

# The POA Bulletin

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The Property Owners' Association of The Villages



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Champions of Residents' Rights Since 1975

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## Candidates in November Election Speak Out

The POA sponsored a Candidates Night at its September Membership meeting. Any candidate for election in The Villages was encouraged to attend. Candidates were asked to briefly explain their background and their objectives if elected to office. We also asked the candidates to provide a brief summary in writing for publication in the Bulletin. Not all candidates participated in the presentations or submitted the written summaries. But, many did and their responses to the POA request are printed below:

• **Joy Anderson – Candidate for the Lake County/Lady Lake seat on the AAC.**

Why do I want to become the Lake County Amenity Authority Committee Board Member now and in November?

Anyone who has spent the last two years listening to the concerns of over thirty representatives in the fourteen villages of Lake County, as I have done, will know their hearts.

These residents have fears of becoming a “left behind” community. They want their aging facilities to be kept fully updated. Also, safe and vandal-free neighborhoods are high on their list. They need help in becoming a more caring community as their original Villagers age. They long to become fully informed about their unique governmental systems and how to take part in them. They are a proud people that feel they live in one of the most beautiful sections of The Villages and they want its historic nature preserved.

I know what they want, for they are me.

• **G. Jerry Merges – Candidate for the Lake County/Lady Lake seat on the AAC.**

I am interested in continuing a lifetime of community service by competing for the position of AAC Representative for Lady Lake/

Lake County. My background of leadership, financial analysis, community involvement and community service well qualifies me for this position.

I am a graduate of West Point with a degree in Engineering and also hold an MBA degree in Finance. My previous careers of US Army Officer (Ranger-decorated combat veteran), Sales Engineer, Registered Financial Consultant, and High School Teacher have given me the ability to work well with individuals with conflicting viewpoints and world views.

My strengths include accumulating data for analysis, careful and thorough analytical skills, and the ability to present information in a logical and understandable manner. Lastly, I believe in taking action - once a decision is made, implementation and follow-up are paramount.

I have the pleasure of interacting with many fellow residents in my duties as a recreation assistant and on the pickle ball courts and softball fields.

If you are looking for someone with a fresh look at all AAC matters and responsibilities, I would be pleased to have your con-

sideration and your vote on November 2nd.

• **Dick Belles – Candidate for re-election to CDD 3, Seat 1.**

My wife and I moved to The Villages in 2001, retiring from IBM after 30 years. I became involved in this community immediately and volunteer in many areas.

Elected as a Supervisor in 2002, and Chairman for 6 years. The annual maintenance budget has never increased.

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## “Ugly” Yard? What to Do?

As of March 1, 2010, the Community Development Districts north of CR 466 began involvement in the enforcement of external deed restrictions. Last year the Florida Legislature made changes to Chapter 190 making it possible for Development Districts to establish processes to enforce deed restrictions and levy fines for non-compliance. Prior to these changes, only the developer or another resident could seek injunctive relief for the failure of a homeowner to maintain his/her property. The most typical violations involve tall weeds and grass, dead grass, parking (RVs), yard waste placed curbside earlier than the day before pickup, etc.

The process established by each of the districts begins with a complaint. Anyone can make a complaint and they need not identify themselves to the Community Standards office (751-6719). Without a complaint, the process does not begin. The district staff is not out there looking for properties to write-up.

Once a complaint is received, the staff will log it and send a staff member out to verify. If the complaint is confirmed the property owner will be notified within three days – a written notice is delivered to the property, a telephone call is made to the

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**October 19, 2010**

**THE NEXT POA  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Third Tuesday of the Month – 7:00 p.m.  
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## Candidates Speak

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My goals in seeking re-election are to maintain or decrease our annual maintenance budget, implement the CIP plan, continue to be responsive and accessible to resident concerns.

### Volunteer Activities:

Mentor for Take Stock in Children at South Sumter schools.

Member of the Buffalo Scholarship Foundation.

Umpire in The Villages Rec. League.

Umpire and former board member for Lady Lake Little League.

### Membership Activities:

St. George's Episcopal Church.

The Villages Rotary Club.

Polo Ridge Social Club – past president

### Community Involvement:

Original member of the AAC - elected Chairman.

Instrumental in getting the Buffalo Glen bleachers fixed for resident comfort.

I would appreciate your consideration and your vote on November 2nd.

### • John Goetz – Candidate for CDD 3, Seat 1.

#### Why vote for me?

First, I am qualified. I have a degree in Finance and worked with budgets and financial statements throughout my business career.

Second, I have been an elected official, serving six years on the City Council in my community in Colorado.

Third, I owned and ran my family's business for 30 years, so I have dealt regularly with business issues and staff.

#### How will I help?

I will listen carefully to residents, and will work cooperatively with other agencies and encourage others on the Board to do so as well. I will use my knowledge of finance to bring sharper attention to costs. I've lived

here for 10 years, and will bring my Villages experience as well as fresh thinking to the Board. I love The Villages and live here full-time, and will focus on our community's continued success.

Please visit my web site, johngoetz.net. Questions? My email is johngoetz3@gmail.com.

