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Sumter County Proposes 4% "Roll-back" of 2019's 25% Property Tax Increase

At the July 9 Commission meeting Sumter County Commissioners received the FY 20-21 Budget proposal from County Administrator Bradley Arnold for discussion which proposes a 4% "Roll-back" millage rate of 6.4309 from the 25% increase to 6.700 in the FY 19-20 budget.

A rolled-back rate is the millage rate, based upon updated property value assessments, which would provide the same amount of revenue as the previous year's millage rate. New construction is excluded from this calculation. If a millage rate higher than the rolled-back rate is adopted, it is considered a legally defined tax increase.

Commissioner Steve Printz continues to refer to the increase as a "reset" of rates that had been significantly lower since 2014. Last year's budget packet clearly stated, **"The proposed millage rate of 6.7000 is 1.6716 mills greater than the rolled-back rate of 5.0284, constituting a tax increase.**" What many residents did not realize at the time was that, because it was more than a 10% increase, a unanimous vote was required to pass the proposed rate. **If only ONE Commissioner had voted no, it would not have passed.**

Residents recall the outrage last year as the Commissioners held public hearings attended by hundreds of residents expressing their opposition to the increase and to the lack of respect for citizen input. One of the main issues was an agreement signed in July 2018 with The Villages Developer that provided Sumter County would pay the majority of the costs of multi-million dollar road improvements for the continued development south of CR 44 in exchange for a \$40 Million interest free loan from the Developer to Sumter County.

The current Commissioners' behaviors have not changed much since last year. At the budget workshop held in May, many had their backs turned to the residents who attended. At the July 9 public hearing, they repeatedly shouted down residents, ordering them to "sit down."

In the budget packet for FY20-21 Mr. Arnold stated that "The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) committed to setting no higher of a millage rate than 6.7000 for five years, starting with the 2019 tax year (FY 19/20). As FY 20/21 is the 2nd year of that commitment, setting the millage rate at the

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The Property Owners' Association, Inc. (POA) is the original property owners' group in The Villages. Established in 1975, the POA operates with complete independence from the Developer of The Villages. Membership is open to all property owners and residents of The Villages. The POA is committed to acting as a watchdog to ensure that the Developer and local government are responsive to the needs, interests, and rights of residents.

The POA Declaration of Independence

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Vision The Property Owners' Association, Inc. (POA) is a champion for the rights of residents of The Villages. Guided by member input, investigation and determination, the POA brings attention to and acts on issues that may impact property values and quality of life.

Mission Statement The POA provides 1) a forum for discussion of issues; 2) research and analysis; 3) programs of interest; and, 4) is a conduit for objective and accurate information. Specific attention is given to resolving housing, community and local government issues.

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rolled-back rate is neither legally a tax increase nor a tax decrease. Setting the millage rate higher than the rolled back rate is a tax increase. The rolled-back rate, based on the Property Appraiser's certified values, is 6.4309 for the tax year of 2020 (FY 20/21). The rolled-back rate is the millage rate for this FY 20/21 Proposed Budget. The proposed millage rate of 6.4309 would support Sumter County remaining as the 9th lowest total tax rate in the State of Florida."

The actual percentage change in the budget dollars is -3.10%, an overall decrease of \$7,820,754.

Mr. Arnold stated several factors on which the budget was based:

- Changes in the level of local economic activity (much affiliated with The Villages residential, commercial, and industrial development)
- Federal economic and workforce changes
- Changes in state tax and expenditure policies
- Federal and State mandates requiring local expenditures
- Changes in financial markets
- Major demographic changes

Demographic Assumptions - The continued growth of The Villages[®] age-restricted and nonage-restricted residential developments assumes a contribution rate of an average net gain of 3,000 people per year. Based on the residential home construction rates, this assumption continues to be valid.

Policy Assumptions - Following the May 2020 Workshop, the BOCC supported the need to restructure the fire assessment districts and establish a new range of the assessment while holding the current rate of \$124.00 per improved parcel for FY 20/21. The structural change includes the establishment of a single, countywide fire assessment and adjustment to the range of the assessment. This proposed budget document contemplates the countywide fire district in place for the FY 21/22 if the structure change is approved to adjust the range of the fire assessment fee, which is currently capped at \$125.00 per improved parcel.

