



Newsletter Notes by Karen Kinerk, President

**Village of Westlakes
Board Meetings
TUE., Mar. 13, 2012
7:00 P.M**

The real excitement for us at this time is the presence of so many new trees. I can envision the look of the Village as these trees mature, and I welcome the return of the birds that will enjoy the new habitat. Much work has gone into the plans for these trees

as evidenced in the fact that I have been thanking the grounds committee for their work on this project for several months now, and once again I want to thank them. I know that **Gregg Groepper** has committed many hours to this project with the help of his committee: **Norma Rodriguez, Tom Roerig, Ken Boyle, and Ron Weltzin.**

Another thank you I would like to extend goes to **Hilda De Shazo**. She stepped up to the plate and volunteered to serve as the Board Secretary. The Board accepted her nomination and approved it in an action-without-a-meeting. **Hilda's** first general Board meeting will be in March. She will serve until the December annual meeting when we will elect a Director for the remainder of the term, which will be one year.

You will be able to welcome **Hilda** as a Board member if you are able to attend the March meeting. *Please make a note of the date of the meeting. It will be on March 13 (the second Tuesday). Meetings have been moved to the second Tuesday to ensure the presence of more Board members. We hope that all of those wishing to attend are able to make the change with us.*

My last thank you goes to **Nedra Kinerk**. She has devoted numerous hours as she has worked to publish our new 2012 DIRECTORY. As a community, the DIRECTORY is a way for us to know our neighbors. The hope is that it keeps us a tight-knit community. The DIRECTORY offers owners and residents a way to keep current with our rules. It is also a great way to welcome new residents to the community. They can see that we have rules that govern us, and it gives them an easy and early access to numbers that enable

them to ask questions as they endeavor to fit into the community.

Nedra hopes to have the DIRECTORY published for distribution by the March Board meeting. [Ed. "HOPES" is the operative word.] Thanks also go to her committee: **Dorothy Day, Laura Coffman, Lydia Mora, Julie Groepper, Hilda Hinojosa, and Maru Gonzalez.**

Enjoy your Spring. We welcome all of the guests who will be visiting as they enjoy their Spring Break. Please remember to inform your guests of our rules – concerning the golf course, clubhouse, and swimming pool – and general rules of neighborly etiquette. Use the current DIRECTORY if you have any questions.

**Village of Westlakes
Tea and Fashion Show
Saturday, March 10
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.**



Dillard's will once again provide the clothing for our models, as well as, goodie bags for all who attend.

The cost for the Tea and Fashion Show is \$7.00. Please contact one of the committee members listed below to buy your ticket(s).

Kathy Ament	686-5830
Judy Boyle	618-4166
Jackie Eggers	664-1203
Julie Groepper	972-0066

Come and have some fun!!!!



VWL Board Meeting Day Changes to 2nd Tuesday

For many years, the Board of Directors has held their meetings on the third Monday of the month. That will change beginning in March. **The Board will now regularly meet on the second Tuesday of each month.** This change was made in order to ensure the presence of as many Directors as possible.

Hilda DeShazo Rejoins VWL Board

The Board of Directors appointed **Hilda DeShazo** to fill the Director position vacated by the resignation of **Mark Roberts**. **Hilda** will serve the rest of the year. The remainder of the term will be on the ballot for the Annual Meeting next December.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

for March 2012

Que Pasa?

at the Village of Westlakes

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, Mar. 13 – 7:00 P.M.
NOTE: CHANGE TO TUESDAY
VWL CLUBHOUSE

- Golf - Mixed: Tue., at 10:00 A.M.
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- Golf - Mixed Best Ball: Fri., at 10:00 A.M.
- Golf League Tournament: Mar. 16 & 17
- Pool - Water Aerobics: Tue., Wed., Fri., 4:00 P.M. - (weather permitting).
- VWL Tea & Fashion Show: Mar. 10, 2:00 P.M.
- Ladies Lunch: 2nd Mon., monthly, Meet at 11:30 A.M. at the restaurant.
- Social/Cocktails: Thu., 5:00 P.M.
- Potluck: 3rd Thursday
 - Social: 5:00 P.M.
 - Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
 - *Sign up sheet at Clubhouse.



Chuckwagon Steak Dinner
Under the Stars
Ribeye steak dinner
\$ all the trimmings!
\$50.00 per person

Saturday, April 21, 2011
McAllen Heritage Center – 301 S. Main
(La Placita across from JC Penney)
6:30 P.M. — whet your whistle
7:30 to 9:00 P.M. — Steaks on!
Live Country Music - Dancing till 10:30 P.M.
Cowboy casual or Period costumes

Proceeds benefit  a (501 C3)
Call: **Nedra Kinerk** 630-4700 or
Lydia Mora 687-3302, 289-0552 for tickets.

