

THE Q&A REPORT

March, 2024

No. 95

An Independent Report Featuring Information regarding District 4, Amenity Authority Committee & The Villages

-- Prepared by Don Deakin

Save the Date:

District 4 TOWN HALL Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Beginning at 6:30 pm At Mulberry Grove Recreation Center!











Cliff Wiener

Mark Hayes

Cary Sternberg

Jim Murphy

Don Deakin

In an effort to improve communications with the residents of Community Development District 4, (CDD4), the Board of Supervisors has scheduled a **TOWN HALL** meeting for Wednesday evening, March 13th, 2024, beginning at 6:30 pm, in the Americana Theater Room, at the Mulberry Grove Regional Recreation Center. All five (5) members of Board plan to be in attendance along with The Villages Team of Staff members; and of course, the meeting will be open to members of the public.

The main agenda topic will be District 4's **BUDGET**. The full agenda includes:

- Call to Order
- 2. New Business:
 - > Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Overview
 - District Right-of-Way Easements
 - Resident Comments/Questions
- 3. Supervisor Comments
- 4. Adjourn

Please Note: The District encourages citizen participation in the democratic process and recognizes and protects the right of freedom of speech afforded to all. As the Board conducts the business of the District, rules of civility shall apply. District Board Supervisors, Staff members, and members of the public are to communicate respectfully. It is preferred that persons speak only when recognized by the Board Chair and, at that time, refrain from engaging in personal attacks or derogatory or offensive language. Persons who are deemed to be disruptive and negatively impact the efficient operation of the meeting shall be subject to removal after two verbal warnings. Audience Comments on all issues will be received by the Board.

UPCOMING MARCH MEETINGS

(Note: ALL meetings are open to the public with opportunities for public comment.)

DAY DATE TIME LOCATION MEETING

Mon, Mar. 4th Q&A Canceled Due to District 4 Full Board Town Hall Meeting Tue. March 13th

Wed. Mar. 6th 9:00 am Savannah Center AAC (Regular Board Meeting)
Fri. Mar. 8th 1:30 pm Savannah Center District 4 (Regular Board Meeting)
Tue. Mar. 13th 6:30 pm Mulberry Grove District 4 (**TOWN HALL** Meeting)

FEBRUARY Q&A Meeting Report

Supervisor Don Deakin was the host. Twenty four (24) residents attended. Topics discussed included:

- 1) <u>Funds from Events</u>: Where do the funds received from room rental fees and events held in The Villages at venues like the Savannah Center go?
- 2) <u>Marion County Sheriffs:</u> The Villages does not have its own police department. What services does the Marion County Sheriff's Office provide?
- 3) <u>Staff, Contractors, Services & Equipment Expenses:</u> How are these costs shared between the CDDs and the Developer, (For example: Golf Courses).
- 4) "GOLF CARTS ONLY": Say signs at the entrance and exit gates between Clearview Avenue and

First Responders Rec Ctr. However, residents report seeing motorcycles going through the gates. Is that acceptable?

- 5) <u>Storm Drain Pipe Failures:</u> This was a "HOT" topic that generated a multitude of questions, including but not limited to:
 - a. How many failures in District 4?
 - b. How many failures throughout The Villages?
 - c. Lifespan of storm drain pipes? Inspections? Maintenance? Repair/Replacement Methods? Costs?
 - d. How many linear feet of pipe in District 4?
 - e. What is GIS and how is it utilized?
- 6) Board Meetings: Policies & Procedures?
- 7) <u>Lopez Sinkhole:</u> Who is responsible for repairing the sinkhole in the water retention pond (Hole 2 next to Buena Vista Blvd)?

It has been an issue for many years. Is it ever going to be permanently fixed?

Note: The next regular Q&A meeting hosted by Supervisor Don Deakin will be held Monday APRIL 8th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Mulberry Grove Regional Recreation Center.



