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**Homeowners Association of
LaCasa, Inc.**

**HOA Board of Directors Meeting
November 24, 2025
1:00 pm Rec Hall & Via Zoom**

Call to order: At 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall by President Davis

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Exit Message: Reviewed by President Davis, this also included a reminder there is an AED Defibrillator located on the back wall.

Silence Electronic Devices: Reviewed by President Davis

Roll call: Present: Ruth Beier, Ed Bourdeau, Tim Davis, David Fogt, Gary Mithoefer, Martha Morgan, Denny Smith, Jack Pasquale (Parliamentarian), Randy Browning (Park Manager), Linda Krout (Park Acct/Office Mgr.)

Via Zoom: Jack Hagopian, Rob McMillion

Absent: None

A quorum of the Board is present.

There were 63 residents in attendance, 3 via Zoom.

Adoption of Proposed agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Morgan/Beier. MMC 9/0

• Review of opportunities for shareholders to speak at board meetings:

• Shareholder Requests to Speak:

- Randel Beckley, 720 El Rio, Request for utility trailer in R.V. compound
- Louis Peri, 440 Umberto, request to replace chairs at club house and activity buildings
- Louise Peri, 440 Umberto, requests to replace toilets at club house
- Mike Parker, 651 Los Altos, Tennis Pickle ball agreement and future pickle ball courts

• Open Forum on Agenda Items:

- Debi Sanders, 909 Iglesia, Pickleball discussion.
- JP Sanders, 909 Iglesia, Pickleball discussion.

- Marianne Moshano, 448 Tarde Logo, Memorial Garden & Pickleball discussion
- Paul Moshano, 448 Tarde Largo, CAA Fund Procedure for Pickleball motion.
- Sam Bedford, 647 Los Altos, Pickleball discussion

Secretary's Report: Rob McMillion

Motion: I move to approve the HOA Board of Directors minutes of October 27, 2025, meeting as posted.

McMillion/Beier MMC 9/0

Treasurer's Report: David Fogt

Month October 2025

	Actual	Budget	P/L
Income	\$215,262.08	\$206,757.03	\$8,505.05
Expense	\$166,929.32	\$169,354.00	(\$2,424.68)
P/L	\$ 48,332.76	\$ 37,403.03	\$10,929.73

YTD Jan-October 2025

	Actual	Budget	P/L
Income	\$2,114,537.51	\$2,063,623.09	\$50,914.42
Expense	\$1,777,704.30	\$1,773,165.81	\$ 4,538.49
P/L	\$ 336,833.21	\$ 290,457.28	\$ 46,375.93

Bank Balances

	Ckg/Money Mrkt	CD's
Reserve Funds*	\$367,840.94	\$1,215,000.00
Operating Funds*	\$206,719.46	\$ 180,000.00
Capital Acq Fund*	\$802,670.76	\$1,720,000.00
Petty Cash	\$250.00	\$ 375,000.00
Hurricane Deduct		
Uninsured Asset *		

Total \$4,867,481.16

CD's	Amount	Int rate renewed
Reserve		
Operating		
*CAA - Fidelity -	\$125,000.00	3.65% Matures 10/30/28

Notes:

*Reserve Funds are restricted

*Operating funds include four months' everyday expenses and emergencies

*Capital Asset Acquisition Fund is for purchase of large items

*Hurricane deductible is for insurance deductible and uninsured assets



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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Jack Pasquale

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORT TO HOA

November 24, 2025

Good afternoon; President Davis; HOA Board Members; Mr. Randy Browning, Park Manager; Ms. Linda Krout, Park Accountant; La Casa Shareholders and Residents.

My name is Jack Pasquale, and I live at 655 Los Altos. I have the privilege to serve as chairman of the Finance Committee along with team members Al Campbell, Jim Dahlhausen, Jim Fitzsimons, Sharon Scarlett, and Evelyn Ternullo.

The Finance Committee met on November 17, 2025, to review October 31, 2025, preliminary draft month end financials. The bank, cash flow, balance, and profit and loss statements were reviewed. We also reviewed the budget variance report and no unexplained material variances were identified.

We reported last month that legal expenses continue to run more than expected mainly due to legal action made necessary to address violators' non-compliance with demands to correct violations. Legal expenses continue to trend upward.

We were pleasantly surprised to see expenses for electricity and garbage are running below the budgeted amount on a year-to-date basis. We expect that with seasonal residents now returning there will be an increase in electrical usage and an increase in the number of maintenance area garbage pickups with a corresponding increase in monthly expense for both. We believe these areas will still be within the 12-month budgeted amount at year end. The financials are posted in the front office.

We continue to examine various ways to set aside money to fund an uninsurable/uninsured assets class to pay for asset components which must be covered directly by the Association. The property insurance for insurable assets coverage provided by our current insurance company is limited to buildings and content.

It has been previously reported that the total expenditures for damages related to Hurricane IAN are approximately \$1,157,434 with insurance paying \$603,107, leaving \$554,327 paid by La Casa. This number is

somewhat misleading because it does not reflect that the cleanup of the park was approximately \$1,300,000.00 which was paid by FEMA thanks to the work of the park president and our local representatives.

