

District Weekly Bulletin

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The Villages[®]
Community Development Districts

FACILITIES DIVISION

What many residents don't see is the dedicated Facilities Division working behind the scenes to make it all happen.

The Facilities Division plays a vital role in keeping the community running smoothly, from maintaining tennis and pickleball courts to maintaining the pools and recreation centers, their work helps create the high-quality resort lifestyle that residents expect and enjoy. They also support essential infrastructure such as the Villages Public Safety Department fire stations and gate houses, helping to ensure safety, reliability, and daily operations across the community.

The Facilities Division is especially important because so much of daily life in The Villages depends on the condition, safety, and reliability of amenities. The recreation centers host numerous clubs, lifestyle groups, activities, classes, and social gatherings that help residents stay active and connected. Sports courts, pools, and fitness areas support a healthy lifestyle, while well-maintained public facilities and infrastructure help provide comfort, convenience, and peace of mind throughout the community.

The dedication of the Facilities Division also helps to protect the long-term physical asset value and appearance of the community. By future planning and staying ahead of repairs and maintaining the facilities to a high standard, the Division helps preserve the welcoming environment, residents and visitors experience every day. Many of the amenities people enjoy most would not operate as smoothly or consistently without the dedication and expertise of the Facilities Division.

The impact is visible throughout the community every single day. The Facilities Division is an important part of what makes The Villages lifestyle so enjoyable, active, safe, and well maintained.



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.

Sunshine **811**


For more information on Florida digging laws, visit sunshine811.com

The Villages Community Development District (VCDD) is excited to announce that the Adopt-A-Bench program is now featuring new benches in The Village of Lake Denham!

Available Bench Locations:

- Bradford
- DeLuna
- Fenney
- Hawkins
- Lake Denham
- Linden
- Newell
- St. Catherine



Notice: Benches located in The Village of Lake Denham are now available.

Bench Details & Pricing:

- Cost: \$1,400 (includes bench, plaque, concrete slab, freight, installation, and lifetime maintenance)
- Plaque: Up to 5 lines, 20 characters per line (including spaces)
- Additional Plaques: You may purchase up to 2 extra plaques at \$75 each

How to Adopt a Bench:

- Visit one of the Customer Services offices:
 - Brownwood Office – 3571 Kiessel Rd.
 - Lake Sumter Office – 1030 Lake Sumter Landing, Suite A
 - Spanish Springs Office – 1200 Avenida Central (inside La Hacienda Rec Center)
- Call Customer Services at 352-753-4508
- Or email [Customer Service](mailto:CustomerService@DistrictGov.org)

For more information, visit the VCCDD [Customer Service page](#).

Don't miss your chance to leave a lasting mark in The Villages with a personalized bench!



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 homesites 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 2 Alternate
- District 3 Primary
- District 3 Alternate
- District 8 Primary
- 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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Community Standards

For More Information: DistrictGov.org | ArchReview@DistrictGov.org | 352-751-3912



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](tel: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 through July 26th for aerification and turf maintenance
- **Loblolly** will be closed July 28th - August 1st for turf maintenance

Notice: In order to maximize play during the renovation of Turtle Mound & Roosevelt Executive Golf Courses Truman's maintenance closures will be moved to the second and fourth Monday of every month as of August 4, 2026.

This move will restore Men's and Ladies' Day along with Super Senior Play to our residents of the Village of Duval and environ while securing proper turf restoration during the coming winter months.

We thank you for your continued patience during this time, and we are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. For any concerns, please reach out to Executive Golf Maintenance at [352-674-1885](tel:352-674-1885) or executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org.

FACT VS FICTION

When it comes to weather, personal experiences, misinformation and confirmation bias can all shape how we understand and respond to potential hazards. Lightning, in particular, is often surrounded by misconceptions that can lead to misguided interpretations and poor decisions regarding safety plans and response efforts during outdoor events.

Below are some commonly believed lightning myths that can negatively impact safety decisions and should be recognized and avoided.



Myth: “Heat lightning” occurs only when it is hot outside and is not accompanied by thunder or rain. Therefore, it is not associated with a thunderstorm and is safe.

Truth: No form of lightning is safe. Lightning can occur without audible thunder because the atmosphere can effectively dampen the sound of thunder beyond approximately 10 miles. The best practice is to monitor lightning activity and use that information to determine the appropriate safety precautions and next steps.



Myth: Intracloud and cloud-to-cloud lightning are safe because they do not strike the ground.

Truth: The presence of any lightning means other types of lightning may also occur. Because lightning can be unpredictable, all forms should be considered dangerous.



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Community Development Districts
Public Safety

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Weather Policy

In the event of lightning or inclement weather, the Recreation & Parks Department recommends patrons at pool facilities and other outdoor recreation areas find shelter and wait at least 30 minutes before resuming activities. The Recreation & Parks Department has the right, as issued by the National Weather Service or Public Safety Department in the event of tornados, hurricanes or other severe storm warnings, to close facilities for public safety.

[View the Weather Policy.](#)

Florida Summers are HOT!

Protect Yourself from the Heat:

- Drink cool, nonalcoholic beverages (avoid extremely cold drinks, which may cause cramps).
- Stay in an air-conditioned place whenever possible.
- Wear lightweight clothing, rest often, and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day.
- Cool off with a shower, bath, or sponge bath.

Check on Older Adults (65+):

- Visit at-risk neighbors or loved ones twice daily.
- Encourage them to drink plenty of cool, nonalcoholic fluids.
- Help them get to an air-conditioned location if needed.

Recreation & Parks Heat Policy:

Outdoor activities may be canceled or postponed when the heat index reaches 104°F or higher to help protect the health and safety of participants and staff.



- **Atlas Recreation Dog Park**
 - Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7
- **Captiva Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, July 6 – Sunday, July 26
- **Ezell Recreation Clifton Cove Putting Course**
 - Wednesday, July 22 – Friday, July 24
- **First Responders Recreation Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Friday, July 24
- **Hibiscus Recreation Pickleball & Tennis Courts**
 - Friday, July 3 – Tues, October 13
- **Homestead Recreation Billiards Room**
 - Wednesday, July 22 – Thursday, July 23
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park**
 - Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31
- **La Belle Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Tuesday, July 28
- **Lake Miona Recreation Theater Room**
 - Tuesday, August 11 – Sunday, August 16
- **Manatee Recreation Bocce Courts**
 - Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 14
- **Mission Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 24
- **Mallory Square Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, July 24
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool & Pool House**
 - Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, July 28
- **Odell Recreation Kitchen & 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**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Pine Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - *Monday, July 27*
- **Pine Ridge Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - *Monday, July 27*
- **Riverbend Recreation Billiards Room**
 - *Wednesday, August 26 – Friday, August 28*
- **Rohan Recreation Platform Tennis Courts**
 - *Monday, August 3 – Monday, August 10*
- **Rupert Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, August 24 – Friday, August 28*
- **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*
- **Savannah Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, August 5, 7am-12pm*
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Silver Lake Billiards**
 - *Tuesday, August 4*
- **Tamarind Grove Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - *Monday, August 3 – Sunday, August 9*
- **Tierra Del Sol Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - *Monday, July 20 – Sunday, August 9*
- **Virginia Trace Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, July 30*

NEW

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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



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Appreciate Your Generosity!*





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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