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Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) Increase Chances for Survival

For every one-minute delay in starting CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), the chance of survival decreases by 10%. The Villages Community AED Program has saved nine lives in nine years, according to Lt. John Longacre of The Villages Public Safety Department.

Of nearly 23,000 calls the Fire Department gets annually, 80% of them are considered "overlap" calls, meaning that personnel are already out on another emergency. Having AEDs and trained people in your neighborhood allows for a faster response until the paramedics can get there.

An AED is a small, portable, electronic device that analyzes heart rhythms and lets the user know when to deliver a shock. It gives audible commands and simple instructions to operate. It will also tell the user if a shock is not required. Lt. Longacre said the device is virtually foolproof and anyone who understands English can use it.

The Villages AED program began many years ago north of CR466 when the Fire Department was approached by a Villages resident. It is a program to give aid to a person in cardiac arrest and give them a higher chance for survival. The goal is to deliver defibrillation to a victim of cardiac arrest within three to five minutes after collapse.

According to Lt. Longacre, there are 187 AED communities in The Villages, with the majority south of CR466. He would like to see more programs, and especially more north of CR466. He said people think if they are older they cannot use the AED or administer CPR, but he said anyone can be trained to do it. Even if a person has a hard time getting up once on the floor to administer aid, they can still get to the floor fairly easily and help save the life of a loved one or neighbor. Lt. Longacre said the greater the number of homes and number of trained responders increases the rate of success.

POA President Cliff Wiener, an active leader

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in his community's AED program, said he has been to a call in as little as 30 seconds, and often three or four people also arrive to help.

How the Program Works. If your community doesn't have a program, your group would contact Lt. Longacre and he will work with you to develop your budget and help you determine the appropriate number of AEDs needed to cover your community. He said the number used to be based on number of households, but he prefers to use a one-for-every-850-foot calculation since home sites are of various sizes.

Your community will purchase the determined number of AEDs, waterproof cases and outside cabinets that would be located in your community to ensure rapid response. The Villages Public Safety will provide CPR training free of charge to those in the AED program and each

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Urgent Care or Emergency Room? Guidelines and Locations

Flu season is gripping all 50 states, and the Emergency Rooms and Urgent Care facilities are packed with people seeking relief. Here is a guide to help you navigate your way to a facility best suited for your care. Remember to take your "patience pill" before you go!

Prepare now for a visit to either one by having your ID and insurance information within easy reach. Have your list of medications and allergies available to take with you. If you can do it now (before you need to), know what your insurance covers, what physicians and facilities are considered In-Network, and under what circum-

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AED's Increase Survival

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responder will be connected to the ReadyAlert system.

Your community will need to do fundraising to raise the money needed to purchase the equipment and subscribe to the alerting system. A separate bank account is established for the community's AED funds. Lt. Longacre will help you determine the initial amount needed and can suggest fundraising activities that have worked for other communities for the initial purchase, maintenance and future replacement.

When a neighborhood resident calls 911 and reports a cardiac arrest, the neighborhood AED responders will be alerted via home or cell phone. One or more responders will go immediately to the home, while others will go to the homes where the AED units are located and take them where they are needed. The units are stored in locked cabinets located on neighborhood property where they are readily available to responders, all of whom will have keys.

The trained responders will assess the victim's condition to look for signs of cardiac arrest and, as necessary, begin Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and connect the AED. CPR will only keep the heart pumping (if it has not stopped), but only the AED unit will restart the heart.

When sudden cardiac arrest occurs, the heart starts to flutter (fibrillate) but not enough to pump blood.

The Villages Public Safety Department (VPSD) oversees and assists the program. They will order the equipment, train the volunteers, and provide continuing updates on training and equipment. The responder volunteers are responsible for administering CPR and picking up

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the AED on the way to the emergency.

Every home in the participating community is covered, whether they have contributed financially or not. Anyone in the home is covered, including visitors.

The State of Florida has a "Good Samaritan" law that protects any lay person who goes to the aid of another. The device only "shocks" people who are clinically dead, so there is no risk of hurting someone.

CPR/AED training lasts two and one half hours. Lt. Longacre noted that "mouth-to-mouth" is no longer used in CPR. Volunteers only respond to cardiac/respiratory arrest emergencies in the defined community area.

Lt. Longacre said coverage in The Villages is at about 30%. There are 15,000 homes covered and 4,000 trained responders. All recreation centers have AED's, but the golf courses do not.

The Town Squares do not have them either, but the Fire Department is working with the movie theatres and trying to locate other businesses that are open late that may be willing to locate an AED box on their property.

President Wiener said the POA intends to help increase those numbers with publicity in *The Bulletin* and links on our website.

To learn about starting an AED Program in your community, you can call Lt. Longacre at VPSD at 352-205-8280. You can also take the class whether you have an AED program or not. The schedule can be found on the District website DistrictGov.org. Click on 'Departments' and select 'Public Safety' for more information.

