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# VILLAGE VOICES

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## Annual Meeting Update

The membership passed the amendment that will give Board of Directors the authority to lease parking spaces to owners who have more than one vehicle. Each Unit will have One (1) Reserved Parking Space. Additional Vehicles will be charged a Monthly Fee determined by the Board. The Amendment will be mailed to all homeowners once it has been filed with the county clerk.

## Owners Only Website

To view approved meeting minutes, obtain Association documents, and to receive the latest news, please log onto: [Floridavacationvillage.com](http://Floridavacationvillage.com)  
Click on: Members  
Username: members2017  
Password: VVowner10301

**Board Meeting July 6, 2018**  
at  
5:00 pm at the Recreation Hall



## EVENTS

**Farmer's Market**  
Sundays from 9:00AM - 2:00PM

## SUMMER DAYS

Saturday, June 02, 2018 at 10:00 AM  
Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM  
Saturday, July 07, 2018 at 10:00 AM  
Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Where: Santa Christmas Tree Forest, 35317 Huff Rd, Eustis

General Admission: \$4.00  
Santa Farm will be open with our petty zoo, hayrides, mazes, bounce pillow, pony rides and more.

## Spaghetti Dinner by Sons of AMVETS

4th Saturday of the Month: 5:00 PM  
AMVets Post 2006  
500 N Canal St, Leesburg



## 33rd Annual Clermont Triathlon & 5K Series

June 2, 2018  
Waterfront Park  
Starts: 7:15 AM - Ends: 12:00PM  
Event website: [sommersport.com](http://sommersport.com)

## Mascot Games

June 22 at 12:30PM - June 23 at 5:00PM  
Amway Center

The Mascot Games feature approximately 30 mascots from sports teams across the country competing in a variety of games.

## New Non-Smoking Areas

**All Common Elements are now non smoking.**

These areas include:

Pool, Tennis Court, Shuffleboard Court, Basketball Court, playground areas, Laundry Room, and 25 feet from the pool and front office entrance areas.

## WE ARE PET FRIENDLY

We are a pet friendly community. The Association only allows pets that weight 25 pounds and under. Each pet must be registered with the front office, comply with the Lake County Code of Ordinances, have a current license and must have an up to date shot record from your veterinarian. Each pet will receive a tag from the Association, which should be clearly visible when the animal is out for a walk. Photo of pet(s) and proof of Lake County Animal license must be provided within 10 business days once pet is maintained within any unit. Please remember that all pet owners are responsible to clean up after your pet. It is your responsibility NOT OTHERS. Waste stations are available throughout the property.

## PET CORNER

Here is one of our Vacation Village Pets, his name is Jake and he is 4 years old. Jake was a Lake County Rescue who now lives in Canada and visits during the winter months. Jake has many talents, he can sit, lay down, stay and does a high five paw shake. He loves treats and rides on the golf cart. Big shout out to Jake and his owners we miss your visits to the office.



# Clermont's \$9.5M Victory Pointe Wetland Park on the way

Story by: Roxanne Brown (Abridged)



CLERMONT – More than two years in the works, Victory Pointe Wetland Park is on its way to completion. James Kinzler, Clermont's director of capital planning, called the project exciting but said it's part of a larger plan. Victory Pointe, on the surface, is a regional stormwater project, but incorporated within it, is a unique wetland filter marsh system that will channel highly filtered, clean water out into Lake Minneola, boardwalks, trails, benches and an observation tower for a passive park. The project also includes triathlon beach, a multi-use venue that will include staging areas, plus start and finish lines for local triathlons, a new event area and green space for concerts, cultural events and more, a pavilion for awards and other ceremonies and green space for concerts and other cultural events.

The stormwater part of the project will serve the western part of downtown Clermont and has the potential to become a learning tool for local students and anyone interested in the environment. The park will also allow the city to move many events, including triathlons, from Waterfront Park to Victory Pointe in order to attract more visitors to the downtown district for shopping, browsing and eating.

Vacant land in the downtown area that was being used for dry retention ponds, along with other available properties, also could be sold and developed. And although the boathouse will remain where it is, the public boat ramps – located where triathlon beach will be – will be moved west toward Lake Hiawatha Preserve.

"This is big when it comes to events and for the economic development and redevelopment of downtown. It's a beautiful layout and it's not just geared toward triathletes but also to the rest of the community," Kinzler said. "Potential investors have already started looking at some of the adjoining property that could be utilized for multi-use development needed to provide full-time residential opportunities and redevelopment in downtown Clermont."

