

# DVA Updates

Oct.-Dec. 2024



## Remembering pioneer village leaders

As a way to honor the village's first leaders, the DVA Board of Governors installed commemorative markers in the different rooms of the DVA Town Hall.

The Pavilion was named after Bernardo Lichaytoo, DVA president from 1993-1995, who began and completed the construction of the DVA Town Hall that currently houses the DVA and Barangay offices and the Security headquarters. The new Residents' Lounge was named after the first DVA lady president Lourdes F. Mabanta, while the Board room was named after the first DVA president Jaime C. Velasquez. The Village Manager's office was named after Mr. Emiliano Andres, DVA's first village manager who worked for 36 years. Finally, the Barangay office was named after Cesar J. Bautista, the first Barangay Captain of Barangay Dasmariñas.

On September 25, 2024, the families of the honorees were invited to unveil the commemorative markers and have the facilities blessed.

DVA president Philip Sigfrid A. Fortun noted that the naming of the rooms will serve as a reminder for future village leaders to remember the contributions of those who made Dasmariñas Village the premier village that it continually strives to be and serve to guide them in sustaining what had been done before.



## Charity organization gives certificate of appreciation to DVA



Coinciding with the blessing of the DVA Town Hall room markers last September 25, 2024, the management of Daughters of St. Anne (DSA), led by its Provincial Superior, Sr. Mary Grace Iglupas, conferred upon DVA a certificate of appreciation for DVA's contributions for the completion and furnishing of DSA's Mentor House, a half-way house for displaced single mothers and kids.

On the same occasion, DVA awarded the proceeds from the Bingo Bonanza Extravaganza event held at DVA Pavilion last September 21, 2024, amounting to ₱34,400.00 as monetary aid to their cause.

## Commemorative markers installed at DVA Town Hall rooms



### BOARD ROOM



**JAIME C. VELASQUEZ**  
First DVA President  
(1965-1966)

Worked tirelessly for the improvement of common facilities of the Village, its parks, playgrounds, and water system. First director and of the newly incorporated DVA that was to manage the affairs and operation of the Village. He brought together new families who moved into the Village to help each other and work together in building a peaceful and harmonious community.



### BARANGAY OFFICE



**CESAR J. BAUTISTA**  
First Elected Barangay Captain  
(1971-1989)

He and his council established the first medical and dental clinics for the residents and their domestic staff. A dedicated Barangay official whose aim was to deliver the basic, social, and economic services to his constituents to ensure a peaceful and safe environment in harmonious cooperation with DVA.



### RESIDENTS' LOUNGE



**LOURDES F. MABANTA**  
First Lady President of DVA  
(1970-1971)

A physician by profession. She initiated the improvement of the guardhouses and beautification of the Village gates by installing brick walls. She accelerated the completion of electrical facilities and improvement of the water supply of the Village. She will be remembered as a humble and energetic leader.



### PAVILION



**BERNARDO LICHAYTOO**  
President of DVA  
(1993-1995)

He saw the need to improve the community as the neighborhood progressed through structural expansion. He began and completed the construction of the DVA Town Hall to house the DVA and Barangay offices, a modern Pavilion, and sleeping quarters for security personnel. Later, he added the construction of a two-storey structure for a fitness gym, purchased a fire truck for emergencies, asphalted major roads, implemented strict gate-sticker policies, and improved the financial condition of DVA to pursue major projects.



### VM OFFICE



**EMILIANO A. ANDRES**  
First Village Manager  
(1964-1998)

Began as an accountant for Ayala Corporation villages in Makati and was assigned to manage Dasmariñas Village in 1964. In 1982, he was offered to manage another but declined. He felt that the status of Dasmariñas Village as a premier residential community was the fruit of his hard work for 36 years. He mentored many employees to develop their skills and to help one another to be a true working team.

## A day in the life of the DVA staff

To celebrate DVA's November Employee Appreciation Month, members of the DVA Hold-over Board took on tasks that the DVA workforce does on a daily basis.

On November 12, Health and Wellness Committee co-chairperson Dr. Benny Herbosa prepared the draft of the circular on the responsibilities of pet owners.

The following day, Building and Construction Committee chairperson Mario Rossi, spent the morning approving applications for IDs and work permits and attending to building and construction inquiries.

On Saturday, November 16, DVA president Atty. Sigfrid Fortun took the time to direct the manlift operations of DVA maintenance personnel and directed traffic at the corner of Lumbang and Amorsolo Streets while IT Committee chairperson Dexter Ang acted as the Village Manager and met with DVA section managers and heads to discuss ongoing issues and concerns.

