



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

Cooler Weather Just Around the Corner?

Hello and welcome to the fall issue of our Newsletter. We try to include information about what's going on in and around our Association. Also watch the center medians for signs announcing our meetings and other events. If you have not yet joined for 2026, there is still time to help make a difference; we would love your support!! We've included the 2026 Dues Coupon and a link to our online coupon, which we hope you will use for your voluntary contribution.

You can always contact us at info@PalacoGrande.org to get involved in the Association or share feedback and suggestions. Please also visit our website, www.PalacoGrande.org, for announcements, prior Newsletters and other information about our community.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Association member meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7pm** at the **Century 21 Events building, 3333 Del Prado Blvd. S.** Our speaker this month will be the Cape Coral City Manager, [Michael Ilczyszyn](#). We will once again have **PIZZA!!** Mark your calendar for the remaining member meeting this year: November 18. Watch the medians and website for any updates.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Elections for the 2027 Association Board of Directors will be held at the November 18th meeting. The Board consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2-3 Members-at-Large, all non-paid volunteers. They meet 6-8 times a year to make decisions on improvements and beautification projects, as well as relevant business issues concerning Palaco Grande. Anyone wishing to volunteer to become a Board member should submit their name prior to or at the November membership meeting. Please contact any Board member or email us at info@PalacoGrande.org if you are interested.

Our current Board consists of Jim Reynolds, President; Greg O'Connell, Vice President; Giovanna Giancola-Alessio, Secretary; Lisa Shepard, Treasurer; and Maggie Cote, Member-at-Large.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We recently lost TWO of our very active Board members, Darron & Jane Desroches, who have recently moved away from the neighborhood. Darron & Jane pioneered and ran the "Cocktails in the Cape" neighborhood happy hours, were responsible for MANY repairs and maintenance projects around the neighborhood, implemented and maintained our amazing name tags, regularly placed holiday-specific decorations on the neighborhood benches and flags in the medians, led the charge or helped with many of our other neighborhood activities such as the annual picnic, neighborhood holiday decorations, holiday home decorating competition and bike tour, luminaries display, and much MUCH more over the years. Not only will they be greatly missed, it means we need **YOUR HELP** to fill their shoes!!!

Please contact us at info@PalacoGrande.org if you are willing to help in ANY fashion, big or small - it all makes a difference in the community!!

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR

Our neighborhood Happy Hour, aka "Cocktails in the Cape", continues to be well attended and a good time is had by all! It is generally held at FINs Seafood and Dive Bar (3422 Del Prado Blvd S.) on the second Tuesday of the month. Watch the center medians and our neighborhood Facebook group for updates.

PALACO FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't already signed up for our "Palaco Grande Neighborhood" Facebook group, use this QR code or search for us in Facebook. Thank you to our Association Board Member, Greg O'Connell, for starting and monitoring the group!!



LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

We are continuing to make improvements to the 16 cul-de-sac islands in the neighborhood, consistent with our overall mission of beautification. Since 2022, the Association has spent over \$30,000 for improvements to the cul-de-sacs, with more planned for 2026.

We also continue to encourage residents to maintain and make improvements to the cul-de-sacs on their own streets! The Association will reimburse homeowners for up to \$350 per cul-de-sac for 2026 maintenance and improvements. Items may include trimming, pruning, stoning, weeding, planting, etc. Members who want to get reimbursed should **submit plans IN ADVANCE for pre-approval** to info@PalacoGrande.org. Please provide a brief description of what is to be done to beautify your cul-de-sac, together with estimated costs. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY UPDATES!!

The Association began the consistent distribution of an email newsletter in January 2022. That first communication went to 293 people, representing 226 households. Around that same time, we increased the use of our website (<https://palacogrande.org/>) and the Nextdoor platform (<https://nextdoor.com/>) to share information about the Association's activities. As of today, we have 602 email addresses, representing 378 (or 67%) of our 567 households! And we have also started a "Palaco Grande Neighbors" Facebook group to further increase ways for our residents to connect and stay informed – a link is included above, be sure to join!!

Given the advancement of email and our other available communication channels, the Board has been looking for opportunities to decrease the number of paper versions of the newsletter that are distributed. This is not only due to the cost associated with producing a paper version, but even more so, due to the time commitment of the limited number of volunteers we have to help hand deliver the newsletter throughout the neighborhood.

As always, the current and prior newsletters are available on our website. In addition, we plan to place a limited number of paper copies of the newsletter in the two 'Share a Book' stands within the neighborhood – help yourself to a copy and pick one up for your neighbor! We are also looking into outdoor brochure holders to be able to distribute the newsletters next to the neighborhood signs. Lastly, we will continue to mail the January newsletter via USPS to ALL owners of record using the address on file with the Lee County Property Appraiser (leepa.org).

At this time, we will continue to hand deliver the newsletter to those who requested "Paper Only", and those for whom we do not have an email address. However, we are asking that everyone PLEASE consider switching to email delivery!



If you are not receiving our emails, please use this QR code (or go to our website) to sign up or change your newsletter delivery preference! **We are also always looking for volunteers to help us with delivery!**

MEMBERSHIP

As of August 31st, we have a total of 203 members, including 80 Regular (<\$59) members, 61 Patron (\$60-\$119) members, and 62 Legacy (\$120+) members. We would also like to welcome the 11 NEW members so far in 2026!!!

If you haven't already joined or renewed your membership, enclosed is the new Dues Coupon. We would love your support with your voluntary contribution to help the Association continue to make improvements to our neighborhood!

Please consider paying electronically – it not only saves you a stamp, it saves us time!



2026 PALACO GRANDE ANNUAL DUES COUPON

Choose a level of annual support:	Regular Member:	Patron Member:	Legacy Member:
	\$40	\$60	\$120

Name(s): _____
 Palaco Address: _____
 Email(s): _____
 Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

**Save a stamp and
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PalacoGrande.org**



Make checks payable to Palaco Grande Association and mail to: 2710 Del Prado Blvd. S. #2-272, Cape Coral, FL 33904

Newsletter Delivery preference (for the household): ☐ Email ☐ Paper delivery	☐ Check here if you are a new member. ☐ Check here if you want to remain anonymous <i>(we share new members at our meetings, and may publish a member directory in the future)</i>
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*We only use your information to keep you informed; we do not share with any other business or organization.
 We are a non-profit, voluntary neighborhood association; dues are not tax deductible.*