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**Homeowners Association of  
LaCasa, Inc.**

**HOA Board of Directors Meeting  
February 23, 2026  
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:** Ed Bourdeau, David Fogt, Rob McMillion, Gary Mithoefer, Paul Moshano, Denny Smith, Colette Welch, Tim Davis, Frank Anastasi (Park Manager), Linda Krout (Park Acct/Office Mgr.)

**Via Zoom:** Ruth Beie

**Absent:** Jack Pasquale (Parliamentarian)

**A quorum of the Board is present:**

There were 40 residents in attendance, 1 via Zoom.

**Adoption of Proposed agenda:**

**Motion:** Motion to edit the Proposed Agenda moving the President's report ahead of the Request for Shareholders to Speak. **Davis/Welch MMC 8/0**

**Rationale:** The report directly addresses the "Request for Shareholders to Speak" and is appropriate prior to that opportunity.

**Motion:** To adapt the proposed agenda as amended.  
**Davis/Moshano MMC 8/0**

**President's Report: Tim Davis**

Good afternoon and thank you for coming to our February HOA Board Meeting. We have a couple of new faces today on the Board because of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Election at our Annual Shareholders Meeting. Well, they aren't really new as both have served on previous HOA Boards. Colette Welch and Paul Moshano were elected to 3-year terms to serve on the Board, and Ed Bourdeau was also successful in being elected to a 3-year term in his own right. I congratulate all three of our Board Members who will be serving with us in 2026 and beyond and look forward to working with them.

Today I wanted to address what seems to be a common complaint from many of our shareholders who submit requests to speak at our Board Meetings. There are 3 opportunities for Shareholders to speak:

- Submit a written request to the Park Manager to be on our Agenda to address the board. The written request can be submitted on the printed form (available online and in the front office) and must be in the Manager's hands by noon, 2 business days before our Agenda Meeting (which is usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month). The online form is on lacasaroc.com under: "Forms: HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC. AGENDA REQUEST.
- You may also speak on any item on our agenda during the OPEN FORUM ON AGENDA ITEMS.
- And last, there is an OPEN FORM at each of our Board Meetings where any shareholder can speak on any topic for up to 3 minutes. This is usually at the end of the Board Meeting.

Many of you that speak about a subject that is important to you, have said that it ends right there – nothing happens, nothing is taken under consideration, and your words seem to fall on deaf ears. At our Board Reorganization Meeting, we talked about this at length and have decided that if a shareholder takes the time to submit a form to speak and addresses the crowd, they deserve some kind of feedback from us.

From now on I will refer you to work with a Board Member to try to come to some resolution of the problem. Then that Board Member will report back to us or refer it to one of our Standing Committees that seems to be appropriate for your concern. We will then add that item and any questions or concerns as appropriate, as a follow up item under the "Old Business" portion of the business meeting.

We as a Board take your concerns very seriously and do not want to come across as ignoring those of you who voted to have us represent your interests in La Casa. Every one of our Board Members is assigned a Standing Committee to serve as liaison and advises and works closely with that Committee. I am confident that we will do a better job of addressing and would appreciate your input.

Thank you and now we will get back to the order of business.

- Review of opportunities for shareholders to speak at board meetings
- Shareholder Requests to Speak
  - Robert Cain - RV Compound Lot - Absent
- Open Forum on Agenda Items:

**Secretary's Report: Rob McMillion**

**Motion:** I move to approve the HOA Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 26, 2026, as posted.  
**McMillion/Bourdeau MMC 9/0**

**Motion:** I move to approve the HOA Board of Directors Reorg meeting minutes of February 13, 2026  
**McMillion/Welch MMC 9/0**

**Treasurer's Report:** David Fogt

Month	January 2026 (Preliminary)		
	Actual	Budget	P/L
Income	\$213,560.45	\$206,518.57	\$ 7,041.88
Expense	\$163,723.06	\$143,031.90	\$ 20,691.16
P/L	\$ 49,837.39	\$ 63,486.67	(13,649.28)

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**Bank Balances**

	Ckg/Money Mrkt	CD's
Reserve Funds*	\$428,640.76	\$1,215,000.00
Operating Funds*	\$260,453.94	\$ 180,000.00
Capital Acq Fund*	\$465,967.50	\$1,940,000.00
Petty Cash	\$250.00	
Hurricane Deduct		\$ 375,000.00
Uninsured Asset *		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,885,312.50</b>	

CD's	Amount	Int rate renewed
Reserve		
Operating		
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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  
 No report

**LCRE:** David Bisson  
**LCRE JANUARY REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS 02/23/26**

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

My name is David Bisson, 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, Jill Soltis, Treasurer, and Marianne Moshano, Director.

Our January sales of home and lots were not as much as we expected, because several property closings had to be moved to February and beyond in order to address deficiencies in the home inspection report.

In January, we sold 5 homes and in January 2025 we sold 4.

One lot was sold in 2026, and no lots were sold in 2025.

At the end of January, we have 14 houses pending and no lots.

The average price of a home sold in January 2026 was \$153,592, an increase of 20%.

The average price of a lot sold in January 2026 was \$4,600 and increase of 14%.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we conducted our first Sellers' Meeting. This meeting was an opportunity for all current sellers and those who might be interested in selling in the future to meet with the sales broker/associate, the transaction coordinator and the Board of Directors. Our broker outlined many of the issues that sellers should consider prior to placing their home on the market, things that should be maintained while the house is on the market, and an overview of the price range buyers are considering. Unfortunately for the more expensive houses, we find that buyers tend to be looking at houses for \$150,000 or less. Those who have homes above this price point may see limited to no traffic in buyers going to their house. In order for our sales associate to maintain trust and a positive working relationship with potential buyers, it is nearly impossible to encourage a potential buyer who is seeking a house in the range of \$135,000 to look at a house that is \$210,000 or higher. The analogy would be if you decide to purchase a new or used car. You do your homework as our buyers do and have an idea of what is available for the money you want and can afford. If your maximum price is 40K dollars and the auto salesperson shows you what \$40K will buy but talks you into looking at this model that he has for \$85K you might feel that you are being pressured and don't like how you feel. You may even decide to leave that dealership and go to another. The \$85K car might be what you dream of, however, the reality of what you can afford and are willing to pay to influence your decision. You might look but the monthly payment brings you back to reality...or maybe your spouse does. Real estate is no different. We are not implying or saying that a house is not worth over \$200,000, but current buyers are not looking at that price range. The broker also stressed how important it is for sellers to be open with her and buyers to get the sale to the table. Refusing to counteroffer, if even the offer is a real "low-ball offer and you are so insulted that you won't dignify it with a response" and refusing to address

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deficiencies or provide some monetary amount to address those items within a home inspection are often deal breakers. Such proverbial adages: A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. You can bring a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. We strive to do our best with and for all our clients.

