



THE Largo Lantern

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Begin!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE
LARGO COMMUNITY CENTER. STOP IN TODAY!





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Memberships & Registration

A recreation card is required in order to participate in any of the City's preregistered recreation programs. It is also needed for children ages three and up. Information may be obtained at any City-operated recreational facility. For renewal of membership, one photo id of residency is required. Refunds can be made on membership cards for any reason within 30 days of purchase.

Recreation Membership Cards

Residents: \$10 – 1 year membership

Non Residents:

\$24 – 6 month membership

\$39 – 1 year membership

Non-members pay a premium on most programs.

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Facility Hours

From May 1st-21st

Mon-Fri: 8a-9p*; Sat: 8a-2p*; Sun: Closed

Starting May 22nd

Mon-Fri: 8a-8p*; Sat: 8a-21p*; Sun: Closed

May 29th – Closed for Memorial Day

*NOTE: The Fitness Room closes 15 minutes prior to the close of the facility

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Largo Community Center

Donations to the Largo Community Center touch lives for years to come.

Whether your gift is a living memorial or financial support, you will be investing wisely in your community. Contributions may be sent to:

Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Rd., Largo, FL 33771 • (727) 518-3131



Visit our website at
www.largocommunitycenter.com





Movie Matinees

(All Ages)

It's great family fun watching movie favorites on the big screen in the ballroom. All movies are G, PG or PG-13 rated. Limited concessions are available beginning at 12:30p. All movies begin at 1pm.

May 5	Ticket to Paradise
May 12	See How They Run
May 19	Family Camp
May 26	80 for Brady

– No movies in June –



Tutterow Dance Academy

*Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary,
Lyrical, Musical Theater*

Join Largo's premier dance academy.
Classes available for ages 2-18.
For information on the competition team,
email: debbie@tutterowdancers.com
phone: (727) 585-1232

www.tutterowdancers.com



Special Events

Line Dance Social

Come enjoy your favorite Country hits and line dance the night away! No instruction will be given. First Friday of each month.

May 5 and June 2 6-8pm

Trivia and Dancing Night **NEW!**

Join DJ Mike Unwin for a fun night of Trivia and Dancing.
July 14 6-8p \$10



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Looking to buy a home? Largo's Downpayment and Purchase Assistance Program can help with a zero percent interest rate, 20-year deferred payment mortgage loan.



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Classes, Clubs, Workshops & Programs



For more programs, please check out our web page at www.playlargo.com. Visit us on the web at www.largocommunitycenter.com for updated program info.

PRICING KEY:

Recreation Members/Non-members • Look for healthcare eligible programs

Adult Arts & Crafts

Drop-In Fee Available – \$15 per class



Acrylics (Adult)

Learn step by step how to create your own acrylic art work.

May only. Preregistration preferred.

Instructor: Patricia Lester

244100 Tue 10a-1p \$48/\$96

Craft and Chatter (Adult)

Join this amazing group for great socialization, support and the opportunity to create beautiful crochet, knit cross stitch, needle point and other craft items on your own. Many are sent to various non-profit organizations and hospitals in need of blankets, lap robes, newborn hats, burn patient safe toys and more. Personal projects are also encouraged any time. All skill levels welcome and hands on help is available for out of practice or new participants.

244145 Tue 10a-12p \$2/\$4



Drawing (Adult)

Students take your drawing to the next level!

Preregistration preferred. **May only.**

Instructor: Alice Anderson

244113 Tues 1-3p \$48/\$96



Pastels (Adult)

Students will learn techniques needed to create the illusion of form and light using soft pastels.

Preregistration preferred. **May only.**

Instructor: Patricia Lester

244106 Thu 9:30-11:30a \$48/\$96

Open Pottery (Adult)

Free time in the studio to work on your creations –

Note: MUST be registered in current pottery class. **May only.**

No studio May 29.

