



The Villages®
Community Development Districts

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

May 21, 2026

Phase III Water Shortage for Lake County & District 14

As irrigation guidelines continue to evolve, residents are encouraged to regularly visit the [What's Happening](#) page on the District's website for updates on the Phase III Water Shortage.

Residents in portions of Lake County are now under a Phase III Water Shortage Order issued by the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), while neighboring areas continue operating under restrictions from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

According to local officials, the SJRWMD restrictions are less restrictive than the current Modified Phase III order enforced by SWFWMD. Under the updated SJRWMD guidelines, irrigation is permitted before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. In contrast, SWFWMD regulations continue to allow irrigation only before 4 a.m. and after 8 p.m.

Updated guidance has been posted to [Water Wisdom University](#), including area-specific information for customers and districts operating under SJRWMD jurisdiction. Officials noted that VCSA customers and District 14 fall under the SJRWMD order, while District 11 remains subject to SWFWMD restrictions because its wells are located in Sumter County.

To view the SJRWMD Phase III Water Shortage fact sheet click [here](#).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

The District Customer Service Centers and all District Administrative and Recreations Offices will be closed on **Monday, May 25, 2026**, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular hours of operation will resume on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, unless otherwise noted.

The recreation centers, outdoor facilities, swimming pools and fitness clubs will be open for your enjoyment.

Guest ID Cards, Executive Trail Fees and Activity Registration will be available at La Hacienda, Lake Miona, Eisenhower, Rohan, Everglades and Olympia At Your Service Centers from **8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** on Saturday, May 23rd, Sunday, May 24th & Monday, May 25th. Regular services will resume on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026.

Enjoy your Memorial Day!

Sanitation Closures

Village Community Development Districts (VCDD) 1-11

(Sumter County, Marion County, and Fruitland Park portions)

- ➔ No changes - Collection will occur as normally scheduled on Monday, May 25.

Village Community Development Districts (VCDD) 12-15

- ➔ No changes - Collection will occur as normally scheduled on Monday, May 25.

Lake County Portion of The Villages

(Excludes VCDD No. 11 and 14)

- ➔ All collection days shifted by one day.

Monday collection will occur on Tuesday, May 26.

If you live in the Town of Lady Lake portion of The Villages,

- ➔ Monday collection will be delayed to Thursday, May 28.

For questions or additional information, please contact the District Customer Service Center via [email](#) or by phone at [352-753-4508](tel:352-753-4508).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

As we observe Memorial Day, we take time to honor and remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. This day is more than a long weekend- it's an opportunity to reflect, show gratitude, and come together as a community in remembrance.

Residents are encouraged to visit [Veterans Memorial Park](#), of The Villages a meaningful space dedicated to honoring those who served. The park offers a peaceful setting to pay respects, reflect, and recognize the sacrifices that have protected our freedoms.

For questions, please contact District Recreations & Parks via [email](#) or by phone at [352-674-1800](tel:352-674-1800).



The Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages

DEDICATED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1998 TO ALL U.S. VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT

History

The Veterans Memorial Park had its beginning when Frank Mezzatesta was raising money at the local grocery store for Ex-POWs. Three young teens stopped to ask him if "POW" stood for "People Out of Work." An Ex-POW himself, Mezzatesta was shocked that the younger generation had no knowledge of the meaning of the term. He felt compelled to find a way to educate today's youth about veterans' contributions to our nation. Thus, the idea of a monument to veterans was born.

A committee of veterans and patriotic organizations was formed to work on the project. The Villages developer, the Schwartz/Morse family, donated the grounds for the park and, using Mezzatesta's original plans, provided the architectural design. The Village Foundation administered the fundraising efforts. As a result of the partnership, the new park was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 1998. Now that the park is complete, the Committee conducts regular services for veterans throughout the year. The public is invited to these services, and local youth groups are also encouraged to participate.

CURRENT MONUMENTS INCLUDE:

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1036, Daughters of the American Revolution, Korean War Veterans, Wounded Combat Veterans, and many small plaques throughout the park recognizing other groups & organizations.

