



Vista Del Lago
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Yardsale/Fundraiser:

The almost-annual Vista Del Lago community yard sale and fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 14th, from 8:00am until noon (longer if we still have good stuff to sell). The sale is scheduled to be announced on KOZI and the Second Cup show throughout the week and on Saturday. In addition, the yard sale will appear on the KOZI website, which means we should have a good turn out.

This year's proceeds from donated sale items will go towards buying new pool furniture. We still need to replace some of the old lounge chairs and need to buy additional tables and chairs. We would also like to buy a few side tables for holding snacks and beverages by the lounge chairs. This will most likely be a work in progress, as far as getting all the items we need, but we already have a great head start.....see the next headline for more info.

If you would like to participate in the community yard sale, but do not want to donate all of your precious items because they have some significant value, you will be allowed to bring your items and sell them in a separate area next to the donated items. You will be asked to donate a percentage of your profits to the fundraiser at the end of the sale.

Also, any items left over that have not sold, need to be collected by their owner for proper disposal. Please do not leave your unsold items behind for someone else to dispose of.....and puleeeze, do not put them in the Zippy!!

So far, **John Macpherson** has volunteered to make signs to go along with the few we have left over from the last few sales.....thank you **John**!

If you would like to help set up, clean up, sell or just offer moral support, please come on by. We (**Rita**, **Cindy**, **Leslie** and **Pat O.**) will be setting up at 7:00am on the grassy area at the entrance to the park. The Social Committee is also going to meet in the next week or so to strategize on selling hotdogs, soda, water, etc. If you would like to help the Social Committee, please see **Gloria**, **Corky** or any of the Social Committee members.

In the past, we have raised over **\$3500** from 3 yard sales. I don't know what to expect this year as far as donations, so I am setting the goal at **\$500**.....lets see if we can beat that!!

Generous donations are rolling in.....

A follow up to the pool furniture fundraiser.....**Jeff** and **Rita** stopped by Costco on the way over to VDL and picked up 6 pool lounge chairs. The **McCann's**, **Sneesby's** and **Burns'** had already each committed to purchasing a lounge chair and donating it to the pool. Upon the arrival of the lounge chairs, several more very generous people stepped up and contributed to the purchase of the 3 remaining chairs. After the dust settled, **Lynn and Lila Baker** donated \$100, **Carol and Harvey Simpson** donated \$100, **John and Joy MacPherson** donated \$50, **Wayne and Donna Gordon** donated \$20 and **Ed and Una Hickey** donated \$20. Thanks to everyone for making this purchase a successful plan!!

Boat/RV Parking Fees Due.....

If you have reserved a space in the Boat/RV Parking lot, you must deliver your **\$100** annual fee and emergency/insurance contact information to **Heidi Hodgson** no later than July 15th. If you have not paid your annual fee by July 16th, you may lose your reserved space and it will be given to the next person on the waiting list. Don't delay, pay up!!!

Age Verification.....

The Membership Committee (**Lila Baker**) and I are compiling a list of homeowner's ages for our Age Verification list. We are required to maintain and update this official list every two years. Since this is our first go-round of compiling this information as a new board, please have patience if you are asked to provide this information and you have already done so! I will be checking the files twice to make sure we don't hit anyone up more than once, in an attempt to not duplicate work.....but please be patient if your previous effort at proving your age fell through the cracks!

Successful turnout at first ever Spaghetti Feed.....

The Social Committee hosted the first ever (that I can remember) Spaghetti dinner on June 21st. There were over 40 diners, lots of very good spaghetti, salad, bread and cake.....oh yeah, and wine. The ladies of the Social Committee outdid themselves and I am not sure how they will top this one, but they have all summer to try. The Social Committee boy toy, **Jim Dixon**, did a great job of collecting the dinner tab and pushing raffle tickets. **Jim** collected \$85 for the Recreation Fund. In addition, two bottles of wine were given away to **Rita** and **Harvey**, and **Una** won \$22 in the raffle grand prize give-away!

On the mend.....

I am very pleased to report that **Dallas Widen**, who was in the process of suffering a heart attack when **Linette** discovered him, has recovered completely. **Dallas** was rushed off to the Chelan hospital, then transferred to Wenatchee where a team of doctors cleared out a blood clot and put in a stent to beef up the artery walls. Thanks to all the VDL residents who came and supported **Dallas** and to **Dr. Rick** for staying by his side until the medics took him away. **Linette** reported that **Dallas** was becoming quite a handful for the hospital staff (he was

grouchy and wanted to come home) and they were ready to boot him out any day. I know I just violated a whole bunch of HEPA rules by passing along this information, but I thought you would want to know. This should however, serve as a lesson to you.....do not ignore the signs of nausea, pain in the chest and left arm and dizziness. If this happens to you or someone you are with, please do as **Linette** did, and dial **9-1-1** immediately.

Park Almost Sold Out.....

As of now, we have just **6** lots left for sale by the developer. There are several "pending" sales, so they are not final yet, but they are going quickly. If you have friends who are interested in buying a lot, tell them to get on the stick because there may not be any left by the end of summer, or sooner if sales continue at this hot pace. There are a few re-sales of lots and homes, but not many of those either. If you need a quick contact for sales, please see **Corky Sessous**. She is assisting the developer with sales and providing on-site information.

Read your CC&R's, Rules and Regulation's and By-Laws.....

The Architectural Committee and Building and Grounds Committee would like to encourage all homeowners to read their CC&R's, Rules and Regulations and By-Laws to reacquaint yourselves with some important information. I for one, as a new board member, decided to read them again after I was elected in June and discovered some new items that I had missed before and refreshed my memory on other items. I know this sometimes can be dry reading, but each homeowner should make an attempt to read the material completely so as not to inadvertently violate a rule or covenant.

Get ready to move your boat/trailer or RV in July.....

VP **Dave Sneesby** and **Steve Hodgson** believe the improvements to the Boat/RV Parking area will begin sometime during the middle to end of July. Unfortunately we are at the mercy of the contractor's schedule, so we cannot give you a better date as of press time. In the meantime, **Dave** would like everyone to understand that you may need to move your boat/trailer/RV off the parking lot on very short notice. If you are a weekender or are going to be away from the park during this time, please make arrangements to leave a key with a friend, neighbor or committee member so they can move your boat/trailer/RV in your absence.

During the time of the improvements, the recreational vehicles will most likely be scattered around VDL. Owners should make every effort to put them in a space where it is least likely to impede traffic or block a driveway. Building and Grounds Committee members will be on hand to assist with finding alternate parking.

Need some great ideas or help with a project??

Vista Del Lago is lucky to have such a broad variety of talent and knowledge in the park. We have quite the variety of professionals and skilled people to assist you with many of your projects and planning needs. If you need work done, but

don't know who to call, ask your neighbor for a referral. Many of us have recently had work completed on our property and can recommend a great person or company. I for one, just had a very nice patio installed and I had to look no further than my neighbor. **Dave Sneesby** came up with the design and I hired him to do the work. I hear he is also a fabulous painter! There are many others around the park with special skills and knowledge, such as **John MacPherson** who is an artist, **Linette Widen** who is a writer and a whole host of other very helpful individuals; **Bob Sessous**, **Steve Hodgson** and **Jim Dixon** to name a few. I certainly don't want to leave anyone out, but the point is, you may not have to leave the park for help.

Well, that's about it for now. I want to get the newsletter out before the weekend, which is just a few hours away. I hope you all have a fun and safe **Fourth of July**. Thanks to all those of you who offered suggestions for the newsletter and as always, keep your ideas coming my way.

-Leslie Burns
Board Secretary