(The Villages equivalent of a city Recreation & Parks Board)

For the Minutes from the February, 2024 ACC meeting; and for the complete Agenda Packet with supporting documents for the Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 regular AAC meeting; just use this LINK:

https://thevillagesfl.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3524/overview

AAC FEBRUARY Meeting Highlights:

- 1) Audience Comments
- 2) New Business
 - A. Approval of Minutes: January 11, 2024 meeting
 - B. Savannah Recreation Pool Building Renovation: Approved the project. (Cost: \$399,999)



AAC February Meeting Highlights, New Business continued . . .

C. <u>Janitorial & Porter Services</u>: Approved amendment to agreement to remove Hacienda Postal facility and replace it with the new Cordoba Postal facility, (at same location).

3) Old Business Status Updates:

- Paradise Regional Recreation Center: This project is in the final design phase. Construction bid documents will be ready for "Request For Proposal (RFP), which is Phase 1 of the bid process, in April/May 2024.
- 2) <u>La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center:</u> The construction/renovation of the new Table Tennis/Game Room bids were received on January 30th 2024, and will be presented to the AAC for award consideration at the March 6, 2024 meeting.
- 3) 12-Month Amenity Deferral Rate: AAC requested this item be removed from Old Business.
- 4) Review of proposed VCCDD Towing Rule Language: Hearing scheduled for March 6, 2024.
- 5) Water Retention Area (WRA) Basins: AAC Legal Counsel contacted District 4 Legal Counsel regarding VCCDD/RAD fund maintenance of some Water Retention Area basins located in District 4; Confirmed annual cost of maintenance for nine (9) basins; Provided copy of District 4 basin map; and Reviewed conflicts of interest concerns. Staff will provide the AAC with an update following District 4's February meeting.
- 6) Power Corridor Trail: Inspection is complete and DPM is getting pricing from contractors.
- 7) <u>Chula Vista Pool:</u> Staff met with resident regarding this project. Resident is satisfied with the overall design improvements to the pool and deck areas. The cost of a fire pit is \$12-15,000, depending on size.

4) Informational Items Only

A. AAC Financial Statements: (Year-Over-Year as of December 31, 2023)

December 31, 2022 December, 2023

\$ 60,417,000 \$ 68,364,000 - Total Cash & Investments, Net of Bond Funds

Fund Balance: Fund Balance:

\$ 79,657,000 \$ 86,785,000 – Unassigned

1,206,000 1,206,000 – Restricted-Debt Service

22,991,000 24,316,000 – Committed R & R General

\$103.854.000 \$112.307.000 - Total Fund Balance (\$8.5 million MORE than last year!)

(Note: \$ 6,204,000 - \$40M Settlement Current Balance)

B. Capital Project Status Update - Resident Amenity Fund (RAD) updates provided.

5) District Manager Reports:

- A. "Night Out" with District Property Management: February 27, 2024 at SeaBreeze, 5 to 7 pm
- B. Executive Golf Fertigation Pilot Program: "This fertigation program is a low-cost investment utilizing existing injection systems to introduce products that will dramatically improve both water and soil conditions, providing a healthier environment to grow stronger turf which will provide improved playing surfaces on our executive golf courses. It will be tested at Silver Lake and Hilltop executive golf courses. (This process is already being used at Glenview and Havanna championship golf courses since June of last year with early success.)

For the full report, click on the following LINK:

https://thevillagesfl.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3523/files/attachment/34597

C. Recreation & Parks Quarterly Report:

- a) Accreditation: The "Commission for the Accreditation of Parks & Recreation Agencies requires accredited agencies to go through a review every 5 years. The Villages Parks & Recreation Dept. has been accredited since 2011 and was just approved for renewal through 2028!"
- b) Carrom Tables: Two new no pocket tables have been added to the Saddlebrook Billiards room.
- c) The Enrichment Academy (TEA)
- d) Swimming Pools ID Checks & Stewardship

(For the full Recreation Report, click on the following LINK:



AAC February Meeting Highlights, District Manager Reports continued . . .

6) District Counsel Reports: District 4 inquiry regarding repayment for Water Retention Area basin maintenance: District Counsel advised that the VCCDD will NOT be requesting repayment for basin maintenance that has been paid previously.

