

Lago De Plata Villa

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Special points of interest:

•Hoh Rainforest

Holland Happening
Oak Harbor 4/26—
4/28/13Spokane Lilac Festival
5/11— 5/19Gig Harbor Beer Festival
5/11/2013Annual Backyard Wildlife Festival
5/11/2013
Tukwila

Community Moss Control

Living in the Pacific Northwest has many advantages. We have beautiful lakes and streams, rivers and ponds. For the most part we have a very mild climate here. Mild to the point that moss, loves it here.

Have you ever seen a Western Washington forest? For that matter, how about a Western Washington roof? Yes folks, here in our lovely corner of the world moss thrives on our roof tops. Moss growing on our roof can get under the shingles and create damage and eventually costly leaks.

Following are some suggestions from the Oregon State University to control moss, algae and lichens on roofs:

♦ **Scrape away as much moss as possible. Be careful with the tools, as they can damage your roof as well as remove the moss.**

♦ **Use commercial moss removers to keep moss and algae from returning. These are best applied when the moss is actively growing. If possible, apply them during a dry spell.**

Controls containing zinc sulfate are relatively safe around plants and are available for home use. Zinc sulfate also comes in a granular form for dry application. Zinc sprays or granules will corrode copper so should not be used if gutters and downspouts are made of copper. Always read the container's label for directions and make sure it controls the fungi you're trying to eliminate. Zinc galvanized ridge caps, copper flashing or copper wires on the roof can also be used to help prevent moss and other growth, once moss is removed. Rain leaches down small amounts of the metal, which may help pre-

vent moss, lichen and algae from taking hold. The metal flashing or wire protects from the roof ridge to 10-15 feet down the roof. For larger roofs, wire may be strung at points across the peak of the roof and across the halfway point. This method will help protect the entire surface from growth.

Do not use table salt on your roof. It is corrosive to metal and not very effective at controlling moss.

It is important to maintain your home's roof to keep it a solid lid for you and your belongings. Neglecting moss control on your roof can end up costing you more money in the long run. Contractors can help control the problem if you need a hand. Moss is beautiful to look at in the Olympic National or the Hoh Rainforest, but not on your roof.

Mail boxes are not a drive through

Ladies and Gentleman:
We have had some reports of residents using the mail box area as a personal drive through to pick up mail.

Please, when you come to get your mail, park your vehicle in a white lined space designated for parking while you walk to your mailbox to retrieve your mail.

We will be restriping the parking area in the near future as weather permits, but this is no excuse for not parking and walking up to get your mail.

Please review your rules and regulations page 3, section 13 regarding vehicles.

Also there is no street parking allowed for any reason. Park-

ing on the street may prohibit emergency vehicles from reaching someone with a life threatening emergency. Please be mindful of your neighbor.

If you see someone violating these rules please bring it to the office. Do not take matters into your own hands. You could be in violation of the rules as well.

Directions for calling in case of emergency

We have had some questions regarding how to get a hold of management when there is an emergency?

First if this is a criminal or medical emergency call 911.

If there are any concerns by a resident for the health, safety or welfare of themselves or any other resident, such information should be reported to the on-site managers.

If any such report is consid-

ered to be an emergency after hours, then please call 1-800-944-6180 and choose option 6. The answering service will then direct your call to the most appropriate person available. You may also call the Lago business office and listen to the voice message which will provide you the toll free number to call in case of emergency.

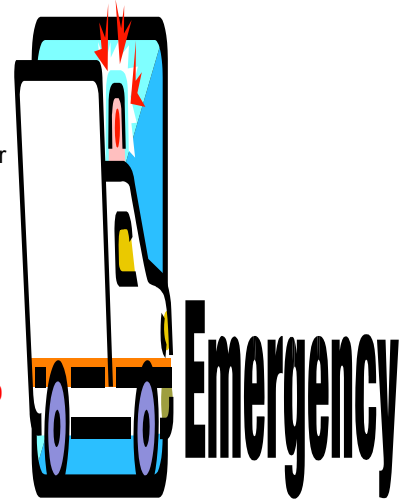
If your emergency is during normal business hours and we have stepped away from the phone, call the emergen-

cy phone number and they will get a hold of us.

We are here to help you and care about your emergency. It is our desire to handle your emergency first hand, but if we are not available, there are plenty of other nearby staff members who can respond to ensure you get the help you need right away!

Emergency: 1-800-944-6180

Office - 425-353-1766



Everett Transit Para Transit Service

We discovered that there is a need within the community for transportation to and from doctors appointments, shopping and outings.

We did some research through Senior Services of Everett and found several opportunities for assistance to our seniors here in the community. One of them being the Everett Transit Para Transit Service: for \$1.00 each trip anyone whom is qualified may use

their services to go see the doctor, go shopping etc..

There is a pretty lengthy application process but well worth the effort! I have run off some copies of the application and would be happy to schedule a time with anyone interested in getting help filling them out to apply for the service. Or if anyone in the park would like to help please call Theresa in the office.

There is also a program called TAP. They can bus up to 13 people at \$1.50 ea. person and take you to any field trip you choose to arrange. I am working with Connie whom heads up this program to get more info.

