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Vista Del Norte of Camino Real



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Message from the Board

Thank you to all that joined us at the VDN Annual meeting at Blanco BBQ on January 18, 2024. We had about 50 people in attendance, and we heard about all the great things that happened in 2023. Charles Dixon, Adriana Brown, and Sarah Flores said thank you to all residents that supported them during their time on the Board. VDN HOA welcomed three new Board members, Cathleen Damos, Grady Carlson, and John Mize. They will be joining our other two Board members, Christi Warren, and Dwayne Reeves. We thank them for stepping up and helping VDN continue to be a self-managed HOA. Elizabeth Pruitt shared with residents the 2024 Operating Budget with 2023 comparison. Kelsey Brandt with John Courage's office was present to share information about the district and answer residents' questions.

Committee members discussed their 2023 accomplishments and 2024 Plans and Projects.

Park (Jim Olsen): Replaced old wooden border around the playground and volleyball court with a longer lasting material and added 10 yards of new sand in the volleyball court. Replaced the water fountain in front of the tennis court.



Events: Safely and successfully executed on all events (Easter, Pup Parade, pool opening/closing party, Donuts with Santa/Caroling in the Park.)

Welcome (Debbie Sobotik): Welcomed 14 new residents.

ACC (David Eastman): Approved 12 requests, 2 for solar panel installations. No rejections, but there is an open request to build a detached "auxiliary dwelling unit." This committee needs one more member. Please reach out to David Eastman if you have any questions.

Covenant Control (Pete Mercier): Sidewalk Obstructions X 4. Inoperable Vehicles Parked on Property or Street X3. Recreational Vehicles & Trailers Parked on Property X 3. Lawn Maintenance X 2. Garage Door Repairs X 2. Maintenance (Dead Shrubs Tree Stumps) X 1.

2024 Plans & Projects: Air B&B Short Term Rentals (Confirmation SAT Registration), Lawn Maintenance, Sidewalk Obstructions,

Maintenance (Dead Shrubs Tree Stumps), Inoperable Vehicles Parked on Property or Street, Recreational Vehicles Parked on Property or Street.

Capital Improvement Projects brought up for consideration include a pavilion, park equipment additions, artificial turf field, shade structures for pool area, and landscaping entrance and common areas.

We thank all the committee chairs and members that donated their time and help run our neighborhood along with the Board. All committees need volunteers.

Please add your name/email to the list if you might be able to help during VDN events. Send an email to the Volunteer chair, Samira Thompson at texasthompsons@outlook.com if you want to be added to the volunteer email list.

Best wishes to the new Board and if anyone has questions or would like to send a positive note of support, email vdnhoaboard@gmail.com.



INFORMATION REGARDING THE ALLEYS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

In short, for alleys that are serviced for trash pickup or other city services, homeowners are responsible for maintenance of the portion of space between their fence and the alleyway. Property owners on the other side of the alleyway are responsible for their respective portion. The city is responsible for maintenance of the alleyway, but this is not at the same level required for streets. To report concerns related to overgrowth next to the alleyway or a pothole in the alleyway, residents can call 311.

Here is information on required maintenance from the code:

Required to maintain improvements, trees, and other vegetation in such a way as to:

- Provide a minimum overhead clearance of fourteen (14) feet high.
 - o To not extend out into the roadway in a manner that impedes upon the safe and efficient collection of solid waste.
- Item 5 subsection C items C-E
 - c. Vegetation must be trimmed and clear of alleyway.
 - d. Alley must not have obstacles or debris stockpiles.
 - e. Must have clearance of fifteen (15) feet wide and fourteen (14) feet high.
- This coincides with the property standards for tall grass (cannot exceed 12 inches in height) and debris (keep properties clear of refuse)

Board & Committee Contacts
Not available online.

New Neighbors
Not available online.



Financial Report

Not available online.

PREVENTION NOTES:

by Stephen Schneider

Last week, I was invited to attend an update of criminal activity with Capt. Smith, commander of the Prue Road substation (our substation).

He discussed these main areas of concern:

Graffiti – immediately call 3-1-1 and take pictures of it. (we do not see much of this but is a serious problem in some areas.)

Mailbox Theft – This is out of control all over the city. Alamo Heights and Terrel Hills are currently really hot areas. Pick-up your mail EVERY day.

They are starting to hit individual mailboxes as well. Some of the thieves have been caught with cluster box master keys.

Auto Theft/Burglaries – “If you leave items in your truck, then leave your doors unlock to make it easier for the criminals.” Auto theft is up all over the city. “Clean out your garage and put your car in it.”

He and his staff encourage residents to call 9-1-1 if they see any suspicious activity.

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Teen Services Listing

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VDN Resident Portal

For those who have not already done so, please register your household with our VDN resident portal at vdnhoa.com under resident sign-in. Benefits of registering in resident portal include:

- VDN news and announcements are posted regularly.
- Make private pool party, park, and tennis court reservations.
- Monthly meeting minutes and all relevant HOA documents can be easily found and downloaded.
- Residents can report violations and/or issues in neighborhood via work orders.



 We also have a Facebook group, where residents can share information at [Facebook.com/Groups/VistaDelNorte](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/VistaDelNorte)
 Note If you would like to have your name listed in resident directory, please ensure under privacy settings in your FrontSteps profile, you have toggled on to show your information. Names will not be listed publicly if residents have opted not to share

VDN Calendar
February 2024

2 – Groundhog Day
 8 – VDN Board Meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom
 8-25 – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo at the AT&T Center and Freeman Coliseum fairgrounds.
 11 – Super Bowl Sunday (kickoff at 5:30 PM Texas time)
 12 – President Lincoln’s Birthday
 14 – Valentine’s Day
 15 – Susan B. Anthony’s 203rd Birthday - Anthony spent her life pushing for women’s voting rights and, as one of the most important women in American history, helped bring about the 19th Amendment that enabled women to vote in every state and territory.
 19 – President’s Day, NEISD Student/Teacher Holiday
 27 – NEISD early dismissal for Elementary/Middle/High School

Coming Up - March 2024

10 – Daylight Savings
 19 – 1st Day of Spring, get ready for swim season
 29 – No School
 31 – Easter

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