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Community Development Districts

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

March 5, 2026

Protecting One of Our Community's Greatest Natural Assets: Wetlands

Did you know that The Villages is home to more than 175 wetlands spanning approximately 2,800 acres throughout our community? These important natural areas are carefully maintained and preserved by the Infrastructure Division within the District Property Management (DPM) Department.

Wetlands are among the most valuable ecosystems in the world, providing meaningful environmental and community benefits right here at home. They act as natural flood protection by absorbing and storing excess rainwater, helping reduce flooding, protect nearby homes, and lessen storm impacts. Wetlands also serve as natural filtration systems- trapping pollutants and sediment, improving water quality, and supporting groundwater recharge.

In addition to protecting infrastructure, wetlands provide critical habitat for a wide range of wildlife, including birds, fish, amphibians, and several threatened and protected species that rely on these environments to survive. They also contribute to climate regulation by storing significant amounts of carbon in their soil and vegetation, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Beyond their environmental value, wetlands enhance the scenic beauty and character of our community. The Infrastructure Division takes great pride in managing and preserving these vital areas as part of DPM's ongoing commitment to responsible environmental stewardship.

These natural spaces are more than just beautiful landscapes - they are working systems that help keep The Villages resilient, sustainable, and thriving for years to come.

For additional information, please contact
District Property Management at 352-753-4022.

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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 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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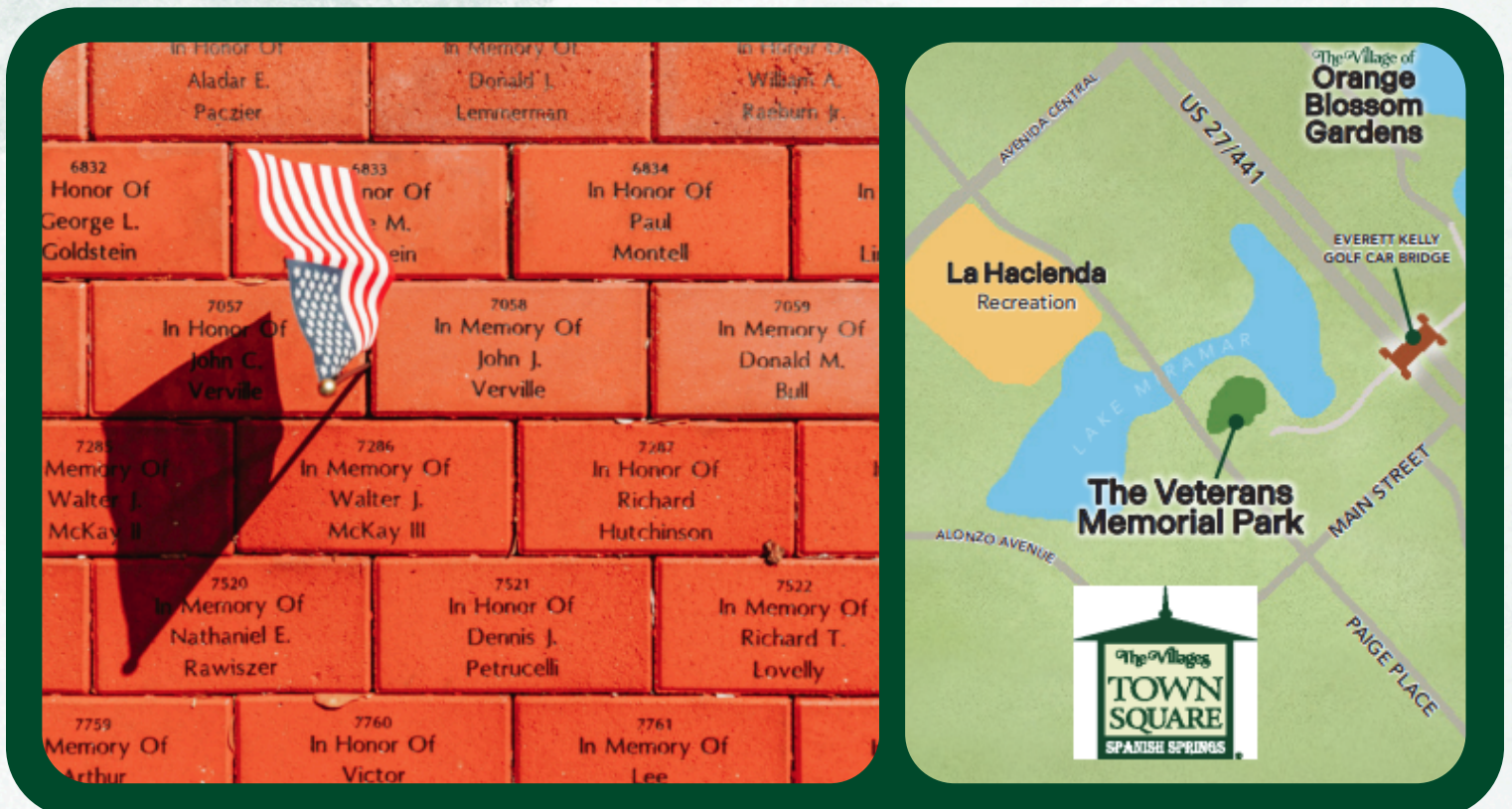
Order your Veteran Memorial Bricks Now for 2026

