

# Property Owners'

# Association of The Villages

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## BULLETIN



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Approximately 12,000 Homes Within the Villages

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### PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

I feel obligated to respond to the Village Home Owners Association publication dated January 2000, on page 4, comments by Sandy Mott, who is listed as a Director of the VHA.

**Rumor Column:** "We heard that if the Developer stops building in the Villages, and walks away the residents will be forced to pay the \$22 million debt." Actually, isn't the debt more like \$200 million plus interest?

It is further stated that the indebtedness on the Bonds sold by the VCCDD was to purchase recreational facilities. The bond debt is being paid by the VCCDD with the amenity fees from the district.

In any form of Government, if that particular government wishes to expand its facilities, the only way to pay for that facility would be with a Bond issue. Therefore, to repay the Bond the Government agency would have to raise your taxes. The only form of revenue the government has, is to raise your taxes. Therefore, the only way the Developer can pay back \$200 million plus, is to raise our amenity fees and additional rent on the meeting rooms, etc. Therefore, the people in the Villages are paying the debt not the Developer.

Every property owner should just check their deed restriction, which states that the property owners are responsible for the recreational amenity fees. The Developer has the right to sell these recreational fees to a third person. Who is the third person? The VCCDD. Who bought these rights? The VCCDD. Who owns the VCCDD? The Developer. —Tom Poss—

### WHO SAID THERE ARE NO GUARDIAN ANGELS

In the pre dawn hours on January 19, in South Orange, New Jersey, Seton Hall found itself in the bowels of Hell, as fire took over the building at this University. Three students perished in this blaze another fifty four injured. Among the students asleep in the dorm at the time of the fire, high up on the third floor was Justin VanHynning, the grandson of our past president and treasurer, Joe and Joyce Gottfried, Justin was able to escape the blaze unharmed.

Condolences from all of us, go out to the families of the students who suffered this tragedy. To Joyce and Joe Gottfried and Justin's parents, we share your joy.

—CP—



### CUPID IN THE VILLAGES

Romance and long residency flourishes in the Villages. Earle and Evelyn Snider of Aloha Way, can remember when we were just a dream known as the Orange Blossom Gardens.

Evelyn belonged to the American Business Women's Association and several members knew Earle and they wanted Evie to call Earle. Evie did and the phone conversation lasted one hour and thirty minutes. You could say they fell in love over the phone. Their first date was July 1, 1972, they were engaged four weeks later and married by the tenth week. Some said it would not last but the proof is in the pudding, they have been married 27 years.

They moved to the Villages, (Orange Blossom Gardens) in the fall of 1973 and are the longest residents of the Villages, as man and wife.

Cupid keeps busy, 50 years ago, February 18, 1950 to be exact, Cupid shot his arrow into the air and found its mark in the hearts of two high school sweethearts, Joseph and Joyce Gottfried. Happy Anniversary and many, many more.

Isn't love grand and what better month to have this article then February the romance month. Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating their happiness this month.

—S.A. Woollard—

*The officers and members of the Property Owners' Association of the Villages offer their sincere sympathy and condolence to the family of Sharon Morse.*

### MY ANSWER TO "WHY?"

I am in receipt of a fax asking when was the VCCDD in charge of traffic control and issuance of drivers licenses, in response to my article on the accident of a driver running a stop sign.

In response to this fax lets talk about traffic and roads in the Villages. Roads in the Sumter County are privately maintained by the Villages, but the VCCDD roads are private roads. The roads in Lake County are public roads maintained by Lake County or the Town of Lady Lake. The controls of the traffic and use of vehicles on these roads are assigned to be maintained by the Sheriff's Department of Lake and Sumter County and Lady Lake Police. The Villages gives Lady Lake a stipend to have the roads patrolled.

About the article I wrote about licensing or checking golf cart drivers on the roads of the Villages. Reading lips has many unknown factors, people sitting around a coffee table walking in parking lots and talking about how great it is to live in the Villages.

\* If I could not use the golf cart I could not go shopping, my license was taken away five years ago, because I was declared legally blind.

\* My license was revoked for a D.U.I, but I can drive in the Villages because they never check licenses.

\* I don't stop at stop signs, I live in the Villages, I can drive any way I want.

The above-mentioned statements and many others that are too numerous to mention was what prompted me to write the original article "WHY"

The VCCDD has jurisdiction over all the amenities we use in the Villages. To get to these amenities we must travel on public and private roads. Wouldn't it be great to know in a community to be 70,000, that the drivers on the roads are competent and know the driving rules and obey the same?

This community is no longer a small development. We are almost the size of Leesburg and larger than the other towns. Do you see golf carts riding around the streets of Leesburg, Tavares, Mount Dora, Eustis, or Umatilla, like they do in the Villages?

Something needs to be done and soon or we will be counting the bodies on the streets. The traffic count now is tremendous, how much greater is it going to be. —Charles M. Harvey—





**HOUSEHOLD TIPS**

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-It's easy to read a rain gauge if you put a few drops of food coloring in the tube. Even if the color water dries up, there is enough residue to help read the next rainfall.

-Newspaper repels moths, which is quite helpful when storing woolen items.

