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Susie Martin, Editor

Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Holiday!

Happy Hanukkah!

Merry December!

Happy New Year!

By: Susie Martin

Welcome to the Holiday edition of the Vista Del Sol Monthly Newsletter.

I will first take a minute to wish everyone Happy Holidays no matter which holiday you do or do not celebrate.

My wish is that you have a joyful time with friends and family and that your travels are safe and stress free.

So here we go.....

Vista Del Sol is a beautiful place to spend the holidays and the weather outside is NOT frightful.

The neighborhood has done us proud decorating. So, whether you are walking along the streets in the daytime, visiting the office, hanging at the Clubhouse or driving through the neighborhood at night, you will see holiday cheer everywhere.

Here are a few pictures to support my comments.

Just a few samples of the nighttime neighborhood...



Day time at Vista Del Sol is just as delightful...



December 20 was the annual VDS Christmas Parade. There were lots of participants and some unofficial judging took place at the Martin's Casita. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes were handed out by Ron Martin. Judging was done from "two drivebys" and was based on originality and after dark lighting. Everyone had a great time.



The unofficial judges



1st Place-Dehart's



2nd Place - Smith's



3rd Place - Wheeler's

This and That.....

By: Susie Martin

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Thanks to everyone that shared your photos

Thanksgiving dinner at the Clubhouse was attended by over 40 residents and guests. The turkey was provided by Vista Del Sol, with the side dishes provided by the Vista Del Sol residents. Rumor has it that no one left hungry. There was a 50/50 drawing and Dawn Kirsh was the winner.



Our recent evening skies have just been breathtaking. Michelle Lucas recently captured this gorgeous sunset.



The same sunset captured from the Avi parking lot.



Warm days and cool mornings in December brought an unusual phenomena from the Colorado river. I found this photo on Facebook of the new Parkway bridge and thought it was worth sharing....



The Holiday dinner was also part of the December activities. The dinner was held at The New Pioneer. Names were drawn to "pop a balloon". Linda Draugel popped the balloon with \$100.00 in it. There were also two \$50.00 winners and several more with \$15.00 gift cards. It seemed that everyone had a great time.



Finally, a neighborhood group decided to go to Oatman for the lighting of their "Christmas In Oatman". They captured this picture...



Featured VDS Neighbors for December 2025

By: Susie Martin

Joe and Melody Clark

Joe and Melody live at 2334 San Lin Con Lane. They are both Colorado natives and grew up in small ranching/farming towns on the western slope where winters were spent in the mountains snowmobiling, chasing the powder and enjoying family time in the snow.

In February of 2022, from the advice of some friends, they rented a VRBO in Ft. Mohave as they wanted to find a warmer, less congested place (places like Phoenix for example were not what they were looking for) to spend their winters. After spending 2022, 2023 and 2024 snowbirding in our area, they decided to make a move. In April 2024 they purchased the lot and RV from Tracy and Cheryl Coates on 2326 San Lin Con Lane. They enjoyed their spot but were really thinking they would like a Casita. Low and behold, the Wilkinsons lot and Art Studio became available for sale, so in December 2024 they purchased it and moved their newly purchased RV to 2334 San Lin Con. Yes, they own two RV lots with just one lot in between them. I think this could be an ad to let anyone know who might be interested, 2326 San Lin Con Lane is available for sale. You can see Tonya in the sales office and tell her that "Susie sent you"!!! LOL, just looking for a little commission! Plus, your neighbors would be really great people!!!!!!

Joe and Melody love spending their winters here at VDS where they enjoy golfing, side by siding with our club and traveling to different areas.

Joe and Melody just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and are proud of their son and daughter, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They are a very close family and love spending as much time with them as they can when they are in Colorado.

When I asked how Joe and Melody met, Melody said they were both very involved in the rodeo world. Melody was a barrel racer, and Joe was a team roper. Joe's sister was no longer interested in barrel racing so Joe said he would sell her horse for her. Melody was looking for another barrel horse. Well, that story writes itself. She bought the horse from Joe, and they were married three years later.