Q. When an emergency call is made on a cell phone, how is the location identified? **R.** The call will ping to the nearest cell phone tower but will not accurately pinpoint the location. The caller will have to give the address, and the dispatcher will determine to which emergency responding location it will go.

Q. How long do the batteries in the AED last? **R.** There are two companies that provide the batteries and each has a 4-year warranty. The

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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.
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Medicare Special Enrollment Period January 1 – March 31

Betty Cunningham of SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Elders) reports that the Medicare Special Enrollment Period that comes only once a year runs from January 1 – March 31. This is the time for people who didn't sign up for Medicare when they could/should have to get signed up. You **MUST** sign up for Medicare by March 31, and it will go into effect July 1. **There are penalties if you don't – 10% for each full 12 months that you could have had it, but didn't!**

You can also choose to leave a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) if you decide it wasn't right for you when you signed up, but you must do it within the first 6 weeks of the new year (until February 14). You cannot switch to another Advantage Plan, but you can go back to Original Medicare, Part B, and you can get your Part D prescription plan. But if you don't have a guarantee to get your supplement back, you need to apply before you go back to make sure you will get it.

Betty also advises residents to be on the lookout for the new Medicare ID cards, which will be sent between April 2018 and April 2019. She said they will be on card stock paper and you are advised not to laminate them. She also said the signature line is removed. (See the related article from Seniors vs. Crime on page 16 for Medicare ID card scams.)

Contact SHINE for any questions or more information 800-262-2243. You can locate a counseling site nearest to you by going to floridashine.org and clicking on "counseling sites." When the Florida map comes up, click on your county. □

sometimes we have to play the "devil's advocate" to really dig deep into decisions that might affect our futures and property values.

We live in what is arguably the most unique community in the country. We pay for, with our maintenance and amenity fees, golf courses and pools, recreation centers, activities galore, beautiful landscapes and preserves, fantastic town squares. And, we have excellent leadership at the District level, with District Manager Janet Tutt at the helm, and an absolute army of excellent

departmental leaders and staff.

The POA can help you if you help us by strengthening our membership and getting involved! \$10 a year? You can't beat it! If you haven't sent in your prefilled renewal form, please do it today. If you're reading this and you've never been a member, please use the form below or go online at poa4us.org. Make your check payable to the POA.

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one they use will provide a replacement battery, without prorating the cost for time used, for the full 4-year period.

Q. Do groups have to do more fundraising once the initial program costs are covered? **R.** Yes, fundraising is on-going, and can be done with cook-offs, garage sales and any variety of ways. Lt. Longacre will help with the budgeting and suggests that communities plan finances 4 years ahead so the maintenance and replacement costs are covered.

Q. If the door of the home with the emergency is locked, should the responder break in? **R.** No, even the fire department calls the sheriff's office to gain access to a home. You never know if you're at a wrong address or if something else is going on. So, to avoid anyone getting hurt, you should never break in.

Q. Are "Knox Boxes" available for homes?

R. Yes, a "Knox Box" holds a key for the fire department to access the home. Volunteer responders would not be able to access it. You can order a box from **Knoxbox.com**, but the fire chief has to approve it to make sure you get the correct box. No one, including you, can access the box except the fire department once your key is inside.

Q. How do you know if your neighborhood has an AED program? **R.** You can contact Lt. Longacre, or you can download the "Pulse-Point" app to find out. The fire department is currently working on getting the AED locations into GPS so they can be "mapped".

Q. Is it helpful to poll residents in your neighborhood to determine if there is interest in the program? **R.** Yes, polling is helpful, and Lt. Longacre can also provide pamphlets and assist with meetings to explain the program. He noted that participation rates across the country, and verified here as well, are approximately 70%.

Q. What is the biggest objection to having

this type of program? **R.** People don't want non-medical "amateurs" responding to their emergency. But, it is important to stress that these volunteers are trained.

Q. When someone collapses, is it assumed to be cardiac arrest? **R.** No, responders are trained to determine if it is or not. If you put the AED on a person, it will assess and tell you if you should use it or not use it.

Q. Does the Developer support this program? Not financially, but philosophically? **R.** Lt. Longacre does not know the answer, but is aware the Fire Chief is initiating dialogue about how to increase coverage in the public areas. □

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We recommend that you sign up for What's Happening & General Community Info for regular monthly updates, and Message from the District Manager for special and important announcements. Also sign up for Welcome Wednesday. These hand-outs will update you weekly on what's happening throughout The Villages.

Community Watch 24-Hour Phone is 352-753-0550. □

Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) Meeting Highlights January 8, 2018

Resident Concern

A resident of the Village of St. James expressed concern about new commercial development on CR466A and associated new traffic, and people that may find their way into the residential parts of The Villages. He is concerned that St. James is the first Village north of the new development and only has a single, unstaffed gate. He believes that people who don't live in The Villages may come in, and requested that the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) consider adding staffing at the gate, preferably for 24 hours, but at least 6-12 hours. He asked what the rationale is for having some gates staffed and some that are not.