So, our task is a little more complicated than would appear at first glance. What happens if our next insurance company covers more than just buildings and content? Hopefully we will never experience another IAN or MILTON or other extreme weather event. So, do we just roll the dice? We are in a Goldilocks dilemma here looking for just the right amount to set aside, and how to do it without assessing residents to do so. As it is often remarked on radio and tv shows, stay tuned as we work develop a fiscally responsible recommendation.

The Finance Committee is pleased to recommend Deborah "Debi" Sanders be appointed to complete a three-year term ending March 2027. It is our understanding that the Board will consider the SCF recommendation at its November 24, 2025, meeting.

All Finance Committee meetings are noticed and open to La Casa residents either in person or via ZOOM. We encourage you to tune in and hear the correct information and facts firsthand.

Thank you for your time and attention.
Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee,

Jack Pasquale, BSEE, JD
Chairman SCF

LCRE: David Bisson

LCRE OCTOBER REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders, members of the administration of La Casa, residents....

My name is David Bisson. I am President and Chair of the Board of Directors of La Casa Real Estate Inc. I serve along with Benny Morgan, Vice-chair, Deb Hughes, Secretary, Marianne Moshano and Wally Shleehauf, director emeritus.

October was not a great month for sales of homes and lots. We sold 2 homes this past October and 2 last year for the same month. We sold 4 lots this month while we didn't sell any lots last October. The average price of a home sold in October was \$96,500. Average price of



lots for October was \$5,375. As of October 31st, we had 10 homes pending and 0 lots.

With an average price of \$96,500, we continue that downward trend of average prices for the fifth straight month.

On Sunday, November 9 from 1-4, La Casa Real Estate held its first open house of the season. This was an open house open to the public. It was our goal to have 18 homes open for showing, and we were able to do that with the generosity of all those who responded to our request. Thank you, house sitters. Our attendance was about 12 – 15 people, however, it is interesting to note, that all but 4 of these were current residents or renters within the park. Only 4 came from outside the park. This continues to support our data, that 80% of the buyers of homes in our community come from within the park itself.

Again, I wish to remind everyone that on January 3, 2026, at 9 a.m. here in the rec hall, we will conduct our annual training for volunteers. This training is required for anyone wishing to become a volunteer and all veteran volunteers who wish to do tours, the primary and an important job of volunteers. Volunteers sell the park with their enthusiasm and commitment to the La Casa Lifestyle.

Report: Randy Browning, Park Manager

November Managers Report

- **Mowing for November and December**
 - All mowing is done for the year 2025. The next mowing will be Monday January 5th.
- **Bocce Court Awning**
 - The contractor has been contacted daily requesting the project be completed. Waiting on gutters and trim.
- **Pickleball Awning**
 - I have been advised that the project will begin soon, but no date has been provided. Will continue to call and stay in contact with the contractor. Waiting on drawings and commencement date.
- **Memorial Gazebo**
 - Waiting on engineering and permitting. Will continue to stay in contact with the contractor replacing MTC/Redfin. Waiting on drawings and commencement date.

President's Report: Tim Davis

HOA Board Meeting

Monday, November 24, 2025



Thanks to all for attending our November HOA Board Meeting. I will try to keep my remarks very short as we have a large crowd and many people spoke at our open forum on the items on our Agenda.

I wanted to emphasize to all our shareholders that volunteerism is the backbone of keeping LaCasa an active, thriving community that everyone has input into. Standing Committees under the HOA Board were created to allow members to come up with new ideas, updating old procedures, and give advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also asks some of these committees to work on specific tasks for projects we feel need to go forward – a perfect example is a motion we have today to fast-track adding much needed Pickleball courts on vacant ground around the Rec Hall. Many improvements and projects in La Casa have been a direct result of efforts by the Standing Committees to make our residents' voices heard.

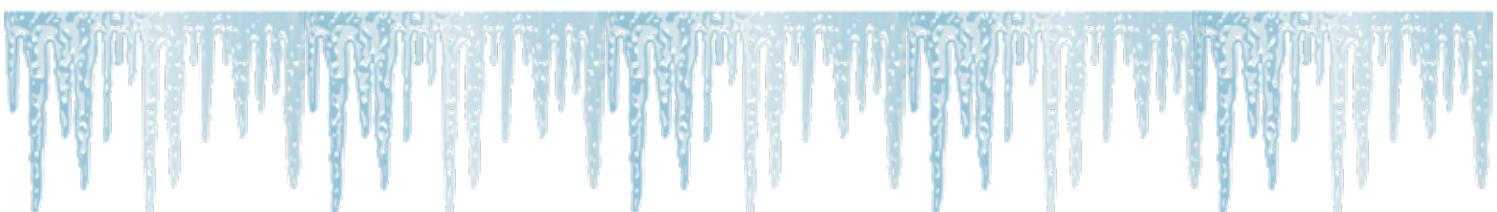
Last week we announced that the Future of LaCasa Standing Committee was being reactivated after a long hiatus due to COVID and then Hurricane Ian. I have placed a notice on our website asking for volunteers to re-establish this committee with up to 7 members for 3-year terms. Rob McMillion is the HOA Liaison to this Committee and would welcome all persons who are interested in serving. Please respond to the notice on the Website or drop off a letter of interest to the Front Office marked to Rob's attention.

