

Villas de Golf News

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News from Your Board of Directors

Submitted by Kent Ward

Shuffleboard Leaders Needed! If we intend on having the shuffleboard competition again this year, we need someone to volunteer to help run it. Please volunteer asap.

Recycling Info: Please read the recycle info on the front of the blue bins. **No plastic bags, cloth or metal allowed.** If in doubt, throw it out!!

To save space in the recycling bins, PLEASE break down your boxes! Any steel or large metal or aluminum objects can go in the recycle area behind the fence at the rear of buildings 2 & 4 parking area.

Waste Info: Please, please tie your trash bags. The less food that falls out, the less chance of creating more odors than are already created....and it avoids the chance of attracting unwanted critters.

Maintenance Shop: Please look around your unit or area for any tools or items from the shop that need to be returned. We are missing some items and would appreciate the return of any VdG items.

Volunteers: We do appreciate the work put in at no cost to VdG. We know that they often do not get the credit for this as much as they should. We do get a handful of regular Monday morning workers and welcome more to join in. Various jobs need to be completed, including a few buildings left that need rail scraping and painting.

VdG Activity Note: As we are transitioning from a snowbird majority to full-time residency, the number of various activities has been affected. Less residents are enjoying what we offer in these activities (noticeably permanent owners), hence fewer numbers of activities are occurring. In the past, the winter activities made VdG most desirable for our snowbirds. We would not want to lose this wonderful feature of our community. We should all try to participate and encourage others to join in the fun. As they say, the more the merrier.

** We realize the word Please is used too much here, but it seems to be needed!!!

January Board Meeting
Tuesday January 13, 2026 at 4:00 PM



RUNNING for the BOARD?
Deadline to Submit Written Notice January 1, 2026

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM

On or before January 1, 2026, you must give written notice, either by mail, fax, and email or in person to the Association's Secretary of your desire to run for the Board of Directors. Address your Intent to the Association's mailing address C/O Resource Property Management, 7300 Park St. Seminole, Florida, 33777. All Notices MUST include your signature. You may submit with the Notice an Information Sheet, no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches, one side only, containing your qualifications and/or platform for office. The information sheet must be received by the Association on or before January 6, 2026, by 5:00 P.M. The Candidate Information Sheets and ballots will be mailed to voting members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

On Tuesday, February 10th 2026, 6:00 pm EST, the Annual Meeting of Villas de Golf Condominium Association Inc will be held for the purpose of electing Directors, and such other business as may lawfully be conducted.



Correction: Last month, it was reported that Faye Shipp was the Building Captain of Building 9. Faye Shipp no longer lives in Building 9 and is passing her "ship" to a new Captain. Any volunteers? Please let Kent Ward know if you are interested. Joan Porter is a wealth of knowledge if you have questions!



POOL FURNITURE UPDATE

The following is from the unapproved December board meeting minutes provided by Bernadette Moriarty, our board secretary, and Dan Boruch, Board Director.

As replacement/supplement of pool chairs and lounges was raised at a previous meeting, Mr. Boruch (Dan Boruch, Board Director) provided an overview of the Board's perspective moving forward explaining that the Board considered replacing all lounges and chairs, which proved to be cost prohibitive. Another option was to purchase used pool furniture, but the selections available were less than desirable.

Therefore, it is recommended that the current lounges and chairs, which are highly durable, may be of better quality than the newer mesh lounges and chairs available in the market. Current inventory has been re-strapped periodically with no degradation of their integrity. The Board does not want there to be a shortage of chairs/lounges at the pool and will be placing an order soon upon completing its due diligence.

ALSO.....ELECTRICAL PANELS



The following is an excerpt also from the unapproved December board meeting minutes regarding electrical panels.

Electrical panels in units must be compliant with modern Florida Building Codes. The Board highly recommends upgrading and members are requested to check their electrical panels.

The following panels are considered unsafe due to overheating, arcing and serve as potential fire hazards because their breakers may not trip during an overload. If you have not replaced your electrical panel over the past 10 years, please check the name on your panel. The following are considered problematic:

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

Ms. Smigels' (Tamara Smigels, Board President) recommendation is to immediately upgrade electrical panels using a licensed electrician to comply with insurance requirements, enhance capacity, energy efficiency and improve safety.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

ACTIVITIES, MUSIC & EVENTS: This group is definitely groovin' to the beat providing us with monthly music lineups! Their next **meeting is January 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM in the clubhouse.** **Come help them plan more fun events!!! And, don't forget the Tailgate Potluck January 18 with music by John Ellis.**



On February 11 ~ Sammy Davis, Jr., singer and songwriter, comes to the Villas de Golf. Homegrown country music, southern rock, and more! Visit www.sammycountry.com or www.reverbnation.com/sammydavisjr to listen to his music and see where he will be playing! Ladies, you better brush up on that line dancing!!!!