District Manager Janet Tutt explained that the location of gates and whether they are staffed is part of the overall development design by the Villages of Lake Sumter (Developer). When the District acquires the gates, along with other amenities and infrastructure, the gates are included in the description of "level of service" at the time of purchase. She also said that PWAC could decide if it wanted to recommend changes to the level of service through its amenity fund responsibilities.

Committee member Chuck Wildzunas said there are many analogous areas that are near heavy commercial areas that have not had any problems. Committee Chair Peter Moeller suggested they ask the Sumter County Sheriff's office to track crimes in the area. Ms. Tutt said they have monthly joint law enforcement meetings, and she will put it on the agenda for discussion.

Project Wide Fund

New Business

- Curbing. A District 10 resident requested a discussion about the differences in curbing at the edge of roadways where multi-modal paths intersect, noting that some are smooth and others are quite abrupt. District Property Manager, Sam Wartinbee, explained that it depends on how much stormwater flow is necessary. These are controlled by Sumter County and were engineered that way.
- Replacement Pumps for Lake Sumter. Mr. Wartinbee, requested the purchase of two replacement pumps, one used to recirculate

the creek that flows into Lake Sumter that is currently out of service. The cost for each is \$60,000, which is \$4,000 less than the current pump which he doesn't think has been very reliable. Each has been "rewound" once already. Committee members agreed to recommend the purchase.

Old Business

- Morse Boulevard Embankment Revetment Project. Mr. Wartinbee reported they won't know what kind of degradation, if any occurred, as a result of Hurricane Irma until the water is pumped down. If there is additional degradation and associated costs as a result of the Hurricane, Ms. Tutt said the District's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consultant has indicated they could pursue a FEMA grant to help pay for it. Mr. Wartinbee doesn't think they will be able to look at it until summer.
- Lake Miona Conservation Easement Long-term Management Plan. A resident spokesman for the Lake Miona area residents reviewed the lengthy history of issues with having the easement area maintained so that their views could be restored. He said if the plan that was put together by the District's environmental consultant, Jeff Pardue with Breedlove, Dennis & Associates, and that was approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the residents are willing to enter into an agreement with the District to pay for an ongoing maintenance plan. The plan that has been presented will cost approximately \$104,000.

Committee members continued to question what precedent might be set by proceeding with, and paying for, the plan for other conservation agreements. Ms. Tutt reminded the Committee that the District has not been found to be non-compliant in its permit and that SWFMDD gave permission to implement the plan, but does not require that it be done. She said the plan goes beyond removal of exotic and invasive plants. Committee member, Jerry Vicenti asked if the permit requires annual maintenance that was not done, and Ms. Tutt said it is not required.

Before making a final recommendation, Committee members asked for information prior to the next meeting about how many easement agreements they are responsible for and what impact or precedent pursuing this agreement will create, and, what are the cost differences to remove exotics and native plants.

Amenities Fund

Consent Agenda

- Pool Chair Re-strapping Contract. Committee members questioned the cost benefit of re-strapping pool chairs instead of purchasing new chairs. Staff asked that the contract be approved but said they will look further into the question raised to see what gives the better value.

Supervisor Comments

Dennis Hayes asked about the visibility of gate arms, especially in the early mornings and late afternoons. He suggested looking at the gates that get damaged the most and the time of day damage occurs. Ms. Tutt said visibility of the arms is not the primary cause of damage to gates.

Information Items

Ms. Tutt announced that the District's Stormwater Management Consultant, Trey Arnett,

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PWAC Meeting

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will conduct two Stormwater Workshops for residents on February 26 and March 5. Admission is free, but tickets are required and can be obtained at The Villages Ticket Box Offices. See notice on page 11.

The next PWAC meeting will be held **Monday, February 12**, at 8:30AM at the District office in Lake Sumter Landing. For meeting agendas and minutes, please visit **DistrictGov.org**, select 'Committees' from the top navigation bar, and 'Project Wide Advisory Committee' from the drop-down menu. □

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Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) Meeting Highlights January 10, 2018

Resident Comments

- A resident questioned activity at the Mulberry/Springdale Dog Park where the little dogs are antagonizing the large dogs through a fenced area that separates them. Committee members asked District Recreation and Park Department Director, John Rohan, to look into the situation.
- A tennis enthusiast asked about lights and glare that shine directly into the faces of players at the tennis courts at Paradise Recreation Center. The Committee asked Mr. Rohan and District Property Manager, Sam Wartinbee, to look into the lighting question. Mr. Rohan indicated it is a property management issue, and the reason he told the resident to bring it to the meeting is so that it could be looked at and resolved through the proper Committee process.