As things get back to normal in LaCasa we will be looking for more volunteers as the timing of terms on the Standing Committees runs through March – next March several will be looking for new members. We have Standing Committees on Finance, Security, the RV/Boat Compound, Contract Review, Compliance, etc. We have many new residents who have joined our community in the last 2 years, so I encourage you to get active and help us out. Thank you.

Director's Reports:

Director: Ruth Beier:

Motion: I move that the sum of \$20,000 in CAA funds be used to temporarily reconfigure the shared pickleball/tennis court #4, as follows: 1. Replace the permanent tennis net with a portable tennis net. 2.



Repair tennis-post holes, and re-stripe court #4 with lines for one tennis court and four pickleball courts. 3. For maximum safety, configure courts with 10 feet between each court and 5 feet between end courts and fence. Beier/Morgan. MMF 3/6 Roll Call Vote.

Rationale: This proposal begins to meet the immediate need for more pickleball courts in La Casa while preserving court #4 for tennis. It also offers an economical solution which allows court #4 to easily be reconverted to tennis when future pickleball courts are built.

Director: Ed Bourdeau

Motion: I move the HOA Board to direct the Park Manager to expedite the preparation and delivery of all necessary information, including the hydraulic study, to support a decision on a final permanent configuration for pickleball and tennis facilities. **Bourdeau/Beier. MMC 9/0**

Rationale: This final configuration will support a Three-to-Five-year vision for both clubs. "This plan /vision will prioritize the best interests of the park – considering financial impact, resident needs, implementation feasibility, and future growth".

Several proposals for expanding pickleball facilities have been made, with more proposals anticipated. The priority is to gather all required information to make an informed decision. That information is not available today and the final configuration cannot be determined until it is.

This project is already one to two years behind schedule, so moving efficiently is essential. Once the permanent process for future expansion is approved, implementation should begin without delay to fulfill the park's long-term vision and provide a better plan for future growth four to five years out.

Motion: I move the HOA Board to approve and to support the Mediated zero-cost Agreement signed between the Pickleball Club and the Tennis Club to share court #4, as is, on a temporary basis until such time a decision is made to build a permanent configuration for Pickleball and Tennis facilities/courts. **Bourdeau/McMillion. MMC9/0**

Rationale: This plan will get us through the gap in time from today until the permanent configuration is in place. This is a zero-cost agreement with no money allocated for changes at this signing. The signed agreement was the joint plan for the clubs to work together until a final solution is reached on a

permanent configuration for pickleball and tennis facilities. (Fix the problem once and for all with a multi-year solution that allows for future expansion as needed). This motion couples with timeframes for a permanent configuration and minimizes spending on facilities that do not support the long-term vision/plan of the pickleball and tennis clubs. This motion also encourages implementation of more ideas and options to help with the gap time.

Report, Security:

Director: David Fogt – Treasurer

Motion: I move that Deborah "Debi" Sanders residing at 909 Iglesia Dr. be appointed to the Standing Committee on Finance to fill the vacancy for a term ending March 2027. **Fogt/Beier. MMC 9/0**

Rationale: Jan Danner moved from La Casa and resigned his position on the Standing Committee on Finance. The SCF recommends the appointment of Deborah "Debi" Sanders to fill his term ending March 2027.

Report A.R.C.: None

Director: Jack Hagopian - Suggested we consider storage trailers at the RV/Boat site on a limited basis.

Motion:

Rationale:

Report: **RV/Boat Compound Liaison/Compliance –** None

Director: Gary Mithoefer

Report: **C.R.C. –** None

Director: Rob McMillion

Motion:

Rationale:

Director: Martha Morgan

Report Activity Committee - None.

Director: Denny Smith

Motion:

Rationale:





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Report: LCRE: None

Taskforce Reports:

New Home Taskforce: Colette Welch, Chair.

Report:

Front Security Gate Taskforce: Denny Smith, Chair.

None

Annual Meeting Committee: Collette Welch wanted to put out a reminder about the Annual Meeting in LaCasa at 7 PM, February 10, 2026.

Report:

Old Business: None.

Calendar:

January newsletter, Tim Davis please submit by December 8, 2025

New Business: None

Open Forum:

- Jack Pasquale, 655 Los Altos, emphasis on Online Voting for the Annual meeting. Ease of use and significant cost savings
- JP Sanders, 516 Madonna, process of selecting vacant Board member seats.
- Kevin Dudley, 671 El Tango, question on Pickleball awning.
- Jim Fitzsimons, 511 La Playa, Pickleball discussion.

Next Agenda meeting: Monday, December 8, 2025. 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Next Board meeting: Monday, December 17, 2025. 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Motion:

Motion to Adjourn 2:49 PM **Beier/Morgan. MMC 9/0**

Respectively submitted,

Rob McMillion, Board Secretary



News From Your Activity Association

Tim Davis, President

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 TO ALL OF LACASA!!! As I write this the results of the Frosty Committee's Decorating Contest have not been chosen, but everyone in La Casa is a winner for the extraordinary efforts to make La Casa look like a winter wonderland in Florida!!! Marianne Moshano stepped up and led the Frosty Committee, organizing dozens of volunteers to make our Park look beautiful as our neighbors came to visit for the annual Christmas Drive-thru. Thank you, Marianne and her Elf's!

