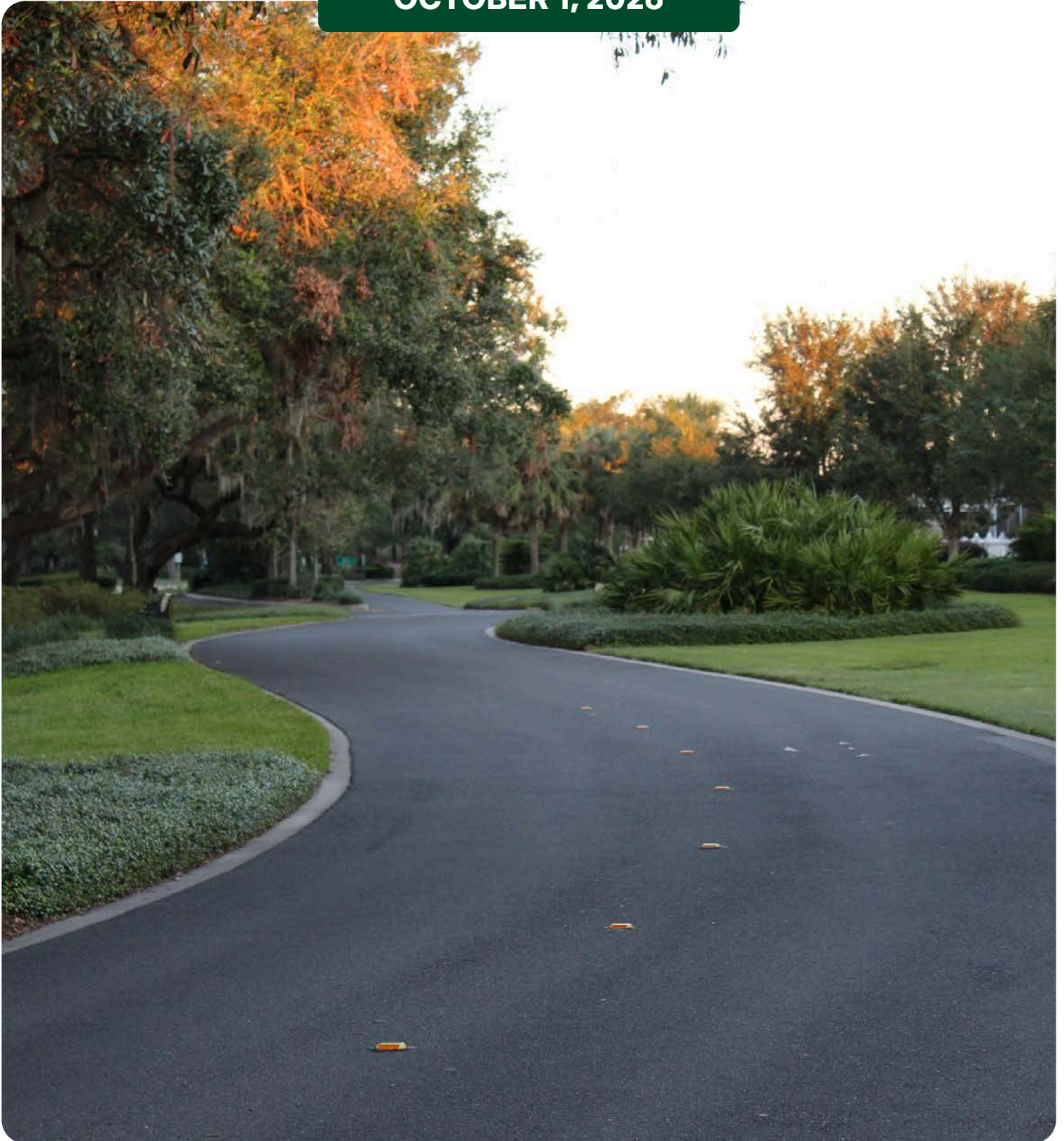


District Weekly Bulletin

OCTOBER 1, 2026



The Villages®
Community Development Districts



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.

352-753-0550 | CommunityWatch2@DistrictGov.org | DistrictGov.org

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POSTAL STATION AMENITY PAYMENT BOXES

As of October 1st any payments dropped in Amenity Boxes located at 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.

HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

Become a SKYWARN® Severe Weather Spotter



SKYWARN® WEATHER SPOTTER WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER
21ST, 2026**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Marion County Sheriff's Office
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

698 NW 30th Ave | Ocala, Florida 34475

SKYWARN WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- How to identify potential severe weather features
- What information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

REGISTER FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP

Go to www.AlertMarion.com and click on the
"Training" Link or call (352) 369-8100



**Workshop Presented by the National Weather Service - Jacksonville &
Marion County Sheriff's Office - Division of Emergency Management**

A FRIENDLY CALL THAT BRINGS PEACE OF MIND



A little conversation can make a big difference. Adult Watch, a service offered through Community Watch, provides residents of The Villages with friendly check-ins, a listening ear, and added peace of mind.

