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Hazardous Dumping on VDM Property

Fines for Illegal Dumping

Recently our staff has noticed illegal dumping on Villa Del Mar HOA property. They have found cooking oil, motor oil, paint and charcoal to name a few. Not only is this a violation of the associations rules it is also illegal. These violations will carry a fine if reported.



These items can be harmful to wildlife and domestic pets. Hazardous products can get into and clog sewer lines as well as get into our drainage systems that flow to the ocean.

Although EJ Harrison does not have a specific collection process, they have informed us that residents may contain reasonably small amounts of cooking oils in sealed bags or containers and put in the regular trash.

The city of carpinteria has programs for paint, batteries, automotive fluids and cleaning supplies that you can look up on the following website to find out how and when you may dispose of hazaous waste. You can go to www.lessismore.org.

City of Carpinteria Used Oil Self-Service Recycling Center

Located at 5775 Carpinteria Ave. (805) 880-3415. The Center accepts antifreeze, motor oil, and oil filters from households free of charge,

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A key must be obtained from a City Hall receptionist to access the facility. You will need to call ahead of time.

VDM Website

The Place for Information

As a reminder, we have worked hard to put together an informative website for you to use and hope that you adjust to using it more. Go to www.villadelmarhoa.com and explore what is available to you online.

There is a link on the **Home Page** and the **Resident Resources** section for making HOA payments. Also in the **Resident Resources** section you will find links to **Homeowner Requests** when you want to do a project at your unit or **Work Order** request when you need something fixed or replaced. You can also find policies and forms that you will need from time to time to update information for the office.

Please Note: We will be slowly phasing out the gate delivery of documents such as the **Script Newsletter** and we will be developing a system that will email you when there are documents to be viewed online.

Not all documents are able to be put on the website and some require a mail or hand delivery due to legal requirements.

Pet Poop Problem

Pick up After Pets

Homeowner walking around the property have been noticing a continued increase in the amount of pet poop around the property. The pet waste problem is primarily from large dogs. We know that many units just open their doors to let pets out to do their business. Residents are still responsible for

picking up their poop and disposing of it. Each occurrence of a resident who doesn't pick up after their pet may be fined up to **\$500.00** per occurrence

We have three pet stations on the property and work hard to make sure they are always filled with bags. Many responsible pet owners carry their own bags like the ones that can be attached to the dog's collar. It would also be appreciated that if you see pet waste and it isn't from your pet, pick it up and throw it away. Many residents do this however, it isn't fair to them or our staff to have to pick up after



your pet. Be kind to other residents and don't take large quantities of bags, leave bags for others. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

When Your Gas is Off

No Gas-What Should You Do?

In light of our risk of earthquakes in Southern California, we installed emergency gas shut-off valves on your gas meter located at the end of the building. Note that not all building have gas, some are electric only.

Sometimes the gas shut-off valve can be tripped by construction work, landscaping activities or any major jolt. If your gas is off, you should try calling the office first. We will send a crew member by to check on the emergency shut-off valve. If it is after hours you may call our emergency phone at (805) 220-0173.

The emergency gas shut-off valves are meant to shut off in the case of an earthquake 5.4 magnitude or greater. This was done to prevent fire breakouts. In a major earthquake, fires cause the most amount of property damage.

If you call the gas company for this outage issue, they will charge a hefty service fee to come out and fix. This is a simple reset. Go to the gas meters at the end of the building and look for a red dot on the top of the earthquake valves. You may need to cover with your hand and use a light. Use a flat screwdriver and ¼ turn and the dot will turn green. If this doesn't resolve the problem or if you smell gas, then call the gas company.

Monthly Reminders

Street Sweeping Day: REMINDER: **NO PARKING** in the alleys and Driveways at VDM during this time. Street sweeping day is the **3rd Wednesday of every month**. This month it is **Wednesday, September 15, 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: We will have a general board meeting September 14, 2021 at 6pm in the office by the pool.

Important Days in September: September 6th – Labor Day, September 12th- Grandparent's Day, September 25th- National Comic Book Day.

