



Villas de Golf News

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News from Your Board of Directors

Happy Healthy Holidays!!

The Board wants to thank everyone who has stepped up to participate and/or organize activities/events. It is great to see everyone coming together to spread kindness, have fun, build memories, which makes for a happy and healthy community.

Several large projects were successfully completed this year, which some helped reduce our insurance premiums: Mansard Project, Electrical Project, Pool Mechanical Project, Pool Deck Project, Drainage/Erosion Project, and Landscaping Entrance Project.

The Tennis Court Project planning has moved to 2026 due to other higher priority projects.

Friendly Reminders:

If you use the Clubhouse or Social Center, remember to clean up to keep the area pristine and free of any unwanted critters. The cleaning hours are Tuesday through Friday.

Make sure your trash bags (especially the small grocery bags) are closed tightly before putting them down the garbage shut or trash containers.

Recycle materials should go in the recycle bin. Plastic bags need to go into the trash containers. Recycle items cannot go into a plastic bag and then put in the recycle bin. Smash all size boxes to save room. Not all plastic goes in recycling, please read the instructions on the front of the blue recycling bins.

If you use the outdoor grills, remember to clean the cooking area and empty the drain pan.

Board News Continued.....

If you see something, say something and submit a Request. If you don't know how to submit a Request, ask your building captain or a neighbor/friend for guidance. When a request is submitted, all Board members are notified so we can react quicker ~ especially the laundry equipment.

Feel free to contact a Board member if you have any suggestions, recommendations, and/or concerns.

Peace, Love, and Joy!!

**Next Board Meeting
December 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM**

Yummy Breakfast and Hot Coffee

It was a great turnout for the November 8 breakfast. There were 57 people in attendance. Thank you to the exercise groups that put this together. Thank you to all the participants donating 11 very full bags of groceries for food distribution to St. Jerome food bank. Starting in December, breakfast will be served at 9:00 on the first Saturday of the month. Make sure you sign up at the clubhouse so we can prepare for everyone!

Upcoming Breakfast Saturdays Sign up at the Clubhouse 9:00 AM ~ Bring Your Own Mug!

Date	Hosted by
December 6	~ Buildings 2 and 5
January 3	~ Buildings 3 and 6
February 7	~ Buildings 1 and 4
March 7	~ Buildings 7 and 8
April 4	~ Buildings 9, 10 and Golf Leagues

The bin for food collection will be available.
Remember to bring non-perishables.
Thank you to all who participate!

Why Bring Your Cup to Breakfast?

Styrofoam cups are manufactured from petroleum. When paired with liquid and heat, a Styrofoam container's toxins (like benzene and styrene) seep into the contents of the cup. You cannot recycle Styrofoam coffee cups because they have a wax lining. Most of the polystyrene that ends up in landfills can take between 500 to 1 million years to decompose. We still will provide Styrofoam cups if you cannot bring your own cup, but this information will hopefully encourage you to bring a cup!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

SAFETY (Lois Mulhern, Chair): Members met on November 11 and planned free presentations (See "Save the Date" and the calendar). Refreshments will be provided. Watch the bulletin boards for flyers and your email for updates!

- **December 10 at 3:00 ~ Fire Safety** presentation by our own resident, Brad Zelinski, who has a certification in this area.
- **January 20, 2026 at 2:00 ~** Local police officers presenting Safety and Security.
- **February** (day and time TBA) ~ CPR and AED.
- **March** (day/time TBA) ~ Stroke Awareness.
- **April** (day/time TBA) ~ Hurricane Preparedness.

Members plan to research the possibility of purchasing an AED to be located in the clubhouse. An AED is an automated external defibrillator. The device is designed for use by anyone and provide voice and visual prompts to guide the user through the process to analyze a person's heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to correct a life-threatening arrhythmia like sudden cardiac arrest. Quickly restoring a normal heart rhythm can significantly increase the chances of survival when used immediately after a person collapses and is unresponsive.

LANDSCAPING (by Carol Vigna): Did you notice the beautiful flowers at the clubhouse entrance and around the office? Our resident landscapers have been hard at work! Small projects are planned and a focus will be behind Building 1 and the side of Building 9. Our board worked with the landscaping company to install beautiful plants at the entrance. If you see our volunteers out working, please stop and thank them!

