

Villas de Golf News

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The Villas de Golf Monthly Newsletter

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News from the Board of Directors

The board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who generously give their time, energy, and talents to our community. Your willingness to step up, lend a hand, and support community activities truly helps make this a wonderful place to live. We deeply appreciate your dedication, kindness, and the many hours you devote to helping our community thrive. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for the positive impact you make every day.

The Board of Directors met on March 11, 2026. The minutes are available online and they are posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. You can access the minutes online at the Vantaca (Resource Property Management) website by going to this website:

<https://home.resourcepropertymgmt.com> then log into your account. To access documents, click on "Documents". Some documents open into a preview window. Some will need to be downloaded. It is best practice to use a computer or laptop. Please contact a board member if you need assistance with the website.

Make sure you go to the "REPORTS & Villadom" on the www.villasdegolf.net website and check your information in the directory. All changes should be sent to Kent Ward at gkward42@gmail.com by providing your unit number and name with your changes.



APRIL FOOLS' DAY

The exact origins of April Fools' Day are uncertain, but it likely began in 1582 France when shifting to the Gregorian calendar moved New Year's Day from April 1 to January 1; those slow to learn were dubbed "April fools".

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday April 7, 2026
4:00 PM



Are you headed back north for the summer and fall months? Help the food pantry and clean out your cabinets before you leave! Bring your non-perishable food items to the clubhouse and put them in the donation tub at any time. For information or questions, see Marge Fischer!

Did you attend the March Breakfast? Again, over the top! Thank you, thank you to the residents of Buildings 7 and 8.

If you are enjoying our monthly breakfast, please make sure you bring a small donation April 4 to keep our monthly breakfast going. It does cost to make them special with good food and coffee. We hope it continues next season and maybe even provide something to our full-time residents while the snowbirds are up north!!!!



The Villa de Golf News is published monthly from November to April each season. Stay tuned, there might be one in May? Sharron Porter is editor and publisher with board approval. Any information or articles for publication should be sent by the 25th of the month to swesleyporter@gmail.com proceeding the monthly newsletter, please.



ACTIVITIES MUSIC & EVENTS There's Something for Everyone!

Check out the calendar for all the weekly events! Make sure you sign up and have some fun.

**APRIL 4
BREAKFAST
& COFFEE
9:00 AM**

**Bring Your Own Mug!
Hosted by Buildings 9 and 10
and the Golf Leagues**



**This is the last breakfast this season
so, make sure you join us!**

**We collected a dozen bags of food at our March
breakfast for the food bank. Good Job!
The bin for food collection will be available.
Remember to bring non-perishables.
Thank you to all who participate!**

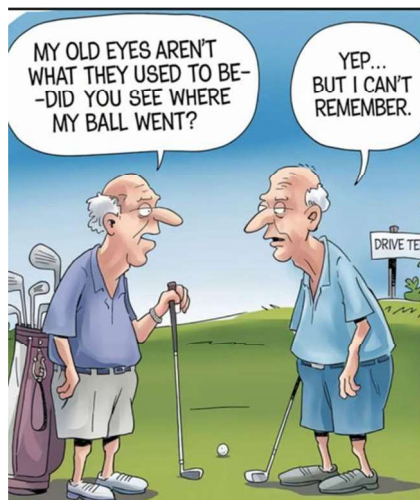


**SAVE THE DATE
MONDAY APRIL 6TH at 6:30 PM
High Rollers **Left**, **Right**, **Center****



Bring 3 quarters, 6 dollars and 2 five-dollar bills. Play 1, play 2, or play as many games as you like!

Roll the dice.....We hope you get a dot! If not.....just be nice!



The men's, women's, and mixed scramble golf leagues have had a fun season! If you didn't get to enjoy, maybe you can "drive" into the fun when it returns in November! However, there are plenty of full-time residents here that might like to play since we do have a golf course next door!

