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Articles for December 2026 NL to be submitted by November 8, 2026

Homeowners Association of LaCasa, Inc.
HOA Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2026

1:00 pm Rec Hall & Via Zoom ID 868 8885
5720/ password 659058 - Phone # 1-312-626-6799 US

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: Ed Bourdeau, Denny Smith, Colette Welch, Tim Davis, Frank Anastasi (Park Manager), Linda Krout (Park Accountant/ Office Mgr.)

Via Zoom: Ruth Beier, David Fogt, Rob McMillion, Gary Mithoefer, Paul Moshano, Jack Pasquale (Parliamentarian),

Absent: 0

A quorum of the Board is present
There were 23 residents in attendance, 3 via Zoom.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda:

Motion: Motion to accept the Proposed Agenda as presented. **Welch/ Smith MMC 9/ 0**

- Review of opportunities for shareholders to speak at board meetings
- Shareholder Requests to Speak
- Open Forum on Agenda Items:

Secretary's Report: Rob McMillion

Motion: I move to approve the HOA Board of Directors meeting minutes of August 24, 2026 as posted.
McMillion/ Welsh MMC 9/ 0

Treasurer's Report: David Fogt

Month August 2026

	Actual	Budget	P/ L
Income	$210,439.64	$208,951.36	$ 1,488.28
Expense	$187,969.00	$216,594.57	$(28,626.57)
P/ L	$ 22,471.64	($ 7,643.21)	$ $30,114.85

YTD Jan-August 2026

	Actual	Budget	P/ L
Income	$1,724,476.12	$1,674,192.20	$ 50,283.92
Expense	$1,403,552.24	$1,509,818.66	($106,266.42)
P/ L	$ 320,923.88	$ 164,373.54	$156,550.34

Bank Balances

	Ckg/ Money Mrkt	CD's
Reserve Funds*	$379,909.71	$1,226,243.00
Operating Funds*	$251,088.70	$ 180,000.00
Capital Acq Fund*	$537,433.40	$1,953,368.30
Petty Cash	$250.00	
Hurricane Deduct Uninsured Asset *		$ 375,000.00
Total	**$4,903,293.11**	

CD's	Amount	Int rate renewed
Reserve		
Operating		
CAA		

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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Jack Pasquale

Good afternoon; President Davis; HOA Board Members; Mr. Frank Anastasi, Park Manager; Ms. Linda Krout, Park Accountant; LaCasa 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, Debi Sanders and Evelyn Ternullo.

The bank, cash flow, balance and profit and loss statements from August 31, 2026, month end financials were reviewed at our September 21, 2026, meeting. Our investment allocations are in line with the investment policy. We continue to maintain a 4-month operating cash reserve for use when and if monthly maintenance fees are interrupted. We also reviewed the budget variance report, and no unexplained material variances were identified. The financials are posted in the front office. We reported in August our progress in developing the draft FY 2027 operating budget. The wildcard in our best projection is a few of our major cost contracts come due for renewal this fall and are in the process of being bid out. The CRC reviewed the mowing bids and selected a low bid of $346,446 by vendor Juniper. The draft budget was revised to include the lower number.

We have been keeping track of expenditures for water, electricity, and taxes for the HOA owned lots as a line item on the CAA budget. These expenditures are operating costs and rightfully should be shown as a line item on the operating budget and not paid from CAA. The HOA owned

lots' expenses are a liability (money owed to the operating account) but are not shown on the balance sheet as they were expected to be paid back to the CAA when the corresponding lot was sold. The operating budget now includes line items for HOA owned lot expenses, and HOA lot demolition expenses, approximately $60,000.00 and $20,000.00 respectfully. It is expected that the HOA will acquire additional lots through legal actions and the additional expenses associated with these lots will also be borne by our shareholders.

The Finance Committee has recommended that the draft FY 2027 operating budget of $2,147,925 be presented to the HOA Board for consideration at its September meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee,

Jack Pasquale, BSEE, JD
Chairman SCF

LCRE: David Bisson

Shareholders of LaCasa Real Estate Inc, administration of LaCasa Homeowners Association, and fellow residents of LaCasa.

I am Dave Bisson, President and Chair of the La Casa Real Estate Board of Directors. I serve along with Benny Morgan, Vice Chair, Deb Hughes, Secretary, Jill Soltis, Treasurer, and Marianne Moshano, Director.

In August, only two homes sold at an average price of $100,000 and no lots were sold. Last year for this same month, 1home sold at an average price of $135,000 and 1lot sold at the price of $9,500. For July, we sold 2 homes at an average price of $183,500 and 3 lots at an average price of $3,333.

The small number of sales during the summer months of June, July, and August have remained static. We certainly hope that during the coming months we will see an increase in traffic. The website indicates that people are looking at homes on-line. People visiting our website increased in August over July. Several homeowners have reduced the price of their homes, thus increasing interest in their homes.

The LCRE Board of Directors have not been meeting during the summer months. They will hold their first meeting following the summer months on the second Tuesday of October and on the second Tuesday of each month going forward.

Our realtor, Tammie Schroder and our sales associate, Vickie Maley are available to meet with you and/ or answer questions you may have regarding the sale of your home. Remember, LCRE is a Multiple Listing Service, as such, your listing is seen by all realtors who belong to this service. The listing commission paid by the seller to LCRE is less than what is paid to the outside realtor, in most cases.

