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## Show Your Support for a Performing Arts Center

Starting Thursday, July 1, you can show your support for establishing a Performing Arts Center to bring first-rate professional entertainment to the tri-county area while at the same time finally getting a great setting for our local entertainment.

This is the Performing Arts Center concept that was featured in the POA Bulletin in April and May.

The Volunteers Performing Arts Alliance (VPAA), also known as "The PALMS," is planning an on-line survey to help decide whether or not to go forward. (The PALMS stands for The Performing Arts of Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties.)

The basic concept is for a beautiful 1,200-seat theater, and the VPAA/PALMS organization is seeking a convenient 12-acre site in the tri-county area.

The Center would be the biggest and best such entertainment venue between Orlando and Gainesville.

**The PALMS would be entirely supported by donations and ticket sales, with no taxing or amenities fees involved.**

"We hope we'll get a response to this survey from every household in the tri-county area that has a connection to the worldwide web," said VPAA/PALMS President Richard St. Amant.

The survey will run from July 1 through July 18.

To participate, go to the following Web site (please enter everything in lower case) beginning on July 1. (The last day you can take the survey is July 18): [www.donovanmanagement.com/vpaa/palms.htm/](http://www.donovanmanagement.com/vpaa/palms.htm/). The POA supports this on-line survey. We think it's important to know how

people feel about a performing arts center (a real theatre) for our area before the project goes any further forward.

St. Amant reports that the survey will only take few minutes. "This survey is NOT a solicitation – or a promise of particular entertainment – it's only an opinion survey," St. Amant said. "So please take it and give us your opinions. That's what we need."

A positive response to the survey would be a mandate for The PALMS new Board of Directors to go forward with next the steps in the plan.

Both the construction and the facility itself would spur economic development in the tri-county area. The center would be a drawing card for businesses and/or residents seeking to relocate here.

Besides securing a site, the next steps will include a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. The project is already supported by more than 1,000 residents, as well as a number of businesses, civic groups, and arts organizations.

If you have questions, contact Richard St. Amant at [vpaarichard@yahoo.com](mailto:vpaarichard@yahoo.com). □

## Cancer Center Hopeful Signs

Mark Morse, in his presentation to the VHA recently, stated that: "we" are working on the Cancer Center and trying to get the Moffitt Cancer Center to come to The Villages.

We view this as a hopeful sign that the Cancer Center can be brought here. However, we realize that any discussions are confidential and we may not learn more until an official announcement. So, stay tuned.

We heard recently from a Village resident who was considering making a donation to the Cancer Center in excess of \$50,000. However, when he read in the POA Bulletin

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## Share Your Ideas About Entertainers for Arts Center

The VPAA/PALMS on-line survey has an element that can be fun for you: an opportunity to indicate a popular entertainer you'd enjoy getting to see in our area.

We can imagine all of our Central Florida entertainers and groups performing at the Center. But think of the professionals who might come. Names like Engelbert Humperdinck, Bob Newhart, Donny Osmond, Terry Gross, Anne Murray, Tony Bennett, Norah Jones, and a host of others come to mind.

Who would you personally like to hear? You can share your thoughts and ideas in this on-line survey. Make note of the survey Web site in the related story, and take the survey any time between July 1-July 18. You can only take the survey once, so make the most of your opportunity! □

**June 15, 2010**

**THE NEXT POA  
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**Third Tuesday of the Month – 7:00 p.m.  
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## Cancer Center

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about the plans of the Central Florida Health Alliance (parent of the Leesburg and The Villages Hospitals) to build a \$20 million facility for the Cancer Center in Leesburg, rather than in The Villages, he reconsidered and said that he wanted to support the facility in The Villages.

**So, the point here is that if you are solicited to donate to the proposed Cancer Center, please consider insisting that the Central Florida Health Alliance locate the Center here in The Villages as a condition of your donation. We think the Alliance will look to The Villages as a major source of donations for the Center. We should use the combined consumer power of our 80,000 residents to lobby for what is in our best interests.**

It is not too late to write to the CEO of the Central Florida Health Alliance to urge him to locate the Cancer Center here. He is:

Mr. Lee Huntley  
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Also, send letters to the Moffitt CEO:

William S. Dalton  
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The key points to emphasize in your letters are the following:

- 74% of all cancers occur in people age 65 and above;

- The Villages has 57% of its population age 65 or older compared to only 25% in Lake County

- Based on just these age demographics alone, the Cancer Center should be located in The Villages close to the largest percentage of potential patients.

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Also, emphasize that the Alliance has stated that the Cancer Center needs a 60,000 sq. ft. building to be built at a cost of \$20 million on the Leesburg campus of the Alliance. However, the Alliance already has a 67,000 sq. ft. underutilized building in The Villages area across Hwy. 441/27 from the Sharon Morse building that would be perfect for the Cancer Center.

**It would not be wise stewardship of Alliance funds for the directors to spend another \$20 million on a duplicate facility in Leesburg when a suitable building is already available in The Villages.**

Please, write that letter today – we can make this happen. □

## VHA President Continues Anti-AAC Comments

We are disappointed and concerned by recent writings in the VHA newspaper, The Villages Voice. It seems to have a pro-developer bias coupled with an anti-AAC bias which we think is not healthy and not in the best interests of our residents.

We believe many residents easily see through the VHA's negative comments about the AAC as part of the VHA president's interest in returning control of the amenity facilities and programs to the developer. However, we feel it is necessary to point out some of the specific comments about these issues in order to clarify the situation for residents.

Each month in the VHA Villages Voice, a publication friendly to the developer, the VHA president advocates his opinions on various resident issues. This is not surprising since the developer supported the formation of the VHA and continues to subsidize its

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## POA Mission Statement

The Property Owners' Association of The Villages is an independent organization devoted to our home ownership experience.

The Vision/Objective of the POA is to make The Villages an even better place in which to live, where Residents' Rights are respected, and local governments are responsive to the needs and interests of residents.

The POA serves Villagers through programs of education, research, analysis, representation, advocacy, and legislative action.

The POA also functions as a "watchdog" organization overseeing the actions of our developer and our local governments.

Specific POA attention is focused on housing, community, neighborhood, and local government issues. Special emphasis is focused on the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC), our Community Development Districts (CDDs), the Florida Chapter 190 law that regulates CDD operations, and our developer.

The POA has no ties or obligations to the developer of The Villages which might compromise the POA position or its advocacy of Residents' Rights.

The POA, founded in 1975, is the original homeowners' organization in The Villages. Membership is open to all Villages residents. □

## The Villages Residents' Bill of Rights

**RESIDENTS have RIGHTS to:**

1. Be treated in a respectful, fair, and responsive manner by the developer and our local government officials.
2. Have decision-making authority for important issues in our community.
3. Elect our top government officials and approve appointments of the top administrative officials in our community.
4. Approve major purchases of common property and the related debt obligations assumed by residents.
5. Have local governments that are free of any conflict-of-interest issues.
6. Be charged honest monthly amenity fees that are used only for the stated purposes.
7. Receive full disclosure when purchasing a home here in The Villages.
8. Receive an objective market appraisal for major purchases of common property.
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## VHA President

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operation.

