

# The VHA

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## A Description of VHA, Boards, Programs and Committees

**VHA:** The Villages Homeowners Advocates (VHA) is a 501(c)(3) lifestyle organization whose mission is “championing the needs of Villagers through: positive, constructive dialogue; problem solving; education; philanthropic efforts.”

**VHA Helping Hands (VHA-HH):** This 501(c)(3) arm of the VHA provides free durable medical equipment on loan to Villages residents. VHA-HH has a Board of Directors who meet regularly. VHA-HH additionally schedules regular training sessions for its volunteers.

**VHA Foundation:** The Foundation offers philanthropic and funding support to organizations and programs that promote services which support all aspects of daily living for residents of The Villages and surrounding areas.

**VHA Executive Board (EB):** President; Executive Vice President; three (3) Vice Presidents - North, Central, South; Treasurer and Secretary.

**VHA Board of Directors (BOD):** The BOD is a minimum of nine (9) Board members including President, Treasurer, Immediate Past President. Non-voting invitees include: VHA Executive Vice President, VHA Foundation Chair, VHA Helping Hands President, VHA Secretary and guests at the discretion of the Board.

**VHA Advisory Board (AB):** AB Members include the Executive Board Officers, Program Leaders and Committee Chairs.

**VHA Town Hall:** VHA Officers and Neighborhood Representatives (NR) attend these quarterly meetings with the VHA Partners’ representatives. Partners include: the Developer, District Government, Law Enforcement and Local Governments, the Health Care Community and Public Safety. Questions are prepared in advance and responses are given at the Town Hall meetings in January, April, July and October. The Town Hall Q & A is available on the VHA website.

**VHA New Resident Night (NRN):** Scheduled monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM in various recreation centers. This is an open meeting where Villages residents and guests can meet and listen to representatives from approximately 15 agencies including: the VHA, District Government, Hospital Auxiliary, Seniors vs Crimes, Law Enforcement, a local Judge, Master Gardeners, etc.

**VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic (GCS):** Scheduled monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9:00 AM at Colony Cottage Recreation Center. This clinic is open to all Villages residents and guests to watch a video and hear information about golf cart safety from representatives from local law enforcement and Villages Insurance.

**VHA General Meetings:** Scheduled several times a year for VHA Members and Villages residents. The annual General Meeting “Evening With the Developer” is a VHA Members-only program where members are first to hear the Developer’s plans for The Villages.

**VHA Bingo:** A VHA fundraiser open to all Villages residents offered monthly in various recreation centers. VHA members receive a free bingo board at the door when presenting a current VHA membership card.

**VHA VP Programs:** VHA Area Vice Presidents (AVP) present programs as “Members-Only” or “Open” to all Villages Residents. Dates, times, locations are listed on the VHA meetings calendar as: **VP North; VP Central; VP South.**

**VHA Social Events:** Scheduled three (3) times a year VHA Social Events offer a variety of games usually open to all residents as fundraisers.

**AVP meetings with VHA Neighborhood Representatives:** AVPs meet quarterly with the VHA Neighborhood Representatives (NR) in their region. Dates, times, locations are listed on the VHA meetings calendar as: **North-Lake, 1-4; Central Reg. 5-11; South Reg. Mtgs**

**VHA Merchants to Members (M2M):** M2M is a program for VHA members to receive discounts from local merchants.

**VHA Print:** The VHA Voice is published in the Villages Daily Sun newspaper once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday as the last page in Section C Local News. Additional VHA articles appear at least once a month in the Daily Sun.

**VHA Website:** The VHA website [www.thevha.net](http://www.thevha.net) features a front page for non-members with opportunities for VHA members to sign into their accounts. Features include VHA articles, M2M listings, VHA history, opportunity to join, and opportunities to donate to the VHA, VHA Foundation and VHA Helping Hands. VHA leaders can access official VHA documents after login. The back-end of the website contains information of membership and offers a communication feature for Area VPs to reach their Neighborhood Representatives. Additionally, email blasts can be sent from the website to all VHA members.

**VHA Facebook Page:** This Facebook page coordinates with VHA Voice and websites articles and posts announcements while providing readers a link to the VHA website.

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