

Getting Ready for The Next Steps

by John Rohan,
Director of Recreation & Parks

The first phase of opening limited recreation facilities and services officially started this past Monday, with select swimming pools, recreation centers and parks. During my visits, it was pleasing to see our residents practicing social distancing and wearing masks. **THANK YOU** for doing your part to protect yourself, our staff and your fellow residents. As the Governor has mentioned, our fine State is going to take “baby steps” phasing in the operations throughout Florida. The Villages Recreation and Parks Department is going to follow the same plan. In this week’s edition of The Villages Recreation and Parks News, residents will read the next steps we have planned for managing and delivering safe recreation and parks operations to our community. We are doing so well being proactive in our safety measures to reduce the spread of the virus, that it is important to continue as we manage each week’s phasing-in steps to meet our new norm for the foreseeable future. We are grateful for the positive words, cooperation and residents taking personal responsibility to do your part. Our Department is also committed to doing their part to make your visit to our centers safe, organized and planned for the safety and enjoyment of all. Please read next week’s edition of The Villages Recreation and Parks News for the next update.

Feel free to email or call for an appointment to meet with our staff.
RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org
352-674-1800

The safety of residents, guests, staff and visitors in The Villages community continues to be of utmost importance to the District. As we patiently await the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Florida Department of Health and Governor DeSantis on the prevention of COVID-19, the District has begun to outline a carefully phased plan to slowly and safely reopen recreational amenities.

Please note any dates listed are subject to change based on the guidance we receive.

PHASE I

Beginning April 27th

Key Recreation & Parks staff will return to further clean and prepare facilities. Efforts will include establishing 6 foot buffers in areas, so social distancing may be actively practiced. Staff will be reviewing and modifying recreational procedures to ensure alignment with health and safety guidelines. All recreation centers and facilities are still closed to the public. Please do not attempt to access.

PHASE II

When Approved by Local, State & Government Agencies
Monday, May 4th - See Pools page for specific information.

Recreational activities that meet criteria of specific health department guidelines will begin opening. Some of the criteria taken into consideration will include limiting exposure, high respiration activities, activity interaction and the interaction of persons with objects.

While we are still evaluating operations, some of what you can expect to experience is outlined in the following pages and any changes will be announced in The Villages Daily Sun.

PHASE III

Beyond the Month of May & Successful Completion of Phase II

The District could include the additional openings of outdoor facilities and activities as well as the phasing in of District Support Services.

With each phase the District will evaluate the advice of the Local, State and Government Agencies, including what activities should be permitted, facilities opened and the most up-to-date attendance/gathering requirements.

Important changes and announcements will continue to be posted on the www.DistrictGov.org website as well as sent out in our e-Notifications.

On behalf of the Recreation & Parks department

Thank you for doing your part!

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Community Development Districts

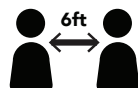
To responsibly visit a recreation center or park please keep to the following:



As always check with your health care provider prior to participating or visiting any recreation center.



If you are sick, or have symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath or recently exposed to COVID-19 please do not come to any recreation center or park until you have doctor clearance.



Stay at least 6 feet away from others (social distancing), always keeping this minimum space between yourself and others.



Wearing a mask is requested (if closer than 6ft mask required) and appropriate attire for the activity.



Wash your hands with soap and water frequently (20 seconds or longer).



Bring your own water bottle.



Bring Hand Sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.



Cover coughs and sneezes with tissue then throw tissue in trash.



Avoid touching, eyes, nose and mouth.



Clean & disinfect frequently touched objects & surfaces.



Bring your own equipment/supplies conducive to the activity.



Limit activity to 1 hour.

Be flexible as facility operations, attendance numbers, services, and centers are subject to change and/or be restricted, closed or limited. For the public health and safety of others, staff reserves the right to restrict access to use of facility and activities. All information is subject to change as additional information is received by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health.

For more information email RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org
or visit www.DistrictGov.org

POOLS

Designated Pools Currently Open

Additional pools will be phased in when appropriately approved.