Once enrolled, you choose how often you'd like a designated staff member to call. These regular conversations offer an opportunity to connect, share concerns, and enjoy the reassurance of knowing someone is checking in on you.

Peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

Adult Watch provides an added layer of reassurance for family and friends, too. If staff members are unable to reach you or identify a need for assistance during a call, your designated emergency contact will be notified.

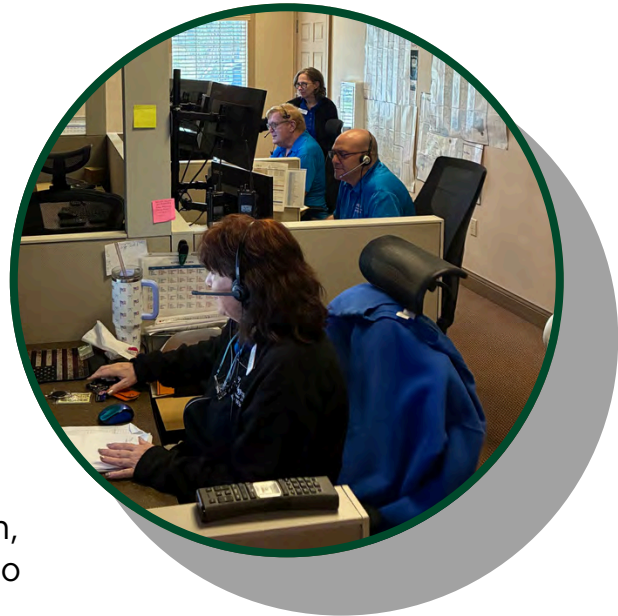
How to Sign Up

Registration is available in person at any of these District Customer Service Centers:

- Main Office – Brownwood Paddock Square
- 3571 Kiessel Road
- North Satellite Office – La Hacienda Recreation
- 1200 Avenida Central
- Closed daily from noon to 1 p.m.
- South Satellite Office – Lake Sumter Landing Market Square
- 1030 Lake Sumter Landing, Suite A
- Closed daily from noon to 1 p.m.

Questions? We're Here to Help.

For more information or assistance with registration, call 352-753-4508, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



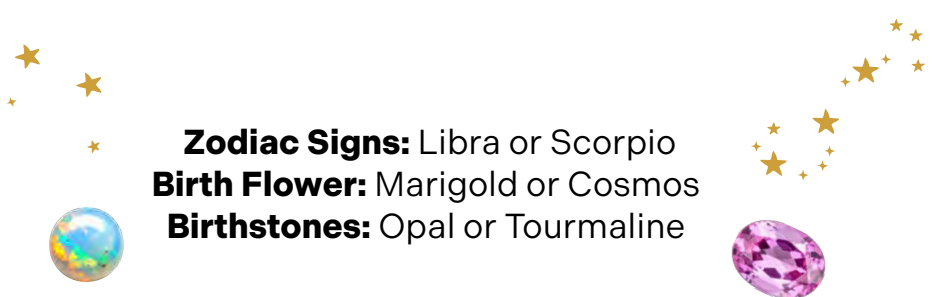
DISCOVER OCTOBER

October is here, bringing a change of season and plenty to look forward to throughout our community. From fall-inspired activities and community events to recreation opportunities and time spent with family, friends, and neighbors, there's always something happening in The Villages.

As we settle into the fall season, it's a great time to get involved, explore our [socials](#), and enjoy all that October has to offer.

National Days This Month:

- National Golf Lover's Day (Oct 4) - [Celebrate with a round of golf at one of our many courses!](#)
- National Chess Day (Oct 10) - [One of the first precursors to chess dates back to 7th century India.](#)
- National Sports Day (Oct 16) - [Looking to get out and stay active? Take a look at The Villages wide array of sports.](#)
- Halloween (Oct 31) - [Halloween originated from the Samhain Festival held by the celtic.](#)



Zodiac Signs: Libra or Scorpio
Birth Flower: Marigold or Cosmos
Birthstones: Opal or Tourmaline

Notable people born in October include:

- Don McLean
- Gwen Stefani
- Hugh Jackman
- Julia Roberts
- Kate Winslet
- Katy Perry
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Matt Damon
- Pablo Picasso
- Pelé
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Winona Ryder



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
- Hilltop
- Redfish Run
- Roosevelt
- Turtle Mound





MODIFIED PHASE III “EXTREME” WATER SHORTAGE

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has extended its Modified Phase III one day per week water shortage restrictions through March 31, 2027.