SEPTEMBER 2026 PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

Report: Frank Anastasi, Park Manager

Administrative:

1. Important News – City of North Port will be in the community in the upcoming weeks to replace all current water meters with smart meters. Smart meters will allow residents to log into their account and monitor water usage and set alerts when away.
2. Required education information was provided to all Board members. Upon completion, please submit your certificate to the office. Also, the Board has been signed up with Community Association Institute for additional education opportunities.
3. Common violation inspections to be completed at the end of September.
4. Reserve Study Update was completed.
5. Budget season – First draft budget for fiscal 2027 was completed. Additional chart of accounts will be added for better tracking of expenses.
6. Community insurance appraisal to be completed in 2026.
7. Disaster/ Hurricane Plan – Available at the office for pick up.
8. Home numbers – some are missing and some not visible or faded. These numbers are important for emergency vehicles.
9. Association Office Website – We will be researching a new website for the community for 2027.
10. Up Coming Contracts Requiring Bidding:

    • Mowing – Expiration – 12-31-2026 – Bids Received

    • Insurance – Expiration – 12-2026

    • Janitorial – Expiration – 2-1-2027

    • Landscaping – Expiration - 3-31-2027

    • Security – Expiration – 4-30-2027

    • Mulch – 5-8-2027

Maintenance:

- **Projects:**

1. Asphalt replacement – Work is complete.
2. Asphalt rejuvenation – Work is complete.
3. Pipelining – Work is complete.
4. Security Camera – Work is complete.
5. Memorial gazebo – Work is complete.
6. Pickleball awning – Work is complete.



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7. Hardwood trimming and stump grinding – Work is complete. Contractor needed to come back and trim low-lying limbs and removal of 3 dead pines.
8. New irrigation pump for the lake – Work is complete.
9. Administrative Office - Sewer pipe failed and temporary fix has been made. Plumbing company will be coming out to line the old pipe.

- Tennis court conversion to pickleball – We are working with the vendor to finalize pricing. Once approved work will commence.
- Mulch is scheduled for October.
- Palm trimming has been completed.
- The guard house has been cleaned and painted. New signs were installed as well. New gutter has yet to be installed. Other improvements will take place as well.
- Tennis Court 4 – Lawson Courts to repair hairline cracks. Date for repairs has yet to be set.
- Community Hydraulic Engineering – Per the Futures Committee the engineer was provided a five-year plan. The Engineer proposal for year 1 was submitted and approved by the Board. The engineer is working to complete this phase of work.
- Investigating Applicators License for maintenance staff to be approved to use pesticides.
- Rec Hall Carpet Cleaning – Work is complete.

APPROVED NEW HOMES: January 2026 - Present

- 613 Los Altos – Home Installed
- 243 Estrada – Home Installed
- 114 La Costa – Home Installed
- 639 Los Altos – Home Installed
- 256 Hibisco – Seeking Approval
- 736 Blanca – Seeking approval

President's Report - Tim Davis

September 28, 2026

Today has the dubious distinction of being the 4th Anniversary that Hurricane Ian made a devastating impact on LaCasa and changed the lives of so many of our residents – both those still living here and those who unfortunately had to leave. Over 100 homes in LaCasa were destroyed and we are all still feeling the unfortunate effects of that storm to this day.

Shortly after the Hurricane hit, your HOA Board decided to offer buyouts of up to 10 homes that were severely damaged. At the time the shareholders were paid $10,000 if they signed over the homes/ shares. We also capped the purchases to 10 properties, so we weren't overloaded with homes and vacant lots. At that time the HOA's thinking was that the shares of these properties would be worth the going share prices – which ranged from $68,000 and up. We would assume the cost of demolition of the existing homes, all the related expenses, and then sell the vacant lots for development by new shareholders. The prices of vacant lots have dropped a lot, and we have only been able to sell one vacant lot owned by the HOA.

As you can see from our agenda today, we are acquiring 2 more vacant lots as the shareholders do not want to continue paying the expenses. To avoid costly legal action, we will accept these lots if the owners bear the costs of closing. Legal costs could run in excess of $20,000 to $25,000 for each vacant lot, so we have a fiduciary responsibility to our shareholders to keep these costs down.

Since 2022, the funds to carry these vacant lots have come out of the Capital Asset Account, which is basically La Casa's savings fund. Without the CAA, we would have been hard pressed to put this Park back into working condition after Ian, as our insurance coverage did not fully reimburse us for all the damage. Now we are looking at over $50,000 of money coming out of the CAA fund each year to support the expense of carrying these lots. We are also still involved in legal action pertaining to several derelict homes that will need to be torn down, costing more money.

The Standing Finance Committee and our Park Accountant have recommended that we put these costs as a line item in our Operating Budget which will make all shareholders aware of what this is costing us. The Committee recognized that the CAA budget is not an unlimited source of income and as we continue to deplete it, we have no real way of replenishing the funds. We have not had an HOA fee increase in 3 years and we are proposing a modest $7.00 monthly increase to cover increased expenses in the 2027 Operating Budget.

As things get better in LaCasa, and we get back to a sense of normalcy, people will be installing new homes in LaCasa and our property values will rise. All of this takes time and the patience of all our Shareholders.

Director's Reports:

Director: Ruth Beier

Report: RV/ Boat Compound
No Report.

Director: Ed Bourdeau

Report: Architectural Review Committee
No Report.



Director: David Fogt – Treasurer

Motion: I move to approve the Type 1 Forensic Reserve Study update that was prepared by Capital Reserve Advisors for a 30-Year Projection Period beginning January 1, 2027. **Fogt/ Welch MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: The Reserve Study is a required report that is reviewed annually with onsite visits every 3 years. The Park Accountant, Park Manager and the Standing Committee on Finance have reviewed the Reserve Study and recommend approval.

Motion: I move the 2027 Operating Budget for $2,147,925 and includes a HOA Fee increase of $7.00 per month split between the Operating Budget ($3.00) and the Reserve Budget ($4.00) for a total of $198.00, be approved for mailing out to La Casa shareholders and that this budget be scheduled for final consideration and approval at the November 9, 2026, HOA Board meeting
Fogt/ McMillion MMC 9/ 0

Rationale: The budget has been reviewed by the Park Accountant, Park Manager and the Standing Committee on Finance and they recommend approval.