AAC MARCH 6th 2024 Meeting Agenda Items:

- 1) Audience Comments:
- 2) Consent Agreement: Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions, which are considered routine and no discussion is required, unless desired by a Board Supervisor or a member of the Public.
 - A. Approval of Minutes: February 7th, 2024 meeting
 - B. HVAC Agreement Amendment:
 - C. <u>Aquatic Weed Control Services:</u> Terminate Agreement with Solitude Lake and "piggyback" Sumter Landing CDD agreement with Crosscreek Environmental.
 - D. <u>Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance:</u> Amend current contract to reflect changes in service needs due to tear-down of Hacienda Postal Facility and construction of new Cordoba Postal Facility. (Cost reduction savings: \$5,476/annually)
- 3) New Business:

A. <u>TABLE TENNIS (game room) at La Hacienda Recreation Center:</u> Consideration of Bids for construction to repurpose an under-utilized area.



- B. <u>Roof Replacements</u>: Consideration of Bids for roof replacement at various District facilities such as recreation centers, pool facilities, postal facilities, gate houses, golf starter shacks, maintenance facilities, and pump stations.
- C. <u>Shade Trellis Structure Replacements</u>: Consider Bids for replacement at Savannah Center.
- D. <u>Amberwood & Chula Vista Exec. Golf Course</u> Renovations: Consideration of Bids for renovations.

4) Old Business:

- 1) Paradise Recreation Center update
- 2) La Hacienda Recreation Center Game Room Construction
- 3) Review proposed VCCDD Towing Rule language
- 4) Power Corridor Trail (PCT): Review of maintenance
- 5) Cordoba Postal Facility

5) Information Items Only:

- A. Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024
- B. Capital Project Status update RAD Fund

6) District Manager Reports:

- A. Executive Golf Quarterly Update
- B. Save the Date: "Water Matters" Event
- C. Campaign Memo

7) District Counsel Reports:

8) AAC Member Comments:



Renovation completed

Sand Trap replenishing

CLOSURES:

Executive Golf Courses: (Closed Until Further Notice)

- Belmont
- Bonita Pass
- Heron
- Redfish Run

Pools:

- SeaBreeze SPORTS Pool (Closed Now thru March 29th)
- Savannah SPORTS Pool (Closes March 18th Until Further Notice)

Community Development District 4 (CDD4)

For the <u>Minutes</u> from the February, 2024 District 4 meeting; and for the complete <u>Agenda Packet</u> with supporting documents for the Friday, March 8th, 2024 regular meeting; click on the following LINK:

https://thevillagesfl.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3645/overview

District 4 FEBRUARY 2024 Meeting Highlights:

- 1) Public Comments
- 2) New Business:
 - A. Minutes for January, 2024 Meeting: Approved
 - B. <u>Annual Audit Report:</u> Accepted the independent Annual Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, which ended September 30, 2023, from Purvis Gray, CPAs.

3) Supervisors Comments:

- Supervisor Cary Sternberg: Provided the Board with a photo advertisement for a new donut business being run from a home in The Villages; and stated he believes the lack of enforcement of "Internal" deed restrictions needs to be addressed. A discussion followed regarding what options District 4 may have to bring about compliance.
- <u>Chairman Cliff Wiener:</u> Commented on a towing rule for abandoned vehicles being explored by the AAC and whether it could be used to assist residential Districts parking issues.
- <u>Chairman Wiener:</u> Expressed concern that the upcoming relocation of the District Staff Offices
 to Brownwood would have a negative impact on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
 members. Ms. Duckett advised that Staff can inquire if the District 4 Primary Member would have
 an interest in receiving mileage reimbursement for their attendance at the ARC weekly meetings.
- <u>Supervisor Don Deakin:</u> Inquired about the amount of staff time and other financial costs which could result from the District Offices moving to Brownwood. More discussion followed.
- <u>Supervisor Jim Murphy</u>: Requested more clarification regarding the change of language that would allow towing of vehicles. Legal Counsel Mark Brionez will review.
- <u>Chairman Wiener</u>: Expressed concern regarding the lack of maintenance that has occurred on neighborhood roads over the past 20 years. Ms. Duckett advised that Staff will email the Pavement Management Plan to the Board and include it on the March 8, 2024 agenda for review.

