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The Villas de Golf Monthly Newsletter

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Buildings and Grounds

Kevin Duross

Hey folks, here we are in late March already. The railing project has taken up most of our volunteer time this winter. The job is a little over half done, and we are continuing as long as the helpers show up. Whatever is not done will be finished next season. A big thank you to all who have volunteered their time. We are in contact with our landscapers to freshen up any areas that have bushes dying or already dead. New locks have been installed on the ground floor laundry rooms. If we don't see you have a great summer!

VIBE

Carol Jordan

Thanks to everyone who planned & attended the different events this season. Hoping we have more residences step up and organize more great events for the next season. The possibilities are endless. Forms are in the clubhouse.

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to care for the flowers over the winter and thru out the summer.

Men's Golf League

It doesn't seem possible, but this year's golf season is winding down. We will be having are final scramble of the year on April 4th. I am heading North on the 6th but Jeff Spriegel will be running the league for a few more weeks. We will celebrate the season with our annual banquet in the VDG club house following golf on Thursday. Paul Porter captured first place this week. Nice job Paul. Bob Shafer and Jeff tied for second..

News from the Board

Tamara Smigels

Happy and Healthy Spring to Everyone!!!

We want to thank all the volunteers that have worked on various projects over this past year. The volunteers help reduce costs to the community. I'm thankful and blessed to be part of a amazing community.

We have had some good times with the monthly breakfasts, Valentine's Trivia and sweets, St. Patty's live music pool party with tasty appetizers, smoking hot BBQ's, golf outings, stag parties, exercise classes, shuffleboard, pickle ball, bingo, card games, community puzzles, and live music at the golf course. Thank you to everyone who organized, participated, and helped with setup and tear down for all the events.

Thank you for volunteering to be a building captain. The captains meet and greet new residents, inform them of the activities/events and help answers questions or concerns. We still need a captain for building 9.

Building Captains and Unit Number:

Building 1 - Laura Van Wingerden 1108

Building 2/3 - Sam and Carol 2205

Building 4 - Kent Ward 4107

Building 5 - Patti Bell 5102

Building 6 - Joan Porter 6106

Building 7 - Carmel Boruch 7207

Building 8 - Rexine Duley 8203

Building 9 - **Need a captain**

Building 10 - Danny Campbell 10202

The electrical work has started, the main panels have been replaced in building six and seven laundry rooms. The remaining electrical work will be completed once the materials arrive.

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Tampa Bay, a Closer Look at ...

Submitted by: Bernadette Moriarty

OPERA ANYONE?

I would wager that not many snowbirds arrive in Florida and ask, where can I attend an opera while I'm away from my home? Not only snowbirds, but year-round residents may not realize what a treasure exists in Tampa Bay and surrounding area as to the caliber of musical programs that are available within driving distance from Villas de Golf.

If your passion is opera, or you would like to expand your interests, there are four major opera companies offering performances within driving distance of Largo that recruit talent from across the country, as well as the Tampa Bay area.

The productions are first-rate, fully staged, professionally costumed and an excellent way to enjoy your love of opera.

□ St. Petersburg Opera Company with performances at The Palladium has three fully staged, main stage performances each season under the baton of Maestro Mark Srorzini. Visit Home - St. Pete Opera (stpeteopera.org) to learn more about the remaining season. SPO also offers 'Mornings with the Maestro' for novices to learn and embrace the love of opera.

□ Opera Tampa with performances at the Straz, in Tampa, has 3 full scale productions, main stage performances each season', under the baton of world class conductors and recognized performers. Performances of Verdi's La Traviata scheduled for mid-April. Visit Opera Tampa | Straz Center for info. Looking to branch out from your home turf, consider, within driving distance.

□ Opera Orlando: Opera Orlando

□ Opera Sarasota. Sarasota Opera

If opera is your passion or developing a love of opera; or looking for an alternative to sunshine; consider opera in Tampa Bay. However, you choose to enjoy and celebrate Opera; it's alive, flourishing and supported right here in Tampa Bay. Bravo! Tuti!

Tampa Bay, a Closer Look at ...will continue next season.



Profile

Marge Fischer

Jean's Craft Room

About a week ago I met a lady that looked so sad that I invited her into my home. She was gracious enough to try my homemade chicken soup and claimed it was delicious. After a while we were laughing and she was remembering good memories from her earlier days. I found out that she has a craft room where she makes greeting cards. The whole room is her workshop. She isn't doing much in the room anymore but her eyes were shining all the while she talked about the happy times spent doing her craft. As I walked her home she invited me to see her space. I remember, as a fellow crafter, I gasped with delight and envy at the organization and supply. Jeannine [Mongiello](#) makes greeting cards for all occasions. Even though she isn't working in her shoppe she experiences happiness in remembering happy times there.

Shuffleboard Update

Carol Jordan

What an exciting ending to the shuffleboard season. Thanks to everyone who came out to watch the finals, it was a great turnout.

After 3 years Dayle and Barry pulled it out beating Jeff and Kathy in the Championship game. And Barb & Bill won the consolation final beating Ronnie and Jan by 3 points.

Congratulations to all. Looking forward to next season.

Thinking about adding a shorten fall shuffleboard league. More details to come.

News

We are working closely with the engineer on the Mansard Replacement Project. The requirements manual is planned to be finalized in the next couple of weeks and then a request for proposal will be submitted to obtain bids for the project. The bidding process will take roughly four to six weeks to complete.

We want to thank everyone for your support.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to a board member.

We want to wish everyone a safe trip home, health and happiness to all. See Ya'll in the Fall.

