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## POA Supports Villages - Moffitt Partnership

We received the following unsigned letter:

“Reading the recent edition of the POA newsletter, I was struck with the reality that nowhere in the articles did you say, ‘perhaps we should have checked things out more closely before avidly promoting the Moffitt proposals’. Now that the Relay for Life issue has been exposed, I hope that you will carefully look at what is supposed to be coming, what is supposed to happen and REALITY.”

**POA Response:** The REALITY is that the POA continues to vigorously support the partnership between the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and The Villages Health System.

The POA began its aggressive pursuit of bringing the Moffitt Cancer Center to The Villages, instead of to Leesburg, in January of 2010.

From February, 2010, through May of 2010, each Bulletin contained an article urging members to write to the two partners, William Dalton, CEO/Moffitt Center Director and David Sustarsic, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Health Alliance, and to make their thoughts known.

Like many other Villagers, we are very disappointed in the manner in which the media, the Villages Health System, and the Foundation have been presenting the partnership, as we have found misleading and inaccurate statements.

Further, we are discouraged that the persistent efforts to raise enough money to cover the cost of the equipment has resulted in the cancellation of the Villages Relay for Life and a purported decrease in donations to other non-profits serving the Villages resi-

dents. Our efforts in the 2011 Bulletins have been to present the facts and challenge the discrepancies in order to make residents better able to make a decision on whether or not they want to contribute.

We have made them aware that the Villages Hospital System has been saving money for the construction of the Brownwood Hospital and will use monies from that savings account to cover any shortfalls in the fundraising effort. This will guarantee that the equipment will be purchased and ready to go when the building is finished.

Everything else aside, these are the two facts that make the POA happy that they worked to help make the Moffitt Cancer Center at The Villages a REALITY:

1. Village residents do not have to donate a dime towards the purchase of the equipment – it is a voluntary contribution, not a tax.

2. This partnership will hopefully allow the majority of Villages residents who have been diagnosed with cancer to receive their treatments in The Villages Moffitt Center,

**March 15, 2011**  
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
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instead of having to make frequent trips to Tampa or Leesburg for treatment, at a time in their lives when they are sick and least able to endure this hardship. (Moffitt-Tampa reported that 2500 Villagers traveled to Tampa last year for treatments.) □

## Villages - Moffitt Fundraising Follow-Up Article

In the February Bulletin, we provided you with the facts that we had been able to garner regarding the Moffitt Center equipment fundraising issues. That article was prompted by what appeared to be conflicting and misleading information being provided to residents by the Foundation, the Villages Health System, and the Villages media. We noted therein that we would provide you with additional information regarding the following item in the Summary of POA Findings:

“We attempted to determine which linear accelerator would actually be purchased for the Villages-Moffitt - the \$2.4M RapidArc machine, which is the same one owned and operated by the RBOI and the one identified in the Foundation brochure, or a True Beam costing \$4.6M. In both the January VHS written response and the VHA meeting, it was stated that the Villages-Moffitt would be purchasing the exact same machine that was recently added at Tampa-Moffitt which we have been told will cost \$4.6M, but yet, the Foundation has not increased its goal by the \$2.2M differential. In an effort to clarify this confusion, calls were made to Mr. Hawkins, VHS-CEO, but they were not returned.”

On February 1, 2011, we emailed Michelle Foley, the individual designated by

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Moffitt as the contact person for questions on the Moffitt/Villages Partnership, and asked her if it is possible to get a copy of the contract/agreement between Moffitt and the Central Florida Health Alliance - The Villages Health Systems and if it is available to the public, identify where we could find it.

Ms. Foley replied, “Our contract with CFHA is not a matter of public record as it is information relating to a private contractual agreement. However, if there is information you are requesting that is not confidential we would be happy to share it with you if you would like to provide some specific questions. Hope this helps.”

We replied as follows: We have a few questions and hope that at least some of the information we are requesting will be available to the public. They are as follows:

1. What was the date the contract between CFHA and Moffitt was signed?

2. Equipment requirements – We are primarily concerned about any medical equipment requirements that might be contained in the contract. If this is not confidential information, we would like a copy of any sections of the contract that address what equipment must be present, whether or not it has to be owned totally, or partially by CFHA, whether or not it must be housed in the satellite centers themselves, etc. Many thanks for any assistance you can provide with this request.

Ms. Foley replied: “Here are the answers to your questions.

The Affiliation Agreement, which was signed Oct. 15, 2010, is a general affiliation agreement that establishes a foundation for potential collaborations in clinical care, research, education and screening. There are no provisions in that agreement regarding specific equipment requirements.

The Radiation Therapy Services Agreement, which was signed Jan. 11, 2011, is an agreement under which CFHA purchases certain radiation therapy related professional, physics, dosimetry, management and administrative services from Moffitt. Although the Radiation agreement requires CFHA to have appropriate equipment and facilities, there are no specific equipment requirements in the agreement. Rather, under the agreement CFHA and Moffitt work together to evaluate the equipment needs of the facilities. Please let me know if you need anything else.”

Once we identified that there were no specific pieces of equipment required by Moffitt in the contract, we wanted more clarification from The Villages Health System about their equipment selection.

