



## Newsletter Notes by Karen Kinerk, President

All of you appear to be enjoying the weather and our neighborhood. Lots of people are on the golf course, on the streets, and even at the pool. It is nice to be able to enjoy the fruits of our labor. We can thank each other for the nice environment that we have.

As we enjoy the outdoors, please be reminded of safety, especially on the streets. Walkers, make sure you are noticed and on the correct side of the street (facing oncoming traffic). If you are walking a pet, make sure you have control of your furry, loved one. Drivers, be aware that we frequently have walkers and pets on the roads.

Many help to make the Village a better place, but one particular group I would like to continue thanking for their hard work is the grounds committee (**Gregg Groepper, Norma Rodriguez, Tom Roerig, and Ron Weltzin**). It seems that each month I thank them, but they are continuing with the tree project, which is an on-going project. It is exciting to know that the Village will benefit from the plantings of so many trees.

Speaking of committees: at January's Board meeting, I presented a list of residents who have agreed to serve on a committee (sometimes more than one). I was pleased with those who willingly accepted the "invitation" to serve. There were even a few who called me to offer their names! If you have any concerns involving a particular area, please let the committee chair know. If that person is unable to assist you, contact a Board member. Look for the column naming the committees elsewhere in the newsletter.

I want to end this column with a thank you to **Mark Roberts** for his service over the last year. **Mark** felt that he was unable to continue with his Board duties and tendered his resignation, which the Board accepted. Hopefully, the Board will name a replacement at the February board meeting.

If you are willing to serve as Board Secretary until December 2012, please contact a Board member. Everyone can help a little.

**Village of Westlakes  
Board Meetings  
Mon., Feb. 20, 2012  
Mon., Mar. 12, 2012  
7:00 P.M**

### STILL NEED HELP

**36 Forms Still Needed for 2012 Directory**  
**Thanks to the residents, owners, renters, and non-resident owners who have returned the 2012 VWL DIRECTORY update forms: 136 are turned in; 36 are still out.**

These neighbors will be calling or visiting those 39 to complete the task for the 2012 DIRECTORY: **Laura Coffman, Lydia Mora, Dorothy Day, Julie Groepper, Maru Gonzalez, Hilda Hinojosa, and Nedra Kinerk**

PLEASE get your information turned in to one of the volunteers or to me, **Nedra Kinerk** <nkinerk@att.net> or 630-4700.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Come join the breakfast crowd for a GREAT BREAKFAST.*

*(Guests welcome.)*

**Sat., Feb. 11, 2012**

**8:00 AM till 10:00 AM**

**VWL CLUBHOUSE**

**COST: \$3.00**



**Pancakes & Syrup,  
Sausage, Eggs,  
Applesauce,  
Orange Juice, & Coffee.**



Please bring own Table Service.

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*Thirty-two people enjoyed the sumptuous pancake breakfast on January 21. Come join us for good food, good company, and all the pancakes and coffee you can eat and drink. See you on February 11<sup>th</sup>.*  
*The Breakfast Club*



### 2012 Village of Westlakes Committees

At the January Board meeting the names of residents who have agreed to serve on committees was presented by the president. The people listed below have agreed to serve as a member or chair of a committee. Serving on a committee requires a rewarding commitment and at the same time, benefits the community. It is impractical to try to run the neighborhood without the help of the committees. **Many thanks go to those who have agreed to serve.**

Architectural: Sue Lewis (chair), Dennis Coffman, Karen Kinerk, Willard Moon

Communications: Nedra Kinerk (chair), Laura Coffman, Dotti Egger, Karen Kinerk, Imgard Wooten

Clubhouse Activities: Judy Boyle (chair), Kathy Ament, Sherrie Mandsager

Clubhouse Maintenance: Ken Boyle (chair), Jim Gressinger, Ron Weltzin

Clubhouse Rentals: Judy Boyle (chair), Ken Boyle

Compliance: Dotti Egger (chair), Jim Gressinger, Karen Kinerk

Golf: Hal and Maureen Kicza (co-chairs)

Grounds: Gregg Groepper (chair), Norma Rodriguez, Norma Rodriguez, Tom Rorig, Ron Weltzin

Ladies' Lunch: Carol Lund (chair)

Pool: Michael Alebis (chair), Norma Rodriguez

Can Recycling: Mary Goss (chair), Gary Goss, Amethyst Goss, Ron Weltzin (November- April)

# WHAT'S GOING ON?

for February 2012

### Que Pasa?

at the Village of Westlakes



VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES

BOARD MEETING

Monday, Feb. 20 – 7:00 P.M.

VWL CLUBHOUSE

- Golf - Mixed:** Tue., at 10:00 A.M.
- Golf - Mixed:** Wed., at 10:00 A.M.
- Golf - Mixed Best Ball:** Fri., at 10:00 A.M.
- Pool - Water Aerobics:** Tue., Wed., Fri., 4:00 P.M. - (weather permitting).
- Pancake breakfast:** Sat., Feb. 11 at 8:00-10:00 A.M. VWL Clubroom - just show up.
- Ladies Lunch:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., monthly, Meet at 11:30 A.M. at the restaurant.
- Social/Cocktails:** Thu., 5:00 P.M.
- Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Social: 5:00 P.M. Dinner: 6:00 P.M. \*Sign up sheet at Clubhouse.



