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## Villages Fact Finder

The Villages Community Development Districts were developed as a mixed-use retirement community that were required to provide non-automotive, non-vehicular, multi-modal paths interconnecting the districts for bicycles, pedestrians, skaters and golf carts. These interconnecting multi-modal paths are intended as alternative transportation routes for pedestrians and golfers to access The Villages' numerous golf courses and amenities and used as well by cyclers, skaters, and golf carts.

### Forms of Transportation Allowed on the Paths

The directives clearly provide for path use by pedestrians, skaters, bicycles and golf carts. Other modes which are not explicitly addressed in the development orders (D.O.'s) of the Districts are subject to some interpretation.

Segways – Not a vehicle (in the State of Florida for use on a highway) and are treated like bicycles for use on the paths.

Mopeds and motorcycles – Vehicles (intended for use on highway) which do not meet D.O.'s intended use of paths. (Mopeds may use the paths when propelled solely by human power.)

Street legal golf carts and low speed vehicles are still either golf carts or intended for use also as golf carts and therefore may be used on the paths.

### Traffic Control Measures on the Paths

The Districts own and maintain the paths and therefore could adopt rules restricting certain types of transportation methods these rules, however, would have no real value since the Districts have no enforcement authority.

Similarly, the Districts could establish speed limits for safety purposes, but again have no enforcement authority.

The Districts have the authority to construct speed bumps for safety and to reduce damage to the paths caused by speed.

### Enforcement of District Established Rules

The Community Development Districts do not possess any law enforcement powers. Also, the county sheriff does not have jurisdiction to exercise its law enforcement power over the districts' paths. A legislative change to Florida statues is a possible means to expand the traffic control and enforcement jurisdiction of local law enforcement agencies to extend to multi-modal paths that are open to the public.

### Golf Cart Registration

Without law enforcement powers the Districts cannot mandate or enforce a registration process for golf carts. However, there is no apparent obstacle to the Districts offering a voluntary inspection and registration program as a service to those persons operating golf carts on the

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## THE VILLAGES HOSPITAL GOING WORLD CLASS

The recent announcement of The Villages Health System partnering with the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute is taking The Villages to the next level of excellence in healthcare. Moffitt is a nationally recognized leader in cancer research and treatment. It is one of only 43 National Cancer Institutes (NCIs) in country among over 5,000 cancer centers, and the only NCI in Florida. While Moffitt is affiliated with a number of hospitals, The Villages Health System is its first partnership venture.

The mutually beneficial partnership will bring immediate gains to The Villages well beyond the reputation of the Moffitt name. The experience of the Moffitt team with local doctors promises to deliver improved care and treatment to The Villages' community. Additionally, The Villages will benefit from the millions in research dollars from federal funds dedicated to NCIs. One of the most significant advantages gained is participation in clinical trials and protocols of an NCI that brings the future in cancer prevention, care and treatment to our present day services.

The Moffitt partnership is also recognition of the dedication to excellence by The Villages in developing and delivering the best healthcare conceivable to the community and wanting to be part of that program as a full partner.

### Great Strides in Six Years

The Villages Health System is just in its seventh year but has experienced a growth rate comparable to the unique community of The Villages that it serves. TVHS CEO Tim Hawkins commented that we've come a long way from a general surgery/orthopedic/medical diagnosis and treatment facility to a full service, state of the art healthcare system. He says that compared to standard medical facility growth rates, we've been moving at the speed of light, while maintaining and improving quality at each step. From a 60-bed medical hospital with two surgical suites, an intensive care unit, basic radiology and general hospital care, The Villages Health System has expanded to 198 beds and now offers three times the surgical suites, filmless/wireless/portable imagery, quadrupled the pharmacy and doubled the emergency department and staff that handles four time the patient volume in less



TVHS CEO Tim Hawkins (seated) reviews remodeling and expansion plans with VHA President.

time. TVHS has also recently added or increased a wound healing center, a catheterization lab and then doubled it to conduct 3,000 procedures, a joint replacement center that has replaced over 125 shoulders, knees and hips, neurology and neurosurgery and rehabilitation and wellness programs.

### Much More Coming

In addition to the Cancer Center, TVHS has commenced certification as a stroke center with efforts to continue growth through expansion and partnership to deliver on its mission of improving the health and quality of the individuals and community it serves. Having already tripled the surgeons certified at TVHS, the doctors now number over 300, nurses about 700, technicians about 100 (TVHS Auxiliary volunteers also over 700). As an indication of the confidence and reputation for excellence in general and specialty medical services, the patient volumes at TVHS have been dramatically increasing. Patient throughput this year is up 30% over last year and 60% over two years ago. Primary care givers are recommending the world class advantage of TVHS and Villagers are agreeing.

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## A message from the President of the VHA

### — Biggest, Best and Getting Better



Fortune's online magazine visited The Villages a few weeks ago, and like most first-time visitors, discovered that the reality of The Villages far exceeded preconceived ideas of what the world's premier retirement community might be. However promoted by advertising or hyped by residents, The Villages experienced always impresses and far exceeds expectations. Fortune was here to consider The Villages as a candidate for inclusion among their review of the nation's master planning communities. Last month Fortune featured The Villages first among "America's Most Unusual Communities."

Five years ago The Villages was less than half of its current population of about 80,000 and already the largest community of its type in most categories including size. With completion of buildout projected to be by late 2015, homes are expected to reach about 55,000 with The Villages' population to exceed 100,000. Several major features can be anticipated south of CR466A including the new town center of Brownwood and additional healthcare facilities. Three 27-hole country clubs and six executive golf courses will bring The Villages world's largest golf facility to a total of 621 holes of golf. Additional amenities and recreation facilities will continue to be

proportionate to the numbers of homes in the Villages of new Districts 9 and 10.

The 25,000 acres of The Villages reaches into three counties and two cities. The secret to maintaining the quality and quantity of amenities enjoyed by residents is the even more complex community development district form of government of The Villages. There are ten CDDs and two center districts in The Villages. Each of the districts is managed by board of supervisors. CDD supervisors are initially appointed by the developer and transition to elected residents as the district becomes developed and populated. Amenities and facilities in each district and village are built ahead of the population with ownership (and management) transferred from the developer to the districts upon completion of each district. Residents are encouraged to attend District Government Orientation at 10 a.m. every Thursday at District Government Offices for a more complete explanation of this process.

The Villages' developer is in its third generation of the family's leadership, with the fourth generation in training. Our atypical developer has repeatedly told VHA members that they are not leaving. The Villages is home for the developer, too. Even after residential buildout and transfers to the districts are complete, the developer will retain a considerable holding in commercial interests.

The developer's mission of building a retirement community where your dreams can come true is not yet complete, but one of his final objectives toward this goal is getting much closer with the just announced Moffitt Cancer Center partnership agreement. Just over six year ago founder Harold Schwartz' dream of a Hospital in The Villages came true. Every year since, The Villages Healthcare System has grown and improved, contributing to The Villages' worldwide reputation as the premier retirement community and making our dreams come true.

*Don Hahnfeldt, VHA President*

## August Meetings Notice

### AAC Meeting

Wednesday, August 11 at 1:30 pm  
 Savannah Center

### Districts 1 through 4

Friday, August 13  
 District 1, 8:00 a.m.; District 2, 9:30 a.m.  
 District 3, 11:00 a.m.; District 4, 1:30 p.m.  
 District Office, 1894 Laurel Manor Drive

### Districts 5 through 8

Friday, August 20  
 District 5, 8:00 a.m.; District 6, 9:30 a.m.  
 District 7, 11:00 a.m.; District 8, 1:30 p.m.  
 District Office, 1894 Laurel Manor Drive

### Golf Cart Safety Clinic

Wednesday, August 18 at 10:00 am  
 Savannah Center

### Good Golf School

Thursday, August 19 at 9 a.m.  
 Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center

### Newcomer Orientation

Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm  
 Colony Cottage Rec Center

### VCCDD and SLCDD

Thursday, August 19  
 VCCDD, 8:00 a.m.; SLCDD, 9:30 a.m.  
 District Office, 1894 Laurel Manor Drive

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Districts' paths.

### A Legal Opinion

The Villages is among many developing "golf cart communities" pondering rules and their enforcement on multi-modal paths. This Fact Finder has summarized the findings of the Districts' attorney on multi-modal paths here and the attorney recommends that the Districts workshop these matters regarding speed bumps, legislative changes to expand the enforcement jurisdiction of local law enforcement agencies, speed limits and desired types of conveyances so there is continuity among the districts as required by the development orders.

# Town Hall: The Villages and District Government

## A quarterly meeting with the VHA

### Buildings / Grounds / Maintenance and Upkeep

*Q: An increasing number of air conditioning units are failing for various reasons. Is there a manufacturing problem beyond normal wear and tear maintenance involved that residents should be aware of?*

A: None that Home Warranty has been made aware of or currently tracking. (Note: Residents of Emmalee Villas have been experiencing air conditioner failures and are collecting data for Home Warranty.)

*Q: Ponds on the 9<sup>th</sup> green of Mira Mesa and at the post office of Valle Verde are covered with pond scum and have an odor. Is the maintenance matter or some treatment planned for correction of this issue?*

A: The pond on Mira Mesa has an invasive plant (hydrilla) that has been treated and will be treated again. The resulting algae and decaying plant, plus warm weather reduces the oxygen levels. Valle Verde is being treated also.

*Q: Valle Verde post office was recently cleaned, but an unattractive appearance remains from a mold or residue in the curbing area. Is this treatable or fixable?*

A: Curbing is generally not treated. But this curbing appears to have a treatable residue which will be chemically cleaned on the next pressure washing.

### Policy

*Q: After the multimodal path improvement project is completed, which funds will be used for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the improved paths?*

A: The ownership of the improved paths will be within their respective numbered districts, which will also be responsible for the associated maintenance costs.

*Q: The scam warning in the Daily Sun concerning subscription solicitation for the Daily Sun suggests that a weekly or periodic "Scam Alert" might be useful for residents.*

A: The Daily Sun will report on confirmed problems but a regular column does not appear to be warranted. In extreme cases Sumter County Sheriff may issue a CodeRED alert or make a posting on his new facebook page.

*Q: Is there an entertainment policy change at Katie Belle's, bringing in shows like John Davidson with tickets being sold?*

A: The Entertainment Department recently started booking headliner acts (John Davidson was the first) in response to residents' favorable reviews of similar shows at Katie Belle's. Periodic booking of acts like Rita Coolidge, Charo and Chubby Checker have been made through December and will go on into 2011 if residents continue to support and enjoy this variety. Tickets through The Villages Box Office for the up-close-and-personal, 400-seat venue of Katie Belle's will be offered exclusively to Villagers for two weeks before offering non-Villagers a chance to attend at a

higher price.

*Q: The burned out house on Spartanburg in Virginia Trace has finally had a ruling with a time limit for action by the end of summer. Any update of actual physical progress?*

A: August 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline given to the owners for action on this property. The insurance company has made payment to the owner and bids are being taken for clearing the property. The amenities fee payments are current. Rebuild plans are not known.