Joe retired from the ski industry in July 2021 and Melody retired from the mortgage business in May that same year. They have been venturing ever since. Whether it is winter sports or summer sports they are on the move enjoying life. No matter where they are Melody has her trusty camera in her hand looking for the perfect landscape photo. Joe is patient and stops the vehicle whenever she says "STOP!"

We are glad they decided to "STOP" here at VDB and become our neighbors.



Joe & Melody - Then



Joe & Melody - Now



The Clark Family

Off Road News

By: Rocky Martin



Our fall weather has been perfect for all the buggies. The desert is full of green grass, and everyone believes we will have another super bloom year. We are anxiously awaiting to see the first poppy.

The rides have been spectacular, and the groups are larger. The early rains allowed us to have a few rides without dust. However, this created mud, so the buggies still had to be washed after the rides.

We have visited our favorite places and have been able to experience some new ventures. Gary Phillips knows these trails better than anyone I know and his favorite quote is "If we don't go, we won't know!" So we go!!!!!!

We recently had a Canadian couple who was just here for 3 days (headed to Yuma) with their buggy. They unloaded and joined us. After the ride she commented that our desert compares to nothing she has seen and she loved the ride. She said the mountains and the foliage were amazing. So, for those of you who haven't been out with us, plan a day. You will not be disappointed.

Come eat some dust with us!



Lee Robertshaw had a fire in his car last year; he now has a nickname!



A couple of our stops - Just look at that blue sky!



The perfect Datman pic



A trip to Tyro mine

Giving Beyond our Gate

By: Kathy Wheeler

Merry Christmas Vista Del Sol,

I recently met with Elizabeth from Mohave High School to give her all the donations of hygiene items for our teens in need. She was stunned and so grateful, (more than she had words) for all the hygiene items that were contributed. Also, for the generous amount of gift cards she will be able to share with the kids.

I was very proud to say, "Look how our small community has stepped up". Excellent job neighbors and friends!!



At the same time, we took part in the toy drive with our local Fire Department. Our donation can was overflowing as well as receiving a couple bikes for kids from our community members.



It's always fun to see the Fire Department come and collect with the Antique fire engine, two or three trucks with trailers full of toys and bikes. The local motorcycle club escorted them around town for their toy pick ups, adding another fun element to the cause.



Thank you again so much for all your care, efforts and generosity on behalf of our local children and teens. Kindness always matters!!

GIVING BEYOND OUR GATE JANUARY 2026 information.....

We will start collecting...shelf sustainable supplemental foods, snacks and drinks for the teens starting January 2nd thru January 31st.

Items needed....breakfast/granola bars, fruit cups, Mac n cheese cups, instant soups, hot chocolate or cider packets, hot cereal packets, cold cereal cups etc.

As always, you can drop off your items in the office where a tub will be provided for your donations.

Wishing all of you Joy throughout the holidays.

CRAFT ROOM NEWS

By: Susie Martin

The craft room doors are swinging once again. Classes are in full swing with Melody, Cindy and myself conducting fun classes on a monthly basis.

Jacque will not be having any scheduled Glass Fusion classes at this time; however, she will do one if she gets enough interest (5 ladies). Reach out to the office if you would like to do a Glass Fusion necklace or earrings.

We even have a new outside instructor. Betty Wood has booked a class for Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 1:00pm and will be instructing those who sign up on painting this beautiful cactus scene. It will be \$25.00 for an 8 X 10 canvas. Betty will be providing everything you need to complete your very own creation. Come and try your luck with a paintbrush and acrylics. The signup sheet is in the office.



Melody Green and Cindy Hicks hosted several ladies to a "Fun Saturday", November 22, 2025. The ladies made several different crafts and were provided with a lunch of Chicken Salad, Fruit dish and cookies for dessert. Participants created greeting cards and some adorable Santa faces from pizza sheets. The ladies enjoyed the day, Melody said they really liked that it was held on a Saturday. Their next joint class will be Saturday January 10th at 1:00pm. This class will be themed as a "Valentine Party" with appetizers being served for

a price of \$35.00. The final projects will be displayed in the office, and the signup sheet will be available.



