous system.
- Strengthens your heart to be more efficient at pumping blood with each beat. Our best tip to make walking a heart-healthy habit? Skip the mindset that you will find time to go on a walk. Instead, schedule it into your calendar and set reminders. Make it like any other important commitment that you may have; whether it is a morning walk or evening stroll.

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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

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

### Closed for Special Course Maintenance

- The Mangrove executive course will close on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for rest and rehabilitation.
- The Briarwood executive course will be closed all day on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for irrigation maintenance.



**GRAND RE-OPENING!**



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JOIN US AT  
**Bogart**  
EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
RIBBON CUTTING 9:00AM  
TEE TIMES START AT 10:00AM  
2042 Canal Street

You are invited to the ribbon cutting and to play our newly renovated course. Those who attend the ribbon cutting will receive a commemorative gift!

**See You On The Green!**  
TEE TIMES OPEN ON FEB 17

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# Recreation & Parks

## Specialty Boat Cruises

Join the Lake Sumter Line for a couple of holiday themed boat cruises! Treat your loved one to a Valentine's Day Cruise on beautiful Lake Sumter on Saturday, February 14th or celebrate Mardi Gras on the lake, Tuesday, February 17th.

The cost is just \$3 per person, and both cruises will run from 1pm to Sunset. First Come, First Served. Purchase tickets at Lake Sumter Line Dock behind RJ Gators. Weather and lake conditions permitting.



**LAKE SUMTER LINE**  
*Valentine's Day*  
BOAT RIDES  
SATURDAY, FEB 14



**MARDI GRAS**  
BOAT RIDES  
TUESDAY, FEB 17



**CRUISE  
TIMES**  
1PM TO SUNSET

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*First come first served. Purchase tickets  
at Lake Sumter Line Dock.  
Weather & lake conditions permitting.*

**MORE INFORMATION:** [RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org) | 352-751-7110 | [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org)



## President's Day – Monday, February 16, 2026



All recreation offices will be **closed** on President's Day, **Monday, February 16, 2026**. The recreation centers, fit clubs, outdoor facilities, swimming pools, and dog parks will be open for your enjoyment.

Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade – Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The Resident Parade Committee is accepting applications from clubs in The Villages for the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 1PM at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square. The entry deadline is Monday, March 2, 2026. Please contact Peggy Carli by email at [peggycarli4@gmail.com](mailto:peggycarli4@gmail.com) for a parade application.

The Resident Parade Committee will review each application and make their decision for entries. All clubs that are selected to be in the St. Patrick's Day parade will be notified by Wednesday, March 4th. Motorized vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles) and horses are prohibited.

Parade Volunteers are needed to make this parade a success. To learn more about the many volunteer opportunities, please contact Peggy Carli.

## 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](http://DistrictGov.org).

## DRIVEWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY



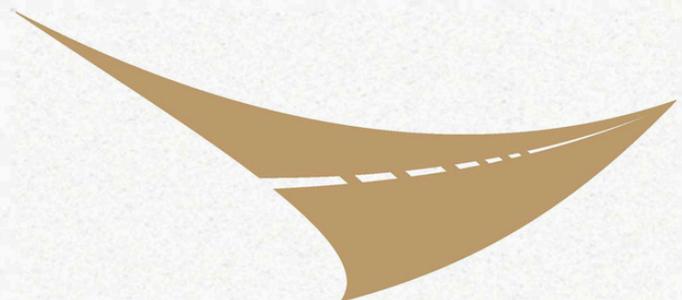
Easements and rights-of-way refer to areas of the property that utilities have permission to use. They are usually located in and along streets and roadways necessary for ongoing utility maintenance.

Residents who choose to enhance their driveways with improvements such as brick pavers or painting that encroach on the right-of-way, should be aware that the Utility is not responsible for any damage, loss or costs incurred should it be necessary to remove sections of the driveway for repairs or maintenance to the water or wastewater utility system. The Utility will restore the driveway to its original finish only.

For additional information regarding property improvements, please contact Community Standards at 352-751-3912.

### *How do I report a Problem with my water utilities?*

To report water or wastewater problems, such as low pressure, leak problems or sewer backups, please contact Utility Billing Customer Service at 352-750-0000, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. After hours and holidays, please call Community Watch at 352-753-0550.



# Wildwood Launches Capital Improvement Projects Tracker

**The City of Wildwood** has launched a new online tool to provide citizens an easy, intuitive way to learn about larger, long-term projects undertaken by the city. Nicknamed the CIP Dashboard, the GIS system is accessible from the city's website and displays an interactive map highlighting infrastructure projects that can be filtered by project type, phase, and/or fiscal year.

Project information is provided in a sidebar for each user selection. "This is something we have wanted to do for our residents as the city grows," said Public Works Director Jeremy Hockenbury. "The number of projects we undertake each year is rising, and we want the public to be able to find information about each of them in a user-friendly, convenient way." Hockenbury said technological advancements in recent years have made tracking tools more readily available and affordable, but has increased the need for technical staff to develop and maintain them.

The city's GIS team has grown to three full-time members whose expertise supports development services, public works, and utilities, as well as other departments as needed. "This has been a valuable project from an internal perspective," said GIS Specialist Thomas Bellegarde, who joined the city in late 2024. "I've learned so much more about each of these projects as we've developed this tool. I'm really looking forward to expanding and improving upon it as we move forward." Hockenbury expects more projects to be added after the city commission adopts its Fiscal Year 2027 budget in September.

**To access the new CIP Dashboard,**  
please visit [wildwood-fl.gov/publicworks](https://wildwood-fl.gov/publicworks).

# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Atlas Recreation Canine Park**
  - *Monday, February 9 – Friday, February 13*
- **Bacall Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence replacement**
  - *Monday, February 9 – Sunday, March 1*
- **Canal Street Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Wednesday, February 11*
- **Captiva Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Monday, February 2 – Friday February 13*
- **Chatham Recreation Billiards Room, table recovering**
  - *Wednesday, March 18 – Friday, March 20*
- **Churchill Street Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Tuesday, February 17*
- **Citrus Grove Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, February 12*
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 27*
- **Coconut Cove Billiards Room**
  - *Monday, February 23 – Friday, February 27*
- **El Santiago Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Friday, February 27*
- **Fenney Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities, Family Pool and Spanish Moss Sports Pool**
  - *Friday, February 20*
- **Fish Hawk Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Friday, February 13*
- **Hadley Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, February 12*
- **Hemingway Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, February 12*

# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Homestead Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Wednesday, February 18*
- **La Hacienda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
  - *Friday, February 20*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
  - *Wednesday, February 25*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Dog Park**
  - *Monday, February 23 - Sunday, March 8*
- **Richmond Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Friday, February 20*
- **Richmond Recreation Dog Park**
  - *Monday, February 16 – Friday, February, 20*
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Friday, February 13 - Friday, February 27*
- **SeaBreeze Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Monday, February 16, 7am-12pm*
- **Sterling Heights Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Monday, February 23*
- **St. Catherine Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, February 12*
- **Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, pool refurbishment**
  - *Tuesday, January 13 – Friday, February 27*
- **Tierra Del Sol Recreation Tennis Courts**
  - *Monday, February 9 – Friday, February 13*
- **Truman Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20*
- **Water Lily Recreation Billiards, table recovering**
  - *Tuesday, February 10 – Friday, February 13*

# 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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