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Villa Del Mar Homeowners Association

The Script

Bulk Internet Pricing for Villa Del Mar HOA *Savings Included in Assessments*

We wanted to make you aware that Villa Del Mar HOA has signed a bulk pricing deal with COX cable to help residents lower the cost of Internet. In order for the bulk pricing to take effect in the community, the association has signed a 5-year commitment with Cox Cable starting January 1, 2026.

The association's entire membership will receive lower bulk pricing during this time for their 1 GB High Speed Internet. Base costs will be passed on to unit owners through an assessment increase. The assessment increase will include the cost of the internet as well as an annual cost of living increase. The amount for both will be \$50.00 per month starting January 1, 2026.

The cost of the bulk pricing High Speed Internet will be far lower than your current COX Cable Internet charges. COX will provide residents with a special customer service line to help with questions if needed. **Starting January 5th 2026** residents may call the customer service line at **855-512-8876**.

If you currently have Internet only with COX Cable then the service will

be automatically transferred to the bulk pricing plan and your billing will be billed to the HOA without any disruption of service.

If you have a modem now, check to make sure you have the current modem is white with perforated cooling holes. The modem information is located on a sticker on the bottom that says **Model**

PW7. If it doesn't say that COX will have you contact customer service so they can send you a new one at no charge.

You may also

pick them up at their office. If you need a technician to help set up a new modem, there is a \$100.00 service fee. Most changes can be resolved through the customer service line. **855-512-8876**.

COX is also offering specials and discounted rates for other services that residents may sign up for. Those services include increasing Internet gig speeds to 2 GB (max), as well as phone (landline) and television (streaming) offerings. All services above the 1 gig Internet, landline phone and TV services will be billed separately to each resident who wishes to upgrade, or you may keep your existing phone and television services in conjunction with the COX Cable's 1 GB Internet. More Information will be coming soon.



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Assessment Change What You Need to Know

Due to the introduction of new Internet bulk pricing and annual increases in utility and material costs for essential project improvements, the Board has decided to increase the assessment to \$510 per month.

This decision was guided by Reserve Planning data and recommendations to ensure the ongoing financial health of the Association. All accounts that are on automatic payment with VDM will reflect the new amount starting January 1, 2026. For those of you who have bill pay through your bank, you must contact your bank to have them make the



adjustment. If you would like to sign up for the Association's autopay, please contact the office.

Condo Improvements Get Approval for Unit Work

Please remember when making home improvements most changes require prior approval. Many projects require a general contractor you will need to obtain permits through the

city. Also, alterations which affect exterior aesthetics, such as windows, front doors, front door screens, satellite dishes and water softeners have set specifications they must meet and require prior Board approval. Some homeowner requests will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board; however, most requests can be

approved by the office.

Pool Goes on Solar Pool Remains Open in Winter

To help keep assessments down the Board has authorized the pool to be switched to solar power only, no gas heating, starting December 1, 2024, and returning to full heated power on March 1, 2026. If you do decide to use the pool during these months the pool will be colder than usual, however the pool will remain open as much as possible.

During this time any projects at the pool and repairs will take place during this time, as the weather permits, Pool area may be temporarily closed as necessary to complete any upgrades. We will post updates at the pool gate as needed.

During these months the heating costs have tripled in the last few years with the cost of natural gas on the rise. The pool cleaning and maintenance will also continue during this time as usual.

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 **December 17, 2025.**

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 General Board Meeting in December.

Important Days in December: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day-December 7th. Gingerbread House Day-December 12th. Christmas-December 25th.



All of us at Villa Del Mar would like to wish all of you



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