My December wire wrapping class was full of ladies looking to make Christmas Presents and stocking stuffers. I am always trying to come up with something new. I now have available license plate covers and olive forks. The ladies are enjoying this idea, and several have been completed. As always, my class is a "you chose" your project from what I have available, and I will help you complete your creation. Classes are always on the second Tuesday of the month and sign-up sheets are in the office. A couple of samples of items completed in my class are pictured below.



Happy Crafting.....

Craft Room Stewards

Trudy Newman	801-243-2709
Jacque Donofrio	951-313-8431
Susie Martin	573-434-6314

Woodshop News

By: Rick Perry

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Classes are available per request. If you are interested in a class, please see the sign-up sheets in the office. Classes include lathe classes, learn to make your own pen, bottle stopper, bowl, cutting board, ice cream scoop, bottle opener. Or even your own Bean Bag Baseball Board.

The Woodshop will be closed during the Holidays mirroring the office days and their hours.

Rick will be holding a Woodshop Orientation Class on January 8, 2026, so be sure to add your name to the signup sheet to secure your spot.

October officially started the new Woodshop season. So, are your dues current? If not please see the ladies in the office, they are happy to accept cash for your dues.

The 2025-2026 dues structure has changed to better serve our Snowbirds and short-term leases.

3 months or less \$15.00 then \$5.00 per month after that/per household.
Annual/Full year \$30.00/ per household.

Your Vista Del Sol Shop Stewards are looking forward to seeing
All OUR Wood Crafters in 2026.

Shop Stewards for the 2025-2026 season.

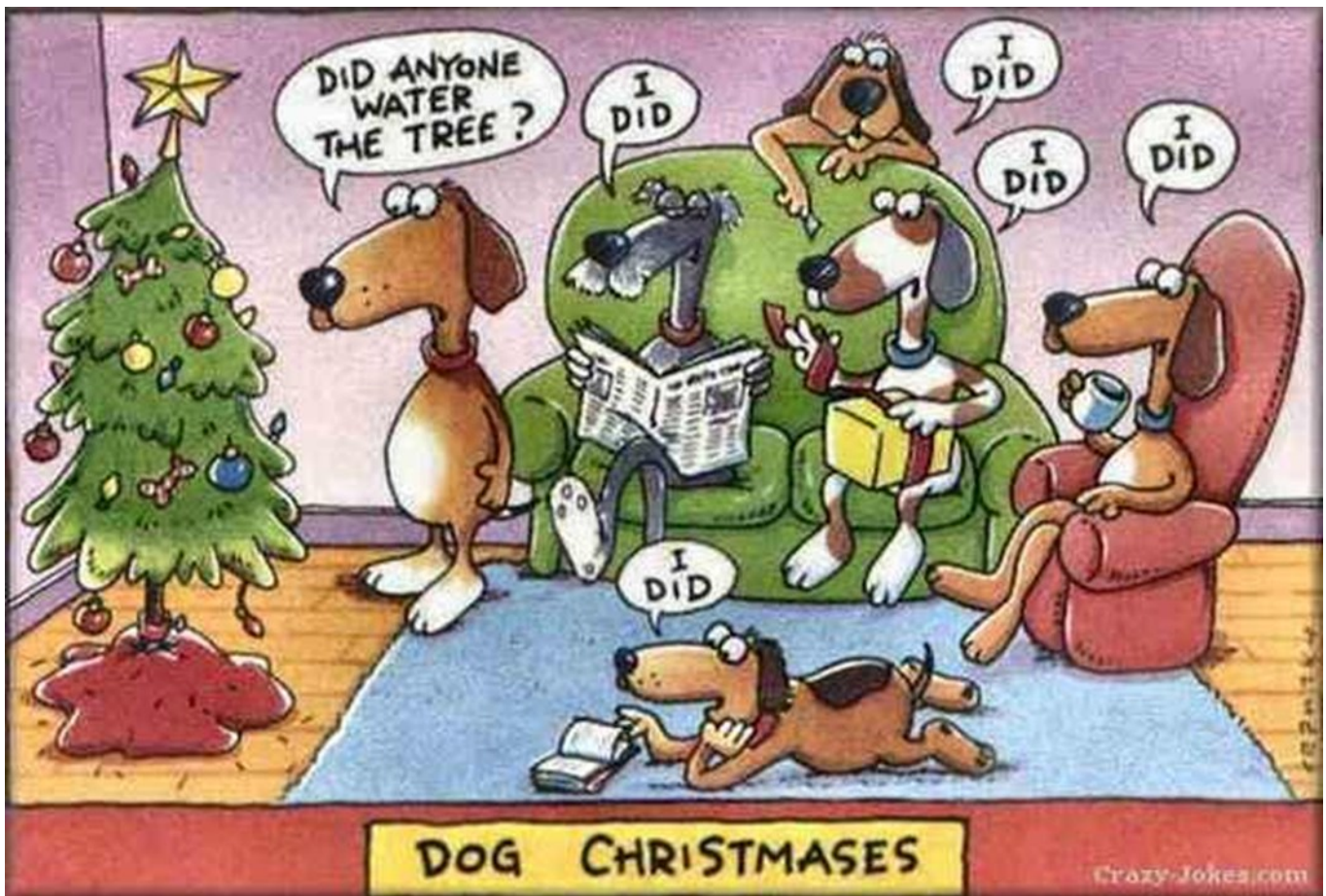
DAY	HOURS	STEWARD	PHONE
TBA		Rick Perry	817-313-8450
TBA		Mike McClain	208-724-7814
TBA		Keith Wheeler	360-201-4255
TBA		Barney Pounds	801-244-5404
TBA		Jeff Freed	760-447-8628
TBA		George Gayler	760-403-3282
TBA		Lenny Dehart	661-312-7609
SATURDAY	CLOSED*	NONE	
SUNDAY	CLOSED*	NONE	

