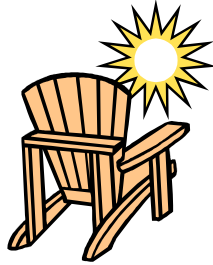


# *Vista Del Lago*



## *Newsletter #31*

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### **Welcome home.....**

Welcome home to our summer paradise! It was good to see so many friendly faces at the homeowner's meeting this past weekend. Nobody appeared worse for the wear and some people looked darn good! Congratulations to Karen Norton for shedding some pounds over the winter, you look great! There are still a few more residents who will be making their way home over the next few weeks and we look forward to seeing them upon their return.

There is a lot to report on, so I better get going.....

### **Boat/RV Parking fees due NOW.....**

If you are signed up for a Boat/RV storage space and would like to retain it this year, please get your \$100 to Heidi Hodgson right now. There is a short waiting list and if all fees are not received this week, Heidi will begin releasing the unpaid lots to owners on the list. If you haven't arrived home and wish to keep your space, please contact Heidi or a board member and let them know of your intentions to pay upon your return.

The storage parking raises some good revenue for the park and it is important that we collect the fees so it can go into our accounts.

### **Dues on time PLEEEEEZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ.....**

And while I am on the topic of money, please make every effort to pay your homeowner's dues on time. We rely on dues to pay the bills and keep the park running the way we like it. If you are encountering a hardship and cannot pay on time or need a short extension, simply contact Treasurer Joe Blackmore and advise him. He will make every attempt to work something out with you and it will help him to plan and adjust the budget appropriately.

### **Fido and his/her poop.....**

Most owners are very diligent about picking up their pup's poop, but this past weekend, I encountered several piles that had not been picked up. It is each owner's responsibility to clean up after their pet, just as it is a parent's responsibility to pick up after their child. Nobody likes to step in or smell poop, so please be neat and clean it up.

Also, if you have a guest who brings a pet, before the pet leaves your property, please advise them that we are Nazi poop people and they are required to follow all VDL rules regarding clean up. Advise them of the pet walk areas and where the mutt mitts are. VDL owners are ultimately responsible for their guests and their guest's behavior, so be a proactive owner and spell out the rules upon your guest's arrival.

Lastly, make every attempt to keep your pet from going potty on someone else's property.

### **No yard sale this year.....**

We have decided to skip the yard sale this year, for lack of good things to sell. We will probably have really good success if we hold the sale every other year from now on. Therefore, if you have placed items for the sale in the laundry room or clubhouse, please come and take it back. Any items left after July 4th, will either be thrown away or donated to Habitat for Humanity.

### **Where did you learn to park????**

The VDL Rules and Regulations state that cars must be parked parallel to your side lot lines, not parallel to the street. If you are a sideways parker, please park properly in your driveway. If you have any questions about how to park your car properly on your lot, please see a board member.

### **And speaking of Rules and Regulations.....**

The Board will be passing out the current Rules and Regulations for the park over the next few weeks. If you haven't read them in the past month, please take a moment to refresh your memory of the rules. If everyone makes their best effort to follow them, there should be few headaches and uncomfortable confrontations this summer. None of the rules are painful to follow and it is in the best interest of everyone in the park to be on the same proverbial page, so READ UP!!!

### **Health updates.....**

I am quite pleased to report that my dear husband, Lyle, has been declared cancer free, as of May 28th. He endured 7 months of chemo, radiation and a stem cell transplant, which did the trick. He is now working on reprogramming his immune system and increasing his stamina.

I am also extremely pleased to announce that Mike Torres, who had the same cancer Lyle had, has reached the 1 year cancer free mark! Mike and Lyle went through the same treatment at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in Seattle and even shared the same doctors and nurse. Mike has been exercising and looks great. Please take an opportunity to shake his hand or give him a hug for his awesome achievement!

I also believe that Lynn Baker is cancer free after several years of treatment. I apologize for not having the particulars, but I do recall someone in the park telling me that Lynn looks great and is back to good health. Way to go Lynn.....another SCCA success story!!

Lastly, I am sorry to report that Ruby Ridgeway has had a setback in her recovery. She was getting set to be transferred back home to Camano Island, when the doctor discovered another complication. Please keep Ruby in your prayers and hope for a speedy recovery and return to her home from Las Vegas.