BEAUTIFICATION & DECORATING:

The committee members will be taking the Christmas decorations down on January 10. Each building is responsible for their railing lights so see your building captain.

- **Pool Furniture Update:** See the section on left.
- **Building Exterior Paint:** Discussions are ongoing.
- **Tennis Court:** Still discussing with possible plans in 2026.



LANDSCAPING: Thank all our volunteers that keep our grounds green and blooming! Let's work together to make our community pleasant!

SAFETY (Lois Mulhern, Chair): Refreshments will be provided. Watch the bulletin boards for flyers and your email for updates!

- **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.

Come Visit Your Neighbors

BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 10

9:00 AM ~ Bring Your Own Mug!

Note this is the 2nd Saturday of the month to allow more of our snowbirds to attend.



Upcoming Breakfast Saturdays

Sign up at the Clubhouse

Date Hosted by

January 10 ~ 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!

JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR



Happy Hour Anyone?

~ by Sharron Porter ~

As I write this, I am sure happy hours are going to be canceled tonight or moved inside because it will be too cold to sit out and socialize without a fire pit. Our insurance company would probably not approve of any fire around our buildings especially involving cocktails. However, when the weather cooperates, there are several residents that enjoy a brief social/happy hour with their neighbors and welcome anyone that would like to join the conversations. No pressure, no agenda—just familiar faces, maybe some shared snacks, and that cozy feeling of belonging right where you live. So, bring your cocktail, mocktail, or whatever beverage you like and be prepared to relax!

Corner of Building 3 and 4 ~ Most Evenings around 5ish

Corner of Buildings 6 and 7 ~ Tuesdays at 5:00

Are there other informal gatherings? Let us know!

FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION

Presented by Brad Zelinski



We had a great turnout for the Fire Safety Presentation delivered by our own Brad Zelinski on December 10. We learned that we all need a plan in place and we need to practice. Brad did a great job explaining our need to execute the 3 A's: **Activate, Assist, and Attempt**. If you have a fire, **Activate the fire alarm and call 911**. If you are able to **Assist others out of the building**, please help, but make sure you are safe first. If the fire is small, **Attempt to fight it**. TV shows do NOT give good examples of what we should do. If the room is filled with smoke, get low and get out! Remember, do NOT use water for grease and electrical fires. If you have a fire on stovetop, turn off the electric at the electrical panel and do NOT reach over the stove.

It was recommended to also have a **fire blanket**. Fire blankets extinguish small fires quickly and easily with no mess (unlike common fire extinguishers). Fire blankets never expire, which means—unlike traditional fire extinguishers, they don't need to be replaced. Fire blankets can also be used for grease fires. These can be purchased for less than \$20 and could save your life and others. Questions were raised about our residents on the 2nd and 3rd floors not being able to exit out their front doors. It was also recommended to have an emergency drop ladder to exit out your bedroom or lanai window.

Fire extinguishers should be on hand and they are located on our walkways outside our condos. They are Class A, B, and C which should be good to put out common household fires, but they do make a big mess. The operation of a fire extinguisher was demonstrated. Brad stressed to not compromise your own safety trying to operate an extinguisher in the "heat" of the moment. Basically, remember this acronym: **P.A.S.S.** **Pull** the tab, **Aim** the extinguisher at the base of the fire, **Squeeze** the trigger, and **Sweep** back and forth to put out the fire.

The key to early detection is making sure your Smoke Detectors are working. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of death in half. It's always been a habit of ours to change the batteries in the smoke alarms when the time changes in the fall and the spring. Even if you think the batteries don't need changing, change them; don't take the chance. It is recommended to change smoke alarms every 10 years. The Largo Fire Rescue offers FREE smoke alarm installations and home safety surveys for residents in the fire district. Just call 727-587-6737.



**January 1 ~ Written Notice Due
to run for the Board of Directors**

**January 8 ~ Events/Activities Meeting
11:00**

Come join to help plan the fun!

**January 10 ~ Breakfast at 9:00 AM
Make sure to sign up and bring your mug!**

**January 10 ~ 1:00 PM
Decoration Takedown**

**January 18 ~ Tailgate Potluck
With Music by John Ellis
Bring Your Favorite Tailgating Potluck
and Wear Your Team Colors!!**

4:30 – 5:30 Potluck

5:30 – 8:30 Music and Dancing

There will be a 50/50 so bring a little \$\$.