Motion: I move that the 2027 Reserve Budget with expenditures of $460,000 and includes a $4.00 per monthly increase be approved for mailing out to La Casa Shareholders and that this budget be scheduled for final consideration and approval at the November 9, 2026, HOA Board meeting. **Fogt/ Welch MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: The 2027 Reserve Budget is based on information provided in the Reserve Study and physical observation and input from the Park Manager. The budget has been reviewed by the Park Accountant, Park Manager and the Standing Committee on Finance and they recommend approval.

Motion: I move the 2027 Capital Asset Acquisition Budget with expenditures of $360,000 be approved for mailing to La Casa Shareholders and that this budget be scheduled for final consideration and approval at the November 9, 2026, HOA Board meeting. **Fogt/ Welch MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: The 2027 Capital Asset Acquisition Budget has been reviewed by the Park Accountant, Park Manager and the Standing Committee on Finance and they recommend approval.

Motion: I move that we accept the transfer of Lot 489 at 708 Blanca. **Fogt/ Smith MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: The owner has kept the taxes, water and HOA Fees current since Hurricane Ian but is no longer in a position to continue. They are willing to transfer their share in order to avoid legal action and expense to the La Casa Homeowners Association.

Motion: I move that we accept the transfer of Lot 139 at 117 La Costa. **Fogt/ Smith MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: The owner has kept the taxes, water and HOA Fees current since Hurricane Ian but is no longer in a position to continue. They are willing to transfer their share in order to avoid legal action and expense to the La Casa Homeowners Association.

Report: Finance
No Report

Director: Gary Mithoefer

Motion: I move to contract with Juniper Landscaping of Florida LLC for a three (3) year mowing contract beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2029. The cost for the first year of the contract will be $346,445.68 with a 5.0% increase each year for years two (2) and three (3). **Mithoefer/ Moshano MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: The Contract Review Committee reviewed each of the five (5) bids that were submitted. The committee recommended using Juniper because their bid was approximately $100,000.00 under the next lowest bid.

Report: Contract Review Committee

The committee met and the meeting revolved around the mowing contract.

Director: Rob McMillion

Motion: I move that the October 19th & 26th HOA Agenda and Board meetings be cancelled.
McMillion/ Welch MMC 9/ 0

Rationale: This allows time to mail the 2027 Operating Budget to the La Casa community for presentation at the November HOA Board Meeting.

Motion: I move to change the dates of the November HOA Agenda and Board meeting to November 2nd and 9th.
McMillion/ Welch MMC 9/ 0

Rationale: This change allows for consideration of the 2027 Operating Budget and also adjusts for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Report: Future of La Casa Standing Committee:
No Report.

Director: Paul Moshano
Report: Security

These minutes summarize the HOA Safety and Security Committee's September 2026 meeting, focusing on security improvements, signage, camera installations, gate enhancements, and community relations.

• Cameras and license plate reader installed; new signs purchased and pending installation; improvements to front gate area completed.

• Guardhouse window tinting objections led to exploring see-through shades; faded stop signs to be replaced, possibly by DOT.
• Signage restrictions on firearms discussed; Florida AG clarified prohibitions.

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• Community thanked retiring officer Kathy Duff; Jeremy Barr named replacement.

• Drones demonstrated at PD; plans to showcase capabilities at a coffee hour.

Director: Denny Smith

Report: LCRE:
No report

Director: Colette Welch

Motion: I move that a fine of $100 a day with a maximum of $1,000 be charged to the homeowner of Lot 446 at 734 Sanchez in accordance with Florida Statute 719 and La Casa Rule XIX. Multiple notifications have been sent informing the homeowner that they are in violation of Rule XII section 4. As of this date, there has been no remediation by the homeowner to maintain the property as required. **Welch/ McMillion MMC 9/ 0**

Rationale: Based on La Casa Rule XII sections 4, the home has not been properly maintained.

Report: COMPLIANCE/ AMC

At the April Board of Directors meeting, we approved a motion to update the front office area. Since June, that work has been in progress and we have our receptionist, Margaret Nauta, to thank. She has come in on weekends and painted the various areas sometimes with a needed three coats. This has been on her own time. When I asked her why, her reply was, "I wanted to do something nice for LaCasa". Margaret has had help from other staff when making choices. Maintenance staff helped when asked. The park manager has been most supportive. It's been a team effort with Margaret in the lead.

Margaret is working with our creative residents to do the decorating. There are photos from our photographers and there will be other items on display from our other artisans. Potential buyers will be able to see what La Casa is about with a continual photo loop taking us through the year. The Board of Directors truly appreciates all that Margaret has done.

AMC REPORT

On May 5, 2026, Sarasota County Commissioners approved golf cart usage on the Rt. 41 sidewalk from Lazy River Road to Talon Bay Drive. The resolution was forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation. On June 6, 2026, FDOT issued a memo amending the county's decision. Basically, the memo states that usage can only be permitted from Lazy River Road to the driveway for La Rocca Restaurant and Oldies Pub. The speed limit is 15 mph. FDOT will be installing appropriate signage. The upside is that we can travel between parks and down to La Rocca and Oldies. The downside is that going further to Save-a-Lot risks a traffic violation and ticket.

Taskforce Reports
No report

Old Business:

Report of Pool Algae - Independent pool company came out to test the water and areas of reported algae. The green tint is a result of minerals (copper) as initially indicated. There are no signs of algae. - See Attached on next page.

Calendar:
November newsletter, Paul Moshano, please submit by October 8, 2026.

New Business: None
Open Forum: No requests to speak

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm

Next Agenda meeting: Monday, November 2, 2026, 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Next Board meeting: Monday, November 9, 2026, 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Respectively submitted,
Rob McMillion, Board Secretary

Directors Report by Paul Moshano

Well, it's about time for the wife and I to head south for the winter. By the time you read this, we should be back in LaCasa. It's been a long, beautiful summer here in upstate NY and the Adirondacks. The grandkids are back at school, so it makes a lot of spare time for me and the wife. So, we are counting the days to get back to the important part of our year of doing our part of making LaCasa run.