*Q: Community Watch has undergone a series of policy changes and upgrades over the last six months. Are there measureable results being achieved by these changes?*

A: The numbers of complaints have gone down and compliments have gone up. CW has been undergoing an educational and training program to improve overall services. CW has taken on the responsibility of removing dead animals. CW assists law enforcement and participates in crowd and traffic control. CW assists in gate repair, closely monitors solicitors and out of area guests, and is alert to open garage doors. CW is effective in lost resident searches and providing homeowner and highway aid. CW no longer provides routine courier services, but has modified its vehicle types to accommodate transportation for multiple passenger and carrying more and larger equipment.

*Q: Has the new resident ID card scanning performance improved with the acquisition of new scanners?*

A: Yes, as the issuing of new ID's reaches the half-way mark of about 40,000, the new scanners have helped and personnel are becoming more proficient in their use.

### Management

*Q: Can Deed Compliance force the improvement in the appearance of a chronic violator (as in the case of a Sabal Chase residence)?*

A: Deed Compliance will have a property maintained (mowed) about every 3-4 weeks depending on the season. Neighbors can assist in this process by keeping Deed Compliance informed of a chronic violator to maintain on open record on the property and to start legal notifications and processes as early as possible.

*Q: Graffiti is becoming a repeated offense with spray painting on the Paradise Golf Bridge. Is law enforcement working on resolving the matter?*

A: Community Watch and Lady Lake police are aggressively working this issue and are optimistic about resolving the matter soon.

*Q: Juvenile nuisance is a recurring issue at Spanish Springs and starting at Lake Sumter Landing. Is increased presence of law enforcement and uniformed*

*personnel planned for the summer?*

A: Law enforcement has increased its presence throughout the summer and over the weekend when the square attendance is highest. Community Watch has also increased a uniform presence of officers and vehicles.

*Q: Is it ever less expensive to use potable water than irrigation water for outside use?*

A: It may appear that reclaimed water is expensive and it is. Potable, which is used for outside hose connections, also has several additional costs beyond the per-gallon fee. Potable water consumption determines sewer rates and has a utility tax. The expensive tiered rate program is designed to discourage overuse and water waste.

*Q: Are there considerations for limitation on the use of multimodal paths and posting of speed limits?*

A: Not at this time. There is no means to enforce any restrictions or limits placed on the use of multimodal paths in The Villages. However, the possibilities of legislative changes for achieving some restrictions in multimodal paths are being reviewed.

*Q: Can a golf cart crossing be posted for golf carts crossing Buenos Aires to the medical and professional offices at Spanish Plaines?*

A: This is a matter for Sumter County to decide. Currently there are no restrictions to crossing of use by golf carts on Buenos Aires Boulevard. Sumter County lifted the restriction of golf cart use on Buenos Aires in July 2007. (Note: Since there is no dedicated golf cart crossing area on Buenos Aires or automobile warning alert of golf cart crossing on this 4-lane street, considerable care should be taken by automobile drivers and golf cart drivers. Sumter County Commissioners are currently considering a request for a dedicated golf cart crossing on Buenos Aires.)

*Q: Can additional safety and cautionary postings be made for the golf cart bridge over SR441/27 to discourage golf cart overtaking (passing going same direction) on this narrow overpass?*

A: Of course it's possible to make additional posting. But drivers using this steep and narrow bridge should always exercise care in crossing which includes driving slowly and being courteous.

### Development

*Q: Are there any construction issues either delaying or complicating the scheduled opening of the VA Clinic at Mulberry (such as air conditioning noise)?*

A: There are no known issues that might delay the planned opening of the VA Clinic is late summer. A noise issue with the clinic's air conditioning plant is being addressed.

*Q: What are the prospects of restaurant and retail businesses coming to the Mulberry area along CR42?*



## The Villages' Buzz

### Resident ID Updates

The Resident ID replacement program is continuing smoothly. About 35,000 of the new counterfeit-proof ID's have been issued. Appointments for new ID's are being made for October. Walk-in's at the District Customer Service Office are possible each day. The waiting line is generally 10-20 residents, with each ID taking about five minutes to process and issue.

### The Villages – Biggest, Best – and now Most Unusual

Last month Fortune's Online Magazine ran an article on America Most Unusual Planned Communities listing The Villages first among six communities throughout the United States with unusual characteristics. Two of the other five were also in Florida.

### Crossing Buenos Aires

The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners is considering a designated crossing on Buenos Aires Boulevard, which has been open to golf cart access since July 2007 when commissioners lifted golf cart prohibition.

### Detours Rapidly Changing

Watch the Daily Sun News, log on to the District Government website, or sign up for email notification (on districtgov.org) to stay up to date on closings and detours during the Multi-modal Path Project construction through November. Email notification will give you the latest on lots of other District information in The Villages.

### AAC Committeeman Voting

Three AAC Seats are up for election in November. Districts 1 and 2 are uncontested, and incumbent Carl Bell will serve again for District 1, while new-comer Ann Forrester will be the Committeewoman for District 2. Lady Lake / Lake County Region Villagers can file for absentee ballots now through October 25th or vote at the Paradise Center from 7am to 7pm on November 2nd. Sorry, no early voting for AAC Seats.

### Newcomer Orientation Locations Changing Month-to-Month

VHA sponsored Newcomer Orientation will be 7 pm Tuesday, August 10th at Colony Cottage. Repairs continue with completion date still uncertain at Canal Street Recreation Center. Watch for updates in the VHA's The Villages Voice, The Daily Sun News, and the Recreation News for times and location

### Best Retirement Community Copies

The VHA continues to receive requests for the June issue of The Villages Voice that was filled with information and statistics on The Villages as the best retirement community in America. Additional hard copy issues are no longer available, but electronically available in pdf format (easily emailed to family and friends) are back issues of The Voice on the VHA website: [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net).

## Sumter County Vote Notes



Are we ready to go vote? The election season is officially here. Months of past performance review and brainstorming has merged into a tangible plan which has been put into action. Execution of an election plan requires coordination of efforts, checks and balances as all tasks are dependent upon each other. Eventually the pieces come together to create the big picture.

By now you should have received your sample ballot in the mail. If for some reason you did not receive one, the sample ballot will be published in the Daily Sun, Sumter Express and Sumter County Times the first week in August. The sample ballots can also be found on our Website at [www.sumterelections.org](http://www.sumterelections.org). Sample ballots will also be available at the early voting sites and at every precinct.

I do encourage voters to mark their sample ballots ahead of time and you are allowed to bring them with you to vote. Our Primary ballot will be relatively small but our General Election ballot is going to be quite long due to numerous amendments. The General Election is November 2, 2010.

Early voting begins August 9th through August 21st at the Villages Library, Supervisor of Elections offices at the Villages Annex, Wildwood Shopping Center and Main office in Bushnell. Monday through

Saturday each week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (No Sunday Voting). Again, if you missed the early voting ad information, it can be found on our Website.

**REMEMBER:** Bring your photo and signature ID with you to vote. If you do not have it, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and the canvassing board will determine eligibility.

**REMEMBER:** Do not go to the early voting sites on Election Day, August 24th. Election Day you must vote at your designated precinct. Election Day the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (please bring that photo and signature ID to the polls).

You are invited to visit our Website election night to get Sumter County election results.

I wish you "Happy Voting" and if we can be of assistance to you, please let us know. Remember Sumter County is always at the top of the list statewide when it comes to voter turnout... Why? Because our voter's ROCK!!

**QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:** A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

*Karen S. Krauss, Supervisor of Elections  
Sumter County  
352-793-0230*

## Blistering shingles update

Owens Corning (OC) has continued to cooperate with residents of The Villages and the VHA in resolving a "blistering" problem with some of their shingles manufactured about five years ago at their Jacksonville shingle plant. Early in July a team of product developers and technical engineers from OC headquarters in Toledo, Ohio visited The Villages, spending three days on their initial review of residents' shingle problems. During this first visit about 100 homes were inspected.

The Owens Corning team returned for two more four-day visits during the weeks of July 26 and August 2 to conclude their troubleshooting and resolve residents' open claims. While the inspectors and product engineers worked in The Villages, OC warranty personnel and managers continued with their due diligence and review of the VHA's request to accommodate the Villagers who are second owners, who have blistering OC shingles and hadn't transferred their OC warranty upon purchase of their previously owned home in The Villages.

The VHA has not discovered a single second owner who even knew that a shingle warranty transfer was required upon purchase. While OC is providing good warranty support for original owners, a second-owner with blistered shingles and outside the warranty transfer period may be facing a repair bill of about \$6,000 or more. The VHA has requested that OC give consideration to these second owners, and ideally re-open a warranty transfer window for

them to reactivate their shingle warranties. OC has informed the VHA that a decision may be anticipated by mid-August.

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A: The Villages is working actively with a number of prospects and optimistic that with the opening of the clinic, additional commercial properties will join the Mulberry region. (There is no new news from Sweet Tomatoes as a result of Villagers' corresponding to its management.)

Q: What is the role of the Warranty Department on issues such as the blistered shingle matter being discussed between residents and Owens Corning?

A: Home Warranty has been monitoring the blistering shingle issue and support residents with information about the matter, about shingle warranties, and contact data with Owens Corning.

Q: What is the status of the 40-bed Long Term Acute Care Promises Hospital on Rainey Trail?

A: Promises Hospital exterior is complete and interior equipment and furnishings are near complete. Discussions are currently in progress to determine commencement of operations.

## News from VHA Regions

### Lake County Region

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As summer has settled in, the Northern districts of the Villages have seen the beginning of construction work on the cart paths and the invasion of little ones from all over the country. Let's always keep in mind that the golf carts are fun to drive on a summer evening to the town squares for dinner and music, but Mom, Dad and three or four little ones zipping along on the side of Morse Boulevard can make your heart stutter. Sometimes it is better to take the car, with seat belt and car seats.

Let us not forget, that fall will bring the elections of several Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) members and representatives on each of District's Board of Supervisors. It is the responsibility of each of us to vote for the candidate who will represent us without having a present agenda. We need civic minded persons who are will to give up (for little or no financial compensation), hours of their time to preserve and protect our way of life and the value of our homes.

Speaking of volunteerism, all the VHA Regions are always looking for persons who would like to be informed and help their neighbors (new and old) get the correct information about the ever growing Villages we live in. Please call any of the persons listed on page two of this newspaper for information.

In the interest of stomping out rumors, keep yourself informed and up to date by getting your information from one of the following sources:

**Districtgov.org:** Click on "What's Happening," the "AAC" or the latest on the "IRS Bond issue." There is more info about *The Villages* at this Website than you'll ever need to know!!

You can also check the **VHA Website at [thevha.net](http://thevha.net)**. Sumter Counter Sheriff Farmer even has a *Facebook* page you can join to get more updates.

### Regions 5 & 8

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Now that summer is "officially" here, the number of our younger visitors really increases. For most of us, heading out in our carts is no different than

getting in our cars. But, for those visitors, it's just as good as the Dumbo ride at Disney World and safety is the farthest thing from their minds. That means that we have to be extra careful whether we are the hosting family or merely sharing the roads and paths with the visitors' carts.

One important fact that we all need to know is that you must be 14 years old to operate a golf cart (LSV operators must be 16 and have a driver's license). This is a motor vehicles regulation. The consequences can be severe if you and/or the underage operator are cited. Some Villagers feel they can get around this rule by putting that adorable five year old on their lap and letting them steer. Just driving behind this combination lets you know that this is never a good idea.