**January 23 ~ Women's Luncheon 11:30
Location TBA**

Shuffleboard TBA

**February 11 ~ Sammy Davis, Jr., Ladies,
you better brush up on your line dancing!!!!**



Community Markets, Music, and Artists



**"Rock the Rocks" ~ 2nd Saturday Every
Month January through August from 12
noon until 10:00 p.m.** "Rock the Rocks"
is a popular monthly music festival and
market held at The Original Crabby Bill's
on Indian Rocks Beach. The event
features live bands, local vendors, food,
drinks, and beach vibes.



**The Market Marie ~ also, the 2nd
Saturday of the month, but it is year
round from 10 AM – 2 PM** at Coachman
Park (300 Cleveland Street) in Clearwater.
Shop local with 130+ vendors offering
unique products, fresh produce, baked
goods, delicious treats, refreshing drinks, and more. Enjoy
amazing food trucks, a bounce house, pet adoptions,
sensory play, family-friendly activities, plus a live DJ and
games throughout the day.



**Madeira Beach Wednesday Market is
every Wednesday 10:00 until 2:00 pm**
December through May at 300 Municipal
Drive featuring local artist and live
music. Broke-N-Bored just
opened on the ground floor of the Cambria Hotel and you
also have Saltwater Hippie for more music and cold
drinks.



**The Corey Ave Sunday Market is Every
Sunday from 10 am until 2 pm October
through May and 9:00 until 1:00 p.m.
June through September.** Browse a
diverse selection of fresh produce,
artisanal foods, handmade crafts, and
unique gifts. Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere, live music, and
the opportunity to support local businesses while strolling
along scenic Corey Avenue.

**The Corey Avenue Art & Craft
Festival runs this weekend Saturday
and Sunday January 3 and 4 from
10:00 until 5:00 p.m.**



**And don't forget the Concert Series on
the Breezeway right next door at the
Largo Golf Course happens the 3rd
Friday each month through April from
6:00 until 9:00 p.m.**

It's free! There is beer, wine and food for sale. The
upcoming scheduled musicians and food trucks are:

**January 16, 2026 - Music by The Guilty Pleasure
Food Truck: Divino's Tacos**

**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**

Fun Things to do Each Week See the Calendar for Days and Times and Follow the Villas de Golf Members Only Facebook Page!

**Also, help plan upcoming activities!
Attend the meeting on January 8, 2026
at 11:00 AM in the clubhouse.**

- 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.
- American Mah-jongg: Contact Theresa Breslin.
- Left/Right/Center resumes 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: The date and time have not been determined. We will get started in January. 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.
- Tennis Anyone? Call Bill at 630-476-1008.

Upcoming and Possible Activities:

- Shuffleboard ~ We NEED a volunteer to get things going and organize this popular, fun activity!!!
- Guys and Dolls Monthly Golf Scrambles
- Karaoke ~ Cannot wait for this one to get started!
- Pickleball ~ On hold due to the court condition.

Watch your email and get social!



Happy New Year 2026 From Your Editor ~ Sharron Porter

We have all made them ~ those New Year Resolutions. I promised myself this time last year I'd be more organized. My piles of paper are still growing. This year, I'm going with a more inner self approach and concentrating on being a better communicator. I researched this a little and basically can summarize over 1,000 pages from my psychology books into this. It's not about being "good with words" or just "agreeing" to everything. It's about being:

- ✓ Clear ~ instead of passive or vague.
- ✓ Honest ~ even when it's uncomfortable.
- ✓ Curious ~ instead of reactive.
- ✓ Regulated ~ so your words are not defensive.
- ✓ Consistent ~ showing your actions match your words and admit your own mistakes.

Real communication invites understanding. It's not just what you say, it's your tone, your bodily language, and it's how safe people feel when they're saying something back. I'm a factual, to the point, no wishy-washy conversational type of person. I realize my voice may sound harsh or loud, but I'm working on that, but Joe and I are both a little hard of hearing as we get older.

Happy New Year Everyone ~ Good Luck with your own Resolutions!



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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
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			Countdown to 2026 Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.	Men's Golf 9:00 Water Exercise 10:00 Written Notice Due to run for the Board of Directors Bingo 7:00 PM	Tai Chi 10:00 Indoor Walk 10:30	Water Exercise 10:00
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Keep smiling! It makes people wonder what you are thinking!

What's Your New Year's Resolution for 2026?

Write it Here!

