

LaCasa News

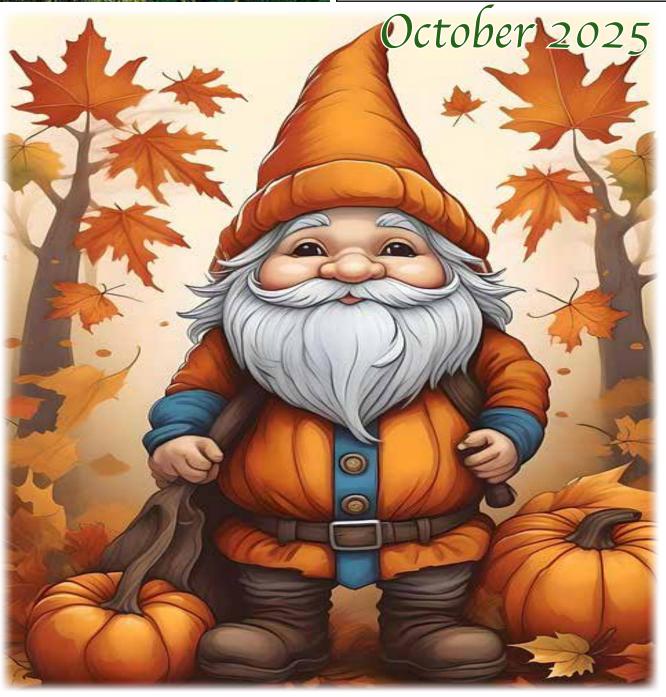
LaCasa Manufactured Home Park 300 El Prado North Port, 7L 34287 941-426-0663

www.lacasaroc.com



Published by - Community Media

COMMUNITY for advertising information call 941-375-3699



La Casa News... Page 2 October 2025

FLORIDA ANCHOR AND BARRIER COMPANY





Flood Damage??? We can HELP!!!

Insulation Under Your Home Falling Down?



Insulation and Vapor Barrier Repairs

- -Lifetime Vapor Barrier
 Guaranteed for Life Prevent Soft Floors Lower Your Electric Bills
 IFRIEE
 UNDER HOME
 - INSPECTION
 Only with this COUPON
 Help Keep Mold, Mildew, Rats,
 Snakes, Spiders, Ants,

Roaches and Moisture OUT of Your House!

MILITARY & SENIOR





Sub-Floor Repairs

Comfinate Flooring



SUB-ITLOOR & ITLOORING IXYPIRTIS!

941.448.3577 | 800.681.3772



STATE CERTIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTOR CGC# 004138 - STATE LICENSED MOBILE HOME INSTALLER IH# 1025429

Published Monthly By LaCasa Activity Association, Inc.

Activity Association Board of Directors

President	Tim Davis	941-306-8147
Vice President	Lynn Uffelman	260-740-1046
Secretary	Louise Peri	908-7971790
Treasurer	Izak Kolodny	773-606-8259
Director/Scheduler	Bette Popp	269-808-3071
Director	Nancy Spangler	609-576-8048
Director:	Mike Heisler	920-858-1882
Director/Entertainment	George Meekins	941-429-9082
Director	Rona Hunnisett	941-429-4001
Editor	Patty Smith	412-389-6835
Distribution Manager	Judy Skelly	941-468-2847
Scheduler	Bette Popp	269-808-3071



NEWSPAPER POLICY & GUIDELINES:

To submit your articles the preferred method would be as an email attachment in <u>Word format only, Arial 12</u>
<u>font with the name of the article in the subject line.</u> send to:<u>newsinlacasa@gmail.com</u>

This eliminates the need to retype and have errors.

- 1. The purpose of the "LaCasa News" is to provide information to residents regarding social, recreational and community affairs.
- 2. No complaints or opinions deemed personal or controversial will be accepted for publication.
- 3. All copies are subject to editing. The appropriateness of any submitted material shall be determined by the Editor under the control of the elected Board of Directors of the LaCasa Activity Association, Inc. The printer is empowered to solicit advertising to cover the cost of printing the newspaper. The Board of Directors of the Activity Association, as the Publisher, has control over the contents of the newspaper, but not of the advertising contained therein. Neither the Homeowners Association nor Activity Association Boards endorse any advertisers.
- 4. Copy must be submitted in typed format. Articles should be CLEAR AND CONCISE and indicate the name and phone number of the person submitting.
- 5. All articles should be **no more than 300 words**. Articles should be of interest to club members and others and should not contain "inside references" which are not understood by other readers. Articles should not contain personal gripes.
- 6. The deadline for submission is the 8th of the month unless notified otherwise.
- 7. It is the responsibility of each organization to have information submitted in a timely fashion. It is NOT the Editor's responsibility to seek information from your club.

 Board of Directors LaCasa Activity Association, Inc.

