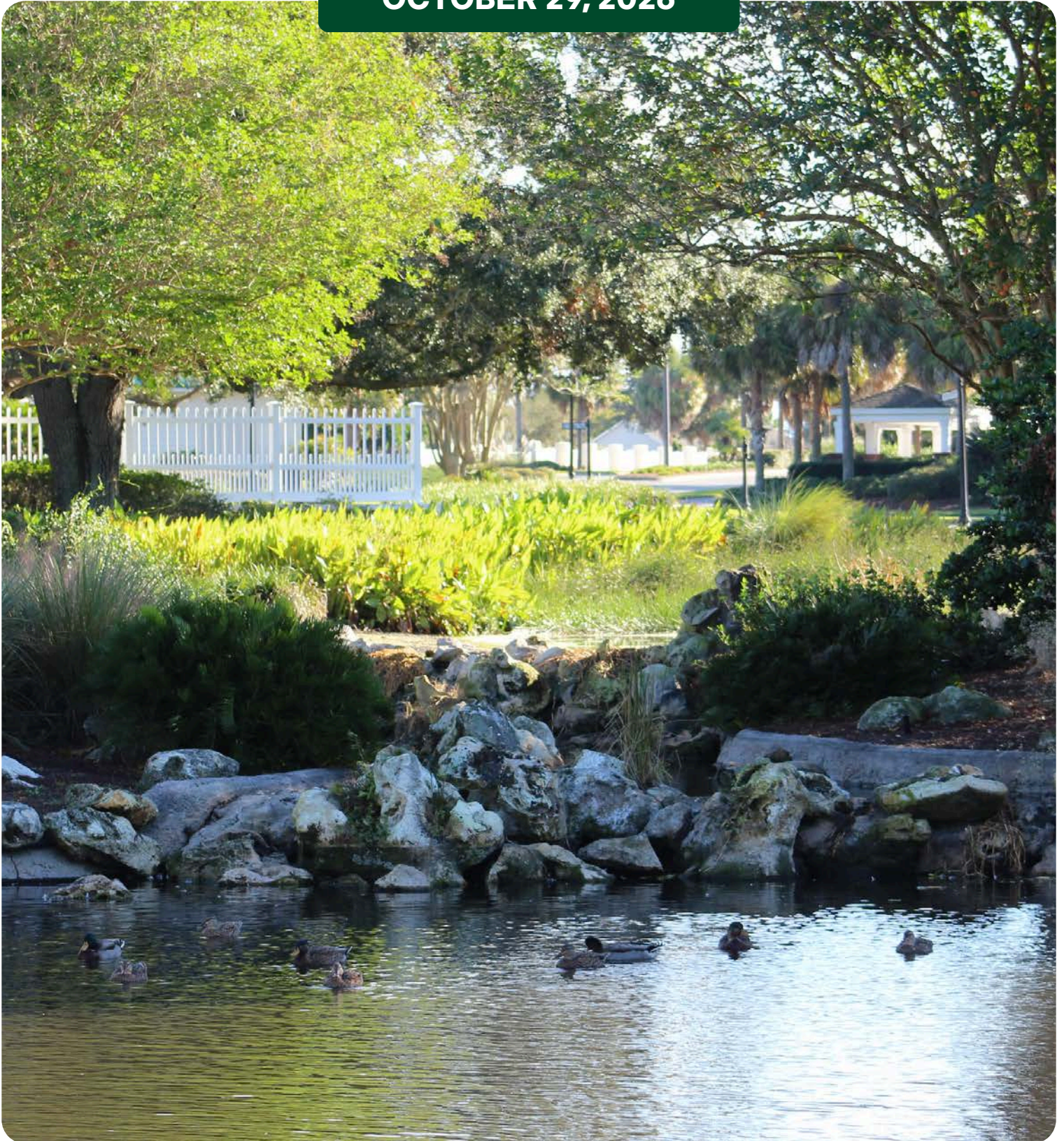


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Community Development Districts



SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

Staying informed before severe weather strikes is the easiest and most effective way to stay safe. Being prepared and seeing the signs helps families prepare before disaster strikes.

Recently released weather outlooks show us how upcoming El Niño events will impact our winter weather forecasts. Throughout the winter the El Niño conditions will set the stage for a higher chance of severe weather throughout the state. You may see an increase in stormy weather with high precipitation.