We began selling our 2026 Activity Association membership cards at December coffee hours and bingos. Remember, you must have a current 2026 Activity Card to participate in many events around LaCasa, which is sponsored by both the Activity Association and individual clubs. We will have a special table at the January 10th EXPO where you can purchase yours.

Speaking of the EXPO, it will be on Saturday, January 10th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come see all the Clubs and LaCasa Activities in one room and learn more about what they do, particularly if you are new to LaCasa. There are so many fun things to do here that we put this on each year to help you see what is available. Many clubs will be offering membership cards and looking for volunteers. We will also be providing our delicious hot dog lunch, and the Bocce Club will have their bake sale. If your club hasn't signed up for a table, please do so on the bulletin board as soon as possible.

Our first All Star Show of the season is Wednesday, January 7 with a new performer, Gary Roberts, who delivers a hilarious, high-energy show-packed with surprises! Tickets will be on sale at January coffee hour and bingos, and available at the door that night.

The annual LaCasa Health Fair will be on Friday, January 3rd, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This free event is available to everyone in La Casa, and a \$6.00 pulled pork lunch will be available while supplies last. Drawings and prizes will be given throughout the event.

As we begin the New Year, the Activity Association Board of Directors wishes all our LaCasa residents a very productive and fun-filled 2026!!!





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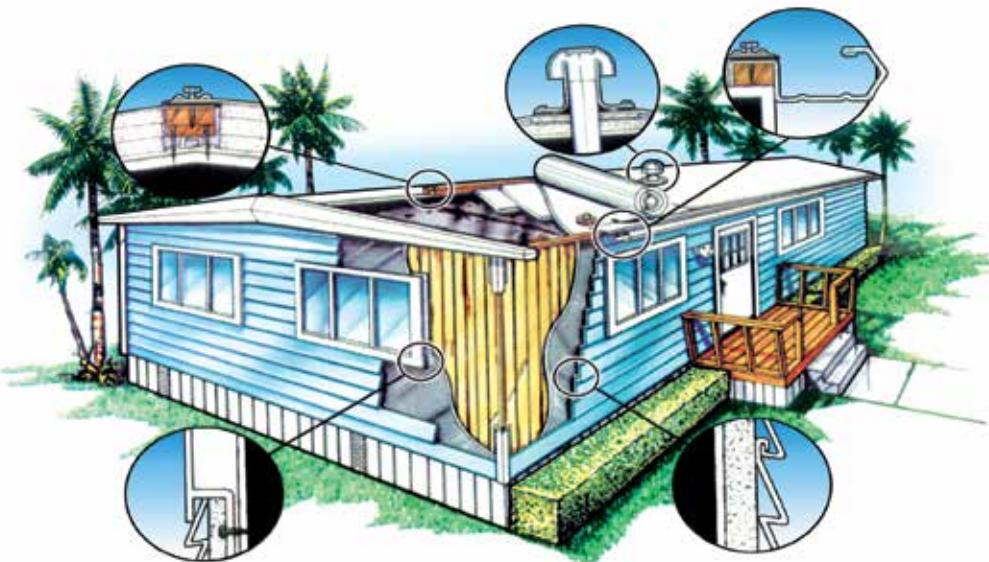


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Veterans of LaCasa

Tom Redig, Commander

As we begin the new year 2026, the LaCasa Veterans look forward to resuming our full season of community activities. The Veteran's organization looks forward to introducing residents to the activities that we host. We will have a table at the Activity Expo in the Rec Hall on January 10th. Our annual membership is just \$10, and we continue to include a free lunch for our paid members after our general meetings.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 31st. We will have several tasks taking place in January in preparation for this event. Watch the Veteran's bulletin board for volunteer signups. Please get your Pancake Breakfast tickets early. We always sell out for this event and will not be selling tickets at the door. Tickets will go on sale January 7th before Coffee Hour and before Bingo. As always, we need many volunteers to make this event successful.

Our General Membership meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:45am in the Rec Hall. We hope all our members and Associate members can attend, and if you are not yet a member just come check us out. This month's meeting is on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:45am. We welcome all veterans (U.S. and Canadian forces) and any resident that wants to join as an Associate Member.

Let's make 2026 a great year for LaCasa!



Artisans Club News

Pat Popieniek

Again, this year, the Artisan Club will be offering classes in three categories.

Drawing includes Drawing, Watercolor Painting, and Open-studio Acrylics. Pottery offers two introductory classes for beginners and two open-studio sessions for those with experience. Glass includes Stained glass, Mosaic glass, Fused glass, and Stepping Stones are created with glass. Classes are offered during the months of January, February, and March. Club dues remain at \$5.00 and will cover your enrollment in any of the classes. Supply costs vary by class and will be shared by the instructors.

New and former members are always welcome. The Activity Board Expo on January 10th in the Rec Hall offers a great opportunity to register for classes which



still have openings. For more information you may call Dianne Westfall 517-881-7745.