Economic Assumptions - Revenue projections depend on the current and projected indicators of national, regional, and local economic conditions, including any sustained impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The total projected General Fund Revenue for FY 20/21 is \$133,897,999, with the largest single revenue source being the Ad Valorem Tax (Property Tax). The Proposed Ad Valorem revenue is \$85,719,483 or (64.02%) of all General Fund sources of revenue. It is also an inelastic revenue source; therefore, the most reliant during significant emergency events such as COVID19 or a hurricane.

Also included in this budget is funding for a salary increase provided by the BOCC direction at the January 2020 workshop of 1.6% for the Sumter County BOCC and Constitutional Officer budgets.

A final public hearing will be held in September after which the Commissioners will vote on the final budget. The full budget packet can be found on the county's website **www.sumtercountyfl. gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFileAgenda**/ _07092020-539?html=true. ■



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Residents Bear the Financial Costs of PWAC's "Exhibit A"

Editor's Note: On July 30 Community Development District (CDD) 7 was scheduled to meet in a special session to determine its next step in possible separation from the Project Wide agreement, pending obtaining a new attorney. After its June meeting, CDD 7 Supervisors received a memo from their current District-hired attorney, Mark Brionez, stating that as he is also counsel to the other numbered districts who are part of the Project Wide agreement, his involvement with this matter should cease in order to avoid any conflict of interest.

The Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) asked its Attorney Lewis Stone to attend the CDD 7 meeting and to meet with them on August 3 to share his assessment of next steps. One of the issues raised by CDD 7 supervisors is the allocation methodology to all the parties to the Project Wide agreement – CDDs 5 – 13, Sumter Landing, and Brownwood. The allocation is made on the basis of assessable acreage in each district. Over the years, the Sumter Landing and Brownwood commercial districts' percentages have continued to decline, based on the number of acres that have been turned over to the residential districts. The addition of new residential districts, such as CDDs 11-13 further decreases the percentage. For the FY20-21, these two commercial districts will contribute just 2.38% (less than \$350,000) of the total Project Wide assessment, leaving 97.62% of the

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Most residential CDDs pay well over \$1 Million annually to PWAC, with only CDDs 11 and 13 paying less than \$1 Million. CDDs 6 and 10 pay more than \$2 Million annually based on their assessable acreage. Each residential CDD pays its portion with funds from the annual Maintenance Assessment paid by residents. Over the years as the Project Wide "Exhibit A" has grown, so has each CDD's allocation, now representing for many of them, 50% or more of their annual budgets.

Each year during the budget process, the Project Wide **Advisory** Committee holds a budget workshop and reviews the projects and funding needed for the upcoming fiscal year. At that time, they also determine what the allocation will be for each contributing district. The PWAC then **recommends its budget to the Sumter Landing Community Development District**.

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In Case You Missed It... News Highlights from July Meetings

Budget Approvals/Public Hearings

All Community Development Districts, committees and boards have passed their preliminary Fiscal Year 20-21 Budgets and final budget public hearings and votes to pass are scheduled to begin August 31 with the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) conducting the first hearing at 8:30 A.M.

District staff spend the time between preliminary and final budget approvals finetuning the numbers and finalizing "placeholder" budget items in operating expenses such as 'Administration.'

For a complete list of Budget Hearing dates, times, and locations, go to **DistrictGov.org** and select 'Budget' from the 'Departments' dropdown menu. Select 'Budget Calendar' from the 'Quick Links' menu on the left side of the page.

Executive Golf Courses to Change Course Access Pass (CAP) Requirements

Starting January 1, 2021, walk-up requests for a Course Access Pass (CAP) will not be granted for people who are not feeling well or have a temporary injury.

Assignment of Course Access Pass cards will be issued only to those individuals who have a state certified disabled parking permit. A valid handicap placard, along with a driver's license and registration will need to be presented to the Golf Administration offices to obtain or renew a CAP Card. Expiration date of Handicap Permit would be utilized for the CAP Card.