On February 8, 2011, we contacted Mr. Hawkins office to get his email address, but were advised by Karen Danesky, Sr. Executive Assistant, that we would have to send it to her - she would not provide us with his email address. We sent the following correspondence to Mr. Tim Hawkins, CEO of the Villages Health Systems, in care of Ms. Danesky:

“On behalf of the POA membership, I would like to thank you for responding to the POA questions regarding the Moffitt Cancer Center at The Villages, which were forwarded to you last month by Pete Wahl. We had several follow-up questions we wanted to ask, and I have left telephone messages for you on four different occasions. However, I have yet to receive a return call so I can only assume you do not wish to speak with me.

Therefore, I have put our follow-up questions in writing and attached them to this correspondence in the hopes that you will be willing to send me a written response. The POA would like to put this matter ‘to bed’,

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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. □

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2. Have decision-making authority for important issues in our community.
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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.
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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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but as long as confusion still exists, we will continue to try to find the answers for residents of The Villages.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.”

### POA's Follow-Up Questions Regarding The Moffitt Cancer Center Equipment at The Villages

We are still confused about which linear accelerator the VHS will be purchasing. All of the literature and the pricing reflect the \$2.4M Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy Linear Accelerator. However, somewhere along the way this must have been changed as it is stated in your response above that the VHS would be purchasing the True Beam Linear Accelerator which, according to Varian, the manufacturer, sells for \$4.6M.

A. If the VHS is purchasing the True Beam, when (approximate date) was the decision made to go with the True Beam instead of the IMRT? (This question was not answered.)

1. What was the rationale for the change and almost doubling of costs?

2. While the True Beam is more state of the art, was it not designed specifically to better radiate ‘moving tumors’ and thus, the vast majority of patients would not need this advanced technology?

a. Does the True Beam's technology warrant the additional \$2.2M cost for a satellite Moffitt Cancer Center Partnership?

b. Should the small percentage of patients actually needing this highly specialized technology not go to Tampa-Moffitt for their treatment instead?

B. The VHS announced the decrease in the amount of money needed to equip the center when they partnered with Lake Medical Imaging. If a decision was made to buy more expensive equipment, why did the VHS not announce the increase in the amount of money (\$2.2M dollars more) needed to equip the center when they decided to purchase a True Beam instead of an IMRT? Two days later we received the following response from Ms. Danesky – NOT Mr. Hawkins:

“The cost of the True Beam Accelerator and associated equipment is reflected in the \$6.32 fundraising goal. Moffitt physicians provided us with the latest specifications for the linear accelerator. Contrary to what you have apparently been told, this equipment will be used quite often as tumors of the lung, liver and the abdominal area all move with the patients breathing. Our goal is to be able to treat all radiation therapy patients in The Villages Cancer Center when possible, to avoid the 5 days a week for 6 weeks trip to Tampa for therapy.

We followed up with a request for more information as follows:

You state that the True Beam Accelerator is reflected in the initial request for \$6.32M in donations.

That \$6.32M figure was derived and is shown in the Foundation solicitation brochure - by picture, description and cost for each piece of equipment as follows:

IMRT linear accelerator*	\$2,400,000**
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Collimator	450,000**
Planning System	350,000
Afterloader	300,000
Positioning Couch	125,000**
30 Infusion pumps @\$2500	75,000
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\*This is not a True Beam linear accelerator – they are different.

\*\* (Added as per Ms. Danesky's next communication)

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The VHS has now said on several occasions during the last couple of weeks that they are in fact purchasing a True Beam and not the IMRT accelerator. According to Varian, the cost of the True Beam is \$4.6M - which is \$2.2M more than the amount budgeted for the IMRT.

So, the question remains, when did the VHS decide to go with the True Beam instead of the IMRT and why were the residents not advised of the increased amount of funds that were needed? I will look forward to your response. Thank you for your assistance."

Ms. Danesky responded, "The items with the \*\* are all options added onto the True Beam Linear Accelerator. The list price of \$4.6 million from Varian for the True Beam with options is correct. However along with our Moffitt partners we were able to negotiate the price of the True Beam to less than \$3.4 million including options which is the cost reflected in the fund raising literature. The options were itemized in the litera-

ture in case someone wanted to donate a specific amount for a particular option."

Our questions were attempting to determine if the change from the laser accelerator identified in the Foundation brochure to a newer, more expensive one was due to the fact that the public had been made aware (via the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute advertisements in the Daily Sun in November of 2010) that their equipment request was duplicating equipment already present (The Foundation brochure was published in October of 2010).

Due to the relative strangeness of this response we contacted Dr. Norman Anderson, President of The Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI). Dr. Anderson had replaced Pete Wahl as the speaker for the POA Membership meeting in January. Recalling some of his comments we followed up by contacting him with the following question:

"Dr. Anderson, you mentioned in your presentation that you had called Dr. Stevens (Tampa-Moffitt employee) when you heard that the Villages was purchasing equipment identical to what you currently had. If, in fact, the True Beam was the treatment machine they were going to buy all along then why didn't Dr. Stevens tell you that they were actually buying a True Beam, not an IMRT as yours is, instead of apologizing and saying he had no idea you had a presence in The Villages?"

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## Amenity Fund Capital Projects

From time to time, we are asked where the funds we pay in monthly amenity fees go.

The biggest expense (46% for the VCCDD) is the principal and interest payment on the bonds sold to purchase the amenity contracts and facilities from the developer.

After that, collected funds are used to maintain the facilities and pay the staff that operates them. Beyond that, the AAC (for facilities north of CR 466) and the SLCDD Board (for those facilities south of CR 466) have lists of major improvement projects and items that have been requested by residents.

