

Vista Del Lago

Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the Vista Del Lago newsletter. The board has put this together in hopes of improving communication between the board and VDL residents. It is our hope that this newsletter will be a community project and the VDL homeowners will contribute to its content as they wish. Our intention is to broadcast VDL news, personal announcements such as anniversaries, birthdays, etc., party events, recipes, landscaping ideas, RV tips and much more. This is VDL resident's forum to express their thoughts in a fun and festive way.

In an effort to keep postage costs down, we will be distributing the newsletter via e-mail for those residents who have e-mail capability. If you do not have access to an e-mail account, we will mail a copy of the newsletter to your address, which appears on the homeowner address list. If for some reason, you would rather receive the newsletter via the U.S. mail, instead of via e-mail, just drop me a note and I will make the change.

As stated in a recent e-mail, it is the board's desire to utilize multiple avenues for communication. Each board member welcomes comments, concerns and questions in any form convenient to you. Please feel free to use e-mail, snail mail, a note on a doorstep, telephone call or an in-person conversation to express your interests. Each board member is an equal member of the team and your interests will be discussed by board members at their regular meetings.

Enough of the introduction stuff, now on to some fun.....

Cathy Poppino was elected Treasurer by the board and she is in the process of brainstorming some ideas for fundraisers, to beef up the VDL slush fund. There is approximately \$85.00 in the pot and the board would like to see that total grow, so we can purchase some fun and useful items, which will be available for all residents to use. Cathy is currently researching the idea of having t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc printed with the VDL logo for sale to anyone interested. She is hopeful to have some samples available in July.

Along the lines of needing new "stuff," it was determined at the June meeting that we could use a new umbrella for the pool. **Steve and Heidi Hodgson** quickly offered up a beautiful, brand new umbrella, which they donated to the cause. Thanks to Steve and Heidi for jumping on that and providing us with a wonderful new umbrella.

It was also determined that the pool could use a few more chairs and lounge chairs. The Poppino's have committed to purchasing a chair from Costco to

donate to the pool area. The chairs are available at Costco and are priced right around \$45.00.

Which leads me into the topic of **donations**.....if you discover a need for the clubhouse, pool, laundry room, etc. and would like to purchase a new piece of equipment or have a nice one to donate, please feel free to do so.

If you discover items that are needed, we can list them in the newsletter and perhaps somebody will donate or purchase the item needed.

Need a reason for a party? How about July 4th. Steve and Heidi Hodgson are spearheading the Fourth of July party poolside. The potluck will begin at 3:00. Please coordinate with Steve or Heidi on what to bring.

One more note along the lines of communication, Board President **Joe Blackmore** (golf clap for Joe), will be providing us with a "suggestion box." The box will be placed on the cabinet just inside the upstairs clubhouse door. Please feel free to leave comments/suggestions/questions in the box. Joe requests that you include your name and a way to contact you so we can get back to you with an answer or some feedback to your inquiry.

The **ladies weekly coffee group** meets on Wednesdays. Some Wednesdays they even include the men! Everyone is welcome to attend. Please check with **Heidi Hodgson, Pat Ogle** or **Pat Krell** for further info on time and location.

There are a lot of summer projects taking place. The **Blackmore's** have cornered the market on cement this summer. Stop by their lot and marvel at their new concrete work, which is newly completed. **Barb and Jerry Watland's** new RV/driveway pad is complete and they are excited to put it to use. The **Poppino's** are still waiting on the County to come through on their project. For now, you can stop by and marvel at their dirt!! The **Ogle's** are having some work done as well, so that entire portion of VDL is spending a lot of cash and the outcome should be pretty nice!

In an effort to wrap up this edition of the VDL newsletter, we will take a few paragraphs to restate some important information from the June homeowner's meeting:

- 1) **RV/boat parking:** This year we will be functioning under a set of rules, which will be evaluated at the end of the season. One spot per lot owned will be available to park your RV or boat. Dave and Kathy have graciously temporarily donated space on two lots nearest the current RV parking area for any spillover, which might occur. Dave is going to outline the area available for parking. Please follow the rules he has lined out. Also, please make an attempt to fill the upper RV parking spaces before using the lots Dave has made available.

- 2) **Guest sign in/badging:** All homeowners must sign their guests in when staying at VDL overnight. The guest book is located on the cabinet just inside the clubhouse upper door. Guests will not be required to wear a badge while on VDL property. This procedure will also be evaluated at the end of the season for its effectiveness.

- 3) **Children upstairs in clubhouse:** It was decided at the June meeting that kids will continue to not be allowed in the upstairs portion of the clubhouse.

If you need any clarification on anything discussed at the June meeting, or on anything in general, please contact a board member and they will make every attempt to get you the correct information in a timely manner. In case you missed the announcement of the officers, they are as follows:

President Joe Blackmore (XXXXX@XXX.XXX) (###-###-####)
Vice President Leslie Burns (XXXXX@XXX.XXX) (###-###-####)
Secretary Steve Hodgson (XXXXX@XXX.XXX) (###-###-####)
Treasurer Cathy Poppino (XXXXX@XXX.XXX) (###-###-####)
Special Asst. to the Pres. Jerry Watland (XXXXX@XXX.XXX)
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One late addition: Please update your "Owner's address lists" with **Carol Vincentini's** new mailing address of P.O. Box 337, Manson, WA 98831. Carol owns lot #72. Welcome to the neighborhood, Carol!!

Thanks for taking the time to read the newsletter. If you would like to contribute to next month's edition, please contact Cathy Poppino (XXXXX@XXX.XXX) or Leslie Burns (XXXXX@XXX.XXX). Anything is fair game and we would love to have a good variety of items to put in the newsletter.

Hope to see you around Vista Del Lago and as Dave Jewell keeps reminding me, "don't forget the sunscreen!"