The Use of Course Access Pass Guidelines are:

- Parking of golf cars on the slopes/surrounds of any green is prohibited.
- Golf cars must be kept a minimum of 10 yards from Greens.
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Landscape Buffer Requested to Remedy Turnpike Noise

A CDD 12 resident appealed to PWAC for a remedy for noise from the Florida Turnpike, asking for consideration of a landscape buffer. District Manager Richard Baier stated that the guideline for such a request would begin with any circumstance that has changed since the property was purchased. In this case, the Turnpike was in place and residents who purchase homes in those neighborhoods know that it is there. He said 75 feet of dense planting as high as the house would be needed to reduce the noise, and advised PWAC if it granted this request, they would have to honor all types of buffer requests from all neighborhoods.

Mr. Baier advised the resident to speak with his broker or realtor about the situation.

AAC Approves Expense for Mulberry Dog Park Shade Structure

The Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) approved the additional cost for a shade structure at the Mulberry Dog Park. The Mulberry Grove Dog Park does not currently have an existing shade structure. During the development of the FY 2019-20 budgets, District Property Management (DPM) included \$47,000 based on the concept design of a canvas sail-type shade structure. This was approved and included in the 2019-20 capital budget.

During the June Amenity Authority Committee meeting, the board was informed the standard south of SR 44 is now a shingle roof shade structure, which is more expensive than the canvas shade structure included in the budget.

There are currently no District-owned dog parks with a constructed shade structure. As the project developed into a design, two new developer dog parks (shingle roof) have been built south of SR-44 utilizing a structure to accommodate users of both the small and large dog portions of the dog park.

The revised estimate for the Mulberry Dog Park shade structure is \$130,000, which the AAC approved.

CDD 8 Supervisor Questions PWAC Exhibit A

Community Development District (CDD) 8 Supervisor Sal Torname had questions about the items listed on Exhibit A of the Project Wide (PW) interlocal agreement, asking for more details about many of the items. In what District Manager Richard Baier said was "a good discussion" the questions were pared down to just two that needed clarification. One is what is covered under the label Lake Sumter "Landing", and a large sign on CR 466. Mr. Baier indicated he would research and report back to the board.

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Residents Protest Anonymous Complaints and Trolls in Neighborhoods

Trolls apparently struck again in the Village of Pennecamp and residents showed up en masse at the CDD 8 board meeting to protest the anonymous complaint process. Person after person appealed to the board to change the rules that allow strangers to come into their neighborhoods, document complaints and turn them in anonymously to the Community Standards office. District Manager Richard Baier said that strangers in a neighborhood is a law enforcement issue, and residents should contact the Sumter County Sheriff's office, not the District.

CDD 8 Chair Duane Johnson acknowledged that he is not a fan of the anonymous complaint process either but, said the easiest way to address it is for residents to make sure they are in compliance. Residents expressed they believed this anonymous complaint process allows for selective enforcement of the rules. Mr. Baier advised the board not to comment further about the process as one resident has sent a letter to the District indicating he may seek legal action. In an unrelated matter, the CDD 8 Board also acted on a complaint against a resident whose landscape improvement was inside the prescribed road easement and setback. Although there were circumstances where the landscape contractor did not construct the improvement according to the plans that had been approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), the Board could not legally negotiate a compromise and found the property to be in non-compliance. They did extend the timeframe for the resident to resolve the violation to 90 days instead of 45. The resident indicated it will cost approximately \$8,000 to remove the landscaping.

NOTE: Not all deed restrictions are the same! Residents need to read the Deed Restrictions for their individual properties. Those can be found on **DistrictGov.org**, by selecting 'Community Standards' under the 'Department' dropdown menu. Then select 'Download Your Deed Restrictions' from the side menu. Find your district, and select your lot, which can be found on your Villages ID. Before doing any outside improvement to your property, contact the Community Standards office to make sure you are following the rules. If ARC approval is required, make sure your contractor goes through the proper process, get a copy of the approval, and make sure it is built according to what has been approved.

The POA thinks there are many issues with the deed compliance process, from the anonymous complaint process to the lack of uniformity of deed restrictions from district to district. We will explore these issues in more detail in the September issue of the POA Bulletin.