Each year during the budget creation process, the AAC and the SLCDD Board review the items on these lists and determine which ones will be included in the upcoming budget. Once the budget is approved, these items are scheduled and work progresses to completion.

The current fiscal year runs from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Capital Projects the AAC included in this year's budget are as follows:

La Hacienda – replacement of A/C Chiller (in process)

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## Capital Projects

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- Savannah – Patch and Repair Roof
- Savannah – New LED Lighting Walls (planning underway)
- Savannah – Bocce/Shuffleboard Vinyl Shade Structures (May-July 2011)
- Savannah – Patch, Seal and Stripe Parking Lot (completed)
- Paradise – Rebuild Tennis Courts (underway)
- Tierra Del Sol – Wrap-around Walkway Roof (May 2011)
- El Santiago – New Paver Bricks on Pool Deck (May 2011)
- Southside – Overlay Parking Lot (completed)
- Chula Vista – Install Concrete Between Courts/Add parking (May-June 2011)
- Rio Grande - New Paver Bricks on Pool Deck (May 2011)
- Amberwood Golf Course – Raise Cart Path at #9 (May 2011)
- Avenida Central – Install 6” Storm Water Line (March 2011)
- Hwy 441 – Landscape and Irrigation upgrades (June-July 2011; pending rain)
- Hwy 441 Bridge – Re-furbish Bridge Art-work (Summer 2011)
- Wales Paradise Park – Patch and Overlay (possible Lake County project)
- Gate Operator Replacement Program (ongoing)

La Hacienda – Sports Pool Shade Structure (July 2011)

Since the SLCDD has a very limited number of facilities that have been turned over to them by the developer, their list of Capital Projects is short:

Laurel Manor – Replace Carpet (currently out to bid)

Laurel Manor – Patch, Seal and Stripe Parking Lot (completed)

Brinson-Perry Dog Park – Construct Dog Park Facility (completed)

The AAC, SLCDD Board and the staff will be working on the 2011-12 lists of capital projects during the budget workshops that started March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a project that you would like considered, and have missed the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, please contact Barbara Kays, Budget Director (751-3939), so that it can be brought to the appropriate board for consideration. □

## Roof Shingle Update From Owens-Corning

(Continued from February Bulletin)

We have received the following statement from Logistics & Customer Operations: “Owens Corning has elected to replace affected roofing materials where blistering is verified upon physical inspection by Owens Corning representatives as causing perform-

ance issues. This offer is extended to any homeowner at The Villages whose Supreme® or Classic® roof shingles were installed between 2003 and 2006, regardless of level of ownership (first, second or subsequent owner).

Owens Corning has provided responses to some frequently asked questions below:

Q: “Will I be notified when my roof is/was inspected by Owens Corning?” A: Due to availability/variations in schedules, Owens Corning does not phone before or after the

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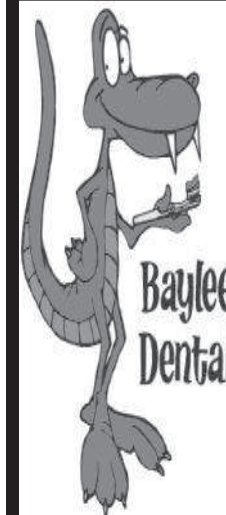


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## Roof Shingles

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fact and homeowners need not be present at the time of the inspection. Inspections are being scheduled as time permits and will continue until all have been completed. Once inspectors arrive at your residence, they access the roof and conduct a thorough inspection of the entire surface. You will receive a written communication regarding the findings within 15 business days of completion of the inspection.

Q: "What if I am trying to sell my home?"

A: Since Owens Corning has extended coverage to any homeowner at The Villages whose Supreme® or Classic® roof shingles were installed between 2003 and 2006, regardless of level of ownership (first, second or subsequent owner), this will not affect the resale process. Warranty Transfer is NOT required for coverage IN THIS INSTANCE.

NOTE: The Owens Corning Limited Warranty on Roofing Shingles is issued to the owner of the structure at the time the material was installed. If you sell your home, the warranty may be transferred up to **one-time** from the owner at the time the roof was installed to the subsequent purchaser and must be completed within 60 days of transfer of ownership. Any owner requiring transfer (from the owner at the time of installation to the purchaser), may complete a Warranty Transfer Card available via [owenscorning.com](http://owenscorning.com) and submit the required transfer fee.

Q: "What is my warranty if, after inspection by Owens Corning representatives, no defect was found?" A: Your Owens Corning Limited Warranty on Roofing Shingles remains in full effect.

Q: "My roof was inspected and only a portion was approved for replacement. How do I know that the rest of my roof isn't going to be an issue?" A: The warranty on any portion of the roof that is not replaced remains in full effect in accordance with the terms of the Owens Corning Limited Warranty on Roofing Shingles. □

## AAC Meeting Summary February 9, 2011

Following the Call to Order and initial reports, the Committee was addressed by CDD1 Chairwoman Allie DeBenedittis, who stated that the CDD1 irrigation system along Morse Boulevard needed to be replaced. In the cases of CDD 2, 3 and 4, irrigation along El Camino Real and Buena Vista Boulevard was replaced as part of the recreation trail project and she requested that the AAC use amenity funds to replace the CDD1 irrigation system in fairness to CDD1. AAC members explained that the trail project was not done to provide equal funding in all districts but rather to refurbish the main trails used by all residents irrespective of where the trail was located. In the case of CDD1, the main trail is part of Morse Boulevard and was not in need of refurbishment. The Committee declined to fund the irrigation system replacement along Morse Boulevard.

