

District Weekly Bulletin

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The Villages®
Community Development Districts



POSTAL STATION AMENITY PAYMENT BOXES

Beginning **October 1, 2026**, payments placed in Amenity Payment Drop Boxes located at Village postal stations **will no longer be collected**.

Residents may **still mail a payment from any Village postal station** by placing their check in a stamped envelope and depositing it in the U.S. Mail.

Convenient Payment Options

Residents may continue to make payments using any of the following methods:

- Online
- Bank Direct
- AutoPay
- Pay by Text
- PayPal
- PayPal Credit
- Venmo
- Cash
- Money Order (mailed with proper postage or paid in person)
- Cashier's Check (mailed with proper postage or paid in person)
- Personal Check (mailed with proper postage or paid in person)

We encourage residents to consider enrolling in AutoPay or using our online payment options for the fastest and most convenient payment experience. If you have any questions about payment options, please contact District Utilities at 352-750-0000. [Click here to view our online options.](#)

Payments made in person with cash, money orders, cashier's checks, or personal checks may be made at any District Customer Service Office during normal business hours.

Thank you for your cooperation as we transition away from the postal station payment boxes.

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.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SEALING PARKING LOTS

The Infrastructure Department takes great pride in its proactive pavement management program and its commitment to preserving the District's infrastructure. Among our most valuable assets are our 179 parking lots, which serve residents and guests throughout the community. Preventative maintenance initiatives, such as asphalt sealing, play a critical role in extending the service life of these facilities, minimizing long-term maintenance costs, and ensuring they continue to reflect the high aesthetic standards that define The Villages.

Sealing a parking lot is a simple yet highly effective way to protect asphalt from damage, extend its lifespan, and maintain a professional appearance. This process involves applying a thin protective coating over the surface to shield it from water, UV rays, oil, and chemicals that accelerate deterioration.

Protects Against Environmental Damage

Sealcoating creates a barrier that prevents moisture from penetrating the asphalt, reducing the risk of freeze-thaw damage and erosion. It also reflects or blocks ultraviolet radiation, slowing oxidation that causes cracking and fading. By repelling automotive fluids, it prevents chemical breakdown of the asphalt binder.

Extends Pavement Life

Regular sealcoating can extend the life of asphalt by 25–30%, delaying costly repairs or full resurfacing.

Improves Safety and Curb Appeal

A sealed surface fills small cracks, reducing tripping hazards and slip risks. It also restores the lot's color and finishes, enhancing the facility. Sealing a parking lot is a smart investment in both longevity and appearance. It's a low-cost, high-impact way to protect our assets, and improve safety.

Install **SOFTWARE UPDATES** to fix **security risks**

Update Software Promptly for Safety

When we see an update alert, many of us tend to hit “Remind me later.” Think twice before delaying a software update! Keeping software up to date is an easy way to stay safer online. **To make it even more convenient, turn on automatic updates!**

Turn on automatic updates

Look in the device’s settings, possibly under Software or Security. Or search the settings for “automatic updates.”