Even after they have reached the magic age of 14, we have to consider that the basic driving rules are not a part of their everyday experience. I can honestly report that brakes on a cart squeal just like car brakes when you have to stop short because that younger driver decided to pull out at full speed without stopping. I learned that it takes longer for my heart rate to return to normal than it used to. I'm sure that other grandparent can say the same.

When we first moved here to The Villages we discovered, as a lot of our new members in Region 8 are finding, that a golf cart is more than just transportation. It is the most visible evidence of our new "Lifestyle." We sometimes have to remind ourselves that it is a motor vehicle and we have to remember that as we drive to all the wonderful amenities the Villages has to offer. Driving around in our carts with that Villages map is a memory almost all of us can recall. Don't be surprised if all it takes is stopping with a confused look on your place for someone to stop to offer assistance. It is a perfect demonstration that this is truly the "friendliest" of hometowns.

One real asset for our new, and not so new residents is the VHA-sponsored Golf Cart Clinic. It is the perfect way to spend a few hours and gain so much information. From safety to insurance and so much more, all aspects of operating a cart in The Villages is covered on the third Wednesday of the month, January through November. The clinic is held at 10:00 a.m. at the Savannah Center. As I write this, the project to update the cart paths is concentrated around the Savannah Center. I can't predict where that project will be on August 18 for our next clinic, so why not take a quick look at the information on the [www.districtgov.org](http://www.districtgov.org) Website before you head out. It might just be a good idea to check on this project regularly over the coming months. It's always better to be prepared.

Finally, we want to welcome all of our new Region 8 members. Some of your neighbors have already joined us as VHA Neighborhood Representatives; you can check the list in this issue. If you have any questions, we'd be happy to hear from you. You can call your rep, or if your village or villa doesn't have

one yet, anyone of our reps or officers will be happy to talk to you. If there is no rep listed and you think it might be something you would be interested in, please email Barbara Urbanski at [dburban@comcast.net](mailto:dburban@comcast.net).

### Regions 6 & 7

**Lauri Cooper, Chair, 750-9566**  
**Bill Gottschalk, Vice Chairperson Region 6, 350-2405**  
**Susan Bieberfeld, Vice Chairperson Region 7, 391-5066**  
**Ron McMahon, Secretary, 205-4647**

I want to welcome our newest VHA Representative for the Village of Bonita, Larry Ketzell. Larry will be working with Susan Bieberfeld the Vice-Chair of Region 7 to help him get up to speed on our policies and procedures.

Susan and I have been working with a group of residents of Aberdeen Run in the Village of Hemingway and the owner and General Manager of the Havana Country Club restaurant and the president of the CIC to collaborate with residents and the management of Havana Restaurant. We wanted to resolve an issue of performers at Havana playing at what was viewed as an unacceptably high volume. After several meetings the owner and general managers of the restaurant have implemented changes that should reduce the volume to a comfortable level. We would like to thank all the participants in this process for maintaining a spirit of cooperation and working toward a "win-win" for both the Villages residents and the Havana Restaurant. Many thanks also to our President Don Hahnfeldt and our Vice President Russ D'Emidio for their continued support.

At the recent VHA Quarterly Town Hall Meeting with The Villages and District Governments, a number of issues were discussed. Region 6 had some issues that are outlined in this paper. Thanks to all for your active participation.

We, your VHA Representatives, continue to be committed to preserve and enhance the value of your lifestyle and homes. Remember you can find your VHA Rep's contact information on your local Postal Facility bulletin board along with events in your neighborhoods. There are still neighborhoods in need of reps. Check the VHA Rep contact listings on pages 14 and 15 this issue. If you are interested in joining this hard-working group and helping your community, contact one of the members of the board listed above.

Stay safe and have fun.

VHA Officers and Directors are all unpaid volunteer residents of The Villages - neighbors serving neighbors.



## Ask the Chief - Hurricane/storm preparedness 2010

**A**re you prepared? Rest assured that whenever severe weather is expected for Lake County and the Town of Lady Lake, the Lady Lake Police Department and the Town of Lady Lake Public Works Department are ready to go if needed to deal with hurricane/

storm related issues. Emergency management is a continuous endeavor that is regulated by the federal government, the state government and by local governments. The concept of emergency management planning includes government agencies, non-governmental agencies, volunteers and the community.

Planning for emergencies and disasters starts at home. Your family needs to take some time to prepare for emergencies and disasters of all types. When planning for emergencies, don't just plan for hurricanes. Hurricanes are the "primary incident," however, the primary incidents cause many "secondary incidents" which can include power outages, tornadoes, flying debris, structural damage, downed trees, blocked roadways, flooding, etc.. Therefore, we need to plan for all of these types of incidents.

You are part of the emergency response team. Therefore, it is your mission to protect yourself, your family and your property by being prepared for all types of emergencies and disasters.

### The following safety tips are hurricane warning-related.

1. Listen for weather updates and stay informed.
2. Keep a portable weather radio and flashlights on hand with extra batteries.
3. Clear your yard of all loose objects.
4. Store drinking water in clean containers.
5. Plan your evacuation route, know where to go and fill your gas tank.
6. Stay inside and keep away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
7. If you lose power, turn off major appliances to prevent a power surge when electricity is restored.
8. Keep a supply of food and water to last you at least ten (10) days.
9. Pet owners, remember if it is not safe for you, it

is not safe for your pet, so plan for them as well.

Also, we encourage you to assemble a hurricane evacuation kit. This kit should be kept ready to go within hours and should include the following.

1. Battery operated radio and flashlight.
2. First aid kit.
3. Two-week supply of your medications
4. Blankets or sleeping bags.
5. Extra clothing.
6. Lightweight folding chairs/cots.
7. Personal items, including books toys and snacks.
8. Important papers to include valid ID and cash money.

Additionally the following link is provided to help you keep current with weather conditions. <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/forecasts/FLZ044.php?warncounty=FLC069&city=Tavares>

**Note:** Although shelters are available, they are limited and not designed for comfort as they must be practical. If a hurricane is on the horizon and you have the ability, I would encourage you to take an impromptu vacation out of the path of the storm or even out of state, because there is nothing that you can do to stop it. Instead, focus on dealing with what we can control such as preventive measures, preparedness kits and safe aftermath clean up. Plan to leave and don't wait till the last minute as you might find yourself stuck in a parking lot that used to be an interstate or a main road.

Remember it is better to prepare for the worst and have it, then to hope for the best and need it. Should you have any questions or for additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Stay safe, plan ahead and remember, together we can make a positive difference! Until next time – let's be safe out there!

*Chief Ed Nathanson  
Lady Lake Police Department  
423 Fennell Blvd.  
Lady Lake, Florida 32159  
352.751.1560*

## Safe Disposal of Needles

**E**very day thousands of people have to use needles at home to give themselves life-saving injections. Such needles should be handled very carefully to avoid your own injury or risk to others, including garbage collectors, children and pets. Florida Department of Health says that there are lots of don'ts:

- ✓ Don't throw away loose needles into the garbage.
- ✓ Don't flush, bury or burn needles.
- ✓ Don't put needles into a container that is not strong enough to keep the needles from sticking through the sides.
- ✓ Don't use a clear plastic or glass container.
- ✓ Don't mix needles with things that you recycle.
- ✓ Don't leave needles where other people can get them.

The Florida Department of Health recommends a safe method of needle disposal is to:

Put needles into a container that has a lid and that is strong enough to keep the needles from sticking through the sides, such as liquid detergent bottles or metal cans.

Throw the container away before it is full all the way to the top. Put the container lid on tight and use heavy tape to keep it on. Put the container in the center of your garbage.

For questions or comments contact Florida Department of Health 850-245-4277 or visit their Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/biomedical>.

The VHA— Your Voice in The Villages—Join or renew today!

### VHA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Village/Villa: \_\_\_\_\_

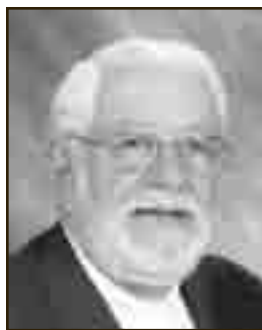
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- NEW MEMBER:  \$12.00 per household, 2 Years      RENEWAL:  \$12.00 per household, 2 Years  
 \$60.00 per household, Lifetime                       \$60.00 per household, Lifetime

Make checks payable to: The Villages Homeowners Association

Deposit your check and this form, addressed to VHA Membership, in a VHA drop box at any of The Villages postal pick-up stations or send your check by mail to: The Villages Homeowners Association, 1104 Main Street, The Villages, FL 32159

The Villages Voice newspaper printing and distribution costs are paid with member dues. Join the VHA today and help the VHA keep you informed! Application form on page 6.



## Veterans Corner - VSO and Gettysburg

**W**e are losing the Veterans Service Officer from the Annex on CR 466. The Office is moving to the new Villages Sumter County Service Center at 7375 CR 139 (Southwest of the intersection of 466A and CR 139). VA Services personnel and office hours will still be the same. They will still give you

their knowledge and expertise to help as before. It is best to call and make an appointment. When the new VA Clinic opens in August, there will be a Veterans Service Office that will be manned 5 days a week. Two days by Sumter Country and 3 days by the Florida Department

**MORE:** The first floor of the new Villages Sumter County Service Center will house the Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector, an office for the Sheriff, Building and Planning/GIS Services, Fire & Rescue Services Administration, Community Service Administration, Veterans Services, Library Services and Transit Departments. The remaining square will include The Villages Public Library. The second floor will include the County Commissioners, County Administration, Budget & Purchasing, Human Resources, and Risk

Management Departments.

**MORE:** A great battle was fought at Gettysburg, Pa for three days in July 1863, when the Union Army of the Potomac collided with the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, resulted in more than fifty-one thousand casualties. In November of that year, President Abraham Lincoln was on his way to deliver a speech at the dedication of Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg. Some people swore that Lincoln wrote his speech on a scrap of paper while riding on the train to Gettysburg. Others say that he wrote the Address at the Wills home where he stayed the night before he gave the speech. I was reading the speech and it came to mind that the last part of the Gettysburg Address could have been written for the great task that faces our country today - what has been facing our military in the past and what is facing them today.

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall

have new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

**MORE:** Attention In-Country Vietnam veterans: Are you aware that you are entitled to enroll in the VA healthcare system solely based on your in-country service? This is a limited time offer. This is offered, not based on your total income, as most VA health care services are. For information, contact Sumter County Veterans Service Office at 352-753-2686.

For additional Veterans information, visit the Veterans Corner on the VHA site at [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net) Hope to see at our next VHA meeting.

*Sterling A. Wood U.S.Army Ret  
Chairman VHA Military Affairs Committee  
352-259-5507 [vhavet3@aol.com](mailto:vhavet3@aol.com)*

### Dates to remember

Sept 11: Remembrance Day ----- VMP  
Nov 11: Veterans' Day ----- VMP  
\* Veterans' Memorial Park

## VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic News

**T**he VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic was held Wednesday July 21st. at 10:00am at the Savannah Center. We had a very good turnout for summer with 48 in attendance. Our guest speakers were Rebecca with Allstate Ins., Deputy Dick Bennett, Sumter County Sheriff's Department, Officer Jim McGarvey, Lady Lake Police Department and John from Cart World. Many great questions were asked and answered. Our clinics are held the third wed. of each month with the exception of December always at 10:00am at Savannah Center and are free to The Villages residents. We are now starting our 11th year, so please mark August 18th on your calendar and join us for our next clinic. These clinics are free, but we do ask that you bring a non-perishable food item(s) for the food pantry. If you have any questions please call Joy at

750-5368.