Over the summer I have noticed an increase in Facebook messages stating the HOA Board should do this or that. Well, that might be the case, but that's not how you express your opinion. If you want to be heard, you must get involved. Twice a month and twice at each HOA meeting you can express your opinion or ask questions about any topic, but you must participate. That goes for goes for anything done in LaCasa short of the office staff and park manager. All of the committees, amenities, and clubs are all done by volunteers. You have to get involved if you want to know what's going on.

We will be having an election of officers in February 2027 and will need 3 volunteers to set up and serve a 3-year term. The same thing happens every year, but last year no one stepped up until 5 minutes before the deadline. This message goes out to the newer residence in LaCasa. You moved to our community because of what we have to offer. If you don't want to lose what you came here for, then you have an obligation to get involved. All the information needed to participate is on the LaCasa ROC website. Get involved.

Gettle Pools, Inc.
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Phone (941) 366-6267 Fax (941) 379-6126

Date: 09/16/2026

La Casa Community

To Whom It May Concern:

The swimming pool/spa located at 300 El Prado Avenue Northport , FL 34287 was inspected by Gettle Pools Inc on; August 31st, 2026 . Upon inspection we tested all chemical ranges; no algae seemed to be present, staining represents mineral/metal deposits. After our inspection we conclude due to the age of the surface and other factors, these teal stains are a result of metals either returning from equipment or in water used to fill pool.

Sincerely,

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News From Your Activity Association

Tim Davis, President

Things are getting back to "normal" here in LaCasa as more and more residents are returning home to have fun this Season! We will be having a Monday Night Activity Association General meeting on Monday, November 7th in the Rec Hall at 7:00 p.m. We encourage everyone and especially representatives from all our social clubs, to attend to find out what is planned this Season.

Our annual Wine & Cheese party will be Friday, November 6th at the Rec Hall where we will introduce you to the 2027 All-Star Shows in January, February and March. Season passes to all 3 shows will be available for purchase at just $35.00 for all. At the Wine and Cheese party we will announce who the 3 acts are, and I can tell you they will be fabulous! We have a Diva "Legends" show with Donna Moore; a Blues Brothers Tribute, and the return of Jimmy Mazz with his "Blast from the Past" show! You don't want to miss these performances!

In November we are having a "Harvest Dance" on Saturday, November 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at the November 4, Coffee Hour and continue at bingos and coffee hours. Tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be Thanksgiving and Christmas Potluck Dinners again this year, coordinated by Leza Beckley who did a great job last year! She will be posting sign-up sheets on the bulletin board this month, and notices will be posted on the website and LaCasa Residents Facebook page.

We have had a good summer, with no storms and LaCasa is well poised to make this year the GREATEST! We encourage all our new residents to check out all the sporting activities and other clubs to participate and meet new friends.

Have a good Fall and welcome back. Get ready to have a GREAT SEASON!!!

La Casa Real Estate Volunteers

LCRE is gearing up for TWO exciting Volunteer training sessions.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 — 1pm–2pm
Monday, January 25, 2027 — 10am–11am

Both sessions will be held in the Rec Hall

Pick one, mark your calendar, grab your favorite pen, and get ready to fill out your Volunteer Profile Sheet —your golden ticket to help with events, office support, and all things LaCasa!

- New to the community? If you've ever been curious about La Casa real estate or love sharing your La Casa homebuying journey, this is a fun way to get involved!
- Longtime volunteers? Come stay updated, stay connected and stay fabulous. We've got new Florida real estate info to share!

If you can't make either date, no worries —message me directly at debh225@aol.com

Let's keep our volunteer family strong, informed, and ready for another great year!

BLOOD DRIVE

Colette Welch

THANK YOU so much! We exceeded our September goal by one. Eleven of you came to donate. You helped 33 people with your kindness. Mark the calendar for Friday, November 20. The Big Red Bus will be back from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. See you there.

Cribbage

Colette Welch

Cribbage has begun. We meet on Monday evenings at the Club House. Games begin promptly at 6:30 PM. All are welcome whether you are new to the game or experienced. We would love to help you. Bring $1.00. We are a fun group.

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

A Charitable Organization - Ann Marie Booth

Thank you to the 24 members who were able to join us on September 8 th for lunch at Anna Maria Oyster Bar. Bunny Solari arranged for us to have a private room, where we were able to visit, laugh, and enjoy our delicious lunch.

Monthly meetings resume Tuesday, October 13, at noon in the Rec Hall. Bring your lunch, meet new friends, and learn what is coming up for G.A.L.S. We hope to see you there.

At our meetings, we celebrate birthdays, collect personal hygiene items for Backpack Angels, and accept donations for Meals on Wheels.

We are collecting $10 Walmart gift cards for our annual Christmas donation to the Boys & Girls Club of North Port. If you can contribute, please bring a gift card to a meeting or contact any board member. The Boys and Girls Club appreciates this cherished tradition.

Please volunteer to help prepare for our Halloween Dance on October 31, 2026. We need assistance with decorating, setting up, and cleanup. "Many hands make light work!" Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting and on the Rec Hall bulletin board.



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Michele Stewart, President
Sue Verrill, Vice President
Anita Sullivan, 2nd Vice President
Deb Keller, Treasurer
Ann Marie Booth, Secretary

Upcoming events and updates will also be posted on the G.A.L.S. Facebook page.

Looking Forward to seeing you soon!

Veterans of LaCasa

Mark Hlasny – Commander

Welcome back to our fellow LaCasa residents. We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

As you read this, we have already had our first veterans meeting of the season on Oct. 20th. For anyone that did not see last month's newsletter, let me define what our veterans club is about.

We hold monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month from Oct thru April in the rec hall at 11:45 am. All American and canadien veterans are welcome to join. Also any LaCasa residents who would like to join are welcome as associates. Our dues remain at $10 per year. We provide a free lunch and beverages after every meeting.

Last year we were fortunate to fundraise and donate to 6 veteran organizations thanks to everyone in our community stepping up, whether it was volunteering or attending our events. We hope to continue to provide much needed help to veterans this season with your support. You guys are awesome. Thank you.