Tomorrow February 24, from 9 am to 3 pm, we will be conducting an open house for both inside park potential buyers and outside park potential buyers. Potential buyers will be limited to viewing two homes, however, if the cue line permits, more homes may be shown. Anyone wishing only a tour can make an appointment for another day and time. We will have limited golf carts and do not want to engage a cart in a tour, which often takes well over an hour.

A reminder to you, the shareholders, that on March 23, within a recessed portion of the HOA monthly meeting, La Casa Real Estate Inc. will conduct its annual shareholder meeting. At this time, several matters of business will be brought before you. Please look and read the packet which will be placed in your mailbox well in advance of the meetings.

### February 2026 Park Managers Report

**Report:** Frank Anastasi, Park Manager

#### Administrative:

1. Inspections for missing carports and utility sheds - There are approximately 13 homes that have missing carports and sheds. Follow-up inspections will take place in February, and appropriate action will be taken for those homes that are in violation.
2. Manager reviewing all contracts for proper expirations, scanned and digitally saved.
3. Common violation inspections were completed resulting in 11 general violations. Letters are in the process of being sent out.
4. The Health Department conducted a general inspection of the community. There were no reported violations.
5. Management will identify vacant lots that are not for sale and contact owners for their intention of lot use for a home.

#### Maintenance:

1. Bocce Court Awning - The north side awning for Bocce courts has been completed. We are waiting for the inspector from Sarasota County permitting.
2. Memorial Gazebo - Contractor is working with county for permitting.
3. Pickle Ball Awning - New contractor is working with county for permit.

4. Asphalt replacement, asphalt rejuvenation, lake shore embankment restoration and pipelining specifications for 2026 have been completed.
  - a. Contract Review Committee has reviewed bid specification which have been provided to various contractors.
5. Mowing - Next mow for La Casa is the week of March 9, 2026.
6. Mulch is scheduled for October.
7. Palm trimming is scheduled for August.
8. All AED's have been lowered to meet code.
9. Maintenance cleared the encroaching vegetation behind the fence on the left as you enter the community.
10. The bingo machine was ordered and should take approximately 4 to 6 weeks for an estimated delivery of mid-March.
11. Maintenance is in the process of removing stumps in common areas as these are a hazard.
12. Lake Cinto electrical panel was replaced. The old panel was approximately 13 years old. This panel supplies power to the pumps for irrigation & fountain and holiday lighting.
13. See attached monthly safety class material.
14. The clubhouse entry door and side windows were tinted to eliminate glare on the tv.
15. Community Hydraulic Engineering - The Board will be reviewing engineering proposal for community meetings.
16. Investigating Applicators License for maintenance staff to be approved to use pesticides.

#### Director's Reports:

**Director:** Ruth Beier: No Report

**Director:** Ed Bourdeau

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of La Casa approve David Zerek as a member of the ARC which is a standing committee chartered by the HOA Board. **Bourdeau/Moshano MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** David is a full-time resident of LaCasa since 2001, Prior to that he was a full time resident of Sarasota County since 2000. He is well experienced in construction and cable work in his work experience prior to retirement. He's also experienced in reading and understanding blueprints. David is a first-time volunteer here in LaCasa, so this gives us an opportunity to get more people involved.

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of LaCasa approve Gordy Chant as a member of the ARC which is a standing committee chartered by the HOA Board. **Bourdeau/Moshano MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** Gordy is a part time resident of LaCasa (snowbird) and moved here in 2022. Since then, he has  
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been active in numerous clubs. He has experience in appraising properties and extensive experience in the construction trades. He is looking forward to working with other members of the team, and the residents to problem-solve the many situations that will arise.

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of La Casa approve Karen Jones as a member of the ARC which is a standing committee chartered by the HOA board. **Bourdeau/Fogt MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** Karen is a part time resident of LaCasa (snowbird) and moved here in 2017. Karen is currently the president of the Boating and Fishing Club and has been for a number of years. She has an excellent record of solving problems and effectively works with team members and residents. She has a background as a Supervisory Paralegal for the US Attorney's office. She has also had experience in HUD and the Social Security Administration. Her desire is to keep the community's property and appearance up, which is what attracted her to the community originally.

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of LaCasa to approve Elaine Maheu as a member of the ARC which is a standing committee chartered by the HOA Board. **Bourdeau/Moshano MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** Elaine is a part time resident of LaCasa (snowbird), She has extensive knowledge in auditing. Her past job experience required in detail understanding of documentation requirements vs what was transpiring in the operations. While in LaCasa Elaine has been a volunteer for the LCRE, the Frosty Decorations, and involved in the pickleball club.

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of LaCasa approve Jack Hagopian as a member of the ARC which is a standing committee chartered by the HOA Board. **Bourdeau/Fogt MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** Jack is a part time resident of LaCasa (snowbird) and moved here in 2018. He has extensive high-level management background and has an excellent record of effectively working with coworkers, employees, and customers. While at LaCasa he was on the Standing Committee on Finance from 2020 to 2022. He was a member of the computer Club from 2019-2024 and was the VP of programs from 2021-2024. He was on the HOA Board from 2023 to 2026, Jack has an excellent understanding of how LaCasa operates.

**Motion:** I want to make a motion to approve a new house going into 613 Los Altos, lot #386.  
**Bourdeau/Smith MMC 8/1**

**Rationale:** The House and lot have been reviewed to be in compliance with all key LaCasa Home requirements such

as setback/placement and height. The house will also add to overall property values.

**Report: A.R.C.** No Report

**Director:** David Fogt – Treasurer

**Motion:** I move that the Homeowners Association of La Casa Inc. enter a contract with Cavoli Engineering Inc. of Sarasota FL to discuss the results of the Hydraulic Study and to clarify options for possible projects and improvements within the community at an hourly rate of \$220 including travel. The HOA Board will be responsible for determining the time, manner and scope of this meeting. This will be paid from the Capital Asset Acquisition account. **Fogt/Welch MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** The full board and residents need to hear the results of the Hydraulic Study and how that will impact the park and specific projects and improvements.

