

District Weekly Bulletin

OCTOBER 15, 2026





Saturday, November 7th | 10am – 1pm
Eisenhower Recreation | 3560 Buena Vista Blvd

LEARN about your local, state and federal government agencies.

GATHER important information.

ASK QUESTIONS and get answers from the experts.

PICK UP giveaways and handouts!

Over **60** Participating Agencies

- Lake, Sumter, & Marion Local County Governments
- State of Florida
- Local Law Enforcement
- First Responders
- City Government
- And more!



More Information: DistrictGov.org | 352-753-4508

The Villages
Community Development Districts

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STAYING CLEAN AND STAYING SAFE

Many everyday cleaning products contain chemicals that can pose serious risks if handled or stored improperly. Taking a few simple precautions can help prevent accidental poisoning, injuries, and other household emergencies.

An estimated 4,600 household chemical-related injuries are documented each week in the United States. Follow these safety tips to help protect your family and home.

- **Keep chemicals in their original containers.** This ensures labels, ingredients, and safety instructions remain available.
- **Never mix cleaning products.** Combining certain chemicals can release dangerous gases. Only dilute bleach with water when directed by the product label.
- **Store chemicals securely.** Keep cleaners, laundry detergents, and other potentially poisonous substances in locked cabinets and out of children's reach.
- **Use child-safety measures.** Cabinet latches and child-resistant caps provide additional protection, but products should always be stored securely.
- **Keep button batteries away from children.** These small batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed or inserted into the nose or ears. Seek immediate medical attention if ingestion is suspected.





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 – Alternate](#)
- [District 8 – Primary](#)
- [District 8 – Alternate](#)

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!*



The Villages®
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Community Standards

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

STARTER SHACK PAYMENTS

Please be advised that the Starter Building accepts cash payments only. For your convenience, we can accept cash denominations of \$20 or less. Please plan accordingly and ensure you have the appropriate cash available when making your payment.

We appreciate your cooperation, patience, and understanding as we work to provide you with the best possible service.



Executive Golf Rates

SAFE DRIVING, HAPPY TRAVELS!

The Villages is a community made for getting out, staying active, and enjoying the freedom of the open road. A few simple driving habits can help keep every trip safe and enjoyable.

- Give yourself extra time. Avoid rushing, especially at intersections, roundabouts and unfamiliar roads.
- Minimize distractions. Put the phone away, adjust the GPS before you leave, and keep conversations from taking your attention off the road.
- Make visibility a priority. Keep windshields, mirrors, and headlights clean, and be especially alert at dawn, dusk, and nighttime.
- Watch for golf carts, bicycles, and pedestrians. Take an extra moment at crossings and intersections—especially in busy areas.
- Know your comfort zone. If certain conditions, such as nighttime driving, heavy rain, or unfamiliar routes, make you uncomfortable, consider changing the time or route of your trip.
- Keep up with checkups. Regular vision and hearing checks, along with reviewing medications with your healthcare provider, can help support safe driving.

Remember: Buckle up, stay alert, and enjoy the journey!
Drive safely. Arrive happily.



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
- Hill top
- Redfish Run
- Roosevelt
- Turtle Mound

CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

- **De La Vista** will be closed Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16, 2026, for additional turf maintenance.





Running of the Squares Brownwood 5K – Road Closures

The Running of the Squares 5K - Brownwood will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Temporary closures to the Buena Vista Blvd. multi-modal paths (east side) will occur from Hillsborough Trail to Antrim Dells Villas beginning at 7:15 a.m. until approximately 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the race. Cars on Buena Vista Blvd. will not be impacted. Access to West Torch Lake Drive will be closed from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as well. Please plan your travels accordingly.



REGISTER NOW

RUNNING OF THE SQUARES

5K SERIES The Villages®

Brownwood Paddock Square® 5K

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 8AM

Pre-Registration deadline October 11, 2026: \$25
Registration after 10-11-26 and day of event: \$40
Fee includes T-shirt, while supplies last, and registration packet.
Awards are given to the top three finishers in each age group and team division. Finisher medals are awarded to all participants.

No one will be permitted to begin the route if they are not at the starting line at 8AM.
No late arrivals. Race time limit: 70 minutes.

Applications Available at La Hacienda Recreation & DistrictGov.org



FOR MORE INFORMATION: 352-753-1716 | RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org

The Villages®
Recreation & Parks

The Villages Championship Softball Tournament

Friday through Sunday, October 16–18, catch the annual Villages Championship Softball Tournament at Saddlebrook, Buffalo Glen, Everglades, Soaring Eagle, and Olympia Softball Complexes! Come cheer on your friends and neighbors. Games begin at 8:30 a.m.





PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Pet owners should always pick up after their pets and dispose of pet waste in their household trash or in a designated container. Pet waste should not be left on the ground and should never be put into storm drains, roads, or waterbodies.

When it rains, pet waste can flow into storm drains and into roads. Eventually the waste ends up in our waterbodies causing water pollution. The waste also causes excess nutrients which creates algae blooms and decreases oxygen in the water. This condition has an adverse effect on fish and other aquatic life. If not disposed of properly, pet waste not only affects water quality, but public health. The bacteria found in pet waste are very harmful and can result in illness. Public beaches are closed when bacteria found in the water makes swimming unsafe.

What You Can Do!

- Always clean up after your animals.
- Use bags or scoopers to pick up waste.
- Dispose of waste in pet waste containers or in your household trash.
- Do not put pet waste into storm drains or on the road.
- When traveling, carry extra bags in the car to have on hand to clean up after your pet.
- Remind other pet owners to pick up after their pet.





Annual

WILDWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

THANKSGIVING *Blessing Baskets*

Please join us in our mission to make Thanksgiving a little brighter for those in need. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our community, we provided Thanksgiving meal baskets to more than 225 people.

BASKETS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Stuffing
- Mac & Cheese
- Yams, Marshmallows & Brown Sugar
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Cranberry
- Jiffy Cornbread
- \$25 grocery gift card

DROP OFF DATES:

9/28/2026 – 11/1/2026



To commit to a basket or to be a recipient, call:
352-931-0357

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Wildwood PD
8942 N US 301, Wildwood, FL

Fifth Third Bank
2495 Burnsed Blvd., The Villages, FL

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!



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.



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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