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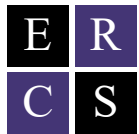
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Articles for October NL to be submitted by September 8, 2025

Homeowners Association of LaCasa, Inc.

HOA Board of Director Meeting

No meeting this month

News From Your Activity Association

Tim Davis, President



All summer long work went on all over La Casa as a lot of people took advantage of the slow time of the year to have needed work done to their homes. Things are really starting to look good around here. Now the time is coming near for our Northern Friends to return to their LaCasa homes and participate in the 2025-2026 Season! And the Activity Association is ready for you!

We had a wonderful Labor Day party with a delicious lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, chips, coleslaw, drinks, and ice cream dessert. Again, thanks to Kitchen Manager Izak Kolodny and all his Helpers for organizing, preparing, and serving this lunch. It never ceases to amaze me that when you need help, La Casa residents suddenly appear to save the day!! Labor Day ended with a rousing rendition of the La Casa Derby, courtesy of Wally Schleeauf and his Jockettes. It was a great party thanks to a lot of people.

This month we have our last Summer Dance featuring Bridget Phillips on Saturday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rec Hall. Just show up and pay \$8.00 at the door and get a seat. You can reserve tables starting at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. Starting in October we will go back to selling reserved table seating for the dances, along with most other events.

Our first Activity Association Membership meeting is Monday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall. We plan to make this an organizational meeting to begin planning all the upcoming activities with all the various clubs. As all of you know, scheduling in the Rec Hall and Kitchen has become extremely hectic and complicated over the past couple of years, as more and more events are scheduled by our clubs and the Activity Association. We all need to work together so our Scheduler, Bette Popp, and our Kitchen Manager, Izak Kolodny, can keep things

orderly and fair for all groups. If you represent one of the Social Clubs or Groups, please try to attend this important meeting.

This Fall should be a great time here in La Casa as we settle back into the swing of the 2025- 2026 Season. We are prepared to give you a good time and look forward to all the activities.



Veterans of LaCasa

Tom Redig, Commander

The summer is blasting right by us as we move into September. Our friends and neighbors that left for the summer months will start returning in the coming weeks to our wonderful La Casa community.

Our La casa Veterans are hard at work planning for our upcoming season. We begin with two activities planned around Veterans Day. We will have Jay Smith performing for the Veterans dance on November 8th this will include the great apple crisp and ice cream served prior to the dance. Jay Smith always puts on a great show, and we can work off the apple crisp and ice cream calories. The tickets will go on sale on October 15th before coffee and before Bingo. We will also have a special speaker on Veterans Day on November 11th at 11:00am in the Rec Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our regular membership meetings resume on October 21st at 11:45 in the Rec Hall. We welcome all veterans (US and Canadian) to join our organization as well as any La Casa resident that would like to join as an "Associate Member". We welcome all new and existing members to join us at our regular scheduled meetings (the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:45 in the Rec Hall). At the conclusion of the meeting, the La Casa Veterans provide all our paid members with a free lunch and a beverage. Our annual membership is only \$10; you really can't go wrong belonging to the veteran's organization.

Everyone please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. We all look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors returning and resuming all the fun activities that La Casa community has to offer!

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G.A.L.S. Grandmothers and Ladies of LaCasa

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WILL WE SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER??

.... The G.A.L.S. will be having a luncheon on the 2nd Tuesday in September. Joan Toste has offered to Host a lunch on Tuesday, September 9th at Am Vets 312 by the water in North Port. The location is 7050 Chancellor Blvd. and we will meet there @ noon.

Please make sure to SIGN UP so we can let them know how many to expect. A Sign-up Sheet and MENU will be on the GALS Bulletin Board at the Rec Hall. Hope to see you there --- Bring a Friend along.

Our regularly scheduled meeting will begin in October --- remember, we have our Halloween Dance on October 25th to get ready for. We are looking for helping hands to decorate/set-up/clean-up / for this event.

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.

As always, feel free to reach out to any of our board members with ways to get involved, any ideas, or with any questions.

