VISTA DEL LAGO RESORT



Homeowners' Newsletter

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On Board with Gary

The last few weeks have been catastrophic for the Lake Chelan area. Manson has been nearly circled by wild fires that have devastated about 250 square miles; the power and internet service to Manson was lost for a couple of days. Manson beach was closed due to an oil slick caused by the sunken boats. Charred debris can be seen floating on the lake surface. Our Pool Committee has spent many hours removing the ash and debris from the pool to prevent damage to the pump as well as keep the pool water clear.

Ginger and I helped clean the exterior of a friend's house that took a dump of fire retardant from a DC10 – the retardant saved their home from a fire line that came within 200 feet. Others weren't as fortunate, a brother of one of our VDL owners lost everything in the First Creek fire. The wild fires are now approximately 50% contained, so there's still opportunities to help others in this challenging situation. Many of the restaurants, retail stores, fruit stands and wineries have been financial hit hard by the lack of tourist; you might show your support by spending more than usual on the local economy. The website: <u>www.golakechelan.com</u> gives information on where to make donations, including non-perishable food, water, hygiene products, pet food, soeks, underwear and diapers.

Gary Mansell, VDL HOA President





WHAT'S CAUING SMALL PATCHES OF GRASS TO DIE?

Despite the record high temperatures, the lawn continues to look great, except for those small light brown spots which are about the size a pet's pee puddle. Unlike grass, gravel won't burn when pets urinate on it.

If you keep a pet at VDL, please be considerate to other owners by taking your pets on potty breaks in the gravel, pick-up pet poop, and observe the leash rule. There's three designated areas complete with mitt-mutt stations for taking pets for their potty breaks.



If you're planning on selling or renting your property, then please contact Lori Combs to obtain a package of documents, including the age verification form. Lori Combs is Membership Committee chairperson; she and her committee will be very helpful in provide documentation and information on selling or renting property at VDL.

Eventually, we'll have a site on the VDL website that'll list properties for sale or rent. This part of the website will be accessible by the public.

Since this is a 55 plus community, we must ensure a percentage of the occupants are 55 or older. It's important to track and control the fact that at least one occupant is 55 or older for at least 80% of the lots at VDL.

Extended Pool Hours

7 am to 11 pm



The pool is now open until 11 pm for adult swimming. The pool area lights are on until a few minutes past 11 pm. This will remain in affect as long as the pool is open this season. Please remember the VDL quite hours still start at 10 PM, this is also true for the pool area. If swimming in the pool after 10 PM, please observe the quite hours rule.

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ROAD REPAIR

You may have noticed holes in the asphalt pavement around some of the street storm drains; that's only the damage visible from above. The upper parts of the catch basins have shifted blocks and washed-out backfill. In addition, settlement sumps at the bottom of the basins have filled with

sand and gravel. The Building and Grounds Committee obtained bids for repairing the pavement and catch basins, and the Board has approved the cost of repair. The repair work has now started, so please watch out for workers and barriers at the work sites.

Boats Commonly Don't Travel on Public Roads



Remember back in the 60s when the Amphicar cars were being produced with the capability of being either driven on a road or piloted on a waterway. If a VDL HOA member had one of these unique cars, then that owner would be allowed to park it on his or her lot. On the other hand, when the boat isn't capable of being driven on roads, then it isn't allowed to be stored on the owner's lot. That's in accordance with the current CC&Rs, so please don't park or store a boat on your lot.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE WORKSHEET PROCESS

As a guide to owners, a new process has been developed that indicates the steps for submitting a worksheet, obtaining approval to begin work on lot improvements, and receiving final approval of the work. This guide process supplements the Architectural Control Committee's rules which are available on the VDL website <u>http://www.vdlhoa.org/</u>. The guide will be available on the website.

If you have suggestions for improving the process guide or want clarification on it, please contact Phil Tracey who is the Architectural Control Committee chairperson.

VDL Website

The VDL website is located at <u>http://www.vdlhoa.org/</u>. This website needs updating and improvements. The Board has been working with a website provider. If you have experience or knowledge in website development and want to volunteer to help in updating our website, please send an email to vdlboard@vdlhoa.org

Board Meeting on September 5th

There are several issues the Board will be reviewing in the upcoming meeting, including but not limited to the transfer of reserve funds into the newly designated Reserve account, improvement of west common area, usage of common areas, RV storage lot plans and proposals, and documentation for selling property at VDL. The Board has distributed an agenda. If you didn't receive an agenda by email, or know of an owner who doesn't use email, please notify the Board by sending an email to vdlboard@vdlhoa.org