Mon 1:30-8:30p

price included in pottery class registration

Pottery (Adult)

Learn to use a potter's wheel, how to hand-build, the secrets to glazing and about the firing process. Includes weekly open pottery on Mondays from 1:30-8:30pm. Materials fee: \$30.

Preregistration preferred. **May only.**

Instructor: Patricia Lester

244125-1 Thu 1-4p \$48/\$96



Pottery in the Evenings (Adult)

Learn to use a potter's wheel, how to hand-build, the secrets to glazing and about the firing process. Includes weekly open pottery on Mondays from 1:30-8:30pm. Materials fee: \$30. Preregistration preferred. **May only.**

Instructor: Patricia Lester

244125-2 Tue 5:30-8:30p \$48/\$96

**Tap Combination Class**

244307 Tue 1-2:45p \$8/\$16

Private lessons by appointment. \$12/\$24

Line Dancing* (Adult)

Come learn a variety of line dances with others. Levels vary by class. All of our line dance classes are health program eligible.

Improver/Intermediate – No Class May 29.

244305 Mon 10:30a-12p \$12/\$24 per month

Drop in fee: \$4/\$8, Instructor: Anki Svensson

High Beginner

244305 Tue 11a-12p \$12/\$24 per month

Drop in fee: \$4/\$8, Instructor: Anki Svensson

Improver/Intermediate

244305 Wed 10:30a-12p \$12/\$24 per month

Drop in fee: \$4/\$8, Instructor: Anki Svensson

Intermediate

244302 Fri 1-2:30p \$12/\$24 per month

Drop in fee: \$4/\$8, Instructor: Chris Dispenzieri

Dance

Tutterow Dance Academy

For questions or to register your child, please Visit <https://www.tutterowdancers.com> or call Debbie Kennedy at 727-585-1232. See pg 3 for details.

**Ballet w/ Dot (Adult)**

Customized class for adult dancers. Ballet will help with posture, balance and fluidity of movement. Instructor: Dorothy Bunting

244315 Wed 12-1:15p \$7/\$14

Dance with Dot-Tap (Adult)

Combine exercise and fun while brushing up your tap technique in an adult friendly atmosphere. Pay one price and stay for both technique and choreography classes. Private lessons available by appointment. Instructor: Dorothy Bunting

Tap Technique Only

244307 Tue 1-2p \$5/\$10



Line Dance Social

Come enjoy your favorite Country hits and line dance the night away! No instruction will be given. First Friday of each month.
May 5 and June 2. 6-8pm \$5

Education


Italian (Adult)

Learn the fundamentals of the Italian language. Focus will be on vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and conversation.

Pre-registration required. **No class May 29.**

Instructor: Lea Gilbertson

Beginner

244570	May 1-22	Mon	1-2p	\$60/\$120 per month
244570	June 5-26	Mon	2-3p	\$60/\$120 per month

Intermediate

244570	May 1-22	Mon	1-2p	\$60/\$120 per month
244570	June 5-26	Mon	2-3p	\$60/\$120 per month



Fitness

**Health program eligible*

Chair Volleyball* (Adult)

Get a great workout and have a good laugh playing volleyball while seated in a chair. Uses a lower net and a beach ball. All levels welcome. **No class May 29.**

244803	Mon, Thu	1-3p	\$2/\$4
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**Fitness Forever* (Adult)**

A low intensity workout with both chair and standing exercises. Join anytime. **No class May 29.**

Instructor: Kelly Christensen

244461	Mon, Wed, Fri	11a-12	\$5/\$10
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Fitness For Life* (Adult)

A more advanced aerobic workout for those more active and physically fit. Exercises include standing and some chair work.

No class May 29.

Instructor: Kelly Christensen

244460	Mon, Wed, Fri	9:30-10:30a	\$5/\$10
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Fitness Room Orientation (Adult)

Do you have questions about how to use the equipment in the fitness center? Sign up for orientation to learn safe and proper techniques. Call (727) 518-3131 for your appointment.