Consent Agenda

- Seal coating contract is not recommended to the lowest bidder. Mr. Wartinbee said that in addition to the cost, they look at references and past history in order to get the best product.
- Re-strapping pool chairs contract. District Manager Janet Tutt said the staff is continuing to look at the cost/benefit of re-strapping vs. buying new chairs. They will come back for discussion on the findings.

Old Business

- Power Corridor Trail near Mulberry. Because of timing, the Power Corridor Trail project cannot piggyback on the Hacienda or Freedom Pointe multi-modal path projects. Other paths are being opened as they are completed, but just because they are open does not mean the project is completed.
- Saddlebrook Recreation Center. Final costs will be provided for the Saddlebrook project at next month's meeting. The indoor restrooms are not functioning yet because the contractor's work was unacceptable.

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"It's a false notion," he said. "For example, I recently had a fellow, whose mother had just died, visit my office. All she owned was a \$100,000 condo, and her will read, 'I leave my condo to my child.' Clear and simple. Well, the child had to go through probate before he could sell the condo, and the legal fee was \$3,000. A revocable living trust could have avoided this."

Below, Curtis has shared many other reasons why a revocable living trust may be advisable for a person of modest means.

A trust might also allow you to "rule from the grave" – after you pass on, your assets may be distributed according to specifications made while you were still alive. This may prevent potentially undesirable scenarios, such as your children leaving their inheritance to people you never knew or cared for, like an in-law. If you leave your assets to your kids in a lifetime trust, they may each use the money for normal living but, upon their deaths, the remaining assets will pass to your grandchildren or to the surviving sibling(s) – not to their spouse. Further, the trust can protect against your spouse leaving the money to a new spouse or significant other after you are dead.

Trusts are extremely useful in second marriage situations. If you simply leave your assets to your new spouse, he/she is free to leave them to his/her children, not yours, once you pass away. This scenario is avoidable with a trust, however, and the assets would pass to your kids.

Trusts may be used to manage assets inherited by children who aren't good with money. For example, you may provide that the child will only get the income from his/her inheritance.

Trusts may also protect your children's inheritance if they go bankrupt, divorce or face a lawsuit. Further, if you have a handicapped child, a "supplemental needs trust" may be utilized to prevent loss of his or her government benefits.

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AAC Meeting

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- **First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and Property Purchase.** The District's legal counsel is communicating with Marion County to authorize another government entity to provide recreation facilities and programs in their county; they do not anticipate any problems. The survey work is being done and needs to guarantee that the drainage issues are being addressed so appropriate language can be included in the agreements.
- **El Camino Area.** After the Committee agreed to hold off on the installation of a 2-board fence, members noted that issues continue to grow with residents using the area as an informal dog park. Ms. Tutt noted that animal control has been to the area, making sure there are no dogs off-leash. Committee member, Ann Forrester, said the proposed fence is only intended to keep golf carts off the area, not residents and their dogs. Mr. Wartinbee said it would take 2-3 weeks to install a fence. Committee members agreed to hold off again with the fence and to continue to explore other options.

- **Recreation News.** Mr. Rohan stated that revising the weekly *Recreation News* that is inserted into *The Villages Daily Sun* is still a work in progress, but he is pleased with where they are. Pages have been reduced, they are working with Carrie Duckett, Manager of Customer Service, on the District's website options, and are working with the *Sun*. Ms. Tutt stated there has been approximately a 20% reduction in cost so far.

Mr. Rohan reported there are more than 2,700 Resident Lifestyle Groups; with new recreation areas coming online, those numbers continue to grow. "We are scaling back on what we're printing, but looking forward," he said, considering other options such as technology.

Information Items

- **Lake Sumter Lions Club Aluminum Can Recycling Project.** Representatives from the Lake Sumter Lions Club attended and presented information to the Committee describing the origins of the aluminum can collection program.

The collection and recycling of aluminum cans was first begun in the 1990's by the

Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club as a fundraiser, initiated by Lion member Harold Schwartz, founder of The Villages. The fundraiser became known as the "Can Run" and was a major fundraiser for the club. In 2009, the Orange Blossom Club asked the Lake Sumter Club, chartered in 2007, to join the effort. In 2016/17, the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club decided to end its participation in the aluminum can project and sold the truck they used to the Lake Sumter Lions Club, who took over the program.

The Lions reported that since 2009, the Lake

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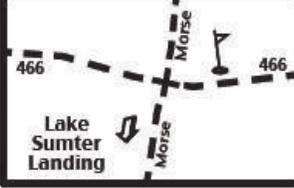
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AAC Meeting

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Sumter Club has volunteered approximately 2,000 hours annually to collect aluminum cans from 24 collection sites. Since July 1, 2017, eighteen Lake Sumter Lions have volunteered 860 hours to the project. They do not plan to expand the program to postal stations south of CR466 because of the volunteer hours needed to do more.