### Old Business Topics Included:

- Multi-Modal Paths – The project is basically completed with "punch list" items currently being addressed. The warranty period is expected to begin in mid-

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## AAC Summary

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February.

- The Mira Mesa/Chula Vista trail reconstruction project will likely go out for bids in March. Construction is expected to take place during the summer months when usage is at its lowest.
- The Committee approved the changes to be incorporated in the deed compliance documents which primarily dealt with easements, tree removals, definition of a gazebo and minor revisions to the process for notifications and fines.
- Responsible Dog Owners group president Frank Kruppa explained the new efforts being undertaken by the club to correct some issues that had surfaced at the Mulberry Dog Park. The AAC thanked Mr. Kruppa for the positive actions taken by the club.

### New Business:

- The AAC agreed to accept responsibility for maintenance of the Vista Sonoma gate if the Vista Sonoma Condominium Owners Association was willing to agree to pay for the cost of the gate camera and installation.
- A Consent Agenda, which included a budget amendment for the Chatham pool solar heating system, an amendment to a janitorial contract and a declaration of a single/sole source for pool furniture was

approved.

### Informational Items:

The latest Gate Incident Report showed that 10 vehicles were positively identified in incidents where gates were damaged and the parties have been billed.

### Reports Included:

Staff reported that there will be a Preliminary Budget Workshop on March 2, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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

NEXT AAC MEETING – WEDNESDAY  
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## POA Says Thank You!

We would like to say “thank you” for the tremendous response of members renewing their 2011 POA memberships and also for the many new members who have joined with us as a way of supporting Residents’ Rights for all Villagers.

So, if you haven’t yet joined with us or renewed your membership, now is a good time to fill out the Membership Form on page 23 of this Bulletin. If you are not a ‘joiner’, but appreciate the efforts the POA

volunteers are making on your behalf, you can always simply mail in a donation to help defray our costs.

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## ACS RELAY FOR LIFE - UPDATE

Due to the recent editorials by Lauren Ritchie of the Orlando Sentinel and Sonny Resmondo, Founder of The Villages Relay for Life and one of the developer's executives, the POA has received a number of letters asking for our response. Actually, this time the POA was about five weeks ahead of both writers in that we covered this situation in the January POA Bulletin. We are including the summary paragraph of the POA's position as stated in the article (for the full article go to poa4us.org and click on the link – archived bulletins).

The POA is concerned that the American Cancer Society was denied a legitimate fund raising event, particularly because the use of the facility had been previously approved and much fund raising and work for the 2011 Relay had already been commenced by the multitude of Relay participants by the time this information was conveyed to the Captains. The POA would not be hearing from lots of disgruntled residents had The Villages moved the ACS event to the Polo Field for

2011 and at the conclusion of that event announced that they would not be affiliating with the ACS in 2012 as they would be establishing a similar - but different - event to raise funds for The Villages Moffitt Cancer Center. It was the abrupt termination and disruption of the event after they had already begun their fund raising activities for 2011 that appears to be one of the most disconcerting factors and, of course, the change of emphasis from funding research for cures (the Relay is a SURVIVOR'S event) to that of paying for treatment equipment is the other factor. □

## Fundraising

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Excerpts (we are only including information regarding the equipment) from Dr. Anderson's response are as follows:

"A very good point you raise. I honestly believe the original selection of equipment was for exactly what we have, as the advertising campaign picture of the treatment machine indicated. I believe there was no intent in the beginning to ever purchase a True Beam. That was an afterthought to deal with the unexpected exposure of misleading and

false information previously disseminated. In essence, I think they originally did not believe anyone would challenge the honesty... of what they were saying.

At the time of my conversation with Dr. Stevens, I believe he thought the machine would be an exact duplication of equipment. He already knew the technology that RBOI had because we discussed that at our dinner in Tampa several months before. But with the release of the truth, it is my impression that the hospital had to come up with another game plan. That the equipment wasn't available, that there was a shortage of equipment... all of these angles were proven to be false. A change in strategy required something like a True Beam to surface. I believe that is one reason why Dr. Stevens made the trip to the Villages to appear on the television infomercial.

The reality is, the technology of a True Beam should be used for no more than 5% of

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patients. I see no reason to believe it will at all improve the results of treatment as far as cures are concerned. In addition, it would be inappropriate to use this resource for treating tumors in the abdomen or pelvis, since it cannot accurately track movement in those regions. The rate of respiratory movement does not correlate accurately with the rate of movement of the abdominal and pelvic content. That is not just my opinion, but rather many experts in the field. If we felt that True Beam offered a treatment advantage, believe me...I would buy it."

In conclusion, residents may never know the real answers to any of these questions. The Villages Health System has recently gone on record stating that they will provide any deficit in financing from their savings account. Therefore, the actual cost of the linear accelerator will no longer be relevant. □

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## \*\*\* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR \*\*\*

### POA Not "Militant" Enough

I am extremely disappointed with the article that appeared in the latest bulletin re: the drive to purchase equipment for the proposed cancer treatment center in the Villages. While quoting facts presented by the existing center and the Villages, I could not believe that there was no mention of Lauren Ritchie's articles in the Orlando Sentinel.

Over the last two years it seems to me that the POA, which at one time practiced constructive militancy and was a legitimate watch dog for the community, has reduced itself to a "let's see what happens" group.

