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The Script

Catalytic Converter Theft at VDM *Thefts on the Rise*

It has been reported to the office once again that residents at Villa Del Mar HOA have had people stealing catalytic converters, which is a critical emissions-control device that contains precious metals more valuable than gold. 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, or your car may not run at all. This may cost automobile owners thousands to replace.



- Have a catalytic converter cover 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.

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.

Construction Waste *Homeowners Responsibility*

When you have submitted a request to make improvements to your unit, please note that you or your contractors are responsible for dumping your unwanted materials. Villa Del Mar HOA waste bins are for employee use and not available to homeowners. Residents have possibly been putting items outside of VDM dumpsters and we will have no choice but to fine units and charge dumping fees. The Association is billed for all items



Consider the follow:

- When possible, park in close to your unit.

that we have to dispose of or have picked up by EJ Harrison.

If you have extra items that you need to dispose of, please call EJ Harrison to make arrangements. You are allowed two extra pickups per year that are generally free of charge. There are also City and County dump sites for items such as hazardous waste, electronic and other unwanted items.

Pool Use Courtesy

Reminder Of Pool Rules

As temperatures rise, it will soon be time for our pool to get many visitors. Please remember that the pool is located in the middle of surrounding homes and next to the Association office, so be respectful of noise levels. As a reminder floaty items, balls and boards are not allowed in the pool. Only items for assisting pool users are allowed. These assistance items should be small and should not take up a lot

of room. Other items such as balls are potentially dangerous and they can also diminish the enjoyment of using the community pool. Not all pool users want to be in the pool with balls, boards and other floaty items everywhere.

As a reminder here are the **POOL RULES:**

1. **No disposable diapers** in the pool. Please use "Swim Diapers" which need changing every 30 minutes.
2. Glass is not permitted in the pool area.
3. **Health code does not** allow animals in pool or pool area.
4. Please do not play music in the pool area. Use headphone.
5. Please do not scream, noise should be maintained at a low level at all times. No rough or boisterous play.
6. No balls, wheeled devices, boogie or surfboards. No inflatables allowed except for

assisting non-swimmers.

7. For your safety there is no running on the pool deck, and **NO DIVING!**
8. Safety equipment is for pool **EMERGENCY USE ONLY.**
9. No entry without a pool key.
10. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the pool area.
11. Pool capacity is a maximum of 20 persons.
12. All guests must be with a resident (18 years or older).

Plants On Your Patio

Time to Trim

As a reminder, plants that tower above the roof line of your unit are required to be cut lower than the roof line or be removed. The height of ALL patio plants must be maintained lower than the lowest height of the edge of your apartment/garage building roof edge. Plants growing above or into the roof line may cause damage to roofs, tiles, fascia, wood trim and gutters. Make sure that patio plants do not become a burden to neighboring patios. Please be courteous regarding plants that drop berries, flowers and leaves on other people's patios. Make sure that vines and bushes aren't growing over or through neighboring fences.

Remove any ivy or attaching vines from your patio area. These plants attract rats and other animals and can cause stucco damage which you will be responsible for. Make sure your patio plants aren't growing too close to fences or on fences in a manner that the plants are causing damage or you may be responsible for the total cost of these fences.



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, April 20, 2022.** Please do not park on the city streets between 8:00am - 10:00am. The City will issue parking tickets which are about \$45.

Annual & General Board Meeting: We will have a Hybrid Zoom Annual and General Board meeting on April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Zoom instructions and Agenda will be posted at the pool gate and on the website www.villadelmarhoa.com

Important Days in April: April 8th – National Zoo Lover's Day, April 17th – Easter, April 30th - National Pretzel Day.

