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Sisters Payton, left, and Parker pose for a photograph with their mother, Becky Mills, as their grandfather, Al Mills, of the Village of Fenney, takes a picture during the 2017 tree-lighting festival at Brownwood Paddock Square.

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unique donation drives.

Money raised at the Spanish Springs event will benefit the Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center. Lake Sumter Landing's tree-lighting will include a toy drive that will benefit children in the tri-county area, and donations made at the Brownwood ceremony will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Central Florida.

"It's important to help charitable organizations around the holidays," Skertich-Lester said. "It's important to make sure they have what they need. ... Our residents are so generous when it comes to helping people in need, so it gives people an outlet to help."

Each tree-lighting will feature the trademark candle distribution by The Villages Cheerleaders at 6:30 p.m. followed by several performances by groups, including the Aloha 'O Ka Hula Dance Troupe and the Original Villages Belly Dancers. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also make an appearance at each event.

Skertich-Lester said the lighting of the candles each year helps ring in the holiday season.

"It's a very touching theme," she said. "You look out at the sea of candles, and it's an emotional ceremony because it brings together the feeling of togetherness in our community."

The Villages Menorah Lighting will be held at Lake Sumter Landing for the first time this year. The Dec. 2 ceremony starts at 3 p.m. and will feature the Hanukkah story, singing, dancing and more.

The menorah lighting was held at Spanish Springs last year.

"We were looking to do the Menorah Lighting at the bigger square ... and it'll be able to be located more centrally," Skertich-Lester said.

The Villages Christmas Parade will take place Dec. 8 at The Villages Polo Club. Gates open at 10 a.m., and the parade begins at noon.

"The parade is a fun community event for everyone to come out and enjoy the holiday cheer," said Jacquelyn Prim, recreation supervisor at Canal Street Recreation Center.

Spectators can expect a slew of clubs and decked-out golf carts showing off their Christmas spirit. There will be limited parking, so get there early.

Holiday Sights and Sounds Week also is being put on by The Villages Recreation and Parks Department this year.

Villages residents can venture to five recreation centers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 10 to 14 to hear sounds of the season. With a resident ID, participants will receive a "Touring Post Card" at each center. Visit all five recreation centers — Mulberry Grove, Laurel Manor, Savannah, Colony Cottage and Eisenhower — and get a special holiday ornament.

"Regardless of the time of year, as a team, the resident lifestyle volunteers and recreation and parks staff want to give Villagers opportunities to socialize and participate in their favorite activity while creating new friendships in a fun, friendly atmosphere," said Pam Henry, recreation manager for The Villages Recreation and Parks

Department.

## Entertainment Offerings

Continue a holiday tradition or begin a new one by watching ballerinas dance across the stage in "The Nutcracker," singing along to holiday tunes or immersing yourself in the music of a handbell choir.

Elizabeth Constant, booking coordinator at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, said she books holiday shows because they allow for traditions to occur.

"Perhaps every year, families make a trip to see 'The Nutcracker' or 'A Christmas Carol,'" Constant said. "These classic tales can be found playing in many cities across the U.S., so perhaps you used to always see a production up North, and now you have the opportunity to carry on that tradition in your new hometown of The Villages."

The classic holiday shows offered around The Villages create a nostalgic feel that helps people get into the holiday spirit, and with almost 20 upcoming festive performances, there's something for everyone.

After a power outage that affected The Sharon on Nov. 6, Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker is returning to the venue today for two more performances at 2 and 6 p.m. to bring the story of "The Nutcracker" to life.

The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra will have a holiday concert at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 14 at The Sharon. And at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 and 18, "A Christmas Carol" will take to the stage.

"We've had these titles all before from the same companies, and their productions were so outstanding that we're happy to host them again," Constant said.

For those interested in handbells, the Village Ringers will perform a free lobby concert at noon on Dec. 10 at The Sharon.

This year's collection of holiday shows at Savannah Center include a mix of holiday music and theater.

Professional holiday shows at Savannah Center include Celtic Angels Christmas on Dec. 7, Bowzer's Holiday Party on Dec. 9, Christmas with the New York Tenors on Dec. 17 and Johnny Wild's Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 21.

All of the professional shows are offered at 5 and 8 p.m. on their respective dates.

"All of them offer a wide range of holiday music that will fit almost anyone's tastes," said Brian Russo, director of entertainment. "There are also several great community productions including 'Nuncrackers' and Carols by Candlelight happening at the Savannah Center."

Other resident shows at Savannah Center include The Villages Music Boosters Winter Wonderland Concert & Sing-a-Long, The Villages Concert Band's "Let Christmas Begin" and The Villages Swing Band's "Christmas Radio Show."

To see a full list of holiday shows, visit [thevillagesentertainment.com](http://thevillagesentertainment.com).

There are also several holiday shows being offered elsewhere around The Villages.

Bach with a Beat will perform "Swingle Beats" at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6 at New Covenant United Methodist Church; The Village Ringers will put on their concert,

"Ringin' Loud and Clear" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 at SeaBreeze Recreation Center; The Village Voices will perform a Holiday Spectacular at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13 at North Lake Presbyterian Church; "Yule Sing" is a holiday sing-a-long show at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 21 at La Hacienda Recreation Center and local performers Mary Jo Vitale and Clark Barrios will perform "Christmas Memories" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 22 at SeaBreeze Recreation Center.