This movement from action to reaction is not good. While repeatedly hashing over past wins e.g. the golf cart paths (for which I understand the class action participants were well rewarded) the POA seems to have disappeared in the very important matter of the IRS problems and now this current sham. It's almost as if the POA after years of articles about the heavy handedness of the developer and his minions has developed a "be careful what you wish for syndrome" because as I see it the IRS essentially agreed with that which the POA was saying for a long time. But if the chickens come home to roost the POA leadership doesn't want to hear it.

By that I mean if the developer thru his

crack California legal team manages to escape the dilemma and we ever get a special assessment from the CDD's then what? I haven't heard one thing from the POA about a Plan B.

The fact that the mood in this place is totally controlled and few read or want to hear about what really transpires is a shame. Whether you are aware of it most of what I have described is a common feeling in my circle of Villagers and most of us sit waiting for the other shoe to drop.

So I would like to hear from our new POA leadership as to what their plans are in these instances. I think we all would.

Sincerely, Tom Wade

**Editor's Response:** The POA mission is to protect the residents and preserve the wonderful lifestyle we have here in The Vil-

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## \*\*\* Letters to the Editor \*\*\*

### Moffitt Equipment

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these various pieces of equipment? After all, they will be only 100 or so yards apart. My thought is that because RBOI is not an 'official' part of the Villages Hospital system, their equipment is not being considered in the needs assessment. Rather silly, isn't it? Sure, Villages residents are very generous givers. But wouldn't it be a better idea to use their donations for something that is really needed?

Lee Bevan

**Editor's Response:** We agree. □

### Compliment on Moffitt Article

Want to compliment you on the recent article on the Moffitt Cancer Center. You were in-depth on the situation and it is appreciated to know what is going on. Unless you explain, then we would be in the dark, as so much is passed over on info that we should know about as property owners.

Thank you for your efforts and I feel enlightened as to just what will be available, if ever needed.

Vera Olver

**Editor's Response:** Thank you for your support. □

### Utility Sale

I just noticed that my village utility has a new name. The new name is North Sumter Utility Sumter County Dependent District. I called the Wedgewood Lane office and they confirmed the sale to the District. I remember a year or so ago that the POA had an article in their paper, where Pete Wahl and Janet Tutt, plus others in the circle, were to receive millions of dollars from the sale. I haven't seen anything in the Daily Sun Paper, Ha Ha, or in the POA paper. Hope you can address this issue, and, if it has some weight, put it in the POA paper so other homeowners south of 466 know what is going on. Thanking you in advance.

Harold Seberle

**Editor's Response:** Good for you for noticing the sale. Actually, the February Bulletin had an article explaining the creation of the new district and the sale of the utility from the Developer to the Dependent District. It is true that a number of district staff are/were shareholders in the two companies, including Pete Wahl (no longer a District employee), Sam Wartinbee (District Property Manager) and John Rohan (no longer Assistant District Manager - still remains as District Director of Recreation). However, the current District Manager, Janet Tutt, WAS NOT ONE OF THEM.

P.S. Sonny Resmondo, the person who wrote the editorial on the Relay for Life in The Daily Sun, was also a shareholder. □

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## \*\*\* Letters to the Editor \*\*\*

### Questions about The Villages

We have been looking at The Villages for a couple of years now for our retirement home. What a nicely developed community with a high energy level. We have spent some time in The Villages and are impressed with how well kept the facilities and communities are.

We have a deposit on a lot in St. James, but lately we have become quite concerned about financial ramifications for the residents if the IRS renders an adverse judgment concerning the tax-free bonds that were issued to build the facilities. We think those are the only bonds in question.

Here are some questions we are having a difficult time finding answers to. I have read everything from Lauren Ritchie's articles in the Orlando Sentinel, to CDD board minutes on their website, and also your POA Bulletins.

1. Are the bonds that paid for infrastructure or the bonds that paid for the clubhouses

and golf courses being investigated by the IRS?

**Editor's response:** The infrastructure bonds are not currently being investigated. The bonds used to purchase the amenity contracts, rec centers, executive golf courses, etc. and the water and wastewater utilities from the developer are the ones under investigation.

2. Who owns the facilities/clubhouses/golf courses?

**Editor's response:** The Village Center Community Development District owns all of the recreation facilities, including the executive golf courses North of 466.

The Sumter Landing Community Development District owns a portion (the area closest to and South of 466) of the recreation facilities, including executive golf courses. The Developer still owns all of the other recreation facilities and executive golf courses South of 466. (The property transfers stopped when the IRS investigation heated up.)

The Developer owns all of the restaurants, pools, tennis courts, and championship golf

courses at all of the country clubs.

3. Will the residents of a given district ever gain control (own) the facilities in their district?

**Editor's response:** The residents will never own the facilities. They will remain the property of the district government. However, North of 466, as a part of the class action lawsuit settlement, all non bond related amenities income is now controlled by the Amenities Authority Committee which consists of 5 residents, elected by residents, and only one non-resident developer 'appointee'.

Hopefully, the developer will soon move to create such a Committee for the residents living South of 466.

4. The rise in amenity fees cannot go over the CPI. However, wouldn't the amenity fees have to be raised if the IRS rules that the facility non-taxable bonds have to be sold and new taxable bonds bought?