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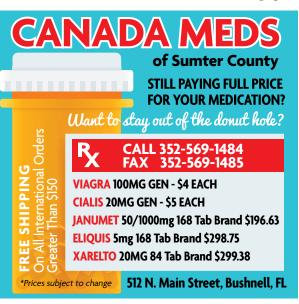
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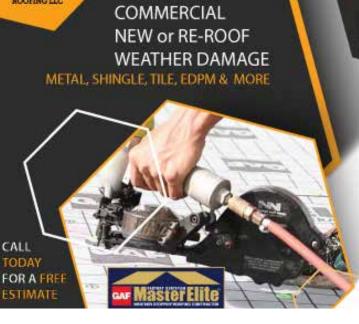
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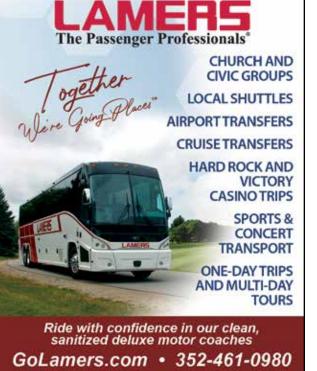
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Lilies for Your Florida Garden THE FANATICAL GARDENER

by Anne Lambrecht Fanatical Gardener mrsanneo4@gmail.com

Lilies are such nice friends in the garden and do quite well here in north central Florida. Once you have one, you want more. Most have trumpetlike flowers and come in a variety of colors from shades of orange to pinks, purples, and whites. And there are other really cool lilies out there as well. Most lilies are "true bulbs" which mean they are layered like an onion.

Light requirement: filtered sun for a good six hours with afternoon shade in our area. Locating lilies among low growing plants is a good way to keep their roots shaded. They like cool feet and hot heads.

Air and soil: Avoid planting lilies in windy areas. Provide deep, loose, well-drained, fertile soil. Before planting, work in lots of organic matter. Because lilies never stop growing, provide moisture all year. After planting, mulch with 2-3" of organic material such as oak leaves and pine needles and bark, to conserve moisture and to keep soil cool.

Water: Lilies enjoy liberal watering in spring but do not thrive long with wet feet, particularly in warm climates or hard-packed claybased soils.

Fertilizer: Apply a complete controlled-release fertilizer in the spring. Daylilies also thrive in well-drained containers. Once the lily fades out and yellows, cut the stem to a couple inches from the ground. If they become too crowded, then it is time to divide and share.



Day Lily The scientific term for daylilies is Hemerocallis from the two Greek words: hēmera, which means "day" and kalos, which means "beautiful". Hence the name daylily or beauty for a day. Most of the daylilies available now are hybridized and are easy to grow, the Asiatic ones the

easiest to grow. Easter lilies with their white, trumpet shaped flowers also do well here. They symbolize new life of spring.

Rain Lily Zephyranthes, fairy lily is native to the southeast. Full sun. These sweet lilies only bloom after a good soaking rain! Most are pink but some are tiny white ones. My garden is full of them, given to me by a lovely member of the garden club. Now I share mine with the rest of the club.



Crinum Lily another true bulb, is among the South's most classic and cherished old-timey pass-along plants found in country gardens, old home sites and in cemeteries where they thrive with little care. Mostly shades of pink flowers, crinums are hard to find at garden centers.

Ellen Bosanquet is an all-time favorite with deep pink flowers.

Amaryllis are Dutch or South African hybrids selected for their flower size, color, and ease of forcing with gorgeous trumpet shaped flowers. The usual flowering season is from February to April, but many are "forced" for the holidays.



Agapanthus Lily of the Nile is not a true bulb, but a rhizome. In early summer, the clumps of foliage send up bare stems ending in spherical clusters of funnel shaped flowers in shades of blue to

purple. Full sun to medium shade, regular water, regular soil.

Other cool lilies to consider:



Gloriosa the national flower of Zimbabwe, blooms in mid-summer and is a vine. Their strange and exotic flowers are 4 to 5 inches across with wavy-edged petals in

vibrant red and yellow that are reflexed back as if blown by a strong wind and have tendrils at the tip of each leaf to help them climb. Gloriosas have really cool "L" shaped white rhizomes.

Spider lily is a Florida native with attractive foliage and fragrant white blooms.





Hurricane Lily

(lycoris)-Late summer (Hurricane season) is the time that hurricane lilies begin popping up in Florida landscapes. The flowers appear on

their own without foliage. Southerners have other common names for these flowers, the best being Naked Ladies.

Canna Lilies are tropical rhizomes that can add lush color and texture to any Florida garden, thanks to their beautiful flowers and interesting leaves. Wild types are



water loving and thrive in boggy areas and ponds.