The Veterans Memorial Park is home to thousands of commemorative bricks purchased to honor and remember the men and women who have served our country.

We are currently accepting orders for bricks to be dedicated during this year's Veterans Day ceremony.

Orders must be placed by March 31st to be included in the 2026 dedication. Any bricks purchased on or after April 1 will be dedicated during the 2027 Veterans Day ceremony.

For more information click [here](#) or contact Customer Service at 352-753-4508.



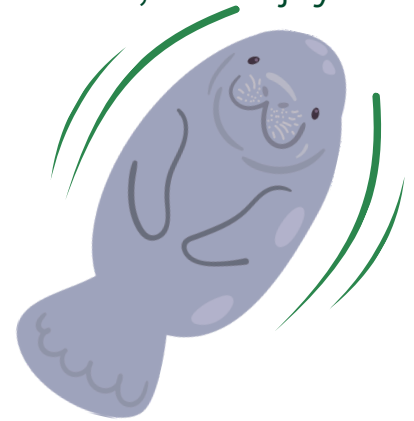
DISCOVER MARCH - Notes & Notables

March ushers in the first hints of spring, a month filled with fresh beginnings, community traditions, and a meaningful place in history. For many, it represents a season of renewal, neighbors reconnecting at local events, families enjoying longer, sun-filled afternoons, and communities gathering to celebrate cherished observances.

In The Villages, that vibrant spirit shines through spring festivals, neighborhood socials, and seasonal celebrations reminding us, like the gentle breezes that carry the scent of blooming flowers, to step outside, embrace the sunshine, and enjoy the season together.

National Celebrations this month:

- [National Anthem Day - March 3](#)
- [International Women's Day - March 8](#)
- [St. Patrick's Day - March 17](#)
- [Manatee Appreciation Day - March 25](#)



Fun Facts March:

- March was originally the first month of the Roman Calendar.
- “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb” meaning if the month of March starts with cold and stormy weather, the end of the month will be mild.
- Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day comes from an old Irish folktale that says the color makes you invisible to mischievous fairies that pinch anyone they see!



March Zodiac Signs: Pisces or Aries

Birth Flower: Daffodil

Birthstone: Aquamarine and Bloodstone



Notable people born in March include:

- Vincent Van Gogh
- Stephen Curry
- Mariah Carey
- Albert Einstein
- Diana Ross
- Chuck Norris
- Olivia Wilde
- Simone Biles
- Jon Bon Jovi
- Celine Dion
- Jenna Fischer
- Reba McEntire
- Jensen Ackles
- Catherine O'Hara



WILDFIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY TIPS



Prevention

- Obey burn bans
- Avoid activities that cause open flames or sparks
- Properly discard of cigarettes - don't throw them from vehicles
- Don't park cars on grass



Safety

- Be prepared to take action to protect yourself & your family
- If you smell smoke or see fire, move away immediately
- Obey instructions from local authorities & be ready to evacuate

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Moderate to extreme drought conditions persist across West Central and Southwest Florida.