Community Development District (CDD) 2 resident and Supervisor, Bill Schikora, has complained several times about the unsightliness of the collection sites located at postal stations. He brought concerns to AAC members in November, and Ms. Tutt contacted the Lions Club with the concerns that were raised. Since that time, additional collection cans with decals have been added, and the club agreed to timely pick up to keep the areas clean.

AAC members indicated they are satisfied with the efforts the Lions Club has made.

Mr. Schikora again raised the issue about the process for, and rules used, to allow for

these kinds of special agreements, which he sees as violations of the District's policy with respect to placing debris and items at the postal stations.

Committee member, Don Deakin asked legal counsel, Scott Gerken, what authority they have with respect to these agreements. Mr. Gerken responded that the committee has addressed the concerns that were raised. Ms. Tutt said that when the facilities were transferred to the District, there was no indication that the Lions Club agreement was in place. There is no written agreement that she has seen, and said the AAC does have control over these properties since they are amenity facilities.

- Stormwater Management Workshops will be held on February 26 and March 5. Admission is free but tickets will be required (see notice on page 11). Assistant District Manager Richard Baier said the sessions will also be recorded, as well as the question and answer sessions, and will be posted on the District website.

Supervisor Comments

- Mr. Deakin stated he thinks the Mulberry/Springdale Dog Park is lacking in maintenance and there are often no poop bags in the holder. The grass is showing wear and tear, there are holes, and the blacktop area does not have a turn-around. Mr. Rohan said that bags are put out every day, sometimes multiple times, but that residents are taking more than they need, causing the supply to run out at times. Ms. Tutt said this dog park was put in with the understanding that the residents would police and manage it. She does not believe the residents are fulfilling this commitment. The AAC approved a substantial amount of money to put the park in. The District takes care of the maintenance issues, but it is frustrating that these challenges are occurring. Chairman Bell said that, at the time, the AAC said if the residents didn't take

care of it, they would close it.

Mr. Deakin said that, at the time, the only other dog park was Paradise, and asked if other dog parks required this kind of resident commitment. He said the residents shouldn't be held to standards that others are not. Ms. Tutt stated that the Springdale Dog Park is a different situation. The other dog parks are put in by the Developer and when they are sold to the District, there is a reduction in cost because of the maintenance required. It is a different funding situation. Ms. Forrester was surprised that bags are provided and not the responsibility of the resident. Mr. Rohan said it is a "best practice" for dog parks to provide the bags.

The next regular meeting of the Amenity Authority Committee is February 7, at 9AM at Savannah Center. Meeting agenda and minutes can be found on the District website districtgov.org. Click on "Amenity Authority Committee" on the left side menu, then click to the far right on the desired meeting for agendas and minutes. □

12/17 Membership Forum

Q. Population and traffic is increasing. Roads are in poor condition with many potholes. Spillover gravel, mulch and other debris used to be picked up immediately at busy intersections. What are plans to repave the roads and why isn't the debris picked up on a timelier basis? **R.** Contact the county as the roads are owned by the counties (except Villa roads and all roads in residential District 4). Debris in the intersections is the same issue, although you can try to call the District Customer Service or Property Management departments.

Q. Why is there no handicapped parking for cars and golf cars at the Putt 'n Play in Fenney? **R.** Fenney is still controlled by Developer and it will be a long time before Community Development District 12 comes into District. Until then, the District has no say in what is provided. □

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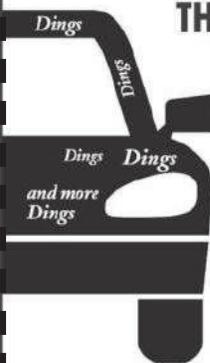
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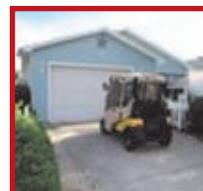
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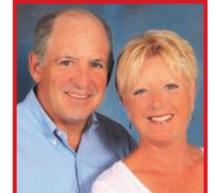
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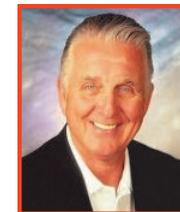
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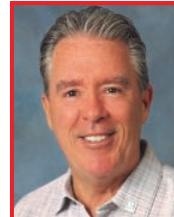
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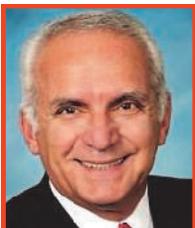
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A RLG is defined as a club or activity group that fulfills a social, recreational, educational, emotional, or physical need of its members. Each group is led by Resident Lifestyle Volunteers who schedule their group's activities at District owned and operated facilities through the Recreation Department. Each group must hold a minimum of four meetings a year, and can add up to eight additional meetings. Membership in a RLG is restricted to residents of The Villages.

There is a specific process to be followed in establishing a new RLG, and detailed information about establishing a group, using facilities, and other rules and guidelines can be found on the District website, DistrictGov.org. Click on 'Departments' and select Recreation. Then, select 'Resident Lifestyle Information'.

