



## Vista Del Lago Newsletter Edition #20

### **Please be respectful of other people's property.....**

Please show some respect for other people's lots.....Please do not use undeveloped, unoccupied, or occupied lots to cut across to your house or to the clubhouse, pool, laundry room etc. We have a developed pathway at one edge of the park and have plenty of roadway all the way around the park which walkers can use.

In addition, owners should know they are responsible for keeping contractors, friends, family, etc off of neighboring lots. Recently a cement truck drove across one of our owner's lots while the owner was not there. The cement truck driver did not have permission to drive across the lot and never should have been allowed to do so. Not only is this very rude behavior, it has the potential to do great harm to concrete pads, underground piping and landscaping.

Lastly, this same owner was told by several neighbors, that children were skateboarding on his cement pads while he was not home. In no circumstances are kids or adults allowed to skateboard in Vista Del Lago. If you have any questions about that, check out your set of Rules and Regulations. The prohibition against skateboarding in the park is specifically addressed. Furthermore, kids must be accompanied by an adult at all times once they are off the property of the person they are visiting.

Please keep your neighbors and their property in mind and treat them as you would want to be treated.

### **Got project ideas for consideration for 2008???**

If you have a project idea you would like the Board to consider for funding, please get your proposal, with accurately estimated bids, to a Board member asap. The Finance committee is going to be working on the 2008-2009 budget draft, beginning in September. If you submit your proposal after the budget has been drafted, your project will probably not get off the ground, due to lack of funding.

### **Upcoming improvements.....**

The Board voted to purchase a third washer/dryer set for the laundry room, as well as install some flooring, to cover the not-so-lovely concrete floor that we currently have. Board President, Bob Dreisbach is hoping to get us a good deal on some flooring from a contact he has at the Chelan flooring store. All

improvements to the laundry room should be in place when you return next season.

In addition, Cindy Sneesby and Rita McCann received permission from the Board to spruce up the downstairs clubhouse area. Cindy has an outlet where she can get free sound-proofing type board. The boards will be covered with an attractive fabric that the ladies have selected and will be hung on the walls. This will help dampen some of the bouncing sound we experience down there when there are a lot of people in the room. In addition, they will be painting and sprucing up the area with their very nice, decorative touch. As with the laundry room project, you should see completed improvements when you return in the spring.

Last but certainly not least, the Boat/RV Parking improvement project is going to be getting underway in the fall. The Board approved a more permanent and aesthetically pleasing project, utilizing eco-block to stabilize the banks. This will allow us to expand the parking area, adding more parking spaces. It will also be a more permanent fix to a growing problem. Due to the size of the project, it may take place in 2 or 3 stages, but nonetheless, it should be done no later than next summer, for the beginning of boating/RV'ing season.

The board also approved a third dumpster, not as controversial as the third runway, but needless to say, a very important improvement! With three dumpsters, we should not run into the problem of stacking garbage outside the dumpsters on busy weekends, as we experienced this summer.

### **Current improvement project that was just completed.....**

Thank you and three cheers for Bob Sessous and Jim Dixon for volunteering their weekend recently. Bob and Jim found some paint that matched the clubhouse and laundry room, so decided to paint all the exposed, gray concrete to match the buildings. It is a really nice improvement and the place looks great. Why didn't we think of this years ago??!!

### **Lot Reviews.....**

The lot reviews were completed on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> by Dave Sneesby, Dick Groendyke and your's truly. It was a really long day, but we got all the reviews done. All in all, the place is in pretty good shape. The main areas needing correction were RV's that were within the 5 foot setback and weeds needing to be pulled. Many of the RV's in the park will need to be re-set on the lots so they have a 5 foot setback in the front, back and on the sides. The sides take into consideration any slide outs, so the slide out, when fully extended, needs to be 5 feet from the property line.

All RV'ers who need to make the correction, have been granted a grace period to accomplish the correction. When they return next season, they will contact an Architectural Committee member, who will help them re-set the RV on the lot so they are in compliance.

Thanks to everyone for making this very long project a success. Everyone was very friendly and realized the importance of needing to follow the rules. The weed issue is simmering down, but the Board plans on enforcing clean lots year round, so they do not get out of control. In addition, the Board has set up rules to allow for enforcement and immediate compliance. Basically, if the homeowner doesn't take care of their weed problem, it will be taken care of for them and the owner will receive a bill for the work.

Please remember, it is not enough to pull the weeds and spray once or twice a year. It is an on going issue. If you spray large weeds, you need to go back and pull them after they die, otherwise you will have big, huge, dead weeds on your lot that looks pretty bad. If you are an absentee owner, we have people in the park who would be willing to keep your lot weed-free for a small fee. Please contact a Board member and they can put you in touch with a willing party.

Also, a reminder, of which we do not have a huge problem.....The CC&R's are very specific about what items you can have out on your deck. It basically states you can have bbq's, patio furniture (arranged neatly) and items that are in use currently. It does not allow the storage of bicycles, upholstered furniture and other items that begin to look junky when left outside. Please make sure your deck or patio looks nice and store your other items inside your shed or home when not in use. Like I said, we don't have a huge problem with this, just a few lots that need attention.

**Don't forget the Special POA meeting on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> .....**

There is a special POA meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, in the clubhouse at 9:00am. This meeting is necessary to ratify the 2007-2008 budget. There will also be a vote to determine if the Board positions will be 2 year staggered terms. If the issue passes, the two year terms will begin next year when you elect a new Board. The third item up for vote is whether or not to wave the 2007 audit. These may not seem like very exciting issues, but it is extremely important we have a quorum to vote. If you will not be able to attend, please fill out a proxy form, allowing someone to vote on your behalf. You can get a proxy from Treasurer Dick Groendyke. The meeting will not be a long one, as these are the only 3 items on the agenda. There will be a brief explanation of each issue, followed by voting.....that's it, no fuss, no muss, no tying up your day.

Have a great Labor Day weekend, and enjoy the last bit of summer.....it sure went quick, or maybe that was because it seemed to start late!!

**-Leslie Burns, VDL Secretary/Editor/Publisher**