Mon-Fri	10a-8p
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Therapeutic Stretching (Adult)

This method has been shown to reduce neck, shoulder, back and hip pain and improve flexibility, increase core strength and improve overall well being. Appropriate for all ages including older individuals and all levels of physical health.

Instructor: Batia Wall

244441	Tue	9-10:15a	\$28/\$56 per month
244441	Thu	9-10:15a	\$28/\$56 per month

Drop in fee: \$8/\$16



Full Body Conditioning* (Adult)

This energetic class will give you a total body workout. Class will work all muscle groups and can be modified for a variety of fitness levels. Join anytime. Instructor: Kelly Christensen

244401 Tue, Thu 5-6p \$5/\$10

Tai Chi* (Adult)

Improve your balance while developing inner strength, physical well-being, and overall health. The movements of Tai Chi are slow and deliberate without exerting force or power. Some of the immediate benefits students notice is mental calmness, an increase in energy, better circulation, and chi flow.

Instructor: Nate Patterson

244450 Tue 8:30-9:30a \$5/\$10

Yoga Stretch* (Adult)

A complete series of seated and standing yoga poses. Chair support is offered to safely perform a variety of postures designed to increase flexibility, balance and range of movement. Restorative breathing exercises and final relaxation will promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

Instructor: Batia Wall

244445 Tue, Thu 10:45-11:45a \$5/\$10

Zumba Gold (Adult)

Get fit while having fun with fun Latin dance moves that will have you smiling from ear to ear.

244403 Tue/Thu 10:30-11:30 \$5/\$10



deal me in for fun

Duplicate Bridge

(Format changed temporarily until Bridge Director returns – no Master Points recorded. Price lowered temporarily until Bridge Director returns.)

Mon 12:00-3:45p \$2/\$3

Contact Joan Waff at (727) 895-9073 for more info.

Bridge, Social

Tue, Thu 12:30-3:30p \$2/\$4

Hand, Foot & Elbow

Wed 12:30-3:30p \$2/\$4

Samba

Fri 12:30-3:30p \$2/\$4



Games

Bingo Party (Adult)

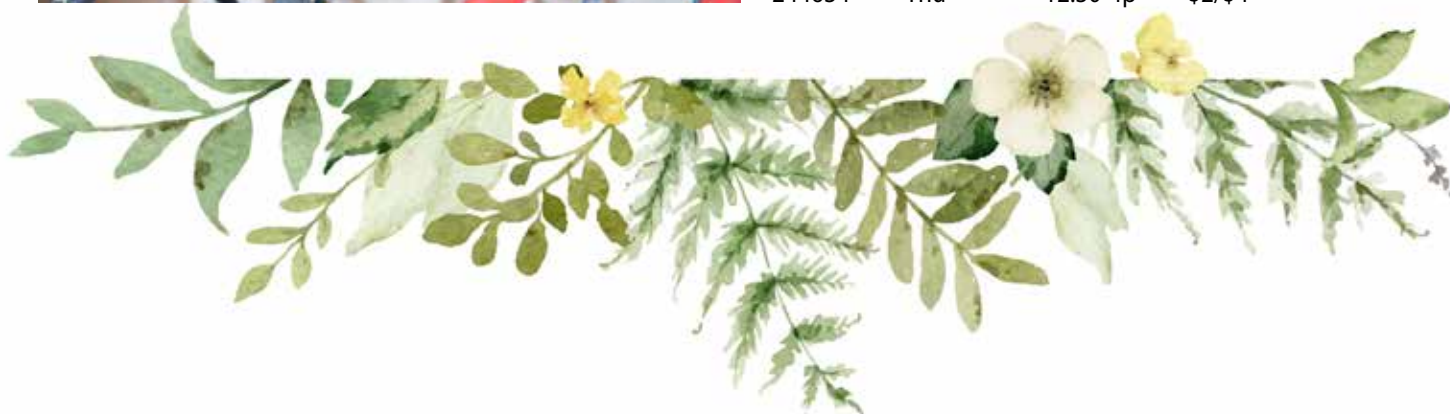
B-1 of the people having a great time on Wednesday afternoons at the Community Center. Prizes are provided by the Community Center. No need to bring anything but your love for yelling "BINGO!"