As for Vice President and Security Committee chairperson Windy Imperial, he assumed the responsibility of driving DVA's Libre Pasahe shuttle on Sunday morning, November 17.

Acting as street sweepers, DVA president Atty. Sigfrid Fortun and Health and Wellness Committee co-chairperson Dr. Rouel Azores swept the roads along Dasmariñas Avenue and Tamarind Road on Monday morning, November 18.

We are truly thankful for having community leaders who make time to perform routinary duties of DVA employees and showing compassion to all those who serve the community!



## DVA CCTV system now fully operational



The original CCTV system installed in Dasmariñas Village began operating in 2013, with an initial setup of 32 cameras covering key entry points at Palm, Banyan, Pasay, Amorsolo, and Lumbang gates, providing enhanced security monitoring at these critical areas.

Recently, the system received a significant upgrade with 31 modern cameras that extend coverage across important intersections, namely: Calumpang-Mahogany; Mahogany-Acacia; Palm-Acacia; Dasmariñas-Mabolo; Carissa-Mahogany; Pomelo-Lumbang; Pomelo-Palm; Dasmariñas-Palm; Banyan-Bougainvilla; Milflores-Mabolo; and the EDSA perimeter wall.

In addition, the Pasay Road gate now features ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology, allowing for vehicle plate number recognition, bolstering our monitoring of passing vehicles.

The Amorsolo and Pavilion areas also benefitted from the newly added cameras that enhanced visibility and safety. This expanded system, strategically positioned, enables proactive monitoring and provides a heightened security framework, supporting the village's commitment to resident safety and incident prevention.

Live video feed of the cameras can be viewed in a monitor room located at the Security headquarters, and these are manned by a licensed CCTV operator. Security personnel can also review incidents or violations for investigative and reporting purposes.

The DVA Board of Governors plan to add more cameras along village streets to further expand the coverage of the CCTV system next year.



## New body cameras purchased for roving patrols

To further improve the efficiency of DVA's roving patrol security guards, the Security Committee plans to augment the existing 28 body cameras with 12 more units. All these body cameras are more durable and have better features than those previously used by our security personnel.

Police body cameras (also called body-worn cameras) are small cameras worn on a law enforcement officer's chest or helmet to record interactions between the officer and the public. The video and audio recordings from body cameras can be used to:

- demonstrate transparency towards the DVA community;
- to document statements, observations, behavior, and other evidence; and
- to deter unprofessional, illegal, and inappropriate behavior by both the village security guards and the public.

The use of body cameras reduces reports of alleged security misconduct as it provides transparency and accountability, thus helping improve relations and boosting trust between security personnel and the community.



## New resident firefighter volunteers

Two young professionals, both Dasma residents, heeded the call for volunteers and joined training last September with the rest of the 33-man team that compose the firefighters. 26-year old Madeleine Ashly Go, a La Salle graduate of Applied Economics, who currently works with the data group of Maya Philippines, Inc. an all-in-one digital bank app, and her elder brother, Matthew Timothy Go, 30 years old, also a DLSU BS Marketing graduate and INSEAD France MBA holder, now works with Investors Securities Inc, a family-owned stock brokerage firm.



## Volunteer Firefighters' Dec. 07, 2024 drill



# DVA Vision Mission Values and Quality Policy

## VISION

To continuously strive to be the premier homeowner's association that seeks to establish a resilient community.



## MISSION

We pledge to persistently improve community living by providing high-value services for all stakeholders.



## VALUES

**EXCELLENCE**  
We strive for excellence in all aspects of our operations, continuously improving our services to exceed the expectations of our residents and stakeholders.

**CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**  
We embrace a culture of continuous improvement, regularly reviewing and upgrading our processes, and empowering our staff to optimize efficiency and effectiveness.

**TRANSPARENCY**  
We serve with transparency and integrity, maintaining open communication channels with our residents and stakeholders to build trust and foster positive relationships.

**RESILIENCE**  
We are committed to building a resilient community that can withstand challenges and adopt to changing circumstances, ensuring the long-term sustainability of our neighborhood.


**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
We actively engage with our residents and stakeholders to understand their needs and preferences, ensuring that our services are tailored to enhance community living.

**COMPLIANCE**  
We adhere to all relevant laws, regulations, and industry standards, upholding highest levels of professionalism and ethical conduct in all our activities.