Send articles to: newsinlacasa@gmail.com
Articles for November NL to be submitted by October 8, 2025



Homeowners Association of LaCasa, Inc.

HOA Board of Directors Meeting August 25, 2025, 1:00 pm Rec Hall & Via Zoom

<u>Call to order</u>: 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.

<u>Silence Electronic Devices:</u> Reviewed by President Davis

Roll call: Present: Bourdeau, Davis, Morgan, Smith, Browning (Park Manager), Krout (Off Mgr./Acct.)

<u>Via Zoom</u>: Baier, Fogt, Hagopian, Mithoefer, McMillion, Jack Pasquale (Parliamentarian)

Absent: None

A quorum of the Board is present.

There were 8 residents in attendance, 3 via Zoom.

Adoption of Proposed agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. **Morgan/Hagopian, MMC 9/0**

- Review of opportunities for shareholders to speak at board meetings: None
- Shareholder Requests to Speak: None
- Open Forum on Agenda Items: None

Secretary's Report: Rob McMillion

Motion: I move to approve the HOA Board of Directors minutes of the May 29, 2025 meeting as posted. **McMillion/Morgan, MMC 9/0**

Motion: I move to approve the HOA Board of Directors minutes of the July 31, 2025 meeting as posted. **McMillion/Fogt, MMC 9/0**

Advertising Policy: Advertising in this Newsletter is offered at the sole discretion of Community Media. Community Media reserves the right to refuse, limit, and/or reject advertising for any reason. Community Media, at its sole discretion, may restrict the number of advertisers in certain categories or offer exclusive/semi exclusive agreements as it is sees fit.

Treasurer's Report: David Fogt

Month	July 2025		
Income	Actual \$209,003.38	Budget \$205,030.06	P/L \$3,973.32
Expense P/L	\$189,006.06 \$19,997.32	\$197,970.00 \$7,060.06	(\$8,963.94) \$12,937.26
YTD	Jan-July 2025		

	Actual	Budget	P/L
Income	\$1,482,276.71	\$1,443,929.38	\$38,347.33
Expense	\$1,208,857.43	\$1,213,954.06	(\$5,096.63)
P/L	\$ 273,419.28	\$ 229,975.32	\$43,443.96

Bank Balances

	Ckg/Money Mrkt	CD's
Reserve Funds*	\$321,235.44	\$1,215,000.00
Operating Funds	* \$226,048.52	\$ 180,000.00
Capital Acq Fund	* \$570,673.09	\$1,720,000.00
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	\$
Hurricane Deduc	t \$	\$375,000.00
Uninsured Asset	*	

Total \$4,608,207.05

CD's	Amount	Int rate renewed
Reserve		
Operating	None in July	
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

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORT TO HOA

August 25, 2025

Good afternoon; President Davis; HOA Board Members; Mr. Randy Browning, Park Manager; Ms.



For advertising information please call 941-375-3699

Your Local
Landscape & Sod
Professionals

Store

2002





FREE ESTIMATES

- LICENSED & INSURED
- LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION
- LANDSCAPE RENOVATIONS
- ROCK & MULCH

- CLEAN UPS & CURBING
- SOD REPLACEMENT
- NEW & EXISTING HOMES

941-380-4062 CPTLandscaping.com



Stan Novak LLC

Specializing In:

Kitchens & Baths | Flooring & Renovations

207-356-7021

"It's all in the details"

Certified Building Contractor CBC1257475 / CCC1329317



Published by:



For advertising information please call 941-375-3699

La Casa News... Page 6 October 2025

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, Jan Danner, Jim Fitzsimons, Sharon Scarlett, and Evelyn Ternullo.

The bank, cash flow, balance and profit and loss statements from the preliminary draft July 31, 2025, month end financials were reviewed at our August 18, 2025, meeting. We also reviewed the budget variance report and no unexplained material variances were identified. We noted that legal expenses continue to run more than expected mainly due to action on violations, foreclosures and non-payments. The financials are posted in the front office.

We have reviewed with our Park Manager, Randy Browning and Park Accountant, Linda Krout over the last several months the draft of a new three-year cycle of the 30-year replacement management plan (reserve study) effective January 1, 2026. The 30-year replacement management plan was prepared by our reservist Pierre Del Rosario of Capital Reserve Advisors. The Committee has recommended the plan be accepted by the HOA Board.

The Finance Committee also worked over the summer months on the preparation of the FY 2026 operating budget. Several different scenarios and projections were examined.

We are pleased to report a draft proposed FY 2026 operating budget with no increase in the monthly maintenance fee has been completed. We believe the proposed budget is fiscally sound, however, as with our own personal budgets it is not possible to anticipate the effects of geopolitical events, tariffs and inflation on the actual costs of the budgeted items. The committee has recommended the proposed draft FY 2026 operating budget be considered for mailing to the shareholders. Thank you to Linda Krout for preparing the budget worksheets, and to Randy Browning for the valuable insights to the operation of LaCasa.