**We have known for a long time that it is unlikely that the VHA will ever take a stand on a Residents' Rights issue that is contrary to the will or interests of our developer. Residents should come first for a homeowners' group like the VHA.**

Last year, while resident input to AAC focus groups showed an overwhelming desire by residents to limit guest usage of amenities, the VHA president insisted that there should be unlimited usage of recreational facilities by guests. This was viewed as a concession to the developer to support and promote the new house sales effort. When the AAC persisted in supporting the resident demand by passing this restriction, the developer-controlled SLCCD board "vetoed" the restriction as advocated by the VHA.

The support of the developer's programs is evident in other writings in the VHA newspaper. "The Villages' Buzz" section of the VHA paper is often filled with slanted statements calculated to mislead readers against the true intent of actions taken by the AAC and numbered district boards.

This past month the Buzz misstated the AAC decision to allow limited attendance of non-residents at medical support group meetings. This exception is monitored closely by staff and was not made permanent, as the

Buzz article stated.

The Buzz also reported that the AAC "tabled action" for corrective maintenance for a leak in Pond B-11A in Marion County." This is also not correct. There is no leak and no action regarding it was "tabled." The VHA article was misleading and falsely implied ineffective action by the AAC.

The Buzz also tried to negatively paint as ineffective the recent actions by the district staff to replace all resident ID cards with a new, harder-to-counterfeit version. The Buzz tied this action to a change in renter policies. The replacement cards do not change any renter policies in place. But, the VHA Buzz article left a negative impression in the minds of many residents about the actions of the district staff and the AAC.

As you may have heard in the May AAC meeting, and will read about in a separate article here in The Bulletin, the VHA front-page article against the AAC in last month's edition was completely off the mark. It only served to demonstrate the VHA president's animosity toward the CDD4 board.

We also think that if you want to talk about the AAC being "stymied," as the VHA Buzz has claimed, you only need to look at the VHA president as having a vested interest in supporting the developer at the expense of residents' rights. The use of the word "stymied" was meant to be inflammatory and demeaning and served no constructive purpose in explaining the situation.

The VHA president has made it clear that he wants the amenity system returned to the control of the developer – the days when District Manager Pete Wahl ran the show; the days when Neighborhood Watch, the recreation department, etc. provide assorted unpaid services to the developer's operations at the expense of residents.

We think the developer and VHA president hope to accomplish this in November when half of the AAC board is up for election. We agree with Mark Morse that this AAC election is very important and we hope that individuals interested in representing residents' rights will seek the open positions. Also, we hope that residents will inform themselves on the candidates and then turn out in large numbers to vote for candidates who share their concerns and opinions. Absentee ballots will be available this time.

**The AAC was formed as a committee of residents, elected by residents, making decisions for residents based on their best interests – not the best interests of the developer or his cheerleading group, which is what the VHA has always been.**

The AAC should continue to improve amenity policies to be reflective of residents' interests, not those of the commercial property owners like the developer.

The Voice should represent the consensus of residents, not just the VHA president's opinion as dictated by his benefactor. □

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## CDD 4 Pond Issues

There was a public controversy recently in the AAC as to whether CDD 4 should pay for pond maintenance within its borders or whether other districts and their residents should.

The CDD 4 pond issue should never have been brought up in the first place. We were happy to hear AAC Vice-Chairman Carl Bell, after having the opportunity to review ALL OF THE FACTS AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE, state at the May 12, 2010, AAC meeting that while the Board agreed to send a letter to CDD 4 to assume some responsibility, it appears the AAC was in error in doing that.

Here's what happened. Unbeknownst to the AAC Board, one of its members, Marty Rothbard, sent a letter on December 31, 2009, to the Supervisors of CDD 1, 2 and 3, urging them to come to the next AAC meeting and support him in his effort to confront CDD 4, stating that "it is ethically wrong for CDD 4 to not correct an oversight and to continue to cause the residents of the other Districts to pay their expenses," and urging those Boards to join him. The presentation of inaccurate facts resulted in the AAC sending a letter to the CDD 4 Board of Supervisors as well as a front page article in the VHA's Vil-

lages Voice newspaper wherein the VHA included many of the erroneous statements that had been included in Rothbard's letter.

In fairness to the current CDD 4 Board of Supervisors, The POA would like to set the record straight for anyone who has been following this development.

Rothbard indicated in his letter that he had researched the matter. However, at the May 12<sup>th</sup> AAC meeting, facts and documents were presented which call in to question Mr. Rothbard's "research findings."

Rothbard stated that "... the other Districts each pay for the maintenance of their respective water retention ponds located on VCCDD executive courses." Evidence was presented by Ms. Tutt which showed this statement to be inaccurate. The VCCDD – your amenity fees – do, in fact, pay for the maintenance of the retention ponds located on the VCCDD executive golf courses located in the other Districts.

Rothbard stated that the failure of the original developer-appointed CDD 4 Board to present its intention to assign the maintenance responsibility for a large number of the ponds located in CDD 4 to the residents of the District in a public meeting (Florida is a Sunshine State) was simply a 'clerical error.' Had he researched the issue properly, he would have found the letter from **Mark Morse** to the CDD 4 Board dated July 7, 2006, which reads as follows:

"As a result of questions raised by the

District 4 Board of Supervisors, District Staff asked for our help in recreating a full set of records outlining the **rights and obligations of all parties** concerning the Water Retention Areas (WRA's) in District 4. District staff indicated a concern that the District 4 records may not contain all of the documents related to those WRA's.

"Rather than have The Villages staff compare its records with District 4 records, I wanted to put this matter to bed once and for all and asked our legal team to go back to day one and search the public records to discover all of the recorded Easements, Maintenance Agreements, and Conveyances affecting those WRA's. I guess as you now are aware,

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## Pond Issues

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that was quite a task. The search resulted in an estimated 5,000 pages of Public Records. Our legal team, working with District Staff, analyzed those records which resulted in the map that is attached. Apparently, for some unknown reason, when District 4 was being developed our legal team failed to follow the pattern that had been established elsewhere in The Villages and did not either convey certain WRA's to a District nor enter into a Maintenance Agreement with District 4 for those areas.

“This was obviously an error on our part and something that neither we nor District 4 staff was aware of. In any event, it has always been our policy to take responsibility for our mistakes. Accordingly, I have enclosed a check... **District 4 should and will not be responsible for the maintenance costs of any WRA that was not conveyed to a District nor subject to a Maintenance Agreement.**

“I know this has taken quite a while, but I felt it important that once and for all everyone understand what has transpired in the past so that we all understand our respective responsibilities, now and in the future.”