Always carry your own:

- ✓ WATER
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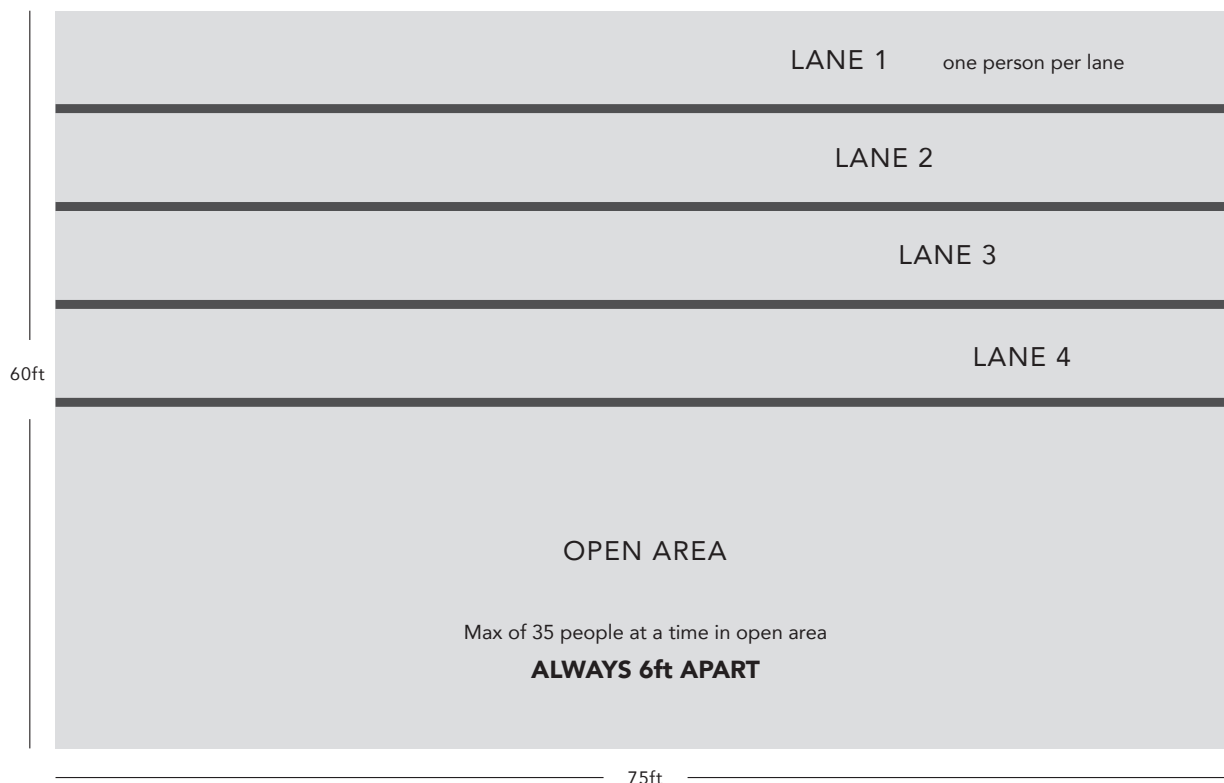
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- Village residents shall have priority.
- Staff member will monitor the gates.
- Come dressed to swim, showers will not be available
- Modified peak participation guidelines will be used.
- Face masks requested to be worn outside & inside the pool.
- All pools will be OPEN beginning May 11.
- Water Exercise and Water Volleyball are not available at this time.



NOTE: Due to limited participation levels the peak participation program may be implemented at all open pools.

Sample Sports Pool Setup



Open pool area not to exceed the maximum capacity for each pool type (see diagram) to allow for social distancing (*keeping 6 feet away from others*).

Swimmers **MUST** bring their own equipment. Sports pool equipment will not be available. Combination Swim Only – pool will have four lanes in for lap swimmer (1 swimmer per lane), open pool area for water walking & exercise.