Scheduled Services

March 29, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
May 15, Peace Officers Day
Third Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day
Last Monday in May, Memorial Day
June 14, Flag Day
July 4, Independence Day
July 27, Korean War Armistice Day
September 11, Remembrance Day
Third Friday in September, POW/MIA Recognition Day
November 11, Veterans Day
December 7, Pearl Harbor Day

WE FLY THE FLAG AT HALF-STAFF:

Memorial Day, sunup to noon
Peace Officers Day, sunup to sundown
Korean War Armistice Day, sunup to sundown

Sunday services are held at 2PM. All other services are held at 10AM.



The VMP Committee

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Miller, President US Navy/Chaplain US Army
Peggy Campbell, Vice President/Commander Honor Guard US Navy
Bobbie Joyce, Secretary NSDAR
Michael Summers, Treasurer US Army
David Levine, US Army
Marj Fada, Board Member USAF
Terri Friend, Advisor, USN

ORIGINAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frank Mezzatesta, Ex-POW, Park Founder, USAAF
Harold E. Sievers (Emeritus), USAF
John Brehio, USA (Deceased)
Emory Clippert, Ex-POW, USA
Del Presher, USN (Deceased)
Tom Ritter, USA (Deceased)
Roger Sullivan (Emeritus), USAF
Janet Davie (Emeritus), NSDAR
Christine Heaton (Emeritus), NSDAR

Unit Flags

82nd Airborne, Div. Assoc. of Paratroopers And Glider Men
American Ex-POWs
American Legion Post #347
Band of Brothers
Dav Chapter #150 Auxiliary
Disabled American Veterans #150
Distinguished Flying Cross Society
Jewish War Veterans
Korean War Veterans, Ch #169
Lake & Sumter Counties Chapter Military Officers Assoc. of America
Marine Corps League
Col. Philip C. DeLong Detachment #1267
Military Order of Purple Heart, Ch #795
NS, Daughters of The American Revolution, Puc Puggy Chapter
Sons of The American Revolution
Submarine Sea Dragon Base USSVI
Submarine Veterans of WWII
Tri-County Women Veterans
Vietnam Veterans Of America #1036
Villages Honor Flight
Worldwide Airborne

The VMP welcomes participation of unit flags from all Tri-County veterans and patriotic organizations in its ceremonies. All veterans who have served our country honorably are welcome.

TheVillagesMemorialPark.org
The-Veterans-Memorial-Park-of-The-Villages

Committee Projects

CONDUCT VETERANS SERVICES

at the Veterans Memorial Park.

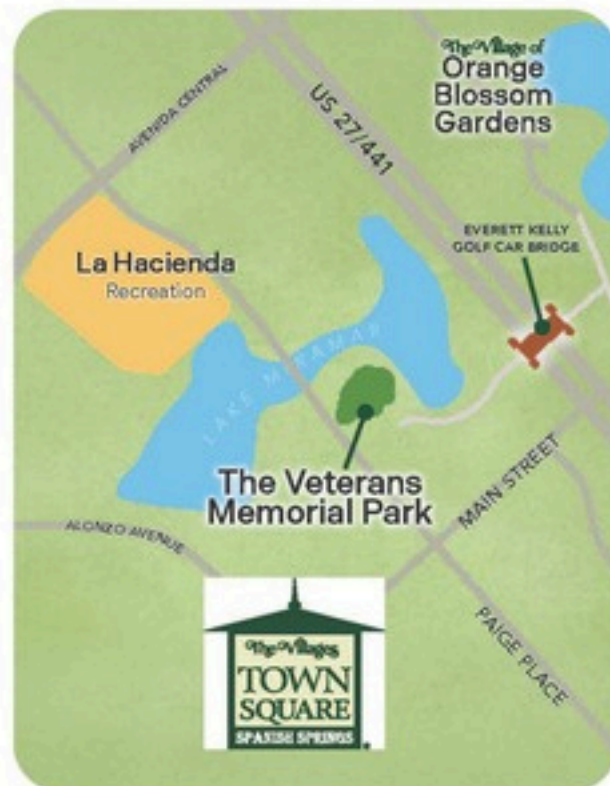
BRICK SALES to commemorate US veterans past and present. Bricks may be purchased all year. Bricks are dedicated each November 11 during Veterans Day service. For information, call the VCDD office at 352-753-4508.