Women's Luncheon: Apologies go out to the calendar/date change in March. Sometimes that happens when making a calendar a month in advance of an event. It was again a great day at Coconut Charlies and a beautiful view of the beach. Mary Reed does such a great job in coordinating this and making sure the venue is appropriate for our needs. Make sure you join in the fun. **April's Ladies Luncheon is April 23 at 12:30. The location TBA. Watch the bulletin boards and sign up at the clubhouse!**

Men's Stag

Dinner and Fun

April 10 at 4:30 pm

Signup at the Clubhouse



**The Concert Series
on the Breezeway
Largo Golf Course
Friday April 17
6:00 until 9:00**

It's free! There will be food and beverages for sale. Music by Guilty Pleasure and the food truck is listed as Conch Sabroso. This will be the last one until August!

NEARBY EVENTS

Check out the Beach Beacon or The Bee newspaper! Help me out and send your suggestions to me! Here are just a few events coming up in April that I found. Many are FREE, but some require tickets.

AARP Free Income Tax Assistance at the Largo Public Library through April 15. First come first served. Signups start at 9:30 AM each day. Visit their website and search AARP in Events. Also, call ahead. We found they do cancel occasionally. They help with Federal tax returns only. Check out all their other events! It's a great place to visit!

Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival March 27 – April 12. Go to www.sugarsandfestival.com for more information.

Seminole City Center Concert Series ~ April 3 ~ 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Huey Go Again will take you on a nostalgic journey back to the 80s, showcasing the chart-topping hits of Huey Lewis and The News, the iconic group that became a household name during that era. Bring a chair, but leave your cooler and outside food/drinks at home. This event is subject to the weather since it is outdoors. Address: 11201 Park Boulevard, Seminole, FL.

Heritage Village ~ Saturday April 4 Classic Vintage Car Show from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. It's Free! Go to www.heritagevillagecarshow.com for more information.

George C. McGough Nature Park Seasonal Garage Sale ~ April 4 ~ 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM: There will be numerous vendors, and you can rent a table for \$10 if you have things to sell. You must pre-register on their website. However, it is Free to shop! The park is located right before the bridge going towards Indian Rocks Beach, so it is close!

Largo Evening Market ~ April 25 ~ 5:00 until 9:00 PM at Ulmer Park. Ulmer Park is located at 301 W Bay Drive. April 25 is a "Sweet Treat" themed open-air market supporting local vendors.

Tampa Bay Blues Festival at Vinoy Waterfront Park ~ April 10, 11, and 12 ~ Go to www.tampabaybluesfest.com for information about music, events, and tickets.

Dunedin Highland Games ~ April 11 ~ Tickets \$20: Step into a world where the spirit of Scotland runs deep. World-class piping, elite heavy athletics, and the grace of Highland dance can be observed. For information about parking, location, and tickets, go to www.dunedinsafoundation.com/highland-games/



HEAR AN ALARM?

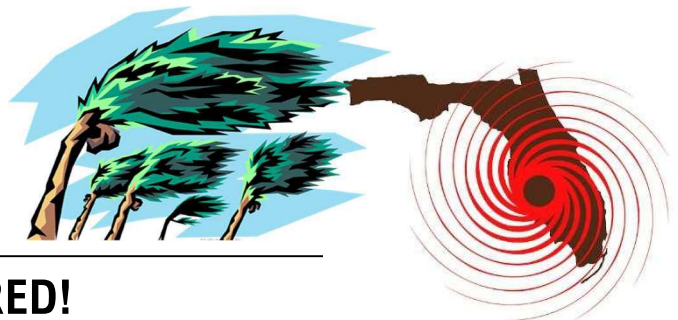
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LARGO GOLF COURSE INSTALLS REAL-TIME LIGHTNING ALERTS

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of residents and visitors, the Largo Golf Course has installed a lightning detector for real-time, site-specific weather data from the Perry Weather system. This resource helps our team members and visitors stay informed about lightning threats and remain safe during storm events.

When lightning is detected within a five-mile radius of the Golf Course, the system will sound a horn, followed by a message: "Lightning has been detected in our area. Please seek shelter immediately." A strobe light will go off on the system during a weather delay. When the facility is out of delay, three horns will sound, followed by the message: "All clear, lightning is out of the area. You may return to your activities."

Lightning detectors are also positioned at Highland and Southwest Rec. For more information, contact Golf@largo.com.