SPORTS POOLS | 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

56 COLONY COTTAGE	63 EISENHOWER	94 EVERGLADES
11 LA HACIENDA	30 LAKE MIONA	19 LAUREL MANOR
1 MULBERRY GROVE	76 ROHAN	15 SAVANNAH
43 SEABREEZE	90 SPANISH MOSS	

Max. Capacity: 39 at any one time

For residents only 30 years of age and older.

FAMILY POOLS | 7:30 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

44 ALLAMANDA	31 BACALL	64 BIG CYPRESS
65 BRADENTON	20 BRIDGEPORT	77 BURNSED
32 CANAL STREET	78 CAPTIVA	95 CATTAIL
2 CHATHAM	21 CHURCHILL STREET	33 COCONUT COVE
16 EL SANTIAGO	86 FENNEY	45 FISH HAWK
46 HIBISCUS	66 MANATEE	79 MOYER
57 ODELL	7 PARADISE	22 PIMLICO
14 RIO GRANDE	87 RIVERBEND	47 STERLING HEIGHTS
58 TRUMAN	36 CREEKSIDE LANDING	37 LAKESHORE COTTAGES
4 PHILLIPS		

Max. Capacity: 35 - 44 dependent upon the pool

For residents who have young family members visiting under the age of 30.

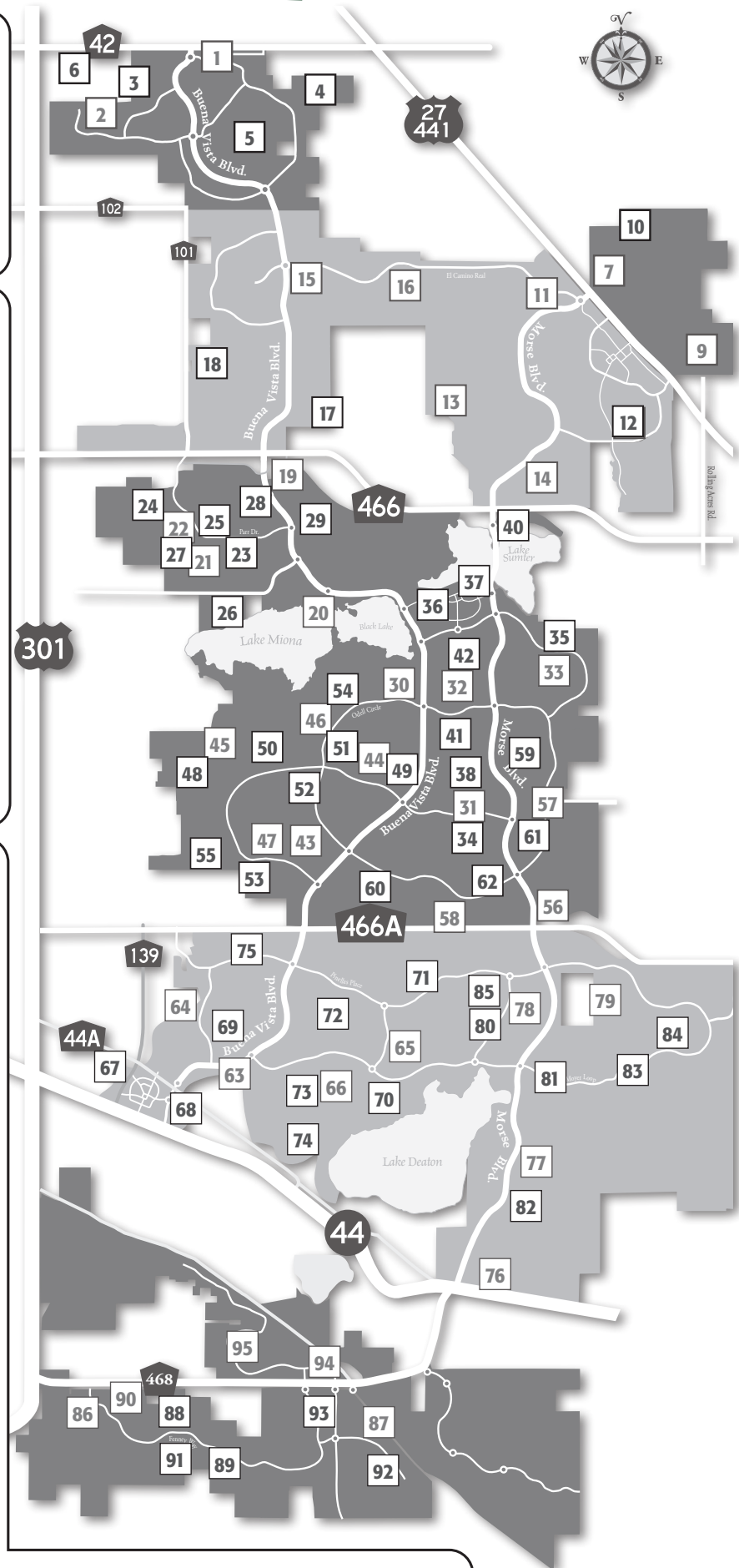
BEGINNING 5/11/20

NEIGHBORHOOD POOLS | 7:30 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

12 CHULA VISTA	9 SOUTHSIDE - NO HOT TUB	6 SOULLIERE
3 CALUMET	5 SPRINGDALE	12 CHULA VISTA
9 SOUTHSIDE	10 HILLTOP	18 SUMMERHILL
13 TIERRA DEL SOL	17 SADDLEBROOK	25 BONNYBROOK
23 ASHLAND	24 BELVEDERE	28 TALL TREES
26 LAKE MIONA SHORES	27 LYNNHAVEN	35 CAROLINE