4) Committee Updates:

A. <u>Investment Advisory Committee, (IAC):</u> – Supervisor Murphy provided an overview of the IAC meeting held on February 6, 2024, highlighting the Executive Summary with all portfolios, the Quarterly Aggregate Asset Allocation, and the Asset Allocation & Performance as of December 31, 2023.

B. <u>Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group</u>, (MMPDG): – Chairman Wiener reported that the next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024, at 1:30 pm, at the Savannah Recreation Center.

C.<u>Marion County Sheriff's Office(MCSO) & Villages Public Safety Department(VPSD):</u> – Liaison Supervisor Mark Hayes advised that the MCSO has a new District Commander and that the VPSD monthly report was provided to the Board.

D.Marion County Board of County Commissioners, (MCBOCC): – Liaison Supervisor Deakin reported that a final hearing for a major residential development named "Utopia", located on the north side of CR42, was discussed at the County Commission's February meeting.

(See page 8 of this report for more details)

5) Old Business:

- 1) <u>Crowfield Pipe Repair:</u> (Cameron Villas), Liner repair to the storm drain pipe has been completed and Oakleigh Executive Golf Course will be open starting February 16th.
- 2) <u>District 4 Board Town Hall Meetings:</u> Are scheduled for March 13, 2024 and August 22, 2024, at the Mulberry Grove Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 pm. The March meeting will focus on the Budget and budget process, with a handout for residents which outlines the budget procedure, followed by and an open forum for residents to request information and provide input.

District 4 February Meeting Highlights, Old Business continued . . .

- 3) Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group Meeting: Will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 at 1:30 pm.
- 4) <u>ARC Special Hearing Master:</u> The Board will review the proposal to hire a Special Hearing Master for FY2024/2025 during the budget process.
- 5) Provide update on opinion requested from the Florida Commission on Ethics: A letter of inquiry is being prepared jointly by District 4's Legal Counsel Mark Brionez and the Amenity Authority Committee's Legal Counsel Keven Stone, which must include factual background information. Once the letter has been sent, the response could take months to receive back from the Commission. The District 4 Board of Supervisors requested to see the letter before it is mailed.
- 6) Provide Board with Developer's phone number and email to report INTERNAL deed violation concerns: Information was provided to Supervisors by email; and information for reporting "Internal" deed violation concerns has also been included on the **DistrictGov.org** website.
- 7) Inquire with AAC if a request will be made for repayment to RAD Fund for D4 basin maintenance: Ms. Duckett advised that the AAC will NOT request reimbursement from District 4 for past maintenance of the water retention areas in question. Additionally, going forward, D4 will only be responsible for the cost of maintaining the vegetation and weeds. Any needed repairs to a liner in the nine basins would be the responsibility of the VCCDD.
- 8) <u>District Counsel to review possibility of amending Chapter 190 to allow the District to enforce internal deed restrictions:</u> Review in process.
- 6) District 4 Financial Statements: (Year-Over-Year as of October 31, 2023)

<u>December 31, 2022</u> <u>December 31, 2023</u>

\$ 4,141,000 \$ 5,367,000 – Total Cash & Investments, Net of Bond Funds Fund Balance:



District 4 MARCH 8th 2024 Meeting Agenda Topics:

- 1) Public Comments:
- 2) Public Hearing:
 - A. Adoption of Resolution Amending and Restating the General and Procedural Rules
- 3) New Business:
 - A. Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2024 meeting
 - B. <u>Aquatic Weed Control Services:</u> Terminate Agreement with Solitude Lake Management and "piggyback" the Sumter Landing Community Development District agreement with Crosscreek Environmental.
 - C. Procurement and Spending Authority Policy
 - D. Financial Statements
- 4) Supervisor Comments:
- 5) Committee Updates:
 - A. Investment Advisory Committee
 - B. Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group
 - C. Liaison to MSCO & VPSD
 - D. Liaison to MCBOCC

District 4 MARCH 8th 2024 Meeting Agenda Topics continued . . .