### **Zippy reminder.....**

Please be sure to use the Zippy (dumpster) appropriately. Do not put cans of paint, concrete, boxes or oversized items in the Zippy. During the summer, we load up the Zippy every week and by pick up day, it is usually overflowing. If you have boxes, please break them down and take them to the recycle center in Manson or Chelan.

There is a transfer station by Wal-Mart where you can take oversized items or items not suitable for the Zippy, such as paint cans.

### **Announcing the new "President's Corner".....**

In an effort to keep everyone informed, we are going to try to coordinate publishing the newsletter around the 3rd week of the month. Included in the newsletter, beginning with the next newsletter at the end of June, will be the "President's Corner." The PC will be written by President Don Jewett and will include any Planned Development news and/or other newsworthy items. We hope that this forum will help to keep everyone informed and up to date on the happenings of the PD committee. Obviously if there is news that needs to go out between newsletters regarding the PD, the board will make that happen. This should cut down on the number of emails and everyone will know when to watch their email boxes for the info.

### **Who cut the.....grass?????!!**

Dennis Bachel, our resident landscaping ace is at it again. I think Dennis barely had his motor home in park before he started on the landscaping this spring. In just one month, Dennis had repaired a badly damaged portion of the irrigation system, aerated the lawns, mowed, raked, edged, trimmed and re-seeded the bare spots. I am not sure he has stopped for a break yet, but I for one want to say, DENNIS, OUR LANDSCAPING LOOKS MAHHHHHHHHHVELOUS!!!!

### **Elevated walkway.....**

How cool is the new elevated walkway????!!! I used it last week just for fun and I can't believe how nice it is. No more risking your life sliding sideways down the wet grass into the gravel. It's almost boring now, walking across the walkway to the pool!! Why didn't we do this 10 years ago? Oh don't get me started!! Thanks to Dennis for coordinating this with Jose.

### **Wanna shake your booty with Linette???**

Linette Widen is once again offering free line dancing classes in the lower portion of the clubhouse on Mondays and Fridays, from 10:00am-12:30pm, or until the music stops. The "regulars" are getting quite good from what I hear, so if you are a newbie to line dancing, Linette has offered to teach some beginner classes. Linette is located on lot #65, which she shares with her wonderful husband Dallas. If you would like a basic beginner class, contact her and she will make arrangements to get you caught up to the rest of the ladies. And men, don't be shy, you are welcome too!!

### **Social Committee happenings.....**

Wayne and Donna Gordon would like to announce the following social events they have planned:

We are having **hot** right out of the oven **homemade cinnamon rolls**, coffee and milk on **Saturday June 12th, from 8am till 9:30 am.**

We are having a **community potluck** on **Saturday June 19th @ 6:30 P.M.**

The next event is the **4th of July BBQ** on **Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 P.M.** with **home style**, hand formed burgers with cheddar cheese and grilled onions and all the fixings.

Also, if you are interested in helping out at a social event, please contact Donna or Wayne and offer to lend a hand. No help will be refused. This does not obligate you to any future events, you can help out at your convenience. It is a good way to meet everyone in the park, since you will be serving just about every resident!

### **Great contractor.....**

Several residents in the park have used Jose Nunez for projects big and small. Jose recently completed the construction of the raised walkway by the pool. Jose also does concrete work and landscaping, decking, siding, finish work, marble and granite work, fencing, painting, carpet cleaning, handy man jobs, house sitting and irrigation systems. Jose is a local resident from Chelan and comes with great references. If you would like to contact him, you can reach him at 509-682-0298 or [nunezconstruction@hotmail.com](mailto:nunezconstruction@hotmail.com) or check out his website at [www.nunez-construction.com](http://www.nunez-construction.com).

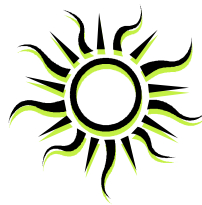
**Lot #35 for rent.....**

Lot #35 is available for rent (\$15 a day) on a daily basis by Shaun McCann. The lot is perfect for a trailer or fifth wheel and has power and water hook ups. If you are interested, you can reach Shaun at [REDACTED]

That's it for this edition. Sorry it was so lengthy, but that is usually the case with the first newsletter of the season.

PS, thanks to Anne Marasa for taking on the duties as the new webmaster. She will be posting the newsletters and other official documents such as meeting minutes on the website.

Until next time, have a wonderful time in the park and as always, if you have something you would like me to include or advertise for you, just drop me an email and I will be sure to include it.



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