

District Weekly Bulletin

JULY 16, 2026





QUARTERLY ANNUAL FLOWER CHANGE-OUT

The Landscape Division of District Property Management will begin its next quarterly annual flower change-out in July 2026 as part of its ongoing seasonal landscape program. Four times each year, the annual flower beds throughout the community are refreshed with new plant material selected for the upcoming season. This scheduled rotation helps ensure the landscaped common areas continue to provide vibrant color and visual appeal while showcasing plants that are well-suited for Florida's changing weather conditions.

During the July change-out, landscape crews and contractors will remove the existing annual flowers, prepare the planting beds, and install the new seasonal selections. Residents may notice crews working in various locations throughout the community over the course of the installation. The Landscape Division appreciates everyone's patience as this work is completed and asks motorists to use caution when traveling near active work areas.

The Landscape Division's quarterly annual flower program is an important investment in maintaining the attractive appearance of the community's common areas while demonstrating responsible stewardship of public resources. By rotating seasonal annuals throughout the year, we are able to keep our landscapes healthy, colorful, and welcoming for residents and visitors alike. We look forward to the vibrant displays the July installation will bring to the community.



Protect our sanitation workers

All resident and business trash is picked up by hand. When trash isn't disposed of properly, it puts our sanitation workers at risk of injury and other hazards.



Keep our workers safe by properly bagging your trash in a tightly sealed tall kitchen bag and placing it at the end of your driveway. Additional reminders for safe disposal are below.



SHARP OBJECTS

Glass and sharp objects should be wrapped in newspaper and placed in your trash bag.

Loose glass can rip trash bags and cause cuts and scrapes on the body of you or our workers.



YARD WASTE

Tree limbs and brush – like sylvester palms – should be bundled and placed at the end of the driveway. The limbs may not exceed 4" in diameter and the palm fronds should face the same direction. Lawn clippings and similar yard waste must be placed in bags.

If not disposed of properly, these items pose challenges with safe handling and loading as well as equipment damage.



MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

Needles, hospital medical waste, paint, oil, lawn or pool chemicals, motor oil or tires are not accepted.

These items can cause fires, damage garbage trucks, are harmful to the environment, and may expose workers to needle stick injuries and potential infection.



EMERGENCY WEATHER RADIOS

As the threat of severe weather continues to increase, it's more important than ever to stay informed and prepared before, during, and after a storm. One of the most effective and dependable ways to receive emergency weather alerts is through a weather radio.

Weather radios provide immediate access to critical warnings and emergency information, even when other communication systems fail. Their broad coverage and resilience during severe weather make them an essential source of timely, lifesaving information when every second counts.

While many people rely on smartphones for weather alerts, those devices depend on cell towers, internet service, and Wi-Fi systems that can become overloaded or fail during extreme weather events. Weather radios, on the other hand, operate independently of cellular and internet networks, ensuring you continue to receive alerts even during widespread outages. Many models also feature long-lasting batteries, rechargeable power sources, or hand cranks, allowing them to operate for extended periods when electricity is unavailable.

Adding a weather radio to your emergency preparedness kit is a simple but important step that can help keep you and your family safe when severe weather strikes.

Looking for more ways to stay notified?

**Emergency
Notifications**



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

- **El Diablo**
- **El Santiago**
- **Heron**
- **Redfish Run**
- **Silver Lake**
- **Turtle Mound** Will close Friday, July 24th

GENERAL CLOSURES

- **Red Fox** will be closed through July 31st for rest and rehabilitation
- **Sweetgum** will be closed July 21-26 for aerification and turf maintenance

Thank you to everyone who joined us on July 14 for the grand reopening of Truman! We appreciate you celebrating this exciting milestone with us



HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW

Each residence may have up to four (4) active gate cards assigned to it. Lost, stolen or damaged gate cards can be replaced, and additional cards may be purchased at any of the three Customer Service locations.

When replacing a gate card, please bring all of your active gate cards with you. This allows Customer Service to identify and deactivate the lost or stolen card. A \$15 fee applies to replacement cards for lost or stolen cards and to additional gate cards. Damaged or non-working cards may be exchanged free of charge when the original card is presented.

Customer Service Locations:

Brownwood – 3571 Kiessel Road

Lake Sumter Landing – 1030 Lake Sumter Landing, Suite A

La Hacienda Recreation Center – 1200 Avenida Central





Fit Clubs

The Villages has eight [FIT CLUBS](#), offering a variety of membership options from one month to one year. Each location features cardio machines, circuit training equipment, free weights, core and sports training equipment, and supplemental strength equipment. Must be 19 or older. Join now during the Summer Special!



VISIT ONE OF THESE FIT CLUBS TO SIGN UP TODAY!

Colony Cottage Ezell	Fenney Laurel Manor	Mulberry Grove Olympia	Rohan SeaBreeze
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LEARN MORE about our *fit clubs*

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



Parks & Recreation Month

All month long we have celebrated “The Power of Play” parks and recreation! Parks and recreation brings us together, strengthens our health and well-being, and builds more resilient, connect communities. Help us finish out this month’s celebration by joining one of the [specialty socials](#).