244610 Wed 1-3p \$2/\$4

Mah Jong (Adult)

Join us for the traditional Chinese game of Mah Jong that will help you improve your memory and strategic thinking. Game is American style. New or experienced players always welcome.

244634 Thu 12:30-4p \$2/\$4



Performing Arts

Ukulele Playing Group

(All Ages)

Ukulele Share Group ... make social connections with like minded people. Bring your uke and your favorite song. Learn new tips as others share their skills and share your own with this casual group. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Those who like to sing are also encouraged to join in. New group starts Sep 12.

Coordinator: Joy Abston

244171 Mon 3-5p \$2/\$4



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244145 Tue 10a-12p \$2/\$4

Karaoke (Adult)

Perform your favorite tunes to sing-along CD's. You can bring your own Karaoke CD's or you can select from thousands of tracks we have. Great fun, friends and music.

244173 Tue 12:30-4p \$2/\$4



Rentals / Parties

The Largo Community Center offers a variety of rental opportunities for events of all sizes. Are you looking for a monthly meeting space for your group of 12 or fewer? Our Conference room is just the ticket. Are you planning a wedding, bar/bat mitzvah for up to 250 people? Our Ballroom is a lovely option with several packages available. Call (727) 518-3131 or visit LargoCommunityCenter.com for more information on pricing and availability.



Luncheon & Show

Enjoy the company of friends and family during our upcoming luncheons. A delicious lunch, dessert and high-quality entertainment is included. Stop into the Largo Community Center 1-month prior to luncheon to get your ticket and to reserve your seat or table. Doors open at 11:45pm.

No returns or exchanges. \$14 per person

May 18 Thu 12p \$14

"Give My Regards to Broadway!" (Ticket sales close 5/12)

June 15 Thu 12p \$14

"All That Jazz" (Tickets go on sale 5/1)

July 20 Thu 12p \$14

"60 Years and Counting NASA" (Tickets go on sale 6/1)

New Member Orientation (Adult)

Come see what the Largo Community Center and the Recreation, Parks & Arts Department have to offer. Enjoy good company and a light snack as we show you how best to find what you're looking for.

Mon May 1 & June 5 11a-12p Free

Mon May 1 & June 5 6-7p Free

Sunday Social Dance (Adult)

This fun social dance party is open to all adults.

Cash bar available. No outside food or beverage permitted. Doors open at 5:45p.

Sun 6-10p \$10



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groups and clubs

**Corvette Club**

Share your love of this American classic car with other local enthusiasts.

First Wednesday 7-8p \$40/year dues

Largo Art Association-Art Workshop

Join this on-going art workshop for artists in all mediums. Newcomers welcome.

Fri 10a-2p \$3/session

Largo Flying Club

This club is an AMA chartered Model Aircraft Flying Club.

First Tuesday 6-8p

TOPS-Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing you with the tools, information, support and accountability you need to be successful.

Wed 8-10am

\$49/international dues plus \$5/month





Trips & Excursions



Call 727-518-3131 or visit playlargo.com for more information.
Day trip registrations will be two months at a time, when Lantern is available.

HARD ROCK CASINO in TAMPA

Tuesday, May 9	8:30am – 3pm	\$20/\$25	244601-E4
Tuesday, May 23	8:30am – 3pm	\$20/\$25	244601-E5
Tuesday, June 6	8:30am – 3pm	\$20/\$25	244601-F5
Tuesday, June 20	8:30am – 3pm	\$20/\$25	244601-F6

Join us as we head to the newly renovated Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. Whether blackjack, card games or slots are your favorites you'll have a great time at the Hard Rock. There are multiple food choices as well. You might even win a jackpot!