It's going to be good for the lake and that whole end of town as far as cleaning up the marsh," Mullins said. He said about 650 people live in the downtown district. The hope is that Victory Pointe jump starts the construction of more condos and/or apartments to help with the downtown's revitalization. "If you look at the big master plan, part of it is bringing people back to downtown to live. The idea behind that is less cars on the downtown roads and more feet on the sidewalks," Mullins said. Similarly, Tavares, last July, began construction on a storm water treatment park known as The Ruby Street Stormwater Improvement and Beautification Plan. The project there is designed to improve and protect the water quality of Lake Dora but is also being touted as part of Tavares' master plan for economic development in the Downtown Community Redevelopment Area, designed to lure more people to restaurants, shops and attractions along Ruby Street.

Victory Pointe constructions began in May 2017 and will take approximately 16 months to complete.

## Clermont, The Choice Of Champions, To Host New National Cycling



ASD, a subsidiary of Asdeporte, producers of L'Etape by Tour de France and other globally-respected cycling events, has selected Clermont for Gran Fondo-style cycling event on Sept. 30, 2018. The event is one of the stops on the newly-created Fondo Cycling Circuit USA (FCCUSA).

Gran Fondo events are recreational but also include timed sections along the route. Steve said the new American circuit events will culminate with live music, food trucks, and craft-beer festivals.

The event will be one of the first events to be held after the completion of the Victory Pointe project. Clermont City Manager Darren Gray said the city was thrilled to be chosen as part of the new cycling circuit. "We believe it's the perfect event to launch Victory Pointe," Gray said, referring to the new, passive park scheduled to open this summer. The passive park is designed to treat stormwater and also serve as a new event destination on Lake Minneola near downtown Clermont. The course will be announced on the FCCUSA website [www.fondocyclingcircuitusa.com](http://www.fondocyclingcircuitusa.com) and the City of Clermont website [www.clermontfl.gov](http://www.clermontfl.gov).



## Flag Day June 14

Flag Day honors a June 14, 1777, resolution from the Second Continental Congress, which called for an official United States flag. Flag Day is not a National Holiday.

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# “SUMMER” JUNE RECIPES

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## Chocolate Cranberry Zucchini Muffins



- **Prep time:** 15 minutes
- **Cook time:** 25 minutes
- **Yield:** 12 muffins

*From Sally Vargas: "These muffins prove that any time of day is a good time for chocolate. Use an ice cream scoop to fill the muffin cups to achieve beautiful rounded tops. Almond flour gives them a rich flavor and moist texture; it is simply finely ground almonds, which you could make yourself in a food processor.*

*To give these muffins sparkle and color, sprinkle them with coarse sugar and a few pinches of chopped pistachios."*

*Sally also mentions that if you have trouble finding frozen cranberries at the store, frozen raspberries would make a good substitute.*

*If your grated zucchini seems very wet, use your hands to squeeze out the excess. Recipe reprinted with permission from © 2017 by Sally Pasley Vargas.*

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (150g) all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (110g) almond flour
- 1/3 cup (28g) unsweetened Dutch process cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup (113g) honey
- 1/4 cup (50g) olive oil
- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups grated zucchini (3 to 4 medium zucchini; see Recipe Note)
- 1 cup fresh or frozen whole cranberries
- 2 tablespoons coarse sugar, such as turbinado sugar

### METHOD

**1 Adjust a rack to the middle position of the oven, and heat oven to 400F.**

**2 Prepare the muffin tin:** Generously butter the cups and rims of a standard 12-cup muffin tin, or line the tin with paper cupcake liners. Have on hand a 2 1/2-inch ice-cream scoop.

**3 Combine the dry ingredients:** In a large bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, almond flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt.

**4 Add the wet ingredients:** Make a large well in the center of the bowl and break the eggs into it. Add the honey, oil, buttermilk, and vanilla. Beat with a fork to mix thoroughly. With a spatula, stir until the flour is well incorporated.

**5 Stir in the zucchini and cranberries.**

**6 Scoop into the muffin cups:** Using the ice cream scoop, fill each muffin cup, rounded side up, with about 1/3 cup batter.

Sprinkle the muffins with the turbinado sugar and pistachios, and set the tin on a baking sheet.