



The Villages®
Community Development Districts

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

March 26, 2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

We're always looking for ways to improve our weekly resident Bulletin and ensure it provides helpful, relevant information for those who live in The Villages community.

To help guide future content, we invite you to take a brief survey and share what types of updates, topics, and resources you'd like to see included.

Your feedback will help us better tailor the newsletter to residents' interests and priorities. The survey will remain open through **March 31, 2026**. We appreciate you taking a few minutes to participate.

Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQLZ5P5



Spring Driving Safety Tips



CHECK YOUR LIGHTS

make sure all lights in your vehicle are working properly



REPLACE YOUR WINDSHIELD WIPERS

winter storm may have damaged your wipers



CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE

colder weather deflates tires faster, and can cause flat tires



SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE CAREFULLY

rainwater, mixed with oil on the streets, causes slipperier road conditions



WATCH OUT FOR ANIMALS

animal activity level rises in the spring, especially during early mornings and evenings



CHECK YOUR ALLERGY MEDICATIONS

some allergy medications can cause drowsiness

SPRING INTO SAFETY with VPSD

AMBIT ENERGY

HOW TO PREPARE FOR SPRING STORMS



Organize an Emergency Plan

- Be prepared for all types of severe weather, such as thunderstorms, floods and tornadoes. Prepare an emergency shelter and evacuation plan, including a map of your home and routes to safety.



Protect Your Electronics

- Plug your electronics into surge protectors to avoid damage during a storm.
- If your electronics are not safeguarded by surge protectors, unplug all devices before a storm to prevent damage.



Prepare for Power Outages

- During a power outage, use battery-operated flashlights and lanterns rather than candles.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors shut to maintain cold temperatures as long as possible.
- Perishable and frozen food that has been held above 40°F for over two hours should be discarded.
- In the event of a power outage, call your local utility company to notify them of the outage and to receive more information.



Stay Away from Downed Power Lines

- Conditions after a storm can be hazardous. Stay away from downed power lines, as electricity could still be flowing.
- If you see downed power lines, immediately call your local utility company or 911.



Go Inside When You Hear Thunder

- According to the American Red Cross, lightning kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes.
- When you hear thunder, go inside! Every lightning flash, which is followed by thunder, is a potential killer.



Keep an Emergency Kit

- Put together your emergency kit now, because you never know when severe weather will come your way.
- Include a first aid kit, a three- to five-day supply of bottled water, nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, blankets or sleeping bags, battery-operated flashlights or lanterns, a battery-operated weather radio and extra batteries.
- Make a list of important information to have on hand, like phone numbers of your utility companies.
- Keep an additional emergency kit in your car in case you're stuck in severe weather on the road.



Seek Shelter

- If there is a severe weather alert in your area, seek shelter as quickly as possible.
- If you're indoors, seek shelter in the lowest level of the building, such as a basement or storm cellar. If you don't have a basement, go to an inner hallway, an inner room or a closet.
- Keep away from all windows and glass doorways.
- You can cushion yourself with a mattress, but don't cover yourself with one. Cover your head and eyes with a blanket or jacket to protect against flying debris and broken glass.
- Keep pets on a leash or in a crate or carrier.
- Stay inside until you're certain the storm has passed.

While hurricane season does not officially begin until June 1, spring is a good time to review severe weather safety. Afternoon thunderstorms, strong winds, and lightning become more common this time of year, making it important for residents to stay alert and prepared.

The Villages Public Safety Department (VPSD) encourages residents to review their household emergency plans, check flashlights and batteries, and make sure smoke alarms and other safety devices are functioning properly. Lightning and severe storms can cause power outages or fire hazards, so taking a few minutes to prepare can help keep your home and family safe.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for local emergency notifications through [AlertFlorida](#), the statewide alert system managed by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Alerts are delivered through the Everbridge notification system and can be received by phone, text message, email, or through the [Everbridge](#) mobile app. To sign up, visit [FloridaDisaster.org/AlertFlorida](#) to locate your county's specific registration page and choose how you would like to receive alerts.

For additional safety information, including lightning safety and storm preparedness tips, visit the National Weather Service at [weather.gov/safety](#).

Sources:
<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/plan/understand> | <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/overview.htm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/springweather/> | <http://www.americanredcross.com/news/2013/03/14/08/Prepare-for-Spring-Storms.aspx>
<http://www.seas.com/commenality/electronics/protect-your-electronics-during-storms/> | <http://aifl.org/index.cfm/page/Power-Lines-frequently-asked-Safety-Questions.cfm/12545/ytd/71404>
http://www.weather.com/safety/tornado/articles/during-the-tornado_2013-10-10 | http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/chart/frozen_food.html

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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.