January 11th from 1:30-3:30 will be our Meet and Greet social gathering. We will provide wine and water to drink. We ask guests to bring a finger food hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. This is a fun afternoon to meet your instructors and fellow students.

Artisan Group Open Studio Acrylic Painting

Dianne Westfall



During the 2026 Artisan Season, from January 14 through March 18, the Artisans will be offering Wednesday Afternoon Open Studio Painting for Acrylic Painters. Open Studio is for people who feel confident enough in their skills to develop ideas for projects on their own. Allie Landrum will be the mentor for Open Studio. Allie has a portfolio of new techniques to enhance your painting skills and will be available to consult for advice or ideas while you are working on your project. This is a chance to paint alongside other acrylic painters in La Casa and share your ideas and tips with one another. You should have your own canvases and equipment.

Open Studio Painting will meet in the Clubhouse on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3. You must join the Artisan Group to take part. Dues are \$5 and can be paid at the first gathering on January 14, at Expo on January 10, or at the Artisan Meet and Greet at 1:30 on January 11 in the Clubhouse (bring a finger food).

You may pre-register by contacting:

Allie Landrum

765-506-1891

swimaliooops@lcloud.com



The Voices of LaCasa

What a FUN FUN Evening. The Voices were excited to share with you at their "Social" on 12-5-25!! Such a great way to open the LaCasa Holiday Festivities, adding to our Outstanding Beautifully Decorated Park!!!

Cabaret Seating, BYOB, popcorn contributed to enjoying our Very Own Voices "Cast of Characters" performing as Teeth, Chipmunks, Frosty, Little Girls, Charlie Brown, Hippopotamus, and of course, Santa, accompanied by The LaCasa Pickers and Dave Sproules at the piano & keyboard!! The LaCasa Tappers, Line



Dancers & Sing-a-longs added more fun to this "Social"!!! The final portion of the program addressed the True Meaning of the Christmas Season with a large Nativity Scene Backdrop displayed as Pam Myers sang "Where Are You Christmas?", and Dave Sproules touching solo of "Mary Did You Know?". Our "Joy of Christmas" Evening ended with ALL Cast and audience joining to sing "Joy to the World" and Silent Night".

So much Appreciation for ALL who contributed to bring this program together, as our Director & Accompanist were not available due to medical issues. This was a TEAM Effort and would not have been possible without the "Behind the Scenes" helpers, special recognition of our sound expert, Lynn Uffelman, who spent endless hours making all the sound exceptional!! MOST Grateful for La Casa & Friends' Generosity and Support of our Voices Musical Program!

New Members Welcome to join us for Spring Program rehearsals on Thurs., Jan. 14, 2026, 2:15pm!!
Hope All had a Happy Healthy Holiday!! See You in 2026!!



A Reminder from the Scheduler.....

This is the time of the year when new officers take the helm of their organizations. In order to keep the LaCasa Resident phone directory, pages 4, 5 and 6 updated, I must depend on each organization to notify me of these changes.

Group Name – Person's Name – Phone Number

Please send to "lacasaschedule@gmail.com **The deadline for your information is February 1, 2026.**



Quilters of LaCasa

Ilene Riley 941-426-1714

All are welcome, basic sewing skills and machines are all you need. If you're new in LaCasa and a Quilter – bring some new ideas to share.

Upcoming projects in January & February Reversible Place Mats/Table Topper and a 3-yard quilt. We continue to work on Charity projects. We have the room until 2PM, If you plan to stay and sew, bring lunch or a snack.



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LaCasa Tennis Club

We hope everyone had a fabulous holiday.

It is that time of year when all the wonderful decorations have to come down and the park looks a little dark until we all get used to it. Luckily, we have plenty of sunshine and lots of tennis to lift our spirits.



We are still offering free tennis lessons every Tuesday at 1:00 at the Rec Hall courts. The lessons are open to everyone and the instructors tailor the lessons to your ability. If you need more information about LaCasa tennis contact Dianne Richardson, secretary at 219-964-8253.

The tennis dance will be on January 24, 2026, with Jay Smith. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale before bingo and before coffee hours. Hope you can join us.

Our tennis membership fee remains \$30 per household. The tennis club buys their own tennis balls for the games and other miscellaneous items needed to play tennis. We have both a fall and spring picnic and a Wimbledon tournament with lunch included.

Our next tennis membership meeting will be Jan 20, 2026 at 9:00 at the Rec Hall. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Please bring your \$30 to pay for your 2026 membership. You must have an activity card to be able to join any of the clubs in LaCasa. You can also visit our table at the expo on Jan 10 at the Rec Hall starting at 11:00.

Watch our Facebook posts to find out what matches are being played during the week and then come down



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and join the crowd. It is fun to watch even if you don't play. See you in the stands or on the courts.



Singles Club

Meetings are held on second Thursday of the month, at 11:00 am in the Clubhouse.

We gather to share suggestions and ideas for places to eat, shows to see, and fun trips to take. Afterwards we carpool to the restaurant of choice.

January 8th meeting 11:00 at Clubhouse, lunch Ken & Barb's.

Don't forget January at the expo. You can join the Singles Club.

