



**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts

## **DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**February 19, 2026**



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

## *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)



## *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

#### **FEB 11, 2026** *Wednesday*

- Leesburg Police Department and Crimeline
- Franklin Recreation
- 2PM - 3PM

#### **FEB 23, 2026** *Monday*

- Wildwood Police Department and Seniors vs Crime
- Everglades Recreation
- 2PM - 3PM

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## PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

# Smoke Detector Batteries Up-To-Date?

Don't Wait!  
Check The  
*Date!*



## DID YOU KNOW?

- You should change the batteries every year?
- You should replace the detector if they are 10 years or older?
- The Villages Public Safety Department has a program where **WE** will come out and provide this service for you?

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

**BATTERY CHANGE** - After you have purchased fresh, new batteries, call The Villages Public Safety Department at 352-205-8280 (Monday - Friday between 8am and 4:30pm) to schedule a technician to come out that day. Since we cannot schedule exact times, you will need to be available from the time you call until we arrive.

**DETECTOR REPLACEMENT** - After you have purchased the new detector, call The Villages Public Safety Department at 352-205-8280 (Monday - Friday between 8am and 4:30pm) to schedule a technician to come out that day. Since we cannot schedule exact times, you will need to be available from the time you call until we arrive.

**NOT SURE IF YOU NEED NEW DETECTORS OR WHAT TO PURCHASE?** Give us a call and we will send out a technician to check your equipment. If they are expired, we will recommend to you what needs to be replaced. We will provide you with make, model, quantity and where to purchase. Once purchased you can call us to schedule our technician to come out and install the new units.

For more information or to schedule an appointment: 352-205-8280





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

Spanish Springs Town Square has been thoughtfully reimagined through a recently completed, transformative streetscape renovation that brings new life, warmth, and visual appeal to this beloved gathering place. Enhancements span the south side of the square near Americano's Grille and Chico's, as well as the north side adjacent to the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, creating a cohesive and inviting experience throughout the area.

The project included full demolition of the existing streetscape and a complete reconstruction designed with both beauty and functionality in mind. New pedestrian walkways, elevated seating areas, handrails, and refreshed landscaping and irrigation now flow seamlessly from the roadway curb to the building façades.

Additional upgrades include intersection and curb improvements, utility enhancements, decorative and concrete pedestrian paving, custom seat walls and planters, specialty tile and precast concrete features, along with modernized electrical and lighting elements that enhance both safety and ambiance.

Completing this work in a lively, active town square required careful coordination and a community-first approach. By prioritizing access and minimizing disruptions, businesses remained open and welcoming throughout construction, allowing the square to continue serving as a vibrant hub. The finished result is a testament to the collaboration, patience, and attention to detail invested in the process.

This revitalization delivers a fresh sense of energy and charm, elevating both the streetscape and the surrounding gathering spaces.

Whether savoring a peaceful morning coffee, enjoying a midday meal with friends, or spending an evening immersed in live music, the renewed square offers more opportunities to relax, connect, and celebrate community. Spanish Springs Town Square remains a cherished destination and now shines brighter than ever.

[Discover the Revitalized Town Square at Spanish Springs](#)

For more information, please contact  
District Property Management (DPM) at **352-753-4022**.

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**Property Management**





# Crosswalk Safety

## *A Shared Responsibility*

As The Villages continues to grow and thrive, so does the importance of pedestrian safety throughout our community. Whether you're walking to a nearby recreation center, enjoying a scenic stroll, or using a golf car around town, safe and respectful crosswalk behavior is essential for everyone.

## Why Crosswalk Safety Matters

Crosswalks are designed to protect pedestrians and improve traffic flow by clearly indicating where walkers have the right of way. In a vibrant, active community like ours—with a mix of pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and golf cars—following crosswalk rules ensures that everyone can move safely through shared spaces.

## Key Tips for Pedestrians and Drivers

### FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Always use designated crosswalks. Avoid crossing mid-block or between parked vehicles.
- Make eye contact with drivers or golf car operators before stepping into the crosswalk.
- Stay alert—don't assume a vehicle or golf car will stop.

### FOR DRIVERS AND GOLF CAR OPERATORS

- Slow down when approaching crosswalks, especially in high-traffic areas.
- Always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Stay off phones and avoid distractions—your full attention saves lives.