If anyone would like to help in this process of arranging field trips let me know and we can work together to schedule your next outing!

www.EverettTransit.org



Resident's must accompany their guest

With spring arriving, people will be much more active in the community. We would like to ask everyone to review the Community Guidelines, page 7, section 2 in particular, regarding guests.

Residents must accompany their guest at all times. Guest may not use any of the community's recreational facilities unless accompa-

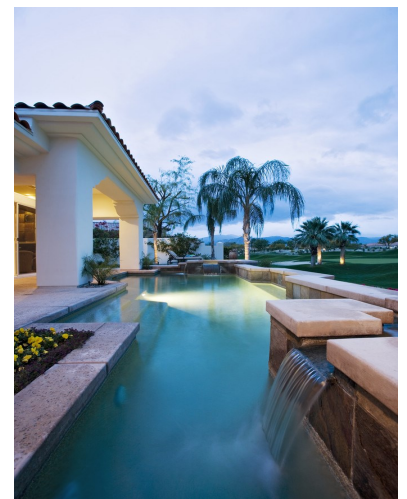
nied by a resident. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guest(s). Violation of this rule may result in resident losing their privileged use of the community's recreational facilities.

Please, do not give out the code to the clubhouse / pool or allow your guest to use the facilities without you! Accompanying your guests

helps us quickly identify those who belong here versus those who don't.

The pool will be ready for use soon, so get your suits and come on down!

Re-opening is on the 31st of May! We will be BBQ-ing from 12-4pm, bring your favorite salad to share!



Spring is HERE! Green waste bin schedule

We have had very many inquiries as to if and when the green waste bin will be coming this spring.

Yes! As you may have noticed we dismantled the old ramp that was used in the past years. It was no longer safe for our residents to walk up on. So we need to build another one before we can schedule the bin to come out.

If Bryan is able to get a new ramp built by the end of May

or middle of June we will schedule it then. If not, we will still schedule it and everyone will need to walk their brown bags all the way in so we do not have waste spilling out from the door way!

Please remember that when the bin does arrive, only green waste in brown bags is allowed. We get charged an extra fee if they unload it and find anything other than green waste! This could potentially damage our chances of continuing to offer this

service to the community!

We should have a definite date soon, so keep an eye out for more info in the next newsletter!



Alteration request forms

We would like to remind everyone that when considering any outside alterations and improvements, you must receive a written approval through the office before work begins.

We encourage improvements to your home and will help make sure the improvements you plan meet the community's requirements!

The approval process is to help protect our residents

and to maintain standards for the community.

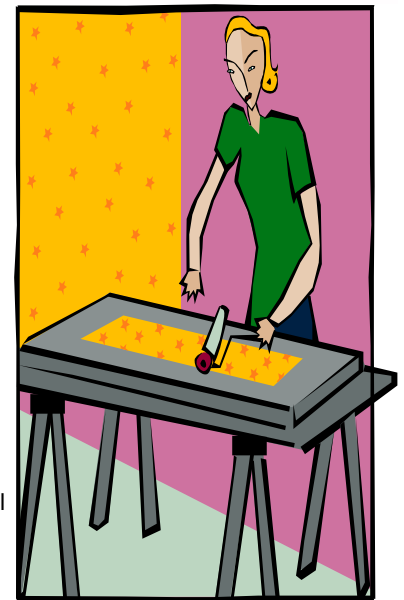
The Community Guidelines state several examples that would need an approval prior to starting any work. Please see page 9, section D1 re: Alteration Requests.

Please keep in mind some alterations could take up to two weeks for an approval depending on the extent of work being proposed.

Please know that If work is found to in progress without prior approval, the work will be stopped by management until the proper process has been followed and written approval given.

Don't forget to bring in your preferred paint colors for approval if you plan to paint your home this summer.

We look forward to seeing all the great work to come this year.!



Weed control and your pet

With spring here the community common areas are growing an abundance of weeds!

In an effort to control the common areas, we are treating them very aggressively with chemical pesticides that could make your pet sick if they are allowed to enter a treated area.

Please know that we take every precaution and post signs for areas treated with pesticides so you can avoid them.

We will not treat all areas at the same time in an effort to make sure you will still have one or two areas available for you and your pet to go to!

We would also like to take

this opportunity to remind pet owners to be mindful of other residents' yards, and do not allow your dog to enter their yards to take care of business.

Pets must remain on a short leash at all times when outside your home! And please remember to dispose of your pets waste properly.



We would also like to welcome Steve to the community!

He is our new grounds person, and he works very hard!

He comes from an extensive background in grounds maintenance,
and has a lot of experience in all aspects of community maintenance!

Please take a moment and say 'Hi' to welcome him!



The bus is coming to Lago De Plata Villa!

On May 9th at 12:00, the Snoqualmie Casino will be bringing in a bus to take our resident's to their casino for the day! Each person pays \$10.00 to get on the bus, when you arrive at the casino you are given back \$10.00 cash and a free lunch buffet ticket or a \$10.00 voucher for any of the restaurants in the casino!

We have a sign up sheet in the clubhouse if you want to take a nice ride for the day and have lunch on them!