January 24th Saturday matinee Four Old Broads on the High Seas Langdon Playhouse theater

Shuffleboard

Jim Cassidy 941-273-5234

Exciting to see newcomers come out to shuffle every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for 9:15 to pick their number to play their 3 games of shuffleboard. No experience is required and your stick is supplied as well. Come out and give it a try and we will teach new beginners. Yearly membership is \$5.00 and includes End-of-Season GET-TOGETHER picnic! Get your yearly membership at EXPO on 10 January at the Recreation Center! Don't forget to get your La Casa Activity Card as well. Also our Club has Inter-Play Shuffleboard with other Parks near by just for fun every Wednesday afternoon. If you would like to join, we meet at the Shuffleboard Parking lot for 12:30. Looking forward to another great year and meet new people!



Bocce



Welcome to January and a new year of BOCCE! Don't forget to buy your yearly LaCasa Activity Card which can be bought at Wednesday Coffee or BINGO or the Expo which is January 10 th in the Rec Hall. Once you have your Activity Card, then you can buy your 2026 Bocce membership card for 2025 for \$5.00. We will be selling

them at the Expo and at the Monday/Thursday 9 o'clock bocce play.

Besides our regular play at 9 o'clock Mondays and Thursday, we also are having Social Play BYOB on Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock. Everyone is welcomed! It is a great time to learn the game, or practice your skills, or just have fun and socialize.

SPREAD THE WORD!!

Watch for our Fun Days with other parks in January, February, and March. We will be selling our famous hot dogs and drinks for \$1.00 each.



Darts

Darts meet every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the Club House. We will be selling 2026 Darts Membership for \$5.00 at the January 10 th Expo. You must have your 2026 Activity Card before you can purchase a Darts Membership.

We always welcome new players at darts-no experience necessary. We always have a good time with a little competition thrown in! It's a great social time. Come join us and spend time with old friends and meet some new ones!



Crafts

Judie Lees 941-876-4035

Happy New Year!

The Craft Club meets every Tuesday from 9-11:30 in the club house. We do a project each week. There will be a picture of the project and a supply list posted on the bulletin board by the piano. We welcome everyone, all you need is to have a little fun and do a fun project. All skill levels are welcome. We can always learn a new technique. If you have something you would like to add to the schedule, let me know. Always looking for different ideas.

On the 3rd week of February, Laura will be doing another class on Barn Quilts. This class will fill quickly. I will post a sign-up sheet the 1st week of February. As all supplies are supplied, there will be a cost for this class. All info will be on the sign-up sheet. Hope to see you on Tuesday.





LaCasa Pickleball Club: Serving up Fun in 2026!

As we dive into another season of dinks, drops, and the occasional "Wait... whose ball was THAT?", we're excited to kick off a lineup of fun events.

January: Let the Games Begin

After you get your Activity Card and Pickleball Membership Card at the **Annual Expo (Jan 10)**, be sure to attend the **Pickleball General Meeting (Jan 12)**, where you can learn about upcoming programs, meet fellow members, and compare notes on the latest fashion wear. Later in January, dust off your boots for our **Square Dance (Jan 31)**—because nothing improves footwork like trying not to trip while scooting around the dance floor.

February: Luau Dance

Grab your loudest Hawaiian shirt and practice your best shaka "hang loose" gesture. There will be dancing, laughs, and limbo contests (jk)!

March: Picnic & Scavenger Hunt

Join us outdoors for two events in March: our Picnic Social and Scavenger Hunt designed by people who really want to test your golf cart's battery.

Why Join the Club?

Members get priority court access, social events, skill development opportunities, and a community that celebrates every winning point with a hurrah and an excuse.

Court Expansion Update

Long-term planning to add more permanent courts will get traction in the coming year. A task force will begin to look into possible locations, resources and timelines. With membership expected to keep booming, we are working to find the right configuration to keep those dreaded wait times at a minimum.

See you on (and off) the courts! Remember LaCasa Pickleball often resembles Adult Recess. Who wants to come out and play?!



Bird and Nature

Judie Lees 941-876-4035

Happy New Year!

The Bird and Nature Group meets on the 4th Monday of the months of January, February, March and April.

We meet at the rec hall at 7 pm. Our group is open to all. We charge no dues and have no roster. We do ask for \$1.00 donation at the door. This covered the cost of coffee and supplies. Hope to see you at a meeting!

The first meeting is Jan. 26, 2026. This will be our welcome back potluck. The potluck starts at 6 pm followed by a brief meeting and a program. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the rec hall. We will continue with the 2 video and 2 guest speakers again this year. February and March will be the guest speakers.

We are working on the Field Trip which will be in March. We are looking at the boat trip out of Fisherman's Village. This trip is open to everyone in the park. More details at the January meeting. Don't forget the time change for the potluck on 1/26. Potluck starts at 6 pm.



Health Fair

Judie Lees 941-876-4035

It's that time of year again!

Our annual HEALTH FAIR will be Friday, Jan. 23. This will be held at the rec hall and runs from 11-1. Doors open at 11 am. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30. Door prizes will be drawn starting at 11:30. You do not have to be present to win. Please be sure your phone number is on your ticket. Make it easy on yourself, use a return address label. We will have a wide variety of health care professionals giving out useful information. We are getting the list ready now and we expect up to 50 vendors to attend!