On a more solemn note, we are honoring all veterans Nov. 11 in the rec hall at 11am with our honor guard and a guest speaker. Please attend to show your support for all veterans past and present..

Our veterans dance is Nov 7th at 7pm in the rec hall . Serving apple crisp and ice cream at 6pm. Tickets are for sale at coffee hour Wednesday morning and before bingo Thursday evening if you have not purchased them already.

We hope to see as good if not a better season here at LaCasa with your help. As always, damaged/ tattered American flags can be dropped off at 721 Blanca for proper disposal. We always keep an open door for suggestions/ improvements. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions and comments to better our community.



Voices of LaCasa

Merilee Taylor – 941-426-3159

VOICES OF LACASA PRESENT…….
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Plan to join The Voices of La Casa for their Christmas Extravaganza on Friday, December 4, 2026, as we open the Holiday Festivities in La Casa!! Most of the Beautiful Park decorations will be Sparkling in Grandeur to Greet the Season!! Under the direction of Chaz Doughty, The Voices are excited to add to that Sparkle, bringing you Beloved Christmas tunes, some with a couple surprises!!

Enjoy Caberet-style seating as you sing-a-long with The Voices, watch our delightful La Casa Tappers and Line Dancers, chuckle with Rudolph and Frosty, appreciate the voices of Steve and Marie, participate in our Fun 12 Days of Christmas!! With our enthusiastic Director Chaz at the helm, we are eager to bring you this entertaining "Extravaganza"..all For The Joy of Singing!

MARK your Calendar for Friday, December 4, 2026, at 7PM in the REC HALL!! As Always, FREE WILL DONATIONS at Door!!

SEE YOU THERE!!!



HELP Dispatchers

The Help Dispatchers 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 **November:**
Linda Breeden – 941.426.3961

2027 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

In order 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 a member

of the Artisans Group--$5.00 annual dues to be paid the first day of class; this is a onetime fee if you are registered in multiple artisan classes.

STAINED GLASS CLASS: ($40.00 per 4 week session): Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the activity center. Classes run January thru 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 January thru 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

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 December 1, 2026 and run thru March 2027. Please specify if you are an advanced or new student.

Submit registration to: Ruth Atkins: ratkins51651@gmail.com Instructors: Annette Sharp (519) 852-1033, 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, 2026, or when all classes are full. Submit earlier for December 2026 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 three kinds of glass classes offered—we make every effort to accommodate all requests.

LaCasa Real Estate, Inc.

David Bisson



September saw almost as many sales as we had for the three months of June, July, and August. In September, we sold 5 houses and in 2025 for September, we also sold 5 houses. There were no lots sold in September of this year, but we had one sale last year for the same month.
On a good note, currently, there are seven homes pending for closing in October. Hopefully, we might have more.

With the beginning of our "winter" season, we anticipate an increase in visits to our park. Certainly, the hurricane free fall, at this point, is also helping factor. The common grounds look great, thus increasing the appeal to potential buyers.

At the Directors' Meeting on October 13th, the Directors established dates and times for upcoming volunteer training and open houses. Ample publicity will be given to you regarding these events.

The Directors encourage you to contact our sales office to speak with either one or our staff members regarding listing of your home, should you be interested in selling in the upcoming months. Very few, if any, outside agents accept a commission equal to or less than ours. That is money in your pocket.

Painters of LaCasa



Instructor: Allie Landrum
Phone: 765-506-1891
Email: swimalioops@icloud.com

Hello all Painters (and painter want-to-be's),

The first meeting for painting will be on January 6, 2027, for former members and interested new painters. Artisan activity cards will be available to purchase ($5.00—covers all Artisan classes) during the first class or at the Artisan's table during the LaCasa Expo on January 9, 2027. ***You must also have a LaCasa activities card.***

Bring ideas of painting techniques you would like to learn for the season. Classes will meet every Wednesday in the Clubhouse from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. You are welcome to bring your own materials (there is a $5.00 fee for all in-class materials).

No experience needed. To pre-register for class, please send the instructor listed above your phone number and email. If you can't attend the first class, no worries, visit the Artisans table on January 9, 2027, at the LaCasa Expo in the Rec. Hall to meet the instructor.

On Sunday, Jan 10, 2027, please join the Artisan group for a Meet and Greet at the Clubhouse; this will be an opportunity to meet all Artisans and enjoy some refreshments. More details to follow.

On Wednesday, January 13, 2027. Painters of LaCasa members will meet at the Clubhouse 1:00 – 3:00 PM and begin our first lesson of the season. We will meet for a total of 10 classes and end on March 17. The Artisan Art show will be on March 21, 2027. to end the season with family and friends viewing all Artisan's wonderful creations.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in class.

LaCasa Tennis Club

Dianne Richardson – Secretary



Happy November! I hope you all arrived in LaCasa safely, or for those of you here full time we hope you made it through the HOT summer. November brings lots of activities – especially tennis. League play has started so please be sure to check the utilization schedule for your practice days and times and for open tennis opportunities.

Our first event of the new season is the Fall Picnic. We have moved the picnic to Sunday November 22. It was scheduled for November 8th, but we felt that it was too early to allow many of our members to join in the festivities. The picnic will be at the Rec Hall with signups at 9:00. Watch your email for further announcements.

It was great to see everyone at our first meeting in October. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 17th at 9 am at the Rec Hall. There will be coffee and donuts. You can pay your membership fee so you can scratch that one off your to-do list. Watch your email for minutes and agendas. If you aren't receiving anything from us, please let us know. Our email is Lacasatennisclub@gmail.com

Welcome to those who are new to LaCasa. If you haven't tried tennis before or played in a while, please look for our free lessons starting sometime in November. There are many of us who picked up a racket for the first time once we moved to LaCasa.

Here are some funny tennis sayings to start the season off:

I dislike the gym, but I'll chase a tennis ball all day.

