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The Script

Check Plumbing Yearly We Suggest You Check Your Unit

Homeowners, you should check the plumbing in your units to make sure that valves and feed lines have been replaced on all toilets, sinks and appliances. It is also advised that homeowners check water heaters and make sure you don't see any water leaking from valves or pipes or collecting water around the base of the unit. Water heaters should be replaced every 8-10 years unless you have a longer warranty.

Have the plumber also clean aerators on faucets and shower heads to make sure there isn't mineral build up that will slow your water flow. If you think there is a water pressure issue, please report it to the office so we can check for you. You may need to have sewer lines cleaned out to help prevent backups.

It is always a good idea to look under sinks and make sure that it is dry and there is no moisture or mold, which could be a sign of a leak. If you see corrosion on pipes and plumbing parts that could also be a sign of a potential leak. Check water lines to refrigerator and washing machines too.

Have a plumber check your interior cleanout and plumbing for potential problems and it may save you money in the long run.

Daylight Savings Begins Change Your Clocks

Daylight Savings Time is here again; it is 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th. We will move our clocks ahead 1 hour. You may want to move your clocks ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed, so that on Sunday morning your clocks will already reflect the



correct time. The change is automatic for most smartphones, computers, tablets and other digital devices such as the clock on cable or satellite boxes. Daylight Savings Time is also a good time to check your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as part of your clock setting routine. Don't forget to change the time on watches and clocks in vehicles, which may need to be set manually.

Birds & Nests

Keeping Down The Mess

It is that time of the year where migrating birds and regional birds are looking for places to nest. This is a controversial subject since some people don't mind the birds nesting in their area while others don't

want the mess. In either case there are protections for some of these birds and we must follow those guidelines. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, provides for the protection of migratory birds, their nests, and eggs.

We do, however, try to install safe bird deterrents to help keep birds from building nests on buildings and in certain areas. We also try to keep birds from perching over doors to cut down on the mess. If you have questions about a nest and whether it can be removed, you should call the office to discuss. There is a large fine if nests are removed improperly and we would prefer that you contact the office instead of trying to remove yourself. Hosing nests down is not going to resolve the situation and we may be able to safely deter birds from nesting in

unwanted locations.

Slow Down in Alleys & Driveways

Be safe and watch for children

We'd like to remind drivers to use caution throughout the alleys and driveways. Slow down and don't drive to close to garages and carports

and look for other drivers and people. Please be aware of children

and young adults using sidewalks across alley entries, going to and from bus stops. Parents, please take the time to remind children to "Look Both Ways" before crossing



streets, driveways and alleyways. **Please remember that there are NO** bicycles, skateboards, scooters or any other wheeled devices permitted in the interior sidewalks, alleys and driveways at Villa Del Mar. Thank you for being a cautious neighbor.

Front Doors & Screens *Are They In Good Condition?*

Homeowners are responsible for their front doors and door jambs, and they may need to be touched up or repainted. Please contact the office

and we can provide the paint color info and where to buy paint for your building color scheme. As a courtesy we repainted the front doors during the painting project, however if your unit needs a little sprucing up you may want to do so.

Also please make sure that front screen doors are in good condition. They may also need to be repainted or replaced. Screen doors may be black, dark bronze or painted the same color as your front door. No other finishes are approved.

You are responsible for making sure that all windows have window screen. The screen must be in good condition and free of tears, holes and bent window screen frames.

If you have questions about homeowner maintenance responsibilities you may find the info on our website www.villadelmarhoa.com under Resident Resources – Governing Documents - Repair Matrix.

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, March 16, 2022.** 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 will not be a General Board Meeting in March.

Important Days in February: March 7th – National Cereal Day, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day, March 21st- World Poetry Day.

