



Vista Del Norte of Camino Real



BOARD REPORT



Mailbox Replacement Update & Security Reminder

The mailboxes on Vista Lejana and Vista Gloriosa have been successfully replaced over the past two months. These upgraded high-security boxes are made of thicker steel and feature concealed hinges, making them much more difficult to break into and providing added protection for your mail.

The board is currently in the process of identifying and replacing additional mailboxes in the neighborhood that are outdated or damaged.

This time of year, we historically see an uptick in mailbox break-ins across the city—often due to tax returns and other sensitive documents arriving by mail. The best defense against these crimes is community awareness and vigilance. If you notice anything unusual while out in the neighborhood, please report it to the proper authorities.

Common signs of suspicious activity around mailboxes include:

- People lingering around mailboxes without a clear reason, especially at odd hours
- Vehicles idling nearby for long periods without a resident getting out
- Unfamiliar individuals accessing mailboxes during or shortly after delivery times

To help protect your mail, the Postmaster General recommends checking your mailbox daily and placing a temporary hold on delivery if you'll be out of town. Residents are also encouraged to sign up for the USPS Informed Delivery app, which allows you to preview incoming mail and track expected deliveries.

Let's all do our part to help keep the neighborhood safe!

RESIDENT PORTAL SIGN UP



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 in real time. Join at [Facebook.com/Groups/VistaDelNorte](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/VistaDelNorte)



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19th	Easter Egg Hunt in VDN Park 9am
April 25th	Arbor Day
May 2nd	Battle of the Flowers
May 5th	Cinco De Mayo
May 11th	Mother's Day
May 22nd	Last Day of Classes NEISD
May 26th	Memorial Day
June 14th	Flag Day
June 15th	Father's Day
June 19th	Juneteenth

BE PREPARED FOR STORMS BY PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR OWN EMERGENCY KIT





An emergency kit keeps you prepared during storms by providing essential supplies, helping you stay safe and ready if power is lost or you need to act quickly.

Emergency Kit

Make sure your emergency kit is ready to go!

- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Whistle (to call for help)
- ✓ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ✓ Cash & credit card
- ✓ Battery powered radio & weather radio
- ✓ Cellphone charger (solar/battery powered)
- ✓ 3-day supply of water/non-perishable food (for each family member including pets)
- ✓ Change of clothes/shoes for each family member
- ✓ Prescription medicine & special needs items



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Board meetings are usually held the FIRST Thursday of the month.

Residents are welcome to attend.

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MONARCH MIGRATION: HOW YOU CAN HELP



Monarch butterflies are one of the most iconic and beautiful species to call Texas home. Known for their remarkable long-distance journey, monarchs travel thousands of miles between North America and Mexico each year. These butterflies are famous for their striking orange-and-black wings, but their incredible migration from Canada to central Mexico—covering up to 3,000 miles—makes them a marvel of the natural world. Unfortunately, monarch populations have been declining in recent years due to habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental factors. However, Texas plays a crucial role in their migration path, and residents can take steps to help protect these magnificent creatures. Here are a few simple yet effective things residents can do to help support monarch butterflies during their migration through Texas:

Plant Milkweed- Milkweed is essential for monarch survival, as it provides both food for larvae and a place for monarchs to lay their eggs. By planting milkweed in your garden, you can create a sanctuary for monarchs as they pass through the area.

Create Butterfly-Friendly Habitats- Consider planting nectar-rich flowers like asters, zinnias, and lantanas to provide food sources for adult butterflies. Creating a butterfly-friendly garden with a variety of plants will help attract monarchs and other pollinators, such as bees and hummingbirds, which are vital to the ecosystem.

Provide Water- Monarchs need water to stay hydrated during their migration. You can help by offering a shallow water source, such as a birdbath or a small bowl, in your yard. Be sure to add rocks or sticks so butterflies can land and safely drink without risk of drowning.

With your help, these beautiful butterflies will continue to grace our state each year, reminding us of the importance of protecting the natural world for future generations. Let's work together to make Texas a welcoming place for monarch butterflies, and ensure they have a safe passage during their migration.

Vista Del Norte HOA Profit & Loss Budget Performance - Q1 2025

	March Actual	March Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget	Q1 Actual	Q1 Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget	Annual Budget
Total Income	\$ 458	\$ 658	\$ (200)	\$ 1,558	\$ 1,328	\$ 230	\$ 184,328
Operating Income/Expense							
Expense							
Administrative							
Newsletter	344	694	(350)	1,033	1,382	(349)	5,528
Office Expenses	108	171	(63)	275	396	(121)	1,492
Professional Fees							
Accounting	473	473	-	1,419	1,419	-	5,680
Legal	2,071	1,000	1,071	2,071	1,000	1,071	4,000
Resale Certificates	75	75	-	75	75	-	1,050
Total Professional Fees	2,619	1,548	1,071	3,565	2,494	1,071	10,730
Security Expense	1,715	1,890	(175)	5,250	5,460	(210)	25,200
Social Functions	-	-	-	355	150	205	6,340
Utilities	1,810	1,421	389	4,060	4,263	(203)	22,963
Total Administrative	6,596	5,724	872	14,538	14,145	393	72,253
Grounds	1,451	1,540	(89)	11,143	4,920	6,223	16,680
Insurance	307	-	307	22,352	16,500	5,852	16,500
Park	-	100	(100)	140	100	40	600
Mailbox Replacement	-	-	-	11,450	10,000	1,450	10,000
Pool Facilities	975	1,475	(500)	2,925	4,425	(1,500)	42,700
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	900
Tennis Facilities	-	-	-	27	50	(23)	150
Web Site Management	159	159	-	461	472	(11)	1,903
Total Expense	9,488	8,998	490	63,036	50,612	12,424	161,686
Net Operating Income/(Expense)	\$ (9,030)	\$ (8,340)	\$ (690)	\$ (61,478)	\$ (49,284)	\$ (12,194)	\$ 22,642

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Crime Prevention Tip

LOCK, TAKE, HIDE

One of the easiest ways to prevent becoming a crime victim is to lock your car doors. Leaving cars unlocked in your driveway allows easy access to see what can be stolen.

Lock, Take, and Hide is an easy 3-step plan that drastically reduces your chances of becoming a victim:

1. **Lock** your car doors.
2. **Take** your keys and valuables with you. (This includes cell phones, wallets/purses, GPS units, computers, weapons, and jewelry).
3. **Hide** those valuables so they aren't in plain sight.



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