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## Villa Del Mar Homeowners Association

# The Script

## School Is Out Soon *Most Schools Are Out June 9<sup>th</sup>*

With school out for summer, there is an increase of kids around the property. Please slow down when driving through VDM streets, driveways and alleys. Parents should review the VDM rules for safety with your family. They can be found in the VDM Rules & Regulations. Visit the website at:

[www.villadelmarhoa.com](http://www.villadelmarhoa.com) and click on Resident Resources and Governing Documents.

1. Please do not ride bikes, skateboards or scooters on interior VDM sidewalks, alleys and driveways. This is for your protection. You may ride on the exterior sidewalks near the street.
2. Please do not play ball in common areas. This includes grass areas and alleys. This can disrupt the quiet enjoyment of neighbors.
3. Damage can happen if kids climb on trees, bushes, light poles, fences and railings and it can be costly to repair.

We encourage people to use the park at the end of the street. There is safe climbing equipment at Monte Vista Park and a lot of grass for ball playing, tag and loud games. This is also a great spot for picnics

with your family and guests. Please be courteous of your neighbors.

## Drought Restrictions *Water Use Reminder*

As you may have already heard, stage 2 drought restrictions are now in place and we must do our part to save water. There is a Mandatory 20% Demand Restriction according to the Carpinteria Valley Water District.

Although we have taken our water saving efforts seriously and have made many improvements to our irrigation systems, we may not be able to maintain green lawns throughout the summer as some would like. Your understanding is appreciated. That being said, we also need to have residents try to save where they can as well.

As a reminder we do not allow residents to wash cars on the property or wash down patios. The Carpinteria Valley Water District and Villa Del Mar HOA may fine units for excess water use.

## Beautification Project *Front Doors and Door Screens*

As part of a Villa Del Mar HOA Beautification Project, our staff will be walking the property and evaluating aspects of maintenance and policy compliance. This project



is meant to maintain property values and increase the overall cleanliness and appearance of our community. Your help in this effort is appreciated as it will benefit all residents. The staff will be conducting several project-walks this year, however, we will start with front doors and door screens.

If you receive a notice for your unit you are asked to look at the item(s) and determine whether they need to be repaired, replaced or repainted. Some items on our list may be items that did not go through the homeowner request process, so it may be out of compliance because the homeowner didn't know there were policies regarding items. We are trying to promote uniformity, which lends itself to a beautiful community.

If you have questions regarding your notice and/or need more time

to make changes, please contact the office. If you are planning on replacing an item, you may go online to the website and submit a Home Owner request at: [www.villadelmarhoa.com](http://www.villadelmarhoa.com) under Resident Resources.

If you do not receive a notice you may also want to evaluate your front area and see if it needs a little cleaning. We understand that many residents never see their front door and go in and out of the carport. Thank you for your help.

## Community Association Living

### *How Much Noise Do You Make?*

Noise is an inevitable reality in condominium communities.

Condominium residents live in such close proximity, it's essential that we consider the effect noise will have on neighbors when getting a dog that barks a lot or entertaining guests on the patio.

Hard flooring (wood, ceramic, stone) is fashionable; however, it can be a problem for the folks next door, even if you make an effort to tread lightly or wear soft shoes. If you're

considering installing hard flooring be aware of your neighbors.

When mounting a TV, is it on a wall that is a bedroom next door? Please mount your screen on an interior wall if possible, not a wall you share with a neighbor.

Most of these televisions have rear mounted speakers and you might want to consider getting add-on speakers that can face into your room instead, so it won't be an annoyance for those on the other side.



# Monthly Reminders

**Street Sweeping Day:** REMINDER: **NO PARKING** in the alleys and Driveways at VDM during this time. Street sweeping day is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.** This month it is **Wednesday, June 15, 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:** We will not have a General Board Meeting in June.

**Important Days in June:** National Cheese Day - June 4<sup>th</sup>. Summer Break - June 9<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day - June 19<sup>th</sup>.



How much noise does it take to be a nuisance? One definition says nuisance is a level of disturbance beyond what a reasonable person would find tolerable. However, sometimes the question isn't how much noise we make, but when we make it. You or your neighbor might find the entertaining next door entirely tolerable until about 10 or 11 p.m. However, a noisy renovation might be intolerable for you. Whatever you're planning, let neighbors know so they can prepare.

If you think you have noisy neighbors, talk to them. They probably have no idea they're disturbing you. Maybe you work from home and their teenager blasts music after school.

Treat your neighbors the way you want them to treat you.