Tickets for all shows can be purchased online at [thevillagesentertainment.com](http://thevillagesentertainment.com) or at any Villages Box Office location.

## Community Events

For those looking for even more Christmas fun, other events will be taking place outside The Villages.

The Baker House, located in Wildwood, was built in the late 1800s and is a must-see spectacle of lights and history. The open house to premiere its lights and decorations for the first time this season is Thursday. Every year, the house is decorated from top to bottom, and visitors can buy tickets to take a tour of the building. The Baker House is at 6106 County Road 44A. The open house is from 6 to 8 p.m. and will have refreshments. RSVP by Monday at 352-330-1333.

The organization Young Performing Artists will have its fourth annual holiday parade, concert and open house event Saturday. YPA is an organization in the community of Royal in Wildwood that teaches kids about music and performing. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and is best viewed at the corner of County Road 462 and County Road 235. After the parade, the holiday concert will take place at the Alonzo A. Young, Sr. Enrichment & Historical Center, 9569 County Road 235, Royal (Wildwood). There will be music, singers and dancers, and the Hometown Twirlers will perform. You can also make a donation to benefit the kids who are a part of the Young Performing Artists. Admission and parking are both free. Call 352-748-0260 for more information.

Anyone looking for a little more history can stop by the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park for the Christmas on the Frontier event from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday. The event features wreath-making, soap-carving, caroling and period demonstrators. Christmas on the Frontier costs \$5 a car. Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day and is located at 7200 County Road 603, Bushnell. For more information about other upcoming events visit [floridastateparks.org](http://floridastateparks.org).

For parade lovers, the City of Wildwood will hold its annual parade Dec. 1.

With floats from the American Legion Post 18 of Wildwood and T&D Family of Companies, spectators are sure to be entertained. Spectators also can enjoy music from the Wildwood Middle High School marching band.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. at the public works building and goes down Huey Street to Gamble Street, then over Barwick Street before heading back to Huey.

Senior writer Kristen Fiore and staff writer Maddie Cutler contributed material to this report.

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Veins regenerate. Nerves grow. Narrow, shriveled-up blood vessels become big and plump again. Girth increases.\* Sensitivity increases.\* Intimacy feel better than ever. Maybe that explains why testimonials like this are so common.

"I don't usually discuss my personal life. But this treatment is so amazing, I'm going to tell all my friends about it. Visiting your clinic is the best choice I've ever made. I only wish I had known about it years ago!" Collin M.

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### Acoustic Pressure Wave Therapy Is A Precise Science...

Lithotripsy uses sound waves to dissolve kidney stones. APWT is a precise science that uses sound waves to dissolve plaque in veins and arteries supplying blood to the penis.

The primary cause of erectile dysfunction is restricted blood flow to the penis. That means the key to restore normal healthy function, is to restore normal healthy blood flow. When you come to the clinic, a doctor performs a Doppler Ultrasound test. The ultrasound test determines if blood flow to the penis is restricted, and to what extent. If a blockage is present, and the doctor clears you for treatment, the technician uses a handheld device to focus sound waves on veins and arteries with obstructed blood flow. The sound waves, (calibrated to the right depth determined by the ultrasound), move through the tissue, and gently dissolves the plaque restricting blood flow to the penis. The non-invasive treatments take about twenty minutes. There are no known side effects. And no recovery time.

If you suffer with mild to moderate ED, you may see significant improvement, and be able to enjoy sex in as few as 1 or 2 treatments.\* If your ED is more severe, it may require 3 to 6 treatments, possibly more, before you are able to have and maintain a spontaneous erection, without pills, needles or a pump.\* Compared to APWT, other ED treatments are like buying expensive Band-Aids that keep falling off.

### Acoustic Pressure Wave Therapy is Different.

APWT gets to the ROOT CAUSE of erectile dysfunction, so you don't need the Band-Aid.

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"When my prostate was removed, I thought my sex life was over. I'm 70 and hadn't been able to get an erection for 12 years. Other treatments were not safe because of my medications. I saw two doctors and neither could help. I was nervous, embarrassed and skeptical. But the APWT treatment worked! My wife and I hadn't had sex for ages, and now we can. Thanks for giving me my sex life back!" Gerald F. Age 70

"It's been 9 years since I could get and maintain an erection. I couldn't take Viagra® because I couldn't stand the side effects. I heard about APWT and decided to give it a try and I'm glad I did. Your staff was friendly and respectful. They never made me feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. Thank you for giving me my sex life back." J.K. Age 62

"One treatment and sex with wife four times! This is better than I expected." Richard M.

"Four treatments, first erection in 5 1/2 years, very emotionally rewarding." James V. Age 58

### Haven't You Suffered Long Enough?

You have the facts. Now you stand at a crossroads.

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Go the other way and fun, play, intimacy, a stronger relationship, and sex any time you like, without pills, needles, pumps or surgery, may be yours for the asking. All it takes to get started is a phone call.

### Your Next Step Couldn't Be Easier Just call 352-816-1901

The friendly man will answer your questions, and if you like, schedule an appointment for you to come in, meet the doctor and find out if Acoustic Pressure Wave Therapy is right for you.

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