In response to rumors that some groups have been asked to reduce or consolidate some of their activities to make room for other activities, specifically for classes held by The Enrichment Academy (TEA), Mr. Rohan responded that his team has no idea where this is coming from. In fact, he said that the department is currently utilizing spaces that were previously occupied by The Villages Lifelong Learning College. There were no additional time slots added and they are actually using less space. TEA is using 25 rooms plus two rooms at Lake Miona and one sports pool in 13 Village Recreation facilities and four Regional facilities. Most classes are currently held south of CR466, although the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) recently authorized adding additional space north of CR466 if available.

Mr. Rohan said his group is unaware of any RLG that was asked to downsize, adding that there is a constant review and communication with RLG leaders. "There are many factors that come into consideration managing the thousands of programming events both inside and outside taking place each month at the numerous recreation facilities," he said.

He said the department spends a lot of time and energy educating, listening, reviewing and improving all of our areas of responsibility daily. He encourages residents wanting to start a club or rent a room to meet with the Recreation and Parks team to assist them.

Many forms and guidelines are on the website listed above, or you can call 352-674-1800 to reach Mr. Rohan. □



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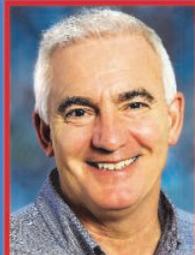
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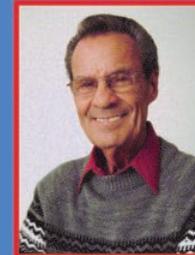
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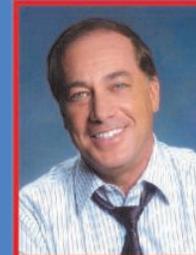
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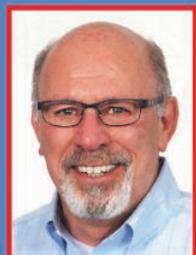
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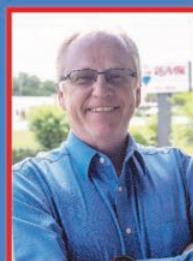
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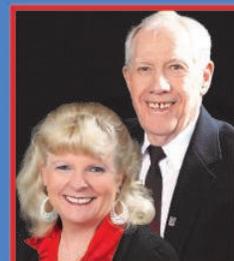
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LIGHTNING STRIKES DECLINE IN 2017

Is it an aberration?

The number of days with lightning declined in 2017 according to the unofficial record-keeping of a local weather observer.

2014	2015	2016	2017
110	119	114	89

The decline is somewhat surprising, seeing that rainfall was up substantially over the last five years, no doubt aided by Hurricane Irma. According to the National Weather Service, the average number of thunderstorm days for Central Florida is 80. Florida is the Lightning Capital of the USA.

The Villages fire department responded to approximately 20 homeowners who experienced a direct or a nearby strike, the most serious of which caused roof damage to a home in Collier.

An unknown number of homeowners experienced lightning-induced surge damage to appliances and sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers and TVs that sometimes results in thousands of dollars to replace damaged equipment. These events occurred principally in the high lightning months of

June, July, and August where we exceed 20 days with lightning per month.

2017 may have been an abnormal year for thunderstorm days. According to an AP article published in *The Villages Daily Sun* on November 26, 2017, a warming world will likely contribute to larger and more frequent thunderstorms in the future.

Lightning 101

If your club, organization, church, or civic group would benefit from a free community service, non-commercial PowerPoint presentation, *Lightning Tips for Villagers*, contact Len Hathaway at athathat@aol.com or Bob Freeman at stalt1@aol.com. The presentation addresses personal lightning safety, lightning protection systems (rods), lightning surges to electronic equipment, the susceptibility of corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas pipe to lightning, and debunking nine common lightning myths. □



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Seniors vs. Crime

Leading the Fight Against Scams Crooks Ramping Up New Medicare Card Scam

New Medicare cards and numbers will be issued to 57 million Americans in the coming 18 months as part of an attempt to cut Social Security number identity theft. If you were a scammer, would this sound like a great opportunity to you? You bet it does!

But, although the cards will be free and automatically issued, scammers are trying to trick people into paying for them or into giving away confidential information.

Many people believe it was probably a bad idea from the start to put people's Social Security numbers (SSNs) on their Medicare cards. It just gave identity thieves a helping hand.

Bad ideas can be corrected. In Medicare card numbers, the corrections take place over the next 18 months with the launch of a new numbering system and a new look.

Under the current system, SSNs and Medicare numbers are more or less the same, meaning if someone discovers your Medicare number, they also know your SSN.

The new system will see the introduction of 57 million Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) 11-character numbers - each one generated randomly and unique.

The new cards will be different from the old ones, but not in a big way.

The cards will be issued between April 2018 and April 2019 and you don't have to do anything to get one.