Each vendor brings lots of free goodies to their table and each one brings a very nice door prize. Each person gets a free ticket for the drawings for the door prizes when you come in.

We will be serving a Pulled Pork Sandwich this year. The price will be \$6.00 and include the sandwich, chips, a cookie and a bottle of water. Yummy! Hope to see you all! Don't forget, the doors open at 11 am.



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Forty members joined us for our Christmas Lunch at Heron Creek Country Club on December 9th. This is always a wonderful way to end the year and celebrate our successful fundraising efforts. We welcomed our returning and new Board Members for 2026:

Michele Stewart, President

Sue Verrill, Vice President

Deb Keller, Treasurer

Ann Marie Booth, Secretary

We are still looking for a 2nd Vice President, if you are interested, please reach out to any of the Board Members, 2026 is off to a busy start!

SAVE THE DATE: Ready to try some Yoga?!!! COME JOIN US ON January 13 th @ 12:30 in the Rec Hall for Chair Yoga. Lisa McCallum has offered to have a Chair Yoga class after our regularly scheduled meeting. We will have a short meeting followed by Chair Yoga. Lisa will accept a Good Will Donation to participate, which we will donate to the charities we support. This will be open to all LaCasa residents, so tell your friends, tell your neighbors, and join us for some Yoga.

DINNER DANCE: The last days to purchase tickets for our January 17 th Boot Scootin' BBQ Dinner Dance will be the week of January 5 th . We will also have them for sale at the EXPO on Jan 10th. Visit our table to purchase tickets. Gold Rush BBQ is catering dinner; tickets are \$25 with reserved seating. Country Express will be supplying the music, and they would like your input on song requests. We are putting together a list of music. Let us know your favorites.

SHOW ME THE MONEY: Back by popular demand we will have our first Show Me The Money of the New Year on Monday, January 19 @ 6:30 in the Rec Hall. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU: We appreciate your continued support for our events. Just a reminder that the proceeds from every event that you attend goes to local Organizations that help those in need in our North Port neighborhoods. We were able to distribute \$16,000 to the organizations that we support. You can find the list of donations displayed on the Bulletin Board in the Rec Hall.

The Board is always looking for members that want to get more involved. We invite you to visit us at the EXPO on January 10 to renew your membership, become a new member, or learn more about our organization.

Make sure to check the G.A.L.S. Facebook page and your emails(s) for any updates. We will also post upcoming information on our Bulletin Board in the Rec Hall.

Reach out to any of our board members with any ideas or questions.

Looking Forward to seeing you soon!

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Marketing

Marketing is extremely import to any business that relies upon clients or customers to avail themselves of their services. This is no exception for LCRE. We rely upon good marketing strategies to sell your homes that you list with us.

During the upcoming months, especially in January to the end of April, LCRE will be hosting weekend open houses for the public and open houses during the week for residents and their friends and guests. This is a tremendous opportunity during "high" season for perspective buyers to visit the park and to look at homes of interest. For some, it will take this one and only visit to convenience them that LaCasa is the place to be. In November we held our first open house to the public. Please, watch our notices regarding these open house dates. These dates will be determined soon.

LaCasa Real Estate, in addition to multiple listings, utilizes different websites. So many people, yes even senior citizens, are very tech savvy. The "traffic" on our LaCasa SWFL website increases each week as we approach "high" season for us. During the summer months, we average nearly 900 views a week. With the onset of fall, there have been months we have averaged nearly 3000 views. Many of these viewers send email questions to our sales associate staff. They make every attempt to answer each inquiry within the day of receipt.

As powerful and far reaching as our websites are, we would be remiss not to mention another powerful



marketing strategy of LCRE: our many volunteers who provide tours. During the "ride about town" the prospective buyer seeks candid answers to questions, "What is the like to live in LaCasa?" Who is in a better position to answer questions than someone who is active in the community and knows first-hand the La Casa lifestyle. A marketing strategy that no other real estate office can replicate. Your condition of your home sells the home; the volunteer's enthusiasm for living here goes a long way towards selling the park. This combination may just cinch the deal in selling your home.

Our own demonstrative pleasure and enthusiasm to friends and relatives about the park are also valuable marketing strategies. When we talk with these friends or relatives about the park, we are promoting the park. LCRE is grateful for what you do.

On January 3, 2026 at 9 a.m. in the Recreation Hall, we will hold our annual volunteer training. If you are new, this is for you. If you have been a volunteer in the past, this is also for you. Everyone who volunteers must attend this training. New volunteers will be assigned a mentor to provide individual instruction and information before your first solo tour.



News for your HOA Board

From Martha Morgan

"Fast away the old year passes..." and what a year it has been! There has been so much improvement in the appearance of La Casa with so many hurricane repairs finished (or nearing completion), and so many new homes now in place bringing many new residents, with new interests and ideas!

Our "Snowbirds" are returning, and activities are coming into full swing! Life in La Casa is abundant in things to do, and there are many fun people to do them with! Let's shake off the old year and have a great new one!