SUPPORT of VA hospital activities.

AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS to high school graduates.

Adopt-a-Kid, Adopt-a-Vet

This program is a major activity of the VMP Committee and began in the fall of 1999 at The Villages Elementary of Lady Lake. It was created to fill a serious gap in children's education: the absence of meaningful instruction about what a veteran is, or their sacrifices to preserve freedom and democracy; about our nation's heritage, and respect for its flag. The program serves elementary schools—mainly grades 4 and 5—in the tricounty area, though its success has spread across Florida and the nation. The program not only educates students about the significance of veterans to our country, but also affords an exciting and rewarding mission for our veterans to fulfill. The hours required are few but the rewards are many. For information, call 352-751-5136.



The Veterans Memorial Park is located off Lake Miramar at Paige Place, between La Hacienda Regional Recreation Complex and Spanish Springs Town Square. Out of respect for those honored here, the VMP is a pet-free park.

Paradise Recreation Center Construction Update

Big things are happening at Paradise Regional Recreation Center, and progress continues to move full speed ahead as crews work toward bringing this exciting new space to life for residents to enjoy for years to come.

Current construction efforts are focused on several major areas throughout the facility. Interior framing and wall installation are actively underway, while plumbing and electrical rough-in work continues throughout the main building. Crews are also making progress on metal deck installation, structural steel work, HVAC systems, and sprinkler coordination across multiple areas of the project. Masonry work and pavilion modifications are also continuing as part of the ongoing transformation.

The project remains on schedule with demolition having begun in September 2025, followed by the construction phase in November 2025. The anticipated grand opening is projected for Spring 2027.

As construction progresses, residents can continue following along with updates, photos, and videos through the dedicated Paradise Recreation Center project webpage available on the District website.

We appreciate everyone's patience and excitement during this project and look forward to welcoming residents back to an even better Paradise Recreation Center in the future.

For questions, please contact District Property Management via [email](#) or by phone at [352-753-4022](tel:352-753-4022).



Jacobs

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Utilities

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO YOUR WASTE COLLECTION



**JACOBS WILL NOW COLLECT
FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD ONLY.**



You may have noticed a change in how your household waste is being collected. Jacobs, the solid waste provider for most of The Villages, will now collect from the **right side of the road only**, making the process safer for workers and residents.



Collecting from both sides of the road at the same time poses a higher risk due to frequent lane changes, which require the truck and the pitchers collecting the waste to be in the path of oncoming vehicles.



BE ASSURED
that the full route will be collected on the way out of your neighborhood.



SAFER STREETS. STRONGER COMMUNITY.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean.



Thank you for your cooperation as we work together for a safer community.



DistrictGov.org
for updates and information



Questions?
352-750-0000

Hurricane Forecast Information & Preparedness

As hurricane season approaches in Florida, staying informed is essential for safety and preparedness. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides official forecasts and guidance to help residents understand storm development, potential impacts, and timing. Forecasts may include information on storm tracks, wind speeds, rainfall, storm surge, and areas of concern. It is important to remember that even small changes in a storm's path can significantly affect local conditions, and impacts can extend far beyond the forecast "cone."

To better understand how to interpret forecasts and weather products, review NOAA's guide [here](#). Staying informed early and often is one of the best ways to stay safe throughout the season. Sign up for local emergency alerts here:

- [Sumter County](#) Emergency Management
- [Lake County](#) Emergency Management
- [Marion County](#) Emergency Management
- [Florida](#) Division of Emergency Management
 - [NOAA](#) Weather Forecasts

