



PDL Residents Association NEWSLETTER

FIRST 6 MONTHS IN REVIEW: OUR WINS AND MILESTONES

By Jeff Stratton

A lot has happened since the first newsletter 12 months ago. Our greatest achievement was organising, forming and registering our community as a non profit association called the 'Association of Proprietors and Homeowners of Perola da Lagoa, Lagoa de Obidos' - (PDLRA), with a board consisting of 7 residents. The board members serving a 3 year term are Caroline Migo, Luis Ramos, Paul Silva, Fiona Jones, Liz Jones, Colleen Whittle and Jeff Stratton. The decision to form an association was as a result of suggestions by the Camara de Obidos and the Freguesias of Vau that we consolidate into a legal entity which carries with it certain advantages and obligations.

As there have been fire concerns and safety issues expressed by residents as well as the need to improve and maintain the public services for the community, the board has met with the vice-mayor of Obidos on a number of occasions to discuss and action issues of mutual concern. The 4 main areas identified are. **Improvement of PDL - general safety - the local environment - and future matters as they may arise.**

As a direct result of the 2 meetings with the camara and freguesia last summer the following improvements have been actioned todate:

- New larger and additional rubbish bins
- 2 speed bumps, with 1 more planned
- Signage at roundabouts
- Signage for walking pets on common grounds
- Sweeping of some streets and general common area maintenance



We have been told that formation of this association as a legal entity provides us future consideration and strength under Portuguese law. The association is still in an embryonic stage as we balance our needs and objectives with budgetary and time constraints of local government.

For those who are new to PDL, there about 160 residences, yes many part-time occupancy, but we are experiencing an influx of new permanent residential owners. Add the future development of the 'Lagoon Village' - about 60 lots and we can become a viable and powerful entity.

Newsletter Highlights

**First 6 Months in Review -
Our wins and Milestones**

**Fire prevention land
clearing**

**Emergency & useful
contact details:**

Wildlife on the Lagoon

Seasonal warnings

New Membership Email
(replaces jeff1pdl@gmail.com)
info.pdlra@gmail.com

**Some of the fabulous wildlife
we have on the lagoon**



HELP TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP - ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBOURS TO JOIN
The larger the membership the louder our voice will become!

FIRE PREVENTION LAND CLEARING

Tackling the herculean task of clearing the land of the invasive Australian invaders which have increasingly dominated the landscape, suffocating and destroying native vegetation creating a serious fire risk has at last begun in earnest. A round of applause goes to the Camara and the contractors for meeting their obligation with such spectacular results.

There are still many areas that need to be cleared and this will be one of the issues we will be discussing at our next meeting with the Vice-presidente Obidos, Jose Pereira and Presidente junta do Vau, Frederico Lopes in October. But this is a massive step forward and the communities heart felt thanks go to the Vice President Jose Pereira for committing and making good on the promises made following meetings to discuss residents concerns.



EMERGENCY AND USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 112
GNR - Obidos: 262 955 000, 262 959 515, 962 092 068
Hospital Peniche: 262 780 900
Hospital Caldas da Rainha: 262 830 300
CUF Torres Vedras: 261 008 000
Clinimed, Obidos geral@clinimed-obidos.com
262 950 641 or 933 600 699

Capitania de Peniche (responsible for the lagoon and the lagoon edge up to 35 to 45 metres).

Tel: 262 790 330

Email: capitania.peniche@amn.pt

Portuguese Environment Office (government)

Tel: 214 728 200

Obidos Camara

CM Town Hall: 262 955 500

Email: geral@cm-obidos

Deals with the streets etc within the community

24h Open Vet Hospital: 262 824 057

email: geral@caodelo.pt

Website: www.caodelo.pt

Address: R. Cap. José Ferreira Mendes Nazareth 5 e 5A,
2500-281 Caldas da Rainha

Service of Water & Sanitation/Serviço de Água e Saneamento

Município de Obidos: 262 955 505

Gas - Galp Obidos: 217 242 500

Electricity - EDP Obidos customer support: 808 535 353

LOCAL EVENTS HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA



Happening right now in our area: the arrival of Pine Processionary caterpillars.

What are Pine Processionary caterpillars? These caterpillars are found in pine trees and are known for moving in "processions," which gives them their name. They are covered in tiny hairs that contain a substance that can be harmful.

Dangers to Humans: Pine Processionary caterpillar hairs can cause skin irritation, rashes, and in some cases, more severe allergic reactions. It's essential to avoid direct contact with them and their nests.

Dangers to Animals: Our furry friends are also at risk! Pets may be curious and try to interact with these caterpillars, leading to serious health issues. Keep a close eye on your pets when they're outdoors.

Precautions:

- Do not touch or handle the caterpillars.
- Keep a safe distance from their nests in pine trees.
- If you or your pet come into contact, seek medical attention or veterinary care immediately.

