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## Villa Del Mar Homeowners Association

# The Script

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### Christmas Tree Recycle *Recycling of Trees*

We will be picking up trees and utilizing them for our landscaping material needs.

**For your convenience our Villa Del Mar staff will pick up your tree. Thursday January 5th between 8-9 am**

Place your tree where you would normally place your trash & recycle bins on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>. It is that simple and convenient.



Please make sure that you have removed all ornaments from your tree. Make sure to remove your tree stands and skirts. Trees must also be free of all tensile as to avoid damaging cutting equipment. Trees will not be picked up if they still have any of these items on them. We cannot recycle flocked Christmas trees.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at (805) 684-7430.

### Smoking & Vaping *Governing Document Violation*

We have received some new complaints regarding smoking and vaping in our common areas, patios

and carports. With the holidays you may have had guests over who don't know the rules regarding smoking and vaping. Smoking and vaping is not allowed in any common areas, garages, carports or patios and you may receive a violation for doing so. Please make sure that you or your guests are not smoking in these areas. It not only is against the rules, but it may be a nuisance and noxious smell to other residents.

There are also concerns such as young residents and adults who may be affected by second-hand smoke and toxic smells. Residents with asthma and other breathing issues are

extremely concerned with these issues. Please remember that you are in close proximity to neighbors and smoke travels further than you think. It is greatly appreciated that you are courteous to each other. Thank you for your help.

### Security Cameras *Consider Installing*

Since COVID-19 pandemic started residents have been making more online purchases than ever before. It might be a good idea to consider installing cameras in your unit carport or front doorbell to help capture criminals and stop crime. Residents have reported someone or groups of people kicking at front doors and breaking windows.

There have also been reports of people coming through the neighborhood looking for open cars and unlocked doors for a quick snatch and grab. They have entered patios to get into unlocked garages as well. If you see something suspicious call the sheriff. It is not recommended that you try and confront these individuals yourself.



Some crimes can be prevented by simple awareness. Unlocked vehicles in carports have been broken into in the past for example. Simply make sure you lock your car

and criminals may just pass you by. Lock up cars even when you are home.

Secure your home when you leave and close windows, doors, and gates even when you are going for a short

errand. It may not be a good idea to leave blinds, drapes or doors open in a manor to allow a visual inventory of your contents when you are not home. This is especially true for items left in vehicles. Thieves may break a car window to retrieve items they believe have value. Do not let newspapers pile

up in carports. These are all things that can make you a target. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. Always report a theft or vandalism to the sheriff. 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. Your help is appreciated.

### *Trash & Recycle* **Please Do Not Leave Cans Out**

Trash and recycle bins may be placed out for collection **no earlier than the evening before** the day of collection. Containers are required to be returned to storage closet area on the same day as the collection day. When cans are left out it makes it difficult for other residents to get in and out of garages and carports.

All trash and recycle must be deposited in appropriate trash containers and stored in assigned storage area located in your carport or in your garage only. Trash & recycling or other rubbish containers may not be stored in your patio area. By doing so, this may attract unwanted critters and insects. Homeowners are responsible for cost of the elimination of pests and insects. If your containers are too large to fit into your storage closet, you will have to contact the trash company to exchange for smaller containers or keep in your garage. You may also call EJ Harrison for large item pick up which they do a couple of times, free each year. E.J. Harrison can be reached by calling (805) 647-1414.

Homeowners who are considering the installation of cameras for units should contact the office and a staff member will advise on the installation location. We do not want people inadvertently invading a neighbor's privacy or damaging Association property by drilling through beams and other surfaces for wired units.

# 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, January 18, 2023**. 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 be no Board Meeting in January.

**Important Days in November:** Christmas Tree Recycle Day - January 5<sup>th</sup>. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 16<sup>th</sup>. National Pie Day – January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