You only live once, but you get to serve twice.

A bad day of tennis is still better than a good day at work.

In Memory.....

AL BOGUSZ

BARBARA REGENOVICH

Pottery Registration Information

Jill VanAntwerp



2027 Pottery Classes will begin Thursday, January 7th and they will continue through Thursday, March 11th. March 18th will be the day to pick up your final work that will come out of the kiln for the Artisan Exhibit Saturday, March 20th.

If you have never had a pottery class in La Casa, you need to choose an Instruction Class. If you have participated in an Instruction Class in the past, you can either repeat an Instruction class or choose Open Studio. Open Studio is for people who feel confident enough in their skills to develop ideas for clay projects on their own. There will be an instructor in each Open Studio to answer questions and confer with for process ideas while working on a project.

2027 Class Schedule (All classes are on Thursdays)

- Open Studio—10-12—Chris Ferrara and Judy Hacker
- Instruction—12:30-2:30—John Sullivan and MaryLee Woollams
- Open Studio—3-5—Chris VanAntwerp
- Instruction—6-8—Chris VanAntwerp and Judy Hacker

The cost of the 10 weeks is $100. You can either pay this on the first day of class or you can pay $50 on January 7th and $50 on February 11th. Pay by cash or check.

To register for a pottery class, please email Chris VanAntwerp at vanantwcp@yahoo.com. You need to be a 2027 Member of Artisans to participate in this class. Artisan membership is $5 annually. Pay dues with your fee at the first class.

FROSTYS OF LACASA...



We need your help again this year decorating the park!!

Some of the things we need help with are:

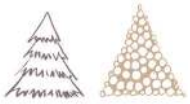
- putting lights on the tall trees as you enter the park
- getting decorations out and put up
- taking decorations down after the first of the year
- help with the parade after the 2-day drive thru and a small gathering afterwards
- checking the lights in the evenings
- help selling tickets for a Trivia Night

Please send an email to: mmoshano@gmail.com with your name and contact information or call me @315-945-2131



Christmas Drive Thru

Liz Tomolillo



Mark your calendar, the Christmas Drive thru in LaCasa is Dec 14th and 15th between 6 and 8. This is when we open LaCasa up to the public to see our wonderful Christmas decorations.

On our last drive thru we had over 1000 cars come through. We advise our LaCasa family to be out of LaCasa by 5:30 and do not return till after 8:30. Even though it is from 6 to 8 with that many cars coming through they don't exit until close to 9 and if they are in line before 8

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We will be driving around to pick the routes on Dec 7th; 8th and 9th so please have your wonderful decorations up and on. I will post the route on Facebook residents on Dec 12th and also start filling the corners on Dec 10th. If you would like to volunteer, please call me. 781-706-8989.

November 2026 Upcoming Dance Classes



Welcome back to many of our snowbird residents. Just a note on a few of the dance classes we will be offering. I don't have all the exact start dates yet, but I wanted to put out what I know about the upcoming season so that early on you're aware of what is being planned.

1) Absolute beginner line dance classes. Starting at 10 AM on November 10th and every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 AM in the REC Hall. This is for the person or couple that has not danced very much or at all. It's a great place to start. With the skills you will master in class, you will be able to learn more easily and move on to more complex line dancing classes, partner swing dance, and two-step classes. This class started up this past summer, and the new dancers now can do many of the dances done at the LaCasa dances. The class has been very successful in getting people out and dancing in addition to being great exercise.

2) Introduction to Texas Two-Step Partner Dancing. Every Thursday at 11-12, starting November 12th. This is a beginner's class, but for your best success, you should have previous experience partner dancing, have attended the beginner line dance above, or are currently a regular line dancer.

3) Introduction to East Coast Swing. This will take place at the same time slot once the two-step class is completed. Again, this is a beginner's class, but for your best success, you should have previous experience partner dancing, have attended the beginner line dance above, or are currently a regular line dancer.

4) There will be a country western partner dance class coming up on Fridays. I don't have the starting date for this class right off, as the instructors will not be here as of this writing. This will be announced once it's decided on Facebook and communicated on bulletin boards. There will be two sessions: a beginner's session for the first hour and an advanced section for the second hour. The beginner's section does not require/ recommend that you have taken other dance classes (although that would be beneficial) but is a true beginner's class, and many have successfully learned the dances and are able to do them at LaCasa dances and move on to more advanced classes without having previous dance experience.

5) Intermediate/ Advanced Line Dance classes will resume every Thursday from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. I'm not sure of the starting date, but that should be posted before this article is published.

2026-2027 Dances

Activity Association- Lynn Uffelman

***Dances start at 6:00 pm, New Year's Eve at 7:00 pm*

11/ 21/ 26 Lil Mixed Up
12/ 12/ 26 Dick and Kammy
12/ 31/ 26 Spin It Again
02/ 13/ 27 Robert and Wolfe
03/ 13/ 27 High Caliber
04/ 10/ 27 Two of A Kind
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All Star Shows

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Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Watch for additional Facebook postings as we finalize our plans!

