

# 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 the surrounding tri-county area.

**VHA Executive Board (EB):** President; Executive Vice President; three (3) Vice Presidents - North, Central, South; Treasurer and Secretary. Asst. Vice Presidents attend EB meetings and act as VP when AVP cannot attend.

**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 Issues Team:** This team includes a North, Central, and South representative who responds to questions and concerns in their regions. Questions are received through the VHA website from VHA members and from Area Vice Presidents working with their VHA Neighborhood Representatives (NR). NRs help bring information to their neighbors while also learning neighborhood issues and concerns.

**VHA Leadership Forum:** VHA Officers, Neighborhood Representatives (NR) and invited guests attend these quarterly meetings with the VHA Partners’ representatives and a featured speaker in the months of January, April, July and October. Partners include: the Developer, District Government, Law Enforcement, Local Governments, the Health Care Community and Public Safety/Fire & Rescue. During the first segment of this meeting, the VHA Partners may be asked to respond to a current topic identified by the Issues Team or the VHA Leaders. The second portion of this meeting features a speaker(s) who presents the status of a department or agency’s progress while working in and around The Villages. The purpose being to provide accurate information to meeting attendees to share with VHA members and Villages residents.

**VHA Resident Night (RN):** 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, Villages Health, 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 VHA President dialogue with the Developer and District Government about 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. Profits from fundraising go directly to support the VHA Foundation and VHA Helping Hands.

**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 or more (3+) times a year, VHA Social Events offer a variety of games as fundraisers and may be open to all Villages residents or Members-only.

**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 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 the Local News section. 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 a link for VHA members to sign into their accounts. Features include VHA articles, 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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