### • James (Jim) Murphy – Candidate for re-election for CDD 4, Seat 3.

Age: 77. Six years on the Board, Chairman last two years. Resident of the Villages of Woodbury since 2002. VHA Rep., served on the Board as Treasurer. Social club member and officer. Attended Western Reserve Univ, and numerous General Motors courses as attendee and instructor. Numerous charitable, youth and church activities. Served on the Utica Community Schools B.E.E. for 19 years, serving in all positions. USAF four years during Korean War. V.F.W. hon discharge. Retired General Motors executive in finance, after 40 yrs service. Married for 57 Years to Estelle, a multiple cancer survivor and amputee, and is my focus point for very important things in life. Four sons, 12 grand and 5 great grand children. When re-elected, I will continue to represent my constituents as aggressively as I have in the past. My work and life background, along with my experience on the Board makes me highly qualified to make the right decisions for our community.

### • Karen Tynes – Candidate for CDD 4, Seat 3.

#### My Accomplishments:

Participated in the Guest ID Focus Group providing equality to all residents and guests.

Developed the Mulberry Dog Park providing a safe environment to take dogs away from postal stations and residents' property.

Manages the Villages Petfinders.

Instructs a free low impact exercise class

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## POA Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The Villages Residents' Bill of Rights

### RESIDENTS have RIGHTS to:

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

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## Candidates Speak

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at Mulberry Grove.

My Platform:

Develop a traffic plan to deter major traffic congestion entering, exiting and traveling Belle Meade Circle to and from the new VA Clinic

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My Background:

Moved to So. Florida in 1968.

Owned and operated a computer consulting firm.

Sold real estate.

Served on community boards always aware of my commitment to volunteering in community work.

My business knowledge and community involvement is why I want to bring fresh ideas to the Board of CDD 4 and I would like your vote.

• **Don Deakin – Candidate for CDD 4, Seat 5.**

Villages resident 8 years, married 40 years to wife, Joan; 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

He has a BA from the University of Florida and MA from Governors State University.

Don served on the District 4 Board (3 years); RAC/AAC (2 years); VHA Board of Directors as Treasurer; POA member.

Work experiences include banking and

finance with Dun & Bradstreet, First National Bank & Trust of Palm Beach, American Business Investments, Inc., TV & radio broadcast communications in education. Currently Don volunteers as a budget and financial advisor to the elderly.

I believe in Residents' Rights and have worked to improve our residents' lifestyle while keeping costs down. The District 4 Board has a good "Team" and I would like to continue the work we have started; so I am asking for your support and vote.

• **Diane Spencer – Candidate re-election for CDD 5, Seat 2.**

I want to thank the POA for the invitation to speak at the candidates' forum on March 21st.

My name is Diane Spencer, and I have served as a supervisor since 2004. I am an attorney (retired) who practiced law in Fort Lauderdale, FL for 25 years. I moved to The Villages in 2004 and ran for supervisor to be of service and give back to our wonderful community. I worked for one of the largest insurance companies in the state of Florida. My legal background includes supervising lawsuits brought involving insured condominium and homeowners associations in Dade, Palm Beach, and Broward counties. I believe my experience has enhanced my ability to serve as an effective supervisor. I am also a member of the Board of Directors for The Villages Regional Hospital and Leesburg Regional Medical Center.

During my term on the board, annual assessment fees have not increased one penny, yet we have consistently maintained and enhanced services provided for our District. The Villages Daily Sun reported that "District 5 has just more than \$5million in unreserved funds, the most of any District" (May 25, 2010).

Keep CDD 5 on course. I ask all registered voters to re-elect Diane Spencer for supervisor, CDD 5, seat 2, on November 2nd.

• **Joan Runyon – Candidate for re-election to CDD 5, Seat 5.**

After forty plus years in the business world of banking, medical and dental management, thirty plus years of volunteer work in civic, cultural, charity and youth organizations I felt the interest of government leading me to two elected terms in municipal government and two terms special district governing. I feel that I have a proven record of dedication, and of going the extra mile while con-

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## Candidates Speak

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tributing my experience and perseverance.

It is my desire to help keep District 5 the model board it has been for the last 6 years, proof being a budget that holds the line without reducing services. I have also been the representative on the Villages Investment Board for three years. I am asking you to reelect me for one more term that I may continue to give my full attention and experience to the Board and residents during these turbulent economic times.

• **Gary Kadow – Candidate for CDD 5, Seat 5.**

I have been a resident of the Village of Lynnhaven for 6 years after moving here from Buffalo, NY. Prior to retiring I served as Sr. Vice president for Product Development, and President of Subsidiary Corporations for a large bank in Western NY. After twenty years in finance I entered public service in a position with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as Administrator of Community Planning and Development and Hospital Programs, having responsibility for 48 counties of New York State. I worked as Special Assistant to The Secretary of HUD, and was a member of the White House Advisory Committee on Housing in Washington, DC.

As a member and Director of the Rotary

Club of The Villages, I founded Project SOS, Support Our Soldiers, which provides medical and surgical supplies to our troops overseas. As an ordained minister and chaplain volunteering at local hospitals and also with the American Red Cross during times of national disaster, I had the honor of serving as chaplain to the first responders on September 11, 2001 at The World Trade Center.