29 WINIFRED	34 BONITA	41 SABAL CHASE
38 LARGO	40 MISSION HILLS	49 LIBERTY PARK
42 VIRGINIA TRACE	48 BUTTONWOOD	52 ST. CHARLES
50 PENNECAMP	51 POINCIANA	54 SUNSET POINTE
55 TAMARIND GROVE	53 ST. JAMES	61 HADLEY
59 AMELIA	60 DUVAL	68 ANTRIM DELLS
62 HEMINGWAY	67 ALDEN BUNGALOWS	71 FERNANDINA
69 COLLIER	70 DUNEDIN	74 LAKE DEATON
72 GILCHRIST	73 HILLSBOROUGH	81 LABELLE
75 PINELLAS	80 CHARLOTTE	84 PINE RIDGE
82 OSCEOLA HILLS	83 PINE HILLS	92 SWALLOWTAIL
85 SANIBEL	88 BLUE HERON	
93 WILLOW TREE	91 SUGAR CANE	

Max. Capacity: 27 at any one time

For residents and guests only 30 years of age and older.



INDOOR

Open activities as of Monday, May 11th

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phased in when appropriately
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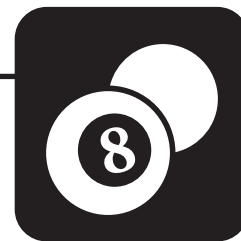
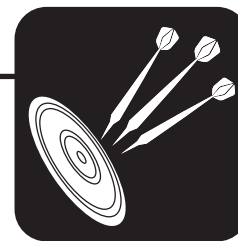
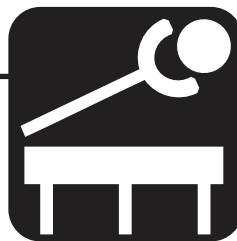
- Village residents shall have priority.
- Rooms will be pre-setup up for open use however, there will be no adjustments to the room setups.
- Organized club activities will not be permitted during this time.
- Restrooms Will Be Limited.
- **BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES.**

Indoor Activities

Beginning May 11th.