Michele Stewart, President 309-231-9343
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LaCasa Real Estate News

Dave Bisson

Sarasota Florida features a number of 55+ communities. Generally, La Casa, as are other similar communities, have what is considered a balanced market, but with a slight increase in inventory compared to last year. Our inventory is slowly going downward with less listings this past month than a year ago. 55+ communities are popular in FL due to the State's appeal for retirees and active adults. Because of the age restrictions of La Casa and other similar 55+ communities in Sarasota County are sought after locations. Also, the downside of age restricted communities, in general, is that it has a limited audience of people who are looking for homes.

That being said, in July, 4 homes were sold while last year in July, we sold only 1 home. Unfortunately, no lots were sold this month. At the end of the month, we have 1 house pending and 2 lots.

The average sale price of a home in July was \$149,000.

Tammie Schroder, our sales associate and broker, is available to meet with you if you are interested in listing your home with La Casa Real Estate. Remember, our commission is 4% rather than the 6%+ charged by outside realtors. Some residents feel that going with an outside realtor, there is more exposure to potential buyers. With LCRE being part of the Multiple Listing Service, potential buyers going to an outside realtor will also see your house listed through La Casa Real Estate. If LaCasa Real Estate shows and sells the house, it can be a significant difference in the commission you will be required to pay. If you home sold for \$150,000, with LCRE, your cost would be \$6,000. With an outside realtor, it could cost \$9,000 or more. An outside realtor probably doesn't know anything about our community and what it has to offer. The condition of the home is important to a buyer, but also important to a retiree is what are the activities that occur in the community on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Our volunteer tours often sell the park and thus sell the home.

Remember LCRE when you need to make that decision to sell. Let us help you through the process.



Help Desk

The Help Desk of LaCasa is a volunteer program designed to aid residents who have transportation needs to doctor's appointments. If you are in need, there is no charge for this service.

The **HELP** Dispatcher for **September 2025:**
Connie Kukielka – 863-660-0467



In Memory.....

Ron Gutchak
Pat Schmidt



BLOOD DRIVE

Colette Welch

It's time again for Blood Drive season! Friday, September 26, the Big Red Bus will be here at the Rec Hall from 8:00 AM until Noon. Please consider donating. Walk-ins are welcome but you can make an appointment at oneblood.org. A sign-up sheet will be in the Rec Hall lobby after Sept. 15th. Remember your ID when you come to donate. Thanks in advance.



2026 LaCasa Artisans Glass Class Registration

The Artisans Group is now accepting registration for Glass Classes for the upcoming season. We will be accepting email registration for any of the below listed Glass Classes.

Your email (addressed to the appropriate POC for registration as listed below) should include:

1. The glass class you are interested in
2. The months (or time frame) you are available or not available to attend
3. Your name, email, and phone number
4. Indicate if you are a new student or have glass cutting experience from previous classes

To cover the cost of supplies and equipment, fees will be assessed as indicated for each class below. All class fees are due at the start of class, with the exception of Fused Glass (which is payable upon pickup of finished projects). As always, participants must also be members of the Artisans Group--\$5.00 annual dues to be paid on the first day of class; this is a one-time fee if you are registered in multiple classes.

STAINED GLASS CLASS: (\$40.00 per 4-week session): Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the activity center. Classes run from January through March 2026. Glass cutting experience would be helpful*. Please indicate which month you prefer to be registered for and include your e-mail address and phone number.

Submit your registration to: Maggie Palmer: sremlap@hotmail.com. Instructor Maggie Palmer (315) 323-1164

MOSAIC GLASS CLASS (\$40.00 per 4-week session): Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the activity center. Classes run from January through March 2026. Submit your registration with month preferred and include your e-mail address and phone number.

Submit your registration to: Gayle LeClair: gleclair@comcast.net Instructor: Gayle LeClair (586) 943-8040

STEPPING STONE CLASS (\$40.00 per stone): Stepping Stone Classes will be held in the activity center on Mondays twice a month in January (12th & 26th), February (9th & 23rd) and once in March (9th) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Pouring and unmolding the stone will take place sometime during that week. Students must have previous glass cutting experience*.