With the old year we say farewell to our long-time Park Manager and we will be forever grateful for the years of his sacrificial leadership at the helm. Randy Browning was our ROCK after Hurricane Ian, and his 26 years of "planning for the worst" while "hoping for the best", certainly have paid off --not just in disaster recovery, but in constant maintenance of this beautiful Park we call home! We wish Randy many happy years in retirement with his family!

Also with the new year, we will welcome our new Park Manager, Frank Anastasi who comes to us with an extensive resume of experience! Frank will be working with Randy for a month or so as he becomes familiar with the Park, the staff and our residents.

In addition to this change, we will be electing some new members to the HOA Board! Those of us who are stepping down from the Board have worked through many difficult issues and have introduced some new ideas with high hopes and good intentions of improving our understanding of rules, regulations and the governance of life in a resident owned community under the ever-changing laws and statutes in Florida.



A BIG thank you to all my friends and neighbors in LaCasa. Your cards, phone calls, emails, hugs and prayers certainly helped me get through a very difficult time.

If you know of anyone in LaCasa who is homebound and would appreciate a meal, please get in touch with me.

Rose Hunnisett – 941-429-4001

Nurses of LaCasa

I know there are a number of retired nurses, like myself, living in LaCasa. I would be interested in getting together with some of you who would be interested in sharing experiences and ideas that could potentially benefit our neighbors in LaCasa. I am not sure what that might look like but I am guessing if we worked together we could come up with some ideas. For example, coordinating a CPR/AED training for LaCasa. If you would be interested in getting together please call me at 651-983-7305. Once I hear from you, we can coordinate a date/time/place to meet. Looking forward to meeting you and sharing ideas. Thank you, Twylla Chant 651-983-7305



Welcome to The Community



Steve and Pat Walter live at 419 Tarde Logo. They are full-timers. They came to La Casa after looking at several parks in the area. Also, they have family living in Port Charlotte. They are from Faribault, MN. Steve was an electrical mechanic, and Pat had her own UPS store. They enjoy traveling and riding their e-bikes. Steve likes car shows and lifting weights. Pat enjoys quilting and gardening.

Cheryl Walter lives at 806 Villa Del Sol. She is from Bel Aire, MD. Cheryl retired after 20 years as a first-grade teacher. She now enjoys traveling and keeping active. She hopes to join in with pickleball and other activities here in the park.



BLOOD DRIVE

Colette Welch



I've said it before and will say it again! You're the best!! Twenty-six volunteers showed up at our November drive. Our goal was 17. Those 26 donations helped 78 people. Great! Mark your calendars now for the January drive.

The Big Red Bus will be at the Rec Hall on Friday, January 23, 2026, from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card and a long-sleeved tee shirt. As always, you can make an appointment online at oneblood.org/donate-now using our sponsor code 9489 or you can sign-up on the sheet I will be posting in the Rec Hall lobby. Walk-ins are also welcome. Bring your ID. See you there. Thank you in advance.



Save the Date for the MICHIGAN POTLUCK

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 4:30-6 p.m. Rec Hall

All La Casa Residents with Michigan ties are invited to the Michigan Potluck.

This is a gathering to meet other Michiganders and socialize.

Bring a dish to share, your own table service, and your own drinks.

To be added to the email notification list, call or text Jill VanAntwerp, 231-301-3556, or email vanantwj@gvsu.edu

Easy-To-Intermediate Line Dance Class - Retires

Submitted by Cheryl Crawford

My limbs tell me it is time to retire again – from what was a weekly, full year Thursday morning class. I still hope to see you on the dance floor occasionally.



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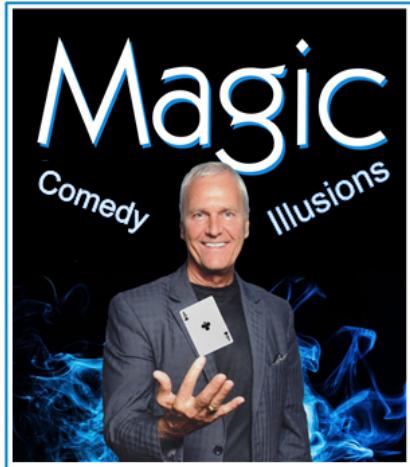
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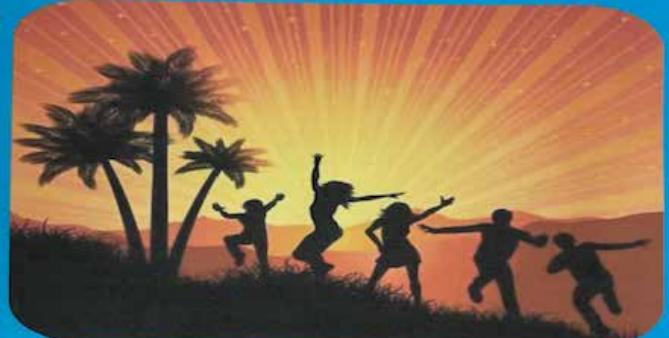
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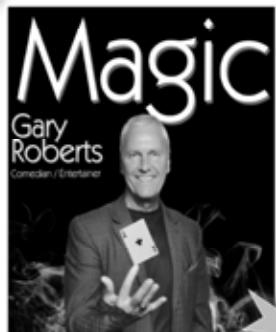
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