This issue should not have been brought up again, taking unnecessary time of District staff, District Supervisors, the AAC Board

and the public, to rehash a matter which was formally settled. Furthermore, Mr. Rothbard's statement “that it is ethically wrong for District 4 to not correct the ‘oversight’ was totally uncalled for. It would have been unethical for the CDD 4 Board to give in to a ‘developer mistake’ at the financial expense of the residents who elected them to their positions. We applaud the current CDD 4 Board of Supervisors for ignoring Rothbard's pleas.

Mr. Bell advised that after reviewing this letter it was clear to him that the Developer not only intended for him to maintain those ponds, but for him to fund them.

Rothbard states that the CDD 4 water retention pond maintenance expenses are being paid for from the amenity fees from the residents of the other Districts. Yes, the expenses are being paid from the amenity budget, but the **money for them was provided by the Developer**, not the residents of Lady Lake or CDD 1, 2 and 3. The projected expense of the assumption of the ponds in question by the VCCDD was included in establishing the damage figure in the \$40M lawsuit settlement from March, 2008. Thus, in reality, you are not paying for it – **the Developer is.**

We are fully aware and concur that the determination of the damage amount has nothing to do with how the \$40M is to be spent as the money is dedicated to the exclusive use of the AAC for whatever amenity related purpose the AAC deems appropriate.

However, THE MONEY IS THERE - which AAC fund it comes out of – the annual budget or the lawsuit settlement account – is not relevant.

Mr. Rothbard, apparently frustrated by CDD 4's failure to concur with his findings, had asked that the issue be placed on the AAC agenda again so that he could read a statement which again included his inaccurate findings. In spite of the true facts presented which completely contradicted his statements, he would not move off of his position and in his concluding remarks stated that he hoped the failure of the CDD 4 Supervisors to agree with him would perhaps just remain an embarrassment for them.

Mr. Rothbard is the one who should cor-

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rect his inaccuracies and we believe the ‘ethical thing’ for him to do would be to send a letter of apology to the CDD 4 Supervisors.

**Editor’s note:** Mr. Rothbard is a former member of the POA Board of Directors. We couldn’t leave the misrepresentation of the CDD 4 Supervisors that his letter and actions have provoked and, just as importantly, we were disappointed in his unwillingness to admit that he was wrong in his conclusions and summary of facts. □

## AAC Candidate Information

The VCCDD has now announced the procedures and dates for those residents interested in running for the open seat for CDD1, CDD2 or the Villages portion of the Town of Lady Lake/Lake County. Last month the POA provided information about the AAC and what it does. If you missed it, go to poa4us.org and click on archived Bulletins to review the electronic version of the POA Bulletin.

In order for a candidate’s name to be placed on the November ballot he/she must complete and submit an Eligibility Form to Jennifer McQueary at the Laurel Manor Dis-

trict Office (by the water tower) between June 15th and 5:00 p.m. on July 1st. The eligibility form can be picked up at Jennifer’s office, or you can go to the district’s website at districtgov.org and download it directly. □

## AAC Meeting May 12, 2010

### Old Business:

**Multi-Modal Paths** - The committee received an updated report from Engineer Richard Bush of Kimley-Horn regarding the Recreation Trail reconstruction project. The project remains on schedule. The bid package will be issued later this month with construction anticipated to begin early July following the awarding of contracts. It is expected that paving and grading will be substantially completed by Thanksgiving, 2010. A special AAC meeting will be held on June 23, 2010, in anticipation of awarding the successful bid at that time.

Staff clarified the ID checking procedure at family pools during weekends and high peak usage periods. Once a family pool is more than 50% occupied, pool monitors will be stationed at entry gates checking IDs and guest passes for all subsequent arrivals.

The AAC agreed with the staff recommendation regarding recycling at postal stations. The Lions Club aluminum can program will continue, but no additional recycling activities will be included in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The board agreed that residents already have the ability to recycle curbside at their homes if they are interested.

As of January 1, 2011, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) will be adopted by local governments. The MUTCD states gates must close after every vehicle and must provide 24 inches of clearance for pedestrians. Gate arms will be adjusted accordingly. This will require all vehicles (motorcycles, bicycles, golf carts, etc.) to stop at gate entrances before proceeding. The MUTCD also states that gate arms must be marked with red and white tape and can not have any non-traffic control signage (such as “Welcome Home”).

Vice Chairman Carl Bell read into the record a letter from Mark Morse (Villages COO) to the CDD4 board dated July 7, 2006. The letter detailed how Mr. Morse’s legal team researched all the pertinent documents (5,000 pages) and developed a map of all storm water retention ponds in the Marion

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# AAC Meeting

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County portion of The Villages, showing who was responsible for the maintenance of each. This map and the comments in Mr. Morse’s letter made it clear that CDD4 is not responsible for the maintenance of the two ponds brought into question several months ago by an AAC Committee Member. Mr. Bell further pointed out that the calculation of damages created as a part of the recent law suit settlement included a substantial amount of money (in excess of \$1M) justified because of the unplanned expense of maintaining these ponds. The funds (part of the \$40M settlement) were provided by the developer. Mr. Bell summarized his comments by stating that it appears the AAC was in error asking CDD4 to assume maintenance responsibility for the two ponds and that developer provided funds were available for that purpose, rather than monthly amenity fees paid by residents of CDD 1-4 and Lady Lake.

### New Business:

The AAC was asked to consider spending \$16,000 to upgrade the posts (for STOP signs and other traffic control signage) installed by Lady Lake at the recently reconfigured intersection of Avenida Central and Delmar Drive. Board members will inspect the area and consider the request at the June AAC meeting.