Submit registration with date preferred to: Gayle LeClair gleclair@comcast.net Instructor: Gayle LeClair (586) 943-8040 Assistant: Evelyn Ternullo.

FUSED GLASS (Cost based on size of project -- \$0.40 per square inch and includes multiple layers of glass and multiple firings): Classes are 3-week sessions. Fused Glass Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Classes begin on November 4, 2025, and run thru March 2026. Please specify if you are an advanced or new student.

Submit registration to: Liz Conaway: geelizz55@att.net Instructors: Liz Conaway (765) 868-0752, Annette Sharp (519) 852-1033, Liz Abadie (678) 662-7670, and Marylee Woolams (440) 415-2770.

*Glass cutting experience may be obtained by taking a Mosaic or Fused Glass Class.

Closeout for registration is December 30, 2025, or when all classes are full. Submit earlier for November and December 2025 fused glass classes. After

closeout of registration, classes will be scheduled, and all individuals will be notified by their instructor via email of their scheduled dates. You may register for more than one of the four kinds of glass classes offered—we make every effort to accommodate all requests.



Crafts

Judie Lees, 941-876-4035

Can't believe it's September!
Where did the summer go?

Time to start welcoming back our "seasonal residents". The Craft Club meets every Tuesday from 9-11:30 in the Club House. Everyone is welcome!

Our season will start with a luncheon at Anna Maria Oyster Bar on Oct. 14th. This was planned at our last meeting. Please let me know if you are planning on attending this luncheon. Please email me at Judie121060@hotmail.com, as I need to make reservations.

We have weekly scheduled projects from Oct. to May. I try to do a variety of crafts that all skill levels will enjoy. I always put a picture of the item and a supply list on the bulletin board by the piano. Many of us are working on items for our Craft Fair which will be in November. If you would like to rent a table, please contact me at 941-876-4035 or Judie121060@hotmail.com. Thanks!

We hope you will stop by and see what we're working on, hopefully, you'll decide to join us! See you soon!

Bird and Nature

Judie Lees, 941-876-4035

Welcome home to our "seasonal residents".

Bill and I spent the summer in Oxford Ma on beautiful Saccarrappa Pond. I enjoyed sitting on the deck and watching the hummingbirds. They are quite fascinating!

The Bird and Nature group meets on the 4th Monday of the months of Jan, Feb, March and April at 7 pm in the rec hall. We welcome all residents!

Our first meeting will be Jan. 26th. This will be our welcome back potluck so the time will be 6 pm with a meeting at 7 pm, followed by a BBC video. We have lots to discuss at this meeting, so please plan to attend. The Feb and March meetings will have a guest speaker, and the April meeting will be our see you next year potluck.

We are working on our annual Field Trip for February. More details later.

Hope to see you at the Jan 26th meeting! Don't forget it's a potluck so it starts at 6 pm.



Come join in on the fun!

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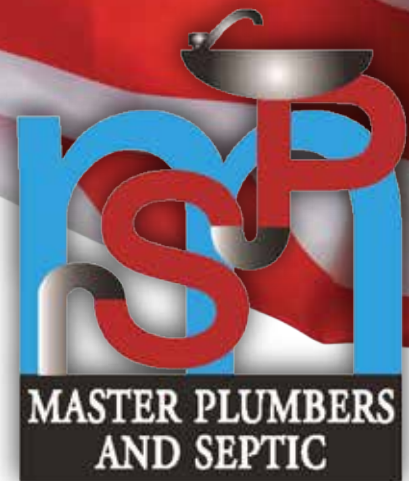
We meet on Monday 10AM – at the Club House

New and continuing Residents of LaCasa are welcome.

If you are interested, you just need basic sewing skills. We will have sewing days (10AM to 2 PM) working on your own items or charity items which will be donated. If anyone has a project they would like to teach or share, let me know. Classes begin October 6, 2025.