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

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee,

Jack Pasquale, BSEE, JD Chairman SCF

LCRE: David Bisson reported by Benny Morgan

LCRE AUGUST REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

Good afternoon, my name is Benny Morgan, Vice President of LCRE. I live at 528 La Playa Circle. I am addressing the shareholders on behalf of the LCRE Board of Directors: Dave Bisson, President, Deb Hughes, Secretary, Arnold Morrison, Treasurer, Marianne Moshano and Director Emeritus, Wally Scheehauf.

Typically, the summer months are slower real estate months for LCRE. This year is no exception. In June we closed on 3 homes and 1 lot. Last year we closed on 2 homes and 1 lot. The average price of a home sold in June was \$156,000 and the average price of a lot was \$7,500. In July we closed on 4 homes and no lots. Last year for the same month we closed on 1 home and no lots. In July 2025, the average price of a home was \$149,000.

Those seeking listing of homes is down, which is a good sign for the community. Our inventory, however, continues to be robust. Some homes have been listed for 400, 500 and 600 days. We are conscious of the fact that many buyers are seeking homes in the \$150,000 range. Individuals with homes listed and are seeing little or no traffic, may want to discuss pricing with Tammie, our Sales Associate and Broker. She has a good understanding of what is the "sweet spot" in the real estate market here in LaCasa.

Thank you.

October 2025

REPORT: Randy Browning, Park Manager

Road Rejuvenation

 The P.D.C. Coating of LaCasa roads has been completed

Bocce Awning

 The work to replace the Bocce awnings has started. However, it is waiting on the correct main beams. The wrong ones were shipped. As soon as they arrive, work will continue.

Hurricanes

○ The hurricane season is here. If you have not prepared for the storms, you need to get busy. Secure all new and old construction materials. Bring in any non-anchored items, i.e.: planters, chairs, tables, trash cans. Check your homes' tie downs and check the screws on support posts. BE READY!

• Hurricane Damaged Homes

- 9 still need to be repaired
- 1 to be demolished
- o 3 Q.R.S. to be replaced
- 4 have minor damage or are in process of work
- 41 are waiting. Several homeowners state that completions will be this fall

• RV Compound

o Enlarge the numbers for the blue and red section spaces. Re-secure space sign numbers around perimeter fence and replace some missing numbers. Will have blue and red space re-lined in yellow to aid users to identify their spaces.

Palm Pruning

 LaCasa's yearly palm tree pruning has been completed.

• Rec Hall Carpet

Rec Hall carpet has been cleaned.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tim Davis



August 25, 2025

Good afternoon and welcome to our August HOA Board Meeting. We don't have a lot on our agenda this month, but I am happy to report that we will be voting on a recommendation from the Standing Finance Committee on the 2026 Budgets. They have recommended we mail out a 2026 operating budget with no increase in the monthly maintenance fee. It will remain at \$191.00 for 2026. The office will be shortly mailing out the documents for review by our Shareholders and we will vote on the budgets at our October Board Meeting on the 27th.

We continue to see new homes coming into the Park, which is welcome news. This means that La Casa is still an attractive place to retire in this part of Florida and helps keep our property values level. While traffic has slowed down this past month, our LCRE staff has done an outstanding job of putting together deals and on behalf of the HOA Board I'd like to thank them.

As many of you have already heard, our Park Manager, Randy Browning, has decided to make 2026 his last year of working for La Casa. He will be retiring after 26+ years of service in keeping La Casa the envy of all other Parks in this area. Randy has been here over half the time that La Casa has been in existence, with La Casa having been developed by Doc Baxley nearly 50 years ago in 1977. I have worked with Randy for many years, and I speak for this entire Board of Directors, previous HOA Boards, and the shareholders of La Casa in thanking him for his hard work, his costcutting ideas and savings, and his leadership in guiding us through some pretty rough times in the past few years. Always there when we needed him, Randy will be sorely missed by all here.

The Board is putting together the criteria to start a search for a new Park Manager, and I have appointed several Task Forces to get this moving fast. Randy has generously agreed to stay as long as it takes to train someone to take over, which won't be an easy task. But he will be leaving this

Park in great shape and well prepared for the future. The Board will keep everyone informed as this process unfolds.

Director's Reports:

Director David Fogt - Treasurer:

MOTION: I move to approve the Type 1 Forensic Reserve Study with On-Sight Analysis that was prepared by Capital Reserve Advisors for a 30 Year Projection Period beginning January 1, 2026. **Fogt/Smith, 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 2026 Operating Budget for \$2,202,434 and does not include an HOA Fee increase, be approved for mailing out to La Casa shareholders and that this budget be scheduled for final consideration and approval at the October 27, 2025, HOA Board meeting.

