

# The VHA VOICE

THE VILLAGES HOMEOWNERS ADVOCATES: KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE



**MISSION**

The Villages Homeowners Advocates (The VHA) is a lifestyle organization committed to championing the needs of Villagers through:

- Positive, constructive dialogue
- Problem solving • Education
- Philanthropic efforts

**VALUES**

- Integrity • Honesty • Accountability
- Independence

WHERE YOUR VOICE MATTERS.



**CORDIALLY INVITES ALL VILLAGES RESIDENTS TO ATTEND:**



**AN EVENING WITH BOB TRINH CEO OF THE VILLAGES HEALTH TUESDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**ROHAN REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER 850 KRISTINE WAY, WILDWOOD/THE VILLAGES, FL 34785**

Mr. Trinh has been The Villages Health Chief Executive Officer since 2019. He will be sharing the goals and future projects that continues the drive The Villages Health toward delivering on its mission to keep people healthy, and to heal people quickly, to make The Villages® "America's Healthiest Hometown®".

We hope you will join us as we welcome Mr. Trinh for an informative evening exploring the many health-related opportunities available to us now, and in the future.



Stay Healthy. Heal Quickly.



**AN EVENING WITH THE DEVELOPER MAY 10, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M. SHARON MORSE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**



FREE TICKETS FOR VHA MEMBERS ONLY WITH VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING

**APRIL 19th**

**AT ALL VILLAGES ENTERTAINMENT BOX OFFICE LOCATIONS**



## THE VILLAGES HOMEOWNERS ADVOCATES ANNOUNCES TWO EXCLUSIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

Moving to The Villages® Community, there are often two pressing questions on people's minds: Do they have a good health care system that will meet my aging-in-place healthcare needs? And, who is behind this absolutely amazing community? We have answers to both of those important questions.

**In April, The VHA will be hosting an open forum for all Villages residents with Bob Trinh, the CEO of The Villages Health, and members of his team.**

There is indeed a relatively new and yet robust healthcare system which was created specifically for this community that is improving, expanding, and on track to be a leader in the field of senior-focused healthcare with innovative and state-of-the-art modalities and practitioners. The evening will include a presentation with updates, plans for the future, what is being done to improve care for patients and the community, and a Q & A time. In addition to Bob Trinh, his team for the evening will include: Braulio Vicente, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Rob Reilly, Medical Director for Risk-Based Care, Amy Wixted, Population Health Manager, Emilio Noble, Vice President of Sales & Marketing, and Sophie Ferenz, Director of Sales & Marketing.

The VHA is proud to partner with The Villages Health to bring this exclusive and informative opportunity to The Villages Community. We hope you will join us, and also enjoy an opportunity for a 50/50 raffle, and a gift basket raffle provided by TVH. See the ad on this page for details, or visit our website at: [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net)

**In May, The VHA will once again welcome The Villages Developer, Mark Morse, to the stage of The Sharon Morse Performing Arts Center for his annual "State of The Villages" report to our members.** It is a popular event, so get your FREE tickets early at all Villages Entertainment box offices beginning on April 19th. This is a **VHA MEMBERS-ONLY** event, typically "sells out" quickly, and is a great evening of fun and getting to know the man who is behind making the vision and dream of his grandfather become a reality way beyond what he could have imagined.

Attendees will meet not just The Developer, but members of his family and management team. It is always a great time with interesting information, behind-the-scenes tidbits, and a glimpse into the heart and soul of the people

who created one of the foremost master-planned communities in the world. Of the top 50 such communities in The USA, ranked by RCLCO) Real Estate Consulting: **The Villages active-adult community is once again the top-selling community in the nation with 3,923 sales in 2022.**

**The VHA is the largest advocacy and philanthropic lifestyle group in The Villages. If you are not a member, or have let your membership lapse, you can become an active member on-line at: [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net)**

*We hope to see you there!*

**The VHA NEW RESIDENT NIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 7:00 p.m. COLONY COTTAGE REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER 510 COLONY BLVD. THE VILLAGES 32162**

**PRESENTERS MAY INCLUDE, AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM:**

- Honorable Paul Militello, Sumter Co Judge
- Sumter County Sheriff's Office & other local law enforcement
- Sumter County Property Appraiser
- Sumter County Tax Collector
- Sumter County Clerk
- District Government
- Serving Health Ins. Needs of Elders (SHINE)
- Veteran Services
- Seniors vs. Crime
- UF Health The Villages Regional Hospital Auxiliary
- SECO
- Bicycle Friendly Advocacy Council
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Friends of the Library
- The Enrichment Academy
- Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
- The VHA - The Villages Homeowners Advocates
- The VHA Helping Hands

**NEXT NEW RESIDENT NIGHT WILL BE: MAY 9 AT COLONY COTTAGE REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER**

## APRIL EVENTS

### All About Community Watch

**EVENT DETAILS**  
 • The Savannah Center - 1545 N. Buena Vista Blvd. The Villages 32162  
 • April 17, 2023  
 • Monday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

*VHA Member Only Presentation with an Opportunity to Join at the Door*

### The VHA Quarterly Town Hall

**EVENT DETAILS**  
 • April 18, 2023  
 • Tuesday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM  
 • Question Deadline has passed. Watch for the report in May.