Hurricane Preparedness

weather.gov/hurricane



Understand Forecast Information



Rely on forecasts from the National Hurricane Center & your local NWS office



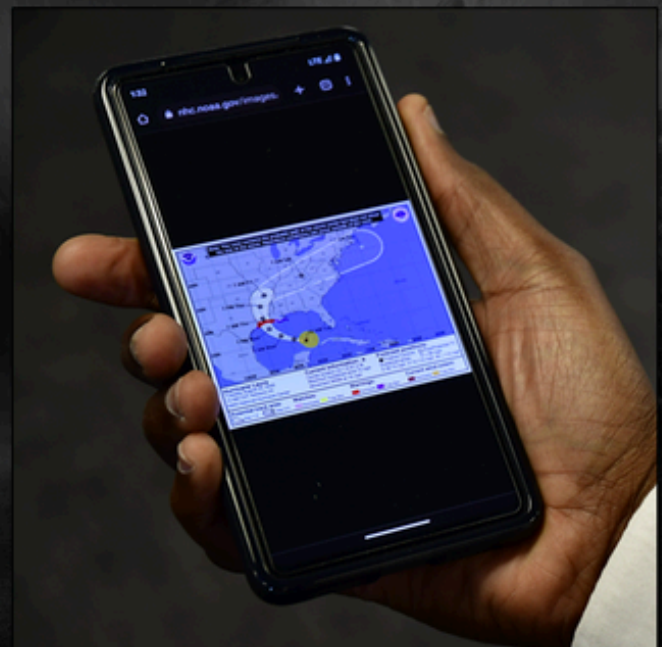
Know your alerts & the difference between a Watch and Warning



Focus on potential impacts, regardless of storm size or category



Know that deadly hazards occur well outside of the Forecast Cone



The District Fairway Report

COURSE CONDITIONS AND UPDATES
THE VILLAGES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS



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 - **To reopen Wed, June 17th**
- El Diablo
- El Santiago
- Heron
- Truman - **To reopen Fri, July 14th**
- Walnut Grove - **To reopen on Thurs, June 25th**

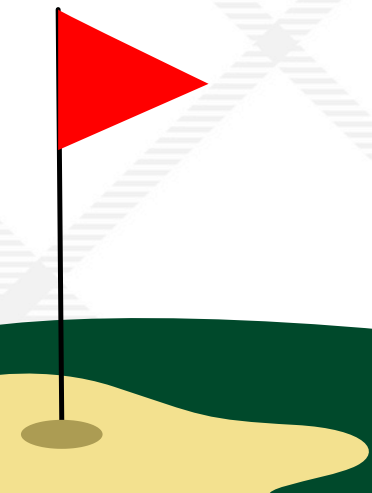
Aerification Course Closures

- Amberwood - **May 20 - 22**
- Churchill - **May 20 - 22**
- Marsh View - **May 20 - 22**
- Southern Star - **May 20 - 22**
- Sarasota - **May 20 - 22**

Note:

- Any Scheduled closures may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including, but not limited to weather and materials supply.

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Golf & Tennis



Recreation & Parks

Fit Clubs Summer Celebration Special

Stay active all summer long with a special seasonal Fit Club membership offer available June through August. Residents can enjoy three months of Fit Club access for just \$100 (tax included), with memberships available for purchase anytime between **June 1 and August 31**. Memberships begin on the date of purchase and remain active for three months from that date. Fit Clubs feature a variety of fitness equipment and training options, including cardiovascular machines, circuit training, free weights, core and sports training, and supplemental strength equipment.



FIT Club
\$100 SUMMER SPECIAL!
3 MONTHS JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

RESIDENTS ONLY

Visit one of these Fit Clubs to sign up today!
Colony Cottage Ezell | Fenney Laurel Manor | Mulberry Grove Olympia | Rohan SeaBreeze

FOR MORE INFORMATION: DistrictGov.org | RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org

LEARN MORE about our *fitclubs*



Global Running Day

Celebrate Global Running Day by hitting the trail with friends and neighbors beginning at Sunset Island near [Olympia Recreation](#). Participants can run or walk at their own pace.

This event is open to **residents only**, and all registered participants will receive a pair of commemorative running socks while supplies last.



REGISTER NOW!

Global Running Day
Join the fun!