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Singles Club

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- September 11th Meeting 11:00 at Clubhouse, Lunch at Pita and Puffs
- October 9th Meeting 11:00 at Clubhouse, Lunch at British Open Pub
- September 14th Sponge Docks Craft/Festival
- October 22nd ***Pretty Woman***, Broadway Plam Theatre
- November 12th ***Steel Magnolias***, Broadway Plam Theatre
- December 4th Bok Tower Garden
- January 25th, ***Four Old Broads on the High Seas***, Langdon Playhouse Theatre
- February 2nd, Silver Springs Glass Bottom Boat Tour
- February 17th, Columbia Restaurant and Flamingo Show
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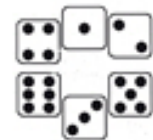
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September Word Search



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begin
blame
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eagle
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heel

house
inset
inventory
jumps
lasting
laudable
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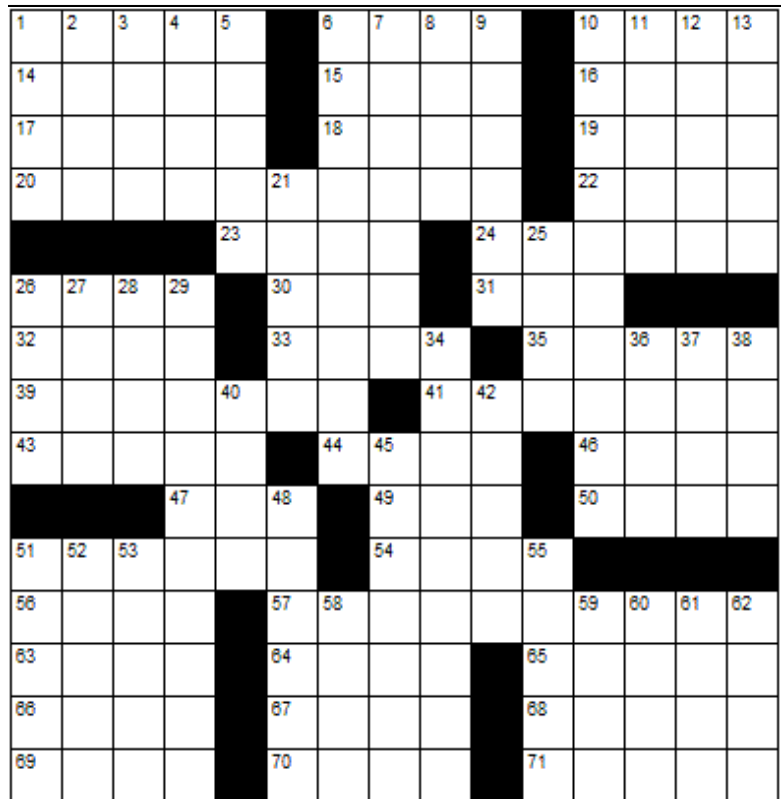
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ACROSS

1. Cognizant
6. Beige
10. Clutter
14. Not earlier
15. Blackball
16. Broadcast
17. Moan
18. Writing styluses
19. Nil
20. Value
22. Greasy
23. Coin opening
24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
26. Ballet attire
30. Half of two
31. Anagram of "Eat"
32. Any minute
33. Voting district
35. Scrutinize
39. Coating of gold
41. Annoying
43. Not liquid
44. Being
46. European mountains
47. Observe
49. S
50. In order that not
51. Mixologist
54. Female deer (plural)
56. Fertilizer component
57. Teasingly
63. Between black and white
64. Whale
65. Red Sea peninsula
66. Wash
67. Bearing
68. Economic down time
69. Got a good look at
70. Strong fiber
71. Affirmatives



DOWN

1. Seaweed
2. Distort
3. At the peak of
4. Backside
5. Anagram of "Sneer"
6. Spying
7. Deceiver
8. Litter member
9. Oust
10. Relating to menopause
11. Electronic letter
12. Move furtively
13. Doesn't go
21. Buffoon
25. Summit
26. Anagram of "Stag"
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Fee
29. Undaunted
34. Disharmonious
36. Handout
37. Little devils
38. Exam
40. Bright thought
42. Adjust again
45. Lures
48. Bury
51. Army brass instrument
52. Impressive display
53. Female ruff
55. Pantywaist
58. Diva's solo
59. Egyptian river
60. Wildebeests
61. Hardly believable
62. Puppy sounds



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