Dry conditions increase the risk of wildfires. Taking simple steps now-like clearing brush and preparing emergency supplies-can help protect your home and family.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

**Wildfires can escalate and become dangerous quickly
Prepare ahead of time so you'll be ready!**



Use fire-resistant landscaping & clear brush around home



Pack a disaster supply kit or emergency go-bag

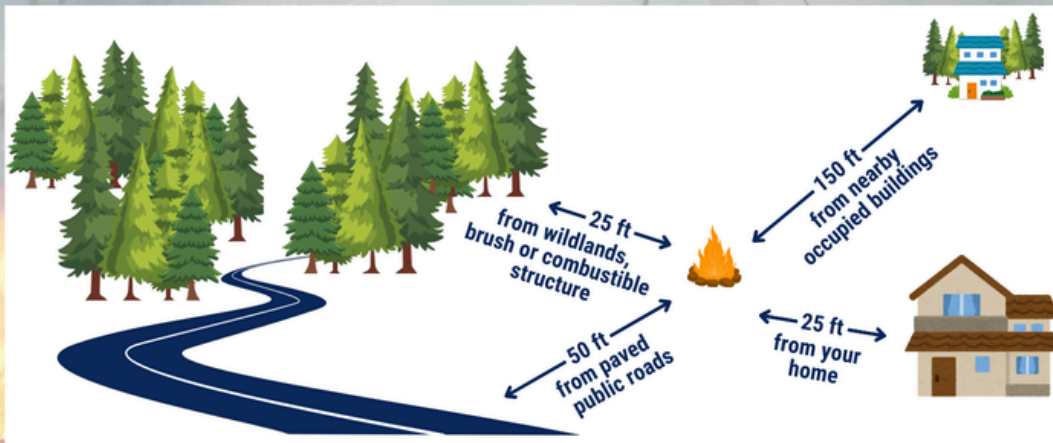


Know potential evacuation routes and make a plan

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BONFIRE SAFETY



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View the latest Drought Information Statement from the National Weather Service [here](#).

LADY LAKE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING

The Town of Lady Lake will host the second installment in its cybersecurity training series on March 26 at 2 p.m. at the Lady Lake Library. The session will again be led by Howard Davis, the Town's IT cybersecurity expert.

Based on feedback from the previous training, this presentation will focus specifically on phone cybersecurity, providing residents with practical tools to protect their personal information while using smartphones and mobile devices. Davis will cover common phone-based scams, suspicious text messages, malicious apps, and ways cybercriminals attempt to gain access to sensitive data through mobile platforms.

Attendees will also learn best practices for securing their devices, identifying red flags, and reducing the risk of identity theft or fraud.

The training is free and open to the public and is designed for users of all experience levels. Registration is not required.

For more information, contact Howard Davis at ladylake.cybercec@gmail.com.



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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
- Heron
- Truman
- Walnut Grove

Closed for special course maintenance:

- Silver Lake will be closed half a day in the PM on Monday, March 9th for a planned maintenance activity.
- Pimlico will be closed all day on Wednesday, March 11th for a planned maintenance activity.
- Belmont will be closed all day on Thursday, March 12th for a planned maintenance activity.
- Churchill will be closed all day on Friday, March 13th for a planned maintenance activity.

De La Vista Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the De La Vista Golf Course ribbon cutting on March 4, 2026! It was wonderful celebrating this exciting milestone alongside our residents.



Recreation & Parks

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come for the parade and stay for all the excitement at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square.



