

District Weekly Bulletin

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The Villages®
Community Development Districts



READY BEFORE THE STORM

Don't wait until severe weather is on your doorstep. Preparing ahead of time can make all the difference. Build an emergency checklist, stock essential supplies, and familiarize yourself with local weather hazards so you're ready when it matters most.

Go through this quick checklist and stay prepared:

- Maintain a 7–14 day supply of medications and essential medical supplies.
- Pack a portable emergency kit with a first aid kit, medications, and copies of important medical records.
- Plan evacuation routes and arrange transportation in advance.
- Establish emergency contacts and create a family communication plan.

[Learn More Today](#)

Hurricane Preparedness

Complete a Written Plan



-  Have a contact list
-  Keep critical documents together for quick access
-  Have at least one contact outside of the impact area
-  Share your plan

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THE VILLAGES PUBLIC SAFETY

[The Villages Public Safety Department](#) (VPSD) is committed to providing the highest level of emergency care, fire protection, and life safety services to our community. For more than 25 years, our dedicated firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical personnel have served The Villages with professionalism, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. This dedication is reflected in VPSD's Class 2 ISO Public Protection Classification, recognizing the exceptional quality of our fire protection services and emergency response capabilities.

VPSD provides Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Rescue, and Technical Rescue throughout Lake and Sumter Counties. Our highly trained personnel, advanced equipment, and specialized resources allow us to handle the vast majority of emergencies within our service area. When additional personnel or specialized resources are needed, we work seamlessly with neighboring fire and EMS agencies through established mutual and automatic aid agreements to ensure a coordinated response.

Beyond emergency response, VPSD offers [programs and services](#) that promote safety, preparedness, and quality of life through community outreach and education.

As part of our commitment to exceptional patient care, VPSD partners with UF Health to provide advanced stroke treatment through the Mobile Stroke Unit. This specialized team can perform on-scene diagnostic imaging, comprehensive assessments, and begin life-saving stroke treatment within 20 minutes—or less—of patient contact, bringing advanced care directly to the patient and improving outcomes.

Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, VPSD is always ready to respond. Residents can have confidence knowing our highly skilled professionals are committed to protecting lives, safeguarding property, and delivering exceptional emergency services every day.



DISCOVER AUGUST

August brings the warmth of late summer, offering plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors while making the most of the season. In The Villages, residents continue to gather for community events, recreation, and time with family, friends, and neighbors. Although the days remain warm, August is also a reminder to stay mindful of the Florida heat and afternoon storms as we take advantage of everything that makes our community such a wonderful place to call home.

National Celebrations This Month:

- Coast Guard Day (Aug 4) - [During World War II, the Coast Guard's famous dog, Sinbad, had his own bunk and uniform as an honorary crew member.](#)
- Purple Heart Day (Aug 7) - [For Purple Heart Day honor those who served with a Veteran Brick or visiting our Veteran Memorial Park.](#)
- Pickleball Day (Aug 8) - [to celebrate national pickleball day visit our recreational pickleball courts.](#)
- National Senior Citizen Day (Aug 21) - [National Senior Citizen Day was established in 1988 to honor the contributions of older adults and raise awareness about the issues they face.](#)



August Zodiac Signs: Leo or Virgo

Birth Flower: Gladiolus or Poppy

Birthstones: Peridot and Spinel



Notable people born in August include:

- Jason Momoa
- Tom Brady
- Whitney Houston
- Louis Armstrong
- Anna Kendrick
- Chris Hemsworth
- Mila Kunis
- Halle Berry
- Madonna
- Michael Jackson
- Neil Armstrong
- Napoleon



EXPLORE SCENIC TRAILS AND PET-FRIENDLY PARKS

Nature Trails

Take advantage of the beautiful summer weather by exploring the scenic [nature trails](#) throughout The Villages. Whether you're looking to stay active, spend time with friends, or simply enjoy a peaceful escape outdoors, our trails offer something for everyone. From shaded paths to picturesque landscapes, each trail provides an opportunity to experience the natural beauty of the community while getting in some fresh air and exercise. Early morning and evening walks are especially enjoyable during the warmer months, making it easy to fit outdoor recreation into your day.