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#### APPOINTMENTS FOR STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of La Casa waive requirement 10 in the Standing Committee section of the Committee Policy and Procedures to reappoint Jack Pasquale to the Standing Committee on Finance for an additional 3-year term ending March 2029. **Fogt/Bourdeau MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** The three-year terms of Jack Pasquale and Jim Dahlhausen are expiring in March 2026. Additionally, Sharon Scarlett whose term expires March 2028 has recently resigned from the committee for personal reasons. Jack Pasquale is currently the chairman of this committee and provides an invaluable wealth of knowledge and input into the financial operation of La Casa. He is highly respected by the members of the SCF and provides a broad range of expertise to the committee as well as the HOA Board. Advertisements, solicitations and direct personal requests seeking potential applicants to fill SCF positions have not been successful. Jack Pasquale has agreed to serve another 3-year term. Pursuant to the previously referenced section the HOA Liaison can request a waiver. The SCF recognizes the importance of continuing to bring new members to the committee, but the reality of the circumstances due to lack of other applicants requires the committee to make this recommendation to carry out its duties under its charter.

**Motion:** I move that the Board of the Homeowners Association of La Casa waive requirement 10 in the Standing Committee section of the Committee Policy and Procedures to reappoint Jim Dahlhausen to the Standing Committee on Finance for an additional 3-year term ending March 2029. **Fogt/Welch MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** The three-year terms of Jack Pasquale and Jim Dahlhausen are expiring in March 2026. Additionally, Sharon Scarlett whose term expires March 2028, has recently resigned from the committee for personal reasons. Jim Dahlhausen is currently a member of this committee and provides valuable wealth of knowledge and input into the financial operation of LaCasa, having served for 6 years on the SCF. Jim is respected by the members of the SCF and provides a broad range of expertise to the committee as well as being an active member of the La Casa community. Advertisements, solicitations and direct personal requests seeking potential applicants to fill SCF positions have not been successful. Jim Dahlhausen has agreed to serve another 3-year term. Pursuant to the previously referenced section, the HOA Liaison can request a waiver. The SCF recognizes the importance of continuing to bring new members to the committee, but the reality of the circumstances due to lack of other applicants requires the committee to make this recommendation to carry out its duties under its charter.

**Report: Finance** - No Report

**Director Colette Welch**

**Report: AMC/COMPLIANCE:**

The annual AMC meeting was held in La Casa on February 18, 2026. Sarasota County Commissioner Ron Cutsinger spoke on several topics. The most pertinent to our residents was the use of golf carts on the Route 41 sidewalk in front of the five parks and the difficulty with the FCC company and bulk trash pickups. The commission is scheduled to vote on the approval of the golf cart use on March 24, 2026. At this point, it appears the vote will be positive. If bulk trash pickup is a problem for any resident, Mr. Cutsinger said to send him a message at: [rcutsinger@scgov.net](mailto:rcutsinger@scgov.net)

Alice White, representing People for Trees, spoke on the best Florida friendly trees to plant. Jacob Morris from the Sarasota County Fire Dept. shared valuable information on fire safety in the home, especially having a safe exit plan and the importance of smoke detectors. If you cannot afford to replace the smoke detectors in your home, the department has a program that provides them for you. He also explained the importance of having information on record with the department if someone has special health issues or lives alone. This can be done with a fire department File for Life form or by calling 941-861-5000. I also learned that the non-emergency number for the Sarasota Fire Department is 311. So, if you call 311, you can give them the information about special needs at your home.

Florida Dept. of Transportation representative, Walter Breuggeman, talked about the golf carts on the sidewalk

and traffic control on Route 41. There are several reasons why we cannot add another traffic light at this time between River Rd. and Talon Bay Dr. Reducing the speed limit would not necessarily slow cars down. Consideration can be given for DOT to place right turn signs at the exits of each park to prevent accidents when crossing the median.

#### **COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

Currently there is no issue before the Compliance Committee. There are three vacancies needing to be filled. I have spoken with two individuals interested in being appointed to the group and will be seeking others. Since this is a committee that meets only when required, there is not a great deal of time involved. There will be a meeting to bring new members up to date. Then the committee will meet only when required by the Board of Directors actions.

**Director:** Gary Mithoefer

**Motion:** I move to extend the front entrance security contract with Allied Universal Security Services for one (1) additional year beginning on May 1, 2026, and ending on April 30, 2027. The cost will be an approximate 3.7% increase from the previous year for a total cost not to exceed \$272,212.88. The funds will be taken from Operating Fund and is included in the Operating Budget for 2026. **Mithoefer/Welch MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** Our security needs may evolve over the next year due to operational changes, technology improvements and/or facility upgrades. A one (1) year extension ensures that we can reassess our requirements and if necessary, issue a new Request for Proposal for services that better match our future needs.

**Motion:** I move to extend the lawn mowing contract with U.S. Lawns from July 1, 2026, thru December 31, 2026. The cost shall not exceed a total of \$262,400.00. The funds will be taken from the Operating Funds, and the expense is included in the 2026 Operating Budget.

**Mithoefer/Moshano MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** There is no additional increase in the cost compared to the previous year. This puts the completion of the contract at the end of the year and the new contract on a calendar year basis.

**Report: C.R.C.** No Report

**Director:** Rob McMillion

**Motion:** I move that Renda Beck, 447 Loma Linda be appointed to the Future of LaCasa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Bourdeau MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** This committee has been inactive since Hurricane Ian, and its reimplemention is key to the

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continued growth of LaCasa as a vibrant, active community. This candidate is actively involved in the community and is well qualified to perform the responsibilities required moving forward on this committee.

**Motion:** I move that Ann Marie Booth, 721 Blanca, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Moshano MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** This committee has been inactive since Hurricane Ian, and its reimplementation is key to the continued growth of La Casa as a vibrant, active community. This candidate is actively involved in the community and is well qualified to perform the responsibilities required moving forward on this committee.

**Motion:** I move that Elizabeth Clark, 746 Sanchez Circle, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Welch MMC 9/0**

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**Motion:** I move that Douglas Lentz, 734 El Rio, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Smith MMC 9/0**

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**Motion:** I move that Elaine Maheu, 207 Estrada, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Bourdeau MMC 9/0**

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**Motion:** I move that Martha Morgan, 528 La Playa Circle, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Fogt MMC 9/0**

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**Motion:** I move that Lawrence JP Sanders, 516 Madonna, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Welch MMC 9/0**

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**Motion:** I move that George Soltis, 723 Blanca, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Fogt MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** This committee has been inactive since Hurricane Ian, and its reimplementation is key to the continued growth of La Casa as a vibrant, active community. This candidate is actively involved in the community and is well qualified to perform the responsibilities required moving forward on this committee.

