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# Mission del Lago

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**Mission del Lago Homeowner's Association**

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(210) 464-2543 or 422-4170

**Upcoming MdL Events**

- **Join us for the Neighborhood beautification Project** March 13, 10 am
- **Movie Night** March 18 at the sales trailer
- **Save the date on April 17 for the MDL Fiesta/Earth Day/Barbeque cook-off**
- **May 8 Family Fun Art Day**
- **Beat the Pro Events at the Golf Course every Friday** RSVP to 210-627-2522 or [aalviar@alamocitygolftrail.com](mailto:aalviar@alamocitygolftrail.com)

**Park Update**

Over 70 residents and guests gathered in the Gallardo Elementary School cafeteria for the annual HOA meeting which included information from the Parks and Recreation department. A Parks and Recreation representative showed a possible park design. He asked for residents input on what elements of a park were the most important. The budget for the project is \$200,000, with the possi-

bility of more funds in a few years for additional park resources.

Many great ideas shared, from splash areas, to sports courts, to playgrounds. To further the discussion information has been posted on the missiondellago.net website for additional input. The planners want to ensure the park reflects the desires of the residents as much as possible.

Rank the proposed items

from most important to least. This information is being collected by the HOA on behalf of the city.

**Proposed items:**

- Tennis Courts
- Covered Playground w/ Swings
- Splash Pad
- Walking Trail
- Trees
- Pavilion
- Lighting
- Security
- Parking
- Basketball Court
- Dog Park

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**Fun for Residents!**

Come join friends and neighbors at community events! On Saturday, March 13 we will be hosting another community beautification project. "We had a lot of fun! It was great to see so many people working together," said Kody Muhs after the event in January.

This project will include planting in the common areas, tree planting, and prairie restoration. Individuals and families are welcome, there will be projects for people of all skill levels. We will be starting at 10am and ought to be finished by 1pm, so join us when you

can. If you want more information, contact [Missiondellago@gmail.com](mailto:Missiondellago@gmail.com) or Eileen Barrientos at [eileen0508@aol.com](mailto:eileen0508@aol.com) for more information.

The community that plays and works together is one we all want to be part of!

On April 17th Mission del Lago will be celebrating Fiesta and Earth Day by having a BBQ Cook-off. This is a continuation of last year's well attended event with a new spin-BBQ!

Judging and sampling will begin at 1pm and winners

will be announced at 2pm. Please contact Jesse ([Jesse@missiondellago.org](mailto:Jesse@missiondellago.org)) or John 210-216-2693 ([john@missiondellago.org](mailto:john@missiondellago.org))

**Celebrate Fiesta & Earth Day by reserving your tailgate spot!**

Other upcoming events:  
**Beat the Pro at the Golf Course**  
 March 5th (Closest To The Pin) .  
 March 12th(Saving Par Challenge) March 19th (Putting Contest)

March 18th Movie Night

May 8 Family Fun Art Day





**Women's Social group**

We thought it would be fun to get to know our neighbors better in 2010. We want to organize a women's group to meet on a regular basis. Plans for the group are open based on the women interested, but below is a list of ideas we came up with.

- girl's night out (or in)
- book of the month
- recipe exchange
- group exercise
- service work
- seasonal/cultural outings
- play dates with kids

Please contact one of us if you are interested.

Annie Anguiano  
AnnieAnguiano@yahoo.com  
Val Segura  
Val2Ann@Yahoo.com



**Ten Ways to become a good neighbor**

After hearing concerns from MDL residents, here are a few ways to help our community.

1. Monitor your speed in subdivision. Cars, bikes and skateboards can all cause dangerous situations if they are going too fast, or the operators are not acting responsibly.
2. Put trash receptacles away in a timely manner.
3. Try to not store items on the sides of

your house. Ex. gardening equipment, bbq pits, trash cans.

4. Keep dogs from roaming freely. Remember not everyone is a dog lover.
5. Clean up after your pet especially when walking your pet.
6. Maintain your yard/landscaping. With recent rains weeds are in full force.
7. Don't neglect back yards or the sides of your house. Keep in mind

your yard affects your neighbors. Ex. unwanted weeds, different types of grass.

8. Keep aware for any suspicious cars/activities on your block.
9. Support events in the community. Get Involved.
10. Get to know your neighbors. Invite a neighbor for a drink or dinner.

-Jesse Anguiano

**John Barrera**

**MdL Landscaper**  
**Free Estimates**

- Tree Trimming
- Lawn Maintenance
- Landscaping
- Handyman



779-3106 or 464-2543

**Mission del Lago HOA is excited to announce a yard of the month contest!**

The yards will be judged based on good gardening practices and visual appeal. This month's winner is 1106 Par Five they will receive a family pass to Mitchell Lake Audubon Center.

**Trees Required by Covenants and Restrictions or Pay \$100**

Residents are required by the HOA Covenants and Restrictions to have at least two trees in their front yard. The trees may be any type and size, so long as they are alive. October through mid-March are the best times to plant trees in our area, and during this pe-



riod we have been encouraging the planting of trees. The HOA has cited neighbors who do not have the required trees at least once, and usually more than that.

The HOA Board of Directors has voted on a \$100 fine to each homeowner

who does not have two trees planted in their front yard by March 15. It costs less than that to buy and plant your two trees, but if you don't do the planting and help your yard, our neighborhood, and the planet, you can just pay us \$100 for monitoring this.

**MDL Updates**

**Assault**

On Monday, February 15, 2009, there was a sexual assault on a young woman in the neighborhood. It occurred at approximately 7:30 in the evening on Del Lago Parkway by the drainage ditch, when someone in a vehicle drove up to where she was walking alone and assaulted her.