### Safety Tips of the Month:

1. We cannot stress enough to keep your legs and arms inside the cart. This is an accident waiting to happen.
2. You must stop at all stop signs and red lights. (Complete Stop) Very expensive fine if you are stopped by law enforcement.
3. Your headlights need to be on at dusk and during inclement weather.

*Joy Tolan*

## An A+ for good attendance at TVLLC

**Joanne Howard Ayers** of the Village of Mira Mesa would be a valedictorian candidate at The Villages Lifelong Learning College if they gave degrees in attendance. Joanne has been in The Villages for about four years and takes 3 to 4 classes each week. Joanne has difficulty picking favorites from among the 600-plus courses she's already taken from computers and quikens to day trips and decorating. She'll probably always remember the dance class though where she needed a partner, who less than a year later became her husband. Joanne is also a full-time realtor who finds time to volunteer in her spare time at (where else) The Villages Lifelong Learning College.

**UPS Driver Frank** delivering in Mallory Square has not lost any packages, nor have his fellow drivers, or Fedex. But even they've heard the rumors since Villagers gave this one so many legs. Local law enforcement, Community Watch and USPS have all been alerted, did reviews and briefed their personnel to ensure sustained good and secure delivery services within The Villages.

The VHA's only source of income is members' dues to support its many benefits and services to Villagers. Become a member and help promote The VHA Mission. You'll find the application form on page 6.

## No lost packages; rumor unfounded



## Villages softball player credits Heart Institute at The Villages Health System for his remarkable recovery

Although Marv Knight of The Villages doesn't remember anything about March 15, 2010, it was a pivotal day in his life. The day began like any other for Knight and his wife, Connie, but in a split second everything changed.

Knight was playing third base for his Colts softball team when he suddenly felt ill. His friend and neighbor Dave Miller, who was the third base coach, walked with him toward the dugout. They weren't quite there when Knight collapsed from a sudden and unexplained cardiac arrest.

"I don't remember the event," says Knight, who has played softball for more than seven years. "In fact, I don't remember that particular day at all."

His wife Connie certainly remembers the day and the weeks that followed. She arrived at the softball field while paramedics were working on Knight inside the ambulance.

"I was told later that he had already flat-lined at that point," she says. "I thought it was a heart attack and only later did I understand that his heart had just stopped from a cardiac arrest."

Miller and Jillian Buchanan, a nurse who was in the Saddlebrook Softball complex, immediately performed CPR on Knight. The Villages Station 42 Fire Rescue team was returning from a call and happened to be right across the street, arriving within one minute of Knight's collapse. EMTs from Lake-Sumter Emergency Medical Services also arrived and began a revolutionary procedure known as induced hypothermia.

Lake-Sumter EMS and the Heart Institute at The Villages Health System are among the first medical providers in the country to implement this life-saving procedure. Once EMS technicians stabilize a patient from a cardiac perspective, they chill the patient's body to 93 degrees Fahrenheit. The lower body temperature reduces brain swelling and decreases the likelihood of brain damage. A cold saline solution is also administered intravenously to prevent a patient from shivering.

"We are proud that we have the ability to provide life-saving procedures, such as hypothermia here at The Villages Hospital," says Tim Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer, The Villages Hospital. "Our goal is to provide world class healthcare right here in The Villages so our residents don't need to leave their hometown."

After Knight arrived at The Villages Hospital he was kept in an induced coma for 24 hours while his body temperature was slowly restored to normal. Normal cardiac care followed during the next 11 days that Knight was in the hospital.

"There are not enough words to express how thankful I am for what everyone at the hospital did for Marvin and how kind they



Marv and Connie Knight of the Village of Springdale are returning to normal activities in the weeks following Marv's sudden cardiac arrest.

were to me," says Connie. "My attitude about The Villages Hospital is 100 percent favorable."

Knight and his wife say his treatment was first class and could not have been any better.

"If this had happened back home, I wouldn't have made it," says Knight, who moved to The Villages from Hinesville, Georgia in 2002.

Knight was in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at The Villages Hospital for a week, before he was moved to a step-down unit. During his hospital stay, he spent time in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, where he learned that his heart was not damaged. He also received a defibrillator-pacemaker combo to keep his heart rhythm on track in the future.

Knight winds up his 12-week regimen with the Heart Institute's Cardiac Rehabilitation Center in August. In the meantime, he's already back to playing golf and pickleball twice a week. He plans to resume softball in the fall.

"I was extremely fortunate that everything fell into place the way it did," says Knight. "If any one of the elements had been missing, I would have been in deep trouble."

## Barrett is Lake County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Officer Shane Barrett of the Lady Lake Police Department was honored as the Lake County Florida Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in a ceremony held at Lady Lake Council Chambers in July. Police Chief Ed Nathanson spoke of Officer Shane's "Service Above Self" as demonstrated by his heroism after he and two other police officers rescued a woman trapped underwater in her car earlier this year.

Officer Shane Barrett jumped into the murky waters of Lake Mira Mar to rescue the person trapped for about 10 minutes inside the totally submerged Ford Explorer. Once he broke the front driver's-side window, the female driver was able to push herself out of the vehicle. Barrett said he was in the water for about seven minutes total, although he recalled it felt like a lot longer. When Barrett stood on the roof of the submerged Explorer, the lake water still reached near his knees, which means it was at least seven feet deep, he said.

Barrett doesn't describe himself as a hero, just as a law enforcement officer doing his job. "We were doing our jobs," Barrett said. "It's definitely better to rescue someone than have a body recovery. You have more pride when you save someone."



Officer Shane Barrett (left) receives Officer of the Year Award from Lady Lake Police Chief Ed Nathanson.

## Lady Lake Town Council appoints Anderson Interim AAC Committeewoman



Joy Anderson will serve as the interim AAC Committeewoman representing the Lady Lake/Lake County portion of The Villages to the Amenity Authority Committee, filling the vacated seat of Eldon Sheldon until a permanent member is elected in November. Anderson will be running against candidates Buddy Herring, Josephine (Jo) Weber and G. Jerry Merges. Two other seats on the Amenity Authority Committee up for election are uncontested with Carl Bell running for District 1 and Ann Forrester running for District 2.

Dear Great Lakers, I am writing an open letter to all of the residents of Lake County and Lady Lake. You may be aware that I was appointed to by the Lady Lake Commissioners on Monday, July 19, 2010, to fill the remaining term of Eldon Sheldon. He knew that his health issues were becoming serious around the first of this year. He had pretty much decided that he would not be able to run in November for a second term. He encouraged me to consider running and promised that he would give me all the benefit of his experience of his tenure on the AAC. I know of no one who loved his constituents more than Eldon. I was aware of the myriad of hours he spent keeping in touch with residents concerns and studying the volumes of paper works required to keep informed. We did not always agree, but I he was always a gracious, loving human being. I wish he would be available to me as he had suggested, but I fear that might not be possible. We all thank him for giving so much of himself.

What is ahead? Everything has changed and yet nothing has changed. I will be able to serve at two AAC meetings, September and October. I will be running in the November election for the seat Eldon held and there will be several candidates on the ballot. We will hold our regular VHA Lake Region meeting on September 16 and October 21 at 6:30 in the Chula Vista Recreation Center. These meetings are open to the public. As in the past, I will rely on the input and support of all the area residents. The great change will be that I will have much more information to share and will have a much more global perspective as I consider the concerns of all the residents north of 466.

I've taken the plunge, and I am excited, but I will need every one of you in the pool with me to stay afloat.

Fondly, Joy Anderson VHA Lake County Regional Director

## Resident ID Card Replacement Program continues



Nancy and Warren Cromer of Village of Glenbrook replaced their 9 year-old Resident ID cards they received when they moved to The Villages from Pittsburgh. The Cromers discovered The Villages while visiting relatives in Mt. Dora and decided right then that it was time to retire and become active Villagers. With about 35,000 new counterfeit-proof ID's issued, the Resident ID card replacement is on schedule to be completed by March 15, 2011.

### By the Numbers (Answers on page 15)

The Villages Lifelong Learning College (TVLLC) is the most participated in program in The Villages with about one fourth of Villagers attending programs and sessions at the College each year. TVLLC is the only college of its type, which is not affiliated with another college or university. TVLLC celebrated its tenth year of service to The Villages and has had over 150,000 attendees in an ever-expanding variety of classes.

1. How many courses are available each semester at TVLLC?
2. How many student enrollments were there last year at TVLLC?
3. How many employees administer the programs of TVLLC?
4. Which course has the most attendees at TVLLC?
5. What is the longest (weeks) course of instruction at TVLLC?

## Good Golf School a hit with Villagers

Do you know how to maximize your opportunities for a tee time in The Villages? Are you aware how your "play history" impacts your request for a tee time? If you answered no to one or both of those questions then the GOOD GOLF SCHOOL is a great opportunity for you to learn:

- How to get the most out of the Tee Times Reservation System
- How your play history is used to award play times
- How the TEE TIME SYSTEM awards reservations
- Answers to other questions about golfing in The Villages

Whether you have lived here in The Villages for ten years or one week you will gain insights into the TEE TIMES SYSTEM and how to make the most of your golf opportunities in The Villages.

Register today to learn more about the tools within the TEE TIME SYSTEM so that you can maximize your enjoyment of golf in The Villages!

To register call the Tee Times Office (352-750-4558) or send and Email (containing your Name, 6 digit Golfer ID Number, Phone Number, and Date of the Good Golf School you would like to attend) to the TeeTimesOffice@thevillages.com

The Next Good Golf School 9 – 11:00 a.m. August 19th at Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center





## Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches — “Harmony in the Streets” bridges youth and local law enforcement

**H**armony in the Streets is a Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches’ mobile camping program held throughout Florida during the summer months.

This program brings unique services directly into local communities who may be socially and/or economically challenged.

The *Harmony in the Streets* program helps children develop and retain a high level of self-esteem, learn how to utilize free time in a positive manner and teach and lead others by role modeling positive leadership skills. The program also teaches youngsters to help foster the acceptance of others and to discover and learn to appreciate the cultural differences of others in the community.

Four camping leadership teams travel the state from June to August. Each team is made up of a site director and five supporting staff members. According to Camp Director Lauri Quick, camp sizes ideally consist of 60-65 children, but attendance has ranged from as few as 15 attendees to as many as 93. The campers are divided into four groups, usually by age and gender, and given team names.

The summer camps last a week. Campers take part in a variety of activities including: arts and crafts, challenge courses, team sports, anti-bullying instruction, water games and aerobics.

Local law enforcement agencies take an active role in supporting the camps by helping set up the program activities and performing law enforcement demonstrations such as K-9, SWAT or other law enforcement teams. Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean, Lake County Sheriff Gary S. Borders and their

deputies support the work of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

The mobile camps travel to seven Marion and Lake County sites including Marion Oaks, Umatilla, Dunnellon, Reddick, Silver Springs, Ocklawaha and southeastern Marion County. Funding for the camps is provided by donors and local business donations of supplies or food. The Marion County Sheriff’s office also received a grant of \$31,500 from Kids Central, Inc. This is a not-for-profit agency selected by the State of Florida to coordinate child protection services in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties.