BE PREPARED!

Just because 2025 was quiet on the hurricane front doesn't mean Mother Nature has retired—this is no time to lower our guard. We can so easily forget the devastating impact of Helene and Milton. However, 2025 was a gift, not a guarantee—the storm season still deserves our full attention.

April is the unofficial Hurricane Awareness Month. Every year, we see the same pattern—people rush to prepare in late May or early June or even the night before a storm, only to find out that it's *too late*. Insurance policy changes are frozen and supply chains tighten. But that doesn't have to be your story. April is your best chance to get ahead of hurricane season before it gets real.

Visit www.pinellas.gov/make-a-plan/ to get a complete preparedness guide.



ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, & EVENTS: Let's give a huge applause to our Activities, Music, & Events Committee!! It has been a great season of events!

It's a lot of work and all of our volunteers have gone above and beyond.

LANDSCAPING PERSPECTIVE:

Our community values its landscaping which enhances our outdoor living with vibrant tropical colors. Last year, the removal of diseased plants and harsh weather conditions made improvements at the entry and clubhouse necessary. To facilitate the renewal of these planting areas, an ad hoc committee was formed to address and determine the plantings that would provide a positive and colorful entry and freshen the Clubhouse. This area was a collaborative experience which resulted in volunteer day of planting at the clubhouse and maintenance building. Many thanks to all who participated. The pentas have even survived our winter cold spell, thanks again to our volunteers who provided covering.

Proposals for the entry were obtained from several landscapers. Following evaluation of the proposals, the Board approved the proposal offering a colorful installation with a mixed variety of plants. The ad hoc landscaping committee is now disbanded. Going forward, owners are required to complete a 'Request' Form for advance approval of planting anywhere in the common grounds.

When in the planning stage consider the following:

- Fruit bearing trees and all vegetables are prohibited as they attract rodents and raccoons.
- Invasive plants are not permitted, they are detrimental.
- Knowing the growth habits of perennials prevents overgrowth.
- 'Request' forms are available in the clubhouse and at the VDG Office.

In addition, a new landscaping company is starting April 1st which should provide expertise and support for a flourishing property. Our volunteers continue to make our common grounds look like a Florida gem! If you see them working, please take a minute and thank them. And, feel free to volunteer on Mondays at 9:00 AM to get through an ongoing list of projects. It's a great way to meet new people and get your body moving!

SAFETY: April is Hurricane Preparedness Month at Villas de Golf. There will be no official presentation, but a complete list of things to do now can be found in at www.pinellas.gov/make-a-plan/

Make sure you thank our Safety Committee members for bringing the insightful presentations to our community!

Villas de Golf Paradise for Sale



Know anyone looking to live in paradise next to great people and lots to do? While every effort was made to ensure accuracy at the

time of this publication, surprises do happen. It is for general informational purposes only. You should call the number listed for official listings.

- #1102** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Furnished
\$174,000 ~ 1st floor w/west view
Call Gina Rothwell (Caldwell Banker) 727-645-1161
- #2101** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Furnished & Updated
\$232,000 ~ 1st floor w/south pool view
Call 727-385-8030
- #2204** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Updated
\$209,000 ~ 2nd floor w/south pool & garden view
Call Tricia Priest (Caldwell Banker) 727-612-6277
- #3102** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Unfurnished
\$185,000 ~ 1st floor w/east garden view
Call Cari Bowers (Keller Williams) 727-489-0800
- #3204** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Furnished & Partially Updated
\$185,000 ~ 2nd floor w/east pool view
Call Mark 920-723-8086
- #5304** ~ 2 bed/2 bath
\$149,900 ~ 3rd floor w/elevator west golf course view
Call Paul Zagami, Jr. (Gordon Realty) 727-458-2618
- #6103** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Furnished & Partially Updated
\$205,000 ~ 1st floor w/west golf course view
Call 727-385-8030 (Available May 2026)
- #7203** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Partially Updated
\$161,000 ~ 2nd floor w/elevator & south view
Call Madeline Carriger 727-288-6181
- #7205** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Partially Furnished & Updated
\$205,000 ~ 2nd floor w/elevator & south view
Call Matt Cogan (Lombardo Team) 917-371-4006
- #8202** ~ 1 bed/1 bath Furnished & Updated
\$136,000 ~ 2nd floor w/east view of common areas
Call Maggie Brazill (Northstar Realty) 321-948-1192
- #9203** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Unfurnished
\$130,000 ~ 2nd floor w/north view of common areas
Call Maggie Brazill (Northstar Realty) 321-948-1192
- #9205** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Furnished & Partially Updated
\$189,000 ~ 2nd floor w/north view of common areas
Call Maggi Brazill 321-948-1192
- #10102** ~ 2 bed/2 bath Furnished
\$250,000 ~ 1st floor w/west view
Call 727-385-8030
- #10201** ~ 1 bed/1 bath Furnished & Updated
\$139,900 ~ 2nd floor w/west view
Call Julie Sartain 727-420-6107