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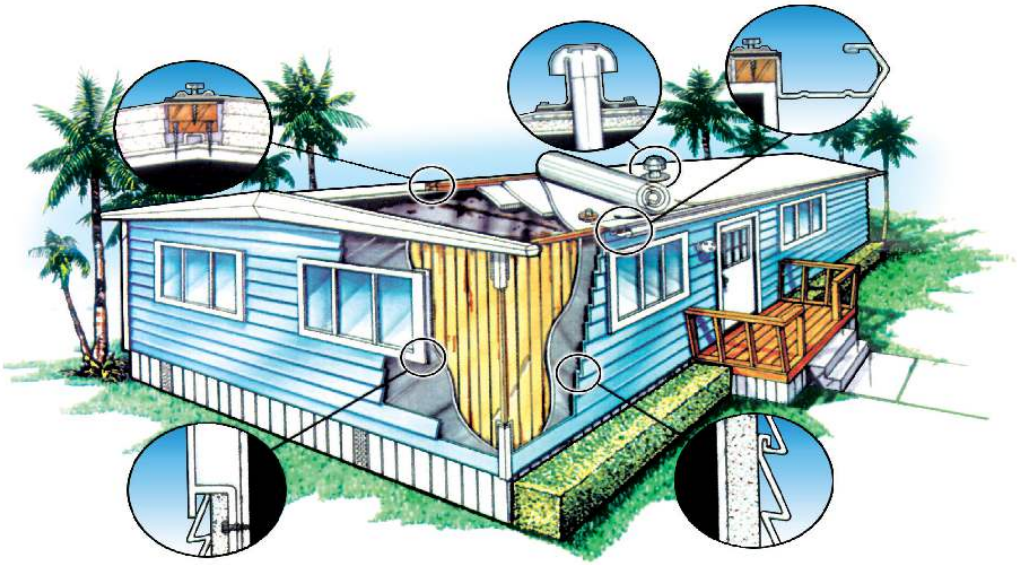


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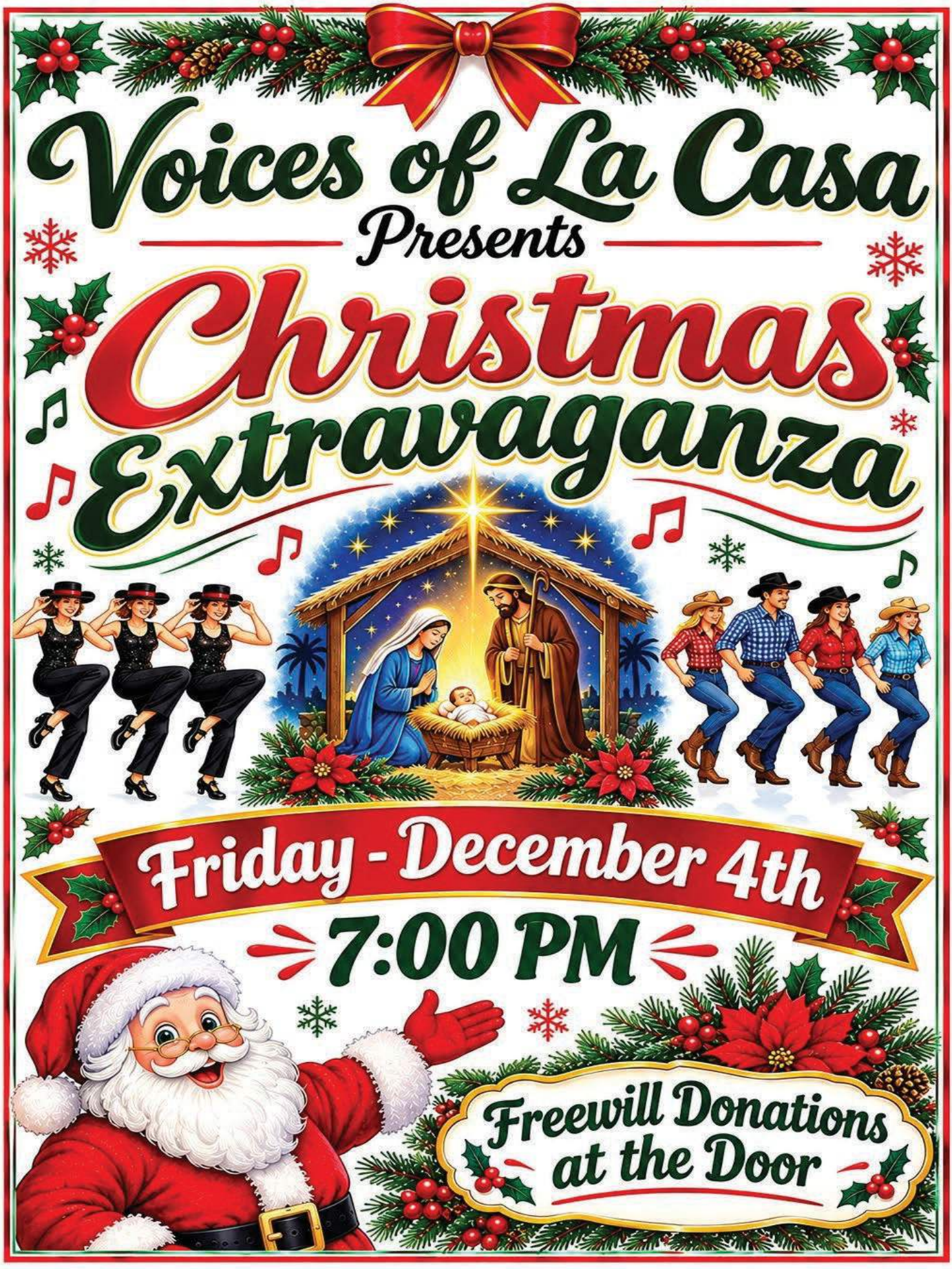
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- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Moistened towellettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Banking information
- ☐ Copies of social security cards
- ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/ microchip information
- ☐ Water and food bowls

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
  Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water
  1 gallon per person per day
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, and utensils