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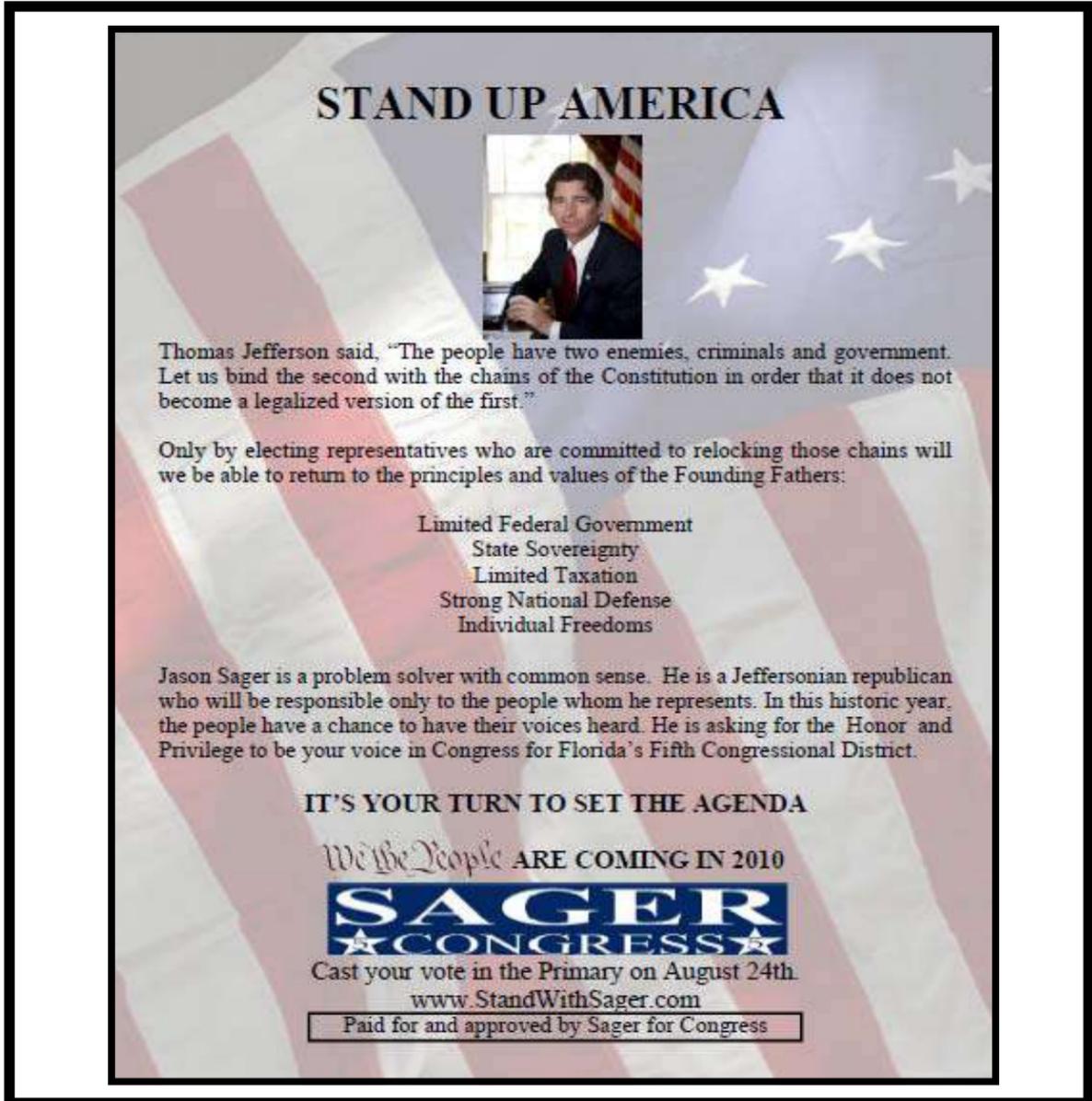


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## AAC Meeting

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Approval was given to share the cost of repairing Storm Water basin 14-2 (Lago Paquito) with the water utility (LSSA).

### Informational Items:

A letter was received from the Interim Town Manager of Lady Lake advising the AAC that Lady Lake would not be correcting the “ditch” condition that was created along Rio Grande, Del Mar and Avenida Central as a result of the previous resurfacing of these roads. The letter stated that it would be too expensive to correct the situation now and that it would be addressed in 3-4 years when these roads would next be due for treatment.

Please go to the [www.districtgov.org](http://www.districtgov.org) website for the official minutes, agendas and meeting schedule.

Next AAC meeting – Wednesday June 16th, 1:30 p.m. at the Savannah Center. □

## Ronald Reagan A Father

Patti Davis, daughter of former president Ronald Reagan, wrote the following in the July 16, 2003, issue of Newsweek about her father before his death. This has been condensed for space requirements here.

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Sometimes I think we need to look no farther than the pattern of footprints stretched out behind us to understand the lives we’ve lived.

We can follow the first tentative steps of our infancy through the long, defiant strides of adolescence and young adulthood -- the running away years, the years of putting distance between ourselves and our families, of burning up time -- to the more solid footprints, set down as we grow older.

These are the tracks we leave on the earth. If we look closely we can also see our parents’ footprints, often close to us, as they guide and lead us, at other times far behind, as they wait for us to turn and remember them.

We slow down, finally, to look longer and more carefully at our parents. My father, who strode confidently onto the stage of history ... was always polite – achingly so – and even in the depths of his illness, still (was)... I didn’t stop to linger on the sweetness of that quality, or to learn from it.

There are people who would say that my father’s footprints are larger and deeper than those of other parents because his political legacy gives them weight, creating indelible marks in the halls of history....

I see his footprints pressed into the wet sand of the beach as he walked toward the sea to catch steep waves and ride them back to shore. His stride was as smooth and certain as it was when he walked into the White House, and onto the stage of history. I see a small girl on that beach as well, pressing her feet into the shapes that her father’s feet have left to see how much bigger his footprints are.

I have gotten lost in those footprints during my life; I have fought hard and bloody battles to pull myself away. These are the tracks I have left on the earth.

But now I look for my father’s tracks on every beach, every trail. Because they mark the way home. □

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## Electric Golf Cart Batteries

### Safety Hints - An Ounce of Prevention is Better than a Pound of Cure

Golf cart batteries are very important in running your golf cart. Ensure that you maintain them properly. Serious, even dangerous problems can eventually come from improperly maintaining your golf cart's batteries. Some users assume that the batteries that operate their electric golf carts are maintenance-free which is not the case. Regardless of the brand of cart, you need to establish a golf cart battery maintenance program.

First, review the manufacturer's recommendations. We suggest that you only use the manufacturer's chargers as some of those purchased at the discount stores tend to overheat and may cause a fire. We have reviewed various owner's manuals and literature on the internet, but we ask that you check your owner's manual before abiding by any of the following hints, if they are activities that you are not currently performing.

Do not block air holes in top or bottom of charger and do not put the charger on the vehicle seat. You can place the charger on a cinder block or two bricks to allow better air flow all around.

An extension cord should NOT be used

unless absolutely necessary. If it must be used, use only a grounded, 3 wire type cord – NEVER use a 2 wire cord and an adaptor. The cord must be plugged into a grounded outlet.

Do not leave lawn clippings, cleaning rags, paper towels, small light clothing items, etc. anywhere in the garage where a draft might blow them near the charger.

To prevent battery explosion keep all smoking materials, open flame or sparks away from the batteries.

Hydrogen gas is formed when charging batteries. Do not charge batteries without adequate ventilation – you may want to have the seat in the raised position while charging to prevent the build up of this gas in a confined area. If you have an onboard charger you must lift the seat when charging as the charger gets very hot, and if not ventilated, could ignite.

The electrolyte liquid in a battery is an acid solution which can cause severe burns. Always wear a safety shield or approved safety goggles and acid resistant rubber gloves when adding water or charging batteries. (Any spills should be neutralized with a solution of ¼ cup of baking soda dissolved in 1 and ½ gallons of water.)

To reduce the possibility of fire, do not attach a battery charger to a vehicle that is to be unattended beyond the normal charging cycle. Overcharging could cause damage to the cart batteries and result in extreme over-

heating. The charger should be checked after 24 hours and unplugged after the charge cycle is complete.

Hints for charging the batteries:

Inspect the plug of the battery charger and cart receptacle housing for dirt or other debris.