This year is the first time the residents of District 5 will have the opportunity to elect a Supervisor of their choice in a general election. The residents and property owners are the heart of any district, and their voice must be heard. As your Supervisor I can assure you that your voice will be heard loud and clear. It would be my honor to serve you, and I ask for support so that I may continue to give back to my community.

• **Ron McMahon – Candidate for CDD 7, Seat 5.**

Things you should know about Ron:

- \*Hillcrest Villas, Village of Hadley, Village just over three years.
- \*VHA Representative/Secretary, Region 6/7 VHA Board.
- \*Secretary, Villages Community Improvement Council (CIC).
- \*Former Exalted Ruler, Lady Lake Elks.
- \*From Saratoga Springs, NY, wife Karen.
- \*37-year employee of General Electric Co.
- \*8-year U.S. Army Reserve Officer.
- \*President of the NYS Junior Chamber.

\*Chairman of the NYS Jaycee Foundation.

\*Chairman of the NYS Hugh O’Brien Youth Foundation.

\*BS Mechanical Engineering, to deal with technical aspects of District infrastructure.

\*GE Financial Management Program, to deal with District budgets and finances.

\*Attended most CDD Meetings in 2010.

\*Graduate of the Villages Resident Academy Program.

\*Guiding principal, adopted from the CIC motto: “I will do all that I can to promote and protect our Clean, Fun-filled, Friendly and Safe Lifestyle by being Responsive to the residents of the Villages ... and as Supervisor, in particular for the residents of CDD#7”.

CDD7Seat5Cadate.RonMcMahon@yahoo.com, and I thank you for your time, consideration, and your vote.

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### • Jerry Vicenti – Candidate for CDD 7, Seat 5.

Represents Bonita, Duval, Hadley and Hemingway. Three years ago my wife and I moved to Hemingway in Seneca Villas from Staten Island, NY.

Worked for the Port Authority of NY/NJ including bridges, airports and tunnels for 35 years. Created, administered and supervised maintenance and service contracts; Supervised the Construction, Operation and Security of the Brooklyn Cruise Ship Terminal; Direct contact with the captains of Princess and Queen Mary cruise lines.

Served as Trustee on the Supervisor's Union Executive Board; Worked with Secret Service and Department of Homeland at World Trade Center Recovery Unit in 1993 and 9/11.

Objectives: Educate residence of District 7 on issues of our local government by publicizing the website.

Residents will have direct access to me, with the help of the POA, regarding their concerns, complaints and ideas. My goal is to have more residents involved and have each resident feel confident knowing when they contact me, I will have answers to all their issues.

Hobbies: avid cyclist, softball, golf & bunco. □

## “Ugly” Yard

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owner and a letter is sent to the owner of record. This notification will state (1) the required action to remedy the violation, (2) a prescribed time allotment to remedy the violation (between 3 and 15 days depending on the violation) and (3) a request to call the Community Standards Department office when the violation has been remedied.

If the violation has not been eliminated within the allotted time, staff sends a 2nd letter which further states that the property owner has 15 days to comply or the violation could result in a fine (amount stated and the date the fine begins with daily accruals).

On the 16th day, the property is rechecked and if the violation still exists a third letter is sent to the owner advising that (1) a fine has been levied and begins daily accrual, (2) the date of the hearing before the District Board of Supervisors (CDD 1-4 or VCCDD) and (3) copies of all prior correspondence.

If unpaid, appealed or still in violation after the prescribed time, a public hearing is held for the CDD Board of Supervisors to consider evidence, testimony and witnesses related to the violation from all effected parties. The CDD Board may render a decision to seek injunctive relief or other legal relief (i.e. lien on the property, etc.) as appropriate.

It is important that the staff follow this very specific process in order that the en-

forcement options will be supported if injunctive relief is sought. Fines and liens would not be collectable if the districts did not have a clearly defined and consistent process.

One other point should be made. In the case of tall weeds and grass, the districts can and do assume mowing responsibility for the property. This expense is included in the fines levied for the violation.

With regard to the districts south of CR 466, the deed compliance enforcement process is the same as it was north of CR 466 prior to March 2010 – Community Standards will notify residents when they are reported and in violation, but enforcement can only be done by the developer or a resident seeking injunctive relief. There is no ability to levy fines. In November of 2010, the District 5 Board of Supervisors will have the ability to adopt the rules to enforce certain external deed restrictions. Districts 6-8 will have to wait until 2012 to meet state statutory conditions. □



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## POA and Hall of Fame Elections

POA Elections and the Hall of Fame nominations are coming up.

Nominations for the election of POA officers and directors are now open. Anyone wanting more information on serving on the POA Board should talk to any officer or director for more information. The term of office is one year. You might find the opportunity to serve to be rewarding and not as much time as you might imagine. Elections will be held at the November membership meeting and the investiture at the POA Annual Meeting in December.

