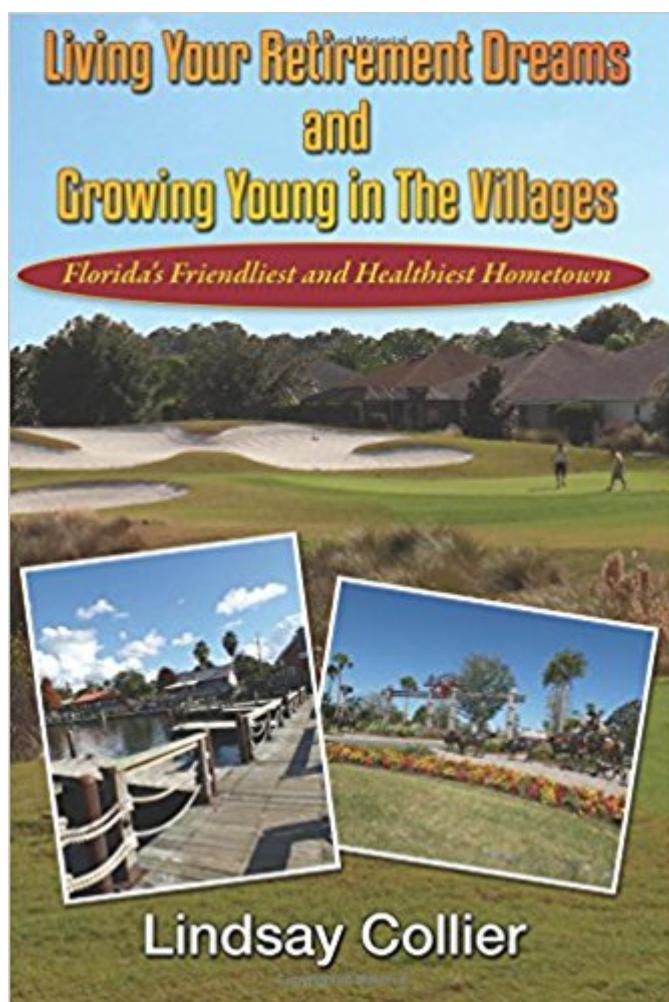


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# Living Your Retirement Dreams And Growing Young In The Villages: Florida's Friendliest And Healthiest Hometown



## **Synopsis**

This book has just been updated for 2017! In the heart of Central Florida about 70 miles northwest from Orlando exists what is probably the biggest retirement community in the world, called The Villages. If you are looking for a place to live your retirement dreams, in this book you will find all the information you need to know about this wonderful opportunity. If you are currently a resident of The Villages, this is the perfect information guide for you. Written by a 12 year resident, you'll find it very enjoyable, upbeat, informative, and fun to read. Here you will find a detailed description of the day in the life of a Villager along with the history of The Villages, its layout, amenities, governing bodies media, town squares, recreation centers, parks, weather, employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and much more. There are also chapters devoted to golf and other sports available and a look at the 2900 plus active clubs in this community. In addition you will find a plethora of information on entertainment and eating, health resources, lifelong learning opportunities, animal and plant life, and interesting day trips in Central Florida. This is truly a complete guide to one of the most interesting retirement communities in the world!

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"We are considering a move to Florida and I wanted to do as much research as possible about the various retirement locations in Florida. I found that this book gives a good overview of life in The Villages. The book contains lots of facts and observations about the community, activities, insights on local plants and wildlife, entertainment, health services, as well as interesting day trips. It helped us with our decision about relocation to Florida and in particular The Villages". "This book is very informative and covers everything one needs to know and find out about The Villages, Fl. It is simply

written and gives excellent detail into all the ways to improve your life in your retirement years. Lindsay Collier makes known all the positives about The Villages, since there has been some negative press about this friendly town".

In the heart of Central Florida about 70 miles northwest from Orlando exists what is probably the biggest retirement community in the world called The Villages. My wife Jean and I bought a home here in the fall of 2005. Although we still go back to family in Rochester, New York for a good part of the summer, we are permanent residents of Florida and consider this our own little "paradise." It is a truly unique place unlike anything we've ever seen. When we decided we wanted to move to a warm climate we explored a few areas of Florida (mainly the Naples/Bonita Springs area), and on a trip back decided to drive up through Central Florida. We ended up stopping for lunch in Spanish Springs which was at that time the only downtown area of The Villages. I remember Jean looking at all the people happily driving around in their golf carts and saying, "These people are all so happy - they must be on something." A few months later we came back on one of the visitation packages for a week and decided that this was where we wanted to make our home. And, voila, here we are. They call this Florida's Friendliest Home Town and it definitely lives up to its name. I'm writing this in part because it seems there is a lot of information lately that would have you believe that The Villages is a place full of sex-crazed old people popping Viagra pills and chasing each other around; and it is just not like that at all. It's funny how fast a little saucy information travels. In reality The Villages is chock full of some of the nicest people you could ever meet. Hardly a week goes by without news of several 50 or 60 year wedding anniversaries and Villagers continually go out of their way to help each other out. It is an incredibly caring community! The voter turnout here is at 80% - the average Villager cares deeply about their community and their country. And, the range of talent among the folks here is just incredible! Also, The Villages has one of the lowest crime rates in the country. The prevailing attitude is that of people who are here living out their retirement dreams. We sometimes refer to it as God's Waiting Room. There are snowbirds (just come down for the winter months), snowflakes (just go back for the northern summers), heatbirds (can't stand the heat and want to get out of the kitchen), and frogs (we are here till we croak). Some of the common sayings include, "It's just nice to be above ground." and, "It is what it is." My purpose here is to create a sort of operating manual for those who live in The Villages and also to give those who are currently contemplating retirement an idea of what this community offers. In the EBook version there are over 100 website links so that you can bounce between reading the text and the expanded information on the appropriate

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Whereas the author could have definitely used some proofreading help (the book is fraught with typos) this in no way detracts from the actual content of the book which is an unapologetically enthusiastic review of his new hometown and all it has to offer.

A quick and easy read with a lot of valuable information to anyone who may be thinking of retirement living in The Villages. Also very entertaining.

This book answers many questions about The Villages and leaves you wanting to visit and experience it yourself. I highly recommend it!

Covers a bunch. But nothing comprehensive. Lists clubs but no info on how they meet or what they do. Lists restaurants but no idea if they are good. Some good info just not in depth. Would be nice to know more about the organization itself. Also housing info is lacking. How much, how well built, any complaints? I find this book on "par" with most retirement books. Great General overview but needing more details. Sure the residents are happy. Ever meet someone who invested 100k+ and say it's crappy? A mistake? Or fees keep rising?

I enjoyed it, and found it very informative.

Collier spends too much time in character development and not enough time on plot. I flipped through a lot of pages.

Poorly written

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