Dog Parks

Bring your four-legged friend along for some outdoor fun at one of The Villages' [dog parks](#). These fenced parks provide a safe, welcoming space where dogs can run, play, and socialize while owners connect with fellow residents. It's a wonderful way for both you and your pet to stay active, enjoy the fresh air, and make new friends. Before your visit, be sure to check the locations, hours, and park guidelines to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.



BE PREPARED FOR EXTREME HEAT

Extreme heat often results
in the highest annual
number of deaths among all
weather-related disasters.



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In most of the U.S.,
extreme heat is a long period
(2 to 3 days) of high heat and
humidity with temperatures
above 90 degrees.



Greater risk



Can happen anywhere



Humidity increases
the feeling of heat as
measured by a heat index

IF YOU ARE UNDER AN EXTREME HEAT WARNING

Find air conditioning, if possible.



Check on family members
and neighbors.



Avoid strenuous activities.



Drink plenty of fluids.



Watch for heat illness.



Watch for heat cramps, heat
exhaustion, and heat stroke.



Wear light clothing.



Never leave people or pets
in a closed car.





DISCOVER SIMPLE WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER

Inside Your Home:

- Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when full.
- Use Shorter Wash cycles for lightly soiled laundry.
- Thaw frozen foods in the fridge or microwave - not under running water.
- Scrape, don't rinse, your dishes before loading the dishwasher.
- Install high-efficiency showerheads, faucets and toilets.

Outside Your Home:

- Check your irrigation system for leaks (see bonus tips below).
- Turn off your irrigation system and only water when needed.
- Use a kitchen timer to remind you when it's time to shut off the sprinklers.
- Wash your car with a hose that has a shut-off nozzle.
- Set up a rain barrel with drip irrigation, your plants will love the natural rainwater.

[Bonus Leak Tips](#)



Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



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

CLOSED FOR TURF MAINTENANCE

- **Lowlands** will be closed August 5 - 9.
- **Richmond Putt & Play** will be closed August 5 - 10.





Recreation Code of Conduct

Recreation is at the heart of The Villages lifestyle, offering residents opportunities to stay active, connect with neighbors, and enjoy a wide variety of leisure, fitness, and entertainment activities. To ensure our recreation facilities remain welcoming and enjoyable for everyone, we ask all participants to treat one another, and our facilities, with courtesy and respect.

If concerns or disagreements arise, we encourage residents to work together toward a positive resolution by using the established resources and [Recreation Code of Conduct](#).

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
- **Bradenton Recreation Facilities & Pool**
 - Wednesday, August 5
- **Chatham Recreation Indoor**
 - Monday, August 24 – Monday, October 26
- **Chatham Recreation Outdoor**
 - Monday, August 24 – Wednesday, August 26
- **Colony Cottage Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Tuesday, August 4 - Thursday, August 6
- **DeLuna Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, August 14
- **Fish Hawk Recreation Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Tuesday August 11
- **Hibiscus Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**
 - Friday, July 3 – Tues, October 13
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park**
 - Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31
- **La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Tuesday, August 11, 7am-12pm
- **Lake Miona Recreation Theater Room**
 - Tuesday, August 11 – Sunday, August 16
- **Lake Miona Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Wednesday, August 12, 7am-12pm
- **Manatee Recreation Bocce Courts**
 - Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 14
- **Moyer Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, August 24 – Sunday, September, 13
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool & Pool House**
 - Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, August 18
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Dog Park**
 - Friday, July 24 – Sunday, August 2
- **Odell Recreation Kitchen & Indoor Restrooms**
 - Monday, July 27 – Tuesday, August 4
- **Odell Recreation Billiards Room**
 - Wednesday, August 5 – Friday, August 7



- **Paradise Recreation Park Golf Cart Parking Lots**
 - Until further notice
- **Paradise Recreation Dog Park**
 - Until further notice
- **Phillips Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, August 13
- **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
- **Sanibel Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday July 17 – Monday, August 3
- **Savannah Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Wednesday, August 5, 7am-12pm
- **Sea Breeze Recreation Indoor**
 - Monday, September 14 – Monday, September 28, 2026
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - Until further notice
- **Silver Lake Billiards**
 - Tuesday, August 4
- **Soulliere Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, August 13
- **St. Charles Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Friday, August 7 – Sunday, August, 30
- **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



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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