*Harmony in the Streets* ultimately serves three purposes. The primary goal of the program is to give children something fun and safe to do during the summer months. Second, by being mobile, the camps help spread awareness of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches to areas of state that otherwise might not be familiar with the agency and the services we provide. And lastly, the camps allow children to meet their local law enforcement officers in a safe environment where the kids can see that “law officers are their friends.”

*Frank Kenny*

*Would you like to help us teach Florida’s children how to grow into healthy and productive adults? To join the cause, please contact Frank Kenny, Donor Relations Officer at 1-800-765-3797. You can also visit us online at [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org).*



### Kids and Karts

**S**ince it is summer in The Villages there are many visitors of all ages around town these days. Most of you have young visitors and will do just about anything for them. I am talking about grandchildren.

Of all the wonderful things to do in The Villages, what is the number one thing your grandchildren look forward to doing while here? Is driving grandma and grandpa’s golf car on their list? We love our golf carts and so do they. But what a temptation to do the wrong thing when it comes to golf car safety and laws when your little precious asks: “Grandpa can I drive?”

I think we are all pretty clear on the age requirement to legally drive a golf car in The Villages. For those who do not know for sure IT’S 14 YEARS OLD. A 14 year-old can go anywhere and do anything in a golf car that everyone else can. They have the right, but only the adults in their life know if they can handle the responsibility for themselves and for others. Have they been taught traffic laws and do they adhere to them? Have they been taught to anticipate and recognize potential problems? Are they skilled in the operation of a moving vehicle? Can they tell when they have a mechanical problem like a flat tire or faulty brakes?

Just getting to 14 doesn’t mean you are ready to assume responsibility for yourself and all others on the road. We don’t give our 16 year olds the keys to the car without a license and you do not get a license without demonstrating competence. Although a license is not required to operate a golf cart, all the rest – competence, knowledge, responsibility – are necessary.

A lot of the grandkids learn about golf cars with each visit. Soon as they are able they sit on granddad’s lap and help turn the steering wheel. As they get a little older and a little bigger they might be allowed to drive around the block with constant supervision. Suddenly they think they got this driving thing down and the petitioning starts to get their own set of keys – do not bend to this pressure! The CONSEQUENCES of underage driving can be long lasting. Getting stopped by the police is never fun but to find yourself not being able to get a drivers license until 18 can turn a fun experience into a problem with long term consequences – don’t let it happen to you and yours.

Email me with your questions or ideas for future articles. [ernie.keckonen@thevillages.com](mailto:ernie.keckonen@thevillages.com).

## VHA Newcomers

ALLEN, Norma  
ARNOLD, Frank & Susan  
BERG, Shirley & Walter  
BERNFELD, Elaine  
BROWN, Lynne & FITZGERALD, Linda  
CLAWSON, Alexander & Joanne  
COHALLA, Ronald & Scarlet  
COLLINS, Tim & Kathy  
COOK, James R. Jr. & Martha C.  
DIAZ, Beverly & KURLAND, Rebecca & Ethan  
DISBROW, David & Pat  
EATON, Robert & Susan  
FOLEY, Michael & Mary  
GAINES, Charles W. & MILLER, Sharon  
GETZ, Tom & Tina  
GOETZ, John & Dee Ann  
GRAVITCH, Elliot & Corazon L.  
HAACK, Bob & Cathy  
HACKETT, Robert & Deanna  
HORNSBY, Lewis & Nancy  
HUGHES, Ralph & Lee  
KELTNER, Doug & Lousie  
KLOCK, James & Theresa  
KORBA, Regis & Laurel  
LAWSON, Ron  
McKEOWN, Bill & Barbara

MILLER, Robert & Darlene  
MURPHY, Leslie E.  
NELSON, Jay & Nancy  
NEWMAN, Bob & Barbara  
NICHOLSON, Richard & Nancy  
PACKWOOD, Jacqueline  
PRICE, Chip & Regina  
REDDINGER, Edward & Suzanne  
REESE, Bill & Shedly  
ROBERTS, Ray & Barbara  
SARGENT, Linsey & Betty  
SCHMUTZ, Joseph F. & Earlene D.  
SCHRADER, Alex & Maria  
SPURGEON, Skip & Judy  
STONE, Dick & Cathy  
SYKES, Pat & Parker  
TAMPLIN, Sebert L. & Doris T.  
THESTRUP, Tom & Christine  
THOMPSON, Renetta  
VAIL, Pat & Ray  
VANDENBERG, Mike & Jeri  
WALSH, Gordon & Joy  
WRIGHT, Glenn & Sandra  
ZAJAC, Maureen  
ZIMMERLI, Debbie

## District lifts one-day-per-week water restrictions

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board declared the water shortage officially over by voting to let the modified Phase II water shortage restrictions expire on June 30. The Villages returned to the District's twice-per-week, year-round water conservation measures on July 1.

The Governing Board voted to lift the restrictions in response to significant improvements in aquifer and river levels as a result of this winter's above-average rainfall. However, the Board urged residents to continue the water conservation practices they've learned since the water shortage began in January 2007.

"I want to commend the residents of the region for really stepping up to the plate to conserve water

over the past three years," said Ronald E. Oakley, Governing Board chair. "But we want to remind them that just because they may be able to water two days per week, doesn't mean they need to. We can't afford to be wasteful."

Twice-per-week watering allows residents additional flexibility for determining when to water. Residents are encouraged to "watch the weather, wait to water" during the summer months of June, July, August and September.

According to research by the University of Florida, an average of three-quarters of an inch of water every three to five days is enough to replenish grass during the summer. West-central Florida receives an

average rainfall of 53 inches a year, and most of it falls between June and September. If your lawn is receiving enough water from rainfall, you can operate your irrigation system manually and wait to turn it on as needed. Research also shows that overwatering makes your lawn less drought-tolerant and can encourage pests and disease.

Some of the signs that a lawn needs water include a blue-gray appearance, blades folded in half lengthwise and footprints remaining on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

For more information on the new twice-per-week water restrictions, visit [www.WaterMatters.org/restrictions/](http://www.WaterMatters.org/restrictions/). Additional details on how you can conserve water, save money and maintain a healthy yard this summer are available by visiting [www.WaterMatters.org/watchtheweather/](http://www.WaterMatters.org/watchtheweather/).

## Maintenance Tips from Home Warranty Manager Dennis Stradinger

I am writing this article as I get ready to take my family on our summer vacation. We traditionally return to Northern Michigan where I grew up and my parents still have a home. My kids love returning there every year with anticipation of spending as much time as we can on Grandpa's boat on beautiful Torch Lake. I feel lucky to have been raised in such a beautiful area and I am blessed to be able to take my kids back and show them more about my original hometown. I feel even more blessed to be able to live around here where opportunities allow my children to get a good education while living in a great area.

Now that I've bragged a little about my family and The Villages, I guess I better get down to business and give you a couple of home maintenance tips. One thing we sometimes do not pay a whole lot of attention to is our sinks. A couple of easy things can be done to prevent issues with your kitchen sink and bathroom vanities. Most homes are equipped with a garbage disposal in the kitchen sink. Please remember that these are designed to grind soft foods and should not be used like a trash compactor. Keep stringy items like asparagus out of the disposal. These things can wrap themselves around the blades and bind up the disposal and may even burn up the motor. Dispose of just a little food at each time and chase with plenty of water. Let the water run for

several seconds after you turn off your disposal to be sure to wash away all of the food particles. Trying to flush too much through your disposal may not allow the water to wash away the food and can block up your sewer pipe. Also run some ice through your disposal periodically to help clean the blades off from the food particles that may get stuck there. Using lemon or other citrus peel will also help with the smells that can develop in your disposal.

Your bathroom vanity can use some attention also. Sink stoppers are attached to a pull lever that is connected below the sink in the drain. These connections will catch hair, toothpaste, and many other items as you use your bathroom vanity. This must be pulled out and cleaned completely off periodically. Not only can this cause your sinks to drain slowly, but can also cause unpleasant odors.

As always please remember if you need help with finding qualified contractors or have any questions about your home, please feel free to contact The Villages Warranty office at 753-6222, or contact us through an e-mail request accessible on [www.thevillages.net](http://www.thevillages.net) home page.

## District year-round water conservation measures

Lawn watering is limited to twice per week before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Irrigation schedules for residents living in The Villages' Community Development Districts 1-8 vary by CDD. Visit [www.thevillageswaterwisdom.com/cdd.html](http://www.thevillageswaterwisdom.com/cdd.html) and refer to the table for specific schedules.

Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time. New lawns and plants have a 30-30 establishment period, which allows any-day watering during the first 30 days. During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. There are no restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing. However, the District asks that residents be as efficient as possible, such as using a shut-off nozzle on their hose, so water isn't wasted.

### Question or comment for the VHA Board?

Write it down and place it in a VHA box or submit it at our general meeting. Thank you.

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*(You may also write on another sheet of paper)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Community Development District: \_\_\_\_\_ Village: \_\_\_\_\_

## VHA Member Benefits\*

All offers require VHA membership card presented at time of sale. —NO REFUNDS AFTER SALE— \*One benefit offer per family membership.

### **24 Hr. CART CLUB, INC.**

352-330-1911  
www.24hrcartclub.com  
\$10 Off Premium Membership  
\$5 Off Basic Membership  
Valid on initial sign-up only.

### **AAA AUTO CLUB SOUTH**

1107 West North Blvd. Suite M, Leesburg  
1-888-625-3855  
Save on New Membership with AAA Auto Club – Primary Member saves \$5.00 when joining.  
Save when adding new family member to membership.  
All new family members are 50% off regular price.  
Only \$15.00 each for Classic and \$26.00 each for Plus membership!!

### **A&C EXTERIORS**

120 N. US Highway 27/441, Lady Lake  
352-753-3322  
Landscaping, Pavers, Lawn Service and House Pressure Washing  
10% Off any Service.

### **ALL ANIMAL TRAPPING SVC. INC.**

#### **“FLORIDA WILDLIFE COMMISSION PERMITTED”**

352-245-0193 Office  
352-299-5675 Cell  
15% Discount  
10% Discount For All Follow-Up Service.

### **ALL CUSTOM CONCRETE & CURBS, INC.**

352-671-1514  
allcustomcurbs@aol.com  
10% Off Concrete Landscape Curbing  
& Decorative Concrete Overlays  
Call for free estimates.

### **ALL THINGS FINE**

1171 Main Street – Spanish Springs  
352-259-7384  
10% Discount on Tuesdays  
Excludes sale items and not valid with any other offer.

### **ARDEN'S FINE JEWELRY**

1060 Canal Street – Lake Sumter Landing  
352-751-6613  
50% Off Jewelry Appraisal on One Item  
Offer limited to one item per household.

### **A SPECIAL DAY GIFT SHOP**

3535 Wedgewood Lane – Southern Trace  
352-259-7270  
10% Off Your Purchase Excludes Pandora Jewelry.

### **BABY BUNDLES ON THE GO**

352-406-4754  
babybundlesonthego@embarqmail.com  
10% Discount on Crib Rental

### **BOULEVARD TIRE CENTER**

418 S. Hwy. 27/441, Lady Lake  
352-430-2380  
10% Discount on any Brake Service over \$100.sc

### **BRAVO PIZZA**

1080 Lake Sumter Landing  
352-430-2394, 2395, 2396  
10% Off Dine In & Take Out Whole Meal  
Not valid with any other offer.