The VILLADOM is produced monthly from November to April of each season. Tom King is editor and publisher and any information or articles for publication should be given to him or sent to tomking46@gmail.com

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- Vice President..... Kent Ward
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- Secretary..... Kevin Duross
- Director..... Sam Kuntz
- Director..... Dan Boruch
- Director..... Greg Frank

Guys and Dolls

Reenie Schauf

The short season ended on March 16 with six teams competing in the scramble at Largo golf course. Coming in second at 4 under par were Marion L, Paul and Joan P. and Dan B. First place was captured by the trio of Dale B. and Jim and Reenie S. who managed a 6 under par with an eagle on 9. Mike F. and Toni D. had drives closest to the pin on the second hole. Thanks to the all six teams for participating. Next year we would like to return to our original format for choosing teams. During the COVID times we changed the format to golfing with your partner. This fall that would change to mixing it up and saving that special person to golf with in the Valentine scramble. Keep hitting them long and straight. We already have one broken window from a golf ball this year!

Save the Date

Dust off those cowboy boots and find that flannel shirt. The Villas is going to experience a Western night filled with music, dancing and grub from the chow wagon. Plenty of time to pack up your gear and bring it down with you for next season. The date has been set for February 21, 2025. Brush up on your line dancing and get ready to smile purty for the photo ops. Ya'll are invited to an evening of good old fashioned fun. Save the date.

What's new?

Brigitte Miner

VDG Monarch Butterfly Garden

To encourage the migration of monarch butterflies to VDG, milkweed has been planted for the Butterflies to lay their eggs and feed on them when they emerge as caterpillars.

When first noticed, these plants had 20+ hungry monarch butterfly caterpillars. They consumed all the leaves and left it bare. More tropical milkweed had been planted within a few days, they too are now host to many hungry caterpillars munching on the leaves.

So far, the caterpillars haven't transformed into a chrysalis on any of the plants within the butterfly garden. But we do know that they will attach themselves to a bush someplace close by. Next, is the exciting final stage of the 'metamorphosis of the monarch butterfly' when they emerge from the chrysalis as a butterfly and take their first flight right here in VDG!!!!

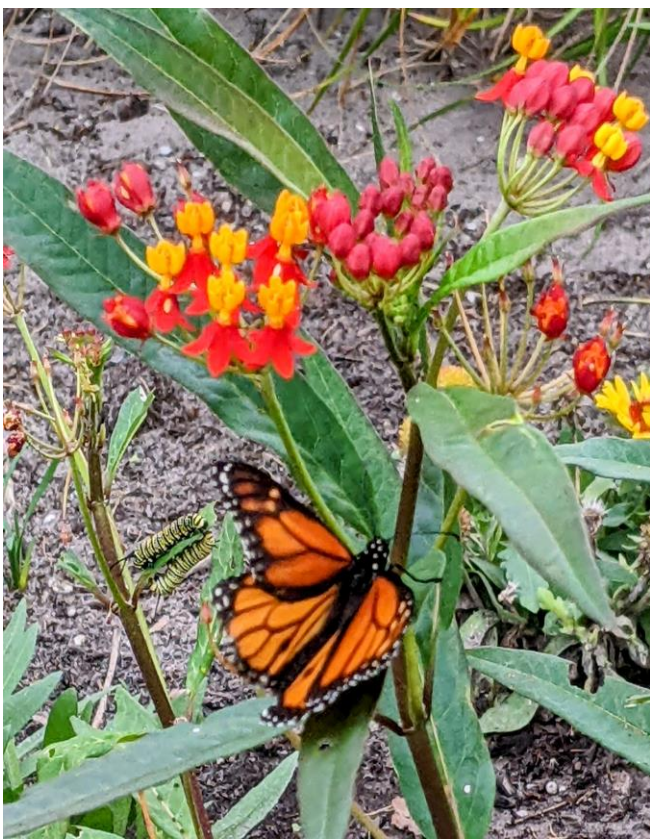
Stop on by to see the monarch butterfly caterpillars feasting on milk weed plants. The Butterfly Garden is located at the east end of building# 2. Just think, that butterfly flitting around your window or the pool area, might be your NEWEST neighbor. And, like all VDG snowbirds, they too will return.

If anyone has experience and/or knowledge to share regarding native Florida plants and raising Butterflies feel to reach out.

Did you know?

In 2024 the monarch butterfly is slated to be listed as a "vulnerable" species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The "Populations (monarch butterfly) in North America have decreased from approximately one billion in 1996 to only about 100 million in 2016.

For more info go <https://www.nature.org/> Article: Monarch Butterflies Bring Together Conservation and Culture Between U.S. and Mexico, September 06, 2021



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

Mon- Tai Chi 10:30

Tues- Water Exercises 9:30

Wed- Yoga 10:30, Poker 6:30, Euchre 6:30

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

Fri- Water Exercises 9:30

Sat – Tai Chi 10:30

Villas de Golf April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Sunday	1 Volunteer Day 9 AM Bridge 7 pm	2	3 Euchre 7 pm	4 Men's Golf Scramble & Dinner	5	6 Pancake Breakfast 9:30
7	8 Volunteer Day 9 AM Bridge 7 pm	9 Board Meeting 5 PM	10 Euchre 7 pm	11 Bingo 7 pm	12	13
14	15 Tax Day Volunteer Day 9 AM Bridge 7 pm	16	17 Euchre 7 pm	18 Bingo 7 pm	19	20
21	21 Volunteer Day 9 AM Bridge 7 pm	22	23 Euchre 7 pm	24 Bingo 7 pm	25	26
27	28 Volunteer Day 9 AM Bridge 7 pm	29	30			