The extension is necessary due to ongoing drought conditions and below-average rainfall across the region. The SWFWMD recorded a 13.7-inch rainfall deficit when the Modified Phase III was declared, and the deficit remained significant at 15.4 inches as of August 2026. Water levels in rivers, lakes and public water supplies continue to decline, with many resources at severely below-normal levels.

The restrictions apply to the following areas:

- All of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and Sumter counties.
- Portions of Charlotte, Highlands and Lake counties.
- The City of Dunnellon and The Villages in Marion County.
- The Portion of Gasparilla Island in Charlotte County.

Standard watering days are based on the last digit of your address:

- 0 or 1 – Monday
- 2 or 3 – Tuesday
- 4 or 5 – Wednesday
- 6 or 7 – Thursday
- 8 or 9 – Friday

To view more information on the Modified Phase III Water Shortage, [click here](#).

"THE EXTRA MILE"

This year's Customer Service Week takes place from October 5-9 and the theme is **"The Extra Mile"**. We would love to hear how our Customer Service team has gone the extra mile for you!

Whether it was a helpful conversation, a problem they helped solve, or simply an interaction that made your day a little brighter, we want to hear about it. Please share your Customer Service experiences with us by emailing CustomerService@DistrictGov.org.

Your kind words and recognition mean so much to our employees!

We would also love for you to stop by one of our Customer Service locations during Customer Service Week to say hello and show your appreciation for our wonderful employees. A friendly smile, a kind word, or a simple "thank you" can go a long way!

And now for the fun part... The Seek & Find!

Our employees will be participating in a Customer Service Week Seek & Find Quest! They'll be on the lookout for residents sporting fun items or designs—think flamingos, sequins, pumpkins, college football teams, and more!

And don't forget the accessories! Sun visors, leggings, pearl jewelry, and other fun finds may help complete their quest.

So, if you're wearing something that catches their eye, don't be surprised if you become part of the fun!

Come see us, say hello, and help our team go the extra mile!



Heritage Celebration

Celebrate the traditions that bring our community together at this year's Heritage Celebration! Join us Tuesday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center for an afternoon of music, food, entertainment, and fun. Best of all, it's FREE! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors and celebrate the wonderful diversity of our community.

HERITAGE Celebration

Join your fellow residents and neighbors for this **FREE** celebration of traditions, including music and entertainment!

Food vendors will be on site with a variety of ethnic foods available for purchase.

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13, 2026
10AM - 2PM**

LA HACIENDA RECREATION CENTER

- Visit resident lifestyle group booths to learn more about their club!
- Watch many resident lifestyle groups perform ethnic classics highlighting their heritage.

The Villages Recreation & Parks

More information: RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org | 352-753-1716 | DistrictGov.org

Running of the Squares - Road Closures

The Running of the Squares 5K – Brownwood is Saturday, October 17. Buena Vista Blvd. east-side multi-modal paths and West Torch Lake Drive access will be closed from 7:15–9 a.m. Vehicle traffic on Buena Vista Blvd. will not be affected. Please plan accordingly.



STAY UP TO DATE ON RECREATION CLOSURES



For the most accurate and up-to-date information about Recreation facility closures, schedule changes, maintenance updates and other important Recreation announcements, please visit our [What's Happening page](#). This is your go-to resource for staying informed about what's happening throughout the community and planning your activities around any temporary closures or changes.

You can also sign up for [Recreation Alerts](#) to receive email notifications about facility closures and important updates. It's a convenient way to stay in the know without having to check for updates throughout the day.

Our Recreation team is committed to providing residents with timely, accurate information so you can make the most of the many amenities, activities and facilities available throughout The Villages. Whether a facility is temporarily closed for maintenance, improvements or another reason, we'll do our best to keep you informed every step of the way.

Stay informed, plan ahead and keep enjoying all that Recreation has to offer!

LADY LAKE "ASK OUR EXPERT ANYTHING" PROGRAM

This October the Town of Lady Lake is celebrating Cybersecurity Awareness month with their "Ask Our Expert Anything Program". This event allows residents to get answers to their cyber questions directly from a local cybersecurity expert.

Have a question about staying safe online? Bring it to Cybersecurity Unlocked. This event will be hosted at the Lady Lake Library on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. at 225 W. Guava St.

Howard Davis, the Town's IT cybersecurity expert, will answer residents' questions about common online safety concerns, including:

- Spotting scams, suspicious emails and texts
- Password and smartphone security
- Social media, online banking and shopping
- Safe internet browsing and more

All experience levels are welcome, and no registration is required. This program is free and open to the public.





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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