### **BRUSTER'S REAL ICE CREAM**

8699 SE 165th Mulberry Lane – Mulberry Grove  
352-205-8987  
Buy a Fresh-Made Waffle Cone  
Get a Waffle Cone of Equal or Lesser Value Free  
One benefit offer per family membership.

### **CAPTAIN MIKE'S LAZY RIVER CRUISES**

On the Withlacoochee River  
Southwest of Ocala on Hwy. 200 just in  
Back of Stumpknocker's Restaurant  
Call for Reservations, 352-637-2726  
www.lazyrivercruises.com  
\$2 Off Any Person, 2-Hour Tour Only

### **CHICK-FIL-A OF THE VILLAGES**

7330 U.S. Hwy. 441 – Rolling Acres Plaza  
352-430-0223  
Buy any Breakfast Meal and Receive One Free Chicken Biscuit.

### **Cici's PIZZA**

243 Colony Boulevard  
The Villages  
Phone 352-259-5508  
FREE nonalcoholic drink with purchase of pizza buffet.  
Must show VHA ID card to get offer.

### **COMFORT SUITES**

1202 Avenida Central  
352-259-6578  
Special Rates: May 1, 2010 — October 31, 2010 — \$71.00  
November 1, 2010 — April 1, 2011 — \$99.00  
Not valid on Leesburg Weekend.  
Call in Advance for reservations.

### **COZCO HANDCRAFTS**

1121 Main Street – Spanish Springs  
352-430-0386  
10% Off – Excludes Sale Items.

### **CUSTOM APPAREL AND GIFTS**

920 Bichara Blvd.  
The Villages, 32159  
352-750-1600  
10% off one (1) purchase of \$25 or more.  
And 15% off one (1) purchase of \$50 or more.

### **DRY CLEAN CITY**

13745 Highway 441 - Lady Lake  
\$5.00 discount off \$30 Dry Cleaning or Laundry  
Must present membership card for discount.

### **EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

11962 County Road 101 – Palm Ridge Plaza  
352-391-1334  
\$4.00 Off Purchases Valid on orders over \$25.00.

### **FIREHOUSE SUBS**

13757 U.S. Hwy. 441 - Lady Lake  
352-430-3870  
Free Cookie with Purchase of Medium or Large Sub  
Not valid with any other offer. One benefit per member.

### **FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE & TRUCK RENTAL**

13634 U.S. Hwy. 441 – Lady Lake  
352-750-4647  
Rent a 5x5x10 Standard Unit,  
Get the Second Month for \$1.00  
Valid on new contracts only.

### **GOLF USA**

1162 Main Street - Spanish Springs  
The Villages, FL 32162  
Phone: 753-4847  
Free small range basket of balls to be used at Tree Top Golf with purchase of \$25 or more at the Main Street Store.

### **GOLF USA**

Lighted Driving Range & Miniature Golf  
698 W. Lady Lake Blvd. – Lady Lake  
352-259-2313  
Mondays: \$1.00 Off 18-Hole Round of Miniature Golf  
Fridays: \$1.00 Off Large Range Basket (120 Balls)  
See our special offer in the  
Tree Tops Golf Shop and Golf USA listings.

### **GOTTA GET YOUR NAME ON!**

Custom Embroidery and Monogramming  
5% off Club Shirts, Logos and Monogramming  
Karen D. Andrews  
352-391-9333 Phone and Fax

### **HEARING AIDS FROM DIGITAL HEARING SYSTEMS**

347 Colony Blvd. - The Villages  
352-259-8824  
420 Corley Rd. Leesburg, FL  
352-315-9960  
BUY ONE (1) package premium batteries,  
get 2nd one free-per visit.

### **HAAGEN DAZS**

1001 Lake Shore Drive – Lake Sumter Landing  
352-751-0261  
10% Discount

### **H & R BLOCK**

208 S. Hwy. 27/441 – Lady Lake, 352-750-3669  
17860 SE 109th Ave. – Summerfield, 352-347-6736  
4085 Wedgewood Lane – The Villages,  
352-205-8340  
\$25 Off Tax Preparation. Valid at these offices only.

### **ISLAND IMAGES**

1112 Main Street – Spanish Springs  
352-259-7623  
10% Discount on Mondays. Excludes sales items.

### **ISLANDS OF BEAUTY**

10889 N.US Hwy 301  
Oxford, FL 34484  
352-748-2251  
\$5.00 discount any Chemical Treatment

### **JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS**

674 N. US Highway 27/441  
Lady Lake, Florida 32159  
(352) 259-5100  
10% off entire order  
Must present vha membership card to receive offer.

### **JOHNNY ROCKETS**

976 Old Mill Run – Lake Sumter Landing  
352-259-0051  
10% Off Meal

### **KILWIN'S CHOCOLATE AND ICE CREAM**

1108 Main Street – Spanish Springs  
352-430-3600  
Buy one slice of fudge, get the second slice free.  
One offer per family membership.

**THE KINGS GALLERY**

1110 Main Street – Spanish Springs  
352-259-6998  
25% Off Framing on Wednesdays  
Does not apply to sale prices.

**LAKE COUNTY'S PREMIER BOAT TOURS**

Dora Canal, Rivers & Lakes on "Captain Doolittle"  
Historic Lakeside Inn-Mt. Dora OR  
Heritage & Blue Heron Nature Cruises on "Sea Haven."  
All 15% discount.  
Both are on U.S. Hwy 441 South in Tavares.  
Please call for reservations.  
352-343-0200 or 352-434-8040.

**MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL**

U.S. Hwy. 441 South – Rolling Acres Plaza  
352-430-3610  
Buy one entree - get one free with purchase of  
two beverages every Saturday.  
Not valid with any other offer.  
One benefit offer per family membership.

**MULBERRY GEMS AND JEWELRY**

8736 SE 165th Mulberry Lane – Mulberry Grove  
352-430-3060  
15% off in-store items EXCLUDING Pandora and Pickleball Paddles

**NANTUCKET BAY**

1008 Canal Street – Lake Sumter Landing  
352-753-4161  
10% Off Every Wednesday

**OLD TYME SAKE**

10889 N. US HWY 301  
Oxford, FL 33484  
352-748-0021  
\$5.00 discount with \$25.00 Purchase

**PANDA EXPRESS**

869 North Hwy. 27/441 - Home Depot Plaza  
352-751-2507  
10% Off - Not valid with other coupons or specials.

**PARTY TYME, INC**

11962 County Road 101 Suite 103  
Phone: 352-391-1661  
10% off purchase over \$20.00  
Not valid with any other coupons or offers.

**PAULY'S PIZZERIAS**

986 Alvarez Avenue – Spanish Springs - 352-750-6296  
Mulberry Grove Plaza – Route 42 - 352-259-6296  
11974 CR 101-Suite 105 - 352-391-5570  
Large one-topping pizza and garlic knots for \$12.25  
Must show VHA Membership Card.

**PAWS FOR A MOMENT**

11962 County Road 101- Palm Ridge Plaza  
352-259-7616  
10% Off any Regular-Priced Item  
Not valid on sale or food items.

**PLAZA JEWELERS**

16770 S. U.S. Hwy. 441, Summerfield  
352-307-3846  
20 to 40% Savings Off the Already Low Retail Price  
& All Watch Batteries \$4.00.

**REASONABLE ELEGANCE GIFTS AND ACCESSORIES**

11962 County Road 101 Suite 104  
Phone: 352-205-8355  
10% off total order.

**SCHWAN'S HOME SERVICE, INC.**

www.schwans.com  
352-245-2480  
Free Half-gallon of Ice Cream with  
Your First Order.

**SHERWIN WILLIAMS STORE**

10936 Highway 301  
Oxford, FL 34484  
Phone: 352-748-3352  
15% off all regular prices (Not including sale prices)  
Proof of VHA membership required.

**SONIC DRIVE-IN**

11211 SE 178 Pl. – Wal-Mart Shopping Center  
352-347-2860  
Tuesday Nights: 5 Single Patty Burgers for \$5  
after 5 p.m. Add-ons at extra charge.  
Wednesday Nights: 1/2 Price Single Patty Burgers  
99¢ Single Topping Sundaes  
Valid at the Summerfield location only.

**SUNSHINE CENTRAL VACUUM SYSTEMS, INC.**

13624 S. U.S. Hwy. 441 Summerfield  
352-307-6581  
\$300 OFF a new system with VHA Membership.

**THE RED DOOR**

207 S. Main St. (Hwy 301)  
Wildwood, FL 34788  
352-748-2044  
10% Off Iron Benches.

**THE SOLAR GUYS**

"Solatube" - Tubular Skylight  
352-307-7077 - Call for free estimate  
5% OFF regular price for members.  
Must show proof of VHA Membership at time of sale.

**THE UPS STORE**

1576 Bella Cruz Dr  
The Villages, 352-753-8000  
5% discount UPS shipping.  
15 % discount on purchase of boxes and packaging with VHA  
membership card.

**TREE TOPS GOLF**

698 W. Lady Lake Blvd.  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
Phone: 352-259-2313  
Mondays: \$2.00 off 18-hole Round Miniature Golf at  
Live Oaks Miniature Golf  
Fridays: \$2.00 off Large Range Basket (120 balls)

**TRI COUNTY POOL & SPA**

2468 Hwy. 441/27 Fruitland Park  
352-326-0600  
10% off all Pool & Spa Chemicals  
\$200 Discount on any new Cal Spa Hot Tubs

**TUSCANY DAY SPA**

1082 Canal St. - Sumter Landing  
352-350-2401  
10% OFF Any Service with VHA Membership.

**UNDERGLASS 3M PRESTIGE & ULTRA WINDOW FILMS**

330 Hwy. 441/27 Lady Lake.  
352-753-5267  
Free Windshield Strip-3M or 10% OFF any 3M Film, Home or Auto.

**VIC'S EMBERS**

7940 Hwy. 441, Leesburg  
352-728-8989  
Complimentary after-dinner cocktail or dessert for each  
person in the party.  
Not valid when transportation is provided by Vic's Bus.  
Must present VHA Member card.

**VICTORIA'S ESTATE JEWELRY**

1106 Main Street – Spanish Springs  
352-751-3386  
50% Off Jewelry Appraisal on One Item  
Offer limited to one item per household.

**VILLAGE BOWLING LLC**

**FIESTA BOWL**

890 Avenida Central – 352-753-2747

**SPANISH SPRINGS LANES**

997 Alvarez Avenue – 352-750-9440  
\$1.00 OFF a game of open bowling for entire visit.

**VILLAGES CAR WASH AND LUBE**

Bichara Blvd. – La Plaza Grande Center  
352-753-1306  
\$1.00 Off the Regular Price of a Silver or  
Gold Wash Package.

**VILLAGES GOLF SHOP**

704 N. Highway 441/27- Lady Lake  
\$5.00 Discount On Any Purchase Over \$25.  
(EXCLUDES Golf Balls)

**VILLAGE GRAPHICS**

Steve Mosher, Market Square  
Tuesday and Thursday evenings  
352-409-6853  
Purchase a lamp post sign for your home, receive a 50% discount on  
custom license plate.