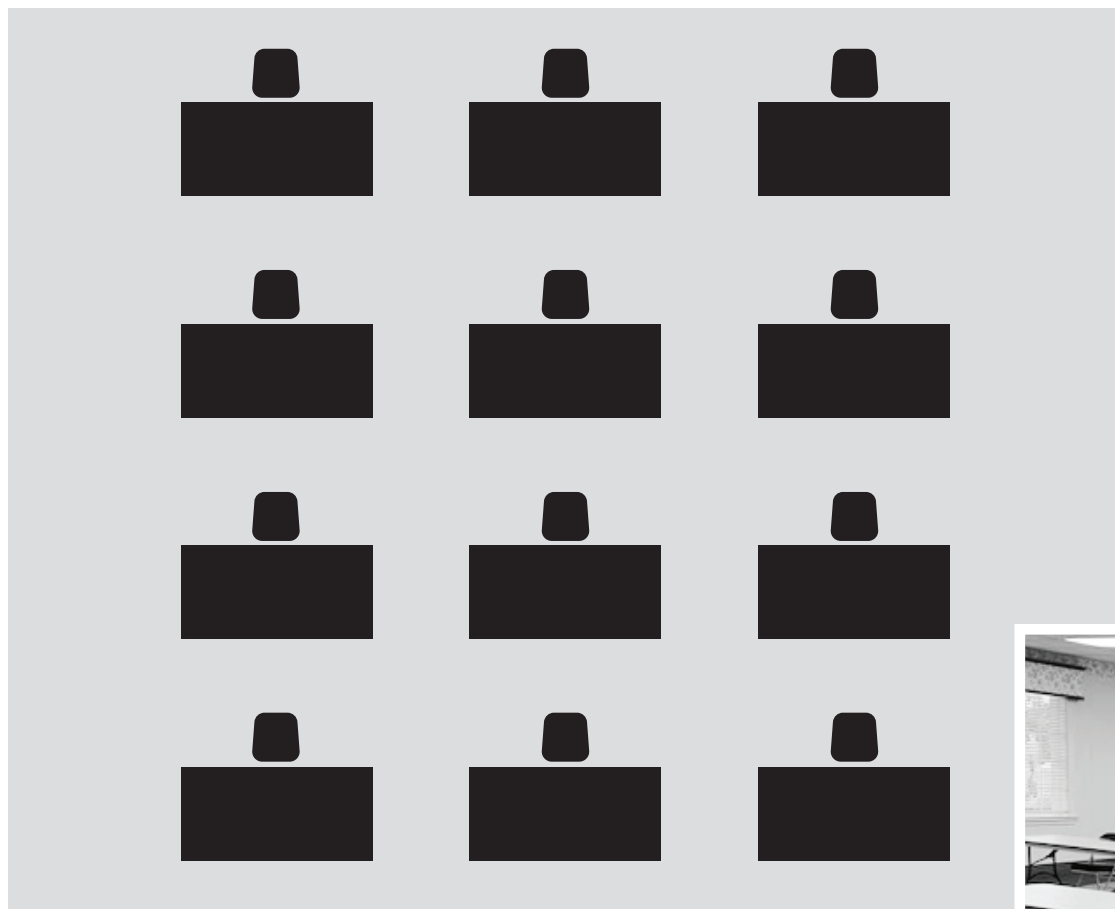
Arts & Crafts
(*Kilns are not available*)
Billiards

Darts
Table Shuffleboard
Lobby Areas/WiFi Use



Please practice social distance guidelines during all activities.

SAMPLE ACTIVITY ROOM SET UP one person per 6ft table



Capacity will change depending on size of room.
ALWAYS 6ft APART



PARKS & FISHING

Please remember to follow social distancing guidelines (keeping 6 feet away from others).

Designated Parks, Dog Parks, & Fishing Parks

Currently Open

- Village residents shall have priority.
- All dogs are required to be on a leash at all times, dogs are not allowed off leash on any athletic field or other public areas. Not allowing pets to play and walk on common area landscaping, preserves or environmental areas.
- Make sure you have your own water.
- Review signage for site specific information and requirements. Follow all posted directions on signage.

