

Del Mesa Carmel Association

500 Del Mesa Drive

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Dear DMC Residents,

I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself (for those I haven't met as of yet) and provide an update on some of the things taking place in regard to the grounds here at Del Mesa. You may have noticed that the Grounds Team is working together as a group far more than what you have seen in the past. We have made this change to better serve the community as a whole. Placing one Groundskeeper in each "area" wasn't working from an efficiency standpoint and some areas were being better served than others. This simply isn't equitable, so we had to change it. As a result of this change, work orders will no longer be necessary for the Grounds Department as we are making our way around the property in order of growth. An exception would be in the case of something that is actually broken, such as an irrigation line.

There are also measures taking place having to do with both the current drought and fire danger. Cal Fire is scheduled to come out to the property very soon to look at our defensible space. One of the things we are doing proactively is cutting very tall hedges much lower than what you have become accustomed to. We are doing this in the hope of keeping some of them, not in an effort to remove privacy. It wouldn't be the first time Cal Fire has told me that trees, plants, and shrubs next to the structure have to be removed completely. We are attempting to mitigate this as much as possible.

These are trying times and we are all adapting to them as best we can. Please be patient and treat our Groundskeepers with the dignity and respect they deserve. They work hard for you every single day.

Best Regards,

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