District Weekly Bulletin

OCTOBER 8, 2026



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Celebrating our 29th

GOVERNMENT DAY

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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National Night Out

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO JOINED US

Thank you to everyone who joined us for National Night Out on October 6! It was a fun evening filled with opportunities for residents to connect with our local police departments, Public Safety, and the organizations that work hard to keep our community safe.

From meeting first responders to learning more about the resources available in our community, there was something for everyone to enjoy. And, of course, the K9 demonstrations stole the show!

Thank you to all of our participating agencies, organizations, and residents who helped make National Night Out a memorable evening. We're grateful for the opportunity to come together, build connections, and celebrate the strong community we share!



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District Property Management

WETLANDS AND PRESERVES

The 2,800+ acres of wetlands and 700+ acres of wildlife preserves in The Villages provide many valuable benefits to our community. In addition to naturally helping filter pollutants from stormwater runoff, wetlands play an important role in replenishing our drinking water aquifer and helping reduce the potential for flooding.

Wetlands are protected through permits and regulations administered by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Village's environmental consultants conduct routine inspections to help ensure these requirements are being met. These inspections, along with questions or concerns brought forward by residents, may occasionally identify activities that are not permitted, such as the unauthorized cutting or removal of vegetation.

When an environmental violation is identified, the applicable regulatory agencies may determine appropriate corrective measures or penalties. Depending on the nature and extent of a violation, these may include fines of up to $10,000 per day, per offense, and, in some circumstances, criminal charges. These legal protections reflect the important role and value that wetlands provide to our community.



We deeply appreciate the community's continued support in caring for these important natural resources. By working together to protect our wetlands and wildlife preserves, we can help preserve the environmental benefits they provide and ensure these valuable resources remain part of our community for generations to come.

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Executive Golf

Maintenance Update

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**.



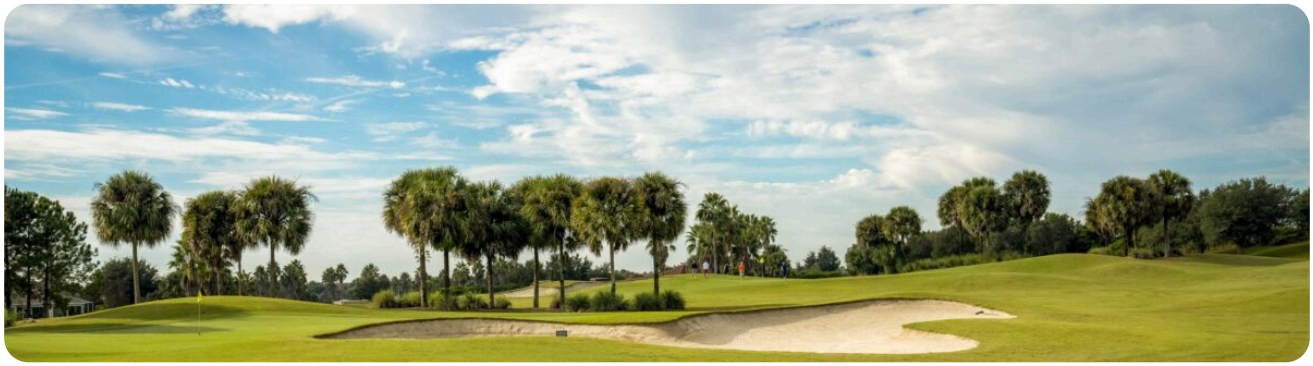
Executive Course Closures

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.



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District Update

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

During each election season, residents often have questions about campaign activities within The Villages Community Development Districts. To help residents better understand the District's role and the guidelines that govern campaign activities on District property and within District facilities, District Manager Kenneth Blocker has prepared an informational memo.

This resource is designed to provide clear, accurate information about allowable campaign activities, helping residents better understand the District's responsibilities during election season. Whether you're a candidate, volunteer, or simply looking to learn more about the election process within the community, the memo serves as a valuable reference.