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Dog Parks

limited capacity



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Owners are to follow social distancing guidelines staying 6' apart.

REMINDER: Bring your dog's water bowl & toys. These will not be made available.

Dog parks are fenced in play areas for both large and small dogs designed for dogs to run freely and socialize with other dogs.

- Owner is responsible for picking up after pet, please take all waste home for disposal. Do not use storm drains, postal or recreation facilities for disposing of solid waste and plastic bags.
- Please follow all county ordinances regarding pets.
- Dog owners are responsible for any injuries caused by their dog(s).
- Dogs must wear current license tags and have up to date vaccinations.

Fishing

Currently Allowed

To ensure your fishing experience is safe and enjoyable, it is important to know the rules and regulations for fishing water bodies throughout The Villages. In order to have a healthy and manageable fishery available for anglers the Villages Community Development Districts (VCDD) along with the Freshwater Fishing Club has outlined expectations on the www.DistrictGov.org website. We've included a few to note here:

- Continue to follow ALL Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Comply with federal, state and local laws, including having proper licensing.
- For a complete list of locations visit the www.DistrictGov.org website.
- Respect any areas marked with "No Fishing" signs.
- Fishing is Catch & Release
- Clean-up after yourself

Currently Open

- OUTDOOR PARKS | 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ASHLAND PARK

BOONE PARK

BLUE HERON

GOLFVIEW LAKE

KELSEA PARK

LIVE OAKS PARK

PARADISE PARK

SCHWARTZ PARK

SPRINGDALE WALKING TRAIL

SUGAR CANE

SUNSET PARK

LAKE SUMTER &

LAKE SUMTER LANDING

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

WILKERSON CREEK

SHARON ROSE WEICHENS PRESERVE

Review signage for site specifics information & requirements. Follow all posted directions on signage.

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- DOG PARKS | 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- PARADISE DOG PARK

