



# del Lago Newsletter



Prepared by the del Lago District Advisory Committee

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## Next Scheduled del Lago Quarterly DAC Meeting November 11, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. (platform to be announced later)



### Chairman's Message

Greetings to all del Lago residents. I hope all is well with you. Your DAC is focused on water reduction by encouraging you to make a concerted effort to use less water each month. In addition, we will be submitting sensible turf reduction plans to the ABOD.

As an aid to helping you reduce your water use, we are providing you with the water consumption data for your building. As soon as the July/August report is published, we will process the information and let you know how your water use has changed compared to May/June.

Other actions coming up are the removal of a large dead Alder tree, two dying flowering plum trees and a liquid amber, all located near Lake E3-2. Please report any trees that appear stressed because there may be a watering problem that needs correction. You can report to me or you may write a Work Order.

As you may recall, del Lago residents approved and the ABOD authorized naming our lakes after the street names near each lake. Your DAC has purchased two lake signs for Lake Bracciano (E-2). Look for the signs; they will soon be attached to light bollards at each end of the walkway around the lake. If we like the way the signs look, we will purchase the signs for the remaining four lakes. This project is privately funded and NOT paid out of del Lago funds.

With the holiday season coming, please consider joining or leading a team putting up the decorations in del Lago.

*Emil Pisarri*  
DAC Chairman

### Holiday Decorations

The holiday season begins soon and we look forward to the beautiful display of holiday decorations that we have all enjoyed through the years in Village del Lago. Planning for this year's decorating is pressing!

Don DeVincenzi has retired from many years taking the lead on holiday decorating. Don (and Lois, too) has planned and organized the set-up and removal of the holiday decorations at the entrance to Village del Lago. Jim Grove, who has taken responsibility for decorating the median strip along Lake Garda Drive, is also retiring. This is an excellent volunteer opportunity. As is said, it takes a village. Village del Lago needs YOU NOW. Please consider stepping up and take the lead on one of these very important projects. For additional information or to indicate your interest in volunteering, please contact Emil Pisarri, DAC Chair, at (408) 781-4216 or [puffycat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:puffycat@sbcglobal.net).

### Sonata Village/del Lago Potluck

Kudos and many thanks to Village Sonata for inviting del Lago residents to join them at the potluck held at Gazebo Park on Saturday, October 2, 2021. What a wonderful event. Del Lago resident Cheryl Allmen reports that everyone was so friendly and the food was delicious. Thanks so much to the teams from Sonata and del Lago for all the hard work that went into making this joint event a success.

### Household Battery Disposal Update

Del Lago has successfully contributed **297** pounds of used household batteries to support environmentally safe disposal and sustainable living practices. Great job, everyone. Standing ovation warranted! Three of the buckets placed in the trash enclosures used for collecting the batteries went missing, and have now been replaced. You will notice that all of the buckets have now been marked "Property of del Lago." Let's hope the new labeling will discourage removal of the buckets.





### Highlights of ABOD Meeting, September 28, 2021

(Drawn from summary by ABOD Secretary Richard Holmboe)



#### Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2021:

ABOD Treasurer Julie Wash reported that the Operating Budget is \$128,900 favorable to the budget (2 months/16.7%), mostly due to savings in insurance and water expenses (irrigation water usage has been reduced by more than 20% compared to last year). The Reserve Budget shows that year-to-date expenditures total \$841,000, or 13.2% spent of this year’s reserve plan of \$6,365,000. (The Reserve Plan does not include carry-over from the previous year for work not completed.) The Reserve portfolio balance is \$11,799,259.52.

#### David Cook, Association Board President, asked that these items be brought to our attention:

Reserve Policy: The Board continues to refine the reserve policy to ensure adequate funding for all expected projects in the next thirty years with contingency for the unexpected, and all the while, keeping assessments to a minimum. Next month The Villages will begin vetting outside reserve specialists to do the reserve plan for FY 2022-2023.



Unapproved External Condo Modifications: In recent weeks there has been an uptick in unapproved external condo modifications causing delays and extra costs at the time of sale. Remember we must get Architectural Committee approval before beginning projects (such as, doors, windows, awnings and decks). If prior approval has not been sought and granted, the Villages’ homeowner will likely have to complete remedial steps, which may include totally removing an unapproved condo modification before sale of the condo can be finalized.



### General Manager’s Report

Landscape Watering: We are exceeding the voluntary water use restriction goal of 15% potable water (compared to July/August 2020 and 2019).



Residential Water: The Rapid Water Leak Response Team continues to find constant toilet leaks and water softeners running continuously. Also, the team has discovered domestic water mains leaking underground that they address quickly.

The free Green Team Bulky Bins (40 cubic yards) service was a success. Five bins at four sites were completely filled. Maria Hernandez will work with Green Team to have bins on site every three months.

#### Other Reminders



Flatten Boxes in Bins: The Board requests that DACs continue to educate residents to break down boxes before recycling. Due to increases in ecommerce, there are more and larger boxes. Many residents throw boxes in the recycle bin without flattening them, which fills the bin needlessly. Large boxes should be flattened and placed next to the recycle bin.

Trash Bin: Please remember to place trash in the green trash bin and **ONLY** recyclable items in the white recycle bin. It’s incumbent on all of us to educate ourselves to what is trash and what is recyclable.

#### Next ABOD Meeting

Next Regular Association Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m., at the Foothill Center and via teleconference.

#### Next del Lago DAC Meeting



Next del Lago Quarterly DAC Meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2021, 9:45 a.m., platform to be announced later. Nutritionist Valerie Simler will present



*Eating Healthy for the Holidays.* Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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