It's important to stay up to date on weather alerts and messaging throughout the state to ensure you are always ready. Creating an emergency kit, evacuation plan, and having a reliable source for weather alerts makes all the difference in the event of disaster.

If you'd like to sign up for your county weather alerts, see below.

**Emergency
Notifications**



EARLY VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Early voting for the General Election in Sumter County begins Saturday, October 24, 2026 (10am – 6pm). Early voting in the General Election in Marion County begins Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Early voting for the General Election:

- **Marion County** – Mulberry Grove Recreation: October 22, 2026, through October 31, 2026
- **Lake County** – No early voting at Recreation Centers
- **Sumter County** – Tierra Del Sol, Laurel Manor, Allamanda, Rohan, and Everglades Recreation Centers: October 24, 2026, through October 31, 2026

If you have questions, contact the Supervisor of Elections for the county in which you reside.

Voting Websites/Phone Numbers:

[Lake County](#); Phone: 352-343-9734

[Marion County](#); Phone: 352-620-3290

[Sumter County](#); Phone: 352-569-1540





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

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County Residents Only: Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection - Amnesty Day

Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 8AM to 2PM

Location: Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E SR 44, Wildwood - FL 34785

What to bring:		
Automotive Fluids & Batteries	Herbicides	Propane Tanks (25lbs)
Cleaners	Paint Removers & Thinners	Solvents
Fertilizers	Latex & Oil-Based Paints	Smoke Detectors
Fluorescent Lamps & Mercury Containing Devices	Household Electronics (TVs, VCRs, Computers, etc.)	Rechargeable Household Batteries
Fungicides	Pesticides	Wood Preservatives
Gas (Old Gas & Old Gas Cans)	Pool Chemicals	

What not to bring:		
Biological/Infectious Waste	Explosives	Radioactive Waste
Empty Paint Cans	Tires	

How to Package & Transport Chemicals

- Do NOT mix chemicals together.
- Keep products in their original labeled containers if possible.
- Place containers into cardboard boxes to prevent breakage.
- Place leaky containers in clear plastic bags and transport in box with newspaper.
- Put boxes in trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.

[For more information click here.](#)

DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Do you have old paint sitting in the garage? An old empty propane tank? Leftover gasoline or used motor oil?

If so, these and other hazardous chemicals and items should not be placed in your regular household trash. The following locations will accept these items and more. Please contact the appropriate disposal site for full details

Marion County

Marion County residents can dispose of the following items at any of the county's 18 recycling centers.

- Used motor oil & oil filters up to five gallons per day
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex paint up to five gallons per day
- Chemicals, gasoline, and pesticides can be disposed of at the Baseline facility's Household Hazardous Waste area.
- Household electronics (accepted at Baseline, Dunnellon, Forest Corners, Fort McCoy, Martel, Newton, and Weirsdale (13535 SE 164th ST) recycling centers in the big green compactor boxes labeled "electronics recycling")

In addition, there are four special household electronics recycling events held at the McPherson Complex in Ocala throughout the year. The calendar of dates can be found on the [Marion County Solid Waste website](#).

Lake County

Lake County residents can dispose of hazardous waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 13130 County Landfill Road, County Road 561, Tavares with proof of residency. There are also Mobile Unit Events held throughout the year in various Lake County locations.

DISPOSAL INFORMATION

- Automotive fluids (Antifreeze, Gasoline, Motor Oil, etc.)
- Paint Products Lawn/Garden (Fertilizers, Insecticides, Pesticides, etc.)
- Propane cylinders
- Fluorescent lamps
- Household batteries (including rechargeable)
- Pool chemicals

A complete list of acceptable items and the schedule of Mobile Unit Events can be found [here](#).

Sumter County

Sumter County Solid Waste does provide a Citizen's Drop-Off Area (CDA) at 819 CR 529, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538 for residents to drop off the following acceptable items:

- Residential/Household Class 1 Waste/Garbage
- Residential Recyclable Materials – No Charge Plastics #1 through #7 Aluminum, Tin, and Steel Cans Mixed Paper (Magazines, Newsprint, Office Paper, Phone Books, Catalogs) Clean Paper Bags
- Waste Tires
- Batteries, Car, rechargeable, normal household batteries
- Scrap Metal
- Cardboard
- Brush, Construction, and Demolition Debris
- Electronics
- Furniture
- Fire Extinguishers

Sumter County hosts two Household Electronics and Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection events a year. Please visit [Sumter County Solid Waste](#) for additional information

