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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Submit your Proxy!!



Why Submit a Proxy if I'm Attending the Meeting?

Submitting a proxy ensures that our meeting has a quorum of at least 88 members which is required for us to meet. This is done to ensure we have a quorum on record. Please fill out your online proxy sent to your email even if you plan to attend the meeting. Fill in your own name, fill in your spouse's name, click on President Tamara's name, just fill it in and submit it so that we can go forward with the meeting.

News from the January 13, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

*Summarized from the unapproved board meeting minutes
provided by Bernadette Moriarty, our board secretary.*

Request Form/VIBE: When requesting events, activities, or community money, complete a form. Approval must be received prior to reimbursement requests/receipts.

Shuffleboard Courts: Repairs were completed last year, but one court requires refinishing by the vendor which will happen very soon. Shuffleboard play is under way with Gary and Carol Vigna organizing this fun event.

New Sale/Lease Process for Application: The paper has been eliminated, and the process is now online. Share this link: www.tenantev.com with prospective buyers, your real estate agent, or tenants. Have buyers/tenants create a new account using 14911 as the application code. *Continued... ..*

News from the January 13, 2026 Meeting continued...

Pool Lounge Chairs: Dan Boruch is requesting bids for aluminum frame strapped lounge chairs from a local company. When all options are in hand, the Board will decide ASAP.

Tennis Courts: Pricing options for resurfacing are being researched. There is no projected deadline currently.

Stains on the Complex Wall: Lois Mulhern volunteered to contact Munyun Painters for advice on getting a better paint to avoid stains from irrigation.

Railings: A maintenance man is working on the project. Consideration may be needed to go with an outside contractor, but no resolution or motion was made. Using volunteers is still an option.

Lanai Windows: Board members will identify units that need attention. Those framed with metal on top and bottom are the responsibility of the unit owner. Lanais with original screening are exempt. The board will notify affected owners.

AED Devices in Clubhouse: Research is being conducted on cost and additional information.

Estate Sales: There was a misunderstanding regarding the estate sale that happened in Building 1. It was confirmed that estate sales are prohibited.

Remodeling: Approval is required for HVAC, windows, doors, floors, and patios. See Section IV of the 2016 Rules and Regulations.

Reserves: Reserve money has been invested into four (4) Certificates of Deposit. Financial reports can be viewed on the Vantaca via Resource Property Management website.

Volunteers: There is a concern about the possibility of members lacking interest in volunteering. It was agreed the HOA fees could be allocated for repairs if necessary. Also, refer to the Reserve Study on the Vantaca via Resource Property Management website to view the property's useful lifespan. Assessments are only required in unusual or catastrophic circumstances.



*I'm pickin' up good vibrations
She's giving me excitations...*

No, we are not talking about the song, but we are talking about V.I.B.E. There are many new people in our community that has heard this word recently. It stands for Villas Improvement Beautification and Events. So now you know.

Good, good, good, good vibrations...

Work like a Captain
Play like a Pirate!
Welcome aboard Amy
Lundquist as the new
Building 10 Captain!! We
are still searching for a
Building 9 Captain. Email
Joan Porter at
joannieporter@yahoo.com
for more information!



SHUFFLEBOARD ANYONE?

Shuffleboard has started! If you are interested in substituting, contact Carol or Gary Vigna at cvignapt@gmail.com to get your name on the list for subs! Play is happening every Wednesday through March 11 with three (3) flights at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM. Come by and cheer on your favorite team or help be a line judge!

In case of rain on Wednesdays, games will be played on Friday at the same times.

Just a reminder, because of the cookout and music on February 11, only the 9:00 and 10:30 flights will play that day. The 12:30 group will play on Friday February 13 at 12:30 that week only.

ACTIVITIES, MUSIC & EVENTS

There is so much happening at Villas de Golf!



**Wednesday February 11
is Packed Full of FUN!!!!
1:00 – 5:00 PM**

All for \$10 per person!!!!