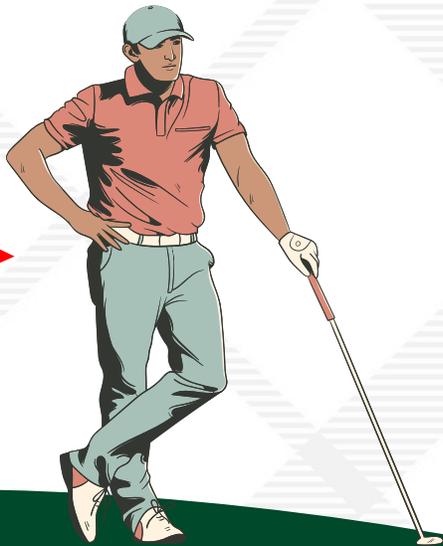
Executive Course Closures

Complete Course Renovation

- Bonita Pass
- El Santiago
- Heron
- Truman
- Walnut Grove

Closed for special course maintenance:

- Hawkes Bay - Monday, March 30th all day for extra turf maintenance.
- Amberwood - Wednesday, April 1st for extra turf maintenance.
- Palmetto - Friday, April 3rd for extra turf maintenance and aerify greens.
- De La Vista - Friday, April 3rd to fix uneven pavement at the starter building.



Recreation & Parks

America's 250th Anniversary

Did you know the United state will celebrate its 250th anniversary (semi quincennial) on July 4, 2026? Please let us know if your club or activity has any plans to celebrate. We'd like to highlight your event along with those planned by the Recreation & Parks Department. Contact the Recreation & Parks Department at RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org.

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY



Calling All Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Leaders!

Please let us know if your club or activity has any plans to celebrate. We'd like to highlight your event along with those planned by the Recreation & Parks Department.

Contact the Recreation & Parks Department at RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org.

352-753-1716 | RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org | DistrictGov.org

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Recreation & Parks

Personal Items

Leaving personal items at Recreation Facilities (Recreation Centers, Fit Clubs, Dog Parks, etc.) is not permissible unless approved through Recreation Administration. Any personal items that are left at recreation facilities will be removed by staff and discarded after a month. Residents and guests are required to remove any of their personal items.

April is National Volunteer Month

Thank you Volunteers! The phenomenal success of The Villages Lifestyle is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm The Villages volunteers display on a continual basis!



Thank You

Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Leaders

National Volunteer Month | April 1 - 30



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Recreation & Parks



Billiards Hall Lighting

In our efforts to keep the recreation facilities in optimal condition, many of the recreation center billiards halls' table lighting has been upgraded to diamond lights! Please stop by to see the improved facilities! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Recreation Administration at 352-674-1800.



FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Allamanda Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**
 - *Monday, April 6 – Sunday, April 26*
- **Atlas Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Saturday, April 4 – Wednesday, April 8*
- **Big Cypress Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 2*
- **Big Cypress Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *Monday, April 13 – Wednesday, April 15*
- **Chatham Recreation Billiards Room, table recovering**
 - *Wednesday, March 18 – Friday, March 20*
- **Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, March 27*
- **Churchill Street Recreation Winner's Circle Billiards Room, diamond light installation**
 - *Monday, April 6 – Tuesday, April 7*
- **Coconut Cover Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 9*
- **Colony Cottage Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 1*
- **Fish Hawk Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27*
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 24*
- **LaBelle Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 9*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *until further notice*
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 10*

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Manatee Recreation Withlacoochee Billiards Room, diamond light installation**
 - *Wednesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 9*
- **Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 8*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Pickleball Courts Pod C**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Sunday, April 5*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool and Pool House, refurbishment**
 - *Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, July 28*
- **Osceola Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 8*
- **Paradise Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Sunday, April 5*
- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, refurbishment**
 - *Friday, March 13 – Friday, April 3*
- **Pimlico Recreation Belmont Billiards Room, new tables, furniture and carpet**
 - *Monday, March 23 – Friday, March 27*
- **Pimlico Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 10*
- **Riverbend Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, April 3*
- **Spanish Moss Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Monday, March 30, 7am-12pm*
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - *until further notice*
- **Swallowtail Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Friday, April 24*
- **Tierra Del Sol Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Tuesday, March 31*
- **Willow Tree Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 16*



ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR **OLDER ADULTS**

Being online helps us keep up with current events, connect with friends and family, manage finances and more. Take these steps to ensure a safe and secure experience!



Lock your devices

Use a passcode, fingerprint or facial recognition to unlock phones or tablets. This keeps prying eyes out and helps protect our info if the device is lost or stolen.



Keep apps and software up to date

Software updates improve a device's security and functionality. Stop clicking "Remind me later." Let's enable our devices to automatically update.



Create strong passwords

Strong passwords are long (16+ characters), random and unique for each account. Use a password manager to generate, save and fill in strong passwords, so they don't need to be remembered.



