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Happy
Holidays!

FROM PRESIDENT BOYER'S DESK

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A BIG Thank You, to our community volunteers who decorated the clubhouse and entranceway for the holiday season. Unfortunately, there will not be a holiday party this year due to Covid-19. We hope you will practice safe gatherings with family until we get through this mess.

Holiday Decorations Can be Dangerous

To prevent damage, trees and shrubs with holiday decorations, wires or lights will be skipped and not trimmed or pruned. After the removal of the decorations, pruning will resume on the regular schedule. We do not want electrical cords or decorations to be damaged, but often they are green and can be hard to see. Please do not have your electrical cords lying across the lawn where the mowers travel. This will definitely cause damage to the cords and result in unnecessary complaints.

HOA Association October YTD Financial Update

We are running ahead of and better than Budget this year. Our Association is operating under Budget and our HOA currently has a surplus. HOA October year-to-date Income was \$522,635; Total Expenses year-to-date were \$510,901. As a result, the Association is \$11,734 better than our budget. Association Reserves now equal \$288,936 and have increased by \$27,671 or 10% better compared to this time last year. Reserves are used when we need to repair a major Association structural part or street or replace equipment that wears out. With a community that is over 20 years old, things are constantly wearing out on a regular basis. All of our Reserve Accounts are safely held in FDIC-insured bank accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Including our Reserves account and all checking accounts, our total bank accounts hold \$520,825 as of October 31, 2020. It appears that we will easily stay within our Budget for the full year.

2020 Board Budget Approval Meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2nd

Because of the danger that Covid-19 virus could spread during an in-person meeting, like many other Homeowner Associations in Florida, we will be holding an "on-line" meeting. We held our first "Virtual" Board Meeting on-line using ZOOM on Oct. 21st. The draft minutes from the October 21, 2020, meeting are posted on the community website mycasadellago.com. If you're unfamiliar with Zoom, I encourage you to check it out. It is very easy to use and it's a free method to join or hold a video meeting on-line. Zoom is a computer application that works with most smart phones and computers. When you click on a link from an email sent to you by the meeting host, you'll be quickly connected to the meeting to watch, listen and participate from the comfort of your home. All Homeowners are invited to attend this important Board meeting at 7PM, December 2, using Zoom. Board members will meet to approve the 2021 HOA Budget and Assessments at this meeting. Every property owner has already been mailed meeting notices along with the proposed Draft 2021 budget and including meeting details and agenda for 2020.

HOA Budget for 2021 Comparison to 2020

Our Board of Directors has approved a Draft 2021 Budget. If approved without changes at the upcoming December 2nd Budget meeting, homeowner quarterly Assessment Base Fee (which does not include Comcast TV or ADT security fees) will increase slightly by only \$4 for 2021 per quarter. The total HOA Quarterly Assessment, starting January 1st, 2021, will be \$845 which includes the following three components:

1. Quarterly Base Fee of **\$599** (\$4 increase from last year) which pays for all Association Expenses (except for the Comcast and ADT security);
2. Quarterly Cable TV Fee of **\$199** (\$10 increase from last year) for homes included in the Comcast Bulk Service Contract; and
3. Quarterly Security Monitoring Fee of **\$48** (no increase) for homes included in the ADT Bulk Service Contract.

Time to Clean your Roof

This is roof cleaning season and many homes REALLY need to have it done. Be sure that the contractor is licensed and insured. We recommend using a "soft wash" technique instead of pressure washing. Pressure washing can lead to color washing out of the roof tiles and to an increased likelihood of tiles being cracked from workers walking on them. Additionally, a "soft wash" chemical cleaning job will last longer than a pressure washing job. We recommend "Shine Window Cleaning" for cleaning roof tiles using a "soft wash." Shine's phone number is 239-275-3037; ask for Keith.

Holiday Schedules for Trash and Recycle Pickup

Normal recycle pick up day is on a Thursday and trash pickup is on a Friday. However, both Christmas and New Years Day fall on Friday, so the **Trash** pick-up day shifts to Saturday during those two weeks. There will be no change to the Recycle pick up days.

December Landscape Schedule

Fertilization of the Lawns is scheduled for the week of Dec. 1st. Pruning of Shrubs is scheduled for week of Dec. 28th. Mowing schedule occurs every other week during the winter months and is scheduled for Dec. 8th and 22nd. Hard edging is done with each and every mowing; soft edging will be done every other mowing. Estate Landscaping will conduct irrigation checks the week of Dec. 28.

Reporting Landscaping Problems:

Please, for any homeowner landscape request, such as a broken sprinkler or plant problems, report your issues directly to our **Estate Account Manager Jay Winborn**. **Jay's cell phone number is (239) 872-0932**, which you may call or text, and the Estate Landscaping and Irrigation Repairs main office phone is (239) 498-1187. Jay has also given us his email address **JWinborn@EstateLandscaping.com**. If you do not receive a response from Jay, please let Pat Schoo or the Estate office know.