It starts at 1:00 PM with a COOKOUT by the Pool!

Choose a hot dog, burger, chicken, OR bratwurst with baked beans, chips and a desert. Bring your own drink (no glass). Additional items can be purchased for \$2.00.

Get your country on at 2:00 until 5:00 PM with Sammy Davis, Jr. strumming his guitar! He is going to give us some great music to sit back and sip a cold one or boogie down with his southern rock country sounds! Visit www.sammycountry.com to hear his latest hits or follow him on Facebook. He will be playing until 5:00, so bring a big cooler! Again, let's be safe and do not bring glass.

Bring a little extra \$\$\$ because there will be a 50/50!
Signup at the clubhouse so we know how much food to purchase prior to the event!



**Decoupage Jar Craft Class
Tuesday February 17 @ 2:00
Cost: \$5 per Jar
Signup at the Clubhouse**

Come join a fun craft project that is sure to be something you'll love. Decoupage is the art of decorating an object by gluing colored paper onto it. This class will use paper napkins and decoupage them onto mason jars or your choice of a clear glass object. Fairy lights will be included to magically light up your finished art piece. Most supplies are provided, but if you have a glass or jar you want to bring, great. Make sure you signup at the clubhouse, because we will only take 15 participants.

Come bring out the artist in you.

Come Visit Your Neighbors

BREAKFAST ON FEBRUARY 7
9:00 AM ~ Bring Your Own Mug!



Upcoming Breakfast Saturdays Sign up at the Clubhouse

Date Hosted by

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!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, & EVENTS: All events for February are listed on the previous page and on the calendar.

LANDSCAPING: Thank all our volunteers that keep our grounds looking great! Just a reminder to be safe and let our landscapers handle the big jobs. Thank Tamara, our president, for her hard work on painting the entrance curbs and be careful not to rub your tires on them. Let's keep them looking nice and white!

SAFETY: Information is being gathered regarding an AED and CPR. Spoiler alert: we're not getting any younger! There is a survey in the clubhouse to find out the number of members interested in this training. More information to come!

The Safety Presentation by the Largo Police Department was over the top! Make sure you read the summary and pick up the fliers in the clubhouse!

Upcoming Safety Presentations:

- **March** (day/time TBA) ~ Stroke Awareness.
- **April** (day/time TBA) ~ Hurricane Preparedness.



PERSONAL SAFETY PRESENTATION

Presented by
Largo Police Department

On January 20, the Largo Police Department provided the Villas de Golf members with a very informative presentation on safety and preventative actions against falls, fire, and crime. Many members were impressed with the free services.

- Free Home Safety Survey
- Free Smoke Alarms if you cannot afford them.
- Free Smoke Alarm Installation
- Free Home Security Assessment
- Free Key Lock Box with Code for your Door

Call 727-587-6737 and get these scheduled. There is about a 2-month waiting period, but it is well worth it.

Fall prevention is very important. They provided flyers and resources to help prevent falls and trips which are very common. The flyers are available in the clubhouse. You can also email Sharron Porter at porterhouse@twc.com and request electronic copies.

Also, be aware of scams. Do not give money to people approaching you in parking lots. Do not give out any personal information on the phone including:

- Usernames
- Passwords
- Social Security Numbers
- Bank Account Numbers
- Credit Card Numbers
- Birthday

Stay calm, don't panic. Just hang up and call the actual company or your local non-emergency police department number. You can also call your closest relative to help calm down. Stay Safe my Friends!

The Non-Emergency Largo Police Department Number is 727-587-6717. They are always there to help answer your questions!



The Concert Series on the Breezeway right next door at the Largo Golf Course is on the 3rd Friday each month through April from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. It's free and there is beer, wine, and food for sale.