The 'official' changeover date is very important. Keep April 2018 to April 2019 uppermost in your mind. The reason it's important to know this

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Medicare Card Scam

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is because scammers are already active, contacting potential victims with all sorts of stories, trying to convince them they have to pay or hand over confidential information to get their new number and card.

As awareness about the new cards grows in the coming months, ahead of the mail-out, Seniors vs. Crime expects to see the tricksters out in force.

Typically, they'll say they need your current Medicare number (that is, your Social Security number) before they issue the new card. And their main weapon will be a threat that you'll lose your Medicare benefits if you refuse to give them information.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid the scammers:

- Medicare won't phone or email you about the new card, so if you get a call, it's almost certainly a scam.
- The cards are free, so anyone asking you to pay is a scammer.
- Medicare never asks for your Social Security number and, when the new cards are issued, they won't be asking you for your MBI either. They already have it!
- There won't be any changes to your Medicare benefits as a result of issuing the new number and you don't have to do anything to "activate" your new card. Anyone saying you need to take certain actions to remain covered is a scammer.
- Watch out for fake websites offering to issue new cards or help you secure your card. You don't need to apply. But if you want to check any Medicare questions online, the only site to use is cms.gov.
- Be particularly alert if you're not yet in Medicare but expect to enroll during the

changeover period. When you submit your application, it's possible Medicare will contact you but they normally do this by letter. If someone phones, carefully check their identity — don't take their word that they're who they say they are.

The new Medicare (MBI) card can be used as soon as you get it - it will come with instructions. However, it's not clear whether all Medicare service providers will be equipped to use the MBI at the outset. They may ask you for your old, SSN-based number — but usually only in the payment office.

Of course, once you have your new card, it's still vulnerable to scammers, especially those involved in medical identity theft. So, keep it safe.

One other important thing to know: During the transition period, you can use either the old-style number or the new MBI.

If you need assistance with understanding any aspects your new Medicare cards, contact your nearest Seniors vs. Crime office in The Villages for advice or assistance. Seniors vs. Crime can be reached at:

- The Fruitland Park Police Department Annex in the Moyer Recreation Center in The Villages – (352) 674-1882
- The Marion County Sheriff's Office in The Villages – (352) 753-7775
- The Sumter County Sheriff's Office in The Villages – (352) 689-4600, Extension 4606
- The Wildwood Police Department Annex at Brownwood in The Villages – (352) 750-1914

Volunteers at all four offices are ready, willing and able to assist you. To keep up with the latest scams, LIKE 'Seniors vs. Crime Region 4' on Facebook. Hablamos Español. Por favor pregunte por Yolanda. Martes a Viernes: 10:00 A.M. a 2:00 P.M., (352) 689 4606. □

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Our Gardening Column:

Valentine Sentiments and Antique Roses

by Anne Lambrecht,
Fanatical Gardener
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Most people love roses. It is agreed that any plant in the garden must be low maintenance. Over the years, I have discovered that the easiest roses for our area are the "Antiques" or Old Garden Roses.

There are three main groups of roses, according to the American Rose Society: Species Roses which are wild roses (some of the oldest on the earth), Antique or Old Garden Roses (roses in existence before 1867) and Modern Roses (roses NOT in existence

before 1867). I like the idea of the Antiques. They've been around for a while, they're repeat bloomers, really fragrant, and they're very pretty with cool regal names.

Antique rose bushes are generally larger than Modern Roses and require more space. They are known for their resilience and ability to survive with minimal care. Many have been discovered on old homesteads and in cemeteries where they have had little or no care for decades. Within the group are classes - the most common in the southeastern US are called China, Tea, Noisette, and Bourbon.

Do you ever wonder why we send or receive red roses at Valentine's Day? We know they mean "I love you," but do we know why? Sentiments in today's world can be expressed by Hallmark and emoji but there is and has been a "language" using flowers dating back many centuries.

Floriography is the word for the means of communication through the use or arrangement of flowers. The act of delivering sentiments with flowers became popular in the 1800's or in the Victorian era. Different flowers and colors have different meanings. Gifts of blooms, plants, and specific floral arrangements were used to send a coded message to the recipient, allowing the sender to express feelings and emotions which could not always be spoken aloud in Victorian society. Victorians often exchanged small "talking bouquets," called nosegays or tussie-

mussies, which could be worn or carried as a fashion accessory. (I think the Victorians didn't have as much on their plates as we do. They certainly did not have emojis).

Antique Roses need sunlight, air circulation, water, and premiere soil:

Sun--at least six hours of full sun daily with morning sun being the best. Try to keep them from too much of the hot afternoon sun.

Air Circulation--to discourage fungal diseases and insects, space Old Garden Roses at least six feet apart.

Roses love water--they need two to three inches of water a week. If it is hot and dry, in addition to regular irrigation, it is good to hand water rose bushes so that they are refreshed and any insects are washed away. It is important that the leaves dry off before nightfall when fungus can set in. The soil they are in must provide adequate drainage.