Sunstar PARAMEDICS

There were 23 residents present to hear an informative and much needed reminder about life saving practices at the Sunstar EMT presentation in March. Sunstar is contracted by Pinellas County and their paramedics, Shelby and Mike, shared practical, potentially life-saving guidelines about emergency response, bleeding control, and CPR. They also gave valuable information regarding the use of an AED unit.

The presentation offered a reassuring look at what happens when someone calls 911. Dispatchers are trained to stay calm, gather critical details quickly, and guide callers through the emergency until help arrives. Participants learned that callers should be prepared to provide their exact location, describe the emergency clearly, and answer all questions—even if help already seems to be on the way. One of the important aspects of the situation is having a list of medications. Mike suggested having a list of all medications on the refrigerator with their location in your unit. Keeping all medications in a central location provides the paramedics easy access.



Calling 911: Have you ever thought about having to call 911 and you are alone? Maybe you cannot get to the door and it is locked. When you call 911, be prepared to

explain to the dispatcher how they can get access without forcing entry. This is definitely another reason to have a key box on your door as described in the Largo Police Department's presentation in January. Don't forget, they provide the free key lock box with a code for your door. Just call 727-587-6737.

Bleeding: Controlling blood loss can make a critical difference before first responders arrive. Direct pressure should be applied firmly using a clean cloth, bandage, or even a hand if nothing else is available. If possible, the injured area should be elevated, and pressure should not be removed to "check" the wound too soon.



Hands ONLY CPR: The group learned when CPR should be started. Hands only CPR is needed when a person is unresponsive and not breathing normally. Sunstar EMS emphasized immediate action

can double or even triple survival chances. Make sure you call 911 first or yell for someone to call 911. Be aware that you are covered by the "Good Samaritan Law" because we have had some residents question if they should help someone using CPR. Hands-only CPR is pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest and is recommended for most adults until emergency responders arrive.

When administering Hands Only CPR, the rhythm should be steady, about 100 to 120 compressions per minute, often compared to the beat of a familiar song such as "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees, "Dancing Queen" by ABBA, "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor, or, if you have a little morbid humor, "Another One Bites the Dust" by Queen. Our residents got first hand practice with "Annie" the mannequin. Following a cardiac emergency, the chance of survival decreases by 10% every minute without CPR according to the American Heart Association.



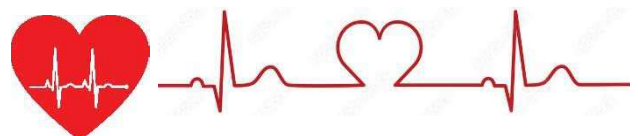
Automated External Defibrillator (AED):

In-depth information was given about the use of an AED, a device designed to help restart the heart during sudden cardiac arrest. Participants were reassured that AEDs are built for public use and provide clear voice step by step instructions. Once the device is turned on, adhesive pads are placed on the person's bare chest. There are pictures and instructions so there is really no room for mistake. The AED analyzes the heart rhythm to determine whether a shock is needed. If advised, the machine will instruct the rescuer to stand clear and deliver the shock. Our Villas de Golf Safety Committee has inquired about the possibility of having an AED at our clubhouse because of all the activities that take place there and around the common areas and pool. It was enlightening to hear how an AED increases likely survival rates by 200% according to paramedics presenting the information.



