

# Villadom

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## VIBE Committee

Carol Jordan

I think I can speak for most snowbirds when I say we are very happy to be back to our home away from home. Enjoying the beautiful weather and reconnecting with our friends. We had a few events this month: monthly breakfast, happy hour at the pool, spaghetti dinner and decorated for Christmas. Thanks for everyone who helped with these events and everyone who attended. We have a few events planned for December:

Dec 2 -9:30 Monthly Breakfast hosted by John and Teresa

Dec 11- Chair Massage 10-1pm in the Social club

Dec 14- 4:30 Happy Hour at the pool

Dec 18- 5pm Christmas Potluck

Sign up at the clubhouse for all events. Please check bulletin board for updated events.

Chair massages: We are having a masseuse coming on Dec11 from 10am -1pm she will be offering chair massages to help relieve tension and stress. Sign up for a 10-15 minute massage. \$1.50 per minute.

Francesca Bairam is licensed and insured and has 10 years' experience. Sign up at the clubhouse.

## General News and Information

### Guys and Dolls

Reene Schauf

The first ladies and gents golf scramble is December 16 with tee times beginning at 11:30. Everyone is welcome to join no matter your level of play. It's a friendly format for beginners and pros. After the 18 holes of golf, we will meet at the clubhouse for prizes and pizza. Signup sheet will be on the board soon. See you on the first tee

**Shuffleboard:** Sam and Carol will be at the courts on Sunday 12/10 & 12/17@ 1pm (weather permitting) for anyone who would like to join us to learn the game or improve your skills.

## News from the Board Tamara Smigels

Merry Christmas and welcome back everyone!! I want to thank everyone for decorating and making our community beautiful.

We are blessed and grateful to make it through hurricane season with little or no damage.

We are preparing to complete the mansard replacement project and electrical room project so we maintain property insurance and align with the Florida state mandated laws and insurance requirements.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy winter and look forward to the fun activities.

Peace, Love, and Joy

## Discover Natural and Lighted Wonders

The Florida Botanical Gardens. A true treasure trove of natural wonder here in our neighborhood. The Botanical Gardens offers multiple gardens that provide a glimpse into the world of Florida Friendly flora in Florida.

Cross the bridge from the Ulmerton access parking lot and enter the world of decisions, whether to visit the East Gardens with their azaleas, bromeliads, cacti, and palms. The Tropical Walk is enchanting. My favorite is the Palm Garden with its multitude of species. The West Garden offerings are more subtle with butterfly, herb, and native plantings. Not to be missed is the Wedding Garden. Surrounded by roses, topiaries, and so many plantings that mimic old world Florida.

One could visit the Botanical Gardens once a week and find the surroundings have evolved and blossomed, but nothing beats, when looking for a holiday vibe, visiting

## Men's Golf League

Jim Schauf

Our golf league is off and running. The first week was Nov 16. The winning score with a net 60 was Jim Schauf. Three golfers tied for 2nd with a net of 63, Louis Brassard, Bob Shafer, and Dan Campbell. We took Thanksgiving off. Twenty-six players were signed up for Thursday, the 30th. Sandy Brown took home low net with 57. The Signup Sheet is posted in the Social room. Please sign up by 6pm Sunday.

## Jim & Patty



## Discover

the Gardens at the Holidays. The entire complex becomes a garden of lights after nightfall. Just past Thanksgiving thru January 2nd, the Botanical Gardens becomes a must-see event in our neighborhood. The Gardens will sparkle with 1 million, twinkling, LED lights in a multitude of colors. For more details go to <https://www.flbgfoundation.org/holidaylight> The Florida Botanical Gardens opens at 7 am daily, 7 days a week. Closing varies with the seasons. There is no admission charge, except for the Holiday Lights when an adult donation of \$10 is requested.

