



DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

April 16, 2026

WATER MATTERS 2026

Residents gathered at Lake Sumter Landing square for this year's Water Matters event - right when it matters most. With much of Florida currently experiencing drought conditions and watering restrictions, the event offered timely, practical ways to conserve water and protect our local resources.

From interactive demonstrations to expert-led booths, attendees learned how everyday habits- like efficient irrigation, reducing runoff, and proper waste disposal- play a critical role in protecting our aquifers and water supply. Many were surprised to learn just how much water a typical household uses daily, and how small changes can make a big difference.

Residents also had the chance to connect directly with local agencies and water professionals, ask questions, and pick up tools and tips to use at home.

Looking to learn more? Visit Water Wisdom University for helpful resources and conservation tips, to help keep The Villages® beautiful.

District Property Management: 352-753-4022

WaterWisdomUniversity.com

With the rainy season ahead, we're hopeful for relief- but until then, every drop truly counts. Thanks to everyone who came out to learn, engage, and support water conservation in our community!



WATER MATTERS 2026



The Water Beneath Your Feet - Florida Aquifers

Did you know The Villages sits on top of one of the world's most productive aquifers? The Floridan aquifer system supplies drinking water to nearly 10 million people across Florida and parts of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

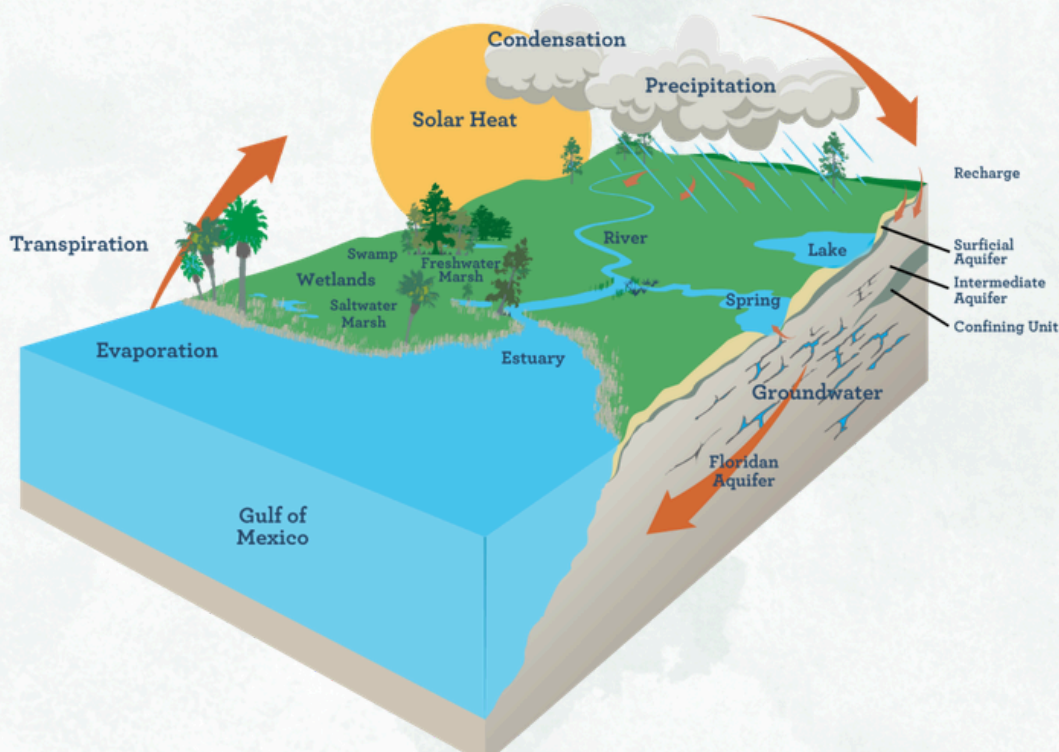
Even the Spanish explorers in the 1500s were amazed by its clear waters, reporting gushing springs in forests - fueling legends of the Fountain of Youth! By 1887, wells were drilled to tap this incredible resource, and today many of its underground rivers are so large that scuba divers can swim through vast caverns hidden beneath the ground.