**WHOLE EARTH PET SUPPLY**

1556 Bella Cruz Dr  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
352-391-5806  
10% discount all pet supplies(not including discounted items)

**Mystery Pic Answer**



The Rialto Theatre at Spanish Springs

**The VHA Vision:** To maintain The Villages as the premier 55-plus community in the world, featuring the finest amenities, homes, retail and commercial businesses, and medical and professional services; as well as the best educational, cultural, recreational and entertainment opportunities.

## VHA representatives by village. How does your VHA representative help you?

*VHA representatives educate themselves and stay informed to help verify or dispel rumors, provide help when you need assistance resolving neighborhood issues and acquaint you with services and benefits available through the VHA.*

### Lake County Region

<b>Country Club Hills</b>	
Ray Leggiero	751-0221
Steve Macejak	751-3023
<b>Orange Blossom Gardens</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Silver Lake</b>	
Larry and Anita Troutner	259-3630
Neil and Mary Kastor	561-4522
<b>Village of Del Mar</b>	
Ruth Truttschel	753-3671
<b>Hacienda Villas</b>	
Dennis Williams	750-0063
<b>Chula Vista Villas</b>	
Judy Glasel	430-9707
Myra Reff	750-1650
<b>Courtyard Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of El Cortez</b>	
Peggy Harrison	750-0186
<b>Village of La Reynalda</b>	
Joy Anderson	408-5387
Judy Mix	751-0610
Alice Burnette	430-0691
<b>Village of La Zamora</b>	
Mario & Lillian Campagnola	751-0512
<b>Village of Mira Mesa</b>	
David & Laura Koss	750-3813
<b>Villas of Spanish Springs</b>	
Sid Kingry	586-7941
<b>Village of Valle Verde</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Vista Sonoma Villas</b>	
Otto and Janet Voettiner	753-4278
<b>Vista Lago Villas</b>	
Linda Pelletier	259-0229

### VHA North Region

<b>Freedom Pointe</b>	
Ellen Salter	753-0630
<b>Hickory Hammock</b>	
Vincent & Blanche DiRito	753-2310
Ed Echerd	753-5441
<b>Village de La Vista</b>	
<b>De La Vista - East</b>	
Dwight Brockway	259-7341
Elsa Goyma	750-4842
<b>De La Vista - North</b>	
Earl Cherubini	753-3123
Leonard Koss	753-0886
<b>De La Vista - West</b>	
Paul & Jeanne Greene	750-5095
Ray Owens	753-5725
<b>De La Vista Villas - North</b>	
Joy Tolan	750-5368
<b>De La Vista Villas - South</b>	
Joy Tolan	750-5368
<b>De Allende</b>	
Jim & Tawna Kelly	259-3130
<b>San Antonio Villas</b>	
Al & Cathy Sherman	750-3795
<b>San Miguel Villas</b>	
Joyce Fisher	750-2491
<b>Village of Hacienda Hills</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	

<b>Hacienda - East</b>	
Bill Calabrese	259-8308
<b>Hacienda - North</b>	
Elmer Starrett	750-4141
Richard O'Malley	750-5398
<b>Hacienda - South</b>	
Juliette Testa	753-3350
<b>Hacienda - West</b>	
Ed Martin	753-8523
<b>Village of Palo Alto</b>	
Robert Landers	753-0310
Jerry Coomans	259-3540
<b>Tierra Grande Villas</b>	
Jerry & Jean Kelihier	750-0892
<b>Villa La Paloma</b>	
Stephen Beaulieu	753-9181
Delores Staub	259-1097
<b>Tierra del Sol - North</b>	
Robert Eisenhauer	259-1485
<b>Tierra del Sol - South</b>	
Louis & Mary Guilliano	753-7306
<b>Village of Rio Grande</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Rio Grande No. 1</b>	
Bob & Faye Fountain	750-0677
<b>Rio Grande No. 2</b>	
Nick & Joan Martucci	753-7516
Clyde Kemper	750-0537
<b>De Laguna Villas</b>	
Bob Wagner	750-1646
Beverly Ament	750-3080
<b>De La Mesa Villas</b>	
Sandi Andrews	750-6570
<b>Rio Grande Villas</b>	
Milly Adams	753-5608
<b>San Pedro Villas</b>	
Edward Fischer	259-4912
<b>Village of Rio Ponderosa</b>	
Charlie & Kathy Porter	259-8196
<b>Patio Villas</b>	
Carl Bell	750-1251
<b>Village of Rio Rancho</b>	
Howard Keppler	750-4742
Carey Scully	753-1434
<b>Valdez Villas</b>	
Rhea & Harold Feinberg	259-5966
<b>Village of Alhambra</b>	
<b>Alhambra - East</b>	
Art & Alice Terrill	259-1691
<b>Alhambra - West</b>	
John & Kathy Cayer	259-3059
<b>Villa De Leon</b>	
John & Judy Trongon	750-0954
<b>Villa Del Canto</b>	
Ed & Rae Nowe	259-1488
<b>Village of Harneswood of Belle Aire</b>	
Barry & Ginny Evans	259-2271
<b>Village of Palo Alto</b>	
William Waldron	259-0895
<b>Village of Santiago</b>	
Ken & Dotty Mathieu	259-2704
Larry & Ann Marsillo	750-2270
Jo Pfent	259-4512
Paul & Patricia Bennett	430-0754
<b>Escandido Villas</b>	
Henry & Dotty Cole	759-9065
Wayne Speicher	259-9934

<b>La Crescenta Villas</b>	
Barbara Welter	259-9531
<b>San Leandro Villas</b>	
Donald & Lu Bowen	259-2155
<b>Village of Santo Domingo</b>	
Lois Guntle	753-9014
John & Elaine Blum	259-3592
Lee & Peggy Ray	259-3391
John & Anita Land	751-2535
<b>Vera Cruz Villas</b>	
Vince O'Brien	259-6037
<b>Villa de la Ramona</b>	
Fred Driller	259-0915
<b>Villa Santo Domingo</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Belle Aire</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Alexandra Villas</b>	
Tom and Berta Crawford	259-6104
<b>Cottages of Summerchase</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>St. Simon Villas</b>	
Doug & Nancy McKernan	753-9086
<b>Valdosta Villas</b>	
David Dingee	259-4364
<b>Glenbrook-East</b>	
Joel Prather	753-8537
<b>Sunbury of Glenbrook</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Polo Ridge</b>	
Doug & Claudette Tharp	750-1760
John Sullivan	750-6175
<b>Villa Berea</b>	
Gail Donofrio	259-7435
<b>Nacchez Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Summerhill</b>	
Ray Schwartz	751-3048
Ron Kershner	753-9629
<b>Amelia Villas</b>	
George & Barbara Rogers	751-4159
<b>Fernandina Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Briar Meadow</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Briar Meadow East</b>	
Barbara Fielitz	751-2626
<b>Briar Meadow North</b>	
Bill B. Wilson	753-9923
<b>Briar Meadow South</b>	
Larry Waites	751-2858
<b>Birchbrook Villas</b>	
Chet & Linda Sturgess	750-3976
<b>Forsyth Villas</b>	
Kay Mutty	753-0932
<b>Greenbriar Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Legacy Villas</b>	
Sally Yurich	259-2877
Janice Danahy	302-922-0201
<b>Mayfield Villas</b>	
Arthur Rowe Jr.	205-7661
<b>Quail Ridge Villas</b>	
Donna Hagenbuch	259-2945
<b>Village of Calumet Grove</b>	
Herb Gantz	751-3976
<b>Ashleigh Villas</b>	
Donald Akers	751-0955

<b>Cameron Villas</b>	
Roger Kass & Anne Gray	259-7174
<b>Greenwood Villas</b>	
Kenneth Geiger	753-0229
<b>Merry Oak Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Morning View Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Chatham</b>	
Marty Wilber	751-5048
<b>Bromley Villas</b>	
Allan Wadman	259-0908
<b>Sherwood East Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Sherwood West Villas</b>	
Judy Wilber	751-5048
<b>Village of Piedmont</b>	
Irwin & Charlotte Newman	753-4684
Ray & Kay Glessner	751-0701
<b>Chadwick Villas</b>	
<b>Waverly Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Springdale</b>	
Bob Thatcher	259-2083
<b>Sunnyside Villas</b>	
Charles Melia	259-7668
<b>Fairlawn Villas</b>	
<b>Pincrest Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Royal Oak at Springdale</b>	
Carolyn Willette	408-0390
<b>Village of Woodbury</b>	
Bill & Betty Dyer	751-1192
Jim Murphy	259-1581
<b>Ivystone Villas</b>	
Donna Schaeffer	753-1897

### Regions 5 & 8

<b>Village of Ashland</b>	
Robert & Janice Blakeley	750-2917
Sue Martin	753-0972
<b>Bellamy Villas</b>	
Ruth Ferguson	205-7128
<b>Clayton Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Jasper Villas</b>	
Walter & Janice Martin	205-7099
<b>Rainey Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Belvedere</b>	
Felice Maurer	259-7647
Phyllis Kravitz	750-1878
<b>Arlington Villas</b>	
Jerry & Carol Knoll	391-5002
<b>Belmont Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Cherry Hill Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Hialeah Villas</b>	
Dean & Joan Barner	751-5725
<b>Village of Bonnybrook</b>	
Gail Burgess	750-1371
<b>Broyhill Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Cliifton Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Ezell Villas</b>	
Ray & Pat Adams	751-6966

<b>Heritage Villas</b>	
<b>Inglewood Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Bridgeport at Lake Miona</b>	
Karen & Hans Thiemann	259-7288
<b>Village of Liberty Park</b>	
Thomas Simone	205-8155
Dave Laspesa	552-5263
<b>Chesterfield Villas</b>	
James & Bettye Murphree	753-0751
<b>Eagle Ridge Villas</b>	
Dorothy Bree	753-5429
Karen Grasso	750-6724
<b>Edgefield Villas</b>	
Julie Ayotte	350-2087
<b>Mount Vernon Villas</b>	
Bob and Vera Fuchs	751-0147
<b>Village of Lynnhaven</b>	
Barbara Urbanski	753-2663
Rod South	751-7547
<b>Collington Villas</b>	
Terry Walsh	205-8400
<b>Southern Oaks Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Swainwood Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Poinciana</b>	
Philip & Davida Seindenberg	750-3152
Lawrence & Sherry Recla	430-1114
<b>Bailey Ridge Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Lime Grove Villas</b>	
Thom & Betty Anne Horning	751-7034
<b>Mount Pleasant Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Sullivan Villas</b>	
Thomas Davis	612-201-2240
<b>Village of Sunset Pointe</b>	
William & Maria Satterfield	430-2301
<b>Hickory Grove Villas</b>	
Joan Sullivan	430-0755
<b>Village of Winifred</b>	
Chuck & Nancy Wildzunas	753-3703
<b>Latrobe Villas</b>	
Thomas & Judy Schuler	751-4440

### Regions 6 & 7

<b>Village of Virginia Trace</b>	
Russ D'Emidio	750-4486
Gail Hood	750-1578
<b>Virginia Vine Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Stillwater Villas</b>	
Ralph & Elsie Pasquino	259-3976
<b>Richmond Villas</b>	
Gary Rosenhouse	430-1959
<b>Village of Tall Trees</b>	
Sylvia Mongolier	430-0070
Larry Peterson	751-3979
<b>Cherry Vale Villas</b>	
<b>Oak Bend Villas</b>	
<i>-Needs Representative-</i>	
<b>Village of Bridgeport at Lake Sumter</b>	
Bill Hawkins	350-2598
<b>Village of Bridgeport at Miona Shores</b>	
Irv Markley	259-4684
<b>Village of Caroline</b>	
Renee Coster	430-1965
Linda Grant	753-3794