Examine the outside appearance of the batteries for frayed wires, loose terminations, and corrosion. Use the baking soda solution described above to remove any visible corro-

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## Golf Cart Batteries

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sion – Be sure not to allow this solution to enter the battery cells. (The smell of rotten eggs is a sign of leakage.)

Check the fluid level of the batteries before and after charging –

Prior to charging, **there should be just enough water to cover the plates** – Do not allow the plates to be exposed to air and do not fill the water all the way up to the cap – You should only use distilled water. (CHARGING DRIED OUT CELLS COULD CAUSE A FIRE.) Don't fill the cell all the way up – add just enough water to cover the plates. The charging cycle will expel electrolyte and could result in component damage. Check that all vent caps are tight.

**When connecting the charger to the battery make sure that if there is an off switch on the charger that it is in the off position and the AC power cord is unplugged. Always plug the charger into the electrical outlet after any water has been added and all connections have been made.**

**Fully charge the batteries** – The literature states that an 80% recharge can be accomplished in 2 hours but the last 20% can take 6 or more hours. If your cart has a manual timer, charge the cart for 2 or 3 times longer than you drove it.

**After charging** - Unplug the AC power

from the outlet, then set the selector switch to Off and then disconnect the charger from the cart battery hookup. Open the vent caps and look inside the fill wells. Add distilled water if necessary. Check caps to make sure the vent is clear before screwing them back on. The electrolyte level should be 1/8 inch below the bottom of the fill well.

Electric carts are great – very little noise and no gasoline fumes. However, you must diligently follow a battery maintenance plan. □

## Lightning Matters

By Len Hathaway  
The Study Group on Lightning

Lightning Safety Awareness Week occurs each year in June to focus attention on the dangers of lightning in advance of July, August, and September, the peak months of the lightning season. The week of June 20-26, has been designated Lightning Safety Awareness Week by the National Weather

Service (NWS) part of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Lightning awareness is particularly important for Central Florida because we experience on average 80 thunderstorm days each year according to the NWS. This makes Florida the "Lightning Capital of the US," (but not the world).

The third week in June also coincides with an historical lightning event. In 1752 Benjamin Franklin conducted his famous kite experiment. Lightning was then, as it is today, a danger to people and structures. Franklin's lightning rod invention was first installed on some buildings in Philadelphia during the summer of 1752. As a result,

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## Lightning Matters

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Franklin became a celebrity on both sides of the Atlantic in helping to tame lightning - a scourge of nature. He was given honorary degrees by Harvard and Yale.

### Lightning Safety Tips-Outdoors

NWS's theme is "When Thunder Roars Go Indoors!" Good advice, but no place is absolutely safe, but some, such as large enclosed substantially constructed buildings, particularly those with lightning protection systems (rods), are better than others.

NOAA/NWS data places the annual number of US lightning fatalities at 60, and Florida leads all other states in fatalities. Many more people are struck and usually survive but may suffer long-term injuries.

Last year, on May 15, 2009, Steve Trivett sports columnist for *The Villages Daily Sun* authored an excellent article about his personal lightning experiences on the golf course. In one case, he was in a foursome that exited the course when lightning appeared. The foursome behind them did not and was struck resulting in a fatality and

three injuries.

Pro golfer Lee Trevino was struck by lightning while playing in the 1975 Western Open at Butler National Golf Club in Oak Brook, IL. His injuries included permanent damage to his flexibility and sensitivity of the vertebrae in his lower back.

Remember, it is up to the golfer to decide when his/her safety may be in jeopardy. The US Golf Association rules state that any player has the right to stop play if that player believes there is a danger from lightning.

Therefore, seek shelter; avoid trees, bleachers, metal fences, dugouts, open picnic shelters, flag poles, street lights, hill tops, athletic fields, tennis & pickleball courts, bicycles, motorcycles, power lines, swimming pools, and golf carts.

### Lightning Safety Tips-Indoors

Once you are in a substantial building there may still be a lightning threat to your personal safety. Therefore, you need to avoid corded telephones, electrical equipment, windows, and plumbing fixtures. Last year a local social networking web site reported that a Villager was injured while taking a shower when his home was struck by lightning.

### Lightning Tips for Villagers

The Study Group on Lightning, a small group of volunteers, with no affiliation to any firm or organization related to the lightning protection industry, offers a 30-minute Power Point presentation, *Lightning Tips for Villagers*, that addresses direct lightning, indirect lightning, validation of LPS, susceptibility of corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas lines to lightning, common myths and misunderstandings. It is intended to help homeowners make an informed decision on their own residential lightning risk. If your group or organization would benefit from a presentation contact Len Hathaway at [lhatha@aol.com](mailto:lhatha@aol.com) or Bob Freeman at [STALIT1@aol.com](mailto:STALIT1@aol.com) □

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Letter to the editor:

### House Fires

Regarding the Mike Tucker responses on the two recent electrical fires, on page 6 of the May POA Bulletin: It would be well to follow up with Mike to see what came of the two insurance investigations - particularly the one where an electrical engineer was to be engaged by the insurance adjuster.

I agree that this type of information needs to reach our residents. I am however sympathetic with some of the fire department's constraints. They can call on the Florida State Fire Marshall in cases where there is death/injuries and where arson is suspected. Unfortunately, they do not have the resources to engage a forensic engineer to pinpoint the cause of every fire. The unfortunate result is that too many causes are relegated to the "electrical" category and therefore this does not give you any actionable information in the interest of preventing future events.

Len Hathaway □

Letter to the editor:

### Lock Your Doors #1

Reading the article in your May issue brought to mind an incident I had approximately a month or so ago.

It was a lovely Spring day, so I had my inside front door open and the screen down in the upper part of my storm door. The storm door was locked, it is kept locked at all times. I happened to look out my front window as this white panel van pulled up and a fellow jumped out with a large package of Bounty towels in his hand. I went to the door as he came (ran) up to the front of the house. He said "these towels are for you". Having never lost my NY State of mind, I asked him "why?". He went on about cleaning my carpets, for free as he was opening a business on 466 for cleaning supplies. Told him, I had just had my carpets cleaned. He backed off and left, with the Bounty, as quickly as he came up.

The van took off and I don't think they stopped anywhere else on my road. It may have been legit but after reading your article, it makes me wonder.

J. Sonzogno □

Letter to the editor:

### Lock Your Doors #2

I read the article about "Keep Your Doors Locked". It kind of implied this whole issue is a fallacy/Villages Internet urban legend.

I DID receive the same email everybody else did...but I added to it and sent it on. I did not "hear" about this incident at a "social" function (I'm not the person who initiated the email that was referred to in the article)...I experienced it!

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## Lock Your Doors #2

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It's probably been about 2 months ago now, but one day I was out in my front yard doing yard work and this gray mini-van passed my house (then I assume they saw me outside) and stomped on the brakes. A young (20-ish), pretty, Hispanic-looking girl jumped out w/a 6 or 8 pack of Bounty paper towel rolls and attempted to give them to me. I asked why and she said she wasn't trying to sell me anything. They had just opened a cleaning business next door to a Cici's Pizza (I thought she said on Rt. 441 but I'm not sure) and this is how they are introducing their new business to people.