Living on top of this vital water source means we all share responsibility for protecting it. Simple habits make a big difference:

- Use water wisely - every drop counts.
- Dispose of trash and hazardous products properly - if you wouldn't want to drink it, don't let it seep into the ground.

By caring for our aquifer, we ensure clean, safe water for our community today - and for generations to come.

For questions or more information, contact the District Property Management Department at PropertyManagement@DistrictGov.org or 352-753-4022.



SPRING CLEANING

Keep Your Family Safe While You Clean Your Home...

Climb ladders safely. Ensure that you set yours up at the required angle, and secure it well at the base. Consider "A" frame ladders that suit some situations better and are often more stable.



Store household chemicals out of sight and access after using. Children may consume if left unprotected.

Be mindful of toxic fumes. Air out your home when using household cleaners, and be wary of mixing chemicals. Always read the warnings on the labels on cleaning products.



Correctly dispose of expired medication. Don't flush down the toilet – check your municipality's guidelines for chemical waste.



Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Change batteries and units as necessary. If you can't remember the last time you changed the batteries, then they are likely due for a change.

TIP: Use these habits year-round to protect your family and maintain a safe home.



Prepare your home for an emergency. Restock first aid kits and review your family's emergency plan. Does your family know the escape plan and meeting place in case of a fire?

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RECLAIMED WATER IN THE VILLAGES®

What is reclaimed water? Reclaimed water, also known as recycled water or reuse water, is wastewater that has been treated and disinfected to remove solids and certain impurities. After treatment at a wastewater treatment plant, the treated reclaimed water can be safely piped back into communities for reuse by residential and commercial users.

Can reclaimed water be used for drinking? Though reclaimed water cannot be used for drinking, it has been used throughout the United States and the world as an ideal choice for watering lawns, recharging groundwater, and in industrial processes.

How is reclaimed water used in The Villages®?

Reclaimed water is used for irrigation of grass, landscaping, trees and common areas. You may see reclaimed water being used along roadways, on golf courses and in recreation areas.



Is reclaimed water being used for residential irrigation?

For residents located in The Villages® community **south of SR 44**, reclaimed water is combined with stormwater collected in retention basins and groundwater (when needed) and used for irrigation of home lawns and landscaping. The water coming from outdoor faucets attached to your home is potable drinking water. Your outdoor faucets are NOT connected to the non-potable irrigation system. For residents **north of SR 44 and south of CR 466**, stormwater collected in retention basins and groundwater (when needed) is used for irrigation of home lawns and landscaping. As above, the water coming from outdoor faucets attached to your home is potable drinking water. For residents **north of CR 466**, your home irrigation system is supplied with potable drinking water.

Is reclaimed water safe? All reclaimed water in The Villages® community meets water quality standards established by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDEP).

Is reclaimed water safe for my vegetable garden? The FDEP does not recommend using reclaimed water for edible crops (vegetables or fruits) that will not be peeled, skinned or cooked before being eaten. If you have a garden and live **south of CR 466**, it is recommended that you use potable water from the outdoor faucet attached to your house for watering fruit and vegetable plants. **North of CR 466**, residents' irrigation system is supplied by potable water, so the irrigation system can be used for irrigating a garden.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

Golf Course Conditions During Water Restrictions

With Phase 3 water restrictions now in effect, residents may notice changes in golf course conditions and maintenance practices. Irrigation is being managed in accordance with SWFWMD guidelines, with greens and tees watered up to three times per week, fairways once per week, and rough areas not receiving irrigation.

To maintain turf quality under these limitations, superintendents will place greater emphasis on hand-watering to address localized dry areas. As needed, temporary closures and adjusted rotation schedules will be implemented to support turf recovery from cart traffic.

Maintenance teams will remain mindful of play and will step aside when necessary to minimize disruption to golfers. Thank you for your understanding.



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.

Executive Course Closures

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

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Closed for special course maintenance:

- Hawkes Bay - Monday, April 20th for turf maintenance.
- Silver Lake - Monday, April 20th for on course tree removal.

For any further information, please contact District's Executive Golf Maintenance at (352) 674-1885 or by email at executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org.