**Editor's response:** The amenity fees cannot be raised more than the CPI. Instead, amenity services would have to be reduced in order to provide the funds if that became necessary. However, the POA believes that if there is a negative finding by the IRS that the Developer should be responsible for any financial costs as he is the only one who benefited financially from them being sold as tax-exempt bonds. The residents had nothing to do with it and received absolutely no benefit from the tax-exempt status.

5. Does one own the lot the house is being built on when one buys a home in The Villages?

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## \*\*\* Letters to the Editor \*\*\*

### Questions

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**Editor's response:** Yes. There are a few small areas which house condominiums in which the condo owner does not own the actual lot, but 99% of the homeowners own the lot and the house.

6. Does one have to be a resident to pay the yearly dues to the POA? can one make a contribution if they are a non-resident?

**Editor's response:** In order to be a member of the POA, an individual must be a resident. However, anyone, resident or not, can make a contribution to the POA

Thanks so much for taking time to answer these questions and your efforts in making the POA an effective advocate for the residents of The Villages.

Jim and Nancy Waters

### Tree Removal

I had a red maple tree cut down Feb 1st. Two days later, Town Hall called saying I had to have a permit before cutting down a canopy tree and that I had to go to the Lady Lake Town Hall to fill out a form and then go to the Villages Architectural Board with papers from Town Hall to find out if there were any fines or problems the Villages might have with the removal. They had none.

Wondering how I should have known about permits for cutting down canopy trees and curious if others were aware of it. The arborist who cut down the tree said a permit was unnecessary and other contractors who had come to the house previously didn't mention a permit.

All, however, told me the tree could fall into the living room of our house should a strong wind or tornado occur.

To get the process going for the replacement, I had to go to Town Hall again to get a tree permit at a cost of \$54.00 then purchase a canopy tree from the list they gave me. The tree had to be 15 feet tall and at least 4 inches in diameter.

Someone from Town Hall will check in the coming days to make sure the requirements have been met. We knew oak trees could not be cut down, but where could I

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### Tree Removal

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have found the rules about canopy trees so that I could have avoided the stress, frustration, and considerable expense? Not in the Village Sun, the Leesburg Commercial, not on the Villages radio or television, and not through the mail.

Anonymous

**Editor's Response:** The only way to get the information is to call Town Hall:

#### Town of Lady Lake Residents

The majority of the deed restrictions for the Lady Lake area states that "No tree with a trunk four (4) inches or more in diameter shall be removed or effectively removed through excessive injury without first obtaining permission".

This means that the resident would need to come to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for prior approval to remove the tree. The ARC does not require a permit or a fee.

**Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a "fine" of \$500.00 applicable to all Village residents if a tree is removed without seeking prior approval from the ARC.**

The ARC application does state that the resident is responsible to obtain all permits and government approvals and that it is the

responsibility of the homeowner to be in compliance with building, zoning, permitting codes and setbacks of the Town of Lady Lake, Marion, Lake and Sumter Counties.

While most cities, towns, and municipalities have a tree ordinance and require a permit to remove a tree, the counties do not. Lake, Marion and Sumter counties do not require a permit to remove a tree. **However, the Town of Lady Lake does require a permit.**

P.S. We contacted the District Deed Compliance Office and asked if this info could be placed on the application – they have agreed to take it to the next ARC meeting and to request approval of that suggestion. □

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## POA Directors

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#### Director (Assistant Treasurer): Frank Carr

Frank served as POA treasurer from 2005 until the summer of 2010. He has agreed to come back on the Board as a Director and will take on the responsibilities of assistant treasurer. A native of Staten Island, NY, Frank moved to the Village of Piedmont with his wife Diane in 2003, after a 33-year career with UBS in accounting, budget, financial analysis and financial systems.

#### Director (Information Technology - IT): Ken Copp

Ken was a Production Coordinator & Business Analyst for Steelcase Inc. for 35 years. He is a 2003 M.O.S. Certified (Microsoft Office Specialist) and has extensive experience developing Microsoft Access Databases and Excel spreadsheet pro-

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grams. His Degree is in Architectural Drafting and Construction and he was a Licensed Residential Builder in Michigan for over 30 years. His career also includes 21 years in the U.S. Navy and he is a Vietnam Veteran. Ken has held numerous offices in both the N.E.R.A. (Naval Enlisted Reserve Association) and the Knights of Columbus. Ken and his wife Joyce moved from Michigan to the Village of Duval in Dec. 2007.

### Director (Special Projects): Myron Henry

Myron is a native of Peru, Indiana. He received a BS from Ball State University and the MS and Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Myron has served as a mathematics professor and administrator at Montana State University, Central Michigan University, Old Dominion University (VA), Kent State University (OH) and the University of Southern Mississippi. An Eagle Scout, Henry has served on the Great Trails (OH) and Tidewater (VA) Councils of the BSA. He and his wife Mary moved to the Village of Hadley in July 2008.

### Director (Membership): Pat Layman

Pat was born and raised in a suburb of

Cleveland, Ohio. She moved to Michigan and resided in a suburb of Detroit for 35 years before moving to Florida in 2005. She is a resident of the Village of Poinciana. Pat graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Administration and a concentration in Management Information Systems. During her career Pat worked for Burroughs Corporation, a privately held bank, and retired from the State of Michigan. She joined the POA Board in 2010.