MULBERRY DOG PARK

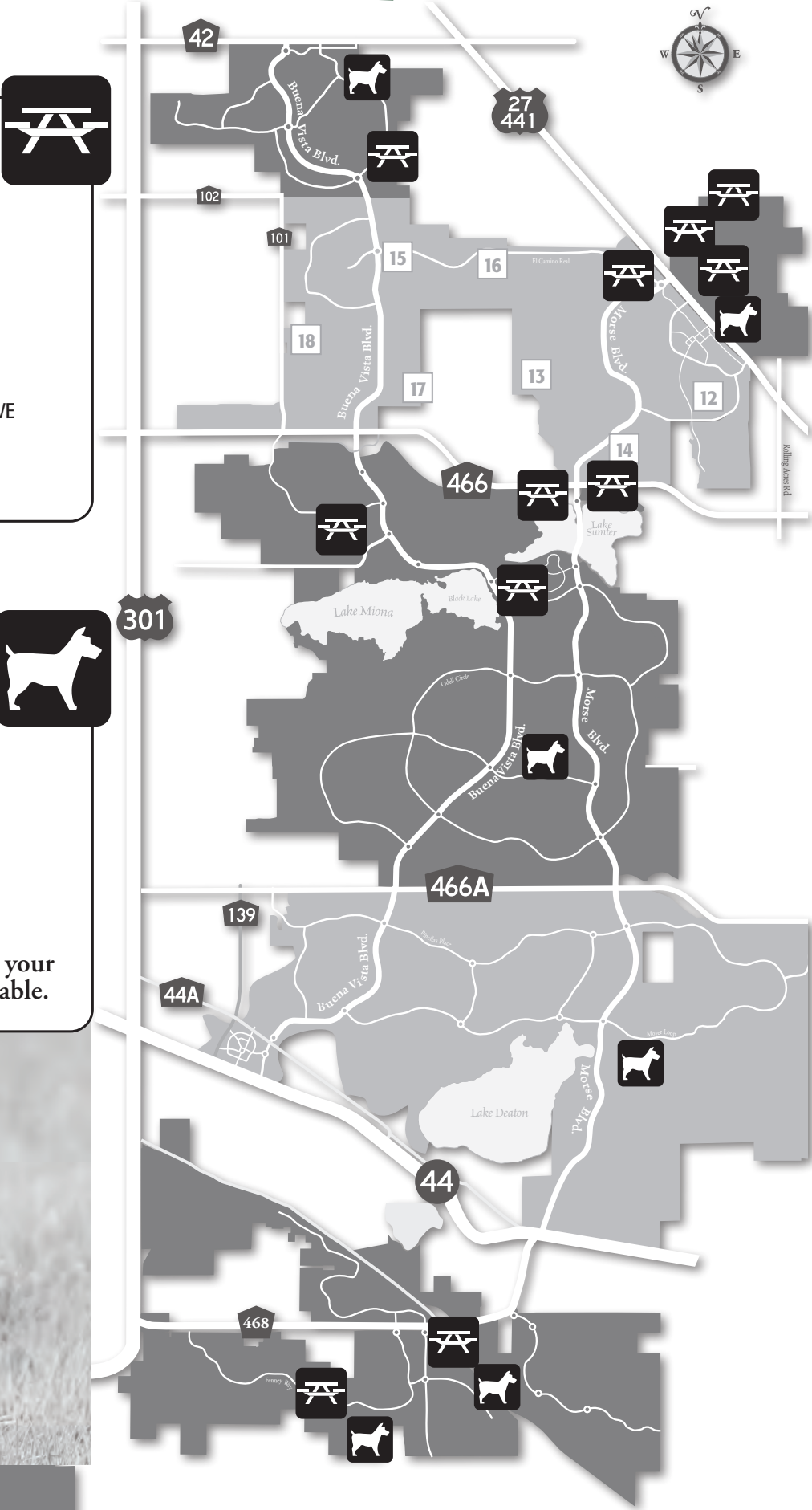
BRINSON/PERRY DOG PARK

ATLAS CANINE RECREATION PARK

DUDLEY CANINE PARK

RUPERT CANINE PARK

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- Make sure you have your own water.
- Restrooms will be limited.
- Review outdoor signage for site specific information and requirements. Follow all posted directions on signage.
- Recreation equipment is available for check-out for approved activities listed below on following page. Bringing your own equipment is preferred.



Outdoor Activities

Beginning May 11th.

Archery
Air Gun
Lawn Bowling
Croquet
Shuffleboard
Petanque
Corn Toss
Horseshoes
RC Boats & RC Cars

Fenney Putt & Play
Bocce
Fishing
Outdoor Fitness Equipment
Basketball (Social Distancing
- prefer not to share a ball)



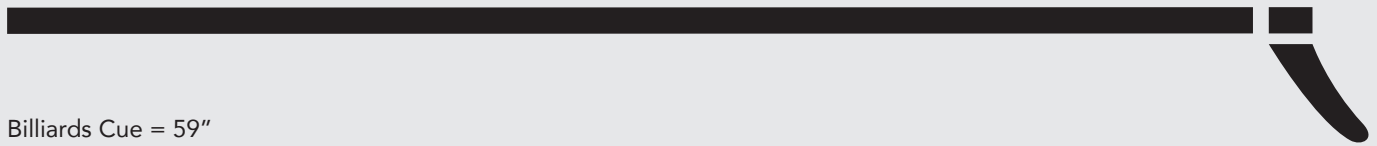
Currently NOT Available

Softball	Platform Tennis	Soccer
Pickleball	Tennis,	Flag Football
Beach Tennis	Sand Volleyball	

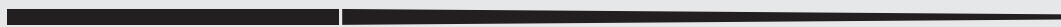
WHAT IS 6 feet?