Takeaway: Ordinary people can

make an extraordinary difference in the first few minutes of any emergency. A calm 911 call, quick bleeding control, or immediate CPR may save a life before professionals arrive. Fire trucks are closer and are usually sent out to stabilize a victim. Once Sunstar arrives, they will take you to the hospital that specializes in the need of your emergency situation unless you are able to request a hospital. A flyer was provided to provide information about Ambulance Memberships. Go to www.pinellas.gov/firstcare for more information regarding their services. It is important to know what your insurance covers. Perhaps the most important takeaway from the presentation was confidence. The presentation reminded everyone that while emergencies are never expected, being prepared helps turn fear into action.



Resusci Annie

~ by Sharron Porter ~ Information from CPR Lifesaver Training Manual

Did you ever wonder about the manikin (not dummy, please) used for CPR practice? I guess my mind goes down a worm hole and thrives on information, so I looked it up. "Resusci" is derived from the Latin *resuscitare* ("rouse again" or "revive").

The lifeless body of a young girl was pulled from the River Seine in Paris, France in 1900. Since her identity could not be established, a death mask was made, as was customary in such a case. There was no evidence of violence and it was assumed that she had taken her own life. Several romantic stories based on this mystery were published. She was known as the Girl from the River Seine.

In 1958 Asmund S. Laerdal, a doll and toy maker by trade, began work on a life-like manikin for training people on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. He commissioned the well-known sculptress Emma Mathiassen to model a manikin face in the likeness of the Girl from the River Seine and in 1960 Resusci Anne was born.

Now you know the story of "Annie" the CPR manikin.



CONTINUING INFORMATION ELECTRICAL PANELS THIS IS SO IMPORTANT

Electrical panels in units must be compliant with modern Florida Building Codes. This is a safety issue. There have been a couple of incidents involving sparking from the panel. These have been addressed and updated. The Board highly recommends upgrading and members are requested to check their electrical panels.

The following panels are considered unsafe due to overheating and arcing. They serve as potential fire hazards because their breakers may not trip during an overload:

- Federal Pacific Electric (FPE) Stab-Lok Panels
- Zinsco/GTE Sylvania Panels
- Challenger Panels
- Billdog Pushmatic Panels
- Trumball Panels

The board is asking members/residents to have their electrical panels checked by a licensed electrician to comply with insurance requirements, enhance capacity, energy efficiency and improve safety.

Avoid a fire and get your panel checked!!!!

KEEP THE SLUDGE OUT OF THE HVAC DRAIN!



Pouring white vinegar into an HVAC drain pan or line kills mold, algae, and bacteria, preventing sludge buildup that causes clogs and water damage. It acts as a safe, eco-friendly cleaner that helps keep the condensate drain line clear. It is recommended to use 1/4 to 1/2 cup of vinegar every 30 days or quarterly. You can also use bleach or tablets sold at Lowes or Home Depot. Help avoid backups and treat your HVAC pan.

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2026



April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 Make sure you check out the newsletter for additional local April events!	 April Fool's day	1 Chair Yoga 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30  Euchre ~ 6:30 <i>Passover Begins</i>	2 Men's Golf 9:00 Water Exercise 10:00  Bridge (Bonnie B.) 12:00 Noon Bingo 7:00 PM	3 Good Friday Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30  <i>Seminole City Center Concert Series 6:00 - 9:00</i>	4 Breakfast 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse No Water Exercise 
5  HAPPY EASTER "31" Card Game 6:30 ~ Clubhouse	6 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30  Left/Right/Center 6:30 <i>High Rollers Night</i>	7 Water Exercise 10:00 Board Meeting 4:00	8 Chair Yoga 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 Euchre ~ 6:30 	9 Men's Golf 9:00 Water Exercise 10:00 Bridge (Bonnie B.) 12:00 Noon Bingo 7:00 PM <i>Passover Ends</i>	10 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 Men's Stag 4:30 Sign-up at Clubhouse	11 Water Exercise 10:00 
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