## QUALITY POLICY

We commit to improve serving the community through high-value outputs for stakeholders, upgrade our processes, be compliant with statutory requirements, enhance community engagement, boost staff skills, and nurture a resilient community.



## CSA playing courts

While the proposed Community Center is under construction, DVA requested CSA Rector, Fr. Dante Bendoy, to allow our residents to use CSA basketball and tennis courts. Responding through CSA Sports Complex Administrator, Dr. Remedios Teodora Basilio, DVA was allowed to use CSA playing court facilities on weekdays and weekends, as follows: P1,000 per hour for tennis courts and P1,300 per hour with CSA trainers.

For Basketball using the multi-purpose gym (Taraflex floor) – available from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with advance reservation. Rate is P2,000 per hour per court.

The Main gym (aircon, wood floor) is available on Sundays from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Advance reservation is also needed. Rate is P3,500 per hour.



## October 2024 is Pet Month in DVA

A party for pets of DVA residents gathered at DVA's Bernardo Lichaytoo function hall (The Pavilion) last October 12, 2024. Fifty residents brought their pets to participate in a half-day of fun and training.

Dog trainers from Its Pawsible rendered a seminar on Dog Training, giving tips on dog obedience, responsible pet ownership and proper dog handling.

At the same time, UP-MMDA K9 Corps (UPMV) did a presentation of search-and-rescue training workshops for civilian pet owners. The program currently has trained over a hundred pet-owner teams. UPMV president Elah Tendero encouraged participants by saying, "Most households have dogs now, so why don't we use the natural potential of those dogs for search and rescue training?"

Established in 2017, the non-profit UPMV K9 Corps, a collaboration between the University of the Philippines Vanguard Fraternity and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA). They offer a free search and rescue training program to volunteers and their pets that will help prepare communities for disasters. To align with its plans for disaster preparedness, DVA is encouraging its residents and their pets to undergo this training program.

DVA donated a sum of ₱10,000.00 to support UPMV K9 Corp's worthy cause.

Treats and gift certificates from Pet Express were also awarded to the winners of the Best-Groomed Dog, Best in Pet Costume and Most Behaved Pet.



## Community Center public hearing

On October 22, 2024, the Makati Urban Development Department and the Makati Law Department, in coordination with Barangay Dasmariñas, conducted a public hearing on the proposed DVA Community Center.

The purpose of the hearing was to obtain approval for the project of 32-property owners living within a 100-meter radius of Calumpang Park who will be affected by the project.

The UDD presented their evaluation of the project wherein they stated that DVA's project complied with all requirements, including:

- The maximum allowable height of 10 meters
- The project occupies only 53.12% of the total site area (maximum of 70%), while the remaining 46.88% of the area will be maintained as green areas
- 22% of the total building façade will have a vertical garden/living wall (minimum requirement of 10%)

After the presentation, the 23 property owners cast their votes, resulting in all 23 owners voting in favor of the project.



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## Christmas Al Fresco Dining and Food Outlets

On December 7, 2024, a Christmas dining and food outlet at the corner of Palm Avenue and Pasay Road was opened to residents. This corner lot is exactly where a lighted Christmas tree and a string of bright lights are. Tables and chairs are spread all over to give neighbors a venue to eat and mingle. A small playground in one corner allows kids to play, isolated from traffic by a white tarp fence. Piped-in music plays in the background to complement the holiday mood.

Several vendors offer a variety of food like pork and squid barbeque with tomato and onions, grilled to perfection. Popular street food such as Isaw (barbequed pig or chicken intestine), squid balls, and kwek-kwek (quail eggs coated with orange batter deep-fried and served with spicy vinegar or sauce) are sold. In keeping with Filipino holiday tradition, freshly-cooked bibingka and puto bumbong (rice cakes) are also offered for all to enjoy.

Beverages such as sodas, beer, juices, and wine are also available at reasonable prices. Take-out is an option for those who prefer to eat in the comfort of their homes. Overall, it is a good alternative for dinner and drinks al fresco.

DVA's Christmas outdoor lounge and food outlets will be open during the weekends of December 2024, from 5 PM to 10 PM (Saturdays and Sundays).



The DVA Christmas tree – a symbol of peace, hope, and resilience



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



## Halloween fun for the kids!

Halloween has always been a holiday that the Village's residents, especially the children, look forward to and treat this event with so much fun and enthusiasm.