6) Old Business:

- 1) Crowfield Pipe Project Update
- 2) District 4 Town Hall Meeting
- 3) ARC/Special Hearing Master
- 4) Florida Commission on Ethics Opinion
- 5) Soulliere Villa Road Concerns
- Inquire if Developer would be in favor of Districts enforce internal deed restrictions



The Village Community Development District (VCDD) No. 4 Board will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mulberry Grove Recreation Center.

The VCDD No. 4 Board invites residents to attend the Town Hall Meeting to provide input to your Board of Supervisors on District-related items and issues. The main topic of discussion will be the upcoming budget process.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, at (352) 751-3939.

- 7) Review if VCCDD Towing Rule can be utilized in residential parking areas
- 8) Inquire if ARC Representative would like to receive reimbursement for mileage
- 9) Email copy of Road Management Plan and include on March agenda
- 10) Amending Florida Chapter 190 to allow Districts to enforce internal deed restrictions

7) Information Items Only:

- A. Amenity Authority Committee, (AAC) After Agenda
- B. District 4 Public Hearing Updates
- C. District Property Management Report

8) District Manager Reports:

- A. Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group follow-up presentation
- B. Campaign Memo
- C. 2024 Election Qualification Reminder
- D. Save the Date: Water Matters Event

9) District Counsel Reports:

10) Public Comments:

Bond Payment Cut-Off Date-March 15, 2024

If you still have a Bond balance on your Villages home, you can continue to pay the Bond through the annual assessment on your County property tax bill, or you may choose to prepay the remaining Principal balance at any time. If you are interested in paying off your Bond in full, you will save half the interest for the year if we receive your payoff check before the end of business on Friday, March 15, 2024. You will also eliminate the annual Bond assessment on your November 2024 tax bill and avoid future interest payments.

Please contact the Bond office at 352-751-3900 to obtain your Bond payoff amount and instructions on how to submit your payment. Payments can be placed in the District Drop Boxes located at each Postal Station (up until March 11th) and the District Drop Box located outside the main office (until 5pm on March 15th.) Please call to schedule an appointment prior to visiting the office.

Please remember that even when the Bond is paid in full, there will continue to be an annual maintenance assessment on your County property tax bill which pays for ongoing costs to maintain the infrastructure of your District.

To view the details of your Bond, please click link below.

The Enrichment Academy (TEA)

- √ 410 Different Courses
- √ 135 Instructors
- √ 1,000+ Sessions/Offerings
- ✓ Hosted at 36 Recreation Centers
- √ 800+ Attendees at the Learn & Grow bi-annual Expos!

Speaker Series

√ 15 professional speaker presentations on a variety of topics and experiences!

Program Information

- √ Fee-based educational enrichment opportunities
- ✓ Year-round programing:
 - October March
 - April September



Marion County Report:

Marion County: Utopia Master Plan

Prepared by Don Deakin, District 4 Supervisor & Liaison to Marion County Commission

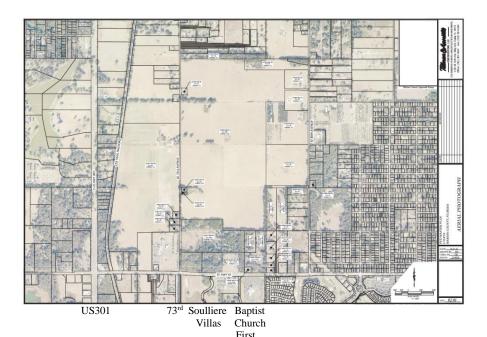
The Utopia project is located on the north side of CR42, between SE 73rd and SE 80th Avenues. The project has been a work in progress for well over 10 years. The overall project is approved for:

774 Single family residential units

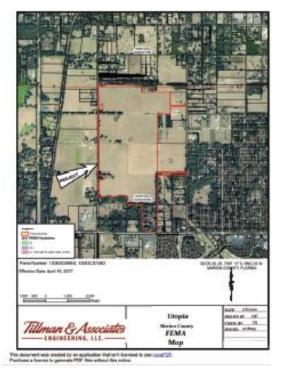
770 Multi-family residential units, consisting of: 486 proposed townhouses 284 apartment units

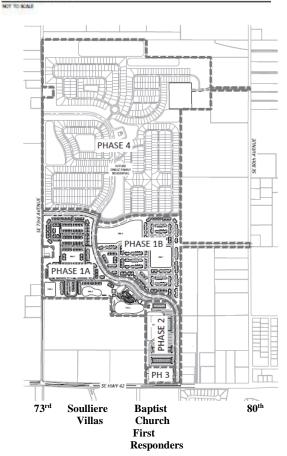
1,514 Total dwelling units

(Fronting CR42 will be an estimated +/- 4 Acres, on two parcels of commercial development.)



Responders





Save the Dates:

- March 9, 2024 Spring Craft Show: 300 Crafters! Expanded to 4 Rec Centers including: Fenney! Rohan! Laurel Manor! & SeaBreeze!
- March 30, 2024 Running of the Squares: A 5K will be held at Spanish Springs on Saturday.



VARIOUS NEWS SOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGES

MONTHLY EMAIL REPORT:

A MONTHLY publication provided by Supervisor Don Deakin as a public service to residents. (FREE)

<u>Contact:</u> For residents who are **NOT** on Supervisor Deakin's email list, send request to be added to: <u>DRDeakin@aol.com</u>

THE VILLAGES

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN



A WEEKLY publication provided by The Villages District Office. It covers a variety of topics and

becomes available each week on Thursday. It can be emailed to you for viewing online. (FREE)

LINK: (to see most recent issues)

https://districtgov.org/WeeklyBulletin.aspx

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POA BULLETIN



MONTHLY publication by the Property Owners' Association. It is a Villages lifestyle organization that has been "Champions of Residents Rights since 1975." It is delivered monthly to every homeowner's driveway and is also available online. (FREE)

LINK: Go to www.poa4us.org

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THE VHA VOICE



A MONTHLY publication by the Villages Homeowners Advocates. The VHA "Voice"

is now a full or partial page in Section C of the <u>Daily Sun</u> and appears one or more times a month. Those who purchase a paper at a store or <u>Daily Sun</u> box will now get the "Voice" without need for a subscription. Some articles may only be available online. (FREE)

LINK: http://www.thevha.net

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POSTAL STATION BULLETIN BOARD



A central location for information provided by The Villages and for approved residentprovided information. Guidelines for resident submissions can be found in the LINK below.

LINK: https://www.districtgov.org/departments/Community-Service/PostalFacilityBBGuidelines.pdf

THE VILLAGES e-NOTIFICATIONS



Provided by The Villages District Office. Emailed to you as APPROPRIATE, based upon your topic

requests. You can choose from a list of options, including the *District Weekly Bulletin*, meeting notices, precautionary water boil notices, scheduled updates and closings, public safety, recreation, and more. (FREE)

LINK:

https://districtgov.org/newsletter/newsletter.aspx

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PARADISE RECREATON CENTER

REBUILD PROJECT



Information on the status of the Paradise Recreation Center project is available on The Villages Home Page under Quick Links

(left side column). The link will be used by District Property Management to provide periodic updates as the project progresses. (FREE)

LINK:

https://districtgov.org/community/paradise.aspx

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THE VILLAGES RECREATION NEWS

A WEEKLY publication provided by The Villages Recreation & Parks Department. It becomes



available each week on Thursday. You can pick up a copy at any recreation center, or view it online. (FREE) LINK: https://online.flippingbook.com/view/10419946/

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We want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your loved ones a Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

- - Don Deakin

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