Nominations for the POA Hall of Fame are also open. We have nomination forms available at meetings or from Joe at 259-0999. The Hall of Fame honor is for past or present POA members who have made a significant contribution to the POA over the years. This is not a popularity contest. It is a recognition of a few of the many members who have made a positive impact on the POA. You can see the list of previous Hall of Fame members on page 19 of every Bulletin. Hall of Fame nominations must be received by the POA Board by the first of December.

The POA Board will decide on which nominees are formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at the December meeting. □

Letter to the Editor:

## Cameras at Gates

Before I discuss my subject I want to say how much I enjoy the POA Bulletin. If you added a TV guide I could stop delivery of the Sun.

I read with interest the article on "Gates in The Villages." I really don't mind the gate delay even though the cars in the burglar lane get passed through while I'm left waving my card at the mystery box. It gives me a sense of feeling that I live in a special place. But as far as photographs taken of every car, I doubt it. As a measure of security it would be pointless. Here's why; At last count I heard the population of the villages is about 78,000 residents. and I would estimate about half that many vehicles, about 39,000. I passed through the gates 3 times yesterday and some days not at all so a reasonable estimate is one pass per day/vehicle or 39,000 photos taken per day not counting visitors passing in the burglar lane. In one year that would be 14,235,000 photos. In all the years we've had gates the photo count would rival the national archives of criminal mug shots in Washington

DC.

If they do take pictures then the question is why? There is no association between the thousands of photos taken each day with criminal activity. My home was burgled 5 years ago and so far there is no link between the burglars and the car they drove in with although I'm sure someone is still pouring over the stacks of photos looking for a connection.

I suppose it could be argued there is a reason other than security for all these pictures but I can't imagine what. My suspicion is there are no pictures, it just makes some feel better that someone is keeping tabs on who comes into the Villages.

Neal Van Haverbeke

**Editor's Note:** The cameras at the unmanned gates capture digital images of all vehicles entering through the gate. The images are time/date stamped on a hard drive storage device and the data is overwritten every two weeks or so. No hard copy photos are printed, no one is keeping track of who comes into The Villages and no one is looking through any of the images unless a specific situation comes up. The district has

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## Cameras at Gates

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used the images recorded to determine how a gate arm has been damaged and payment has been received from the culprit based on the proof provided by the image recorded.

For example, if a burglary took place between Midnight and 2 a.m., we could readily review the digital images on a computer screen to see if there is anything suspicious at the nearest gates. Since traffic is typically light at these times, license plate numbers could be checked to see if any of the vehicles entering were non-residents, suspicious, etc. The cameras clearly are a deterrent and just may show something useful.

It should also be noted that the gates themselves are a significant traffic control device. They are in place to cause every vehicle entering, to come to a complete stop before proceeding. □

## Roof Shingle Replacement

We have learned that Owens Corning Company, supplier of roof shingles to The Villages, has agreed to cover warranty claims for premature failure of its shingles. This now applies to original owners as well as any subsequent owners. For a full explanation or to initiate a warranty claim, please call 1-800-ROOFING. Information is also available from this phone number as to the procedure and cost for transferring the warranty from a previous owner to a subsequent owner. □

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## AAC Meeting September 8, 2010

### Old Business:

- Multi-Modal Paths - Richard Busche of Kimley-Horn stated that the Recreation Trail reconstruction project is reasonably on schedule with 11 weeks to go before “substantial completion” should be achieved. Major construction activity is taking place at three locations – along Buena Vista Blvd. in

Marion County and into Sumter County, along El Camino Real east of the Savannah Center and adjacent to the Saddlebrook Golf Course, just north of CR 466.

- The Committee did their final review and recommended approval of the fiscal year 2010/2011 Recreation Amenities Division Fund and Mulberry Grove Fitness Center Fund budgets, in the amounts of \$37.1 million and \$150,000, respectively.

- The AAC further reviewed and discussed a request to provide decorative posts

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## AAC Meeting

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for the four-way stop signs at the intersection of Del Mar Drive and Avenida Central. By a vote of 3-2, approval was given to install two existing decorative posts and purchase four new decorative posts.

- District staff advised that they are working on an update to the Capital Improvement Plan. A completion timetable has not yet been determined.

### New Business:

- The AAC reviewed an update to the Recreation Facility Guidelines and Resident Council Guidelines documents. With minor changes, the documents were approved by the Committee. These documents detail how our amenity facilities are to be used and the roles/responsibilities of Resident Lifestyle Volunteers who run most of our clubs and many of the activities.

- The Committee recommended approval of the renewal contract with OMI for maintenance of VCCDD Pump Stations and Miscellaneous Facilities.

- The AAC also recommended approval of an agreement with Golf Management Sys-

tems to provide a Director of Executive Golf Course Maintenance to be shared by VCCDD and SLCDD.

### Staff Reports:

- District Manager Janet Tutt explained that CDDs 5, 6 and 7 were interested in creating a joint workshop group to discuss options to provide additional control of district owned multimodal trails – speed, vehicle size, etc. Vice Chairman Carl Bell was appointed to be the AAC representative to this workshop group.