Fogt/Morgan, 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 2026 Reserve Budget with expenditures of \$569,472 be approved for mailing out to La Casa Shareholders and that this budget be scheduled for final consideration and approval at the October 27, 2025 HOA Board meeting. **Fogt/Hagopian, MMC 9/0**

RATIONALE: The 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 2026 Capital Asset Acquisition Budget with expenditures of \$118,696 to be approved for mailing to LaCasa Shareholders and that this budget be scheduled for final consideration and approval at October 27, 2025 HOA Board meeting. Fogt/Hagopian, MMC 9/0

RATIONALE: The 2026 Capital Asset Acquisition Budget has been reviewed by the Park Accountant, Park Manager and the Standing Committee on Finance and they recommend approval.

Report A.R.C.: None
Director Jack Hagopian
Report: RV/Boat Compound
Liaison/Compliance - None
Report: Security - None
Director Gary Mithoefer
Report: C.R.C. - None
Director Rob McMillion:

Report: Future of La Casa/Long Range Planning

Committee Liaison. None **Director Martha Morgan**:

Report Activity Committee: None.

Director Denny Smith Report: LCRE: None

Taskforce Reports:

New Home Taskforce: Colette Welch, Chair. Note: Palm Harbor is running a sale currently for single wide, waiting to see if the sale prices may extend to double wide.

Report:

Front Security Gate Taskforce: Denny Smith, Chair. None

Report:

Old Business: None

Calendar:

October newsletter, Martha Morgan, please submit by September 8, 2025.

New Business: None

Open Forum: None



Special FREE

Preventative Maintenance Check Up

Check up is for evaluation only, cleaning ** New Customers Only * extra, cannot be combined with any Offer valid with repair. other offers. Not valid on previous sales. Not valid with other offers New Customers Only

Service Call With Paid Repair (S69 Value)

must present coupon at time of service I must present coupon at time of service



HOME IMPROVEMENT INC.

CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR CRC 1328252 LICENSED & INSURED

941-716-0882

SPECIALIZING IN WINDOW & DOOR INSTALLS

- Windows: Impact & Non-Impact
- Doors: Exterior & Interior, **Sliding Glass Doors**
- Kitchens & Bathrooms
- Lanais: Acrylic Rooms
- Screen Rooms & Sheds
- Additions
- Siding
- Carports

Member of the Better Business Bureau



Home Improvement Inc.

ALL YOUR REMODELING NEEDS



CONSTRUCTIO



Expert Installation of All Types of Roofs

Shingle • Metal • Low Slope/Flat Roof • Repairs

Florida Grown - Family Owned

MANUFACTURED HOME SPECIALIST

Deal direct with Owner/Operator - Call Today! Call now for a Free Roof Assessment or Estimate

www.bismarckroofs.com scott@bismarckroofs.com



ON THE MARK... WITH BISMARCK

License #CCC1336896 Bonded and Insured

PIZZA | WINGS | BREADS SALADS | DESSERTS | AND MORE



NORTH PORT 1159 N Sumter Blvd. (Corner of N. Sumter and W.Price) Paradise Shoppes of Heron Creek

(941) 429-5387

WE DELIVER **ALL DAY**

ORDER ONLINE OR TEXT TO ORDER

(f) (X) (a) @JETSPIZZA | JETSPIZZA.COM | #JETSPIZZA

YOUR MOBILE HOME PARTS WAREHOUSE!

Doors • Low-E Windows • A/C Units

Screen Rooms • 54"x27" Tubs & Showers

14355 Tamiami Tr, North Port 941.564.6891

www.mobilehomedepot.net

Next Agenda meeting: Monday, September 15, 2025. 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Next Board meeting: Monday, September 22, 2025. 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Rob McMillion, Board Secretary

News From Your Activity Association

Tim Davis, President



October is the month that things start jumping around here as we welcome everyone back. The Activity Association has a fun-filled Season planned to

keep everyone busy and entertained. As many of you have already seen, we purchased a new event sign in front of the Rec Hall so we can keep everyone informed of what is happening. I hope everyone likes it.

We return to our reserved seating policy for all our dances and events starting with the return of Jay Smith on Saturday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available starting before Bingo on Thursday, October 2. Sales will continue until the night of the dance and probably be available at the door. We are not sure when the Coffee Hours will return as we have been affected by illnesses and moves. Hopefully they will resume in the middle of October so check the bulletin Board next to the drinking fountain for more info. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at the coffee hours, please contact Tim Davis or Izak Kolodny and let them know.

The Monday Night Activity Association General Meetings will resume on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall. We can't emphasis enough that we would like our residents to come to these meetings so they learn everything that is going on, and our scheduler, Bette Popp, is sending emails to Club officers asking them to please attend. Scheduling has been a big issue for the last 2 years as more and more events are being scheduled and storage space in the kitchen is limited for food events. We will be discussing this at that meeting. The meetings will continue through the Season until next Spring.