She chatted w/me for a few minutes and asked if my carpets needed cleaning. I told her I don't have carpeting, only porcelain tile (I live in the Village of Amelia on Banberry Run). She said they could clean the grout. Have to admit, the grout could use a good cleaning, so I allowed her into the house to "see the job". She looked at the grout and I told her all the other things I had tried to get it clean.

She said she was going to get her co-worker from the van to look. Now another young, attractive (possibly) Hispanic girl and guy are coming into our house. The guy is carrying a large box with what appeared to be a Kirby vacuum or shampooer in it. They looked around our living/dining/kitchen area and the guy said he didn't have the correct

attachment to do the grout. The second girl to come in complimented me on our home and asked if I lived here alone. I told her, "No, my husband is at work." (which was the truth). This kind of made me a bit suspicious though and I asked if they had a card so I could contact them after speaking w/my husband about them cleaning the grout at a later date. I gave them back their paper towels.

Soon as they drove away, I called The Villages Community Watch and related the incident to the woman who answered the phone. She told me they had been getting a LOT of calls about these people, but there really wasn't anything they could do other than "escort" them out of TV. She said if they came back, to call them again (although

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## POA Financial

The Treasurer's position is open on the POA Board of Directors. Several candidates have expressed interest – and, we plan to talk with other interested candidates. So, if you are interested and have a background in finance or accounting, please contact Joe Gorman at 259-0999 for more information.

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## Lock Your Doors #2

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I'm not really sure WHY I'd waste my time calling Community Watch again since she had just told me there really wasn't anything they could do.) I tried to give her the information on the card so CW could call these people and remind them there is NO SOLICITATION allowed in TV. She was totally disinterested in having this information, so I threw the card away (wish I had kept it).

Thought that was the end of it. Here's the big surprise. About 3 weeks after the initial "visit" by these young people in the gray van, my husband and I had company visit us from up north: husband, wife and two 18 year olds. Our company had JUST walked through the front door and into our home, we were showing them the house and chatting and all of a sudden we all looked up and the girl who had asked me if I lived here alone was standing in our living room. None of us heard her knock or ring the bell. SHE JUST

WALKED INTO OUR HOUSE UNINVITED! She had paper towels again. My husband told her we weren't interested and had company and showed her out (and locked the door!). We did not want to make a scene in front of our company because they were here to look around and possibly move here...we didn't want them to get a bad impression, so we just blew it off and didn't call CW or the police. Had we not had company, I would have called the police this time.

Deb Zaranti □

## The Village Greens

Green House Energy, our guest at the April Village Greens Environmental Club meeting, was warmly received.

The room at Laurel Manor was overflowing, thanks to so much interest from our POA supporters.

Doug D'Argenio, Green House Energy's (GHE's) engineering VP, clearly laid out the objectives and parameters of their business plan with a concise Power Point presentation.

Green House Energy basically is offering to install and maintain Solar Panels on optimally southern facing homes, with no money down up front.

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The contract originally was to be over a ten year period, but because of the Florida Legislatures decision not to allocate any rebate money for renewable energy in their last session, and the back log of people already in line awaiting promised rebates from the state, GHE has been forced to consider extending the contract from ten years to fifteen

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## Village Greens

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years in order to make it viable.

Many questions arose during the presentation and were answered fully on the spot. At the close of the meeting Doug went on the internet pulling up Goggle World to hone in on specific homes to see if they qualified based on the square footage of roof space exposed to the optimum sunlight, south.

Over seventy people submitted requests to GHE to find out if their homes qualified and would be chosen as one of the twenty or so homes GHE will be starting off with here in The Villages. GHE has contacted everyone and is now determining which homes best qualify. The other major piece of the puzzle is how best to handle the lack of rebate money from the State of Florida. As I mentioned earlier in this article, they are considering going out another five years then originally estimated to compensate for the loss of money from the state. From what I have heard, there appears to be no objection to this proposal.

With the devastating impact of the Gulf oil spill, (at the writing of this article,) there is a strong chance that a special session of the legislature in Tallahassee will be called and they will take a long hard look at not only passing a constitutional amendment which would protect Florida from off-shore drilling, but pass legislation to allocate money to support and accelerate wide spread use of alternative non-polluting energy.

If that should happen, many of our homes will be dotted with solar panels and solar hot water heaters and families will be changing

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Who says older folk are not on the cutting edge, You go Villagers!!

The June meeting of the Village Greens will feature Jim Davis from the University of Florida Extension. Most all of you know Jim as the last word in Florida Friendly

Plants; well, Jim is also an expert in "all things creepy crawly"!

Jim has his masters in entomology and I understand it is really his passion. Come and join us for an important meeting on Wednesday June 23rd at Laurel Manor, 6:30 p.m. Jim will address the ramifications of Global Warming on these creatures and the very important impact they will have on the environment and our lives.

Sue Michalson  
 Chair, the Village Greens □

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Letter to the Editor:

### Fish Kill

This morning we woke to find thousands of dead fish in the small lake behind our house on Camino Del Rey Dr. I contacted the people at Community Watch and they got some people over here to look at the devastation. Someone is supposedly going to do clean up today, Saturday, May 8th and tomorrow. I also called the Daily Sun but doubt that they will do anything with the story. Apparently there was a similar incident

at Harmeswood last week.

It is a natural phenomenon caused by lack of oxygen. My question is why has The Villages let the water get so low that there is not enough oxygen for the fish? Many of the dead fish are large carp that they put in to eat the vegetation. There are catfish and blue gills, which comprise the majority. Our local heron will have to find another place to eat as will the many other birds that relied on this lake. I find this all very upsetting.

Kristen Loffler

Editor’s Note: The following explanation

was received from District staff:

The fish kill was due to lack of oxygen. The water level in the retention pond is based on the amount and intensity of rainfall. As we have only had light rain in the past few weeks very little made it into the retention pond. The removal of the dead fish began Saturday and continued through Tuesday the pond is being checked daily and removal done as needed.

We are looking at other style aerators to help reduce fish kills in the future. □



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Letter to the editor:

## Vacant Properties

Below is a copy of an e-mail I sent to Jim Murphy on April 6. My neighbors and I are looking for someone to help us out with our situation. So far I have contacted Community Standards, Coldwell Banker - Ellison Realty, Marion County, and Mr. Murphy - all to no avail. Please let us know if there is someone else we should contact.

Ron Vandebush

Can someone please look at the yard at 17981 SE 83rd Melody Avenue in Piedmont? The house is vacant and for sale and the weeds, ant hills, etc. just keep getting larger. I have spoken to Community Standards and they explained the 3-letter policy as it

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applies to the homeowner. I live directly across the street from this home. It's a shame that no one is responsible when a house is vacated. Community Standards says they can't do anything until the end of this month. You would take action if this was in front of your house.