**Motion:** I move that Mike Parker, 651 Los Altos, be appointed to the Future of La Casa Standing Committee. **McMillion/Bourdeau MMC 9/0**

**Rationale:** This committee has been inactive since Hurricane Ian, and its reimplementation is key to the continued growth of La Casa as a vibrant, active community. This candidate is actively involved in the community and is well qualified to perform the responsibilities required moving forward on this committee.

**Report: Future of La Casa:** No Report

**Director Paul Moshano**

**Report: Security:**  
Meeting Wednesday, 2/25/2026 10:30am

**Director:** Denny Smith

**Report: LCRE:**

I do not have a report for LCRE. I do have a quick comment, commenting on Dave's business report. It displays this forward thinking and positive action in order to incur a higher number of sales and interests.

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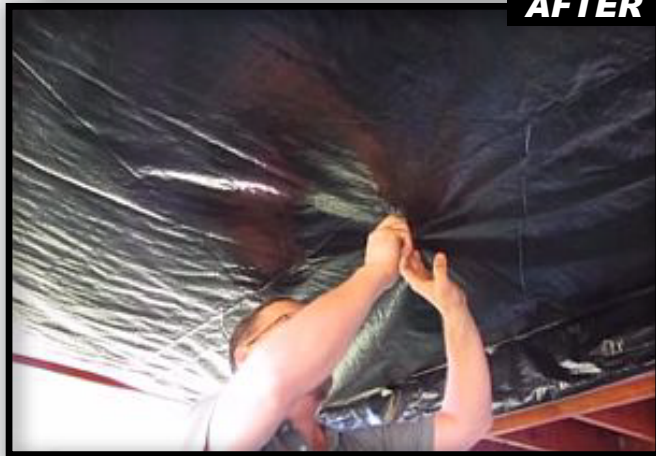
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### Taskforce Reports:

**Front Security Gate Taskforce:** Denny Smith, Chair.

**Report:** No report

**Pickleball Courts Taskforce:** Rob McMillion, Chair

The fourth meeting of the LaCasa Pickleball Task Force was called to order by Chairman Rob McMillion on February 9, 2026, at 9:01am.

Members present were Rob McMillion, Mike Parker, Ed Bourdeau, Pat Popieniek, Bruce McCallum, Ruth Beier, Tim Davis, and Park Manager, Frank Anastasi. Dottie DeVries and Jay Harris were absent.

Rob began the meeting by asking Frank to share the process he went through at Riverwood to build Pickleball courts.

Frank outlined Riverwoods' process to upgrade their property

- They defined goals.
  - The community wanted to be competitive with other parks and the community knew what they had to do to make that happen.
  - They knew piecemeal was not the way to go.
- They hired an engineer and an architect to come up with plans. This took about 8 months.
- They got a loan. Costing each member of the community \$800 per year for 15 years.
- The total project was 5.2 million dollars. It included total pool renovation, new buildings, Pickleball and Tennis courts, as well as other projects. The total project took 1 ½ years to complete,
- HE DOES NOT SEE THAT KIND OF MONEY HERE
- We need professionals to work on this project to include water management and a feasibility study.

An intense and spirited discussion ensued:

- Ruth and Bruce reiterated again that Pickleball cannot wait 3-5 years, and we need an immediate short-term solution.
- Ed stated that the engineering study will give us options. It is finally done but needs to be explained to the community.
- Pat stated that we have been waiting for years for this engineering study's results.
- Rob stated that an immediate solution is to put four Pickleball courts on the existing Court #4. A long-term solution would be to address the 40 acres and our need to address water issues within the park. That might include a lake, walking trail, dog

park, playground, etc. that may include Pickleball courts.

- Mike stated that we are making a decision too quickly.
  - He was adamant that Tennis Club would not give up Court #4.
  - He had a new proposal that the tennis court on Court #4 be rotated to 90 degrees, fences be extended to match the existing courts, and 4 Pickleball courts be built on the remaining area.
- Ruth stated that Tennis has enough courts for their immediate needs, Pickleball doesn't.
- Mike restated that Tennis Club would not give up court #4 and needs that court for expansion.
- Tim stated that we need a Town Hall meeting for the engineer to share his findings.
  - He went on to explain that our history in LaCasa is that we do not borrow money
- Ed asked for clarification of exactly what the 2026 problem is?
  - Pat responded the immediate need for more courts
  - Ed continued that restriping court #4 does not work for tennis
  - A solution is needed and might be Mike's proposal to turn court #4 90 degrees for tennis and use the remainder of the space for Pickleball
- Rob responded that a permanent solution might take more work and money that needs to be used for the community as a whole.

In the interest of moving the discussion along, we decided to request Frank research into getting a site plan for the rotating court #4 proposal.

- Pat asked how long a site plan might take and Frank estimated 6 months.
- Pat asked if there was money for this work and HOA board members present assured there was money for the site plan.

To better understand the details of the proposal, we went outside to walk the area, aligning the new court #4 with current courts #5 and #6, and extending fence lines to include 4 Pickleball courts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectively Submitted,  
Patricia Popieniek

**Update:** Since our meeting on February 9th Frank Anastasi our Park Manager reached out and received a proposal for civil design and permitting services for the proposed pickleball/tennis project at Court 4. Scope of services include site plan, grading & drainage design, erosion

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control plan, and project specific details and cross sections necessary for permitting and construction.

Frank is reaching out to get additional proposals from other design companies for competitive comparison, and it is encouraging that we have a comparative baseline for design and permitting going forward.

**Old Business:** None.

**Calendar:** April newsletter, Gary Mithoefer, please submit by March 8, 2026.

**New Business:** None

**Open Forum:**

- Tim Tyler, 645 Alvarado, asked about the requirement for electric bicycles, scooters, and three wheelers to be registered. Paul Moshano will research this topic to be addressed in Old Business at our March 23rd HOA Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm

Next Agenda meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026. 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Next Board meeting: Monday, March 23, 2026., LCRE Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Respectively submitted,  
Rob McMillion, Board Secretary

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**Homeowners Association of LaCasa, Inc.  
Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting  
February 13, 2026, 1pm Front Office Board Room  
Approved 02/23/2026**

Called to Order at 1:00 pm by President Tim Davis. The meeting was properly noticed.

