



**Vista Del Lago**  
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**Contractor Information:**

We have several new owners in the park who have requested information regarding the set up of their new lots. Below are some contractors who are familiar with Vista Del Lago and have done work on several lots. This is not an endorsement, rather a means for getting you started. There are many other good contractors in the Chelan/Manson area as well as the ones listed below.

Excavation: Minor Excavation, Carl Minor  
Cell: 509-470-2097  
Hm: 509-687-3621

Jim Harding  
Cell: 509-687-9679

Electrical and Plumbing: Dick Manski  
Cell: 509-670-8153

Chelan PUD (for electric): 509-661-8002 or 888-663-8121

Lake Chelan Reclamation District (for water): 509-687-3548

Park models brands: Silvercrest, Cavco, Skyline, Nor'wester to name a few.

If you would like referrals for landscaping, painting, etc, please ask a neighbor. We have several talented people in the park who are available for hire, as well as contractors in the Chelan/Manson area.

**Check out the new website.....**

Thanks again to **Larry Johnson** who volunteered his time, effort and energy to develop our own website. The website address is [www.vdlhoa.org](http://www.vdlhoa.org). It is a great website, with links to other sites and all of the paperwork for VDL (CC&R's, meeting minutes, agendas, newsletters, etc). **Larry** is soliciting for any ideas and

items you would like to see added to the site, such as a classified ad section, digital photos, etc.

This site will only be as good as its content and will require assistance from each homeowner in providing ideas for content. Currently **Larry** is really interested in acquiring digital photos of VDL events, scenic photos from the area, or anything you think would be interesting or would like to share with our community. Please send your content ideas and photos to [webmaster@vdlhoa.org](mailto:webmaster@vdlhoa.org).

If you haven't already, please check out the website and provide **Larry** with your feedback.....I am sure it will be **100%** positive!!

### **Retro newsletters.....**

I was recently perusing my VDL files and found all the previous newsletters, dating back to July 2003, when the very first newsletter was published. It was kind of fun reading it. If you are interested in receiving any of the early editions so you can compare then with now, let me know and I will email them to you. I can guarantee you, we have come a long way baby!!!

### **New Homeowner's Contact Lists.....**

With all the new owners coming and old owners going, the contact list is getting updated weekly and sent out fairly often. Please be sure to completely destroy (shred) your paper copies of the contact list. We don't want our personal information floating around outside of VDL for bad guys to use.

### **Got an unimproved lot???**

If you have a lot that is unimproved (raw dirt), your neighbors would greatly appreciate it if you would have gravel brought in and spread over the lot. The gravel not only holds the dirt down during our fairly frequent windstorms, it also acts as a weed repellent to some extent. Also, the gravel really helps hold the dirt and dust down when you do begin doing improvements on the lot, and trust me, your neighbors will really appreciate any efforts you make to keep the dirt and dust to a minimum.

### **Dirty road in front of your lot? Get a broom out!!**

Another public service announcement.....Many residents in VDL have contacted me about the dirt/gravel mess left by contractors at the end of the day. If you are having work done on your lot, and the street is a mess at the end of the day, please be neighborly and either ask your contractor to clean up the mess or get a broom/hose out and do it yourself. If everyone keeps the roadway clean in front of their property, we will have clean streets throughout VDL. Get sweepin!!!

### **Update on Dale Young.....**

Rose Young reports good news for Dale. All the lymph nodes taken at time of surgery were negative; meaning he will not need chemo or radiation. What a relief! If you would like to drop Dale a card or encouraging email, I am sure he would appreciate it. Dale and Rose are selling their home in VDL and have moved to a condo in Wenatchee. We will miss them a lot. Rose and Dale were some of the original homeowners and were very active in our community. They were famous for keeping our highway in front of VDL clean of garbage and taking our cans and cardboard to the recycler. I wish Rose and Dale all the best and hope they can pop in now and then for a visit.

### **Clean up after family visits, please.....**

This summer we have had quite a few grandchildren and other family members visiting VDL, which is a good thing. However, as a result, the outside/pool toilet has been plugged a number of times after younger children have used it. We believe the culprit is paper towels being flushed, which just doesn't work with our plumbing. Unfortunately, the plugged toilets were not reported and other community members have stumbled upon the mess. It is bad enough to clean up your own mess, but cleaning up after someone else is very frustrating.....and gross.

If your family or friends are using the VDL facilities, please be a responsible host and check out the bathrooms after their use to make sure they are as clean afterwards, as they were before. It is just common courtesy to leave an area nicer than when you arrived.

### **Patience is a virtue, please find it.....**

There are several construction/improvement jobs taking place. With construction comes noise, dirt, some chaos, trucks, more chaos and finally, a nice looking home or lot. This is a reminder to everyone in the community to please exercise a bit of restraint and patience when dealing with construction projects. Each owner should make every effort to keep the area in front of their lots clean and free of debris. Likewise, neighbors should realize that they created a mess when their lot was being improved and we all lived through it.

Construction time is not fun for anyone, but with a little patience and neighborly cooperation, we will get through it and VDL will not have to suffer through this growing period again. And if you think it is bad now, try to remember back when there were only 4 homes in VDL and the rest of the lots were dirt.....ugh.

### **Do not dump on committee members.....**

When you have a gripe or complaint, please do not run to your nearest Buildings and Grounds or Architecture Committee member to vent. Some committee members are feeling like they are getting dumped on and are pretty tired of it. If

you have a legitimate complaint, please forward it to the appropriate committee in writing. The committee and Board will assess the complaint and respond accordingly. Please keep in mind that all officers and committee members are serving VDL as volunteers. Each member is committing a significant amount of time to their position and it does get tiresome when all they ever hear are complaints. Please take the first opportunity to thank your committee members for donating their time and energy to making VDL a great place to live and vacation.

### Hawaiian night and luau coming up.....

The VDL Social Committee has planned another great event. They have planned a luau for Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the pool. Cindy and Rita will be kicking off the event by serving their famous mai-tais, beginning at 5:30, with dinner following at 6:00. The cost for this fun event is \$6.00, which goes towards the purchase of the food. Please sign up in the clubhouse, on the downstairs bulletin board if you plan on attending. Advanced sign ups will allow the party planners to know how much food to purchase.

Pool hours will be extended (for this event only) to allow children under 18 years of age to swim after the usual 3:00 exiting time.

And of course, you must wear your very best Hawaiian inspired shirt/dress/grass skirt and jewelry. I can't wait to see **Bob Sessous** in a grass skirt!!

### Who threw the garbage out, who? who?

Okay, sorry about that.....bad pun on "Who let the dogs out....."  
The Labor Day weekend is rapidly approaching, which can mean only one thing.....the Zippy will be overflowing. Please, please, please, do not put any cardboard boxes, weeds, construction debris or other large items in the Zippy prior to the start of the weekend. Please hold your large items for the following week, or better yet, recycle them or take them to the transfer station.

Next year we will have to add a third Zippy, but it is a bit late this year. So, please make an effort to only throw away legitimate garbage.

That's it for now.....hope you are all having a great summer and welcome to all of the new owners. If you need assistance or information on anything in the park, please ask your neighbors, a committee member or Board member. There are plenty of people who can help out and provide info, so don't be shy, step up and ask for help if you need it!!

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**Reporter/Editor/Publisher and.....**  
**Your favorite Board Secretary**