**Editor's Note:** In situations like this, please contact the Customer Service Center of The Villages at 753-4508. □

Letter to the editor:

## Sloppy Lawn Work

You have recently printed letters from me in the Bulletin about "Sloppy Lawn Work." I have had 105 people email me about their lawn problems. The biggest problem is with [the biggest company], the same one who did me in. I was not surprised. Good luck with the POA, keep up the good fight.

E R Stocker □

## Yard Grading Problems

Several members raised questions at a previous POA meeting about improper grading of their yards and who is responsible for the remedial work needed. This is a complex set of questions best answered by an attorney. Joe Shoemaker, an attorney from Bogin Munns & Munns, Leesburg, who has helped us before, will be at the June POA meeting to address these questions. □

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Our Monthly Gardening Column:

# Happy Hardy Hibiscus

by Anne Lambrecht  
Master Gardener

Most folks who come to Florida want beautiful flowers in their gardens and usually choose hibiscus. They are the signature flower of tropical landscapes. The typical hibiscus that most people buy are the Tropical Hibiscus (*H. rosa-sinensis*). One problem: we are not “tropical”.

There are over 200 species of hibiscus which originates from tropical Asia. The hibiscus is a pleasant addition to your landscape as a specimen plant, hedge or screen or background for other garden plants. Varieties are selected based on plant growth, habit and size; the form and color of the flowers and adaptability to specific environments.

The flowers are single or double, 4-8” wide and come in a rainbow of colors from white through pink to red, from yellow and apricot to orange, sometimes with contrasting throats or edges. There is even a blue and orange “Gator Pride” hibiscus! Individual flowers last only one day but the plant blooms continuously. One pronounced common feature of all hibiscus flowers is the little stamen clapper.

That being said, most tropical hibiscus will not likely take north central Florida’s cold winters and are best planted in protected areas or in pots so you can bring them inside during the winter. Possible exceptions is if your hibiscus is very large and robust.

Now members of the hardy hibiscus group are better suited for our area and frankly, infinitely more interesting:

Confederate Rose Mallow (*H. mutabilis*) flowers in the fall and has large, soft, medium green leaves and large, single or double, peony-like flowers that change from pure white in the morning to pink, then deep pink as the day progresses. This is a fast growing tree-like shrub and the leaf fall can be a bit messy.

Turk’s Cap (*Malvaviscus penduliflorus*) can be seen in the landscapes of old Florida gardens, this Mexican native has fall blooming thumb-sized red caps (bells) hanging from every branch, like hibiscus flowers ready to open, but they never do completely. This is one member of the family that likes shade but will tolerate a little bit of sun. It will die back to the ground in winter.

Abutilon or Flowering Maple (*Abutilon hybridum*) is a shrub or mini tree that has foliage resembling maple leaves with wonderful bell-shaped flowers in shades of red, yellow, orange, pink and white with some being bi-colored. They also look nice in a hanging basket.

The Rosemallow Family (*H. moscheutos*) -- tough native plants that grow in marshy areas throughout southern U.S. and an old Southern favorite has the largest flowers of all the hibiscus, some 12” across. They are also known as “pie plate mallows”. Interesting tidbit: the “marsh mallows” of yesteryear were originally made from the roots of the Marsh Mallow (*Althaea* species).

Scarlet hibiscus or Texas Star (*H. coccineus*) has beautiful 5-petaled red flowers in summer and is attractive to hummers and butterflies.

Most of these hibiscus can take full blazing

sun. The soil should be rich with organic matter with excellent drainage. They also like plenty of water. Note: any plant with “hi” or “hy” in it means “water”.

All hibiscus are prone to pests such as white fly, aphids, spider mites, caterpillars and grasshoppers all of which you can do something about, except for grasshoppers, by spraying with a horticultural soap-oil solution.

Fertilize monthly (potted plants twice a month) with a general purpose liquid fertilizer from April to September then stop fertilizing to let growth “harden”. Mulch hibiscus but not right up to the trunk, as mulching too close to the trunk increases the chance of root rot.

I think we all should have a hibiscus or two. Don’t you?

Recently we moved a large magnolia and holly from the front because the Husband could not see out of our kitchen window. I don’t know exactly what he needs to see, but I agreed. First, we planned to move the holly which was beginning to flower so it was full of bees. The Husband decided to wrap it up in a sheet for protection (making the entrapped bees furious) and then we began to dig all around it. As we dug and dug, he whined and complained. We dug some more, having to cut some of the larger roots and could finally bend the shrub back and forth, making progress. Much more digging was required but the whining continued louder and more often, until he had an idea of tying the shrub to the fender of the car with our fiberglass golf cart tow rope. Before I knew what happened, the car stalled out and the rope snapped back at the base of the shrub. I continued to dig. More whining, even louder still, and he asked: how about I buy you a new one of these? Are they expensive? He got his chain saw out and I went in the house and cried. □

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**Alpha & Omega Insurance Group** - Auto, home, health, life, mobile homes. Any POA policy written receives a \$25 gift card. Anna, 352-245-0267.

**Ameriprise Financial** - 3507 Wedgewood Lane. POA Discount: 50% off on plans and 25% off on all fees 352-350-2397.

**Andrew's Air Conditioning** - \$25 off reg. \$75 service call, Free 2nd opinions; 352-552-4174.

**Away From Home Pet Sitting Service** - In The Villages, 352-454-2623. POA Discount 25% off first day service of pet sitting while you are away.

**Basile Drywall Repair** - All phases of drywall repair. Licensed and insured. Call for free estimates. 10% POA discount. 352-274-2396.

**Beauty Consultant, Mary Kay** - Cosmetics & Skin Care. Free Delivery. Any Size Order & 10% discount to POA members. 570-947-9017.

**Big City Grill #1** - 994 Delmar, Spanish Springs downtown. 10% POA discount. 352-259-7500.

**Bravo Pizza** - 1080 Lake Sumter Landing, 352-430-2394. For POA 10% off dine in or take out (whole meal). Not valid with other discounts.

**Charley Bars By Jack** - Secure your sliding glass door from break-ins. Install CHARLEY BAR W/Key. 10% Discount to POA. 259-7637.

**Chick-fil-A** - 730 Hwy 441, N. Rolling Acres Plaza, 352-430-0223. Buy any breakfast meal and receive one free chicken biscuit.

**The Club Golf Cart Security System** - Email us at yunk38@embarqmail.com, 352-391-5077. \$3.00 POA discount (apx. 10%) for Club Golf Cart Security device.

**Colonial Medical Supplies** - 724 S US Hwy 441, Plaza One north of Oakwood Grill, 352-391-5169. 10% item discount to the POA.

**Comfort Suites** - 1202 Avenida Central, 352-259-6578. 25% POA discount through Dec 31, 2010. All reservations based on availability. Must call directly in advance for individual reservations.