Recreation & Parks

The Villages Senior Games

The Villages Senior Games continues to grow, and provide fun, fellowship, fitness and competition for all Villages residents. The focus of The Villages Senior Games is not winning, but participating. Come on out and watch your fellow Villagers compete in their favorite sport, Saturday, April 18 – Sunday, April 26, 2026!



2026 SENIOR GAMES
The Villages

SHOW YOUR Spirit

Scan the QR code for the events schedule.

CHEER ON THE ATHLETES!
APRIL 17 - 26

FOR MORE INFORMATION: TheVillagesSeniorGames.com
352-753-1716 | SeniorGames@DistrictGov.org

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The Enrichment Academy Speaker Series

The Speaker Series offers a variety of lectures by professional guest speakers who share their knowledge and experiences with the audience. Next up Jennifer Collins!



THE ENRICHMENT Academy
Learn & Grow

2026 Speaker Series
Presenter: Jennifer Collins

Hurricane Safety and Communication

THU | APR 30 | 6PM
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REGISTER

- IN PERSON: At Your Service Locations
- ONLINE: TheEnrichmentAcademy.org

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OUTSMART online outlaws

Avoid Phishing Scams with Three Simple Tips

Phishing scams are online messages designed to look like they're from a trusted source. We may open what we thought was a safe email, attachment or image only to find ourselves exposed to malware or a scammer looking for our personal data. The good news is we can take precautions to protect our important data. Learn to recognize the signs and report phishing to protect devices and data.

1

Recognize the common signs



- Urgent or emotionally appealing language
- Requests to send personal or financial information
- Unexpected attachments
- Untrusted shortened URLs
- Email addresses that do not match the supposed sender
- Poor writing/misspellings (less common)

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Resist and report

Report suspicious messages by using the "report spam" feature. If the message is designed to resemble an organization you trust, report the message by alerting the organization using their contact information found on their webpage.

3

Delete

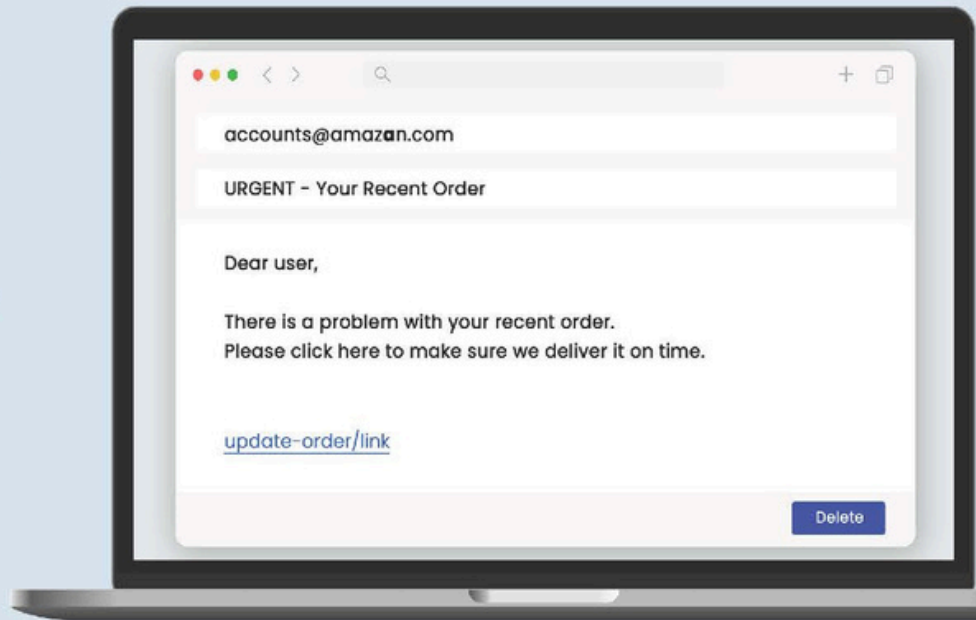
Delete the message. Don't reply or click on any attachment or link, including any "unsubscribe" link. The unsubscribe button could also carry a link used for phishing. **Just delete.**