In addition, we encourage all residents to take a few moments to review the District's rules regarding soliciting within The Villages. Familiarizing yourself with these guidelines can help ensure everyone understands the policies that promote a respectful and enjoyable community for all residents.

Click below to read the informational memo from Kenneth Blocker.

Informational Memo

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EARLY VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Early voting for the General Election in Sumter County begins Tuesday, 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



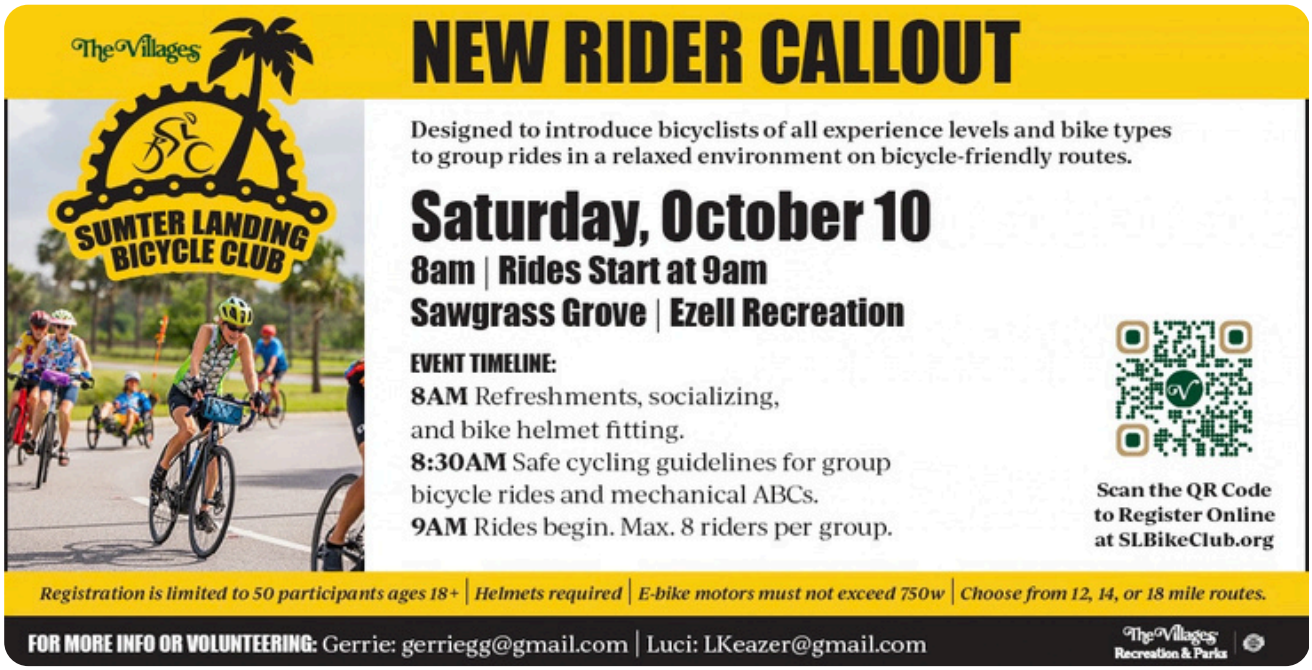
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The Villages® Recreation & Parks

Upcoming Events

New Rider Callout

On Saturday, October 10th, 8 a.m. at Ezell Recreation center the Sumter Landing Bicycle Club is hosting bicycle rides for new riders. This event is designed to introduce bicyclists of all experience levels and bike types to group rides in a relaxed environment on bicycle-friendly routes.



Recreation & Parks Publication

Looking for a digital copy of the Recreation & Parks Publication? Visit our Recreation page to view the latest publication and see what's coming up on the schedule! Discover upcoming events, programs, activities, and more happening throughout the community.

Recreation & Parks Publication

View this week's activities, event information, and more.

See the Schedule

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Facility Closures

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!