Automatic Updates



Watch for notifications

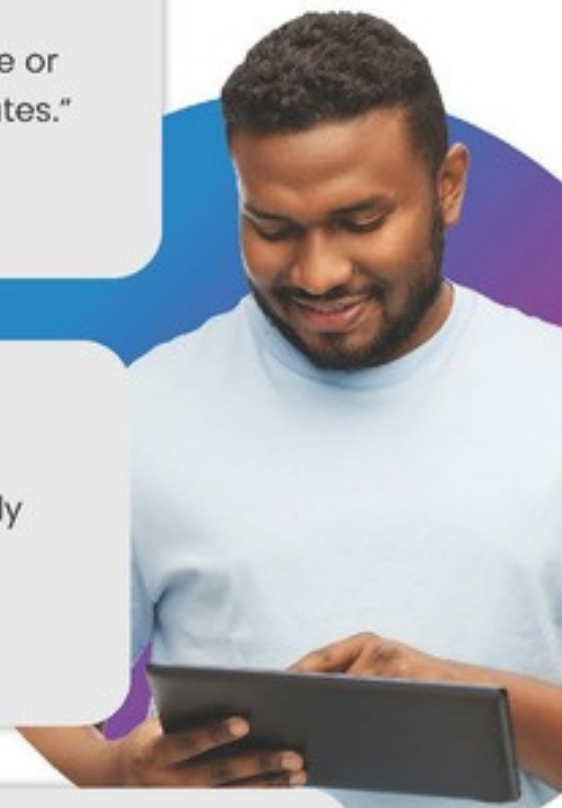


Not every update can be automatic. Devices—mobile phones, tablets and laptops—will usually notify us that we need to run updates. It’s important to install ALL updates, especially for **web browsers and antivirus software.**



Install updates as soon as possible

When notified about software updates, especially critical updates, install them as soon as possible. Online criminals won’t wait so we shouldn’t either!



Why it's so important to update promptly

If a criminal gets into a device through a security flaw, they will look for personal information and sensitive data to exploit. Technology providers issue software updates to "patch" security weak spots as quickly as possible.

If we don't install them, they can't protect us!

Software updates can also:



Fix Bugs



**Improve
Performance**



**Install Latest
Features**

Updating software 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

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the October Resident Academy is now open!

Join us in learning about your district and the departments that serve you. This event opens the door for residents to ask questions and to learn more about their local government and the Community Development Districts. The program provides a clear understanding of the Districts' responsibilities, services, and operations while helping to address common questions and misconceptions.

Participants will enjoy an in-depth look at the various District Departments and discover how they work together to make our community one of the best places to live, work, and play. Throughout the program, Department Directors will be available to answer questions and provide additional information or schedule follow-up appointments as needed.

Residents interested in participating can [register online](#) or in person at any District Customer Service Center or Regional Recreation Center.





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

- **Escambia** will be closed Wednesday, August 12 - Friday, August 28
- **Hawkes Bay** will be closed Monday, August 17 - Sunday, September 20





Camp Villages Fun Facts

Camp Villages Summer Fun wrapped up Friday, August 7, 2026 and proved to be a very successful program for Villagers and their visiting grandchildren.

- 187 different sessions were offered
- 70 different activities
- 510+ Volunteers
- 4,015 registration spots available
- 3,428 enrolled
- New RLVG groups were: Super Silly Improv Show, Zentangle, Postage Stamp Collecting, Monarch Butterflies and All-American Rock Climb Adventure.



Next up for Camp Villages is:

- Holiday Weeks – December 21, 22, 23 & December 28 & 29, 2026
- Easter Week – March 22-25, 2027
- Summer Program – June 7-August 6, 2027

Keep an eye on the Recreation & Parks publication for further information!



Age Requirements

Visiting children, with valid guest Id cards, must be 13 years of age and accompanied by a Villages resident or a guest 19 years of age or older with a valid guest ID card and photo ID, at all times, to use the air gun, archery, billiards, croquet, lawn bowling and dog park facilities. Valid guests must be 19 years of age to use the Fitness Clubs when open.



National Night Out 2026

Stand with those who stand for us.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



SPOTLIGHT: K9 DEMONSTRATION

5:45PM & 6:15PM

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

Fire Truck Demonstrations
Mobile Stroke Unit Demonstrations

The Villages
Community Development Districts
Community Watch



October 6, 2026 | 5-7 PM

Rohan Recreation | 850 Kristine Way



Join us for an evening of appreciation, recognition, and connection as we honor the First Responders who protect and serve The Villages and surrounding communities.

Participating Partners

- Fruitland Park PD
- Lady Lake PD
- Leesburg PD
- Wildwood PD
- Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Lake County Fire Department
- Sumter County Sheriff's Office
- Sumter County Fire Department
- Marion County Sheriff's Office
- The Villages Public Safety Department
- And other participating partners



We warmly invite every resident to join us in showing appreciation for these remarkable individuals who dedicate their lives to safeguarding our community. Your presence and support make a meaningful difference and help strengthen the bond between residents and the first responders who serve them."

