



SPRING/SUMMER 2024
MEMBERSHIP ONLY



ISSUE 2

PDL Residents Association NEWSLETTER

POSITIVE START TO 2024!

Report on meeting with Filipe Daniel, President of Obidos By Caroline Migo

Following a successful meeting held with Obidos President, Filipe Daniel (FD) on 12th March 2024 where representatives of the PDLRA committee raised a number of issues, I'm happy to report the following.

1. **Broken rainwater grates** - these present a real danger to people and animals. We have been assured that these will be identified and replaced.
2. **The problem of reading the water balances.** - FD admits that this is a gross failure and that it is unfair for residents to be charged higher rates in the months when the reading is done, with the corresponding adjustment. An extra person has been employed to help with this task, so he doesn't understand why the readings are not done as they should be. He assured us that he is going to solve the problem and check that the problem has been solved.
3. **Poor road surfaces.** - Assurances were given that works are scheduled to be carried out during 2024 to repair pavements/roads in the municipality, with special priority for the parishes of Vau and A Dos Negros, as they did not benefit from the last intervention.
4. **Directional signs to guide traffic.** - FD acknowledged the concerns of residents regarding the increase and speed of traffic through PDL during the summer season. He said that he would look into the possibility of putting up signs for the resorts, beaches and restaurants at the Ferraria school junction, to divert this traffic along the main road, and some signs within PDL. He also suggested planting trees/bushes to stop people driving across the communal grassed areas.
5. **Installation of a bus stop for school transport in Pérola da Lagoa.** - Given the recent development of Pérola and the desire to attract new families to the area, the request for a bus stop was acknowledged as a good idea. PDLRA and the Camara would work together to action.
6. **Health & Safety concerns of wild camping and human excrement on the shores of the lagoon.** - FD will ask the Captain of the GNR post in Óbidos to organise some patrols to monitor and discourage these campsites. Anyone observing these camps should report the situation, by email to the GNR, copying in the Camera, even if the first contact is made by telephone (emergency situation). The summer kitesurfing schools is the responsibility of the Peniche Captaincy who grant the licenses. The lack of infrastructure, such as toilets, is not normal, as this is usually a requirement of the license being granted for a business to operate. PDLRA will be taking this up with the Captaincy and will copy in the City Council on all correspondence.
7. **The problem of invasive Acacia.** - At a meeting held in November 2023 with Frederico Lopes, President, Vau Junta, permission was granted for PDLRA to organise community working groups to help maintain the areas recently cleared. Residents will be allowed to clear public areas, in consultation with the Junta who can provide machinery needed to carry out the work. A working group will be set up to co-ordinate this. During the subsequent meeting with FD it was suggested that PDLRA contact *Invasoras.pt* who are an association who advises on the control of invasive species.
8. **Land clearing.** - Landowner are responsible for clearing their land by 31 March each year. If the landowner doesn't do it, we can report the situation and the council will notify the landowner first. If the problem persists, the Council will clear the land and charge the landowner for the cost.

Newsletter Highlights

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Filipe Daniel, President of
Obidos

Security in the Community

The importance of
Registering to vote

Plano Obidos +Saude

Development of PDLRA
Website

Local Sports Clubs

Membership Email
info.pdlra@gmail.com
website: pdlar.pt

WELCOME ABOARD!
NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Andre Filipe Ganhao
Victor Manuel Borges Ramos
Steve Reed
Christina Reis
Bryan Tierney
David Vernoum

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
REMAINS AT €20
RENEWAL JULY 2024

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



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SECURITY IN THE COMMUNITY By Jeff Stratton

As our Perola Da Lagoa neighbourhood matures, and we have more residents and developing properties, perhaps a few cautions about safety and security are timely. In the past year, we have unfortunately experienced a rise in various incidents such as vandalism, theft and dog bites. We also have experienced random illegal camping along the lagoon which may have contributed to these problems. In each case, we have contacted the relevant authorities and are maintaining a line of contact with the Camara of Obidos, the freguesia of Vau and the GNR. There are some very simple actions we can all take as responsible homeowners and residents to reduce such incidents for example:

1. Be aware of suspicious cars and people cruising by your homes, if you get that certain feeling in your stomach that something isn't right, it probably isn't so take a photo or document it.
2. Do not leave your cars open all night, we have noticed vehicles with open windows at very late hours.
3. Do not leave the doors and windows to your homes wide open when you are not home, especially on the ground floors. Contrary to common belief, residential burglaries and thefts occur during the day, it's when people aren't home.
4. On several occasions, we have seen house keys left in front doors all day or night. Take a moment to track your actions.
5. Consider giving a trusted neighbour a key or access to your home in case of emergencies.
6. Be aware that there is a leash law and strive to control and clean up behind your pets.
7. Be aware that this is a residential area, there are speed bumps installed to protect our pets, children and holiday visitors.

HEALTH & SAFETY

A gentle reminder to all dog owners. Please pick up your dog's poohs when taking them for a walk. Help to ensure our communal areas, peoples gardens, paths and walkways are kept clean and safe for everyone. Thank you



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REGISTER TO VOTE!!



Why you should vote This will be of major assistance to our local Parish Council, Vau, as with enough votes they get an extra seat on Óbidos Council plus extra funding.

More importantly for us, we will gain from the funding and the power of an electoral voice! local elections are often won on as little as 50 votes. So our collective voting power will make us worth engaging with as a community.

To register you must live in Perola da Lagoa or the Vau district. You will need to have proof of residence such as fiscal address and passport. Simply present these to Sonia at the Junta in Vau who will initiate the process with you. An added benefit of being on the electoral role is that you can take advantage of the Plano Obidos + Saudi scheme being rolled out by Obidos municipal.

Please note that only people from the following countries are included: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. Unfortunately, citizens of the USA and RSA are not eligible to register. If you come from the UK, you must have been resident in Portugal for at least three years.



WEBSITE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Currently under construction is the new PDLRA website. There will be a members section that will only be accessed by residents who are members of the Association. Passwords will be issued once the work has been completed. Through the membership area you will be able to access information about such things as local sports & leisure clubs with links to them, local events and fiestas, emergency contact details, local bylaws for such things as late night noise, dangerous dogs, boundary responsibilities, fires, construction activity at weekends etc and much much more. Minutes of Committee meetings, the Constitution and Newsletters will also be included.

If anyone has any ideas you would like to share with the Committee about what you would like to see in the membership section please email your suggestions to info.pdlra@gmail.com

SPORTS CLUBS IN YOUR AREA

why not join one of the many local sports clubs - to find out more visit their websites

PICKLEBALL - VAU



appickle.org/pickleball/

NETBALL - OBIDOS



silvercoastnetbal.com

RUGBY - CALDAS



caldasrugby.com/

BADMINTON - CALDAS



fpbadminton.pt