

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Happy Friday!

A big round of applause for Lila! She once again planned a wonderful holiday party. I unfortunately did not win anything in the raffle but there were quite a few that did. Everyone looked as though they were having a great time and the food was delicious. All toys and donations will be given to Primavera Foundation who assists families in need. Thank you, Lila!

Well, we were blessed (NOT) with a little rain last weekend. We had about 8 reported leaks; so much better than 117 plus. This shows we are moving in the right direction...finally. W&D have changed procedures for replacements due to weather and will only be doing 1 roof every couple of days as they do not want to leave a unit uninsulated and open to the elements. The next roofs on schedule are:

264 Pena 187 Quinta 277 Sarta 263 Quinta 460 Quinta

This has been a busy week as far as no heat calls. We had to request 5 replacements this week and the crews are still working on a few units. We will continue to work on your unit but if it continues to break down and is not under warranty, we will replace it. Keep in mind that the replacement can take up to four days. We do have a couple of heaters here that we can loan until your unit is replaced if you need one.

We had a small flood last weekend in a unit. The issue came when a toilet supply line broke and the owner was not home. I tell you this to remind everyone to check those lines to make sure the same thing does not happen to you.

Warning!! A lady walking her small dog came across some javelina last night on Quinta. The Javelina attacked her poor dog. Luckily, a neighbor heard her screams and came to render aid. He was able to scare the pigs away. We haven't heard on the condition of the dog yet. Please take caution when out in the evenings, these "pigs" are not friendly!

I have left a couple of days towards evening and have noticed all the gorgeous lights. I misspoke, you do need to let the office know you are participating in the lights contest. If you would like to have a chance at winning a prize, call the office and let us know to add you to the list. Good Luck!

We are trying something new this year. We will be having a "meet the candidates" gathering at Penasco Park. This will take place on December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We want to give you a chance to meet those who are running for a position on the Board prior to casting your vote. We are hoping this will give you an opportunity to know who you are voting for instead of just a name on a piece of paper.

At the request of a homeowner, we now have a suggestions and comments box in the office. If you have an idea or an issue, please write it down and place it in the box. We will take all submitted ideas into consideration. (This box is not for work orders).

The North Pena pool will be closed on Monday for repairs. You might have noticed a little sand on the bottom of the pool lately. There is an issue with the sand filter and Marcos will be working on this on Monday.

It is that time of year....The Villas West Wanderers are coming back. The first hike is scheduled, information on the website. Lou spends a lot of time planning these walks and we thank her for taking on this so that our residents can get out and enjoy our area a little more.

The cold months bring us dead looking plants, but they are only dormant for the winter. A water schedule flyer showing you the watering schedule for the plants in your area and patio. Overwatering is as harmful as underwatering. Thank you, Lou, for providing this schedule. Available on the website – Living in Villas West tab

We had a wonderful owner stop in that would like to do some caroling this season. I wish I lived here just to see/hear this! Anyone interested in joining in is invited to meet at the office on Tuesday, December 20th at 5:00pm. It is so nice to see people taking it upon themselves to spread a little cheer.

Don't forget to mark your calendars! Thursday is the day the parade comes to town. We will begin at the far south circle on Tierra and will weave our way through the community ending at Penasco Park for cookies and cocoa. This year I have invited our contractors to join in on the fun. Decorate your car, cart, bike, scooter, yourself and pet and join in spreading a little Christmas joy! Our office will be closed so that the staff can participate in this activity. We will open up for business once the parade is over.

Please keep in mind that our office will close at noon on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for our annual employee luncheon. I want to thank those who donated to the employee appreciation fund, because of you we can expand our celebration and the crew will be receiving a bonus double the amount of last year! Shhhh don't tell the staff!

We have a Santa here in Villas West! Someone placed two metal hummingbird stakes in one of our plants in front of the office. I have no idea who did this but want to let them know it is greatly appreciated and it makes us smile as we walk up to the office.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend! Bundle up and stay warm.

Dorothy