



**The Villages®**  
Community Development Districts

# **DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**February 5, 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](http://DistrictGov.Org) or contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.



## Bogart Executive Golf Course - Reopening

Following extensive renovations, we are excited to announce the reopening of the Bogart Executive Golf Course. For additional information click [here](#).

**GRAND RE-OPENING!**

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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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has placed a modified **Phase II “Severe” Water Shortage** Order for areas within The Villages. This is due to increasingly dry conditions throughout the region, which requires all residents, including those on private wells, in the cities and counties listed below to follow one-day-per-week watering restrictions.

Other water use activities are impacted; however, golf courses are largely unaffected. The restrictions apply to all of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter counties; portions of Charlotte, Highlands and Lake counties; the City of Dunnellon and The Villages in Marion County; from **Feb. 8, 2026, through July 1, 2026.**

## QUESTIONS?

- Visit or send an inquiry to [WaterMatters.org/Restrictions](https://WaterMatters.org/Restrictions) at any time.
- Call (813) 856-5679 during business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- To see updates please visit [What’s Happening](#).

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found [here](#).



For more information on water conservation in The Villages, we also encourage you to explore Water Wisdom University at <https://www.waterwisdomuniversity.com/>



## The Villages® Community Development Districts Utilities

### Here are 10 Easy ways to save water around the house

#### Inside your home:

- Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when full.
- Use shorter wash cycles for lightly soiled laundry.
- Thaw frozen foods in the fridge or microwave—not under running water.
- Scrape, don't rinse, your dishes before loading the dishwasher.
- Install high-efficiency shower heads, faucets and toilets.

#### Outside your home:

- Check your irrigation system for leaks (see bonus tip below).
- Turn off your irrigation system and only water when needed.
- Use a kitchen timer to remind you when it's time to shut off the sprinklers.
- Wash your car with a hose that has a shut-off nozzle.
- Set up a rain barrel with drip irrigation—your plants will love the natural rainwater.

Learn more at [WaterMatters.com/Water101](http://WaterMatters.com/Water101)



**Seek the Leak**  
**INDOORS**

**Water 101**  
Southwest Florida  
Water Management District

Fixing leaks and installing a few inexpensive water-saving devices in your home could save over **20,000 gallons** of water each year.

**Common indoor leaks include: Faucets • Showerheads • Appliances • Piping**

**Check for Leaks Using Your Water Meter**

- 1**  
Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances. Make sure no one uses water inside or outside during the testing period.
- 2**  
Go to your water meter and record the current reading. Wait 30 minutes. Do not use water.
- 3**  
Go back to the meter and record the reading again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak.
- 4**  
If you have a leak, consult a professional to find and fix the leak as soon as possible.



# 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 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.

## ARC Vacant Volunteer Positions

- District 1 Primary
- District 5 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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[DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) | 352-753-4508 | [CustomerService@DistrictGov.org](mailto:CustomerService@DistrictGov.org)

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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 on 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 Sweetgum executive course will be closed Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> for scheduled maintenance.
- The Silver Lake executive course will be closed all day on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to remove a large Oak tree that has expired.
- The Saddlebrook executive course will be closed for maintenance (all day) on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> to complete a MMP project in conjunction with Infrastructure.



# 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**

**\$3**  
per passenger

**CRUISE TIMES**  
**1PM TO SUNSET**

**The Villages**  
Recreation & Parks

*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)

## Assistive Listening Devices

Assistive listening systems are available at recreation centers throughout The Villages. To inquire on having one of these devices at your next club or group meeting, contact the recreation center manager for assistance. To request accommodation for a district-sponsored event please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 352-674-1800, email [RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org](mailto:RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org) or mail Recreation & Parks Department 3571 Keissel Road, The Villages, FL 32163.

# Recreation & Parks

## 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.



## Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve

The Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve is a sensitive nature area. To avoid disturbing the habitat dogs are **prohibited**. Please read and follow all posted signage. We thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Recreation Administration at 352-674-1800.

# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Atlas Recreation Canine Park**
  - *Monday, February 9 – Friday, February 13*
- **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*
- **Bradenton Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Monday, February 9*
- **Bridgeport Recreation Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Monday, January 19 – Sunday, February 8*
- **Canal Street Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Monday, January 19 – Friday, February 6*
- **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 Belmont Billiards Room**
  - *Monday, February 2 – Friday, February 6*
- **Citrus Grove Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, February 12*
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Monday, February 16 – 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**
  - *Friday, February 20*
- **Fish Hawk Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Friday, February 13*

# FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Hemingway Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
  - *Thursday, February 12*
- **La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Monday, February 9, 7am-12pm*
- **La Hacienda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
  - *Friday, February 20*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Tuesday, February 10, 7am-12pm*
- **Lake Okahumpka Recreation Indoor Facilities, Boardwalk and Back Porch**
  - *Tuesday, February 10*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Dog Park**
  - *Monday, February 23 – Sunday, March 8*
- **Pimlico Recreation Pickleball Courts, resurfacing**
  - *Thursday, January 29 – Friday, February 6*
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Friday, February 13 – Friday, February 27*
- **Rupert Recreation Dog Park**
  - *Wednesday, February 4 – Friday, February 6*
- **SeaBreeze Recreation Sports Pool**
  - *Monday, February 16, 7am-12pm*
- **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 Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
  - *Friday, February 6*
- **Water Lily Recreation Billiards, table recovering**
  - *Tuesday, February 10 – Friday, February 13*

# STAY SAFE ONLINE WHEN USING AI

While AI might offer valuable capabilities, always remember to stay proactive and educated about the risks. Here are essential tips to ensure you stay secure while using generative AI.