## A Community Effort

Crosswalk safety is more than rules—it's also respect. Every resident has a role in keeping The Villages safe and welcoming for all. Whether you're behind the wheel or on foot, taking a moment to be cautious and courteous can make a big difference.

Let's work together to ensure that The Villages remains the friendliest and the safest hometown.

*THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*



**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>**
- Heron
- Truman
- Walnut Grove

### Closed for special course maintenance:

- The Sandhill executive course will close on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and reopen on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. During this closure, the bunker sand will be replenished.
- The Richmond Pitch & Putt will be closed all day for course maintenance on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>



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

TheVillages.net | 352-753-4653

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**352-753-4508 | [ExecutiveGolfMaintenance@DistrictGov.org](mailto:ExecutiveGolfMaintenance@DistrictGov.org)**



# Recreation & Parks

## Special Events / Tournaments / Socials

These programs are not done on an everyday basis but on select days and times. They offer a variety and change from the normal programming. These programs sometimes consist of a nominal fee to cover cost of food, beverages, prizes etc. These programs are listed on the monthly social calendar that is published on the last Thursday of the month prior or can be found at <https://www.districtgov.org/programs/socials/>.

Registration for these events begins the last Thursday of every month can be done in person at any At Your Service center or [on-line](#).



### 2026 Villages Senior Games

The Villages Senior Games continues to grow in our community, providing fun, fellowship, and fitness for Villages residents and all Seniors throughout the U.S. The 2026 Villages Senior Games are scheduled for Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 26, 2026 and registration is NOW OPEN. The 2026 Villages Senior Games brochures are available at all recreation centers and on-line at <https://www.districtgov.org/programs/senior-games/>.

A promotional banner for the 2026 Villages Senior Games. On the left, a woman in a blue athletic top and sunglasses is shown from the waist up, holding a pickleball paddle and looking up at a ball. In the center is a large circular logo with a torch icon above the text "2026 SENIOR GAMES" and "The Villages" below it. To the right of the logo, the text "The Games Begin April 17-26" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, a graphic shows a gold medal with the text "GO FOR THE GOLD IN 2026!". Further down, it says "Registration Now Open!". At the bottom left, there is a QR code and a text box stating "Brochures available at any regional recreation complex or online at TheVillagesSeniorGames.com". At the bottom right, a text box says "Completed forms can be turned into any regional recreation center." next to a circular logo for "The Villages Recreation & Parks AT YOUR SERVICE".

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: [TheVillagesSeniorGames.com](https://www.districtgov.org/programs/senior-games/)  
352-753-1716 | [SeniorGames@DistrictGov.org](mailto:SeniorGames@DistrictGov.org)

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# Recreation & Parks

Registration Opens Thursday, March 5!



## Get Ready for Easter Week at CAMP Villages

### Monday, March 30

#### Easter Sleepover Crafts

Ages: 6-9 | 10AM & 1PM

Rohan | \$15

#### Cute Baby Animals

Ages: 8-11 | 10AM & 1PM

Mulberry Grove | \$10

#### Family Spring Puzzle Challenge

Ages: 8+ | 3PM

Aviary | \$5 per person

### Wednesday, April 1

#### Plant Pals

Ages: 7+ | 11AM, 1PM & 3PM

Big Cypress | \$10

#### Golf Car Scavenger Hunt

Ages: 5+ | 1PM

Chatham, Sterling Heights & Manatee | \$10

### Tuesday, March 31

#### Hippity-Hoppity

Ages: 3-5 | 10AM

Savannah | \$10

#### Bunny Bop Bocce Ball

Ages: 6+ | 10AM, 1PM & 3PM

SeaBreeze & Olympia | \$5 per person

#### Easy-Make Spring Treats

Ages: 5-12 | 10AM & 1PM

Water Lily | \$10



### Thursday, April 2

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Ages: 3-12 | 10AM, 11:30AM, & 1PM

Laurel Manor, Colony Cottage, & Riverbend | Free

#### Indoor Movie

Zootopia (PG)

All Ages | 2PM

Colony Cottage | \$5 per person



#### SPACE IS LIMITED – REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Activity fees are only required for each grandchild to participate, unless otherwise noted.

Grandparents must accompany their grandchildren at all times. **Registration Opens THU, MAR 5!**

Register online at [DistrictGov.org](https://DistrictGov.org) or any **At Your Service** Location.