**Board members in attendance:** Ruth Beier, Ed Bourdeau, Tim Davis, David Fogt, Rob McMillion, Gary Mithoefer, Denny Smith, Colette Welch, Linda Krout, Park Acct./Office Manager, Frank Anastasi, Park Manager, Randy Browning Park Manager, Jack Pasquale, Parliamentarian. **Via Zoom** – Paul Moshano

Per LaCasa Bylaws Article 5, Paragraph 5.11 all voting for Officers is by secret ballot. In the instance of only one nomination for an office, vote may be by voice or show of hands.

President Davis announced the need for two ballot counters if it becomes necessary. He therefore appointed Linda Krout, our Park Accountant/Office Manager and Gary Mithoefer as our ballot counters.

President Davis announced for purposes of nominations for the Office of President.

- President Davis asked 3x for nominations for President, Tim Davis was nominated by **Bourdeau/Beier**. The chair will entertain a motion for acclamation for Tim Davis to be President of the La Casa HOA. The vote is declared by acclamation.

**Tim Davis elected as president.**

- President Davis asked 3x for nominations for Vice-President
- Colette Welch was nominated by Davis/Moshano. The vote is declared by acclamation. President Davis declared Colette Welch elected as Vice-President.

**President Davis declared Colette Welch elected as Vice-President.**

- President Davis asked 3x for nominations for Secretary, Rob McMillion was nominated by Beier/Bourdeau. The vote is declared by acclamation.

**President Davis declared Rob McMillion elected as Secretary.**

- President Davis asked 3x for nominations for Treasurer, David Fogt was nominated by Davis/Smith. The vote is declared by acclamation.

**President Davis declared David Fogt elected as Treasurer.**

President Davis then recommended and proceeded with the appointment of Jack Pasquale as our parliamentarian.

**Motion:** The chair will entertain a motion for the following Board members to be authorized as check signers for the Homeowners Association of La Casa, Inc. for the term February 2026 through February 2027. Denny Smith, David Fogt, Colette Welch, Ed Bourdeau and Tim Davis. **McMillion/Moshano, 9/0 MMC.**

**Oath of Office** was administered to all newly elected and continuing Board Directors by Parliamentarian Pasquale at the Annual Shareholders Meeting on February 10, 2026.

**The Code of Ethics** was signed by all Board Directors and filed by Park Manager Frank Anastasi.

**Motion:** The chair will entertain a motion to continue with the appointment of Jack Pasquale as the La Casa HOA parliamentarian. **McMillion/Beier, 9/0 MMC.**

**Motion:** The chair will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting at 2:45 p.m. **Beier/Bourdeau, 9/0 MMC.**

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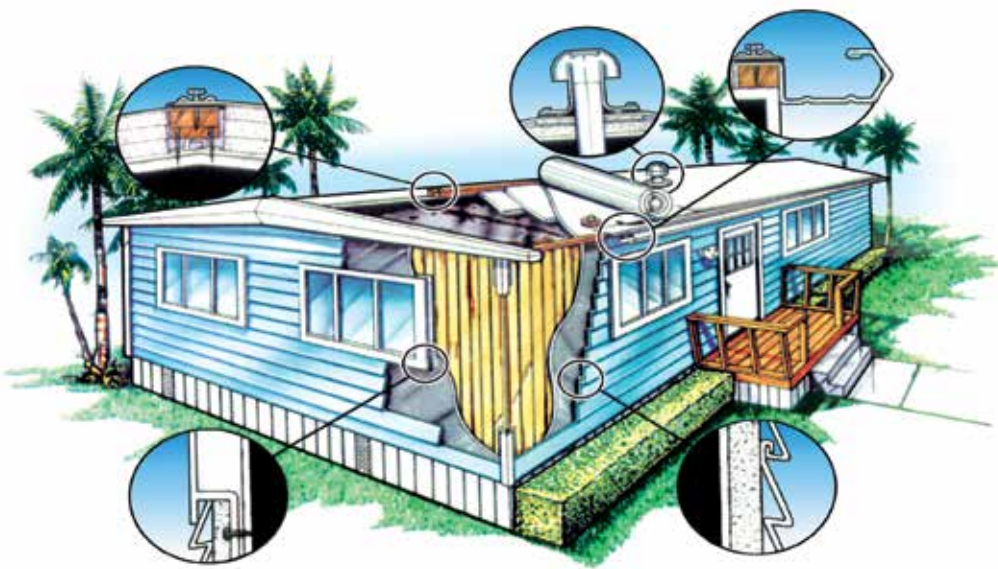


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**Assignments** were announced by President Davis for Committee Liaisons, Investment Team, Newsletter articles, New Home Task Force, and Front Gate Security Task Force. Specific position assignment documentation has been added below.

**2025 Liaisons**

Committee/Association	2025 Liaison	2025 Liaison
Finance-Treasurer	David Fogt	David Fogt
Future of LaCasa/Long Range Planning	None	Rob McMillion
Contract Review	Gary Mithoefer	Gary Mithoefer
Security	None	Paul Moshano
LaCasa Real Estate	Denny Smith	Denny Smith
RV/Boat Compound	Jack Hagopian	Ruth Beier
Compliance Committee	Jack Hagopian	Colette Welch
Architectural Review Comm	None	Ed Bourdeau
Activity Association	Martha Morgan	None
AMC	Tim Davis, Colette Welch, Steve Jones	Tim Davis, Colette Welch, Steve Jones

**Front Gate Security Task Force**

Denny Smith, Chairman	

**New Home Task Force**

Colette Welch, Chair	Gary Peterson
	Jack Hagopian
	Linda Swab
Tammie Schroder	

**Investment Team (HOA Treasurer, Finance Chair, 2 Other Members)**

Current Liaison	New Liaison
Treasurer – David Fogt	Treasurer – David Fogt
Finance – Jack Pasquale	Finance – Jack Pasquale
President – Tim Davis	President – Tim Davis
Board Member – Jack Hagopian	Board Member – ?

**New Home Task Force**

Colette Welch, Chair	Gary Peterson
	Jack Hagopian
	Linda Swab
Tammie Schroder	

**Pickleball/Tennis Task Force**

Rob McMillion, Chairman	Ed Bourdeau
Ruth Beier	Jay Harris
Mike Parker	Dottie Devries
Pat Popenek	Bruce McCallum

**Newsletter Content: Articles** for the newsletter should contain some of your positive comments about your committee liaison positions, your positive interactions with the community and/or Board, some of the projects that the Board is currently working on. It could even include some of your hopes for La Casa as we move forward. Remember: even if you disagree with a vote the Board has taken, once that vote is done everyone on the Board supports the decision. **We are working as a team!** (It should not contain: your political views, bad mouthing of current or former Board members, or criticism of a position.)

