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Joanne Hamann, left, a resident of the Village of Hemingway, and Donna Frederick, a resident of the Village of Poinciana, were just two of the hundreds of residents eager to learn about the upcoming communitywide health survey. They’re shown here getting more information from Alannah Munch, a resident of the Village of Poinciana and a volunteer with USF Health in The Villages.

SURVEY, New A2

Each household occupant is asked to complete a survey. USF Health, working with its partner, The Village of The Villages, will try to send the appropriate number of individual surveys to each household, although they’re asking each household to return the house’s survey in a single envelope. If a household is short the number of surveys, they can contact USF Health officials at 753-4290 to get more. Return envelopes will be provided, but residents also will receive directions if they wish to complete the survey online. USF Health officials are asking the completed surveys be placed in the appointment drop boxes, located at postal substations and in the amenities drop boxes, rather than mail them back. Surveys are to be sent through the mail, rather than hand-delivered.

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— Judy Jansen Village of Cantonwood

"I think it is a great idea because we can be a wonderful prototype for the country."

— Jacqueline Ralph Village of Country Club Hills

"It’s a wonderful idea, and I’m glad to be part of it. Not only will it help our community, but it will help others."

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PARTICIPATION, page A2

Last week’s 69 percent turnout among residents in the Republic’s presidential primary election. Many persons who voted with us at HOFOM, Fabricius said. And we’ve shown that when something is near and dear to us, we’ll turn out in the high 80s. Petersen also addressed some concerns that the data will be collected anonymously. She emphasized the information gathered won’t be shared with anyone.

"Villagers’ Thoughts on the Survey"

Tallahassee Compromise emerges on pharmacy vaccinations

The House Health & Human Services Committee on Tuesday approved a compromise bill that would expand the power of pharmacists to give vaccinations. Doctors and pharmacists long argued over the issue. Under the measure (SB 2280) that emerged after negotiations between doctors and pharmacists, the bill would allow pharmacists to administer pneumonia vaccines, similar to their current authority, but it would allow pharmacists to give vaccinations for shingles, although those doses would require prescriptions from physicians.

The revised bill also calls for pharmacy-to-pharmacy transfer regulations related to continuing education, a move that would be administrated by the Florida Medical Association. Sponsor Ana Rivas Logan, D-Miami, said the bill would make it more convenient for patients to receive vaccinations.

"This is about health care, and that’s about access," she told the committee.

Tallahassee "V+'s license program expansion moves

More veterans will be able to get a "V+' on their driver’s license to show that they’ve served in the military under a bill (SB 2290) approved by the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill, by Sen. Nancy Detert, R-Venice, expands a program put in place last year that allowed for the markers. Detert said it was very popular and some veterans were upset that they would have to wait until their license expired to get the mark, which might be five years.

The bill allows any veteran to pay $5 and go ahead and get the "V+" even if their license isn’t approved yet. It also makes it easier for veterans to prove their service.

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Under the measure, the local jurisdictions — where the infractions occur — would be responsible for using the pictures to issue tickets.

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Space is limited, so call me today to register.

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"It’s an excellent idea to survey The Villages, because we are a captive audience."

— Don Westlake Village of Rio Grande

"I’m a health freak, so anything I can do to prevent any disease or health issues, I want to help."

— Mary Westlake Village of Rio Grande

"We need to get involved."

— David Bisang Village of Prayer Hill

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James Ukockis, left, and Catherine Miller, center, talk with Dr. Donna Petersen, USF dean, College of Public Health, at Savannah Center on Tuesday afternoon. Petersen explained that a resident survey will help lead to steps to make The Villages ‘America’s Healthiest Hometown.’

Above: Ron and Jan Stobart, Village of Mallory Square residents, look over information about the survey as they wait to hear from Dr. Donna Petersen, USF dean, College of Public Health. Left: ‘We’ve been humbled by the enthusiasm you’ve shown for this,’ Petersen said of residents’ support of The Villages-USF Health partnership. That support remained strong Tuesday when hundreds turned out to hear about the resident health survey that will be sent to households next week.

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