**Copy Depot** - Color copies, fax service, social

cards, 10% POA discount, call 352-561-4100.

**Coral's Casual Patio & Fireplace** - Across from Sam's Club. Free bottle of "Dew Not" with \$300 purchase or more. One per customer. 352-430-0115.

**Cozco Handcrafts** - 1121 Main St., Spanish Springs, 352-430-0386. 10% off non-sale items.

**Crews Family Lawn Care & General Maintenance** - 10% discount; 352-502-7346 or 873-1628.

**Custom Apparel & Gifts** - 920 Bichara Blvd, La Plaza Grande, 352-750-1600. 10% off any item in stock in store; 25% off custom framing.

**Custom Screens** - All Repairs - 10% POA discount. Kenny 352-680-1836.

\* **Decorating Den in The Villages** - Creating beautiful rooms since 1969. 10% POA discount when you mention this ad, 352-787-4603.

**East Coast Flooring** - 9180 S. Hwy 441, 352-307-9995, free gift w/ purchase. \$100 credit for any referral (Purchaser must state referral by a POA member).

**Easy-Go Painting & Maintenance** - Interior and Exterior; and Power Washing, 10% POA discount starting at \$50, 352-753-6877.

**Edible Arrangements** - 11962 CR101, Palm Ridge Plaza, 352-391-1334. \$4.00 off over \$25.00.

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car** - 1076 Lake Sumter Landing. 352-751-2417. Special rates for POA members. A pick-up service and one-way rentals to Orlando and Sanford airports are available.

**Flags & Flag Poles** - 211 S. Hwy. 27/441 next to Tire Round-up. 352-751-1876. \$5.00 off installation of a new flag pole for POA members. Discount on cash or check orders only.

**Friar Tax Preparation Service** - Barney Madden - 10% POA Discount. 1544 Hillcrest Dr. Villages resident. 352-751-4435.

**Funeral Planners Inc.** - For POA 10% off regularly priced funeral planning package or 15% off deceased identity theft protection service. Visit <http://www.FuneralPlannersInc.com>

**Funtime Piano or Keyboard Lessons** - Call Nancy. Beginners to Advanced; All Types of Music. POA Special \$12 per 1/2 hour weekly lesson (\$3 off regular \$15 price). 352-750-6475.

**Global Village Women** - Custom ACEO prints of women with sweet words on the print. Free newsletter to POA members. Website ([www.arrachmeart.com](http://www.arrachmeart.com)).

**Gold Plating Plus+** - 24 karat gold plating for almost anything now chromed. Free estimates (most cars \$75-\$175). 20% POA discount. 352-751-4322.

**Golf Instruction** - Call John Welsh, 352-459-8789, guaranteed satisfaction, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, 20% discount for POA members.

**Golf Clubs & Bag Lock** - Gator Jaws, \$30 each or 10% off for 2 or more, 352-750-0488.

**Grandma's Crafts & Treasures** - Personalized gifts & custom embroidery, specializing in baby gifts. 10% POA discount, myshopping14@comcast.net, Rosemary, 352-350-7124.

**Great Day on the Water Boat Tours** - Discounts of \$5.00, \$7.00 or \$10.00 per person to POA on various boat tours. Call 866-269-6584 for details.

**Haagen Dazs** - 1001 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Sumter Landing, 352-751-0261. 10% POA discount.

**Hearing Aid & Tinnitus Center** - Hearing Health Professionals, LLC. Call 352-561-5332 for an appointment. 10% POA discount, unmatched services.

**Henry's Golf Carts** - Rent, Buy or Sell, 20% POA discount; 352-750-0904 or 352-454-8515.

**Home Power Washing** - Villages resident, 10% POA discount, call Bob at 352-350-4746.

**Island Images** - 1112 Main Street, Spanish Springs, 352-259-7623. 10% POA discount on Mondays. Excludes sale items.

**I. Stern & Co.** - High Quality Golf Clothing, #200 Highway 484 Ocala FL 352-307-4878 - 10% off.

**Johnny Rockets** - 976 Old Mill Run, Lake Sumter Landing, 352-259-0051. 10% POA discount.

\* **Kilwin's Chocolate and Ice Cream** - 1108 Main Street, Spanish Springs, 352-430-3600. Buy one slice of fudge, get one slice free." One offer per family membership.

**LaFlamme, Steven & Gary** - Flooring, Carpentry, Painting, Light Plumbing, Free Estimates, 10% POA discount, call 352-391-0424.

**L. Rae Jewelry Appraisal Services** - Certified Gemologist, Villages resident, By Appointment only, 10% POA discount, call 352-430-2991.

**Massage Therapy** - In your home or my office. 10% POA discount from normal \$50 per hour. Call Susan at 352-638-7649

**Minami Granite Designs Inc.** - 1806 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Ocala FL. Free stainless steel sink with kitchen counter do-over. 352-671-9800.

**Mobility Express of Fruitland Park** - US Hwy. 441/27, Fruitland Park Plaza. 352-365-2055. Walkers, wheelchairs, lift chairs, etc. 12% discount to POA.

**MOE'S Southwest Grill** - Rolling Acres Plaza, 352-430-3610. Buy 1 get 1 free every Saturday with purchase of two medium drinks! Not valid with any other offer. One benefit offer per family membership.

**Nature's Liquids** - SeaAloe and Super Fruits 100% naturally absorbable vitamin supplement. Free Sample and 25% POA discount on first order. Call Diane 750-2246. [naturesliquids@comcast.net](mailto:naturesliquids@comcast.net)

**Ocala Lincoln Mercury** - 407 So. Magnolia Street, Ocala FL 34470 352-732-2866 -- 3% over dealer cost for POA on all new cars.

**Odd's & Errands by Paula** - Your affordable Personal Assistant. 352-430-0764. 10% POA discount.

**Ollie's Frozen Custard** - Next to Blockbuster in the Spanish Plaines Shopping Center. Use the Ollie's Coupon in the Bulletin or get POA's 10% off.

**On-Site Drapery Cleaning** - Any drape or window treatment cleaned in place in your home. 10% discount for POA members. Call 352-246-8891.

**Panda Express** - 869 North Hwy. 27/441, Home Depot Plaza, 352-751-2507. 10% POA discount, not valid with coupons or specials.

**Plaza Jewelers** - 16770 S. Hwy. 441, Baylee Plaza, Summerfield, 352-307-3846. 20 to 40% POA saving off retail price; all watch batteries \$3.00.

**Premier Tower, Inc.** - Electric contractor, quality safe installation. Free estimates. 10% POA discount. Michael. 352-978-7015.

**Radech Home Improvement** - Remodeling & repair, 10% POA discount, 563-271-1296.

\* **Relax In Comfort** - Beds and mattresses. Lake Sumter Landing. 10% POA discount, 352-674-9300.

**ScentSational Candles and Gifts** - 994 Alvarez Avenue, Spanish Springs, 352-753-1604. 20% POA discount on any one non-sale item.

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