Have a great start to the Fall and get ready to have a great Season!!

Veterans of LaCasa *Tom Redig, Commander*

It's hard to believe that it is autumn, hopefully the temperatures will start to

moderate, and the humidity will return to comfortable levels. We are starting to hear about our friends and neighbors that went north for the summer and those who took some getaways and are now starting to return. Hope that everyone enjoyed the summer months and we look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors back in La Casa.

The La Casa Veterans are working and planning our 2025/2026 season. We are hoping to provide something of interest for all our residents.

We will start our season off with our regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at the Rec Hall at 11:45AM. We hope that all our Members and Associate Members can attend. We also encourage any new residents who are veterans or any non-veteran resident that would like to join as an Associate Member to come and check out the LaCasa Veterans organization. We always conclude our meetings with a free lunch and a beverage for our paid members. It will give you a chance to check us out and enjoy lunch. The Veterans organization welcomes all veterans (US and Canadian forces) and any resident that would like to join as an Associate Member to attend.

We are planning a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th in the Rec Hall at 11:00AM. Our Honor Guard along with our members with their Blue Shirts will be presenting the colors. We have a special speaker arranged and we encourage all LaCasa residents to attend. Most everyone has had a family member or friend that has served in the military, please take some time and honor their service.

Our first fundraiser of the season will be our Veterans Dance on November 8th in the Rec Hall at 6:00PM. We will be serving our Homemade Apple Crisp with Ice Cream. I'm told that because its homemade, its Low-Cal and we don't need to think about any calories. Starting at 7:00PM our entertainment will kick off with Jay Smith, and everyone knows that Jay will have the Rec Hall buzzing with excitement.

COMMUNITY

Free Estimates

OOFING OF FLORIDA, INC.



"Proudly Serving Your Community"

100% Maintenance Free Roofs!

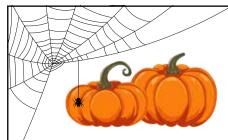
We Do All **Roof Overs, Roof Coatings Roof Repairs & Inspections** on all Manufactured Homes 800-511-2517

727-536-9999

www.CommunityRoof.com

Lifetime Warranty on Labor & Materials!





Happy Halloween, From:

MASTER PLUMBERS

Plumbing

- Repipes & Repairs
- Tub & Shower Units
- Water Heaters
- Garbage Disposals
- Backflows
- Remodels/New Const.
- Water Hookups
- Well & Plumbing Inspections

Septic

- Septic Inspections
- ATU Maintenance
- Repairs
- Installations
- Pump Stations
- Sewer Hookups

Gas

- Water Heaters
- Boilers
- Tankless Water Heaters
- Repairs
- Installations



Fully Licensed & Insured #CFC1427155

North Port (941) 429-8200 Venice/Sarasota (941) 497-7900 Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch (941) 747-9700 www.masterplumbersfl.com

La Casa News... Page 12 October 2025



SERVING SARASOTA & MANATEE COUNTIES & CITY OF VENICE

941-408-8500

FREE Estimates
SIDING / ADDITIONS

Composite Roofs • Screen Rooms • Windows & Doors • Additions

ACRYLIC / VINYL WINDOWS

Re-screens • Glass Rooms • Concrete Slabs • Carports



Mobile Home Repair & Remodeling. Specializing in Kitchen, Baths, Room Additions & Flooring

Laminate Floors

Find your favorite laminate...I'll lay it beautifully.







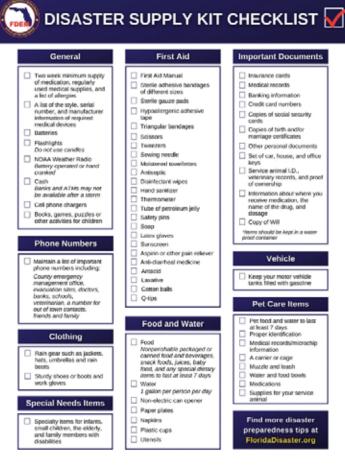


Tickets will go on sale on October 15th before coffee hour and before Bingo on Thursday.

The Veterans club would like to extend our condolences to the family of Nancy "Sunny" Lau on her passing. Nancy worked on many of our fundraising events and was always ready to step up if we needed help. She was the epitome of the "LaCasa Spirit".

I hope that everyone enjoys this upcoming season at LaCasa!!!

ARE YOU READY??







Trash and Recycling Sarasota County

Collection Hours:

Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

No collection service is provided on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

- Service will be delayed for one day for the remainder of the holiday week.
- Any regular Friday collection delayed by a holiday will occur on Saturday.

Help Desk

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

The **HELP** Dispatcher for **October 2025**: Sue Vacanti – 814-722-5963

2026 LaCasa Artisans Glass Class Registration

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

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

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

To cover the cost of supplies and equipment, fees will be assessed as indicated for each class below. All class fees are due at the start of class, with the



La Casa News... Page 14 October 2025



Call for a FREE duct inspection!

