



**Vista Del Lago
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Spring is almost here.....

Okay, so I may be jumping the gun a little on Spring, but when we were over this weekend, it was blue sky, sunny and I swear it was 60 degrees. Those doing a little sprucing up work were shedding their outer clothing after only a few minutes in the sun. Most of the snow is melted, except for the big piles by the dumpster and on the boat/RV lot. People are getting out and about after a darned cold winter.

Got Weeds???

There aren't too many weeds popping up just yet, but we are only a few weeks away from the start of the weed season. Yes, April and May are the official "noxious weed" months in the valley. Those pesky (and unsightly) buggers are taking root right now and will be rearing their ugly heads in a few weeks. Now through the first few weeks of April are the important weeks for getting your weed problem under control. Failure to do so will cause them to spread to your neighbor's lot and every effort they have done to keep their weeds down, will be for naught if your weeds are out of control.

Last year we had a particularly bad weed season and the park looked not very good because of a few lots gone wild. This year, lots who have weeds growing wildly on them by mid-April will be taken care of at the owner's expense. The landscaping committee will hire a weed-eradicator and the property owner will get the bill, to the tune of about \$60 per lot.

If you won't be back by April and want to have your weeds taken care of on your behalf, let a board member know. There are cheaper ways of getting the weeds cleaned up, but it will be up to each owner to make their own timely arrangements.

Openings and closings around town.....

Some old businesses have some new locations and some businesses just didn't make it for one reason or another. The cigar shop has closed up for good, the Bison Bistro is moving to Banjo Creek (according to Cecil) and a new Italian restaurant is going in the old Bison Bistro location (we think). The Persnickety gift shop that was in Banjo Creek, is moving to downtown Chelan. The Red Apple in Chelan seems to be continuing to stay in business, so maybe the owner has reconsidered closing his store or maybe he is

just going to stay open another season. The Cabana motel is reopening as a fractional ownership (timeshare) resort and has undergone some nice upgrades. The old Parkway motel has been bulldozed and a new fractional ownership resort is going up in its place. Things are sure changing.....hopefully for the better!!

Mailings coming out soon.....

I am in the process of putting the next major mailing together. In the mailing you will find meeting notices, meeting agendas, the proposed 2008-2009 budget for ratification at the June homeowner's association meeting and possibly some other assorted info, such as proposals for the Boat/RV Parking upgrade project. When you receive your packet, please be sure to read through the information, as it will include some important information regarding upcoming topics that will be up for a vote at the June meeting.

Boat/RV Parking sign ups.....

I have received several inquiries regarding Boat/RV parking availability. We will follow the same drill as in previous years. Anyone who has a parking space now will retain their same space, as long as they are using it.

Now that the park is full, it is imperative that we match the proper sized parking space with the specific need. For example, if you have a 20 foot boat and you need a 22 foot space to accommodate the boat and trailer, you will be assigned a 22 foot space. If you need a 10 foot space and you currently have a 22 foot space, you will be relocated to space that is more appropriate for your CURRENT needs.

Any spaces that are still available, will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the June HOA meeting. We will make every effort to fill everyone's needs, however, I am sure there will be more needs than we are able to meet, especially before the parking lot remodel takes place. We are running into a problem where we have a lot of people who need large spaces to accommodate large RV's and we simply do not have a large number of those spaces available. We do seem to have a few of the smaller spaces left over from last year.

New parking spaces will be assigned at the June meeting, with rental/space payment due within a few weeks after the meeting. In year's past, we have charged \$100 for the season for parking.

If you have parked a vehicle, boat, trailer or RV in a space in the parking lot that is not assigned to you, please make arrangements to have your items moved no later than May 1st. April and May is when most owners bring their items over and need their parking spaces. **As a reminder, vehicles and trucks should not be parked on the Boat/RV parking lot. Vehicles and trucks should be parked in the overflow parking spaces in front of the clubhouse.**

In the event we are not able to accommodate everyone's requests, there is a Boat/RV parking lot directly across from the Red Apple in Manson.

Consider running for the board.....

There will be several, if not all positions, available for new board members beginning in June. New board members will be elected by the homeowner membership at the June meeting and will serve for staggered terms. Some positions will be one year terms, while others will be two year terms. Several of the current board members have served multiple terms and are ready to turn the reigns over to some fresh blood.

If you are at all interested in running for a board position, please let me know and I will get your name on the nomination list. We will be looking for 5 board members to serve the Vista Del Lago community. If you have not served in such a capacity and are reluctant to because of lack of experience, fear not. The current board members will be happy to assist the new board in any way needed.

Board members are required to hold monthly meetings from the months of April through the months of October. You do not need to be a full-time resident to serve at VDL, you just need to be able to attend a meeting once a month for part of the year.

Now that there are several committees up and functioning well, the work of the board members has been reduced significantly and, I have learned, there are always owners who are willing to pitch in and help, all you need to do is ask!!

So, if you aspire to be the next John McCain, Hillary Clinton, Barrack Obama or VDL officer, please send me your name and I will put you on the ballot.

That's all for now. Hope your winter is winding down wherever you might be. Have a safe trip back to the wine country and I hope to see you soon!!

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