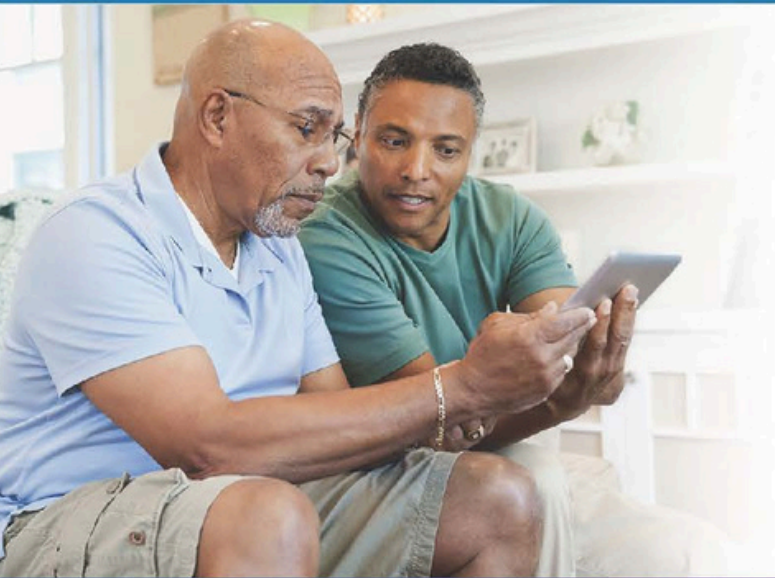
If a message looks suspicious, it's probably phishing.

But even if there's a possibility it could be real, don't click any link, attachment or call any number. Look up another way to contact a company or person directly:

- Go to a company's website to find their contact information
- Call the individual at a known number and confirm whether they sent the message



Avoiding phishing is one way to
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

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Allamanda Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**
 - *Monday, April 6 – Sunday, April 26*
- **Antrim Dells Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - *Friday, April 17 – Friday, May 8*
- **Ashland Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, tropical treatment**
 - *Monday, April 27 – Sunday, May 3*
- **Big Cypress Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *Thursday, April 16 – Friday, April 17*
- **Canal Street Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, May 4*
- **Colony Cottage Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Sports Pool**
 - *Friday, April 24*
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 24*
- **Knudson, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, Soaring Eagle, Everglades and Farragut Softball Complexes**
 - *Sunday, April 19 – Sunday, May 3*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Tennis Courts**
 - *Monday, April 20 – Sunday, April 26*
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Indoor Facilities and Fit Club, HVAC replacement & maintenance**
 - *Monday, May 4 – Saturday, July 18*

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Moyer Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, May 1*
- **Moyer Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 24*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool and Pool House, refurbishment**
 - *Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, July 28*
- **Odell Recreation Shuffleboard, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 8*
- **Paradise Archery Range**
 - *Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 15*
- **Paradise Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts, fence replacement**
 - *Monday, May 18 – Sunday, June 7*
- **Paradise Recreation Park Golf Cart Parking Lots**
 - *Monday, May 18 – Sunday, May 31*
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 23*
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Silver Lake Recreation Indoor and Outdoor Facilities**
 - *Tuesday, April 28*
- **Southside Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 30*
- **Spanish Moss Recreation Bocce Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 8*
- **Spanish Moss Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 29, 7am-12pm*

NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 9

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District 8

The Villages Community Development District No. 8 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling Seat 4, which was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor.

The remainder of the existing four (4) year term for the vacant 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 you can obtain the application on the [DistrictGov.org](https://www.districtgov.org) website.

**Applications must be submitted to the District Clerk,
no later than Friday, May 29, 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 **Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 10:00 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.



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 DistrictGov.org website.

Applications must be submitted to the 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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352-751-3939

[Email](#)

Bond Division

352-751-3900

[Email](#)

Budget

352-674-1920

[Email](#)

Community Standards

352-751-3912

[Deed Compliance](#)

[ARC Review](#)

Community Watch

352-753-0550

[Email](#)

Customer Service

352-753-4508

[Email](#)

District Clerk

352-751-3939

[Email](#)

Executive Golf Maintenance

352-674-1885

[Email](#)

Finance

352-753-0421

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Golf & Tennis Operations

352-753-3396

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Human Resources

352-674-1905

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District Property Mgmt.

[352-753-4022](#)

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Public Safety

352-205-8280

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Purchasing

352-751-6700

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Recreation & Parks

352-674-1800

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Risk Management

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