### Ladies Lunch



Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, 11:30 A.M.

Roosevelts at 7

821 N. Main Street, McAllen

Call Carol Lund at 683-9522 by Sunday night for reservations.

### Damage to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Homes and Bentsen Road Canal Construction

Several residents on 43rd Street have found floor and wall cracks in their homes coinciding with the heavy vibrations caused by construction of the canal along Bentsen Road. The insurance company has agreed there is damage but disclaims responsibility for the damage. Apparently there was no prior assessment made as to the potential for foundation damage to VWL homes prior to the construction. Several residents have arranged to have their homes assessed for damage with

**A-Advance House Level Service.** Joe Salas (2909 N. 43rd Street) said that he contacted the firm after some research, including a recommendation by *Angie's List*. The company provides free assessments and, if work is done, has a senior citizen discount with an additional discount if there are several homes in the same area. If you are concerned about vibration damage to your home, contact **Joe Salas** (830) 935-3687 for more information about the problem and possible solutions.



by Maureen & Hal Kicza,  
Golf CoChairs

The first golf tournament of the year was held January 21. Sixteen golfers participated and others attended the pizza party that followed.

First place winners were: **Irmgard Wooton** with a net score of 25 and **T.J. Jore** with a net score of 23. Second place went to **Larry Rericha** with a 27 and **Millie Hedtke** with a 28. In third place was **Ed Thoennes** with 28 and a tie with **Barb Quinn** and **Maureen Kicza** at 30.

The next tournament will be February 18 followed by a barbecue. It will be a putting tournament that requires no handicap, so it is open to all residents.

On March 16 and 17, we will have a two-day tournament for the golf league. The golf season ends with a banquet on March 24.

### Grounds Committee Update

by Gregg Groepper, Grounds Chair

We have planted 22 new trees and moved two Mexican Olives. All large common areas will be irrigated by the end of February with additional irrigation lines. Not counting fairway and green zones, we will have 35 zones when the work is completed. Once all lines are in and the ground settles, we will fill in dips and depressions in the golf course.

Palm tree trimming (72 in common areas) was done in January. Annual trimming of shorter palms is to be done by the end of March.

An irrigation meter is to be installed once the ponds are low enough to expose the inlet pipe to determine the meter size needed. Ponds will be drained by February 18 as part of our annual program to flush all drain lines. That action is also necessary to install an elbow on the outlet end of the irrigation supply line to make the irrigation meter function correctly. A filter will be constructed to ensure we don't lose any fish during the draining.

The first application of our commercial fertilizer contract started January 30 on the golf course. Residential areas will then be done and coordinated with the Tuesday/Friday residential watering schedule. The golf course will be closed for one day or so until the chemical is watered in, to avoid tracking chemical onto the greens and damaging them.

### Congratulations!! TWO holes-in-1

Congratulations to **Marsha Davis** and **Bud Quinn** who both had a *hole-in-1* on best ball league play, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. **Marsha** had her *hole-in-1* on #3 and 2 holes later, **Bud** had his on #5. Between the 2 of them and teammates, **Gregg Groepper** and **Irmgard Wooton**, they scored the lowest score on record at the Village of Westlakes with a total score of 20, 7 under par.

### Tree Grant from City

by Gregg Groepper, Grounds Chair

The Village was recently notified by the City of McAllen that we are the recipient of 54 trees. The trees are free but we have to plant and water them for two months.

We will plant 30 *Anacua* trees on Harvey Avenue; six *Mexican Olive* on the street leading into the pool; five *cedar elm* and three *Anacua* for areas behind greens 4 and 5 and by the clubhouse; and an additional *Montezuma Bald Cypress* to continue plantings around the ponds. Flags will be placed in early February designating the sites for the city trees. If residents see a problem with the location of those trees they should contact **Gregg Groepper** at 956-972-0066.

These native trees are in 5 gallon containers so will be small trees. We expect to get them February 18<sup>th</sup>, plant them within 10 days, and provide the city with photographic evidence of planting. All trees must be visible from city streets. With the 22 trees planted in December, this will make a total of 76 additional trees planted in the Village.

### We need your help on the following issues:

*Some people walking dogs are picking up after them (GOOD), then throwing the bags into the refuse area (BAD),.* Please don't do that as the city will take no plastic in the refuse and it may cause the city to discontinue service to VWL. Same goes for leaves in plastic bags; empty the bag and dispose of the bag properly. Residents are doing much better on leaf bags.

If you see bags or floating debris in the ponds, please help out by fishing them out and placing them downwind beside the pond. Staff picks stuff out of the ponds weekly but will generally pick up retrieved debris almost daily.





Bienvenidos  
**WELCOME**  
NEW NEIGHBORS



**Mark A. Schuler, Ph.D.**  
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**Betty Johnson**  
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686-1556 830 708-7661

**Jason Martin**  
4132 Carnation Court lot 22L  
(214) 536-8210  
<jasmar1969@yahoo.com>

**Ivan & Arceli Campos & Kevin**  
4160 Carnation Avenue lot 15L  
739-4489 (I) 539-7745 (A)  
<celimex@hotmail.com>

**Elvia Barrera**  
4116 Whitewing Avenue lot 70  
258-2616  
<elvia232@yahoo.com>

**Foreclosure Sale on Lot #23L**

The 4128 Carnation Court (Lot 23L for us and Links Lot 23 legally) will be sold on the east Courthouse steps February 7, 2012. The time is given as a three hour window of 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. If you are interested, you will want to make a note of the date.

We have also been notified that Arturo Heredia plans to sell his empty lot #60 on Harvey Circle. He will include the home plans that have already been approved by the Architectural Control committee.

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- Karen Kinerk President/Board member
- Ken Boyle Vice President/Board member
- vacant Secretary/Board member
- Gregg Groepper Treasurer/Board member
- Dotti Egger Parliamentarian/Board member
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- Nedra S. Kinerk Editor
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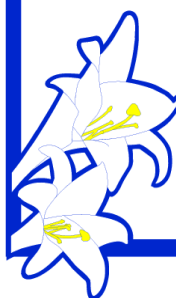


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**Can Recycling Volunteers**

Can recycling at the pool will continue to earn VWL money for projects thanks to **Mary, Gary & Amethyst Goss** and **Ron Weltzin**. These neighbors will make sure the aluminum cans you take to the pool recycling area will be turned in for cash. Thanks to good neighbors who help us.



*Our Sympathy*

... to **Holly Kinsolving** (2912 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> Lane) on the death of her mother Joyce Hull on January 5 in Mission.

**VWL Website <villageofwestlakes.com>**

*by Norm Sands*

A “**Clubhouse Rentals**” chart has been placed on the “**News and Events**” page of the VWL website with a “*jump to*” link. When **Judy Boyle** gets a rental or if there are events scheduled at the clubhouse, whoever has scheduled the event can email it to me, and I will put it up. There is a space for the date, time, and what the event is. If it’s a private party, we can just put “*party.*”

**City Requires Compostable Bags March 5**

Starting March 5, citizens will be required to use compostable (paper) bags in lieu of plastic bags for disposal of grass clippings and leaves. Plastic bags will not be acceptable because they are a source of contamination for the compost and much. The City of McAllen will deliver (4) compostable bags to every household before March 5. The compostable bags will then be made available to residents at the Recycling Center, City Hall, and designated locations at no cost to residents.

WHAT GOES IN COMPOSTABLE BAG:

*leaves, grass cuttings*

WHAT DOES NOT GO IN:

*garbage, food waste, plastic*

## The 2012 VWL Directory Information Update

_____	Owner
_____	Renter
_____	NRO

Please complete the following information to update the 2012 VWL Directory. This updated form is needed for EVERY Resident, (HomeOwner & Renter), and for every Non-Resident Owner (NRO).

Please include the name of every person living at the address.

\*\* Please return completed form in December, 2011 — *or NOW*.

- Drop off completed DIRECTORY FORM at the clubhouse VWL office (slot in door) — or
- Bring or mail to Nedra Kinerk at 4121 Camellia Court, McAllen 78501 — or
- Scan & Email to <nkinerk@att.net> — or
- Fax: to 956 630-0444.

\*\*\*\* PLEASE PRINT \*\*\*\*

Address of this property: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

Legal owner of this property \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Legal Owner is \_\_\_ the Resident or is \_\_\_ Non-Resident at this address.

Legal Owners' Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Owners' Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Owners' Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of ALL persons living at this VWL address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If Rental (or non-owner family), Resident Renter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Renter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Renter's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If the Resident (Owner or Renter) lives at another address part time, please include: your

2nd Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

and your 2nd phone # at the other address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person filling out this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STILL NEED: RESIDENTS: LOTS #1L-Cantu; #2 -Garcia; #3L-Lopez; #5L-Wooten; #9L-Zarazua; #16-Reyna; #17-Guevara; #18L-Steinman; #23-Ramirez-Terain; 24L-DelGenovese; 26L-Kurcz; #30-Bezek; #30L-Kurcz; #32L-Chavarria; #36-Muñoz; #40-Martinez; #40L-Rodriguez; #41L-Treviño; #42-McKee; #42L-Silva; #43-Rodriguez; #46-Garcia; #47L-Rodriguez; #48L-Keller; #53-Canales; #77-Padelford; #92-Shieh**

**NON-RESIDENT Owners: LOTS #15L-Foley; #22L-Pedraza; #27L Nehr Korn; #30L-Melendez; #34-Anderson; #60-Esparza; #77-Carreña; #78-Myers**