### Other Matters:

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

- Next AAC Meeting – Wednesday, October 6th, 1:30PM, at the Savannah Center □

## Boil Water Order

We wrote in several previous Bulletin articles that center district management and the Daily Sun have to be more proactive in issuing advisories to residents about serious problems in our community.

We argued that if a serious problem arose here that notices should be posted in the Daily Sun on the front page above the fold giving advisories to residents. We also asked that the district post signs at entrances to the affected area, and that a phone advisory message be made to residences in the affected area.

The recent water main break on El Camino Real affecting portions of the Santo Domingo, Santiago, and Palo Alto villages was the first test of what we had advocated.

Here’s a chronological summary of what happened:

**Friday, August 27:** The water main broke. Advisories on the Code Red system from the Sumter County Sheriff’s office phoned to homes in the affected areas late in the evening.

**Saturday, August 28:** Signs posted at

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## Boil Water Order

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entrances to these villages advising residents to boil water. The Daily Sun carries an article and picture on page A5 explaining the problem. Notice given that the boil water order would continue until “further notice.”

**Sunday, August 29:** Nothing in the Sun about the water main break or the boil water notice.

**Monday, August 30:** Article in the Daily Sun on page A9 mentioning a second break, explaining the situation, and stating that the boil water order remained in effect until further notice.

**Tuesday, August 31:** Article in the Daily Sun on page A6 that the boil water order had been lifted.

We commend District management for the posting of signs at various entrances for the duration of the boil water article as well as the notice of the lifting of the order.

And, we liked that a Code Red phone call was made to residents.

We also commend the Daily Sun for its coverage of the situation.

However, for such an important news story, we think that the Sun should have carried the boil water notice on the front page, above the fold, for the duration. This was a serious health concern and the Sun chose to run the initial article announcing the water main break on page A5.

On that day of the first announcement, the Sun carried some articles on pages A1 thru A4 entitled: “Bikini-clad strippers protest church in Ohio,” “Chinese man with no arms plays piano with toes,” “Wheat’s genetic code cracked,” and showed a picture of a man chasing a herd of sheep along interstate

80.

We think the boil water story was more important than these articles. The Sun should have given the boil water story priority status before these other stories of questionable importance for our community.

The Daily Sun is such an important news source in our community that it has to step up, when necessary, to display important community news in the most noticeable manner possible. □

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# Lightning Matters

By Len Hathaway

In the course of our Lightning Tips for Villagers Power Point presentations we sometimes receive feedback from attendees on some of the myths and misconceptions that are rooted in folklore.

**Myth:** You are safe from lightning in a car because of the rubber tires. **Fact:** It is not the rubber tires but the all metal body of the car that protects you. Lightning striking the car will be dissipated along the outside skin of the vehicle. Occupants should be safe IF they are not in direct contact with any metal. The rubber tires have little to do with it. In fact in many cases they will be blown out. Convertibles and golf carts are not safe from lightning. Technology has inserted a new twist due to the advent of air bags. There have been reports of cars struck by lightning that have caused the air bags to deploy and in some cases resulting in minor injuries.

**Myth:** The electric transmission line on 100 ft. towers that traverses The Villages from north to south will protect my home from being struck by lightning. **Fact:** The electric utility industry protects the current carrying conductors carried by these towers to prevent the disruption of service from lightning strikes. The two top wires, called static wires, strung from tower to tower provide the lightning protection. The static wires are grounded in a similar manner to a home

or other structure that is protected by a lightning protection system (rods). However, homeowners living near these lines should not take any comfort that the towers will provide any lightning protection benefit for their homes.

Lightning is very unpredictable and does not always strike the highest object. Lightning can strike a person, a home, a tree, a wall, blacktop, concrete, an open field, or even a blade of grass in your lawn.

**Myth:** Wearing rubber soled shoes will protect me from being injured by a lightning strike. **Fact:** Neither rubber soled shoes nor any other type of footwear will protect you from being injured by lightning. All lightning cares about is reaching ground as quickly and easily as possible – even if it means passing through your body.

According to Channel 9 in Orlando this past June, a retired Leesburg police chief was injured by lightning at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park. The lightning discharge put holes in his shoes, punctured his ear drum, and he suffered some burns. He was flown to a hospital where he was treated and released.

Knowing the truth about lightning can contribute to your safety.

### Lightning Tips for Villagers

The Study Group on Lightning, a small group of volunteers, with no affiliation to any firm or organization related to the lightning protection industry, offers a free 30-minute Power Point presentation, Lightning Tips for

Villagers, that addresses direct lightning, indirect lightning, validation of lightning protection systems (rods), surge protection, corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas pipe, common myths and misunderstandings. It is intended to help homeowners make an informed decision on their own residential lightning risk.

If your group or organization would benefit from a presentation contact Len Hathaway at (430-1164) LHATHA@AOL.COM or Bob Freeman (751-0505), STALIT1@AOL.COM. □

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For a list of vendors, vendor presentation schedules and movie times, visit The Village Greens website: <http://emssdi.com/TVG>.

Sue Michalson, Chair

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## VPAA Arts Group

The citizens' group dedicated to building a new, state-of-the-art performing arts center for the tri-county area has selected a broadly based board of directors to take the next major steps.

