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# The Script

## Avocado Festival is Coming

### *Peace, Love & Guacamole*

This year's Avocado Festival takes place October 6, 7 & 8 in downtown Carpinteria on Linden Ave.

### **Admission is Free!**

The Avocado Festival is one of the largest FREE festivals in California with over **60 Music Acts, 50 Arts and Crafts/Commercial booths and 15 Food Vendors**. Check out their "Entertainment" tab for more info and line-up updates.

Santa Barbara County is the third largest producer of avocados in North America. Celebrate the importance of the avocado to the Carpinteria Valley by visiting the Expo Tent. The AvoEXPO TENT is home to Avocado agricultural and historical photos, lessons in avocado grafting techniques, FFA restored antique tractors, and the Largest Avocado Contest. There will be a Strong-Arm contest (Saturday Oct. 7) and a Guacamole Making contest (Sunday Oct. 8).

The festival is also home to the WORLD'S LARGEST Vat of

Guacamole. The FOOD VENUE, that has plenty of avocado dishes, can be found on the 800 Block of Linden Ave. Come hungry and enjoy some avocado creations.

For more information go to:

[www.avofest.com](http://www.avofest.com)

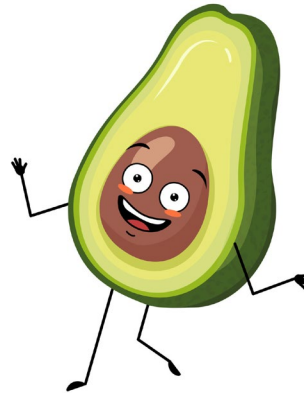
## Crime on the Rise

### **Call Sheriff to Report Crime**

Reports regarding break-ins have been coming into the office recently. Items in cars in carports have been taken. Thieves have taken car registrations and anything else they can find. Make sure car doors are locked and consider installing a camera in your carport to help catch criminals.

Please keep your eyes out for suspicious people and activities. During the

upcoming holiday season, packages are ordered online and delivered to units. If individuals are not careful, packages can be stolen before they can be received. Make sure to track packages, schedule deliveries for when you are going to be home or ask a neighbor to receive packages for you. You should consider having packages sent to your place of work. These options are available through most shipping carriers.



If you think that people might be living in vehicles in our neighborhood, you should call City Code Enforcement or the Sheriff to report suspicious activity. Villa Del Mar HOA staff does not handle these situations.

Thieves look for crimes of opportunity and have been seen coming through the neighborhood checking for open cars and unlocked doors, looking for a quick snatch and grab. They have also entered patios to get into unlocked garages. You can help keep crime down by calling the sheriff. It is not recommended that you confront suspicious individuals yourself.



### Street Parking Courtesy *Get Closer to Other Vehicles*

As we get closer to the holidays, more residents will be having guests visit. As we all know parking is a challenge around Villa Del Mar. When parking on the public street, please try and park as close to other vehicles as possible so we can fit in as many vehicles as possible. Marked spaces, and other ideas have been proposed, however, they would create less parking due to the mandatory length requirements. So, to help with the parking situation we ask that you do your part and get as close as possible to other vehicles to make room for more cars.

There have also been numerous complaints of residents with vehicle

that stick out of the dimensions of the carports. As a reminder all vehicles must fit completely in the carport dimensions so that the vehicle doesn't make it difficult for other residents to get into their carports and garages. This is especially true on trash & recycle days.

Owners of any oversized vehicles are requested to pull them all the way into carport areas or park them on the public street. Please make the extra effort to make sure your vehicles do not stick out.

### Drain Fly Problems *Pest Control Advice*

The VDM office has received some calls regarding drain flies and one of our vendors, Balance Pest Control, has some information and advice for residents.

Drain flies are small, about 1/8 inch in length and often dark-colored. They can be found around bathroom and kitchen sinks. They can be hard to get rid of and are often annoying. The key to managing these flies is to eliminate their breeding ground. Start with using a drain brush tool and cleaning inside pipes and garbage disposals. The eggs are laid in the gunk in the pipes and then they hatch and fly around. Use a disinfectant such as a gel drain cleaner or Lysol. Boiling water will not kill the eggs.

If you still have a problem, you may want a plumber to snake out your pipes and call a pest control company to use special products that eliminate the problem. Balance Pest Control can be reached by calling (805) 985-6881.

# 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 **October 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:** We will have a General Board Meeting via Zoom on October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Zoom instructions and Agenda will be posted at the pool gate and on the website [www.villadelmarhoa.com](http://www.villadelmarhoa.com)

**Important Days in October:** International Coffee Day - October 1<sup>st</sup>. World Teacher's Day - October 5<sup>th</sup>. Halloween - October 31<sup>st</sup>.