### Director (Special Assignments): Ron Husted

Ron retired from IBM after 36 years where he held a number of Senior Financial Management positions, including pricing management responsibilities both in the US and Europe. In addition, he was Business Manager for a Senior IBM Corporate Vice President, and was an IBM Senior Marketing Development Rep for Wall Street traders. He also taught at the IBM Management

Schools at Pace University. Ron has served as the President/Chairman for a number of organizations in DC as well as his Florida condominium association. He received an award from the NY State Citizens Council and Gov. Rockefeller for his service to the community and New York State, along with a number of awards for his work within IBM and the community. Ron and his wife Kathleen moved to The Villages from Hutchinson Island in south Florida and were originally from the Mid-Hudson Valley in New York.

### Director (Special Projects): Jerry Vicenti

Jerry was born and raised in Staten Island, NY. He retired from The Port Authority of NY & NJ after 35 years. Jerry worked in the Procurement Department as a Buyer and Contract Administrator and supervised the uniforms services department, and the construction, operation and security of the

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Brooklyn Cruise Ship Terminal. He served as Trustee on the Supervisor's Union Executive Board, worked in the World Trade Center Recovery Unit in 1993 & 9/11 and also worked with Secret Service and Homeland Security Department. Jerry received Special Citation awards for his work in the WTC Recovery Unit. Jerry and his wife Annette moved to the Village of Hemingway in June of 2008. In November of 2010, Jerry was a candidate for Community Development District 7 Board of Supervisors in the Villages. He joined the POA board in February, 2011. □

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## Lightning Matters

By Bob Freeman

The purpose of this monthly column is to inform residents about the various facets of lightning and how it can impact your personal safety, your home, and your appliances and electronic equipment. It is important to be aware of the science of lightning, as you are living in Florida, which is the Lightning Capital of the USA.

In previous 2010 columns we discussed lightning protection system (rods) do not attract lightning (April), corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas piping (May), how to select a lightning system (LPS) installer (July), electrical surge protection (August), personal lightning safety (October and November), and electrical "primary" surge protection (December, 2010). These and other subjects can be accessed on the POA4US.Org web site. In the December issue we discussed "What is an electrical surge?" and your two options to provide "primary" surge protection.

The Type 1 SPD (surge protection device) can be provided and installed by your electric utility at the meter on the outside of your house. The Type 2 SPD can be provided and installed by an electrical contractor on your main electrical panel in your garage. Either of this type of protection is for electrical surges coming in on the electric service from

the utility.

In this issue we will discuss electrical "secondary" surge protection in more detail that was introduced in the August 2010 article. A Type 3 SPD provides the electrical "secondary" surge protection. These are "point of use" SPD's, which means that they are plugged into an electrical outlet and the equipment being protected is plugged into the SPD. The equipment or device being protected has a 120-volt power cord. This includes refrigerators, microwave ovens, garage door openers, the irrigation control panel on your garage wall, electric washing machine, gas clothes dryer, etc.

For your cordless telephones base unit, purchase a SPD that also includes an "in and out" connection for your telephone circuit. For your TV, purchase a SPD that also includes and "in and out" connection for you coaxial cable. For you computer equipment you can purchase a larger SPD that has multiple electrical outlets along with telephone and coaxial connections.

You can purchase these Type 3 SPD's at electronic stores, hardware stores, etc. Some of the better SPD's have two small indicator lights, one showing the ground connection is normal and the other one showing the SPD to be functional.

If you opt to install the Type 1 SPD at the electric meter, Progress Energy customers will also receive the protection unit for their

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computer. SECO customers will also receive one each of the SPD types mentioned above. You can also purchase additional units from SECO by going online at <http://www.secoenergy.com/index.html>, then select: For members/Surge protection/Go to the Surge Protection Store.

It was stated in my December article on surge protection that "primary" surge protection, Type 1 or Type 2 SPDs alone was NOT WHOLE HOUSE PROTECTION. Type 1 or Type 2 ALONG WITH Type 3 is whole house protection. It is the best you can do.

Lightning is not always predictable. No one can guarantee that if you do all of the above that you will never have damage to your equipment. However, we have heard of numerous cases here in The Villages where a nearby lightning (indirect strike) has damaged equipment that was not protected as described above.

Conversely, we have heard from homeowners that did provide protection and did not experience any surge damage from an indirect lightning strike.

Please note that surge protection does not protect you from less frequent but potentially high severity direct lightning strikes. This requires a lightning protection system (rods).

The Study Group on Lightning is a small group of volunteers that has no affiliation to

any firm or organization related to the lightning protection industry and offers a free 30-minute Power Point presentation, *Lightning Tips for Villagers*.

This presentation addresses direct lightning, indirect lightning, validation of lightning protection systems (rods), corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas piping, surge protection, common myths and misunderstandings. It is intended to help homeowners make informed decisions on their own lightning risk.

If your group or organization would benefit from a presentation, contact Len Hathaway, [lhatha@aol.com](mailto:lhatha@aol.com) (430-1164), or Bob Freeman, [Stalit1@aol.com](mailto:Stalit1@aol.com) (751-0505) □

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## Ask The Chief

### Traffic Signal Confirmation Lights

Ever wonder what the White or Blue light located above a traffic signal is and or what it is used for? Well, they are called "Confirmation Lights". Confirmation lights are the WHITE or BLUE light(s) located directly above a Traffic Signal and are utilized by Law Enforcement in their respective duties in halting "Red Light Runners".

The "Confirmation Lights" are designed to be visible (lighted) when the Traffic Signal directly below is in the "Red" or "Stop" position. Subsequently, the confirmation lights are designed not be visible, when the Traffic Signal Light directly below is in the "Yellow" or "Green" position.