February 20, 2026 - Music by Carl Motyka
Food Truck: WTF Pizza

March 20, 2026 - Music by Gerry Schneggs
Food Truck: Westchase BBQ

April 17, 2026 - Music by The Guilty Pleasure
Food Truck: Conch Sabroso





***Gardening and More
in Florida
Submitted by:
Bernadette Moriarty***

For those of us arriving in Florida anticipating Flamingoes, Alligators with Flower and Flona in abundance, welcome to the reality of the delicate balance of life with wildlife and landscaping /gardening in our peninsular State of Florida.

Looking for flamingoes? Sightings are scarce but improving due to the hurricane damage in the Caribbean forcing flamingoes to seek nesting areas further north, with flamingoes sighted in the Everglades. To observe a flamingo locally head to Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg. On a lighter note, do you want a photo with a flamingo? Visit Phoebe, at Tampa airport (TPA).

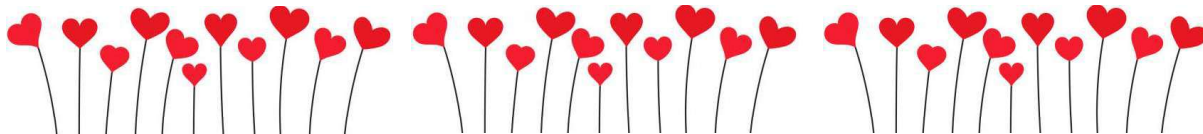
Are alligators real or mythical? Real! Stay out of fresh water to avoid an encounter with an alligator. The best way to see alligators up close is to head to Everglades National Park. Avoid the airboats and walk the paved paths to see them sunning themselves on the banks of the waterways. It's also fun to enjoy our geckos here at VDG, instead.

Do you love gardening, nurturing both plants and plans for future years? Maybe you're anticipating continuing your passion when you retire. Welcome to Florida, where our peninsula brings unique weather extremes and temperature changes that result in a learning curve for gardeners new to Florida.

If you plan to plant on the VDG grounds, new owners, please know the property is 'common ground.' In other words, we all own the grounds and are mostly landscaped and maintained by the VDG Association. Owners on the first floor of buildings often like to enhance their personal space. We encourage you to personalize and within limits as detailed below because what you install affects others and needs to be approved.

- ✓ Fruit trees and plants that draw fruit rats or other wildlife are NOT allowed (We hired wranglers to catch and release raccoons in the past).
- ✓ Pottery pots: No problem on patios within the constraints of the unit.
- ✓ Annuals: No limit on annuals.
- ✓ Perennials: Non-invasive only. If in question, ask a Board member. Invasive plants may encroach on your neighbor's area and become a nuisance.
- ✓ Check growth parameters and don't plant if in doubt.

Once you appreciate the rhythm of planting in /Florida, you will celebrate and enjoy so many successes.



Tee It Up!

Please, it is so important to know how many players are playing before the golf day to confirm with the golf course with tee times.

- ✪ **Men's Golf League:** Signup at the clubhouse before 6:00 PM on the Sunday before. Contact: Jim Schauf. Play is every Thursday at 9:00 AM.
- ✪ **Women's Golf League:** Each Thursday at 3:00 PM. Contact Reenie to confirm you are playing ASAP. Call/text 608-633-0712. The cost is \$25 with a cart plus \$2 for a little fun competition. We play reverse score, best ball, closest to the pin, guess your score, etc. so all levels have opportunities to win!
- ✪ **Villas de Golf Scramble:** The last Saturday of each month at noon is the men's and ladies golf scramble playing best ball. Sign up at the clubhouse or contact Jim or Reenie.



Women's Luncheon
February 27 11:30
Location TBA



The January luncheon at the Olive Garden was a huge success. There were over 30 of our lovely ladies who had a great time and good food. Several ladies expressed their appreciation to the staff that provided them with excellent service for such a large crowd. Make sure you sign up for the February 27 luncheon! The location will be announced soon!



Men's Stag
Dinner and Fun
February 27 at 4:30

Men, make sure you sign up at the clubhouse! Don't worry ladies, you can find your men at clubhouse and at the social club! All is good, clean fun with fellowship among our members.