LUNCH BUNCH to MR. DUNDERBAK'S BIERGARTEN and BREWERY in TAMPA

May 16, Tuesday 10:30am – 1pm \$7/\$12 244601-E6

Get ready to enjoy some delicious German cuisine as we head of to Mr. Dunderbak's for lunch. Food is made the old fashion German way using their Oma's favorite recipes. Whether Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, or Bratwurst are your favorite, Mr. Dunderbaks has it all. Lunch is on your own.



LUNCH BUNCH to BABUSHKA'S RESTAURANT in TEMPLE TERRACE

Tuesday, May 30 10:30am – 1pm \$7/\$12 244601-E7

Get ready for a treat as we head over to Babushka's for some delicious Russian Cuisine. Babushkla's serves a wide variety of Russian and Eastern European dishes, from classic Borsht and pierogies to sweet and savory Blinichiks, pirozhki and homemade honey cake. Lunch is on your own.



LUNCH BUNCH to RIVETERS in TAMPA

Tuesday, June 13 10am – 1pm \$7/\$12 244601-F7



Come on along as we head to Riveters in Tampa for a fun lunch in and nostalgic themed restaurant in Tampa Bay. Riveters has wide variety of food choices from Warbird chicken sandwiches, burgers, Rosie's salads to Thunderbolt Prime Rib you will find something to enjoy. Lunch is on your own.





Largo Community Center Daily Activities

MAY / JUNE 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fitness For Life* 9:30-10:30a	Tai Chi* 8:30a-9:30a	TOPS 8-10a	Therapeutic Stretching 9-10:15a	Largo Art Association 9a-1p (until 6/10)
Line Dance Improver/ Intermediate* 10:30a-12p	Therapeutic Stretching 9-10:15a	Fitness For Life* 9:30-10:30a	Garden Class 9a-12p	Fitness For Life* 9:30-10:30a
Fitness Forever* 11a-12p	Craft & Chatter 10a-12p	Line Dance High Beginner* 10:30-12p	Pastels 9:30-11:30	Fitness Forever* 11a-12p
Duplicate Bridge 12:30-3:30p	Acrylics 10-1p (May only)	Fitness Forever* 11a-12p	Zumba Gold 10:30-11:30a	Samba 12:30-3:30p
Open Pottery 1:30-8:30**	Zumba Gold 10:30-11:30a	Adult Ballet w/Dot 12-1:00p	Yoga Stretch* 10:45-11:45a	Line Dance Intermediate* 1-2:30p
Chair Volleyball* 1-3p	Yoga Stretch* 10:45-11:45a	Duplicate Bridge 12-3:30p	Luncheon & Show 3rd Thur 12-2p	Movie Matinee, doors open at 12:30, 1p (May only)
Ukulele Group 3-5p	Line Dance Improver* 11a-12p	Hand, Foot & Elbow 12:30-3:30p	Mah Jong 12:30-3:30p	Line Dance Social 6-8p 1st Fri of each Month
	Social Bridge 11:30-3:30p	Bingo Party 1-3p	Social Bridge 11:30a-3:30p	
	Karaoke 12:30-3:30p		Chair Volleyball* 1-3p	
	Drawing 1-3p (May Only)		Pottery 1-4p (May Only)	
	Dance w/Dot - Tap 1:15-2:45p		Full Body Conditioning* 5-6p	
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SUNDAY	Evening Pottery 5:30-8:30p (May Only)			Largo Art Association 9a-1p (starting 6/17)
Sunday Night Dance 6-10p				

*NOTE: Some programs are not weekly, for more information see inside of this Lantern or call 727-518-3131. Rooms for rent may be available for meetings and social events.

*Healthcare Program Eligible

**Must be registered in pottery class (May only)





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