

# Vista Del Lago

Newsletter #38

Spring 2011

Spring has finally sprung at VDL, a little late, but as they say, better late than never!



## Landscaping and more.....

The landscaping crew has been out in full force bringing the lawn back to life, planting the arborvitae around the south fence line and blowing out the irrigation. The arborvitae really dress up the park and the retention pond area in particular.....it looks great and helps shield the ugly fence, while adding a beautiful green backdrop. This was one of the pre-requisites for the zoning work and lo and behold, it is working to our advantage! Thanks to Dave Sneesby for getting a screaming deal on the plants and hauling about half of the 200+ plants over himself and to Jose and his crew for getting them planted, with only a minimal amount of reconfiguring required on the lots.



## Pool update.....

The pool restoration work began on April 8th. Dave Sneesby emptied the pool and the workers removed the old brown tiles from just above the water line. As good old lady luck would have it, they discovered a crack that nobody anticipated finding. This will require more work than originally planned for, but it is necessary to get it fixed while the

pool is empty, so they will address the crack right along with the rest of the planned project.

A second heat pump has been purchased and is being installed. This will dramatically cut down on the pool heating bills, as a good portion of the expenses were due to the use and price of propane to heat the pool. The second heat pump will pretty much alleviate the need to run the propane tank, thus saving us a lot of money. Thanks to Jeff McCann and his father, who was able to get the heat pump for us at a nice discount.

## Clubhouse reservations and all things Social



### Committee.....

If you are interested in hosting a private party in the VDL clubhouse, you may reserve the clubhouse by contacting Duane and Donna Gordon at

████████████████████ The Gordon's handle the clubhouse reservations, as well as chair our Social Committee (they do fantastic work). The Gordon's are always looking for people to volunteer for the committee, so if you haven't already joined, or are new to the park and are looking for an easy way to get involved and meet a lot of people while doing so, this is the committee for you! Everyone loves the Social Committee. They plan and host some of the best summer and holiday parties year round.

And a personal word from Duane himself.....

Yes we are planning to chair the social committee again. **Tentatively we are planning a breakfast on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend as our first event.** We will have a more complete events schedule by the annual meeting. We will be able to share with you what events are coming as news letters are sent. We want to thank all of those who helped out last year as they were fantastic. We welcome anyone who wishes to help as some volunteers can't be in Manson for all the things we have planned.

We are returning to Manson from Arizona as many of us are and are energized for another fun summer at the Lake.

Wayne and Donna



## Spring has sprung and so have the weeds.....

One of the great things about Eastern Washington is that it is a great place to grow plants. Unfortunately, the weeds thrive just as much as our flowers, and thrive they are. We have had our share of rain, but this past week, the sun came out and POOF, so did the weeds. Please be sure to arrange to have your lots weeded and sprayed if you are out of the area, or attend to them yourselves if you are in the park. We need to keep the weeds down now, so they don't spread to adjoining properties and compound the problem. There are some good weed and pest control services in the valley. I personally use **Green Thumb** (509-682-1370). You can call and they will come out to spray for weeds and/or bugs and wasps. They will send you an invoice in the mail, so it couldn't be any easier. And yes, the wasps are back in all their glory. I killed 3 huge nests in my wall this past weekend and I saw a fourth one being built as we were leaving \*&@#^@%. Ugh, I hate those buggers.



## Gravel on the street.....

For those of you with gravel lots, please make an effort to sweep the gravel that has spilled over into the street, back onto your lot. The heavy rains over the winter and spring, cause some upheaval of gravel and washed it into the street in many areas.



## Board position openings.....

There will be 3 board position openings this year, which will be voted on during the June POA meeting. If you have an interest in running for one of the open positions, please notify a board member of your interest, which will ensure your name on the ballot. Write-in candidates will also be accepted at the POA meeting. If you haven't run for the board or participated as a board member in the past, this is a great way to get indoctrinated in all things VDL, get involved in the community and learn something new. There are one-year and two-year terms, so talk to a board member if you would like the scoop! Our current board members are:

- Dave Sneesby

- Joe Blackmore
- Gary Collins
- Jenny Sharp
- Vacant position

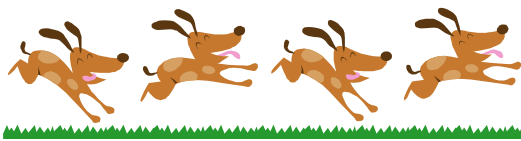
The next board meeting is May 7th, at 9:00am in the clubhouse. This would be a great place to meet the board members and get any information you might need.

## Upcoming nuptials (In case you live under a rock and haven't



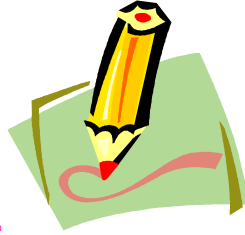
heard..... **Read the last board meeting minutes for this inside joke, if you haven't already!**

Yes, it's true.....our awesome treasurer, Joe Blackmore and his super, wonderful mate Deb Hassler, are tying the knot on Saturday, April 30th. We tried to talk some sense into Deb this weekend, but she seems to have her heart set on taming the wild beast in Joe and we agree, if anyone is up to the task, it is Deb! They are getting married in Wenatchee, then off to Pullman (**GO COUGS**) to attend and celebrate a college graduation. They are hoping for a far away, tropical location honeymoon, but that will have to wait for a while, as family plans are taking precedence. Congratulations to Deb and Joe!!!



## Dog days at the park.....

A few of us have started with the dog play sessions at the park. If your dog likes to run wild, chase balls, frisbees, other dogs, or simply lay in the warm grass (or roll in the mud), come down and hang out with the dogs and their people on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Right now, the crowd is still a little thin, but come May, we will be meeting pretty regularly about 7:30-8:00am. It seems kind of early, but we meet this early to beat the afternoon heat. We are usually located next to the basketball court in the park, just below the gate. As always, please be considerate and scoop your poop, inside and outside VDL and the parks.



Signing off for now.....

That's it for the first newsletter of 2011. I wish all of you safe travels back to your summer home if you are coming great distances and even if you are just traversing the passes!

As always, if you have something you would like to share with the community and would like me to include it in the newsletter, please drop me an email (Lyleandleslie@msn.com), give me a call (425-836-1216), or stop by my house in VDL (#45) and get me your message. I will be happy to include it in the next newsletter. I try to get the newsletters out every 1-2 months, as news occurs, but I will get them more out more often if we have more news to share. If you don't provide me with some content, I will take liberties of making up my own facts!

I love to print restaurant reviews, or any review you would like to share. We have a few new restaurants in town, as well as a few less from last year. For those of you who have been hiding out in the sun country, Marcella's (the newest Mexican restaurant), burnt down and caused smoke damage to Blue Moon clothing store and Willow, the home decorating store. They are all in different stages of repair as we speak. The cupcake store went out, but there is a sandwich/grinder/ice cream shop in its place. I haven't tried it yet, so if you do, send me a review!!

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*-Leslie Burns*