NEARBY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

There are lots and lots of events nearby, but here are a few close to us! If you want any events in the March newsletter, please send them to porterhouse@twc.com and I will include them. Also, check out the Beach Beacon or The Bee newspaper! Help me out and send your suggestions to me!

AARP Free Income Tax Assistance at the Largo Public Library during February. First come first served. Signups start at 9:30 AM each day. Visit their website and search AARP in Events in the February calendar. Check out all their other events! It's a great place to visit!

Florida State Fair February 5 – 16 in Tampa. Visit www.floridastatefair.com

The Sounds of Soul will be at the Seminole City Center at 11201 Park Blvd. N on **Friday February 6 from 6:00 until 9:00 PM**. Enjoy this high energy group with Motown classics. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20, so bring your friends. No outside food or drinks are permitted.

Batter Up! Spring training starts this month!!! Where is your favorite team training? It's a great time to see the major league baseball teams at a lower cost than regular season tickets.

Just an FYI on Downtown St. Pete ~ This month the **Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg** runs in downtown St. Petersburg February 27 through March 1.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Decorations on the outside walls of the buildings are only allowed between Thanksgiving and January 10th.

Smoking is prohibited within 6 feet of any building!

Common areas are everyone's shared space. Please do not store personal items in common areas.

Please and please again break down your boxes and lay them flat in the recycling containers. Make sure your recycling is clean!

There are bins in our garbage rooms for recycling, but please only use these if you are unable to get to the recycling dumpster. They seem to fill up quickly and they are emptied by our volunteers, your neighbors.

Any changes to the buildings including lanais, patios, windows, floors, and doors require the written approval of the Board. Contact a board member to obtain a "Building Change Request" form.

It is a common misconception that chlorine neutralizes urine; in reality, a chemical reaction occurs that creates harmful byproducts that are bad for your health and sanitation.



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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 "31" Card Game 6:30 ~ Clubhouse	2 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 American Mah-jongg 1:00  Happy Groundhog Day	3 Water Exercise 10:00 Euchre ~ 6:30	4 Chair Yoga 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 Shuffleboard Flights 9:00~10:30~12:30 "31" Card Game 6:30 ~ Clubhouse	5 Men's Golf 9:00 Water Exercise 10:00 Ladies Golf 3:00 Bingo 7:00 PM	6 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30	7 Breakfast 9:00 AM Signup at Clubhouse No Water Exercise
8 "31" Card Game 6:30 ~ Clubhouse	9 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 American Mah-jongg 1:00 Left/Right/Center 6:30 Social Room	10 Water Exercise 10:00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTION 6:00 PM Euchre Following Meeting	11 Chair Yoga 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 Shuffleboard Flights 9:00 & 10:30 ONLY COOKOUT @ 1:00 Music (Sammy Davis, Jr.) 2:00 - 5:00 * "31" Cards ~ 6:30	12 Men's Golf 9:00 Water Exercise 10:00 Ladies Golf 3:00 Bingo 7:00 PM	13 Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30 Shuffleboard 12:30 Flight Only	14 Water Exercise 10:00 Happy Valentine's Day 
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* FEBRUARY 11 COOKOUT INFORMATION:

Meal Choice: Hot Dog, Burger, or Chicken Braut
Meal Includes Baked Beans, Chips, and Desert
Additional Items can be purchased for \$2.00.
BYOB
Cookout at 1:00 PM
Music from 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Music by Sammy Davis, Jr.
www.sammycountry.com
\$10 for Both the Cookout and Music
There will be 50/50!!!
Sign up at the Clubhouse!!!



** February 17 Decoupage Glass Jar Craft Project

Bring a glass jar if you have it. If not, we got one!
There will be a signup sheet at clubhouse.
Only 15 spots available.
Cost is \$5 per jar for decorations.

Make sure you check the clubhouse bulletin board
for activity and event signup sheets!