* To schedule an ap-

Funny Bone Corner

Just for a laugh.....

By: Susie Martin



In Loving Memory of those residents who passed away in 2025:

February 2025 - Susie Morin

May 2025 - Leon Schneider

May 2025 - Jeff Donofrio

August 2025 - Randy Christensen

December 2025 - Chuck Green

It is always sad to say goodbye to neighborhood friends, but it is also uplifting to know how Vista Del Sol residents come together when we do lose someone. May each of them rest in peace.

For some reason 2025 has brought a huge loss of our "Fur Babies". I wanted to acknowledge the loss of our fur family. I hope I did not leave anyone off this list. Our Fur Babies going over the rainbow bridge this year were:

*Gidget Ramsey
Masie Demulling
Stella Rose Harman
Sammy Cantu
Coco Walters
Lily Eifler
Molly D'Ambra
Lucy McClay
Harley Hereford*

My hope is that they are all playing together in heaven.

FINAL THOUGHTS

By: Susie Martin

As we say goodbye to 2025 and hello to 2026, I wonder what 2026 will bring. I know everyone is concerned with the recent information we have received from Scott Roberts. Whatever happens, Ron and I plan on staying here at Vista Del Sol. We love our Casita and the close community atmosphere that makes Vista Del Sol the place to live.

Ron and I plan to attend the community meeting on January 4th and then the Special meeting on January 15th. Some of you may not know but we ran our own Tax and Accounting business for 45 years in Missouri. So, numbers matter to us and at this time we have more questions than we do answers. Our hope is that after January 15th we will have more answers than questions. If you are available, please try to be active and attend both meetings.

Vista Del Sol as we know it is worth fighting for.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

By: Linda Huber

The staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Speaking of the New Year, a lot of changes will be taking place. Some will be happy and some not. We all knew the transfer was coming just not sure we thought it would be this soon. I hope we can all be patient with each other as we go through the transfer, as it will be stressful for some. Please try to attend the meetings that are scheduled to get many of unanswered questions that you have. Good things will come to you, as you create your committees. I know my husband is happy that it is happening, as I will finally be able to retire, there is cruising on my horizon.

I want to thank all that attended the Holiday/Appreciation Dinner. A good time, good meal and a goodie container was provided. Congratulation to our \$100 winner Linda D \$50 winners Greg W and Julie M. Ballon popping seemed to be a hit with gifts cards ranging from \$15 to \$25.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !