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Announcements!

2024 Monthly HOA Fees \$116 Single Family

\$131 Townhomes

to pay your monthly fee, please go
www.propertypay.firstcitizens.com

Ready to start your Spring
project? Don't forget to
check out the new 2024
Design and Maintenance
Standards at this website:
<https://www.villagesofpiedmont.us> or you're welcome
to contact the management
office to obtain a copy!

The Villages of Piedmont is
excited for the 2024
season. Here are some
dates to keep in mind:

- Deadline for 2024 Board Election nominations is 03/29/24.
- 04/05/2024-Annual Inspections will begin and run through May 31, 2024
- 04/14/2024-Meet and Greet the candidates at Clubhouse at 4 pm
- 04/20/2024-VOP Community Yard Sale 8 am to 2 pm
- 04/24/2024-Annual Meeting-Clubhouse 7p-10p
- 04/29/24 & 04/30/24 are the tentative schedule dates for paving the Asphalt walkway along Market Ridge Blvd
- 06/03-06/07/24 are the tentative dates for resurfacing the community basketball court





Covenants Committee

On January 24, 2024, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the changes as modified with an effective date of January 25, 2024, to the Villages of Piedmont I Design and Maintenance Standards.

The Design and Maintenance Standards for the community were created to promote neighborhood integrity, prevent property value decline, reduce visual clutter, and extend the life of the home. Please review the updated guidelines on the property website, www.villagesofpiedmont.us/designandmaintenancestandards specifically pages 40 – 42, which include the lot maintenance standards that all residents should strive to follow to maintain their property values.

These guidelines are referenced by management during their regular property inspections to ensure compliance with the community's guidelines.

Remember that any exterior modification to the home requires an application to be submitted to management and approved by the Covenants Committee before any work has commenced. Please contact Management with additional questions or concerns.

Thank you

VOPI Board of Directors Candidates Needed

The mere mention of fiduciary responsibility may scare some homeowners away from board service, but it shouldn't. Managing the association's finances is one of the board's most important duties, but it doesn't have to be complicated.

Fiduciary duty means protecting assets, budgeting responsibly, planning for the future, investing wisely and observing laws and regulations that affect association resources. Fiduciary duty requires the board to ensure that the assessments you pay are used properly to maintain the community and cover insurance, contracted services, utilities and other needed materials and services. The board is obligated to make ethical and legal decisions that best serve the entire association.

Board members fulfill their fiduciary duty by:

- * Establishing and adhering to a budget. A good budget is developed through an objective, step-by-step process based on historical data and careful research.
- * Reviewing financial statements regularly. The statements include a balance sheet, budget comparison report, income report, check registry and more.
- * Hiring an accounting firm to perform an annual audit. An auditor will look for missing check numbers, missing bank statements, duplicate payments, payments to unfamiliar vendors or suspicious journal entries.
- * Conducting a reserve study and updating it regularly. A reserve study identifies the expected remaining life of each major component, estimates the cost to replace it and the amount that should be saved on a monthly or annual basis.

Interested in being a candidate for 3 positions available? Email us today at vop@pmpbiz.com

Trash Disposal Guidelines:

It is crucial to adhere to the guidelines for trash and recycling disposal. Trash and recycling containers should be stored out of view from adjoining lots, communal areas, and adjacent streets, except on scheduled collection days (Monday and Thursdays). Containers should be placed out for pickup after dusk the evening prior to collection or early in the morning on scheduled pickup day. Additionally, ensure that all garbage is securely tied in bags to prevent loose items from blowing around the community. Let us work together to reduce litter in the communal areas and minimize costs to the Association for communal area trash removal.

Parking

Please be courteous when it comes to your neighbors! Please do not park on the public sidewalks as these can cause pedestrians to walk in the street. To ensure that this doesn't happen, please ask your guests to park in the visitor parking areas if there isn't enough room in your driveway!

VOPI Social Events 2024

Saturday, March 9

Pre-Patty's Day Party

Saturday, June 8

Summer Kick-Off Party

Tuesday, August 6

National Night Out Block Party

Sunday, September 1

Shutting Down the Pool Party

Sunday, November 10

Beans & Booze Cook-Off

Sunday, December 8

Winter Wonderland

**Join our VOPI Social
Facebook Group**



Community Reminders

Dumping is not permitted on common areas of the community or neighboring Leopold's Preserve

Clubhouse rentals are available for the 2024 season! Please see our website www.villagesofpiedmont.us for an application and list of related rules.

No Speeding- Please observe the community speed limits! in the townhomes the speed limit is 15MPH. On Market Ridge Blvd the speed limit is 35 MPH

Do you have a ring door bell? There is a feature called Neighborhood Sharing where you report a missing pet, pictures of incidents and any alerts that you may want to share with the community!

Villages of Piedmont I is looking for volunteers to be a part of the Technology Committee. The individuals would need to have IT and social media knowledge. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact the management office for details!

***Advertise with us!
2024 Advertising Rates***

***Classifieds: \$30 Resident \$45 Non-resident
1/8 page: \$50 Resident \$75 Non resident
1/4 Page: \$99 Resident \$125 Non resident
1/2 page: \$150 Resident \$200 Non resident
Full page: \$300 Resident \$390 Non resident***

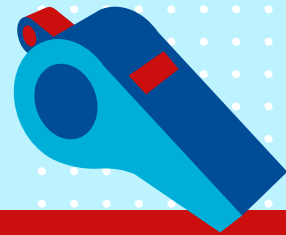


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High Sierra Pools, in conjunction with Villages of Piedmont 1, is offering swimming lessons this summer. For more information and registration, please visit our website www.highsierrapools.com.



Swim lessons are a critical resource given that drowning is the number one cause of accidental death for children under the age of four. Fortunately, research shows that a toddler who participates in swim lessons reduces this risk by 88%. Children of any age can quickly benefit from learning the skills to keep themselves safe in and around water. At High Sierra Pools, we are dedicated to preventing drowning by teaching children and their families to be safer. Our goal is that every student feels confident, in and out of the pool, with memories to last a lifetime.

SESSION DETAILS:

Each session is composed of eight 30 minutes lessons taught over two weeks. All lessons are taught Monday through Thursday, with Friday as a make-up day. A group session's cost is \$140 per child, and a Book an instructor session is \$350 per student. A child must be at least 3 years old to enroll in lessons and to enroll for group lessons. The deadline to register will be one week before the session start date.

HSP offers the following types of lessons each session:

BOOK AN INSTRUCTOR— Private 1 on 1 or reserved for PODs that would like to be together (neighbors, friends). Children must be at least 3 years old to enroll in this class. The maximum number per group is four students with similar swim skills and age. The cost is \$350 per group.

GROUP LESSONS - There is a minimum of three children needed to run the group lesson. The maximum number of children per group is five. A child must be at least 3 years old to enroll in group lessons. We create a supportive environment that combines safety skills with age-appropriate swim techniques. The cost is \$140 per student.

LEVEL DESCRIPTION

Nemos: This beginning level for children teaches them to be comfortable and safe in the water. Instructors will focus on introducing children to the water and improving their safety and comfort in the swimming pool. The class will feature activities such as: face in the water, wet the hair, submerging, opening eyes, front glide, back glide, breath control, moving around comfortably, blowing bubbles. We highly recommend this level for children who have never taken lessons, preferably children between 3 and 5 years old.



Sea Turtles: This level marks the beginning of independent aquatic locomotion skills. Children continue to explore using simultaneous and alternating arm and leg actions on the front and back to gain more proficiency for strokes. This class will introduce exercises in the water: arm movement, body position, leg movement, floating and blowing bubbles, all connected with freestyle and backstroke. This level is recommended for children confident in the water but never had lessons. Preferably children between 4 and 8 years old.



Dolphins: Students who complete this level will be comfortable swimming in deep water, be proficient in front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke. They will be able to swim 50 yards with each of the strokes. This group is for children confident in the water and know the basic swimming skills of freestyle and backstroke. At this level, arm position, leg exercises, breathing, turns, tread water, and diving will be practiced. Butterflies will be introduced in this class. This group's focus is for children that already know basic skills of freestyle and backstroke or for children that passed the Sea Turtles level. Preferably children between 6 and 12 years old.



Sharks: Go the distance make significant improvements to rotary breathing with front crawl, demonstrate some proficiency in the other strokes being introduced, and develop endurance by increasing distances they can swim. In this class, the swimmers will improve their movement in the backstroke, freestyle, and breaststroke. The correct position to dive will also be an essential skill learned in the class. This class is recommended for children that successfully finished Dolphins level or children with previous swimming experience. Preferably children between 7 and 12 years old.

Swim Lessons Session Schedule 2024

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Session	Dates	Make-up days
1st session	6/17-6/20/2024	6/21/2024
	6/24-6/27/2024	6/28/2024
2nd session	*7/1-7/5/2024	n/a
	7/8-7/11/2024	7/12/2024
3rd session	7/15-7/20/2024	7/21/2024
	7/22-7/25/2024	7/26/2024
4th session	7/29-8/1/2024	8/2/2024
	8/5-8/8/2024	8/9/2024
5th session	8/12-8/15/2024	8/16/2024
	8/19-8/22/2024	8/23/2024

**** No lessons on July 4th, lessons will continue July 5th**

Time	Levels
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Sea Turtles
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Nemos
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Book an instructor
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dolphins/Sharks