NEW

7th Annual • 2026

SUMTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPLY DRIVE



JULY 10 – AUGUST 10, 2026



1005 Quarry Place • Village of Virginia Trace



**MONETARY DONATIONS &
SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACCEPTED**

*New items
only, please*



MONETARY DONATIONS

Checks payable to:
**Sumter Schools
Enhancement Foundation**

Memo: *Supply Drive*



SUPPLIES WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS AT

Wildwood Elementary

Bushnell Elementary

Webster Elementary

Lake Panasoffkee Elementary

South Sumter Middle School

Wildwood Intermediate School

Wildwood Middle School

South Sumter High School

Sumter Prep Academy



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REQUESTED SUPPLIES

- Sticky Notes
- Lined Notebook Paper
- Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pens & Pencils
- Highlighters
- Black Pens
- Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Dry Erase Boards & Markers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks
- 3-Ring Binders (1", 2", 3")
- Tab Dividers
- Sheet Protectors
- Red, Green & Blue Pocket Folders
- 3-Hole Zippered Pencil Pouches



*The Students in Sumter County
Appreciate Your Generosity!*



- **Atlas Recreation Dog Park**
 - Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7
- **Aviary Recreation Family Pool**
 - Tuesday, July 21
- **Bacall Recreation Billiards Room**
 - Friday, July 10 – Monday, July 20
- **Buttonwood Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, July 23
- **Captiva Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, July 6 – Sunday, July 26
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Monday, July 20
- **Collier Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Tuesday, July 21
- **Colony Cottage Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Friday, July 17, 7am-12pm
- **Creeside Landing Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Wednesday, July 22
- **Ezell Recreation Clifton Cove Putting Course**
 - Wednesday, July 22 – Friday, July 24
- **First Responders Recreation Putting Course**
 - Monday, July 13 – Sunday, July 19

- **Franklin Recreation Family Pool**
 - Tuesday, July 21
- **Hibiscus Recreation Pickleball & Tennis Courts**
 - Monday, July 3 – Tuesday, October 13
- **Homestead Recreation Billiards Room**
 - Thursday, July 16 – Friday, July 17
- **La Belle Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Tuesday, July 28
- **Lake Miona Recreation Theater Room**
 - Tuesday, August 11 – Sunday, August 16
- **Lake Shore Cottage Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Thursday, July 23
- **Largo Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, July 23
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Indoor Facilities & Fit Club**
 - Monday, May 4 – Saturday, July 18
- **Mission Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 24
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool & Pool House**
 - Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, July 28

NOTICE: WE WILL SOON BE PHASING THE FACILITY CLOSURES OUT OF OUR DISTRICT BULLETIN, WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO [SIGN UP](#) FOR THE RECREATION ALERTS TO STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR CLOSURES.

- **Odell Recreation Kitchen and Indoor Restrooms**
 - Monday, July 27 – Tuesday, August 4
- **Osceola Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 24
- **Paradise Recreation Park Golf Cart Parking Lots**
 - Until further notice
- **Paradise Recreation Dog Park**
 - Until further notice
- **Pine Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Monday, July 27
- **Pinellas Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Friday, June 26 – Friday, July 17
- **Pinellas Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Monday, July 20
- **Pine Ridge Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Monday, July 27
- **Richmond Recreation Adult Pool, Dog Park & Outdoor Facilities**
 - Monday, July 20
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Tuesday, July 21, 7am-12pm
- **Rohan Recreation Platform Tennis Courts**
 - Monday, August 3 – Monday, August 10
- **Sabal Chase Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, July 30
- **Sanibel Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday July 17 – Monday, August 3
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - Until further notice
- **Silver Lake Billiards**
 - Tuesday, August 4
- **Sugar Cane Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, July 16
- **Tierra Del Sol Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, July 20 – Sunday, August 9
- **Virginia Trace Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, July 30

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PHASE III WATER SHORTAGE FOR LAKE COUNTY AND 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.

View the SJRWMD Phase III Water Shortage fact sheet below.

[**Fact Sheet**](#)

COEXISTING SAFELY WITH ALLIGATORS

Florida's natural environment includes wildlife such as alligators, and it's important for residents to coexist safely and responsibly.

Please remember that it is against Florida law to feed or harass alligators. Feeding alligators can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans, increasing the risk of dangerous encounters. Harassment of any kind is also prohibited and can result in legal penalties.

Please note that only designated District staff are authorized to approve the removal of alligators from District property.

Safety Tips for Residents:

- Always keep a safe distance from alligators
- Keep pets on a leash and away from the water's edge
- Swim only in designated areas during daylight hours
- Never feed or attempt to interact with an alligator

For additional safety tips and guidance, residents are encouraged to review the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's [alligator safety brochure](#). By following these guidelines, we can help ensure the safety of both residents and wildlife.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.





Our Core Values are demonstrated in our daily actions

HOSPITALITY • STEWARDSHIP • INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY • HARD WORK

The Village Center Community Development District (VCCDD) employs staff to support the operations of The Villages® community. We attribute our successes to the members of our team and staff, who work together towards the mission of providing and preserving the lifestyle of **Florida's Friendliest Hometown®**.

Ready to join the team? View current open positions on our website.



Check our website: DistrictGov.org > Careers > See All Openings



For any questions or inquiries, contact us Monday-Friday (8am to 5pm) at 352-674-1905.



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