It is recommended by the police and safety experts that people always walk in pairs or small groups for safety, particularly at night. If you must walk alone, have a personal protection device such as mace in your hand. Don't let your children wander the neighborhood at night when they will be at greater risk.

**Contact information**

Please make sure that the Homeowners' Association has your current email address.

If you are reading this in a newsletter delivered to your door, and did not previously receive it on email, it means that we do not have a current

accurate email address for you. It is important that we have your address so that neighborhood alerts and special announcements can be sent to you, without waiting for the next newsletter. In addition, the newsletter is sent to those for whom we have an email address several days before it is delivered to everyone else. Please send your email address to [Missiondellago@gmail.com](mailto:Missiondellago@gmail.com)

If you do not have an email address, notify us that you don't have one, provide a phone number, and we will attempt to notify you by phone in the event of a major alert. We can be reached by phone at 210-464-2543

**Movie Night**



Come to the movie! On Thursday, March 18 (during spring break) we will be showing a movie outside near the sales trailer on Del Lago Parkway and Par One. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. This is another great

opportunity to get to know your neighbors better while having a good time.

**Fence Marking**

The fence along Club House Boulevard was recently tagged again with graffiti.

We power washed and stained it again. Each time this occurs it requires the expenditure of time and money that could be much better spent elsewhere.

Please keep your eye out for any indication as to who the vandals are, and report the information to a homeowners' association officer, a representative of the developer, or the police.

**Selling Ads**

The newsletter is accepting limited ads from residents or businesses that serve our residents. The newsletter currently reaches over 400 households. Ad revenue will allow us to increase our publication size to 6 pages, for more information write to [missiondellago@gmail.com](mailto:missiondellago@gmail.com)

**Shoot That Animal!**

Loose dogs are a big problem. According to Councilwoman Ramos, our district has one of the highest rates of loose animals. Given the health and safety risks these animals pose to pets and people, Mission del Lago board is working with Animal Care Services to address the issue.

First we are asking that if you have a dog you send us a picture of it so that if your dog gets out you can be notified, and address the issue. Secondly, if you see an animal out, take a picture and e-mail it to [homeowner@missiondellago.org](mailto:homeowner@missiondellago.org)

along with the address where the animal was seen. Then ACS can be called to remove the animal. This will also allow us to establish trends so that ACS stray pickups will be most effective. Sweeps will be performed regularly.

If an animal is acting aggressively call 311 immediately. Remember, dogs and cats are domesticated animals and they can behave like their wild cousins when traveling in groups or threatened.

**Mission Del Lago now on Twitter!**

Become a fan of Mission Del Lago on Twitter. Receive up to date tweets on current and future events in the subdivision. Stay connected!

[www.twitter.com/missiondellago](http://www.twitter.com/missiondellago)

**County Automotive**  
-Complete Auto Repair-  
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Free Pick up and delivery for MdL residents  
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**Pets must be behind a fence, on a leash with the owner or in the residence to protect them, and us.**



### Cellular on Patrol

This is a free program offered by the San Antonio Police Department. If there is anyone interested in establishing this program in the neighborhood please contact Jesse Anguiano.

[Jesse@missiondellago.org](mailto:Jesse@missiondellago.org) More details to come.

### THE COP TRAINING PROGRAM

The purpose of the COP Program is to prepare neighborhood residents to be the “eyes and ears” of the police and to promote closer cooperation between residents and the city agencies that exist to serve them. The training program, presented at the SAPD substations, consists of 8 hours of classroom training and the opportunity for up to 8 hours of ride-along with a district patrol officer.

During the classroom sessions volunteers are trained to recognize suspicious activities and other factors that lead to crime in their neighborhoods. Police officers and other specialists present information on how to recognize various crimes, including burglaries, thefts, robberies, gang activities, narcotics and vice activities, and other crimes that may be present in the neighborhoods the COP graduates will patrol.

COP volunteers are also given information on code violations and how to work with Code Compliance to clean up their neighborhoods, as well as how to access agency assistance for elderly and disabled residents of their neighborhoods or for victims of crime.

The ride-along experience provides COP volunteers with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with SAPD patrol procedures and to establish points of contact with both the substation and with the officers who patrol their neighborhoods. Most COP volunteers have found the ride-along to be one of the most educational and valuable parts of the COP training. Upon completion of the training COP graduates are presented with a graduation certificate, a photo ID card and a COP T-shirt or hat.

### SETTING UP COP PATROLS

After sufficient numbers from a neighborhood group complete the training they set up patrols within their neighborhood using the donated cellular phones. Each neighborhood group of graduates is responsible for establishing their own patrol schedules and procedures, within the limits of the “COP Do’s & Don’ts” presented during training.

COP members are to function only as “eyes and ears” for the police, so included in the Do’s & Don’ts are instructions that COP volunteers will not patrol alone, they will not carry weapons of any sort and they will never confront or chase any suspected wrongdoers.

Depending on group preferences COP patrol members can elect to walk or drive, patrol in short or lengthy shifts, patrol as pairs or in larger groups, patrol at night or in the day, or modify their patrol format to best fit their neighborhood’s needs.



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## MISSION DEL LAGO “BEAT THE PRO CHALLENGE”

•This is a **FREE** event open to all of those in the Mission Del Lago Subdivision. It is our chance to formally introduce ourselves to each other with some friendly competition. Here is a list of events for the month of March:

**March 55** - (Closest To The Pin) 125 yard shot that requires good technique and touch.

**March 12** - (Saving Par Challenge) wedge and a putter is all you will need to prove your skills.

**March 19** - (Putting Contest) a putting challenge like you’ve never seen before.

•RSVP by noon each Friday to 210-627-2522 or [aalviar@alamocitygolftrail.com](mailto:aalviar@alamocitygolftrail.com)