

Vista Del Lago Newsletter #35

New Speed Limit Devices



Several strategically placed turtle speed limit devices appeared this week around the park. The little green guys are a friendly reminder that the speed limit is 10 MPH in the park at all times. They have water/sand bags on their bases, but a swift wind will tip them over. Please help to upright them after a windstorm such as the one we had last night!

Back Gate Security



The back gate has been left standing wide open on several occasions during the past weekend. Since I live across the street from it, I usually notice comings and goings from the park (or Elvis alerts us to park events). I have noticed that it is primarily guests who are leaving the gate open when they come and go from the park. Please remind your guests to shut the gate behind them, even if it is open when they approach it. This

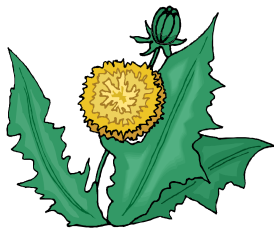
helps with security in the park, particularly for those who are in close proximity to the gate. VP Sherry is making some signs to post on the gate and they should be up by this coming weekend if all goes well with the sign making.

Dog Poop Reminder.....Again!

(No picture needed)

Okay dog owners (and I am one), please be sure to pick up your dog's poop after they make a deposit. I found 3 piles in the retention area that were left behind by an owner or guest. Dog poop simply isn't pleasant for anyone and we don't need a few slacker owners wrecking the reputation of the rest of the responsible pet owners. If you are an owner, pick it up. If you have a guest or a renter on your property, be sure to explain to them that this is a serious matter and the rules of scooping your dog's poop need to be followed. Please don't make me mention this again!

Weeds



For the most part, the park looks pretty weed free, but there are a few undeveloped lots that have some large, dead weeds that need to be removed or some healthy, growing weeds that need to be killed and removed. Weed seeds spread like wildfire over here, so if you are not here to manage them yourself, please make arrangements to have someone remove your weeds, and keep your lot weed-free over the summer.

If you would like to hire a weed/pest control service, Green Thumb Spray Services does a lot of work for homes in the park and comes with good references. You can reach owner Keith Hendricks at 509-682-1370.

Social Committee Upcoming Events from Wayne and Donna



The social committee has plans for the **hottest** part of the summer that you are not going to want to miss. On **July 31st @ 6:30** we are having a **Mexican potluck**. Many of us spend the winters in Arizona where we eat and prepare a lot of Mexican food. So those of you who love to make Mexican food here is your chance. This was very popular the past two years and indeed we do have some really good cooks in our park. If you are not a great Mexican cook you can provide a salad or dessert .

On **August 7th** we are having another **Blueberry Pancake breakfast**. Blueberry Hills blueberries make the best pancakes and by popular demand we are putting **blueberries** in the pancakes.

On **August 21st @ 6:30 pm** we are having another potluck. This time bring your favorite dish including **hot** dishes, **summer salads**, or dessert.

On **August 28th @ 7:00 pm** we are going to have a dessert social. Here you can bring your favorite dessert. **Pie, cake, cookies** whatever your heart desires and we will twist Bob's arm to fire up the ice cream machine. **Please come and enjoy!**

Thanks to the Gordon's for all the great work they do organizing, setting up, cooking and cleaning up from these events. Also, thanks to the helpers for assisting with each event!

Manson Market



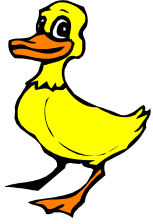
The Manson Community Market is held on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 8:30am-11:30am or until sell-out. Several of our own residents have booths at the market including Cindy Sneesby, Carol Simpson and Linette Widen. It is a great place to get fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, jam, and a good variety of craft items. If you are looking for something to do on a Wednesday or Saturday morning, stop by the market and say hi to the VDL vendors. It is also a great place to take guests who would like to bring a taste of the valley home with them or a gift.

Restaurant Review/Marcela's



Lyle and I tried the newest Mexican restaurant in the valley, Marcela's, in downtown Chelan. Marcela's occupies the space where the Hungry Belly Deli used to be, which is across the street from Ace Hardware on Woodin Avenue. The food is very authentic and the margaritas are strong! If you think Taco Bell is good Mexican food, you probably won't care for Marcela's too much. Their prices are pretty average for a Mexican restaurant, with dinners averaging about \$13.

I had a combo plate, which included a tamale, a taco, rice and beans. Lyle had the chicken en mole. I thought the food was okay, but I like some of the other Mexican restaurants in town a little better.....but that is just my opinion. Try them out for yourself if you would like and let me know what you think!



Gloria, this duck is for you.....a joke from the pool!!!! Duck & run!

That's it for this edition. As always, if you have a topic you would like to share with the community, have used a new service or discovered a new store, or you would like to recognize someone for great work, please drop me an email and I will be sure to include it in the next newsletter.