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SECURE OUR WORLD

CYBERSECURITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY CISA

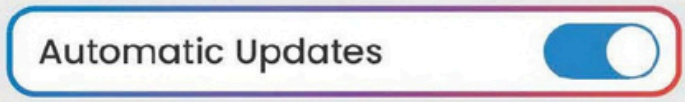
Install SOFTWARE UPDATES to fix security risks

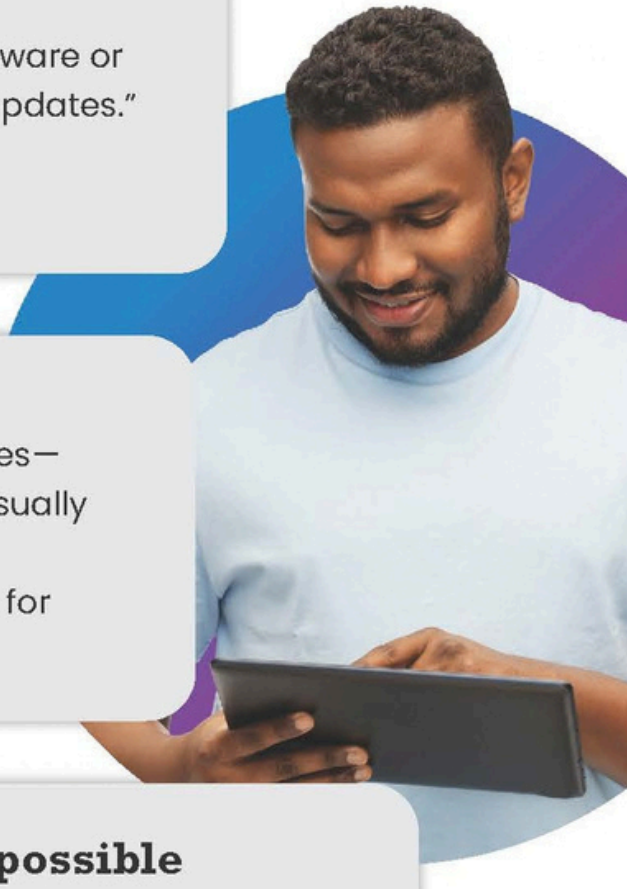
Update Software Promptly for Safety

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."





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

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District Update

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.

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Residential Collection

YARD WASTE & BULK PICKUP

Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Yard waste collection is intended for routine residential landscape maintenance only. To ensure safe, efficient service, please follow these guidelines when preparing yard waste for collection:

- Tree limbs and branches must not exceed 5 feet in length, 5 inches in diameter, or 40 pounds per bundle.
- All yard waste must be securely bundled and placed at the end of your driveway before your scheduled collection day.
- Palm fronds should be neatly stacked with all fronds facing the same direction.
- Grass clippings, leaves, and other loose yard waste must be placed in bags.
- Yard waste is limited to seven (7) bundles or bags per scheduled collection day. Material exceeding this limit will not be collected and must be removed by the resident before the next scheduled collection.

Items Not Accepted

The following materials will not be collected as yard waste:

- Dirt
- Rocks
- Sod
- Concrete
- Contractor-generated waste

If your yard waste exceeds the seven-bundle limit, please schedule a bulk pickup and place the material curbside on your scheduled collection date. Any excess yard waste left out on a regular collection day will not be picked up and must be removed by the resident.

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Residential Collection

YARD WASTE & BULK PICKUP

Bulk Pickup

Large household items and oversized debris require a scheduled bulk pickup. Examples include:

- BBQ grills
- Flat-screen TVs
- Ironing boards
- Electronics (computers, monitors, stereos, and similar items)
- Furniture (oversized chairs, mattresses, box springs, etc.)
- Appliances (washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, etc.)
- Lawn mowers
- Exercise equipment
- Homeowner-generated remodeling debris, such as sinks, toilets, carpeting, lumber, and similar materials

For information on scheduling a bulk pickup, click here. To learn more about collection fees and service rates, visit our Sanitation Services page and select your district.



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Join Our Team








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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