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

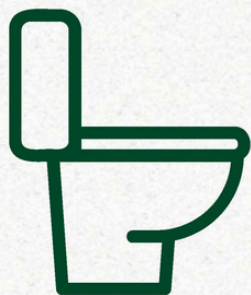
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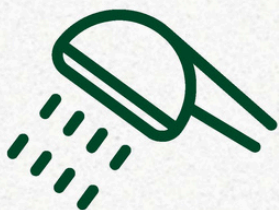
# SAVING WATER

## INDOORS

### *Tips*



**Watch out for silent leaks in toilets.** Remove the toilet tank lid and any colored cleaning agents. Flush to clear the water in the bowl. Add dye tablets, leak detector fluid or even a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If there is a leak, color will appear in the bowl within 10 to 15 minutes. Flush when the test is completed.



**Take shorter showers and make sure there are no leaks in showerheads.** If there is a leak, make sure the showerhead is screwed tightly. Additionally, make sure showerheads are low-flow. Older high-volume showerheads deliver 4 gallons of water per minute. Pressures have been adjusted to the low flow fixtures to deliver as good a shower as the higher flow showerheads.



**Adjust wash cycles for laundry.** Select the minimum volume of water required for each load. Normal and permanent press wash cycles use more water, so use the shortest wash cycle for light loads. Stains can be pretreated to avoid rewashing.

If you believe you have a potable water leak, contact Utilities Customer Service at 352-750-0000 and they can review your billing history. Potable water conservation is a community-wide effort, we all share in the Stewardship of this valuable resource.

To learn more about water conservation, visit [TheVillagesWaterWisdom.com](http://TheVillagesWaterWisdom.com)



# NOTICES

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE



**Bond Cut-Off Date : March 13, 2026**

Your residential Bond debt is paid through an annual assessment listed in the Non-Ad Valorem section of your county property tax bill. The annual Bond assessment includes principal, interest and an administrative fee based on the amortization schedule created at the time the bond was issued.

Our next Bond Cut-Off date is Friday, March 13, 2026.

If we receive your payment by 5:00pm that day, you will save half the interest for the year, eliminate the annual Bond assessment from your November 2026 tax bill, and avoid future interest payments.

If you prefer, instead of paying over time, you can prepay the remaining principal balance on your Bond and avoid future interest and administrative fees. We have several cut-off dates during the year that affect the payoff amount.

Payments can be placed in the District Drop Boxes located at each Postal Station up until Friday, March 9, 2026.

If mailing your payment, allow enough time for it to reach us by the 13<sup>th</sup>.

You are not required to pay off your Bond in advance. You can continue to pay the Bond through the annual assessment on your County Property Tax bill.

To view details of your Bond, all Bond amortization schedules are available on the District website at [www.DistrictGov.org/bonds](http://www.DistrictGov.org/bonds).

If you have any questions, please contact the Bond Team at [bonds@districtgov.org](mailto:bonds@districtgov.org) or 352-751-3900.



# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Bacall Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence replacement**
  - Monday, February 9 – Sunday, March 1
- **Burnsed Recreation Lobby Restrooms and Kitchen**
  - Thursday, February 19 – Friday, February 20
- **Chatham Recreation Billiards Room, table recovering**
  - Wednesday, March 18 – Friday, March 20
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 27
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Billiards Room, new tables and furniture**
  - Monday, February 23 – Friday, February 27
- **Eisenhower Recreation Sports Pool**
  - Tuesday, March 3, 7am-12pm
- **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
- **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 Recreation Dog Park**
  - Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20
- **Richmond Neighborhood Recreation Area and Adult Pool**
  - Friday, February 20
- **Riverbend Recreation Family Pool**
  - Wednesday, February 25
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
  - Friday, February 13 – Friday, February 27
- **Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, pool refurbishment**
  - Tuesday, January 13 – Friday, February 27
- **Sterling Heights Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Monday, February 23
- **Trillium Recreation Indoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - Monday, March 9
- **Truman Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20



# Join Our Team

Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

## CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Are you looking for employment?

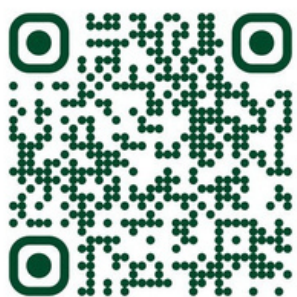
If so, look no further than the  
Villages Community Development District.

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**



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