

# del Lago Newsletter

Prepared by the del Lago District Advisory Committee

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## Next Scheduled Quarterly del Lago Residents' Townhall Thursday, February 8, 10 a.m. at Foothill Center



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### **Chairman's Message**

Hello del Lago Community,

In this Newsletter we will provide some updates on the key issues affecting del Lago residents. On November 9 we had 50 residents attend the quarterly del Lago Town Hall gathering. That is our best turnout in a while, likely due to the keynote topic, Roof Replacement, and our speaker Ryan Bell, AGM –Public Works. The presentation included lively discussion from the audience. Ryan is in the process of collecting information and doing the analysis to see if the timing of the roof replacement can be pushed out or if there could be other less costly approaches such as only replacing the underlayment. We will know in the next month or two. I can tell you that in discussions with Villages staff, there is agreement that everything needs to be explored to reduce the costs or push out the timing of this project if possible. There will be regular updates to all residents as this moves forward.

On November 14, the monthly meeting of the ABOD was held. This is the Board that manages the "Association" (Condos) interests. One key topic is the ongoing landscape /turf review by the consultants. If you completed the plantings survey you participated in their efforts. Their report and recommendations will be provided to the ABOD and to the new Fire Safety / Landscape integrated committee before the end of this calendar year. The

DACs will be involved in finalizing the plans. Other than that, the meeting topics were routine. The budget report showed the same as past months, spending in line except for insurance costs which had been underestimated by around \$45,000 (each month). The ABOD has a committee studying these insurance premiums, looking at options to reduce the costs. All residents are welcome to attend the ABOD meetings. The next is on December 12 at Foothill and on ZOOM. Details will be in The Villager and in the Fast Lane.

One more reminder to vote on the CC&Rs amendments, deadline December 11. If you need a replacement ballot, please contact Julia Meadows in Building A.

There was a social gathering near the del Lago entrance on October 25. The intent was to have a lowkey greet your neighbors gathering. Around 25 people attended. We intend to do more of these, weather permitting.

Lastly, the Holiday lights and decorations will be put up on Saturday, November 25, starting at 9 AM. This fun event usually takes about two hours. Anyone that wishes to participate can just show up. See below for more information.

**Dave Dimmick**

**Chairman, del Lago DAC**



## EPC (Emergency Preparedness Committee) Feedback:

During our last Emergency Preparedness Drill on October 16th, del Lago had ONLY 14 volunteers come to the Aid Station to help check on their neighbors. We need at least 30 volunteers to adequately cover all the homes in del Lago. If you are ambulatory/physically able, please consider volunteering to be a del Lago EPC Area Representative. We need your help!

- Being an EPC volunteer requires less than FIVE HOURS OF YOUR TIME EACH YEAR.
- New Area Representatives receive a short 1-hour training session, and then we ask for your participation in the October Drill to check for the “OK” signs in windows around del Lago.
- It is a very easy volunteer job, and it could help save lives in the event of a real emergency.
- All new Area Representatives will receive a FREE flashlight and a FREE green vest!

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Please help us and volunteer!

Paul Magruder, Co-Sector Chief, Villages  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
650 279-4103

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## Want Emergency Alerts on Your Cell Phone?

Sign up with Nixel, the warning system. To register on your cell phone, text the word: Villages to number 333111 or visit <https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com>, select Public Safety from the left menu, then choose Nixel Emergency Notification System. If assistance is needed to sign up, you can send an email to [dellagodac@gmail.com](mailto:dellagodac@gmail.com) or call 732-742-4874.

## del Lago Financials Balances



**FY23 Report from  
July 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023  
(2 months)**

### Operating Details:

Total Revenue \$196,686. Total Expenditures: \$205,168.

Operating deficit \$8,482, primarily due to extra insurance expense (\$6,890).

Surplus carryover from last year: \$9,183.

Net operating surplus: \$701.

### Reserve Budget:

Total Reserves Contributed: \$140,268.

Total Reserves Expended: \$19,258.

Net contribution to Reserves: \$121,010.

Carryover from last year: \$2,483,984.

Current Reserves Balance:

\$2,604,984.

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## del Lago Village Enhancement Fund

As of November 17, 2023, there is \$232.65 in the del Lago Enhancement Fund.

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## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for del Lago

February 12, 2024 to February 24, 2024, weather permitting. J & M Gutter, Inc.

## Holiday Decorating

A reminder that the Holiday lights and decorations will be put up on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25 starting at 9 a.m. This fun event usually takes about two hours. Anyone who wishes to participate can just show up. After we complete the decorating, our wonderful neighbors, Diane and Bob Marchant, will serve holiday treats for the elves in their garage. The Marchants live at 3411 Lake Garda Drive.

### Next ABOD Meeting:

Tuesday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. in Foothill Center and on ZOOM.

### Next CBOD Meeting:

Tuesday, December 12, 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center and on ZOOM.



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### The del Lago District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Voting members: Dave Dimmick, Chairperson, (650-804- 9378); Gary Lohr, Vice Chair (408-912-5124); Anahid Gregg, IT (732-742-4874); Emil Pisarri (669-609-0461); Melinda Dobbs (408-666-9713); Margaret Spatafore (408-532-1966).

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DAC=District Advisory Committee, ABOD=Association Board of Directors, CBOD=Club Board of Directors, AC=Architectural Committee