Last October 31, DV, in coordination with Barangay Dasmariñas, held its Halloween Trick or Treat party for the kids of Dasmariñas residents at the Bernardo Lichaytoo function hall (the Pavilion). Barangay Dasmariñas SK chairperson Natalia Tupaz, along with the Dasmariñas Village Manager, Anto Ocampo, were at the forefront of the preparation for the event. Over 250 kids and their parents and guardians graced this spooky event.

Cool prizes were awarded to those who wore the best costumes and to the winners of party games. Each child received a loot bag containing an assortment of candies and chocolates. Various treats such as cotton candy, ice cream, popcorn, hotdogs, cheese sticks, french fries, and burgers were served to the children.

After the event, the kids went door to door around the village, collecting more Halloween treats from generous residents who were more than happy to oblige.

Co-sponsoring the Halloween event were PLDT, Aseana City and Ayala Land Premier.



## Disaster Management Plan

For the efficient management of resources and responsibilities to help reduce the impact of a disaster, a Disaster Management Plan (DMP) was conceptualized by the DVA's 2024 Hold-over Board last October.

The DMP, which is already in effect, is an organized plan of action for DVA residents to minimize the dangers caused by the disaster.

In the coming months, DVA's Hold-over Board members, together with our volunteer firefighters, will simulate various scenarios to test the village's preparedness for disasters. Some sample scenarios are:

- 1) Riot in the streets and scaling of perimeter walls by outsiders;
- 2) Fire and collapsed structures; and
- 3) Forced entry of outsiders in Pasay Road and Amorsolo Street in search of food/water.

Since this is an ongoing project, any revisions to the DMP will be relayed to residents immediately.

## DVA to use air raid sirens for disasters

As part of DVA's Disaster Management Plan (DMP) to boost preparedness against earthquake, flooding and fires, DVA will install 4 units of air raid sirens (ARS) in key locations within the village.

The ARS is designed to produce a loud sound audible up to one kilometer away, providing an immediate alert to the village residents in case of an impending disaster. The long siren sound indicates the need to duck, cover, and hold. Once the siren stops, that's the signal to stand up and proceed to the evacuation area. The ARS can be manually activated by pressing a red button. However, for streamlined activation, the system has also been integrated with the DVA's command center.

Although the plan is still ongoing, the final goal is to equip Dasmariñas Village with 6 ARS before the end of the year. The ARS installations, along with the educational campaigns, are expected to significantly boost the village's ability to respond and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters.

Atty. Philip Sigfrid A. Fortun, DVA's President and Chairman for Command & Control (C&C) advised residents to "duck, cover, and hold" when they hear the siren, and to evacuate only after the siren stops. He further urges residents to stay informed and prepared, stressing the importance of understanding and practicing safety measures. Meanwhile, DVA's board will continue coordinating with barangay leaders to ensure every resident is aware of safety protocols and can respond effectively in an emergency.

## DVA Masquerade Ball and Christmas party

To conclude the commemoration of DVA Workers' Month in November, DVA and third-party service provider employees held a Masquerade Ball and Christmas party at the DVA Pavilion.

Special plaques of appreciation were given to several workers for their significant contributions in making DVA's events memorable and successful – IT support specialist Greg Burro, maintenance personnel Benjie Cardiente, and consultant Rose Halili.

Singing and dancing competitions among the different groups of the DVA admin office, DVA maintenance, manpower services provider Karpet Kleen Maintenance Corporation, and security service provider El Tigre Security, entertained the crowd with their creative talents.

The event was a wonderful way to pay tribute to all those who continuously worked this year to ensure that community living is pleasant and safe for everyone.



## Acknowledging resident volunteers



During the Masquerade Ball and Christmas Party of DVA at the Pavilion last November 29, 2024, a plaque of appreciation was presented to Mr. & Mrs. Herbert and Regina Consunji.

Ms. Regina I. Consunji, who is an interior designer by profession, was instrumental in designing and completing the DVA Residents' Lounge located within the DVA Town Hall. She voluntarily provided time, skill, and resources to ensure superior craftsmanship and finishing standards were utilized. Furthermore, she recommended the furniture and fixtures to make it homey and inviting for use by DVA office guests and the transacting public.



At the same event, Mr. Herbert M. Consunji a former DVA Governor, was also awarded a plaque of appreciation for his unselfish contribution and boundless energy in leading the completion of the Mentor House of the Daughters of St. Anne (DSA), the chosen charity organization of DVA for street children and homeless families in Cubao, Quezon City. He supervised the work on the Mentor House, ensuring that it was complete and sustainable for the apostolic work of DSA.