If your ducts are leaking, blocked, or pinched you're likely paying more than you should for energy bills. Let our pros take a look—at NO CHARGE!

- Mobile Home AC Specialists
 - Senior & Military Discounts
 - We Do Ductwork!
 - **✓** Lower bills
 - **✓** Better airflow
 - Peace of mind

Licensed, Bonded, Insured - Lic # CMC1251566



exception of Fused Glass (which is payable upon pickup of finished projects). As always, participants must also be members of the Artisans Group--\$5.00 annual dues to be paid on the first day of class; this is a one-time fee if you are registered in multiple classes. **STAINED GLASS CLASS**: (\$40.00 per 4-week session): Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the activity center. Classes run from January through March 2026. Glass cutting experience would be helpful*. Please indicate which month you prefer to be registered for and include your e-mail address and phone number.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Closeout for registration is December 30, 2025, or when all classes are full. Submit earlier for November and December 2025 fused glass classes. After closeout of registration, classes will be scheduled, and all individuals will be notified by their instructor via email of their scheduled dates. You may register for more than one of the four kinds of glass classes offered—we make every effort to accommodate all requests.



Welcome home to our seasonal residents!

Crafts meet on Tuesday from 9-11:30 at the clubhouse. We planned on returning on 9/11, but unfortunately, I am still in Massachusetts waiting for Bill to have surgery. I'm not sure when I will be able to come home, but I'll see if I can find someone to lead the club until I get home. Any volunteers? I have planned projects. If you can help, call me at 508-826-6567.

Don't forget the Winter Wonderland Craft Fair on Sunday, Nov.16th from 1-3 pm in the rec hall.

If you would like to rent a table, please call 508-826-6567 or email Judie121060@hotmail.com.



Quilters of LaCasa
Ilene Riley 941-426-1714



Monday 10AM – 2 PM at the Club House Classes begin October 6, 2025

New and continuing Residents of LaCasa are welcome.

If you are interested, you just need basic sewing skills.



We will have sewing days (10AM to 2 PM) working on your own items or charity items which will be donated. If anyone has a project they would like to teach or share, let me know.

Bird and Nature Judie Lees, 941-876-4035



Where did the summer go?

We are still In Massachusetts waiting for Bill to have surgery. It's the first time since 2004 we've been in Massachusetts for fall.

The Bird and Nature Group meets on the 4th Monday of the months of January, February, March and April. We meet at 7 pm in the rec hall. Please plan to attend the January meeting as we have a lot to discuss about the future direction of the group. Nothing scary, just a little housekeeping.

Our January meeting is our traditional potluck dinner. The dinner starts at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. More details are coming. Hope to see you at the Jan 26th meeting! Don't forget it's a potluck so it starts at 6 pm.

Winter Wonderland Craft Fair Sunday, November 16th 1-3 pm in the rec hall



What Do You THINK???



I thought it would be a nice idea to share recipes with each other in our LaCasa newsletter. Please email your comments, recipes to newsinlacasa@gmail.com

The recipes need to be simple to fit in the NL. It can be a cookie, dinner, veggie, etc. recipe. If you want your name listed with the recipe, please let me know.

I have included one of my recipes that I make on special occasions.

Elegant Chocolate Chip Torte – *Patty Smith*

1 pkg choc. chip cake mix 3 eggs

1 c. water 3-oz. pkg cr. cheese (soft)

Filling: 3-oz pkg cr. cheese (soft)

1 can choc chip frosting

Frosting: 8-oz cool whip

Heat oven to 350. Grease & flour jellyroll pan. In Ig bowl combine all cake ingredients. Until moistened, then 2 min at high speed. Stir chips up from bottom of bowl, pour into prepared pan. Bake 20-25 min or until done. Cool, remove from pan. In small bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add frosting, mix until blended.

To assemble cake: Cut cake crosswise into 3 equal pieces. Place 1 piece of cake on serving plate, spread with filling. Repeat with remaining cake pieces and filling, ending with filling. Frost sides with cool whip. Store in fridge

The LaCasa Retired Law Enforcement Club



Gary Temple – 920-344-3092

We are looking for new members. Retired State Troopers, County

Sheriffs, City Police, Corrections officers, DNR officers, or Federal Officers are invited to attend the monthly breakfast meeting, which takes place on the third Tuesday of each month at Alvaro's.











"White Aluminum & Windows exclusive U.S. Military Discount includes First Responders, School Teachers. Must mention this ad on first call or visit. "Ask about 18 MONTHS Interest-Free or Long-Term, Low-Payment Financing Options with Synchrony Financial. Subject to credit approval. See your White Aluminum & Windows representative for details. Subject to change w/o notice.