Soil--Amend the soil by mixing 1/3 good pre-packaged soil mix such as Jungle Growth or Miracle-Gro, 1/3 part sand (soil from your yard is good), and 1/3 organic matter such as cow manure, mushroom compost, peat moss, pine bark nuggets, etc., and fill it into a deep, wide hole. This mixture should provide adequate drainage also. Do not ignore the fact that you can't plant roses in our soil without amending it!

Roses are heavy feeders so give them plenty of slow release fertilizers and organics three or

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Valentines and Roses

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four times during the growing season. I think that the Espoma brand of fertilizers are the best. They make the "Tones": Rose Tone, Citrus Tone, Holly Tone, etc. Soluble fertilizers should be used from time to time so that the roots may drink up the nutrients right away. Miracle-Gro and Peters are good choices and they contain the secondary and minor nutrients in the correct percentages. I also like fish emulsion. It stinks to the heavens (temporarily), but it does wondrous things in the garden. If you have your roses in pots, you will need to feed them more often, but with less strength.

Prune around Valentine's Day but wait until the new growth is approximately 3" long before you fertilize unless you use an organic which will not burn the roots. Stop all pruning and feeding by Halloween.

I am not a fan of chemicals in the garden and Antique roses do not need any spray as long as they are adequately fed and watered with their roots in good, organic soil. I received a Garden Secrets book from my favorite Garden Buddy. In the book, there is an easy non-chemical control for bugs and fungus: Give your roses a bath once a week with a solution of 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap mixed with 2 gallons of warm water. Sometimes I have seen some beetles here and

there but not so many to cause me angst. I do notice that circles are cut from the leaves of my roses by a Leaf Cutter bee. These bees use the leaf circle as a baby blanket in their nest. They do not harm the rose bush and are beneficial pollinators.

This Valentine's Day I wonder if my favorite Garden Buddy will send a message using flowers?

The above borrowed from:

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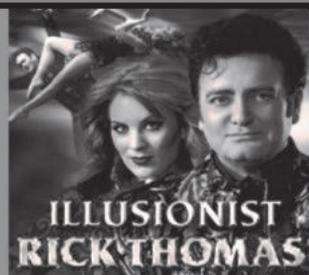
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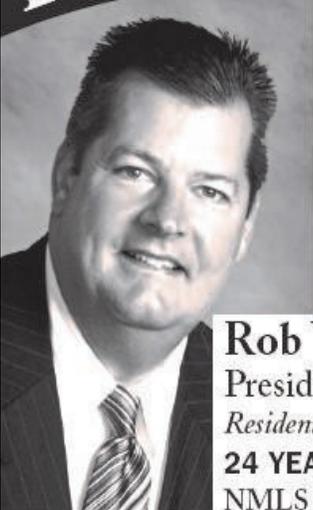
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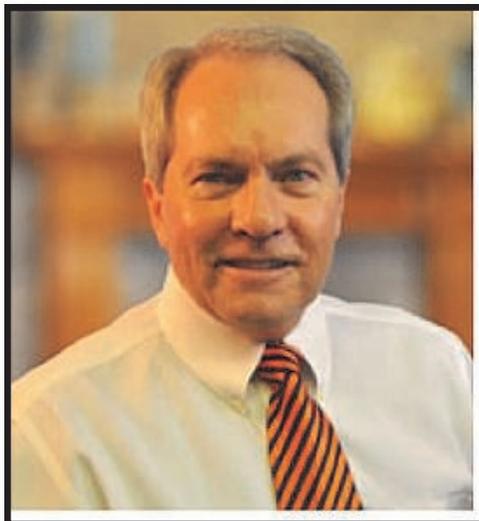
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Beyond the credentials, the second essential that physician/health care providers should possess is the ability to realize that "you don't know...what you don't know." Goodness...why is that so hard ?

Too often doctors feel compelled to have the answers. Thus, false conclusions may be reached when assuming a cause/effect based upon past knowledge. A totally different conclusion could occur with a slight change in the way things are approached. The farther one deviates in a rigid mind-thought, the more difficult it becomes to find what is hidden. How many times has it been said of someone, "you just can't tell him anything!" In medicine, this can result as a misdiagnosis.

Sometimes what is expected by both patient and physician drive unrealistic expectations. But realizing that "you don't know...what you don't know" can actually open one's mind to entertain new approaches.

As a lighter practical example, for decades patients were sutured back together. Who would have thought, by approaching the challenge with a slightly different perspective, that bio-gluing would yield a much faster result, reduce procedural time, and in many cases achieve a superior functional and cosmetic result.

This is a quote whose source I have forgotten, and so I apologize to the author. "Nothing is so fatal to the progress of the human mind as to suppose our views of science are ultimate; that there are no new mysteries in nature; that our triumphs are complete; and that there are no new worlds to conquer."

To be continued...