-To keep shower doors shiny and clear, use a soft cloth moistened with baby oil. It prevents scum buildup from dirt and soap. And hard water spots won't appear for several months.

-When hanging a picture, heat the nail with a flame before driving it into the wall. You won't crack or chip the plaster. -ws-

**AS AMBULANCE RIDES GO**

Most recently I had the privilege to take a ride in the ambulance out of Griffin Road. It was not by choice, but finding myself in need of immediate medical attention. When I found myself feeling badly while I was away from home one Saturday, I visited the walk-in Clinic of Leesburg Hospital that is located on Route 441 and 301. I want all to know that the immediate attention that I received (with five of the most able of medical staff) that took good care of me, I was impressed. With that, of course I had to be transferred by ambulance to Leesburg Hospital. The two young men who took care of me were willing and most able to see to all my needs. Even as I lay in the hospital bed, their last stop before leaving the premises, was to see if I was needing anything else. How thoughtful, I spent the entire day in emergency, where again, the staff was outstanding, gentle and kind. I, went through all my tests and in the evening I was released. This is not about me, but about the personnel who administered the best of care to me. To those at the Clinic, the Ambulance Service and the Leesburg Emergency Room Staff, all I can say is, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL. -Joyce Gottfried--



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**HAVE YOU PAID YOURS YET?**  
 NEXT POA MEETING  
 WED - FEBRUARY 16

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**SCHEDULED CDD MEETINGS**

All CDD Meetings are held in the room adjacent to Pete Wahl's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Citizens First Bank Building

**VCCDD - Villages Community Center**  
 Development District - last Friday of the month at 9:00 AM

**CDD#1 - Meets on the last Friday of the month at 11:00 AM**

**CDD#2 - Meets on the first Friday of the month at 9:30 AM**

**CDD#3 - Meets on the first Friday of the month at 9:00 AM**

**P.O.A. MEETINGS**  
 Board of Directors - 7:00 PM  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
 Charlie Chaplin Rm - Paradise Center  
 (all POA members welcomed)  
 General Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
 Paradise Recreation Center  
 Refreshments Served  
 (ALL RESIDENTS WELCOMED)



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**BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

By: Tom Poss

I received a couple of responses to my article about coffee prices. One of the letters suggested that I was writing the article in jest, and was looking for a nickel cup of coffee. On the contrary I owned a restaurant and am quite aware of the expenses incurred in such an operation. The expenses are going to be there whether the customer orders coffee with their meal or not. The glass of water that the customer receives, is not charged for, but has to be taken to the table by the waitress, cleared from the table when done and washed. The lemon that goes into the water has cost attached to it. But when ordered with a meal the expense is figured into the meal cost. The restaurant industry in general raised the coffee prices in the 1970's when Brazil had a big freeze and coffee went to over \$11.00 per pound. Unfortunately when the prices of coffee came down the price per cup was not lowered. I personally commend Capt. Bells Seafood Restaurant for charging fifty cents a cup, along with Ryans Steak House and Quincy's for giving a free beverage with an order. I would not want to see someone come into a restaurant and hold a meeting or sit and visit for hours with only a cup of coffee. That is not profitable for any business nor was that what was implied in my article. An alternative to the prices of coffee would be to lower the price of coffee when ordered with a meal and limit it to one refill. There is nothing wrong with charging the high price if only coffee were being ordered.

Thank you for your input, I am always looking for different views. 750-5469, Fax 750-2320, e-mail [Tcposs@aol.com](mailto:Tcposs@aol.com).  
 Until next time, this is Believe it or Not by:  
 -Tom Poss-

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**FEBRUARY 16 POA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 PM, Paradise Rec Center. We no longer have the use of the entire room. Therefore, from now on, our meetings will be held in the back half of the room which contains the kitchen.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Nelson Kraucak of the Life Family Practice Center. Dr. Kraucak specializes in alternative medicine and chelation therapy.

**COME AND JOIN US - FEBRUARY 16TH**  
**ALL RESIDENTS WELCOMED**

**--CLASSIFIED--**

Our "Classified Section" will now include: Personals, Looking For, For Sale Items, For Rent, just about anything you wish to advertise. This is a free service for POA members. Send request to the POA Bulletin, PO Box 1657, Lady Lake or drop it in our mail box at the Paradise Rec. Center.

**PERSONALS**

**LOST** - #1 golf club at Chula Vista Golf Course in March of 1999. If for some reason the club was found by a seasonal resident who unknowingly left with it and is back in the area, would you please turn the club in at the Chula Vista starter shack.

**THANK YOU** - I had surgery this past December and would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and well wishes. The phone calls, cards, flowers, and good wishes were appreciated. Thank you all very much.  
 - Tom Poss

**GET WELL WISHES** - Don Lathom will be undergoing surgery on Jan. 26 in N.C. and is hoping to back be home in the Villages by mid March. Good Luck, Don.

Stanley Straub, a long time resident of the Villages and a volunteer in the Rec. Dept took ill over the holidays while visiting his son in New York. Stanley is currently in a nursing home in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. and will not be returning to the Villages.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - Jan and Win Shook are celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month. Best wishes.



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