Late Summer Thoughts from the HOA Board

Martha Morgan

While La Casa has been sweltering in the heat and frequent rainstorms, friends in the North report they are quite chilly and also dealing with lots of rain! Weather—it is what it is—crazy and mixed up!

The HOA Board does not have official meetings in June and July. However, we do get together at times to discuss how to handle various items. The most important item this summer is that Randy Browning has announced his desire to retire in the near future. Committees have been meeting to determine all the attributes we must look for in a new Park Manager, how to advertise to find viable candidates, how to structure an offer, and how to arrange for Randy to remain while to familiarize and train the new Manager.

We are continuing the clean-up and revitalization of the Park and note that significant progress has been made this summer.

As mandated by Florida law, all shareholders have probably received, by email or US Mail, the proposed budget for 2026. The Board will move to accept or reject the Budget at its October Meeting. If you have not received this information, contact the Office. We may not have your correct "away" address or your email address.

Thinking ahead a few months—we will be electing three new Board members at our Annual Shareholders Meeting in February 2026. The election process, while cumbersome and confusing in the past, has been greatly simplified by online voting. I'm adding an additional article to this newsletter explaining the whole thing. In addition to online voting being easier, it is also much less expensive—each mailing to shareholders costs La Casa around \$1500.00. PLEASE sign up, if you have not already done so, and you will be able to vote as soon as all the candidates are made known to you!



"Early Season" Thoughts from the HOA

Martha Morgan

LaCasa will hold its Annual Shareholders Meeting and Election of Directors the second Tuesday of February--I know, that seems like eons from now, but it will be here before you know it!

I am hoping to explain the electronic voting system to those who have never used it, and to remind those who have used it before of the process.

Online voting is authorized by Florida Statute 719.129 which requires that you give consent in writing to electronic online voting, and to receive electronic notices concerning the voting. The consent forms are available on our La Casa website under "forms" and are also available in the front office. On the form you give the email address of the designated voter for your lot, the lot#, and **BOTH** owners **MUST** sign the form. Return the signed form to the front office either in person, by mail, fax, scanned, or cell phone photo.

- 1. You will receive an HOA email that is sent from the email address: invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com.
- That email will include a unique link. To start voting, you will click on this link to find all the election materials and the ballot with the instructions for voting. You will select your options based on the instructions provided.
- 3. After voting, select "Continue" and you will be brought to a page allowing you to verify your vote. If it is correct, select "Submit". If there is an error, select "Edit" and make your corrections, then select "Submit".
- 4. Once your vote has been submitted, you will see a confirmation page letting you know that everything has been received.

IMPORTANT!!! If you don't see the link mentioned in #1, search for an email address from invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com. It may have gone to your junk/spam folder.

The importance of your voting in the election cannot be emphasized enough. Your vote counts you in attendance and counts toward having a quorum of the total number of residents. Without a quorum, we cannot have elections. Voting online saves the Park \$\$\$ by not requiring us to mail all the candidate

La Casa News... Page 20 October 2025

information, ballots, proxy forms and the cost of paper, printing and mailing all of the above--this could be up to \$1500.00! Online voting also saves a lot of time at the Meeting for the committee counting the votes! Please save this information, and plan ahead to be registered to vote!

LaCasa Tennis Club

Welcome Back to all our tennis friends. We are looking forward to some great tennis this season filled with friendship, exercise, and loads of excitement. We have 2 new ladies teams starting this season. The Smash Sisters in the Charlotte County league will play on Mondays and a new 70+ division in the 50+ league, LaCasa Legends, will play on Tuesdays. For the men we have 1 new team, the Owls in the 73+B division on Mondays. Many of the men's teams have also changed divisions. The tennis board has been working on court scheduling for matches, practices, and open tennis and will post the finished product when done.

We have a very active tennis club here at LaCasa and there will always be room for YOU! The LaCasa Tennis Club provides free lessons for both beginners and experienced players. Studies show that senior tennis players benefit from improved heart, bone, and muscle strength. Tennis challenges the brain with quick decision-making, sustained attention, and coordination. The Lacasa Tennis Club holds many social functions to interact with fellow residents. If you are looking for a new way to improve your quality of life at LaCasa we urge you to give us a try.

Tennis at LaCasa takes on many forms. We have Free Lessons, non-traveling social tennis, and traveling league play to enjoy visiting other parks in the area. It really could not be easier to try it. Please call me to ask any questions or sign up. Dianne Richardson – I am in the residents' phone book. Hope to see you all on the courts!

Our first meeting of the season will be Tuesday Oct 21st at 9:00am at the Rec Hall. All are welcome!

Voices of LaCasa

"The Joy of Christmas"

Rehearsals begin Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 2:15pm in the Rec Hall

NEW members are most welcome!!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday

Program on December 5, 2025





Here in LaCasa, October is the start of our fall and winter "special" events, and a continuation of our "regular" events with our Northerns returning. With that in mind the Activity Committee invite a representative from each club to our first General Activities.