*VHA Officers and Neighborhood Reps Only May Attend this Meeting*

### Golf Cart Safety Clinic

**EVENT DETAILS**  
 • Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center, 510 Colony Blvd. The Villages 32162 - Corner of 466A and Morse Blvd.  
 • April 19, 2023  
 • Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM



*Open To All Villages Residents.*

**TOPICS INCLUDE:** \*Not a Toy \*Golf Cars & LSV \*Golf Cars vs. Others \*Tunnels \*Intersections \*Passing & Road Crossings \*Bridges \*Turns \*Roundabouts \*Parallel Parking \*Pulling into a Parking Space \*Sharing Parking with Cars \*No Parking Zones \*Insurance \*Legal concerns \*Maintenance

### Maintaining Your Own Lawn

**EVENT DETAILS**  
 • Ezell Recreation Center 76 Marilee Pl. Wildwood/Tl 32162  
 • April 24, 2023  
 • Monday, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM **Doors open at 5:30 PM**

*VHA Member Only Presentation with an Opportunity to Join at the Door*

You can still see this event, which is FULL due to pre-registration on The VHA website, via livestream on our FB page: [thevha4u](https://www.facebook.com/thevha4u) It will also be posted there for viewing after the event.

## The VHA BINGO

**EVENT DETAILS**  
 • Eisenhower Recreation Center - 3560 Buena Vista Blvd. 32163  
 • April 27, 2023  
 • Thursday, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.*

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS: [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net)**

## The VHA News & Notes

### THE VILLAGE OF HAWKINS NOW HAS AN ACTIVE AED PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING!

Ten AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest) are now deployed within the Village of Hawkins that cover approximately 680 of the homes in the village. Seven more are on order and, when received, will complete AED coverage for the entire village. Hawkin's responders are ready to provide both CPR and AED support to their neighbors.

All AED responders throughout The Villages are tied into the 911 system. When there is an alert for a cardiac arrest, 911 automatically contacts volunteers who are in the specific village involved if their assistance is needed. They have an alert system on their phone that alerts them to the address and also shows them the locations of the AEDs.



The Villages Public Safety Department offers three different CPR/AED classes throughout the year. All classes are held at Station 44 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 3035 S. Morse Boulevard, The Villages 32163. For more information visit the District website: [www.districtgov.org/departments/Public-Safety/cpr.aspx](http://www.districtgov.org/departments/Public-Safety/cpr.aspx)

*Dave Fountaine, South Area Vice President*

### REBUILDING PARADISE

Although not yet finalized, it is looking more and more likely that the existing Paradise Regional Recreation Center in the historic portion of The Villages will be razed and replaced with a new center. In the initial notional plan, these are the key points:

- **Maintaining the Spanish architectural style of the current center:** Although the shape of the building will be different, the look will feel familiar to residents.
- **Consolidating all the existing recreational buildings into one:** The library, the meeting spaces, the arts and crafts area, and others will all be in a single building.
- **Putting the entire building floor on a single level:** This simplifies compliance with ADA and will make navigating the center easier for people with mobility issues.
- **Starting with a standard interior Rec Center layout:** Using a familiar layout greatly simplifies the budgeting and estimating process and saves thousands of dollars in design effort.
- **Keeping the existing church as is:** Not only will the church remain in place, but efforts will be made so that church members can continue to worship throughout the process.

*Karl Arps, North Area Vice President*

**For more Area News, visit our website: [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net)**

**The VHA HELPING HANDS DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM**

Visit our website at [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net) to view our current inventory, then call us at 352-973-2284.

We will schedule your pick-up from: THE VHA OFFICE 1104 Main St. Spanish Springs™/The Villages® Monday - Friday: 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

**M2M: THE VHA MERCHANTS TO MEMBERS DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

Visit our website at [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net) for a complete list of vendors and service providers who generously offer VHA members discounts. Be sure to have your VHA membership card with you to receive this member benefit.

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[WWW.THEVHA.NET](http://WWW.THEVHA.NET)

- WHO WE ARE/ WHAT WE DO
- MEMBER BENEFITS
- JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE
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