The 15-member board (with two vacancies) was chosen by the Steering Committee which has led the nonprofit Volunteers Performing Arts Alliance (VPAA) since its founding several years ago.

Robert Rutkowski, a former Procter & Gamble executive and arts advocate, was elected president of the board. Other officers are:

- Vice President: Bill Hicks, whose 35-year sales and marketing career included being a director for two Fortune 500 companies, Fort Howard/Fort James and Schreiber Foods.

- Secretary: Louise Clark, who was for-

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## VPAA Arts Group

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merly involved in insurance, banking and paralegal work and served as secretary to the previous Steering Committee.

• Treasurer: William (Bill) Bolash, CPA, a former tax advisor in Pennsylvania and Florida. He was the Steering Committee’s treasurer.

“The Steering Committee did superb work in building toward our goal of establishing a cutting edge performing arts center for the area,” Rutkowski said.

“With a wealth of talents from the corporate, business, arts and health sectors, the new board is already hard at work to choose a convenient location in the tri-county area and begin fundraising to make our dream a reality. By bringing in world-class artists, the center will be the jewel of the Central Florida performing arts scene.”

In addition to having four members on the

board to provide for continuity, the previous Steering Committee now serves as the Advisory Group to the board.

The officers are all residents of The Villages. The other board members, also Villages’ residents except where otherwise indicated, are:

• Carol Anderson, an attorney with Anderson and Anderson, PA.

• Greg A. Beliveau, AICP, LEED Green Associate and CEO of LPG Urban Planners, Inc. of Mount Dora.

• Michael Blachly, PhD, director of performing arts, University of Florida, Gainesville.

• Diane Boorum, administrative assistant and volunteer manager at the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce.

• Reggie Caruthers ALC, CCIM, owner, broker, Oxford Land Co., Oxford.

• Jean L. Corley-Wix, a former executive in health care and manufacturing; served as vice president of the Steering Committee.

• Bill Meyer of Tampa, co-owner Showtime Music Center, Inc. of The Villages.

• Richard St. Amant, a retired engineer from nuclear industry who served as president of the Steering Committee.

• Claire Souliere, RN, assistant vice president of quality management, Villages Regional Hospital, Inc.

VPAA proposes to build a cutting-edge performing arts center at a site of at least 15 acres in the tri-county area that would be convenient for people who live in or near The Villages. The project will be self-financing through donations, grants, ticket sales and concessions. No taxing or amenity fees are involved. □

## Code Red Phone Call

Many residents received a Code Red phone call the night of the water main break at 10:30 p.m. about boiling water because of the 12" water main break on the El Camino Real roadway. Community alerts like this CodeRED phone call are potential life savers. The call can even go to your alternate phone number and the recording from the Sheriff’s department waits till your recording beeps to let the message record to your

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Below is what you see on the web and you can read more about it below.

Sumter County has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows county officials to telephone all or targeted areas of the County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child or evacuation notices).

For those that cannot sign up thru a computer; call 352-569-6000 during Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If a recording comes on; just leave your info and they will return your call and get you signed up and/or answer any of your questions.

Also, the Sheriff's department is continually trying to get the word out to as many people as possible and are more than happy to come out and speak to any of our clubs and give out brochures, etc., about this wonderful CodeRED service. Just call 352-569-6000 and set it up.

Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be anything like it in Lake or Marion counties yet; but maybe those residents can call their Sheriff's department and ask why/when etc.?

KUDOS to our Sumter County Sheriff Department.

We think that all residents should consider signing up for this system.

Letter to the Editor:

## Outside Water Is Safe

Is it safe to grow herbs and/or vegetables around the landscape of our homes? Is water that comes out of the irrigation systems safe for growing vegetation for human consumption?

Gloria Quigley

**Editor's Note:** The water quality people at 753-1756 said that the outside water available for homes south of Hwy 466 comes from the lower aquifer and this water is ok to put on plants meant for human consumption. That water is not high quality drinking water, but ok for herbs and vegetables. The high quality drinking water comes from the upper aquifer and is what we have routed to the inside of those homes. Reclaimed water from ponds, etc., is only used for irrigation on the golf courses. North of Hwy. 466, high quality drinking water is used for inside as well as outside use. Thus, this question basically applies to the safety of water used in The Villages south of Hwy 466.

Letter to the Editor:

## Trees in the Paradise Dog Park

I am a new Villages resident. I am a single lady with a small dog. One of the big draws for me to THE Villages, was the quiet, shady area next to the pond by the dog park. I was drawn daily for a nice walk along the water and enjoyed the protection of the big OLD beautiful trees and the shade they give.

And now, trees are marked to change the (quite adequate) golf cart path to make way for more parking for the archery? I have never seen over crowding of cars for the archery except on special outings there

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## Paradise Dog Park

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and then the cars can park in the grassy area by the restrooms.

Why are they going to cut down so many trees in the water front by the dog park? It took years to grow these beautiful trees so why can't they work around them?

No one asked any of the folks that utilize the park and water front what they thought. They have taken away all but one picnic table and all but one bench in the last 8 months...are they going to bring them back?