## 1. Mind Your Inputs

AI systems learn from user inputs, so refrain from sharing anything you want to keep private, like your workplace's company data or your personal details.

*TIP: Avoid sharing sensitive or confidential information with AI models – if you wouldn't post it on social media, don't share it with AI.*

## 2. Be Privacy Aware

Since AI models often scrape data from the web, what you share publicly online may be copied, in whole or in part, by AI tools.

*TIP: Think about what you share with a wide audience – would you want an AI to have it?*

## 3. How Hackers Use AI

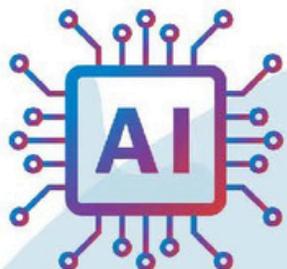
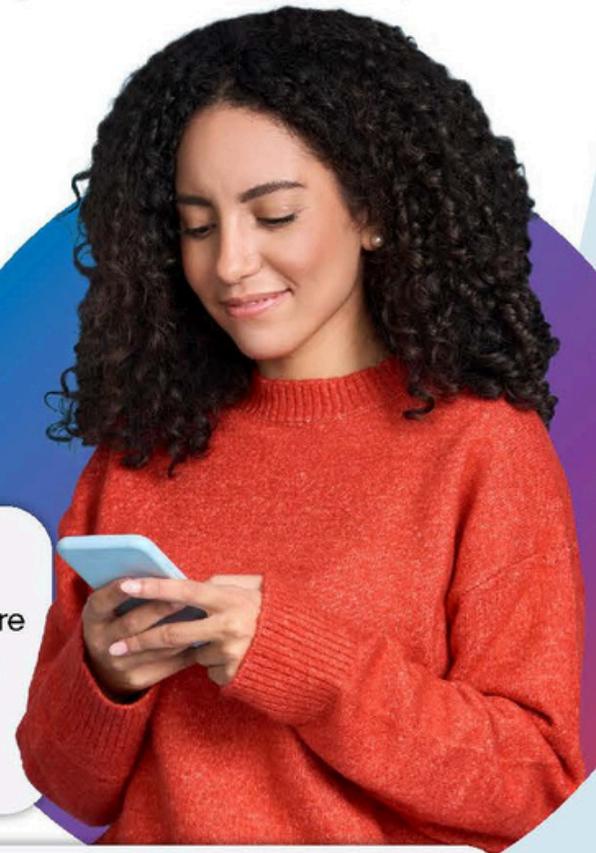
Cybercriminals may use AI to fool you. Public tools can mimic a person's voice or image (this is sometimes called a "deepfake"). Criminals can make a voice call to mimic a trusted person and steal money or to harass people by posting fake or modified images and videos.

*TIP: Stay updated on cybersecurity best practices. Criminals using AI as a tool makes it more important that everyone protect themselves using the core 4 behaviors: strong passwords, MFA, software updates, and reporting phishing.*

## 4. AI is a Tool

While AI can assist with tasks, it's important to maintain your expertise and not rely solely on AI-generated content. Prompting isn't the same as creating!

*TIP: Treat AI as a helpful tool rather than a replacement for your skills.*



## Remember: Follow the Core 4

As generative AI increases in popularity, adopting the “Core 4” cybersecurity behaviors is paramount for all of us. Use strong, unique passwords (and a [password manager!](#)), turn on multifactor authentication for all accounts, keep software updated and watch for phishing.



**Use strong passwords**

[Learn More](#)



**Turn on MFA**

[Learn More](#)



**Keep software updated**

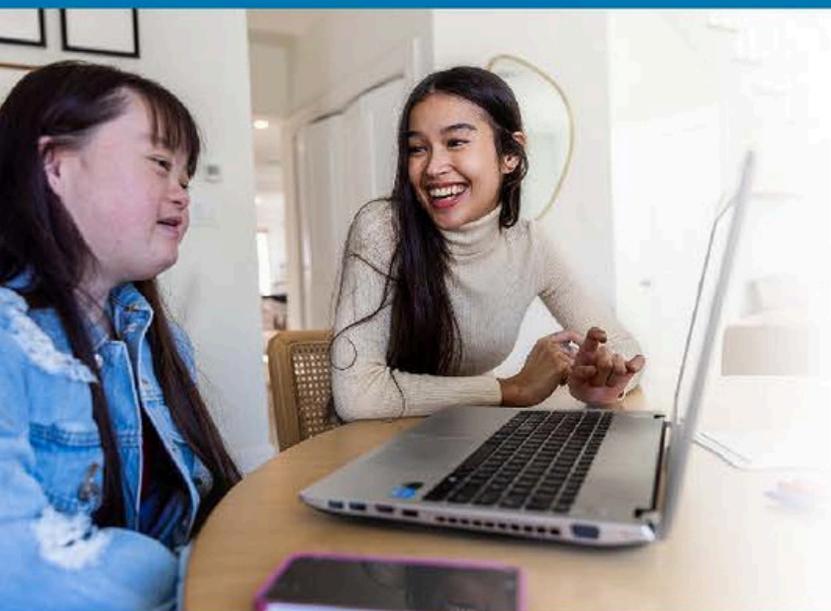
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**Watch for phishing**

[Learn More](#)

Taking these steps helps  
**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)

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## CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Are you looking for employment?

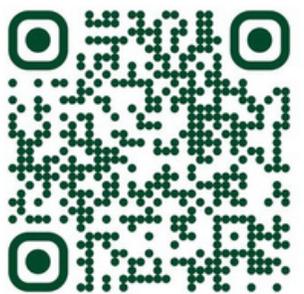
If so, look no further than the Villages Community Development District.

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](http://DistrictGov.org) > **Contact Us**>**Careers**

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