Adjust default settings

Privacy and security settings on new devices may not be strong, so change them. Options to control what information is shared are under the "Settings" option on the device. Now we can control what data is shared and how others can interact with our profiles.



Share with care

The more personal details we post on social networking sites, the easier it may be for a scammer to steal our identities, access our data or commit other crimes. And just because a website asks us for our address, photo or mother's maiden name doesn't mean we have to provide it!

Consider photo details

Before posting a picture online, think about what details may reveal. We don't want to inadvertently share details like where we live, our daily routines or even places we frequently visit with strangers.

Be cautious with links and attachments

Most scams start with links and attachments in emails, texts, online ads and social media posts/messages. Don't click on links or download anything that comes from a stranger or that was unexpected.

Know that people may lie about their identity

Criminals can easily disguise their identity to appear trustworthy—even masquerading as friends or loved ones. We should only accept friend requests from people we know personally—and never send money or sensitive information to anyone we haven't met in person.

Stay calm

Scams often rely on us having a quick, emotional reaction and responding to the request. So be cautious with messages that sound urgent and ask for sensitive information. Don't respond right away. Instead, contact a trusted source to verify the request. Ask for help if needed.

Look out for this automatic red flag

If someone insists on payment by wire transfer or gift card, it's a scam. End the conversation immediately!



When in doubt, reach out for help.

Scammers are tricky. We can all be fooled. It's important that we let someone know if something doesn't feel right or we made a mistake. If we act quickly and talk to someone, we can get help and even fix what happened.

Taking these steps helps
Secure Our World.



We can all help one another
so share these tips with a family
member or friend!

cisa.gov/SecureOurWorld



Dig into **SAFE PLANTING & FENCING** **10 TIPS** from **SUNSHINE 811** AVOID DAMAGE TO BURIED UTILITY LINES

- 1 811 BEFORE YOU DIG.**
Contact 811 two full business days before you dig so underground utilities can be located and marked. It's the law, and damages happen when 811 is not contacted. If working under a prime, get a ticket.
- 2 LEAVE ROOM FOR ROOTS TO GROW.**
Know how far plant roots spread. When they run through your dig site, consider moving the plants.
- 3 PAY ATTENTION TO STUMPS AND ENTANGLED ROOTS.**
Underground facilities can run beneath stumps. Similarly, roots can become entangled with utility lines – even when originally planted several feet from the lines. Watch for these lines when grinding/removing a stump.
- 4 AVOID UTILITY BOXES.**
Plain and simple, do not plant or install fence posts near them.
- 5 UNDERSTAND DIGGING IN THE TOLERANCE ZONE.**
The flags and paint used to mark buried facilities show the approximate location of the physical facility, but not the depth. Buried facilities have a tolerance zone that runs 24 inches from a facility's outside edges. When digging in the tolerance zone, you are required to use increased caution to protect and expose underground facilities by hand digging, pot holing, soft digging, vacuum excavation methods, or other similar procedures. Any use of mechanized equipment within the tolerance zone must be supervised by the excavator.
- 6 CHECK UTILITY RESPONSES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DIG SITE.**
Once you are in the 811 system for a ticket locate, checking responses becomes the primary way utilities communicate with contractors in real time about job sites, status of locate tickets, if the utility owner wants to be present, and other issues.
- 7 RECOGNIZE HAND DIGGING CAN DAMAGE BURIED UTILITY LINES.**
Digging straight down with foot pressure or making sharp jabs will almost certainly cause damage if you hit a buried utility line. Those protective coatings are designed to resist moisture, not sharp objects driven in by workers. In any contest involving steel and plastic, plastic will lose.
- 8 REACH OUT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CONTACT OR DAMAGE UTILITY LINES.**
If something doesn't look right, stop and call the utility owner. Stop all excavation in the immediate area that could cause further damage until you receive clearance from the operator. DO NOT attempt to repair, bury, or hide the damage. If there is imminent danger, evacuate the site and call 911.
- 9 UNDERSTAND HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES.**
Homeowners should understand the importance of keeping the marks and flags intact and the potential impacts when they are destroyed or moved. Homeowners are also responsible for showing contractors any private facilities they own. Private utilities can be: water/sewer lines and irrigation lines, electrical lines to sheds, landscape lighting and pool pumps, gas lines to a grill, etc.
- 10 DOCUMENT THE PROPERTY.**
Take photos before and during digging to document your safe digging procedures.



NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 9

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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 5, 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 website.

Applications must be submitted to Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, no later than Friday, April 24, 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, May 6, 2026, 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.

> Contact Us > Careers > See All Openings.

Or [CLICK HERE](#) to view the latest openings

You can contact us Monday-Friday 8am-5pm with any questions or inquiries, at 352-674-1905.



Scan the QR code to apply online or visit DistrictGov.org > **Contact Us**>**Careers**

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