ACTIVITIES, MUSIC & EVENTS

COMMITTEE: Just check out the calendar and give a big thank you to MaryAnne Rowley for bringing some music to us! Everyone attending the *Thankful Cocktail Hour* on Nov. 15 seemed to really enjoy an afternoon of music, dancing, and mingling. Monica Scott rocked it so hard, the sun followed her home! We are also happy to report that no one went swimming unintentionally. **Next meeting of this committee is January 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM in the clubhouse.** Don't forget **Tailgate Potluck January 18** with music by John Ellis.

BEAUTIFICATION & DECORATING

(by Lois Mulhern): Hopefully, you are reading this by the light of the Christmas glow. The lights should be hung by now and the clubhouse decorated. The committee met on November 10 and had some major discussions about the following:

- **Christmas Decor:** There are concerns regarding the storage of decorations which are all over our community in various areas. This will be addressed, and the decorating committee will be throwing away broken and/or old decorations.
- **Closet Cleanout:** The committee is cleaning out storage areas and closets for decoration storage. They plan to store décor in one or two places. Please remember, these common area closets are NOT for personal storage. Please claim any items and remove them before December 16 or they will be put in the dumpster.
- **Pool Furniture Update:** The committee agreed unanimously that pool chairs need to be purchased. Research is being done for price and styles.
- **Building Exterior Paint:** In March, the committee will start exploring ideas about changing the colors of the buildings and front wall to a more modern palette.
- **Tennis Court:** Discussion involved resurfacing plans for a pickleball court and renovation of the tennis court area which is planned for 2026.

WOMEN'S GROUP: This group basically has done all the past work our committees are doing now. We are going to let this group rest for now. Most all of our wonderful ladies are serving on other committees, and the focus will continue on current projects, activities, and events. This group will be re-visited in the future as needed.

Landscaping Perspective Moving Forward ~ by Bernadette Moriarty ~

I would wager that when you noticed I was writing another article, you either thought "Here we go again, learning about plants at VDG or "Now, what are you asking us to do?." Both choices are correct...

We have relandscaped our entry 'dirt' areas into a welcoming and energized display of plants that lets you know that you are in Florida. You can bet I will let you know each of the plants that have been installed. Currently, it's our collective enjoyment to see the flora flourish and learn about the challenges.

What am I asking you to do? Well, for one thing, we have a group of volunteers who love touching the earth and planting in our small 'orphan' areas. If you are one, let me know, so you can join the group.

Is there an area around your building that needs attention? Mention it to me or one of the other volunteers and we'll see if it's feasible to enhance the area. Sometimes irrigation is the culprit, but let's Assess and Enhance, wherever possible.

And for fun, consider walking the Botanical Gardens, one of the many treasures of Largo (perhaps as a group). **Not to be missed at the Botanical Gardens is their Holiday Lights from 11/28 through 1/3. For more details go to <https://flbgfoundation.org/HolidayLights>**



Need a Bicycle or Golf Clubs?

Villas de Golf has a couple of bikes you can borrow for the day. There are 2 for the community members to use. Also, we have golf clubs if you need. Have you checked out the putting green or the practice nets at the Largo Golf Course? See Kent Ward for a bicycle or a set of clubs.



FACEBOOK FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Search for Villas de Golf Members Only. Then click Join and make sure you scroll down and answer the questions. Please allow 24-48 hours for us to verify your information. We are dedicated to making sure our Facebook page is for our community members only. The Villas de Golf Facebook page is still active and can be seen by the public. The Villas de Golf Members Only page is private just for us. Start sharing things with your neighbors! Communicate about events and activities. Check both out for recent pictures. See Sharron Porter (#6202) for help or questions.



Breakfast December 6 at 9:00 AM
Make sure to sign up and bring your mug!

Board Meeting
Friday, December 5, 2025
1:00 PM at the Clubhouse

Fire Safety Presentation
December 10, 2025
2:00 PM at the Clubhouse
No Cost ~ Refreshments will be Served

Women's Luncheon TBA

Community Events for the Holidays

City of Largo Holiday Lights & Carnival Rides
in Largo Central Park
November 27 – January 4
5:00 – 10:00 PM

Free to park, walk, and view the lights.
Amusement Rides \$6 for one or \$50 for ten
Paid Parking on 12/6/25 for the Holiday Tree
Lighting and Stroll Event

Rudolph Limited: December 12–14 and 19–21 at Largo Central Park. A special holiday train ride through the lights, costing \$10 per person

Old Fashioned Christmas Parade: December 20, noon, through Downtown Largo.

