## **HELLO NEIGHBORS**

A big salute to the residents of Del Prado who have maintained their properties, remained a caring neighbor and continue to be a positive influence in our neighborhood. COVID has turned our lives upside down. What used to be normal is no longer, and all of us have made daily life adjustments to cope with the constant changes and challenges.

Our HOA is a planned community, historically established by an elected Board of Directors, who represent the residents and carry out the rules to uphold these standards. Moreso recently, I have been asked to explain why there are certain rules. Here's the explanation:

## **PARKING**

Del Prado is fortunate in that we don't have a parking problem like many HOAs. In order to give everyone a fair share of the common parking areas the rules are as follows:

One currently registered car per household may be parked in the common parking areas. Vehicles must be operable to park on driveways or common parking. Parking time ranges from 24 hours to 7 days, depending on the site location. Commercial vehicles, resident owned, are not allowed to park in Del Prado overnight. Exceptions are made when there is construction and the Board is notified in advance. A full description of a commercial vehicle and parking rules are on our website.



## **BACKYARDS**

We all value our green, clean, landscaped environment that everyone can enjoy. Backyards are visible to all the neighbors because of the low walls facing common greenbelts. The Board monitors backyards for weeds, dead plants, overgrown hedges, empty pots, exposed gardening items and tools, unkempt furniture, overripe dropped fruit (attracts vermin), excessive unsightly items, etc. We want to encourage everyone to make their yards pleasant for themselves and their neighbors, as they are the ones that see it most often.

Any change or update to the outside of your home is to be approved by the Architectural committee before the change is made. This includes but not limited to painting, cable service, patio structures, gates, window replacements, roofing and solar.

All the Del Prado standards, Rules and Regulations and Architectural guidelines are on our website: delpradohomes.com. Please refer to this website to guide you.

On the lighter side, the pool is still open with the pool water heated to 75 degrees. Kudos to everyone for being a responsible citizen in using this shared facility. We'll do our best to keep it open during COVID, weather permitting and continued demand for use.

HOLIDAY PARTY! Not in the same format, but stay tuned for my next newsletter for a social distance celebration.