This is a great opportunity for you to make updates for your activities; Clubs, Games, Board Games, Card Games, Crafts, to insure all information printed on the Special Events and Regular Events Calendars are accurate. Remember communication is the key to happiness!!

We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday, October 6th at 7pm in the RH.





Carports



Benefits of Having a Carport:

- Easy to Maintain
- Better Protection from the Elements
- More Cost-Effective than a Garage



FREE ESTIMATES



941-448-3577









Licensed by the State of Florida CGC# 004138
Insured • Bonded • Workman's Compensation Insurance

FLORIDA ANCHOR AND BARRIER COMPANY



ATTENTION SENIORS

ORGAN/KEYBOARD CONCERT

FREE ADMISSION

Your Favorite Music from the 50's to the 90's Country, Rock n' Roll, Broadway/Musicals Easy Listening, Jazz and Semi Classical

FEATURING CARY PRICE

AWESOME KEYBOARDIST & ENTERTAINER

Saturday October 11th at 3:00 & Thursday October 16th at 3:00



Call for a Reservation 941-625-8820

SEATING IS LIMITED!!

Port Charlotte
Town Center Mall
RECREATIONAL WAREHOUSE

WING!!

FLETCHER music centers

1441 Tamiami Tr. #837 Port Charlotte FL. 33948 La Casa News... Page 22 October 2025



Just for Fun.....October Calendar

- October 1 marks the start of **Yom** Kippur at sundown.
- October 9 is Leif Eriksson Day.
- **October 13** is a busy day, with three holidays packed into it:
 - Canadian Thanksgiving: This holiday shares many similarities with iits American equivalent. However, there are a number of things that set the Canadian Thanksgiving apart!
 - Columbus Day (US), a federal holiday that celebrates the history and cultures of indigenous peoples native to what is today the United States. Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated in cities and states across the country, often alongside or in lieu of Columbus Day.
 - October 18 is St. Luke's Little Summer.
 This date steeped in Folklore.
 Traditionally, around Saint Luke's feast say, there is a brief period of calm, dry weather.
 - October 20 is Diwali, the Indian "Festival of Lights.
 - October 24 is United Nations Day, which aims to bring awareness to the work of the United Nations worldwide.
 - October 31 is Halloween (All Hallows' Eve!)
 Do you know the true history of
 Halloween? It's not as frightful as you might think....





Oh My goodness - it's coming up fast!!

FROSTY COMMITTEE

Is looking for volunteers!!

For all of our new residents that don't know what the Frosties are, we help decorate the park for the holiday season. So, we need the tall Abominable snowmen to help with the tall front palms and lots of Elves to string up sparkly lights all along the park entry for the season. We will also need help when it comes time for the park drivethru so that all of North Port can come and enjoy our holiday spirit.

We have some new ideas and activities for all residents to participate in this year. Let's make it bigger and better than ever! More details to come!

If interested, please contact: Marianne Moshano @ 315-945-2131 or mmoshano@gmail.com



Vapor / Moisture Barrier

Underhome Encapsulated Insulation
 Hurricane Tie-Down Anchors





Quality Workmanship Honest Pricing

10 Yrs Experience

Are your Floors Soft?

- Sub-Floor Repair/Replace
 New Laminate Flooring Install
- BEFORE



(1941) 243-7561 or (1800) 377-7885

FAMILY OPERATED
ESTIMATES & SMILES ALWAYS FREE

FL State Licensed Mobile Home Installer # IH-1110636 FL State General Contractor License #1531303







Expert carport and lanai solutions for your home. 40+ years' experience. Family-owned. Trusted.



Aluminum carport and patio covers Screen, vinyl, and acrylic enclosures

BakerAluminum.com

941-240-5929



Greg and Kerry Baker | North Port Residents

info@BakerAluminum.com | Lic. Ins. SCC131153249

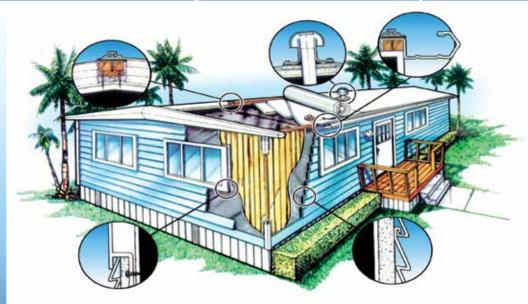




CALL TODAY! 1-800-522-3134

Visit www.AMSROOFING.com for videos and more information

Serving South Florida with Excellence for Over 40 Years!



- Weather-Lok Roof Over
- Insulated Vinyl Siding
- Window Replacements
- Carports & Screen Rooms
- Metal Roofing
- Acrylic and Vinyl Enclosures
- Storm Protection
- Patio Covers & more



CCC 1332732 · CGC 1529550