Rock the Rocks – 2nd Saturdays Music Festival & Market: A monthly festival featuring live music, local vendors, and food and drinks. It takes place at Original Crabby Bill's and admission is free

Christmas Boat Parade: Saturday, December 20 from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM on the Intracoastal.

New Year's Eve: Lots to do! Largo Community Center Noon Party from 11 AM until 1:00 PM for \$14. See the flyer on the bulletin boards. Also, fireworks at Clearwater Beach and lots of other things to do. Stay Safe!

Fun Things to do Each Week

See the Calendar for Days and Times

NEW ~ American MahJongg: Mondays starting in December at 1:00 until 3:00. Learn to play on Dec. 9, 11, and 15 at 1:00. New players will need to purchase a 2025 game card. The class size is limited to 8 due to supplies. Signup at the Clubhouse. Contact: Theresa Breslin.

- **Tai Chi and Chair Yoga**
- **Indoor Power Walking**
- **Water/Exercise**
- **Bingo:** Cost is \$6 per sheet with 6 cards.
- **31 Card Game 31:** Bring \$3.00 in quarters. Friendly game with practice hands.
- **Eucher Card Game:** Cost is \$2.
- **Left/Right/Center will resume in January:** There will be a signup sheet. If less than 10 people, the game will be canceled. Contact: Carol Vigna.
- **Men's Golf League:** Signup at the clubhouse before 6:00 PM on the Sunday before. Contact: Jim Schauf.
- **Women's Golf League:** Interested in a weekly golf game right in our backyard for the ladies? All abilities are welcome. Right now, the date and time have not been determined. We are looking for your input. Please contact Reenie as soon as you can. Time to tee up! Email schaufreenie1951@gmail.com or knock on her door at 6201, or call 608-633-0712.

Upcoming and Possible Activities:

- **Shuffleboard** ~ Coming in January. Contact is Dale Barnhart. Stay Tuned!
- **Guys and Dolls** Monthly Golf Scrambles
- **Karaoke**
- **Pickleball** ~ On hold due to the court condition.

Watch your email and get social!

From Your Editor ~ Sharron Porter

Christmas is that magical time of year when we all pretend everything is fine and we've been organized since October, even though we're stopping at the Walgreens for a gift or trying to find things to re-gift. The tree leans a little to the left, the lights have one mysteriously uncooperative bulb, and the cookies somehow disappear faster than we can blame anyone else. With twinkling lights, and enough peppermint to stun a reindeer, we call it festive. It's a time to socialize and embrace the fun things to do. If everything is slightly chaotic and vaguely sticky, that just means Christmas is going exactly as planned.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all.



"Aye, Aye Captain"

Did you know that each building has a Captain? A Captain does the following:

- 1) Meet and greet new residents providing information about activities and social events.
- 2) Introduce them to others in the building and encourage others to introduce themselves to the new residents.
- 3) Be available to help with any questions or concerns of building residents that are not the responsibility of the board or management company.

Meet Your Building Captains

Building 1 ~ Laura Van Wingerden #1108
 Building 2 ~ Marge Fischer #3105
 Building 3 ~ Marge Fischer #3105
 Building 4 ~ Kent Ward #4107
 Building 5 ~ Patty Bell #5102
 Building 6 ~ Joan Porter #6106
 Building 7 ~ Carmel Boruch #7207
 Building 8 ~ Rexine Duley #8203
 Building 9 ~ Faye Shipp #10108
 Building 10 ~ Danny Campbell #10202



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Make sure you check the most recent directory and contact Kent Ward if you need to make updates to your information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 American MahJongg 1:00	2 Water Exercise 10:00 Euchre ~ 6:30 Clubhouse	3 Chair Yoga 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 "31" Card Game 6:30 ~ Clubhouse	4 Men's Golf 9:00 Water Exercise 10:00 Bingo 7:00 PM	5 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 Board Meeting 1:00	6 Breakfast 9:00 AM Signup at Clubhouse No Water Exercise
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