Nehemiah Wolfe,
Community Watch Director

"Community Watch is proud to announce that we will be hosting National Night Out 2026, a community-wide event open to all residents of The Villages. This annual celebration is an opportunity for our community to come together in support of the first responders and law enforcement professionals who serve and protect our neighborhoods every day.

National Night Out is dedicated to honoring the unsung heroes of our community—those in Law Enforcement and Fire Services whose sacrifice, commitment, passion, and professionalism help keep The Villages one of the safest and most vibrant places to live.

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STAY PREPARED STAY SAFE

With a recent tropical disturbance developing in the Atlantic, now is a good time to review your hurricane and severe weather preparations. Taking a few simple steps before a storm threatens our area can help protect you, your family and your home while making it easier to respond if conditions worsen.

Make sure your disaster supplies are ready, review your emergency plan and keep important information easily accessible. Residents are also encouraged to keep gas tanks at least half full, sign up for local county emergency alerts and prepare a disaster kit with essentials such as medications, water, food, flashlights, batteries and other necessary supplies.

Don't wait until a storm is approaching to prepare. A little planning now can make a big difference when severe weather arrives.

[Learn More Today](#)





- **Atlas Recreation Dog Park**
 - Saturday, August 8 – Monday, August 17
- **Aviary Recreation Family Pool**
 - Monday, August 17
- **Blue Heron Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Wednesday, August 19
- **Cason Hammock Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Monday, August 17
- **Chatham Recreation Outdoor Facilities**
 - Monday, August 24 – Wednesday, August 26
- **Chatham Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, August 24 – Monday, October 26
- **Chula Vista Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, August 24 - Tuesday, August 25
- **Clarendon Recreation Outdoor Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Monday, August 17
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Thursday, September 3 – Friday, September 4
- **DeLuna Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, August 14
- **El Santiago Recreation Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Monday, August 24
- **Fenney Recreation Facilities, Family Pool & Spanish Moss Sports Pool**
 - Thursday, August 27
- **First Responders Recreation Game Room**
 - Monday, August 17
- **First Responders Recreation Putting Course, sod maintenance**
 - Tuesday, July 28 – Tuesday, August 18
- **Hawkins Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Wednesday, August 19
- **Hibiscus Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**
 - Monday, July 6 – Tuesday, October 13
- **Homestead Recreation Facilities & Family Pool**
 - Tuesday, August 18
- **Knudson, Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, Soaring Eagle, Everglades & Farragut Softball Complexes**
 - Sunday, August 16 – Sunday, August 30



- **La Hacienda Recreation Facilities & Sports Pool**
 - Thursday, August 20
- **Lake Miona Recreation Theater Room**
 - Tuesday, August 11 – Sunday, August 16
- **Lake Miona Recreation Facilities & Sports Pool**
 - Friday, August 21
- **Lake Sumter Line Boat Cruises**
 - Saturday, August 1 – Monday, August 31
- **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**
 - Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, August 18
- **Olympia Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Wednesday, August 19, 7am-12pm
- **Paradise Recreation Archery Range**
 - Monday, August 17 – Sunday, August 30
- **Paradise Recreation Park Golf Cart Parking Lots**
 - Until further notice
- **Richmond Recreation Outdoor Facilities, Dog Park & Adult Pool**
 - Friday, August 14
- **Riverbend Recreation Billiards Room**
 - Wednesday, August 26 – Friday, August 28
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
 - Thursday, August 20, 7am-12pm
- **Rupert Recreation Dog Park**
 - Monday, August 24 – Friday, August 28
- **Swallowtail Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Thursday, September 3
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - Until further notice
- **SeaBreeze Recreation Indoor Facilities**
 - Monday, September 14 – Monday, September 28
- **St. Charles Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - Friday, August 7 – Sunday, August 30



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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