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers

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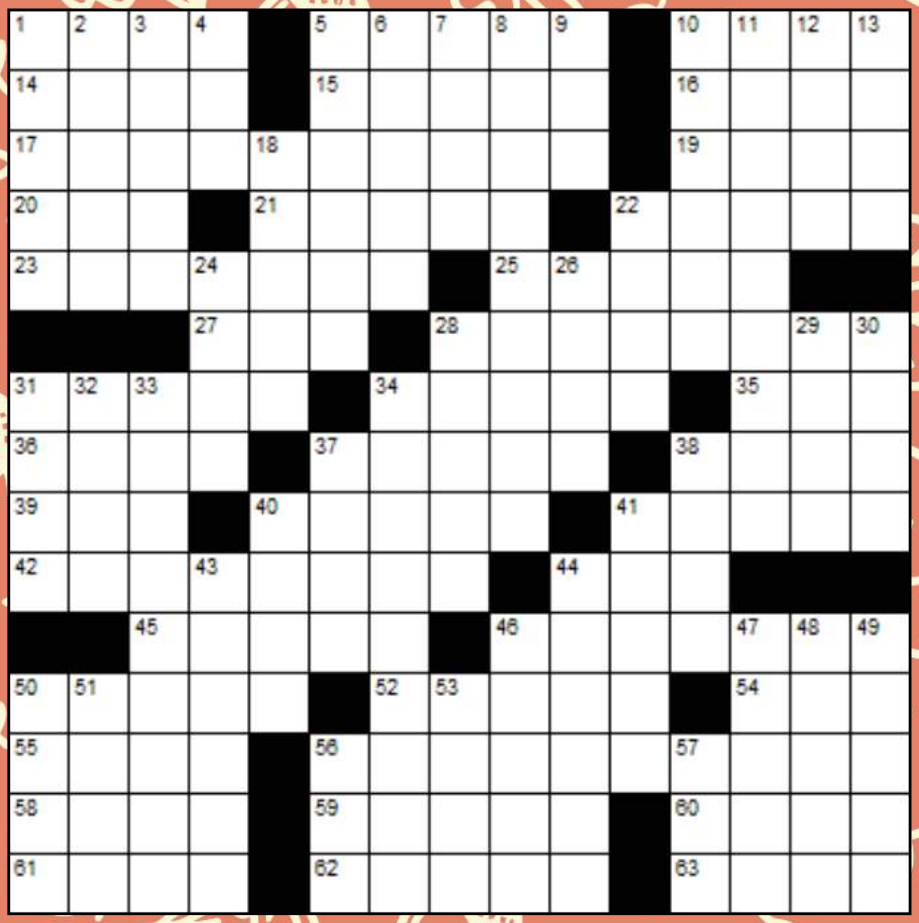
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39. Soviet space station
40. Uninterested
41. Not back
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44. Obtained
45. Brag
46. Nearest
50. Music disc
52. Spring month
54. Fish eggs
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62. Funeral piles
63. Technology

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1. Evanesces
2. Varnish resin
3. Poplar variety
4. Craggy peak
5. Soak up
6. Beats
7. Enticement
8. Encouraged
9. South southeast
10. Unit of dry measure
11. Nocturnal armored mammal
12. Fortune teller
13. Diurnal bird of prey
18. File
22. Resorts
24. Golly
26. Assist illegally
28. Digital compression device
29. Portent or omen
30. Flesh from animals
31. Renown
32. Acid related to gout
33. Brushes for heavy cleaning
34. Matrimonial
37. Bamboozles
38. Cultural doings
40. Ray
41. Gullible people
43. Puddinglike dessert
44. Moves effortlessly
46. Hag
47. Wear away
48. Relating to audible sound
49. We chew with them
50. Away from the wind
51. Former Italian currency
53. Impoverished
56. A roll of soft bread
57. Make lace



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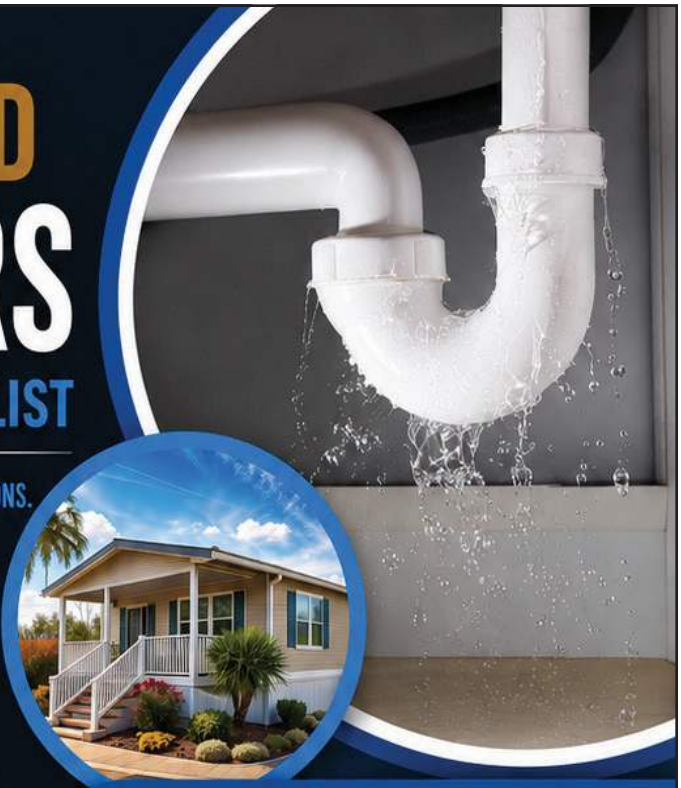
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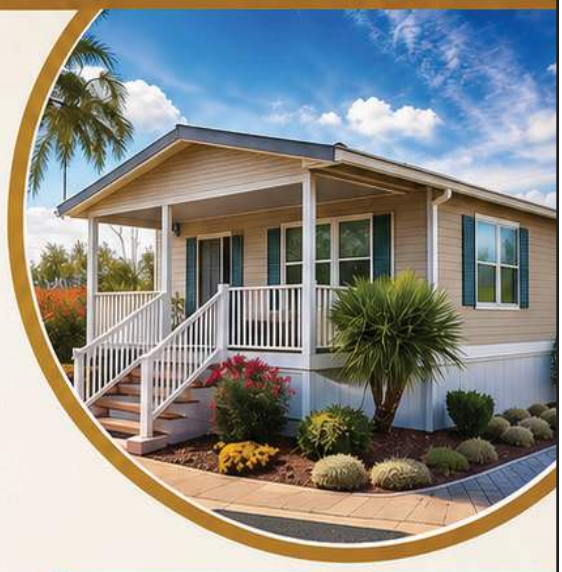
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