**Open Forum:**

- Discussion revolved around improving our communication, transparency and having more in depth discussion, especially at the agenda meeting. It was suggested that if a community member raises a question at the HOA Board meeting that our President assign a Board member to investigate and try to address those concerns as a follow up. Perhaps as old business at the next HOA Board meeting.
- The Board also asked Frank to identify vacant lots that may not be for sale, but fees are being paid to find out what the shareholders intention is for the lot.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert McMillion, Secretary

**News From Your Activity Association**

*Tim Davis, President*



The Season may be winding down, but La Casa is going full steam! Visit our website and Facebook page, along with all the articles and posters in this Newsletter. Make sure you don't miss out on all the things we have planned for you!

For those of you who attended the wonderful Voices of La Casa Spring concert on March 27, you were treated to a

medley of great tunes and skits from the past few years. These people work for months to put on this show for us, and if you see some of the Voices participants around La Casa, please tell them how much you appreciate their hard work to make so many people happy.

We have a Spring Fling dance on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m., with entertainment from new performers to LaCasa: "A Lil' Mixed Up," a 50's to 80's R&B, Country and Pop Group. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available at coffee hours and bingos, and at the door.

We WILL be having the annual Memorial Day lunch and La Casa Indy 500 on Monday, May 25, featuring our delicious roast chicken dinner. Details to follow about when reserved seating tickets go on sale, but Wally Schleeauf's tradition of the LaCasa 500 and the LaCasa Derby will go on!!! As you place your bets, remember all the years of fun and anticipation of your horse winning, made possible by Wally's generosity and humor to LaCasa.

We have a brand-new Bingo machine so go to the Rec Hall on Thursday evenings to play! Many thanks to the HOA for using our Reserve Funds to replace the old, outdated machine. Remember, Bingo continues all through the year.

As the warmer weather has finally descended upon us, the entire Activity Board wishes everyone a great Spring!

### Veterans of LaCasa

Mark Hlasny



I would like to take a moment to thank our previous board—Tom Redig (Commander), Rick Amos (Secretary), Dave Sproules (Treasurer), and Fred Miguel (2nd Vice Commander)—for all of their hard work. Their tireless efforts have kept our veteran's organization strong. I am confident we will continue to build on what they have accomplished.

I also want to extend my gratitude to all of our members, associates, and volunteers who stepped up to make our fundraising this year even better than last.

With April upon us, we will be winding down for the summer months. As many of our members have begun making plans for their northern destinations, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

We are currently finalizing our annual donations to the following organizations:

- Douglas Jacob's Veterans Home
- Wounded Warriors
- Gary Sinise Foundation
- Tunnels to Towers, Vets Smart Homes
- Sarasota National Cemetery
- Rick's Place

Each of these organizations helps our veterans in unique ways, with 90% to 95% of funds going directly to veterans. As a reminder, our flag drop-off address has changed. If you have a tattered US flag, it can be dropped off at Chris Booth's house (721 Blanca) for proper disposal.

Our last general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 11:45 AM in the Rec Hall. We welcome all US and Canadian veterans, as well as any La Casa residents who wish to join as associate members. Dues remain at only \$10 annually. We will wrap up the season, enjoy lunch, and share in each other's camaraderie. We hope you can join us.

Whether you are departing or remaining in La Casa, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mark Hlasny  
Commander, Veterans of La Casa

### Artisans Club News

Pat Popieniek



Our annual meeting on March 8th had two important issues on the agenda. The By-Laws committee presented changes they felt were needed to make our organization run more efficiently. The changes were unanimously approved by the membership. The Nominating Committee then presented a slate of officers for the 2027 season. Newly elected officers are:

President - Pat Popieniek  
Vice President - Bev Thompson  
Treasurer - Jill VanAntwerp  
Member at Large - Ruth Atkins

We have two Secretary ProTemp candidates to be determined at a later date.

The annual Potluck was filled with delicious dishes as always. Many thanks to our wonderful chefs!

Off Season Pottery will begin in April. This is an open studio format every Thursday at 12:30pm. The fee is \$10 per session, which is due at the beginning of each session.

The Artisans communicate with our membership by email. If you wish to join, and receive notices of upcoming classes, please contact Jill VanAntwerp at 231-301-3556 or vanantwj@gvsu.edu.

### Quilters of LaCasa

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Meet at the Club House at 10 AM on Monday's. We are finishing various projects. Several are making 3 yd. Quilts (it takes 3 yds of different fabrics just for a top of a "throw"), some are made for charity and some for themselves.

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### LaCasa Tennis Club

The 2025 – 2026 season is just about over. It is time to have the closing parties and get the team rosters ready for next season. It is time to say our goodbyes and wish everyone safe travels if they are leaving. It is time to be jealous of those who stay here all summer because they continue to play tennis as much as they like. For those who go elsewhere to summer homes we hope you can find some tennis to keep in shape.

We had the Wimbledon tournament over 2 days this year and I suspect it was a success. We are open to suggestions to improve the format so feel free to email us at [lacasatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:lacasatennisclub@gmail.com). Thank you to Server Out, Comets, and Deuces Wild for hosting and all the hard work that goes into that.

Speaking of emails, are you getting them? If you are a tennis member and are not receiving my funny and informative emails call me, Dianne, 219-964-8253.

While the season has ended, we continue to try to recruit new tennis players. We will have free tennis lessons starting in November so please keep that in mind if you talk to someone about wanting to learn how to play. We are not selfish – we want to share the fun with everyone!

Our last tennis membership meeting will be April 21, 2026, at 9:00 at the Rec Hall. This will be the last free donut from us for a while so make sure you join us.

Have a wonderful summer and keep enjoying our favorite sport.

### LaCasa Pickleball Club: Serving up

*Rich Jump, 402-926-6120*



#### Pickleball Season Recap:

The courts are staying full as the season comes to an end—and what a great season it has been! We’ve enjoyed many terrific events with even better people. Thank you to everyone who helped make it all happen.

The new Inside-the-Park tournament has been a lot of fun. It’s been great getting together, cheering on fellow members, and sharing in the excitement of some spirited competition.

To all the snowbirds heading back north—safe travels! You are a “Big Dill” to us, and we will miss you. Remember: a day on the court is a day well spent.

So, keep practicing—no matter how good you get, someone is always working on a new trick shot just for you.



