NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

Time to get out your sweaters, because cooler weather is on its way!

Hello and welcome to the **HOLIDAY** issue of our newsletter. As always, also watch the center medians for signs announcing our meetings and other events.

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.

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

HAND DELIVERED NEWSLETTERS DISCONTINUED

Due to the increasing difficulty finding delivery volunteers, as well as the availability of email and other communication channels, the Board has decided to discontinue hand delivery of newsletters. Therefore, if you are receiving this newsletter in paper form, this will be your *last hand-delivered newsletter*.

Prefer to read a paper copy? You will still have several options:

- Print the newsletter using the link provided in the newsletter email.
- Print it from our website or Facebook.
- Pick up a printed copy at either of the two Share a Book stands in the neighborhood or from the flyer box on 16th Place. Help yourself to a copy—and feel free to pick one up for a neighbor!

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). Now would be a good time to make sure your address is current with leepa!

If you are not receiving our emails, please use this QR code (or go to our website) to sign up! We will only use your information to keep you informed about Association and neighborhood matters; we will not sell or otherwise share your contact information with any business or organization.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Association member meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm** at the **Century 21 Events building, 3333 Del Prado Blvd. S**. We will once again have **PIZZA**!! All homeowners are encouraged to come to this meeting, since we need your vote!

Mark your calendar for the **2027** member meetings: January 27, March 24, September 22, and November 17.

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. The Board meets 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 become a Board Member should submit their name prior to or at the November member meeting - contact any Board Member or email us at info@PalacoGrande.org if you are interested.

Our current Board Members are: Jim Reynolds, President; Greg O'Connell, Vice President; Giovanna Giancola-Alessio, Secretary; Lisa Shepard, Treasurer; and Maggie Cote, Member-at-Large. All positions are open and available.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We also need volunteers to help with neighborhood events and projects, including happy hours, holiday decorations, luminaries, the annual picnic, maintenance, newsletters and social media. Whether you can help a little or a lot, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact us at info@PalacoGrande.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR

Join us for "Cocktails in the Cape," our neighborhood Happy Hour, generally held the second Tuesday of each month at FINs Seafood and Dive Bar (3422 Del Prado Blvd S.). Watch the center medians or Facebook for updates!

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Thanks to Maggie Cote for putting out the American Flags on the center medians for Veterans Day! We do reuse these flags, so please refrain from moving or taking them. Also, thanks for the Halloween decorations, they were very cute!

The Holiday Christmas Tree (flagpole) lighting, candy canes and other neighborhood holiday decorations will go up the weekend before Thanksgiving. More hands make for less work, so if you want to help, meet Jim Reynolds at Island #1 on Saturday morning **November 21st at 9am**.

The annual Holiday Home Decorating Competition will kick off as well. Homes will be judged between December 14th-18th. Those homeowners wishing to participate should leave your lights on from sunset until 10pm. The winners will be notified and also announced on the Palaco Grande website. Prizes will be awarded as follows, 1st place $200, 2nd place $150, 3rd place $100. Good luck to everyone!

The annual Holiday Luminaries display will once again be on Christmas Eve (December 24th). We need 6-7 additional volunteers to place luminary bags with flameless candles along each side of the center medians on Palaco Grande at sundown, and remove them next morning. Please contact us at info@PalacoGrande.org if you can assist! This is definitely a sight to see, so we hope you will come out and enjoy the festivities with your neighbors!!

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

Consistent with our overall mission of beautification, the Association has invested over $30,000 since 2022 improving our 16 cul-de-sac islands, with additional improvements planned!

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. This program is re-evaluated by the Board at the beginning of each calendar year.

MEMBERSHIP

We closed out the 2026 membership year with 208 residents who joined the Association and contributed to our continued success – 82 Regular (<$59), 61 Patron ($60-$119), and 65 Legacy ($120+) Members. We also had 13 NEW members in 2026!! Through your support we were able to continue our efforts to beautify and maintain the neighborhood and have some great fun along the way!

Our 2027 membership year is now open! Please consider a voluntary contribution of any amount to help us continue improving our neighborhood. Use the attached coupon or pay online.

Palaco Grande ASSOCIATION

2027 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):_____

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Amount Enclosed: $_____ Date:_____

☐ New member?

☐ Remain anonymous?
(we share new members at our meetings)

Save a stamp and PAY ONLINE!

Use QR code or PalacoGrande.org

Mail checks to Palaco Grande Association, 2710 Del Prado Blvd. S. #2-272, Cape Coral, FL 33904

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