6ft. = 72"

Shuffleboard Cue = 75"



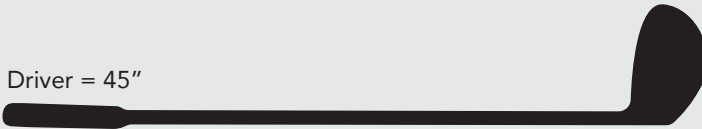
Billiards Cue = 59"



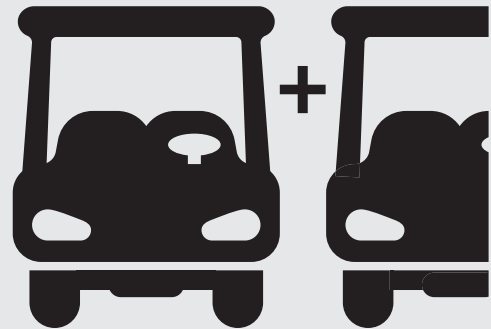
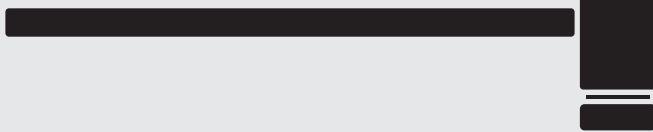
Pool Noodle = 58"



Driver = 45"



Croquet Mallet = 36"



FENNEY PUTT & PLAY NOW OPEN



Recreation Equipment for Check-Out

Beginning May 11th.

Check-Out Process

You are welcome to bring your own equipment!

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Hours of Operation:

Monday – Sunday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm beginning Monday May 11, 2020.

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- Make request with staff member – NO CALL INS
- Recreation sports equipment is located in the recreation center
- Recreation staff will assist you in securing equipment
- A valid Villages ID card or Guest ID w/proper identification is required
- Equipment is available after 7:30 a.m., based on availability
- No equipment will be checked out after 7:30 p.m.
- Equipment must be returned immediately following use
- Please limit play time to 1 hour, if others are waiting
- Use only at designated recreation center
- Use at your own risk
- Cannot be taken off property
- Please report any damages to equipment
- Staff reserves the right to limit or deny equipment in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare
- Appropriate age for facility for equipment to be issued
- One per person or set for group, not to exceed 4
- Check-out items will vary from center to center
- Items included if activity is approved for play (see activities to left)

Equipment NOT Available

- PICKLEBALL
- TENNIS
- BEACH TENNIS
- PLATFORM TENNIS
- SOFTBALL
- SOCCER
- FLAG FOOTBALL

The Recreation & Parks Department has the right to modify this process as needed.

RECREATION & PARKS

Updates on classes, socials & events.



The Enrichment Academy

TEA Course Schedule Changes

The safety of residents, guests, staff and visitors in The Villages community continues to be of utmost importance to the Recreation & Parks Department. The Enrichment Academy courses have been canceled for the month of May. For a complete listing of course changes, go to DistrictGov.org / Recreation Department. Refunds for canceled courses have been processed, it may take up to 30 business days to receive refund.

Participants enrolled in a rescheduled course(s) will be transferred and receive updated registration confirmation within 3-4 weeks. To request a refund for a rescheduled course, please email TheEnrichmentAcademy@DistrictGov.org.

Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Groups

Due to health department guidelines requiring social distancing and limiting exposure (six feet apart) resident lifestyle volunteer groups will not be meeting in May. We are optimistic that with each day, the new updates and direction from the federal and state health agencies will continue to be favorable and your Recreation & Parks department will continue to open up and expand access to the resident lifestyle groups. If you have additional questions, please email RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org your information and we'll be happy to respond via email or telephone.



Socials & Events

The Recreation & Parks Department has canceled all Recreation Sponsored Events until further notice. All recreation refunds are being processed as quickly as possible



Camp Villages

For the safety of all participants and staff Camp Villages, is canceled until further notice. Our team is evaluating and planning more great special events for the future. Please continue to visit www.DistrictGov.org and the Recreation & Parks News for more updates.



FACE MASKS ARE REQUESTED

For ALL Indoor & Outdoor Activities



STAY HEALTHY
& HELP KEEP OTHERS HEALTHY TOO

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