Submitted by: Bernadette Moriarty

## Villas Profiles

Marge Fischer

.September 23, 2023 will long be remembered as the most important day for Jim and Patty Bell. It's the day they got married. Jim seemed a little reserved about the event because Patty had been married twice before! After all! Patty is a CSI forensic specialist and would know how to successfully "do away" with the husband. Patty promptly informed him that the first husband died of a heart attack and the second died of cancer. With this information, Jim was all ready to seal the deal. After seven years of being together, Jim claims that Patty has his full focus. A simultaneous, spontaneous "Hi" was the start of their relationship after being introduced by a mutual friend at the VFW on Walsingham! First date was at Rumba's. The VFW has been their steady "go to" place. It continues to make memories for them as they dress up for every holiday. "Costuming" is fun and we love the party it helps create with friends at the VFW. "We have fun!" Of course that little red convertible is central to this. Jim and Patty traveled most of the United States looking for the right car. Finally Patty put her foot down in Chicago and said "No More!" And there it was. The perfect car.

Jim and Patty deserve this kind of retirement after years of very serious careers. At the age of seventeen, right out of high school, Patty was recruited by the FBI. She became a CSI forensic specialist working in Washington D.C. At some point the FBI realized she was only seventeen and quickly got her a work permit. Four years in Washington D.C. was enough so Patty returned to Kentucky, her home state, to work for Kentucky Corrections and later the State Police Forensic Team. At the age of forty-six, Patty retired from these murder crime scenes for a "simpler" life. Little did we know that this pleasant woman that participates in every exercise class was such a heavy hitter.

Jim, a New Jersey resident, worked in D.C. at about the same time as Patty. As far as they know their paths never crossed. Early in his career, Jim was named The National Commercial Sales Manager for Hoover. From sales, Jim went into his real passion, building things! "I was never afraid to start a project." He built golf courses, waterfalls, sea walls and buildings, big and small.

Both Patty and Jim are proud of their sons. Like mother, Patty's son encourages others into fitness as a manager of a Planet Fitness Center. Like father, Jim's son builds infrastructures in large cities. If you can find them, after one of their many day trips, you will meet friendly, upbeat, nice people. Enjoy!

## **Building & Grounds**

**Kevin Duross**

Welcome back Snowbirds! Volunteer Mondays are back and looking for you! It's always easier to accomplish projects with everybody's help. We meet at 9am at the shop and go for an hour or two. All help is appreciated. So far we have spruced up the pool area, painting the shower wall and installing a dart board in the Pool hall. Also, umbrella stands are being repaired. We have trimmed trees and bushes, also we were able to get a few patios power washed. Coming up in January, we will be tackling the building railings, looking to scrape and repaint them. This will require an all hands on deck effort. Let's all be proactive and keep VDG desirable. Hope to see you soon!

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<<<<<< WEEKLY EVENTS >>>>>>

**Monday**- Tai Chi 10:30, Bridge 7:00

**Tuesday** - Water Exercises 9:30

**Wednesday**- Tai Chi 10:30, Poker 6:30, Euchre 7:00

**Thursday**- Men's Golf, Water Exercises 9:30,  
Bingo 7:00

**Friday** - Water Exercises 9:30

**Saturday** – Tai Chi 10:30

## Villas de Golf December 2023

| Sun                              | Mon                                                                         | Tue                    | Wed              | Thu              | Fri | Sat                               |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 26                               | 27                                                                          | 28                     | 29               | 30               | 1   | 2<br>Monthly<br>Breakfast<br>9:30 |
| 3                                | 4<br>Volunteer<br>hours 9-11                                                | 5                      | 6<br>Eucher 7 pm | 7                | 8   | 9                                 |
| 10<br>Shuffle Bd<br>practice 1pm | 11<br>Volunteer<br>hours 9-11<br>Chair Massage<br>10am – 1pm<br>Bridge 7 pm | 12<br>Board<br>Meeting | 13               | 14<br>Happy Hour | 15  | 16<br>Guys and<br>Dolls Golf      |
| 17<br>Shuffle Bd<br>practice 1pm | 18<br>Volunteer<br>hours 9-11<br>Christmas<br>Potluck 5pm                   | 19                     | 20               | 21               | 22  | 23                                |
| 24<br>Christmas<br>Eve           | 25<br>Christmas Day                                                         | 26                     | 27               | 28               | 29  | 30                                |
| 31<br>New Years<br>Eve           |                                                                             |                        |                  |                  |     |                                   |

