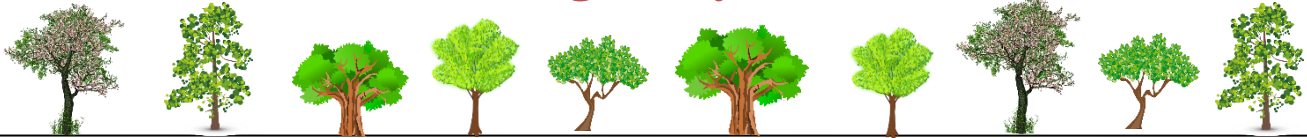


# del Lago Newsletter

Prepared by the del Lago District Advisory Committee

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## Next Scheduled Quarterly del Lago Residents' Meeting August 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Montgomery Center



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### **Chairman's Message**

Hello, del Lago Community,  
As your new DAC Chair, my first official action is to give a huge thanks to our outgoing Chair, Emil Pisarri. Emil and wife Judy have set a very high standard for service to the del Lago community and The Villages as a whole. Emil was a strong advocate for del Lago and helped provide feedback to our residents during the drought and on our coming roof replacement. Our DAC often provided funds to buy necessities for del Lago, including paper and ink to publish our newsletters as well as the lake signs for our newly named lakes. As a result, your DAC established the del Lago Enhancement Fund (solely donations from the del Lago community) so we could buy the items needed to enhance our community. The most recent purchase was walkie-talkies needed by our del Lago EPC (Emergency Preparedness Committee) team. If you would like to donate to the fund so we can continue to enhance our del Lago living experience, a form for that is attached.

The rest of your DAC leadership committee who transitioned into or remained in their positions consists of the following members:

#### Voting Members:

Dave Dimmick (DAC Chair)  
Emil Pisarri (former DAC Chair)  
Gary Lohr (Vice Chair and former DAC chair)  
Anahid Gregg (IT)  
Melinda Dobbs  
Margaret Spatafore

#### Non-voting Members:

Valerie Dimmick (Secretary, Newsletter publisher)  
Cheryl Allmen (Associate member)  
Monona Tang (Associate Member)

There's plenty of room for additional members, voting or non-voting associate members. Contact any DAC member if interested. If you are unfamiliar with the terminology, DAC stands for District Advisory Committee, the charter which is the conduit for communicating with the various boards at The Villages. The Boards have the powers. The DAC is an advisory group.

The DAC also has the following Committees: Finance, Social, Water and Landscape, Roof, New Resident Welcoming, and Newsletter. If you have any interest in joining a committee, please speak to any DAC member.

Our community has many issues in various stages of action and resolution. The turf and drought, fire safety, roof replacement just to name a few key issues. Your DAC leadership, like many of you, is staying abreast and providing input into how these issues are addressed. Our newsletters and quarterly gatherings will be used for communicating progress on these important issues to our residents.

I am looking forward to meeting more of our del Lago residents.

***Dave Dimmick***  
***Chairman, del Lago DAC***

### Next Quarterly DAC (Townhall) Meeting

As you recently read if you are registered for email notifications, our next Quarterly gathering is August 10 at 6 PM at the Montgomery Center. If you are not on the email list, you can contact Anahid Gregg (see below). She'll be happy to add you to the list of email recipients.

Our guest speaker is David Cook, ABOD member and the liaison to del Lago. David is the past ABOD President and will be giving an update on the key issues in our District and in the Villages in general. He will cover the situation with drought related turf watering and conversion, roof replacement, and insurance costs, among other things. After his presentation you will be able to ask questions. This is your opportunity to meet your DAC. Snacks will be provided.

### Del Lago Enhancement Fund Update

The current balance in the del Lago Village Enhancement Fund is \$162.65. This is after the recent purchase 16 walkie talkies for del Lago EPC Area Reps totaling \$260.67, purchased by funds from the Enhancement Fund. A planned future purchase is to replace the solar lights, as they become defective, in the 15 trash enclosures. The original set purchased a few years ago was paid for by del Lago DAC. Additional funds are needed if del Lago residents wish to fund future enhancements to the quality of living in del Lago.

### We All Scream for Ice Cream!

The annual Sonata/del Lago Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 30 at 5 p.m. at Gazebo Park. Watch for an email or flyer for more information.



### del Lago Financials

#### FY23 Report from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (12 month)

##### Operating Details (12 months):

Total Revenue \$1,044,028.  
Total Expenditures \$1,039,834.  
Operating surplus \$4,193.  
Surplus carryover from last year \$4998.  
Net operating surplus \$9,192.

##### Reserve Budget (12 months):

Total Reserves Contributed: \$711,641.  
Total Reserves Expended: \$282,834.  
Net contribution to Reserves: \$428,808.  
Carryover from last year: \$2,055,176.  
Current Reserves Balance: **\$2,483,984**

### Landscape Update

Recently your DAC conducted a 'walk-through' along with our ABOD liaison, David Cook, for the purpose of assessing which areas of grass might be candidates for classification as functional so that they can be watered. Much more information to follow on this drought related issue. Please continue to find efficient ways to use water at home. del Lago has been one of the better Villages at keeping household water use down

### Highlights of ABOD Meeting, July 26, 2023

Attached is a recap of the ABOD Meeting on 7-26-23.

- June 2023 Revenue was 2% favorable. Expenses was 12% favorable.
- All the DACs (District Advisory Committees) submitted their Functional Turf recommendations. It may take 10 years or more to complete turf reduction. The ABOD met with The local council person to review city policies regarding fire, water, etc.
- Reminder to ALL owners to turn in their ballot. Everyone needs to vote on the CC&Rs. If you need another ballot, please contact the office in The Villages. There is one item that is extremely important; it lowers the number of

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residents that must approve an improvement project. If you have any questions, please contact the ABOD for clarification. There is misinformation about the changes to the CC&Rs circulating regarding the changes. Don't necessarily believe everything you read in

- General Manager's Report
  - 2 Insurance proposals and education.
  - Set Goals and Objectives for FY 2023/2024
  - Landscape a long way to go with Planning and Consulting report
  - New budget timeline to come
  - New Architectural Report
  - Gnome Report
  - Asset sale
- Reviewed Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rules to modify the wording to include: The Villages follow Santa Clara County Fireproof/Safe Materials rules.
- Proposed AC Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area submitted to The Villager for the 30day comment period.



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The del Lago District Advisory Committee (DAC)

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

## Del Lago Enhancement Funding

In our newsletter, we discussed the new del Lago Enhancement Fund DAC leadership has created to which del Lago residents can contribute. 100% of your donation will be used for the benefit of del Lago amenities. The donation will be billed to your address and is not tax deductible.

Full details on projects the DAC has completed on your behalf and how the fund is set up is in our monthly newsletter.

If you would like to make a one-time donation to this fund, you may use this link: <https://rebrand.ly/delLagoDonate> or fill in the Form below and put it in Anahid Gregg's tube at 3213 Bracciano Court. We will not automatically bill you in 2024, a reminder will be sent out asking if you would like to continue your donation in December, 2022.

Email Address:

(Optional)

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Full Name:

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Address:

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Donation  \$5.00

Amount:  \$10.00

Other:

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