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Spreading Coronavirus Scams SENIORS VS CRIME

In a recent story, Mark Huffman, a Reporter for ConsumerAffairs, reported that Federal and state officials are warning consumers that coronavirus (COVID-19) scams are spreading as fast as the virus itself.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has filed suit in federal court to stop a company it accuses of using a mailer to mislead consumers. The agency says the mailers were sent by Traffic Jam Events, LLC, and were labeled "IMPORTANT COVID-19 STIMULUS DOCUMENTS." They allegedly directed consumers to "relief headquarters" to "claim these stimulus incentives."

The mailers reportedly targeted Florida residents and directed recipients to an address in the state where they could apply in person for benefits. However, those who arrived at the address complained to the FTC they did not find a government office but instead were hustled into a used car sale.

In addition to the "stimulus check" scams, the article also contains strong warnings concerning phony contact tracing calls.

Florida, with its large population of seniors, appears to be a hotbed of COVID-19 scams. Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody is warning consumers to be careful when responding to COVID-19 contact tracing calls. These tracing calls are real since public health officials are calling people who may have come in contact with someone with COVID-19. In fact, they are an important tool in efforts to slow the spread of the virus.

But in recent days, there have been reports that some of the people making these contract tracing calls don't work for the state and are only trying to run various types of scams, often to obtain personal information for Identity Theft purposes.

"Unfortunately, we can't trust the voice on the other end of the phone to always be truthful—even

in the face of a deadly pandemic," Moody said.

Moody says you can tell real contact tracers from fakes by the questions they ask. Real contact tracers will limit their questions to your recent travels and contacts, or whether you have displayed symptoms.

On the other hand, a scammer will ask for personal information, such as your date of birth, Social Security number, mother's maiden name, or other information that can be used to steal your identity. If you get those kinds of questions, Moody says you should immediately hang up.

If you need assistance with understanding any aspects of coronavirus scams, contact the nearest Seniors vs. Crime office in The Villages for advice or assistance. Seniors vs. Crime also has a Speakers Bureau that will gladly come to your club, church or group to speak about scams. To schedule a presentation, contact any of their offices. There is never a charge for their services. Seniors vs. Crime can be reached at:

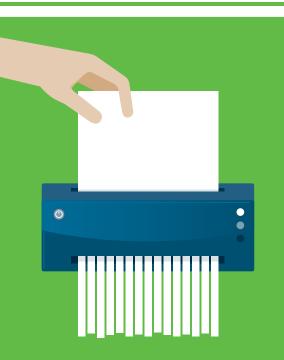
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Projects considered for funding come from "Exhibit A" of the Project Wide Agreement, (published in the July 2020 issue of the POA *Bulletin*), which is now controlled solely by members of the SLCDD, whose members are elected by the commercial property owners (a.k.a. the Developer) in Sumter Landing.

PWAC is comprised of members **appointed** by the CDD Board of Supervisors to which they are elected. Unlike the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) that manages the amenities north of CR 466, they are not directly elected by the residents. Many, including the POA, believe PWAC members should also be elected by the residents of their districts.

PWAC has no **authority** in setting its budget or defining the items on "Exhibit A."

"Equitable" as is stated in FS 163.01(5)(f)? The POA thinks CDD 7 is on the right track with its questions.

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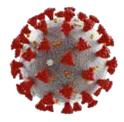
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COVID-19: Fact...Future



hink of a particle that is not alive, but whose physical closeness can cause harm...with just one breath. COVID-19 is scary for all of us, and since there is no cure or magic bullet yet like a vaccine, the best protection is keeping our

immune system in the best possible shape. Although a cancer physician, my advice applies to all Villagers. Our Star Trek goal is for you to "live long and prosper."

Let me explain the challenge. A virus is not alive. It depends on highjacking a cell's ability to reproduce. Think of it as a ship seeking a port. Flying a friendly flag, the pirate ship slips into the harbor, only to plunder. (Step #1). If there was a way of identifying the pirate early, it could be sunk before docking. But what if our response is delayed, the viral ship gains a foothold, and our counter-offensive destroys much of the homeland. By not

focusing our cannons, the collateral damage becomes overwhelming. (Step #2). This virus has an outer thin fat layer surrounding a protein. If the fat layer is disrupted, the protein is exposed and disintegrates. We have actually resolved Steps #1 and 2.

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