

“THE VILLAGES” INFORMATION*
"Florida's Friendliest Home Town"

BRIEF HISTORY

Harold Schwartz purchased the Orange Blossom Garden manufactured home park in the early 70's. In 1983 he convinced his son H. Gary Morse to join him and help run his enterprise consisting of 783 residents who enjoyed an active lifestyle. The Villages concept was born!!

MORSE FAMILY

The Morse family lives on 2,754 acres / 4.3 square miles in the heart of the Villages.

LAND

- The Villages covers 26,000 acres; 32 square miles in three counties: Marion, Lake, and Sumter.
- 15 miles North to South, 8 miles East to West (at the widest point)
- Hwy 42 to 466A is 12.5 miles, Hwy 42 to CR44 is 15 miles

EMPLOYMENT

192 folks work directly for The Villages. 12,000+ work in The Villages. Employees who work in The Villages may send their children to the Charter School which was started by the developer.

HOMES

- The highest month for home sales was 400 /2010 averaged 200 a month.
- Villages as of 2011--67 Villages; Projected By 2015--72 Villages
- 2011 total homes--42,000-----2016 projected homes--55,805.
- In 2010 2000 homes were built and 4,074 folks moved to The Villages.
- In 2010 the average monthly building permits issued was 250.
- Homes in The Villages range from \$59,000.00 to \$1,800,000.00
- Existing homes range from 700-4000 sq. feet
- Average Home Price for 2011 - \$220,000.00
- 2010 was the sixth consecutive year of no property tax increases in Sumter County

POPULATION

- Pop in 1992---11,000 -Pop in 2000---21,000 -Pop in 2006---60,000
- Pop in 2010---80,000+ Projected Population in 2015--105,000
- Population in Lake Co in 2010 293,500 Projected for 2015 328,400 +12%
- Population in Marion Co. in 2010 330,600 Projected for 2015 360,700 +10%
- Population in Sumter Co. In 2010 99,400 Projected for 2015 119,100 +20%

BUILDING

- 100,000 yards of material are being moved every day / 6 days a week to keep up with expansion
- 2.4 million sq feet of retail; the plan is for 2.7 million sq feet
- In 2010 the average retail vacancy rate in The Villages was 3%. Orlando-13% Tampa-12% US-10.9%

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Five Fire-Rescue Stations with response time of 3:56 (Three min. 56 sec.)
- 2% of Fire/EMS calls are for fire -78% of calls are medical emergencies
- 20% of calls are miscellaneous
- There are five urgent care facilities in The Villages
- Five house fires in 2009

RECREATION: WANT TO BE ACTIVE???

- 8 Regional Recreation Centers, 12 Village Recreation Centers, 37 Neighborhood Centers for a total of 57 Recreation Centers!!!
- 13 parks (Sunrise Park coming to the East side of the Morse Blvd bridge) which includes 4 dog parks / 2 Fitness Trails / 2 Walking Trails / 1 Children's playground
- A polo field with grandstand seating for 1000 with 30,000 spectators a year watching Polo.
- A Golf Academy featuring club fittings and instruction
- 4 fitness centers
- 100 tennis courts / 6 paddle tennis courts / 100 pickleball courts / 1 sand volleyball court / 57 swimming pools / shuffle boards / 115 bocce courts / 85 horseshoe pits / lawn bowling
- 2 bowling centers with 32 lanes each (a third is in the planning stages) -12 fishing lakes inside The Villages
- 1800 sq. ft. woodworking shop
- 1 archery range
- 3 libraries

GOLF

- 486 golf holes
- 29 -9 hole executive courses--261 holes
- 7 -27 Hole Championship Courses--189 holes
- 2- 18 Hole Championship Courses--36 holes
- There are 9 country clubs within The Villages complete with food and beverage service. All residents are automatic members of all the clubs with no yearly dues!! Green fees vary depending on the time of the year. Fees in the fall (10/15/2010 to 12/31/2010) range from \$21.00-\$62.00 depending on whether you are a resident, a guest or fall somewhere in between. Green fees effective from 01/01/11 to 04/30/11 range from \$24.00-\$77.00 Fees effective from 5/1/10 to 10/14/10 range from \$16.00-\$43.00. Cart rentals are available for all golf at \$10.00. Golf in The Villages is truly an affordable event!!!
- Championship Rounds in 2010 -- 717,124
- Executive Rounds in 2010—1,657,367
- In 2010 there were 2,374,491 Golf Rounds played in The Villages!!
- 9,000 tee times a day
- Open tee times are available every day!!!

