

*While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, no liability is accepted for errors.*

## Notes from the President

**Faults with Utilities - Reporting.** Proprietors are asked to consider the seriousness of a fault before requesting maintenance. For serious faults, which require urgent attention, i.e. mains water leaks, no water supply, please attempt to contact the President Vice President or Administrator immediately. For other, minor faults, which require a less urgent response, use the contact details provided elsewhere in this Newsletter. A water leak which affects only part of the urbanisation is NOT an Aquagest problem. A quick response will enable us to effect a quick repair and save valuable water.

**Wi-Fi links.** This may only apply to a few hi-tec proprietors but we advise all residents that there may be a problem within the urbanisation. Wi-Fi is a method for using computers in the home and elsewhere, without a wired connection to the internet. The signal is transmitted, usually over short distances, between the computer and the modem which is then plugged into the phone socket. It is **strongly recommended** that users of these Wi-Fi modems use an encrypted signal; details will be available with the modem. There have been reports of people sitting on walls around the urbanisation, using lap-top computers. The possibility is that they are linking into un-encrypted Wi-Fi signals and possibly downloading information from your computer.

**Use of Waste Containers.** Fines have now been introduced for those found to be ignoring the Cleanliness Order introduced by the Town Hall of Santa Pola.



If you see this sign -----Check the time

Disposing of waste in these containers is prohibited before 21.00 hrs. Paper glass and cans may be deposited at any time, in their own specific containers. It is also an offence to put cigarettes and other incendiary material into containers. In addition to the fines imposed for abuse of the waste disposal systems, dog owners are reminded that they are responsible for the collection and safe disposal of the excrement deposited by their animals. The fines for failing to observe the law concerning waste range from €100 for a minor offence to €3000 for repeated serious offences. In these times of economic difficulty, we would expect the Town Hall to enforce these laws with enthusiasm.

## Contacting the President

You can contact the president via his Suggestion box at the entrance to Manzana 8 Pool Area, by e-mail at [president@puertomarino.es](mailto:president@puertomarino.es) or via a link from our web site.

**Speed Cameras.** Although we are all very careful with our speed control when driving, additional incentives are being provided in the form of speed cameras in the local area:

The A70 at Villafranqueza;  
The A70, Km 18.5 in Alicante;  
The N332 at Guardamar and Santa Pola;  
The CV91 at San Fulgencio.

Further information (in Spanish) is available at [www.dgt.es](http://www.dgt.es)

## Road Traffic

Residents are asked to observe the restrictions of the one-way system and the areas identified as “no-parking” zones. These have been introduced for safety reasons and to ensure unrestricted access to official parking areas. The urbanisation can asked the police to enforce these restrictions, but we would have to pay the police for this service.

## Television System

Work has been completed on the upgrade to the Television Aerial System which is supplied to the community. Other work has been done to ensure the system is more weatherproof. Some residents are already able to receive a good signal from the TDT transmitter, using a digi-box or television with a TDT system incorporated. The Aerials are pointing to the Elx Transmitter. Access to individual houses should only be necessary if proprietors are continuing to experience difficulties. It is now possible to connect to the community system and remove your roof mounted aerial.

## **CHANGE OF PROPRIETOR.**

If you are selling or have recently bought a property on Puerto Marino, you must ensure that the Administrator has been informed. He is required to provide a document to the Estate Agent which declares that the property has no outstanding community fees. This is normally done by the estate agent but it is required by the Notary. It is the responsibility of the OWNER. Non compliance will affect the sale of the property.

## **DRIVING LICENCES.**

All holders of European Driving Licences, when driving in Spain, are required to hold a current medical certificate. The exception is for those drivers who are “on holiday” for less than 90 days per year. For those over the age of 45, the medical must be renewed every 5 years until the age of 70, when 2 yearly renewal is required. The “Centro Médico de Reconocimiento de Conductores” is next to the Castle in the Main Square in Santa Pola. (Other Centres are available). The cost is around €50.00 (no cards) for a test and certificate. Two Passport sized photographs are required as are your glasses, if required for driving. The test involves eyesight, hearing, blood pressure and a questionnaire on family medical history AND an “eye - hand” co-ordination test using a device that many of us have seen in fairgrounds, a revolving, twisting road on a drum. Ask for a demonstration before the test, although the staff were very understanding. The only language in the room was Spanish but they are extremely helpful and give excellent assistance.

## **MOBILE PHONE REGISTRATION**

Users of mobile phones purchased in Spain and which are Prepaid or “Pay as You Go”, must register their details before 9 November 2009. This is as a result of the Data Retention Act of 2007. The service is free and is available at your Service Provider’s local point of sale. You will need your passport or NIE number and the process takes only a few minutes.

## **POST BOXES**

Please check, occasionally, the two post boxes at the top left of our post box rack. This is an area where the post delivery person may put mail if the address is incorrect. It may also be used for bulk deliveries; i.e. Water Bills.

## **USEFUL WEB SITES**

[www.comunitatvalenciana.com](http://www.comunitatvalenciana.com)

[www.alicante.es/ingles](http://www.alicante.es/ingles)

[www.alicanteturismo.com](http://www.alicanteturismo.com)

[www.telefonicaenglish.com](http://www.telefonicaenglish.com)

[www.dgt.es](http://www.dgt.es)

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

### **ANNUAL PARTY**

*The Community Party will be held at 19.30 hrs on 27 September in the Area of Manzana 8 pool.*

[www.puertomarino.es](http://www.puertomarino.es)

*8 August 2008*



### **Public Holidays**

*Asunción de la Virgen 15 August*

*Día Comunidad de Valencia - 9 October*

*Día de la Hispanidad - 12 October*

*Todos los Santos - 1 November*

### **Fiestas**

*Santa Pola*

*1 – 8 Sep*

### **School Holidays**

*England*

*24 Oct – 3 Nov 2008*

*Scotland*

*13 Oct – 24 Oct 2008*

**All UK Schools**

*19 Dec 2008 – 6 Jan 2009*