New Homeowner Information:

1. If you need a clubhouse key card or entry gate clicker, contact me at gboyer01@aol.com. Cost is \$10 per clubhouse card and \$20 for gate clickers. I keep a supply at home.
2. All garbage and recycle cans must be stored **inside** an enclosed garage except on the trash/recycle pick up date. Outdoor storage of these trash and recycle cans is not permitted per our community rules.
3. Cars parked overnight on our neighborhood streets will be towed at owner's risk and expense without warning. Please keep vehicles in your garage or driveway and off our streets between midnight and 6AM.

4. Before making ANY changes to the exterior of your home, including landscaping, painting, pools, etc., please obtain prior approval by the Architectural Review Board. Please review the ARB guidelines in our rules package which can be found on the community website.

Bocce Ball and Swimming Pool Reminders

Remember to try out our Bocce Ball court. The balls and equipment bag needed to play are kept inside the clubhouse. They are located behind the white office door near the ping pong table. Please return them when you are done. Our swimming pool is heated all year long so you can enjoy that too while your northern friends are freezing and shoveling snow this winter.

Happy Holidays!

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HOW TO CONTACT SCHOO MANAGEMENT

Our Community Management company contact person is Pat Schoo; Phone 362-3091 (Office) or by email to Pats@samcam.biz

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Estate Landscaping and Irrigation Repairs

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ADT Security Monitoring

Account Services phone 800-878-7806

Anytime is a great time to reserve the clubhouse for parties of less than 50 people, including birthday parties, showers, etc. Please contact Debbie Wiegert at dwiegert54@yahoo.com or 239-313-5698 for any questions you may have. The clubhouse reservation forms can be found on our website www.MyCasaDelLago.com

DECEMBER TRIVIA

- 1. On December 10, 1901, the first Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to:** (a) Czar Nicholas II (b) Theodore Roosevelt (c) Queen Victoria (d) Horatio Hornblower.
- 2. The first gorilla ever born in captivity arrived at the Columbus Zoo on December 22, 1956. It was named:** (a) Una (b) Harry (c) Colo (d) Buckeye.
- 3. December is National Pear Month. The Pear Bureau Northwest spent \$5000 to promote pears by sponsoring:** (a) a pear emoji (b) a pear galette bake-off (c) an au pair (d) a pear eating contest.
- 4. December is Bingo's Birthday Month too. Bingo arrived in America in 1929 and before salesman Edwin Lowe named it "Bingo," the game was known as:** (a) Bango (b) Bongo (c) Beano (d) Finito.
- 5. What famous person went to the White House on December 21, 1970, to meet President Nixon in a show of support for his war on drugs?** (a) Janis Joplin (b) Elvis Presley (c) Charlton Heston (d) Jimi Hendrix.
- 6. On December 21, 1937, this—the first full-length animated film opened in Los Angeles:** (a) *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (b) *Cinderella* (c) *Custard's Last Stand* (d) *The Adventures of Krazy Kat and Ignatz Mouse*.
- 7. The first National Football League Championship game took place on December 18, 1932, when the Chicago Bears beat (9-0) the:** (a) Portsmouth Spartans (b) Cleveland Clods (c) Philadelphia Fillies (d) Pittsburg Skunks.
- 8. Edward Bevan received an English patent on December 11, 1769 for:** (a) grommet drapes (b) Venetian blinds (c) a cruet for claret (d) waterproof boots known in England as Bevens.
- 9. This famous DaVinci work of art was recovered from thief Vincenzo Peruggia on December 12, 1913. He had stolen it from the Louvre on August 11, 1911:** (a) *La Gioconda* (b) *La Pietà* (c) *Grapes at the Feet of St. Mark* (d) *The Bearded Wonder*.
- 10. On December 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin published the first edition of:** (a) *Ben's Words of Wisdom* (b) *The Key to Electricity* (c) *Poor Richard's Almanac* (d) *New World Turkeys*.

11. What do-it-yourself microcomputer kit went on sale on December 19, 1974, at a cost of \$397? (a) the Tandy 100 (b) the Altair 8800 (c) the Elect-pro 2 (d) the Compaq.

12. Time Magazine announced on December 26, 1982, that its man of the year was: (a) the PC (b) Jimmy Carter (c) Carl Rove (d) Arnold Palmer.

13. What did Bugsy Siegel do on December 25, 1946? (a) offered Vito "Dangles" Genito (b) opened the Pink Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas (c) married Phyllis Maguire (d) punched Shecky Green for insulting his girlfriend.

14. What did President Andrew Johnson do on Christmas Day of 1868? (a) hosted a notorious nog party in the East Room (b) announced he would not run for re-election (c) thumbed his nose at Congress (d) unconditionally pardoned all Confederate officers and soldiers.

15. Yes, December is Egnog Month. According to the Egg Safety Center, what determines the color of a chicken's eggshell? (a) diet (b) breed (c) caged/free range (d) you don't really want to know.

ANSWERS: (15. b) (14. d) (13. b) (12. a) (11. b) (10. c) (9. a) (8. b) (7. a) (6. a) (5. b) (4. c) (3. a) (2. c) (1. b)

---Ben Shearer