Do we need more parking lots? I have never witnessed an accident or fender bender in this area. Who is complaining about parking? Never have all the parking spots been taken when I was there

Help! Tell us what is going on. What can we do to protect the beauty of the trees?

I have enjoyed your paper and plan to at-

tend your meetings and become a member. Thanks for all you do.

Patti Loner

**Editor’s Note:** We have learned that not all the trees marked at the Paradise Dog Park are doomed to destruction. Some will be removed to make way for the re-positioned parking lot. This will allow the flow of golf cart traffic to go through the area with greater safety. And, there will be additional landscaping done to beautify the area. □

Letter to the Editor:

## Continuing the POA Mission

My compliments on your September 2010 issue of The POA Bulletin. I have lived in The Villages for 14 years and have seen much come and go. I try to attend various meetings/classes so that I am aware of how things work and what is happening in The Villages. Through the years, I have tried to interest my friends and neighbors to do the same.

I felt that your comments and explanations of the current issues were clear and concise and everyone should be able to comprehend. I even felt that your answers to some of the old questions regarding "the age issue" and certain funding questions were excellent.

Even though I do not belong to The POA, I have attended some of your meetings through the years. Continue in your POA Mission.

Eileen Milligan

**Editor’s Note:** Thank you for your kind words. We appreciate hearing from residents. Thank you. □

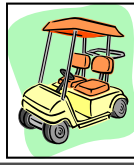
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Letter to the Editor:

### Priorities Screwed Up

I see a waste of money to widen golf trails, why? - so golf cart can go faster, pass slower carts? As it is now carts must go slower.

To tear up shrubs, good concrete, sprinklers all to widen a secondary travel trails system, our primary road systems, the district patches, I think our priorities are screwed up.

The District should spend more time and money on safety issues, like fire zones at our shopping centers, no parking signs along the

same shopping centers, golf cart crossings, shrubs that block the view at intersections, drinking and driving, both golf carts and vehicles, a better way to inform drivers of golf carts regulations. Half of the people driving golf carts have no idea of the regulations. And, one-third no longer have a driver license but drive a cart.

Henry and Patricia Forsythe

**Editor's Note:** The renovation was needed for safety, visibility, and smoothness of ride. We hope residents will eventually see the value in doing this work. □

Letter to the Editor:

### Mowing Open Fields

I am writing to you about an open field behind our house. We live on Chaparral Drive on the Tierra Del Sol Golf Course. This field is so overgrown that we fear what could be living out there.

When we call the Villages Maintenance Department, they tell us that it is mowed quarterly. This field needs mowing more of-

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## Mowing Open Fields

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ten than this, especially during our hot wet months.

We feel The Villages sets a double standard. They expect us (the property owners) to keep our properties mowed and trimmed and we believe they should do the same.

Richard M Deal.

**Editor’s Note:** We agree. We also think that these fields and nature preserves should be mowed more frequently, especially in months of high plant growth. However, some of these are governed by regulations for nature preserves that specify how many times cutting can be done. □

Letter to the Editor:

## Landscape Removal for Rec Trails Improvement

We are on Camero Drive, Santo Domingo. Our house backs to El Camino Real.

I would like to write someone about what happened today behind my house. I am very upset that they dug up the shrubs along the fence. I know no one cares....

They left the shrubs on both sides of me, which is crazy, because no one lives on either side. We now can see ALASKA! It is

very noisy and now open to the traffic view of El Camino Real.

Love reading the POA,

Joyce Mason

**Editor’s Note:** We share your dismay at the need to cut down all those shrubs and trees in order to widen and improve the recreation trails. We know that there will be additional planting and landscaping to compensate. Hopefully, the improved trails and landscaping will be worth the disruption in our lives and homes. □

Letter to the Editor:

## Move-In Issues for New Residents

Thanks for publishing my comments on the problems we had with water damage in July 2010.

We just finished getting the repairs to our new home completed (insurance paid for all the repairs) so we can now start to unpack boxes stacked in the garage and the living room and other areas of our home.

Now that we have been here for a month or so living in our new home we found we had to install rain gutters since the heavy rain of late was causing all sorts of problems around the new home (\$) install a home water system (\$) have numerous cracks in the floors, walls and ceilings fixed (warranty did those repairs), have the electric outlets check and replaced in the garage and on the lanai,

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## Move-In Issues

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will have to do something to the screened back lanai since when it rains half the area of the lanai is soaked, have had to have pest control come in due to spider and other bug problems, will have to get a cooling system for the garage since it is so hot there all the time, all cost we had not planned on.

I never thought of these problems when I had my new home built, had no idea most of these were not included with the new home, live and learn.

We are still having fun in the Villages, and plan to have more fun now that we can get out of the house and not have to wait on folks to come do repairs!

Bob Busby

**Editor's Note:** We are happy to see things working out for you. Welcome to The Villages and enjoy your fabulous new life. □

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Letter to the Editor:

## More on Shower Drains that Back-Up

I read the Letter to the Editor [about back-ups from shower drain lines] on Page 16 of your September 16, 2010, issue of the POA Bulletin with great interest.