This Law Enforcement tool provides police officers with the ability to see "Red Light Runners" from a distance and from any side of a Traffic Signal Intersection.

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## Ask The Chief

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In addition to assisting Law Enforcement officers, confirmation lights also serve to remind drivers to stop for red light traffic signals when they are illuminated.

In case you haven't noticed, the Town of Lady Lake has acquired and installed blue confirmation lights on all of the traffic signals located within its jurisdiction on 441/27. Also, worth mentioning is the fact that fund-

ing for those confirmation lights (which included labor and five (5) years of maintenance) was obtained through a partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), utilizing federal safety funds.

I would like to point out that driving is a privilege and not a God given right. So, drivers who make poor choices, should be held accountable for their actions. When it comes to traffic, safety is the name of the game and voluntary compliance to traffic laws is truly our goal. Unfortunately, enforcement is sometimes a necessary evil.

According to Florida State Statute #322.03 - Drivers must be licensed and Florida State Statute #316.075 - Traffic control signal devices, requires that all drivers comply with them. However, should a driver not have the desire to voluntarily stop for a red light and makes a choice to run it, they are endangering everyone.

If you are observed and cited for running a red light, the penalty is a civil moving infraction that would result in a \$264.00 fine (which is set by the State) and four (4) points would be assessed to your driver's license. However, like with everything else in life, you do have options, regarding a traffic citation, which are as follows:

1. You can elect to pay the fine and have the four (4) points assessed to your driver's license
2. You can contest a traffic citation in a court of law, by contacting the Clerk of

Courts, enter a plea of not guilty and request a hearing for the violation.

3. If you are not involved in a traffic crash you have the option to prevent the points from being assessed to your driver's license by electing to attend and complete a driver improvement class. This option can be done by notifying the Clerk of Courts and selecting a qualified school/course. With this option, you are still responsible for the traffic fine of \$264.00.

A. Pros to this option - it keeps the points from being assessed to your driver's license (note: this option can only be taken once every twelve (12) months and only five (5) times in a person's life time) and usually precludes your insurance rates from being increased.

B. Cons to this option - in addition to the original fine amount, there is also a fee associated with a driver's improvement class.

4. You can choose to ignore the citation and don't pay it. But that would only cause you additional problems to include your driver's license being suspended and the possibilities of an arrest warrant being issued for you.

I would like to remind everyone to drive safely and when approaching an intersection be prepared to stop when the light changes to yellow and do not try to beat the yellow light.

Chief Ed Nathanson,  
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## Our Monthly Gardening Column:

## Ornamental Annuals Outside the Box

by Anne Lambrecht

When a person thinks of annuals, flowers come to mind, right? But this spring, let’s think outside the annual box...to veggies.

Vegetables are beautiful, unusual annuals that need little more care than typical fill-in flowers. Remember the ornamental cabbage in our January medians and common areas?

So in March, along with the usual marigolds, geraniums, pentas, dusty Miller, salvia, black eyed Susan, verbena, zinnia and torenia, plant a few veggies.

Now a person might worry that our deed restrictions prohibit vegetable gardens, so remember, these veggies are *ornamental*. The foliage alone on some of the kale and collards, broccoli and lettuces are absolutely stunning. Think of lovely Swiss chard with its puffy, quilted leaves and colorful stems dancing in a circle around your hibiscus.

How about some brilliant yellow and scarlet sweet banana peppers or multi-colored chili peppers interspersed with your aloes and cycads. Vegetables are easy to grow, love our weather and big bonus: you get to enjoy them for dinner.

And don’t forget about ornamental vertical plants such as morning glories and the oh-so-common pink or white mandevilla.

Now think outside the box about snow peas, hyacinth beans and scarlet runner beans. They are all beautiful, easy and attract hummingbirds, butterflies and pollinators. You can grow all these in pots or support them with a little trellis.

Herbs are pretty and do very well here: dill, parsley, rosemary, sage, thyme all add texture and scent and can be used for cooking. (Plant extra parsley and dill for the monarchs and queens).

For a minimum investment with large returns, try some ornamental veggies. Many of them have flowers, too!

I feel so sorry for any gardener who has their house painted. We recently had our house painted and my life’s been completely topsy turvy ever since. As the Husband walked around the house with prospective painting contractors, I heard him snickering

and gloating, laughing and pointing at all the plants that he thought would have to be permanently removed prior to the job. Why would they HAVE to be removed? He just wanted these plants gone.

I now know for sure that the Husband is an enemy of my garden, worse than any blight or critter. My job was to remove all the vegetation that had “wandered” over to the edge of the house. And it was also my job to empty the lanai of any of my tender plants that had been brought under cover of the lanai for the winter. The Husband snickered at that, too, because anything tender left outside would certainly not make it to spring.

My solution was this: I potted up everything from the perimeter of the house and brought all these plants including my tender perennials into the garage to the place where his car is usually parked.

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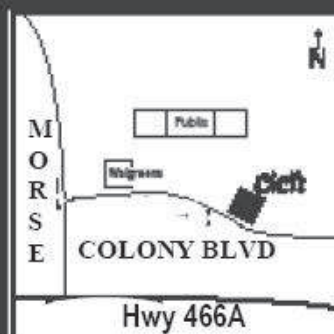
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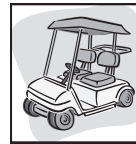
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