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The Script

Meet Your Board Your Board Treasurer

Your volunteer Board members work hard to keep Villa Del Mar HOA running smoothly while making good business decisions that are in the best interest of all homeowners and residents.

Our community is more than just a neighborhood. In many ways, it's a lot like a business. Our regular monthly assessments need to be budgeted carefully and spent

wisely. Our board have volunteered and been elected to serve on the association's board and are responsible for making critical decisions, on your behalf, about managing the community and your money.

Our board along with the manager and long-term planning professionals develop long-range plans like painting, roof replacements, garage door upgrades and updating the infrastructure in your common areas. The board must set aside funds so that these projects can be accomplished on schedule to help avoid unexpected repairs.

The board members decide who will do the best job with these projects for the best price. The board's decisions can have a

significant impact on the community's appearance and, consequently, on your property values. This is why it is important to have constructive and experienced Board members.

One of your board members, Lorraine McIntire is a CPA who moved to the Villa Del Mar community in 2014 and

joined the board in 2016 where she currently serves as Treasurer. Lorraine graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a BS in Economics and then later received a Masters of Science in Taxation from San Jose State University. Lorraine initially worked for

large public accounting firms out of San Jose, CA during her first ten years as a CPA and then moved over to technology based companies for the next twenty years.

For the past three plus years Lorraine has been heading up the tax department at Camping World Holdings, Inc. Lorraine currently serves on the board of several other non-profit groups in Carpinteria including the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Sunset, the 93013 Fund, the Avocado Festival and Carpinteria Dog Owners Group (C-DOG). You will often see Lorraine walking the neighborhood with her two miniature dachshunds, Brownie & Star.

Lorraine is focused on details but she also has a big picture view derived from her thirty plus years of working in various finance departments dealing with budgeting, forecasting, auditing and reporting of financials.

Car Part Thieves Report To The Sheriff

It has been reported to the office that there have been thieves out in the neighborhood stealing catalytic converters, a critical emissions-control device that contains precious metals more valuable than gold. Stricter car emissions rules in the US since 1975 and around the world have increased demand for the precious metals in catalytic converters. Precious metals used in the device like palladium and rhodium have increased six times in the past five years. Thieves typically use a wrench or saw to remove the catalytic converter, depending on whether it is bolted or welded in and removal can take as little as one minute. You can't tell that it has been stolen by looking at your car, but you

will hear a very loud engine noise when you start the car. This may cost automobile owners thousands to replace.



Consider the follow:

- Park your automobile in your garage and keep the garage door locked.
- Install cameras in your garage, carport and front doorbell.
- When possible, park in close to your unit.
- Have the catalytic converter welded to your car's frame, which may make it harder to steal.

- Consider engraving your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter. This may help alert a scrap dealer that it was stolen and make it easier to identify the owner.
- Calibrate your car's alarm to set off when it detects vibration.
- Install motion light in carport & lookout for suspicious activity.

Most popular vehicles they target is the Toyota Prius. They also target late model Toyotas and Nissans especially trucks and SUV's.

The 24 hr. non-emergency SB Sheriff number is: (805) 683-2724. It is important they are made aware of this activity so they can increase patrol in our neighborhood.

COVID-19 Update Pool & Play Areas

The latest update on COVID-19 allows us to open the play areas with restrictions. Please abide by the protocalls from State and local agencies. Current pool restrictions remain in place for now. As soon as we have new guidance, we will let you know. We are expanding our reservation times to accommodate more demand.

Our Pool Monitor will be on hand to check-in guests and sanitize the pool area and restrooms.

To make a reservation **YOU MUST** either email: vdmpooltime@gmail.com or call (805) 318-9209.

Please DO NOT call or email the office or emergency line to make reservations, the messages can't be forwarded. Contact info above.

All residents who have made an appointment time are asked to arrive at the pool gate 5 min. early.

Monthly Reminders

Street Sweeping Day: REMINDER: **NO PARKING** in the alleys and Driveways at VDM during this time. Street sweeping day is the **3**rd **Wednesday of every month.** This month it is **Wednesday, April 21, 2021.** Please do not park on the city streets between 8:00am - 10:00am. The City will issue parking tickets which are about \$45.

General Board Meeting: There is no meeting in April.

<u>Important Days in April:</u> April 4th – Easter, April 14th- National Pecan Day, April 25th- World Penguin Day.