<b>Elizabeth Villas</b> Roger & Judith Curth----- 753-9704	<b>Audrey Villas</b> Joanne York----- 751-1666	<b>Allandale Villas</b> Pat Kennedy----- 391-5291	<b>Groewood Villas</b> Joan Puleo----- 259-8007	<b>Hallandale Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Hortensia Villas</b> Carol Pirone & Butch Udell----- 753-0982
<b>Katherine Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Kaylee Villas</b> Audrey & Mort Solitare----- 753-2387	<b>Village of Sabal Chase</b> Lois Byers----- 350-7125 Gary Hendricks, Sr.----- 259-2139 Sara Manduca----- 751-4639	<b>Crestwood</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Double Palms</b> Wanda Cooksey----- 209-9132	<b>Keystone Villas</b> <b>Bainbridge Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Village of Hemingway</b> Susan Bieberfeld----- 391-5066 Gene Carpenter----- 753-6464	<b>Hydrangea Villas</b> John & Sondra Sommerwill----- 391-9094
<b>Village of Mallory Square</b> Judy Bonn----- 217-0319	<b>Carlton Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Tanglewood Villas</b> Laurie Cooper----- 750-9566 Mimi Pflug----- 420-0443	<b>Holly Hill</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Sandhill Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Village of Bonita</b> Bill & Janice Gibbons----- 751-4436	<b>Seneca Villas</b> Pete DeLair----- 321-288-5618	<b>Oviedo Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Village of Pennecamp</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Amberjack Villas</b> <b>Azalea Villas</b> <b>Boxwood Villas</b> <b>Jacaranda Villas</b> Sharon Houston----- 391-5247
<b>Natalie Villas</b> Harvey Blakely----- 350-2052	<b>Hampton Villas</b> Donna Thompson----- 753-1778	<b>Bonita Villas</b> Patty Colhoun----- 751-1040	<b>Adriana Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Margaux Villas</b> Gerry & Meryle Bedard----- 750-4133	<b>Kingfisher Villas</b> <b>Mangrove Villas</b>
<b>Emmalee Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Alexa Villas</b> Bill & Margaret Gottschalk----- 350-2405	<b>Oleander Villas</b> Jim Neilson----- 753-9812	<b>Kenya Villas</b> Sheryl Cohen----- 751-4448	<b>Marief Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Region 8</b>	
<b>Madison Villas</b> Barbara Garnett----- 205-4362 Phyllis Grasso----- 391-9417	<b>Village of Largo</b> Peter Havighorst----- 391-1288	<b>Village of Hadley</b> Jim Hipple----- 674-9376	<b>Hallandale Villas</b> Arlene Kaplan----- 753-0482	
<b>Janeann Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Village of Amelia</b> Emily Emigh----- 391-1695 Linda Grzesik----- 751-1761	<b>Newport Villas</b> -Needs Representative- <b>Village of Duval</b> Russ Bond----- 753-9164	<b>Hillcrest Villas</b> Ron McMahon----- 205-4647	<b>Villages of St. Charles</b> Charley & LeeAnn Reed----- 561-4814	
	<b>Rosedale Villas</b> John & Chris Coene----- 446-9597			

## Understanding our aquifer and sinkholes

As we go about our daily lives here in The Villages, most of us probably don't stop to think about what's right underneath us or why our region is characterized by sinkholes and springs.

First, let me give you a little geology lesson. Right beneath the ground is a landscape of dissolving lime rock. As slightly acidic rain falls and percolates into the ground, the acidic water slowly dissolves the limestone, which can cause sinkholes to form. This type of landscape is referred to by geologists as a *karst terrain*. Karst terrains are characterized by sinkholes, caverns and springs.

Within the limestone is the Floridan aquifer system, which is where we get our drinking water. It's also the source of our region's springs. The Floridan aquifer is very close to the land surface in our area and there is a close connection between surface waters and the underground aquifer.

In Florida, we receive about 53 inches of rainfall a year. In some areas of the state, only about six inches of rainfall actually percolates down through the soil and into the aquifer to replenish or recharge water supplies. In our area, 10 to 25 inches of rainfall recharges our aquifer annually due to the close connection to the Floridan aquifer.

However, while this close connection helps replenish the aquifer, it also can allow pollutants to easily enter our drinking water. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFMD) has documented an increase in nitrates and a decrease in water quality in our area's surface waters and springs over the last several decades. One of the major sources of nitrates is lawn fertilizers. Too much fertilizer applied to landscapes seeps past the root zone of the grass, plants or trees and into the aquifer, or runs off into streams, lakes and bays.

As I mentioned earlier, another part of living in our area means living with sinkholes. There are two types of sinkholes: subsidence sinkholes and collapse sinkholes. Subsidence sinkholes are caused when granules of sand cascade down to fill the voids and

cavities created by dissolving limestone. These sinkholes are generally small in size and often appear as depressions in the ground. Collapse sinkholes form the same way, however, if the soil above the cavity is made up of sand and clay, it can collapse abruptly and potentially create a large sinkhole.

Unfortunately, sinkholes are a natural part of living in Florida and it's important to know the warning signs. Some of the signs include structural cracks in walls, floors and pavement; cracks in the ground surface; slumping, sagging or slanting fence posts, trees or other objects; and doors and windows that fail to close properly. If you do see any of these signs on your property, you should provide for your personal safety, evacuating if necessary, and notify your insurance company or agent.

For more information on sinkholes, visit the District's web site at [www.WaterMatters.org/hydrology/sinkholes/](http://www.WaterMatters.org/hydrology/sinkholes/). Additional information on aquifers can be obtained by visiting [www.WaterMatters.org/publications](http://www.WaterMatters.org/publications) and ordering or downloading a copy of the District's "West-Central Florida's Aquifers" brochure.

*Doug Tharp*

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VHA Officers and Directors are all unpaid volunteer residents of The Villages - neighbors serving neighbors.

## CIC to host anniversary event

The Community Improvement Council will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary from 4-7 p.m. Friday, September 24, at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center. All past officers of the CIC are invited to attend the event. The CIC is currently looking for former officers and would appreciate information to help us contact them.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Paulette Graeven at 352-392-7000 or by e-mail at [pgraeven@thevillages.net](mailto:pgraeven@thevillages.net). Deadline for responding is September 10.

Join us for a good time including food, drink, entertainment and a lot of fun and reminiscing.

### By the Numbers Answers (from page 9)

1. Almost 500 sessions are available each semester with about two dozen surveys continually open looking for interest in new courses.
2. 18,163 students attended 23,836 courses.
3. Four full-time and two to four part-time employees administer the programs of TVLLC. Another four dozen volunteers help with phones, filing, registration and miscellaneous administration duties.
4. Yoga is the most popular course with 2500 enrollees per year in the 8-week long sessions.
5. The shortest courses are only one day long. Belly Dancing is ten weeks and the longest course at TVLLC.

## Multi-modal path construction begins

Most residents now realize that the path reconstruction project is underway. It was so exciting to see the earth moving equipment arrive and the work zones being established. The entire community has anxiously awaited these improvements and they are now upon us.

Arriving, however, with the reconstruction project is an emphasis on safety practices and the need to adhere to construction zone signage, posted detours and traffic laws. Just recently, a golf cart driver was witnessed racing through the cones on the El Camino Real path near the Savannah Center with workers all around. This golf cart driver placed everyone in the work area in danger unnecessarily. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to slow down when you are nearing these areas. You may not be aware of sudden changes in traffic patterns or closures, and speeding into an unknown situation is a recipe for disaster. Please, for everyone's safety, use caution and slow down.

Each week, District staff meets with the contractors working on this project to discuss the upcoming schedule and any issues or concerns. A common occurrence reported by the contractor is residents stopping to talk to the workers about the work they are doing. In addition to being extremely dangerous, this keeps the contractors from performing their work and slows progress. Contractors will be required to meet our aggressive completion schedule and any distraction from their work could impact the deadline and the quality of the work being performed. We need their full attention and focus placed on the task at hand. Please refrain from entering the work areas for any reason.

Did you know that detours can be fun? Just



**CDD Supervisors Paul Kelly, Dick Belles, Art Terrill, Charlie Dunlap, AAC Chairman Rich Lambrecht, and District Government Manager Janet Tutt start the multimodal path construction project with a ceremonial ground breaking at the Savannah Center. Get updates on [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org) or sign up for email not the District Government website.**

think what an adventure it will be to travel to your destination using a different path and encountering new scenery! OK, maybe "adventure" is a stretch, but we certainly don't want anyone getting too anxious or stressed about a change to their normal travel pattern. Rest assured that regardless of where you are starting out and where you would like to go, there is a detour or an alternate route. The detour routes that were approved by the governmental agencies issuing our construction permits are located on our Website, [www.districtgov.org](http://www.districtgov.org).

Finally, you can keep yourself informed and receive immediate notifications of closures and detours by registering for our e-mail distribution list. To sign up, go to [www.districtgov.org](http://www.districtgov.org) and click on the Multi-Modal Path Project link on the right of the page and enter your e-mail address.

*Eva Rey*

## CERT of The Villages stands ready

The Villages' Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is entering its 10th year with over 200 trained members standing ready to support first responders in any emergency. Charles Miner, who grew the CERT program to its current strength in numbers and proficiency, has recently turned over the reins of leadership to new Commander of CERT of The Villages, Wayne Ward.



Each CERT member has 30 hours of training on disaster preparedness and assistance to families, neighbors and the community in a medical emergency or disaster. Members participate in refresher training sessions and drills. CERT is proficient in CPR and A.E.D. (automated external defibrillator) use and

support special events in The Villages like parades and holiday celebrations with CERT stations that include the presence of A.E.D.s.

CERT funding was provided by the Department of Homeland Security and developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Villages CERT is a joint partnership with The Public Safety Department and The Villages Homeowners Association. Villagers who are interested in becoming a CERT member may obtain an application at [www.certofthevillages.org](http://www.certofthevillages.org) or call 751-3520.

## Fish Hawk Recreation Center to Open



**Fish Hawk Recreation Center** opens on August 10th increasing the number of Village Rec Centers to 18 (plus 8 Regional Rec Centers and 27 Neighborhood Recreation Centers). Fish Hawk features meeting and billiard (6 tables) rooms, kitchen, pavilion, family swimming pool, 4 bocce, 6 pickleball, 2 tennis, 4 shuffleboard, and 3 horseshoes.

### Fish Hawk Opening Changes the Numbers

With the opening of Fish Hawk Recreation Center, the additional facilities and recreation areas boost the numbers to record highs:

- 18 Village Recreation Centers (There are also 8 Regional and 27 Neighborhood Rec Centers)
- 17 Family Pools (Plus 7 sport, 31 adult and 7 country club swimming pools)
- 6 Billiard Tables increases the total to 95
- 2 Tennis courts increases the total to 50
- 6 Pickleball courts increases the total to 108
- 4 Shuffleboard courts increases the total to 119
- 4 Bocce courts increases the total to 127
- 3 Horseshoe pits increases the total to 89

## The Villages Mystery Pic



Can you identify this Villages landmark? Answer on page 13