

Lawler Loop AED Program

(Automatic External Defibrillator)

With a total of 159 homes being within Units 26, 27 & 729 of the Village of Marsh Bend Trail and taking into consideration an estimated participation rate of 70% equaling 111 homes at a requested donation of \$120 from each household which covers a 4-year period (\$30 a year), totaling \$13,200 which will purchase 4 complete Zoll AED Plus units, storage cabinets, replacement batteries & pads, as well as a 4 year subscription with Ready Alert monitoring and AED/CPR training for 15 volunteer responders.

\$13,200.00	Requested donation of \$120 per household
<u>\$11,000.00</u>	First 4-years cost of (4) complete AED systems as listed above
\$2,320.00	Surplus funds for unexpected costs, and to assist in future years of service.

Years 5 – 8 Expenses and beyond

Due to units and cabinets being already in place, future costs to maintain program will be reduced. The following is an estimated cost (due to future costs of services and supplies being unknown).

\$660.00	Replacement Pads (4 sets)
\$160.00	Replacement Batteries (4 sets)
<u>\$3,240.00</u>	Ready Alert monitoring (4-year period @ \$810.00 per year)
\$4,060.00	4-year cost divided by estimated 70% participation, equaling \$37.00 per household for a 4-year period or \$9.14 per year.

AED/CPR training as well as continuing updates on training and equipment, and AED maintenance provided by The Villages Public Safety Department.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What if some people don't participate?

Because of liability concerns, **EVERY HOME** on our neighborhood is protected in the case of sudden cardiac arrest regardless of whether or not they contributed.

Why should I participate?

The program needs your participation. It lowers the costs for all of us and increases your chance of survival if you go into cardiac arrest.

Do I have to be a volunteer?

Only if you want to but more you have the better you can help your neighborhood.

Is the AED difficult to use?

It is virtually foolproof and easy to use. Anyone who understands English can use it.

Do I have any legal liability?

Florida's Good Samaritan laws protect any lay person who goes to the aid of a person in distress. The AED only "shocks" people who are clinically dead so there is no risk of hurting someone.

How long is the CPR/AED training?

New responder training is 3 hours. Mouth-to-mouth is no longer recommended when doing adult CPR.

Would we respond to all emergencies?

ONLY cardiac/respiratory arrests and **ONLY** in our coverage area.



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What is the program?

We plan to purchase 4 AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) that will be strategically positioned within our neighborhood to provide the quickest possible response to anyone who experienced a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. We will also subscribe to ReadyAlert™ which is the system used to contact our volunteer responders. We plan to be 1 of 236 Neighborhood AED Groups. There are over 616 AEDs and over 4,100 volunteer responders in the Neighbor Saving Neighbors Program.

Why do we need an AED?

Even though we are not far away from a fire station (14 minutes), we cannot be sure that Paramedics will be in the station when the need arises, and they may have to respond from a greater distance (17 minutes or more) away. **For every 1-minute delay in starting CPR and using an AED, the chance of survival decreases by 10%.** AEDs, combined with immediate CPR, have saved the lives of numerous people in The Villages recently. **We can make a difference!**



CPR BUYS TIME, THE AED
BUYS LIFE!

What does the AED unit do?

When sudden cardiac arrest occurs, the heart starts to fibrillate or "quiver" but does not pump blood. CPR (chest compression) makes the heart pump and keeps oxygen flowing to the body, but will not "start" the heart. The AED is a battery operated device that determines whether a heart needs to be defibrillated (shocked) into resuming a normal rhythm. It gives audible commands and is so simple anyone who understands English can be taught its use in a few minutes.

How does the program work?

There are 159 homes in our neighborhood with over 286 residents. We plan to have at least 15 residents trained as volunteer responders. The Villages Public Safety will provide training free of charge. Each responder household will be connected to the ReadyAlert™ service. When a cardiac arrest occurs, a call is made to 911. The 911 operator, in addition to determining the nature of the emergency and dispatching paramedics, also sends a message via ReadyAlert™ who in turn alerts our group. Responders nearest the home will go start CPR while others would bring the AED.

Who would be responsible?

The Villages Public Safety Department oversees the program. They assist in forming, ordering equipment, training the volunteer responders and providing continuing updates on training and equipment. Our volunteers will respond to administer CPR and to apply the AED.

What are the costs?

We are asking for a \$120.00 household contribution to **fund the program for 4 years.**

The contribution pays for:

- The purchase of 4 new AEDs
- ReadyAlert™ annual service fee.
- AED batteries (warranted for 4 yrs.)
- Any costs that might arise. (such replacement shock pads if AED is used)

Your \$120.00 contribution comes to just \$2.50 per month!

Make checks payable to:

Lawler Loopers

Please contact one of the three Coordinators on the front page by phone or email to arrange for pick-up of your check.

Quite a bargain for a life saved!