DVA will always be grateful and recognize these achievements of residents who share their skills and blessings to help the community and others.

## Calumpang Park kiosk

A small mini grocery store can be found at the back of DVA office facing the Calumpang Park grounds. The store called the Wonder Mom Mini Grocery, began operating in January 2024 and has quickly become an important source of various products and services for nearby residents of the village. Ms. Teresa Rivera and her family operate the store Mondays to Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Residents and visitors can purchase sodas and juices, ice cream, toiletries, canned goods, noodles, snacks, and other food items. For quick meals, the store also sells cooked viands and rice, as well as siopao, siomai and hotdogs for snacks.



## ISO Management Review

In its endeavor to establish a quality management system that is certifiable to ISO 9001:2015, DVA recently conducted its first management review on October 25, 2024.

The goal of the review was to promote accountability, strengthen leadership, and improve decision-making processes of each department. It also documented the initial structure and processes for evaluating the performance and effectiveness of DVA's various departments to guide the respective heads in making informed decisions and actions.

The review applied the management principle of Evidence-Based Decision-Making where the top management is supplied with relevant information to make effective decisions. This includes the degree of customer satisfaction, internal audit results, key performance indicators, supplier evaluation and performance, the effectiveness of actions to address risks and opportunities, and continual improvement.



DVA department heads presented the Key Performance Indicators of their respective processes and received various recommendations for their improvement. It was decided that DVA will conduct a management review on a quarterly basis to closely monitor the organization's progress.

One of the highlights of the review was the result of the customer satisfaction survey which was discussed thoroughly and every comment, suggestion, and commendation by the residents were considered as opportunities for improvement.



Does your household keep used bulbs and fluorescent lamps, batteries, medical waste such as syringes and face masks?

DVA, as part of its efforts to be a clean and green community, has now its own Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for hazardous waste and non-recyclable household trash.

Conveniently located within the motor pool area at the corner of Pasay and Tamarind Roads, the MRF has separate bins for used paints and oil, batteries of any kind or size, light bulbs and fluorescent lamps, and used medical waste. It will be emptied by our staff as often as possible, and the collected waste will be separately transported to an authorized DENR disposal organization in Taguig City.

You can drop-off your trash directly in the MRF facility by looking for the person in charge of the motor pool for assistance, or, in the Maintenance Office along Calumpang Street by looking for Benjie Cardiente or Justin Cunanan at the Maintenance Office along Calumpang Street and allow the DVA staff to dispose of it in the safest and most earth-friendly manner at no cost.

## DVA upgraded website

Nowadays, technology is such a ubiquitous part of life that almost everything can be acquired online.

To ensure that residents can easily access information about DVA's activities and services, the DVA website was recently updated and given a more dynamic and user-friendly feel.

By visiting the new website at [dva.org.ph](http://dva.org.ph), users can:

- Learn about the village's history and facilities;
- Apply for car stickers;
- Download application forms for construction and repair work, IDs, and rental of the DVA Pavilion;
- Get updates on the village's rules and regulations, the Disaster Management Plan and Family Disaster Plan
- Browse through previously published circulars and issues of the DVA Gazette;
- Obtain useful information such as DVA's contact numbers and payment methods.

DVA encourages residents to check out the website and give their suggestions on how to improve the overall user experience.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
as of November 30, 2024

TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENSES	NET INCOME
₱ 191,169,368	₱ 128,504,637	₱ 62,665,731

**SECURITY SUMMARY REPORT**  
October-November 2024

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (757)	
Disregarding traffic signs/officers	555
Speeding	116
Illegal parking	28
Two-car parking rule	25
Motorcycle riders without a helmet	15
Reckless driving	6
Obstructing traffic	5
Overnight parking ( <i>non-resident</i> )	5
Driving without a license	2

MONITORING OF RENTED HOUSES	
Curfew violations	6
Denied guests	3

CONSTRUCTION VIOLATIONS (129)	
Not wearing PPE	77
Unauthorized overtime work	15
Littering of workers	12
Dirty frontage	9
Unauthorized stay-in of workers	7
Failure to dispose of garbage	6
Late egress	3

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**  
October-November 2024

Trees trimmed (inside and outside of properties)	60
Dirty/mossy sidewalks cleaned with a pressure washer (in linear meters)	584
Grass-cutting of frontages	326
Sidewalks repaired (in linear meters)	79