VETERANS DAY

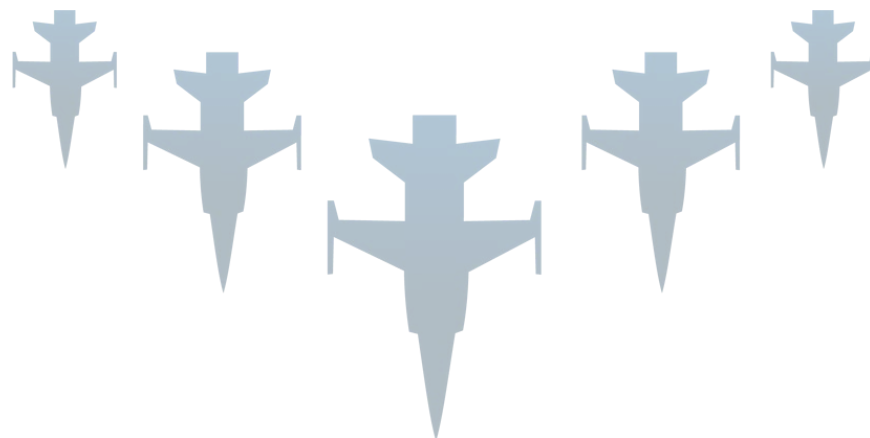
In observance of Veterans Day, all District Customer Service Centers, District Administrative Offices, and Recreation Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Regular hours of operation will resume on Thursday, November 12, 2026.

Recreation centers, Fit Clubs, outdoor facilities, and swimming pools will remain open and operate as usual for your enjoyment.

Guest ID card services, trail fee payments, and activity registration will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at La Hacienda, Lake Miona, Eisenhower, Rohan, Everglades, and Olympia Recreation Centers only.

Sanitation Pickup Notice

Sanitation pickup will not be affected by the Veterans Day closures. All schedules will remain unchanged.





To maintain the integrity of the Executive Golf Courses and to provide the best play experience possible, the courses below are closed until further notice.

For any further information, please contact the 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** will open
November 20, 2026
- **Hill top**
- **Redfish Run**
- **Roosevelt**
- **Turtle Mound**



FEEDING WILDLIFE: KNOW THE RISK

Florida's diverse landscapes support a wide variety of wildlife. However, urban development has altered natural habitats, bringing animals closer to residential communities and businesses.

Although feeding wildlife may seem harmless, it can cause animals to lose natural foraging behaviors, gather in large numbers, and become too comfortable around people, negatively affecting public safety and ecosystem health.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to enjoy Florida's wildlife from a safe distance and to comply with the provisions of [Florida Statute 379.412](#), which regulates the feeding of certain wildlife species.

Negative Impacts of Feeding Wildlife

- Poor nutrition and dietary imbalances
- Overpopulation of wildlife
- Delayed or disrupted migration patterns
- Increased nuisance complaints and property damage
- Attraction of predators into residential areas
- Development of unnatural behaviors and dependence on humans
- Increased aggression toward people and pets



Protecting Florida's wildlife begins with respecting their natural behaviors and allowing them to remain wild.

If you would like to connect with nature and experience Florida's rich ecosystems firsthand, we encourage you to visit our [nature trails](#).



14th Annual Worldwide Aquathon Day

Registration is open for the 14th Annual Worldwide Aquathon Day which takes place at three locations, Everglades, SeaBreeze and Laurel Manor Sports Pools. Get some sunshine and water exercise while providing donations to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

JOIN OUR FREE 3 Hour Aquafitness Marathon!



Saturday, November 14

9AM, 10AM & 11AM

Registration begins
Monday, October 26, 2026, 8:30am



**Everglades
Sports Pool**

**Laurel Manor
Sports Pool
Deep Water**

**SeaBreeze
Sports Pool**



Registration required for each session. Register online at DistrictGov.org or any **At Your Service** Location.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Donna Daigle (SeaBreeze) 860-614-9643 | doubled@snet.net

The Villages®
Recreation & Parks

Fire Pits at Recreation Centers

Did you know [fire pits](#) are available for residents at Chula Vista, Fenney, First Responders, Lake Okahumpka and Riverbend Recreation Centers? Staff light them periodically throughout the week. Please share the space courteously. To reserve a fire pit, contact the appropriate Recreation Center. Schedule subject to change.



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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