Race at your pace on Nadine Trail.
Wednesday
June 3, 2026 | 7AM
Route begins on Sunset Island and is approximately 2 miles non-timed.

All registered participants will receive a pair of commemorative running socks!

Registration is limited. Residents only. \$10 per person. Register online at DistrictGov.org or any **At Your Service** Location.



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

The Villages Recreation & Parks

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Allamanda Recreation Indoor Restrooms, renovations**
 - *Monday, May 18 – Friday, June 5*
- **Burnsed Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Wednesday, June 3*
- **Bradenton Recreation Medjool Palm Billiards Room, table recovering**
 - *Wednesday, May 20 – Friday May 22*
- **Canal Street Recreation Cheshire Room, assisted listening system install**
 - *Tuesday, May 26 – Wednesday, May 27*
- **Captiva Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, June 1*
- **Captiva Recreation Family Pool, refurbishment**
 - *Friday, May 22 – Friday, June 12*
- **Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool, parking lot seal & stripe**
 - *Monday, June 1*
- **Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Tuesday, June 9*
- **Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities, wallpaper replacement & billiards table repairs**
 - *Monday, May 11 – Friday May 29*
- **Churchill Street Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities & Family Pool**
 - *Friday, May 22*
- **El Santiago Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, May 28*

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Fish Hawk Recreation Hook, Line & Sinker Room, assisted listening system install**
 - *Thursday, May 28 – Friday, May 29*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Indoor Facilities and Fit Club, HVAC replacement & maintenance**
 - *Monday, May 4 – Saturday, July 18*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool and Pool House, refurbishment**
 - *Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, July 28*
- **Olympia Recreation Sophie Doodles Dog Park**
 - *Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22*
- **Olympia Recreation Sport Pool**
 - *Friday, May 22, 7am-12pm*
- **Paradise Recreation Park Golf Cart Parking Lots**
 - *Monday, May 18 – Sunday, May 31*
- **Pimlico Recreation Family Pool**
 - *Friday, May 29*
- **Pinellas Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, refurbishment**
 - *Friday, May 29 – Saturday, June 20*
- **Riverbend Recreation Rupert Dog Park**
 - *Monday, May 25 – Friday, May 29*
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Spanish Moss Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, May 27, 7am-12pm*

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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[Email](#)



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[Email](#)



Bond Division

352-751-3900

[Email](#)



Community Standards

352-751-3912

[Deed Compliance](#)
[ARC Review](#)



Community Watch

352-753-0550

[Email](#)



Customer Service

352-753-4508

[Email](#)



Executive Golf Maintenance

352-674-1885

[Email](#)



Finance

352-753-0421

[Email](#)



Golf & Tennis Operations

352-753-3396

[Email](#)



Human Resources

352-674-1905

[Email](#)



District Clerk

352-751-3939

[Email](#)



District Property Management

352-753-4022

[Email](#)



Purchasing

352-751-6700

[Email](#)



Recreation & Parks

352-674-1800

[Email](#)



Public Safety

352-205-8280

[Email](#)



Risk Management

352-674-1828

[Email](#)



Utility Billing

352-750-0000

[Email](#)

NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 8



The Villages®

Community Development Districts
District 8

The Village 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](#).



NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNER ELECTION - AAC



Notification of Landowner Election AMENITY AUTHORITY COMMITTEE (AAC)

A Landowner Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**
for the following seats:

- **Lady Lake/Lake County portion of The Villages**
- **Village Community Development District No. 1**
- **Village Community Development District No. 2**

The Amenity Authority Committee advises to the Village Center Community Development District on matters related to amenity facilities, amenity fees, and associated services for areas north of CR 466.

For additional information or if you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot for the 2026 Landowner Elections to become the representative for your District, you must complete the Official Statement of Eligibility for the Amenity Authority Committee and submit it to the District Clerk's Office located at 3571 Kiessel Road, The Villages, 32163 between May 18, 2026 through June 19, 2026. Applicants must be a landowner and a resident of the District they are interested in representing.

The form is available on the District website [here](#),
or can be obtained by contacting Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk at
(352) 751-3939 or jennifer.farlow@districtgov.org.