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2026 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY Parade

TUESDAY | MARCH 17 | 1PM

Lake Sumter Landing Market Square*

The Villages
Recreation & Parks



MORE INFO: Peggy Carli: peggycarli4@gmail.com

Camp Villages Leprechaun Games

Grab your grandchildren and get your mischievous leprechaun on! There will be fun and silly games to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



LEPRECHAUN GAMES

The Villages
Recreation & Parks

CAMP Villages

INTERGENERATIONAL FUN FOR GRANDPARENTS & GRANDKIDS

Friday, March 13
3:30PM | Aviary Recreation

Ages: 5-12 years | \$8 per grandchild
Get your mischievous leprechaun on and get ready to play a variety of fun and silly games with us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register online at DistrictGov.org or any **At Your Service** location

FOR MORE INFO: RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org | 352-753-1716 | DistrictGov.org

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 or any **At Your Service** Location.



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FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Allamanda Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, March 13*
- **Bacall Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Tuesday, March 17*
- **Bacall Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence replacement**
 - *Monday, February 9 – Wednesday, March 9*
- **Bradenton Recreation Tennis Courts**
 - *Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 13*
- **Burnsed Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Wednesday, March 18*
- **Chatham Recreation Billiards Room, table recovering**
 - *Wednesday, March 18 – Friday, March 20*
- **Clarendon Recreation Tennis Courts**
 - *Wednesday, March 11*
- **DeLuna Recreation Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Friday, March 13*
- **Eisenhower Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
 - *Tuesday, March 10*
- **Everglades Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Tuesday, March 10, 7am-12pm*
- **Ezell Recreation Tennis Courts, master's tennis lines repainting**
 - *Monday, March 16*
- **Fish Hawk Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27*
- **Hibiscus Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, March 16*
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 24*
- **Homestead Recreation Family Pool**
 - *Monday, March 9 – Wednesday, March 11*

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Homestead Recreation Tennis Courts**
 - *Tuesday, March 10*
- **La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Monday, March 9, 7am-12pm*
- **Manatee Recreation Family Pool**
 - *Tuesday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 10*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, February 23 – Sunday, March 8*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Pickleball Courts Pod C**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Sunday, April 5*
- **Paradise Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Sunday, April 5*
- **Paradise Recreation Outdoor Facilities, Archery Range and Fitness Trail**
 - *Friday, March 20*
- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, refurbishment**
 - *Friday, March 13 – Friday, April 3*
- **Riverbend Recreation Tennis Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Thursday, March 12*
- **SeaBreeze Recreation Indoor Facilities, Fit Club, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
 - *Friday, March 7*
- **Silver Lake Recreation Billiards Room, table recovering**
 - *Tuesday, March 10 – Friday, March 13*
- **Southside Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - *Tuesday, January 3 – Thursday, March 12*
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - *until further notice*
- **Trillium Recreation Indoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, March 9*

SANITATION COLLECTION

- All household solid waste and yard waste are picked up twice a week - between 6 am - 5 pm.
- All household waste should be placed in sealed tall kitchen trash bags, or 20–30-gallon trash bags. Any color is acceptable except for red, which is used for medical waste.
- All materials can be placed in the same bag, no need to sort.
- The trash bags should be left at the end of your driveway. NO garbage cans are allowed, or they will be disposed of along with the household waste.
- Each bag should weigh no more than 40 pounds.
- Bags must be placed for collection before 6 AM on collection day, or the night before, no earlier than 5 PM.
- Wrap broken glass or sharp objects in newspaper and place them where they are unable to cause an injury.
- Tree limbs and branches should be bundled and tied, and may not exceed 5" in diameter, 5' in length, or exceed 40 pounds.



Residents of Districts 1-11:

Sumter Sanitation at 352-748-0109

Residents of Districts 12- 15 and Middleton-A:

District Utilities Customer Service at 352-750-0000

Residents of the Town of Lady Lake:

Waste Management at 352-787-4476

Residents of the unincorporated Lake County Portion of The Villages:

Lake County Solid Waste at 352-343-3776

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 overtime, 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 Monday, March 9, 2026.

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

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bond Team at bonds@districtgov.org or 352-751-3900.

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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