WANT TO GO FISHING???

- There are 165,643 acres of fresh water lakes within 40 minutes or less of the Villages.
- The Gulf is a 50-minute drive and the Atlantic Ocean is less than 2 hours!!

TENNIS

- There are 74+ tennis courts, many hard surfaced, at the various recreation facilities throughout the Villages. The majority of these are free for our residents. Court times and leagues are posted weekly in the Recreation Guide in our Daily sun newspaper.
- Lopez Country Club has four hydrated clay courts which are available for league play as well as open times.
- The main tennis facility is at Glenview Country Club where there is a pro shop and six hydrated clay courts. Tennis rates for these facilities vary depending on the season and residency.
- There is a priority membership with country club pool privileges available to residents. This type of membership is the least expensive for the experienced tennis player who wants to play on clay twice or more a week.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

- 1,700+ clubs and activities (The average increase per month is 12)
- 9 softball fields (a new complex is planned South of 466A)
- 10,000 softball games per year
- 502 teams, adding 11 per year
- 16 Movie Screens /4,700 seats

RAILROAD

CSX Railroad runs 12-14 daily freight trains to the west of The Villages carrying coke (fuel)/ metal products/wood/and coal. Projected traffic is forecast to increase by 20% in the near future.

WEATHER

FLORIDA WINTER TEMPERATURES (Dedicated to the folks that think Ft. Myers is a lot warmer!!)

Temp. For The Villages By The Weather Channel*

- Average High Temp for Jan -68 Average low 48, Mean 57*
- Average High Temp for Feb-71 Average low 49, Mean 59
- Average High Temp for Mar-76 Average low 52, Mean 64

Temp. For Fort Myers By The Weather Channel*

- Average High Temp for Jan -74; Average Low 54, Mean 64* AVG 6 DEGREES WARMER
- Average High Temp for Feb -75; Average Low 54, Mean 65 AVG 4 DEGREES WARMER
- Average High Temp for Mar-78; Average Low 58, Mean 68 AVG 2 DEGREES WARMER

GOLF CARTS

- 80% of resident trips are inside The Villages by golf carts
- 45,000+ golf carts operating on 87 miles of trails
- 360 million+ in carts @\$8,000.00 as of 2010
- Over 100 Restaurants accessible by golf cart

INTERESTING AND VALUABLE INFORMATION

- A Veterans Clinic completed in 2010
- A Hospice Center
- The Village Hospital with 200 beds
- Permits have been approved for a second Village Hospital on 60 acres of land adjacent to Brownwood Town Square!!
- Opening in the fall of 2011 The Moffitt Center with 51,668 sq feet of health care!
(First floor-radiation therapy managed by Moffitt and chemotherapy operated by The Village Hospital with second and third floors for private medical office space)
- Promise Hospital with 40 beds for acute care - not yet open
- Freedom Pointe at The Villages is a Continuing Care Retirement Community with 240 independent living condominiums. It offers Exceptional Independent Living, Personalized Assisted Living, Alzheimer's and Dementia Care and Skilled Nursing Care (72 beds) options for seniors.
- The Village Lifelong Learning College with 98% of courses taught by residents / 3 Charter Schools for elementary / middle / and high school with 2000 students.
- The Villages prints a newspaper every day called The Village Daily Sun and owns a radio and TV station.
- The Villages run a shuttle service daily to Orlando International Airport with 5 trips leaving/ arriving from Spanish Springs and 5 leaving/arriving from Sumter Landing.
- The developer families of Schwartz and Morse listen to Village residents and consequently the resident survey for 2010 had a 97% satisfaction rating!!
- There are 40+ roundabouts

FUTURE OF THE VILLAGES SOUTH OF 466A

-4 new Championship Country Clubs with 27 holes each.

-6 new Executive courses.

-The first village South of 466A will start selling homes in 2011.

-A new softball complex will be announced along with a new bowling center.

*This information was compiled by Jay Nelson because of his love and interest in The Villages