I am about to close on a brand New Gardenia in Pennecamp. I am told my builder is a Paul Mullbauer. By any chance did the letter writer mention who his specific builder was? If it turns out to be the same builder I will be running a lot of water and flushing toilets the whole time I am on the walk thru.

Jim Manning

**Editor's Note:** The specific builder was not mentioned. However, many of the same subcontractors are used by the several builders active in The Villages. The key point from that article was that you must be thorough in your review of house functions during your walk through and your first year. You have that one year warranty and that is the time to correct any problems. The warranty department quickly loses interest in your problems after that first year. Some residents get a formal house inspection early in that first year to document any problems which might be hard for the typical homeowner to identify early on. We think this is a wise approach. □

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## Our Monthly Gardening Column:

**Pruning 101**by Anne Lambrecht  
Master Gardener

We all know that our yards are not without maintenance. All growing things need air, light, water and care. Conferring with her new landscaper, a neighbor of mine requested "all color and no maintenance." The landscaper suggested she install plastic flowers.

The mere mention of pruning strikes a chord of dread in many of us. But fear not: with a little education and sharp, clean tools, pruning your shrubbery can be fun and even therapeutic.

"Pruning is the selective removal of plant parts, typically shoots and branches, to improve health, control growth or enhance fruiting, flowering or appearance."\* Pruning should always be a part of your gardening routine. I carry a pair of clean, sharpened pruners in my pocket when I garden.

**Why prune**

Choosing the right plant can eliminate much of the pruning requirements in today's landscapes. Unfortunately for many of us, our landscapes have been planted with shrubs that we like the looks of and then installed according to their current size and shape, not the size the plant is going to be in five years. Then it's necessary to prune frequently to keep it within bounds or move the plant completely. So unless you've done your homework beforehand, pruning your shrubbery can be a real headache. Proper pruning is an art and an important landscape management practice. Making the right cuts in the right

places to get the plant to be healthy and pretty is the art form.

**What to prune**

Prune almost any plant or shrub to remove dead, diseased, crossed, rubbing or broken branches.

**When to prune**

Trees and shrubs can be lightly pruned anytime.

Spring flowering plants such as azaleas, spireas, some hydrangea, camellia, Indian hawthorn and dogwoods should be pruned in late spring after flowering but before the flower buds set for the next season. They can be pruned at other times with the result being less flowers the next year.

Plants that produce flowers on current season's growth such as allamanda, hibiscus, oleander, plumbago, thyralis, golden dew drop, bougainvillea, roses and bottle brush, cassia, and crape myrtle are usually pruned while dormant or just before the spring growth flush.

For us that flush is March-April-May, depending on the plant. When plants such as amaryllis or agapanthus (lily of the Nile) are finished blooming, cut the scape (the stalk). The rule of thumb is: prune after flowering.

If the plant never stops flowering, go ahead and prune anytime for shape, to thin it out, give it light and to clean it up. Don't be afraid to cut.

Prune trees such as oaks, maples, hickory and other large shade trees during the dormant season or just following a growth flush. You see the landscapers trimming the live oaks on our medians in January.

In any case, it is always good to know a good certified arborist.

**How to prune**

The key on how to prune is knowing where on the branch and the angle of the cut. Make a 45° cut at least ¼ inch right above the "bud" or "node" (the place from which the new growth will come out). Too close to the bud might damage or weaken it, too far from the bud would stunt it. Too slanted to the bud might damage the branch and too close to the bud might cause the bud to fall off.

Do not prune when you transplant. Your plant is already stressed. Wait a few weeks until the roots have taken hold and then trim.

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## The POA Discount Partner Program

The POA Discount Partner Program is a continuing benefit for POA members. Just show your current year POA Membership card when ordering the product or service listed here. And, please say "thanks" to our Discount Partners for participating in this program. (\* = new this issue)

**AAA Golf Carts Inc.** - Your "Mobile" Golf Cart Guy, we do repairs, 10% POA discount, Larry 352-572-3090 or 288-1192.

**A & H Cleaning Services** - Affordable, reliable. Also, property caretakers. 15 yrs family business. Free estimates. 10% POA discount. 352-250-3173.

**All Things Fine** - 1171 Main St., Spanish Springs, 352-257-7384. 10% off all regularly priced merchandise. Excludes sale items. Not valid with other offer.

**All Trades Partners** - 352-628-4391 - Additional 10% POA discount after bid on any jobs our contractors perform for you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Copy Depot** - Color copies, fax service, social cards, 10% POA discount, call 352-561-4100.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* **Golf Cart and Club Security System** - Email us at [yunk38@embarqmail.com](mailto:yunk38@embarqmail.com), 352-391-9488. \$3.00 POA discount (apx. 10%) for Golf Cart and Club Security device.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Home Power Washing** - Villages resident, 10%

POA discount, call Bob at 352-350-4746.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SmartSafe Tornado Shelters** - One day installation in garage floor or carport. Call Pat Tripp at 352-702-6386. 5-10% POA discount on selected models.

**Snowbird Home Watch** - Watch your home while you're away. \$40.00 per month; 10% discount to POA. 352-259-1143 or check out our website at

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