### Boating and Fishing Club

*Karen Jones- Commodore*

By the time this article is read, the Fish Fry will have happened and I'm sure it was a success again because of all the wonderful volunteers!! A Special Thank You

goes to Janine Sanders for ordering all our supplies, Jim Fitzsimons for heading up the Fish Fry, Neil Schoonmaker for the yummy baked beans, as well as Kevin Dudley as Co-Chair. I also want to thank everyone who unpacked and dried the fish, breaded and fried the fish and all of the servers and bartender's who made this a huge success!

The annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for April 11 from 8 am to 10am followed by coffee and donuts and the prizes given. Mary Amos will be heading that up again. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Rec Hall. Don't miss this fun event open to all residents.

Our last big event before the Winter Dance is our Chili Dinner/Dance which is on April 18<sup>th</sup> with entertainment by Voices Carry. Tickets for the Chili Dinner/Dance went on sale before Coffee on March 18<sup>th</sup> and the price remains \$15.00.

Membership cards are only \$5.00 and are required for most of our dances, as well as having your Activity Cards. Hope to see a lot of you at our upcoming events!

### LaCasa Photography Club 2026 Photo Contest

*Cat Urciuoli*

#### WINNERS OF THE 2026 LA CASA PHOTO CLUB CONTEST



On March 3, the La Casa Photo Club held their annual awards ceremony in the Rec Hall to announce the winners of the 2026 Photo Contest.

Thirteen photographers entered 140 photos which were judged, digitally, by Ms. Pat Tracy of Idaho Springs, Colorado. The Photo Club sends their appreciation to Pat for her time and work judging the photos. Pat commented that, “it was a very good group of photos.” The LaCasa Community is also thanked for supporting the show and for voting for the People’s Choice Awards.

The winners are listed below (Honorable Mention = HM, People’s Choice = PC)

- **ANIMALS:** 1st- Don Gettys, 2nd- Marie Elzinga, 3rd- Cat Urciuoli, HM- Cat Urciuoli, PC- Cat U
- **BIRDS:** 1st- Marie Elzinga, 2nd- Don Gettys, 3rd- Beverly Eaton, HM (2) Don Gettys; Val Noe, PC- Don Gettys
- **HUMOROUS-:** 1st- Don Gettys, 2nd- Chris Rau, 3rd- Beverly Eaton, HM- Beverly Eaton, PC- Beverly Eaton
- **MISCELLANEOUS-:** 1st- Cat Urciuoli, 2nd- Val Noe, 3rd- Beverly Eaton, HM- George Soltis, PC- Marie Elzinga
- **PATHS:** 1st- Beverly Eaton, 2nd- Cat Urciuoli, 3rd- Jill Van Antwerp, HM- Beverly Eaton, PC- Jill Van Antwerp
- **PEOPLE:** 1st- Don Gettys, 2nd- Jill Van Antwerp, 3rd- Jeremy Becker-Welts HM- Burr Tucker, PC- Chris Rau
- **PLANTS:** 1st- Marie Elzinga, 2nd- Jill Van Antwerp, 3rd- Cat Urciuoli, HM- Chris Rau, PC- Beverly Eaton
- **SCENIC:** 1st- Cat Urciuoli, 2nd- Beverly Eaton, 3rd- Val Noe, HM- Chris Rau, PC- Beverly Eaton

**BEST in SHOW:** Marie Elzinga

**BEST in PC:** Beverly Eaton

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

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Hard to believe that it's April already and many of our friends will soon be heading North. March was a busy and fun month with YOGA, Poker Run, shopping @ Funkie Junkies and Show me the Money.

We still have a few events planned for this season, and we hope you will join us.

#### Mark your calendars:

Monday, April 13 SHOW ME THE MONEY

Saturday, April 25 SPRING DANCE --- WITH JAY SMITH

We are pleased to welcome Anita Sullivan as our 2 nd Vice President. Anita has been willing to help us out, and we sure do appreciate her.

As always, feel free to contact any of us with any questions, suggestions, or comments.

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

Be 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.

Looking Forward to seeing you soon!

### Crafts

Judie Lees- 941-876-4035



Happy Easter

The Craft Club meets every Tuesday from 9-11:30 in the club house. Many thanks to Laura Triplett for teaching the Barn Quilt class again. There were so many beautiful, different quilts. I'm sure you'll see them displayed around the park. Laura will teach the class again next season. Stay tuned for details. Thanks to everyone who supported our Craft Fair. We had many new vendors, I hope you were able to find that special treasure. We were pleased to make our little gifts to our home bound residents for Easter. We hope we brought a little joy to all.

We do a different project every week. There is a picture of the project and a supply list posted on the bulletin board by the piano. Why not stop by, see what we're making. You might be like Mikey and like it!

### Bird and Nature

Judie Lees- 941-876-4035

With a heavy heart, it saddens me to report that we have had the last meeting of the Bird and Nature Group. Our group was a Monday night fixture for over 25 years. Tom Quink was President for about 15 years anfter taking over for the couple that actually started the club. I took over when Tom's health started to decline about 6 years ago. Sadly, Tom passed away in early March.



Our group, like most of the small "special interest" group are unable to attract the younger residents resulting in low attendance.

After much discussion with the members and officers, the difficult decision was made. Our last meeting was March 23, 2026. Ms. Alice White from People for Trees was our guest speaker. Instead of our usual home made cookies, we had a wonderful ice cream social with our regulars. It was hard to put the club to bed but we have lost so many of the ones who supported the club over the years.

My thanks to Jeanette and Steve Tremblay, Bill Lees, Don Gettys and EVERYONE who supported us. It's not goodbye it's see you later!



**Blood Drive**

Colette Welch



The blood drives are done for the season. The next one is scheduled for September 25. Thank you so much for making the drives such a success. You helped hundreds of people with your kindness. Stay healthy and be ready to donate again when September gets here.

**LaCasa Real Estate, Inc.**

David Bisson

Our January sales of home and lots were not as much as we expected, because several property closings had to be moved to February and beyond in order to address deficiencies in the home inspection report.

- In January, we sold 5 homes and in January 2025 we sold 4.
- One lot was sold in 2026, and no lots were sold in 2025.
- At the end of January, we have 14 houses pending for closing in February and no lots.
- The average price of a home sold in January 2026 was \$153,592, an increase of 20% over December 2025.
- The average price of a lot sold in January 2026 was \$4,600 and increase of 14% over December 2025.

On February 3rd, we conducted our first Sellers' Meeting. This meeting was an opportunity for all current sellers and those who might be interested in selling in the future to meet with the sales broker/associate, the transaction coordinator and the Board of Directors. Our broker outlined many of the issues that sellers should consider prior to placing their home on the market, things that should be maintained while the house is on the market, and an overview of the price range buyers are considering. Unfortunately for the more expensive houses, we find that buyers tend to be looking at houses for \$150,000 or less. Those who have homes above this price point may see limited to no traffic in buyers going to their house.

On February 24, from 9 am to 3 pm, we held an open house for both inside park potential buyers and outside park potential buyers. Potential buyers were limited to viewing two homes, however, if the cue line permits, more homes were shown. It was one of our more successful open houses. Four sellers received offers in that six-hour period.

**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 **April:**  
**Joann Donahue 508-326-9716**

**First Responders**

**NEW** The First Responders organization recently held a highly effective meeting, attended by representatives from fire services, law enforcement, and nursing. Numerous valuable suggestions were offered to enhance the well-being of LaCasa residents. Individuals interested in joining this distinguished club are encouraged to contact Gary Temple: [gljtkt@gmail.com](mailto:gljtkt@gmail.com) or text 920.344.3092.

**Celebration of Life**

Marilee Taylor 941-426-3159

There was one Celebration of Life Reception February, 2026, at the Rec Hall.

On February 14, 2026, it was an Honor to Celebrate the Life of Wally Schleeauf, our Favorite Valentine! Wally passed away January 8, 2026, just a few days shy of his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Many of us were privileged to have known Wally over the past 40+ years in La Casa, having purchased his home in 1984. Greeting the almost 250 residents and friends were his two sons, Wayne & Wife Dori, and Mark & Wife Donna, from Chicago. Wally was an intricate part of LCRE until his passing, as well as All of those Derbies... "And A One, And A Two, And A Three"!!! He loved playing cards with his "Harem"; golfing with Buddies (Who can forget that Hole in One at Myakka Pines On 10/26/11 !!); attending most dinners & dances in La Casa; dancing the Polka with longtime Friend, Sylvia! The Family plans to sell his home at 650 La Sala. Wally will be interred at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery along side of his late wife.

Wally was a WW II Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. With Lynn Steger accompanying each branch, Our La Casa Veterans, under the Command of Tom Redig... Jeff Blake, Mark Hlasny, Joe Huber, Roger Kreuger, Skip Libby, Joan Nowak, Dave Zurek, Rick Amos playing "Taps", presented the Colors, passing by 30+ Veterans attending the Ceremony. An American Flag was folded, Tom explaining significance of each of the 13 folds, then was presented to Wally's sons.

MANY Many Thank Yous to My Hard Working Kitchen Krew... Shirley Barnes, Gloria Delker, Rita Fedorowicz, Kathie Gerade, Joan Nowak, Winnie Watson, Lisa Woods,

Rona Hunnisett; Natalie Amos MANY phone calls to you MANY Wonderful Ladies who provided all of the scrumptious sandwiches & desserts; Table/ chair/sound Guys...Izak Kolodny, Tim Davis, Graham Gerade.

I so appreciate All of you who participated in planning/helping with this Reception...an Impressive Tribute to Special Man. I THANK YOU!!


**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**




For many years a Good Friday Service was an important part of the Easter Season for many LaCasa residents. With so much hurricane destruction to deal with, the service was discontinued. Since several residents have expressed an interest in restarting and one has been scheduled.

**On Friday, April 3, 2026 at 10:30 am** there will be a short, nondenominational service in the Club House. We welcome any and all who care to join neighbors and friends in worship. Any questions, please call Deborah Poe (941) 426-3843

**In Memory.....**



Dottie Benson  
Sterling Cable  
Helen Dunlevy  
Tony Espisito  
Ed Nys  
Tom Quink  
Maryanne Stefan



**Welcome to  
The Community**

**Now is the Time to Volunteer**

*By Board Member Gary Mithoefer*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed Bourdeau, Jack Hagopian, and Martha Morgan for their years of service to LaCasa by serving on the HOA Board of Directors and continuing to serve by volunteering to be on various committees. Another thank you to Ed Bourdeau, Debra Butler, Paul Moshano, and Colette Welch for volunteering to run for the HOA Board of Directors. Congratulations to Ed, Paul, and Colette for being elected to the HOA Board of Directors.

LaCasa as organized is a cooperative (co-op) and self-governing under Florida Statue 719 and relies on its residents volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors, committees, organizations, and clubs within LaCasa, even volunteering to deliver this newsletter. Please check the LaCasa Web Site and newsletter for volunteer opportunities. As a home owner in LaCasa Cooperative you became 1 of approximately 974 shareholders and acquired some responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is submitting a proxy, either by paper or electronically, so LaCasa can conduct its annual shareholders meeting. Finally, a big thank you to all who have stepped up and volunteered to make LaCasa what it has been in the past, what it is now, and what it will be like in the future.



**Valerie Noe** lives at 215 Hibisco. She comes to us from Milltown, NJ. and will be here full-time. She is retired from Scouting USA. Valerie enjoys boating and fishing. She is also an avid gardener. Currently she is busy trying to get settled into her new home.

**Vince Alaqua and Lori Stefanac** live at 408 La Sala. They are from Concord Township, OH. Vince retired after 47 years as a steelworker; Lori retired as Director of Revenue for Cleveland Clinic. They both enjoy the warmth of Florida and relaxing in the pool. Pickleball is a sport they might like to try. They are looking forward to exploring the interesting places around the area.



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- Face traffic so we can wave hello!

For Bikers...

- Always ride with traffic
- If riding at night, use your lights and reflectors....it's the LAW!
- Stop at all stop signs and while there, watch out for fire ants, gators and other forms of wildlife in LaCasa
- For your safety, we recommend a rear view mirror on your handlebars

For Golf Carters...

- For your own safety, don't back into traffic and become a statistic! Watch for cars backing out of driveways too!
- No underage (16 or under) drivers at all, ever!
- Stop at all stop signs

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**Paul and Caron St. Jean live at 905 Iglesia.**

Currently they are living in North Port. Before that, they lived in Woodstock, CT. Paul is still working with his IT business; Caron is retired but maintains her real estate license. They wintered several years ago in a retirement community in Largo, Fl. While there, they fell in love with the lifestyle.

They are now ready to once again enjoy that lifestyle at La Casa.

**Alan Raygor** lives at 823 Iglesia. He lived in Rochester, MN and was a DJ for the morning show there for many years. There he met several celebrities and was fortunate to have his picture taken with each one. He also holds a trademark for a specific piece of jewelry and a poem to go with it that he made and sells. He is anxious to get a golf cart so he can get out and about within our park and meet people.



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