Ladies Lunch



Monday, March 12, 2012, 11:30 A.M.
Republic of the Rio Grande
1141 S. Tenth Street, McAllen

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BEGINS Sun., Mar. 11



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

THANKS for PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

February 11th was the final Pancake Breakfast for this year. Thirty-two residents and friends enjoyed the pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Proceeds are used for golf activities. A BIG thanks for all who helped make the breakfasts a success: **T.J., Rick, Bob Ament, Dale, Hal, Karen, Kaye, Cathy, and Carol Lund.**





by Maureen & Hal Kicza,
Golf CoChairs

On February 18th the Golf League held its annual Putting Tournament with 27 players. Each player had to make a long and a short putt on each of the nine greens.



The winners for the men were **Bud** with 35, **Ed** with 36, and **Barry** with 37. Women winners were **Julie** with 36, **Renate** with 38, and **Irmgard** with 39. There were 25 “one putts” made during the tournament.

Players and their guests enjoyed *Butgers and Beer* in the clubhouse after the tournament.

The Golf League will have its final tournament on March 16th and 17th. The golf awards banquet will be on March 24th.



Grounds Committee Update

by Gregg Groepper, Grounds Chair



We're now settled in on the planting plan for the 58 trees we received from the city. We are going to supplement them with a dozen or so trees from Heep nursery. We can get anacua trees in 5 gallon containers from Mike Heep nursery in Harlingen for \$15 a tree. The anacua will be 3 to 5 feet tall.

The anacua trees will go along Harvey Avenue and the ebony trees will be placed along the Bell property border on the South – far enough apart to still provide a good view of the orange grove. Those trees are in one gallon planters and are only about 2 ft. tall so will take a while to reach maturity. They are a favorite nesting tree for white doves and should provide a good transition for birds from the orange grove to the ponds.

Additionally, we will be planting Mexican olive trees along the entrance to the pool. We also will be adding 14 more cypress trees in strategic spots around the ponds to help stabilize the banks.

The Free Weatherization Program

Do your windows and doors
leak cold air in winter
– or hot air in summer?



Did you know that there is a completely free program available to you to lower your energy bills as much as 30%?

Homes for this program must meet the following criteria:

- Have central heat and central air.
- Must be a house, duplex or triplex (if done individually).
- Apartments, town homes, and condos must be done as entire complexes, (Note: to do entire complexes, at least 2/3 of the complex must be done.) Electric company cannot be a co-op, as the funding is provided by the retail electric providers.
- Each home can only receive the free weatherizing once every 10 years.
- Work always includes duct-work. Additional work may include: weather-stripping, caulking, and gas leaks tests on homes with any gas appliances.

To qualify for this program:

Call Brandi at 832-220-3077. All voice-mails will be returned. Most people receive help right away.

Fungus Appears with Wet Weather

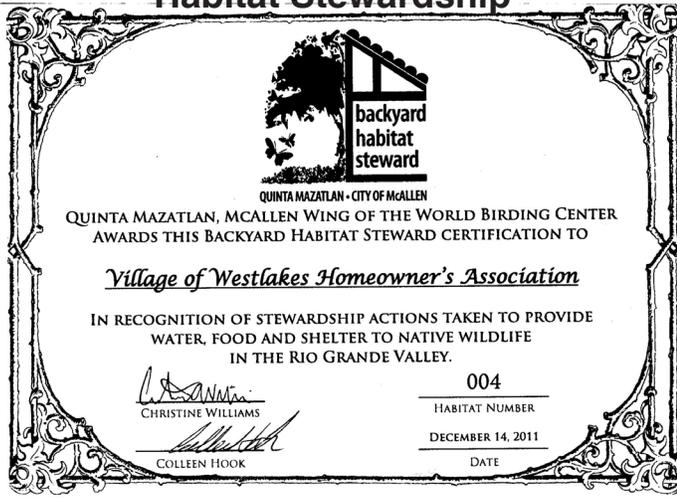
A new fungus showed up on the greens the weekend of February 18. We treated the new fungus with the fungicide we had used previously, but this new fungus is resistant to that fungicide.

The fungus is called *pythium*, and the weather conditions we have had the last few week – damp, cold, heavy dew – is ideal for the fungus to develop. So, we're putting a fertilizer down for nutrition and then watering that in. We will follow with the two-part fungicide. **Please take the time to wash your golf shoes after playing on our course and other courses to avoid reintroducing other diseases to our course.**

We will start on a program of weekly light fertilizer for the greens, watered in. That will continue through April, now that we are starting to leave the dormant period for the type of grass we have on the greens.



VWL Wins Recognition for Backyard Habitat Stewardship



Brush "Bag It!" Starts March 5

A new brush collection schedule and a new ordinance replaces the use of plastic lawn bags with compostable bags for brush. Public Works will deliver 5 compostable bags to every household. Residents will be required to place yard and grass clippings in a compostable bag. The compostable bags will be made available to residents at the Recycling Center, City Hall and designated locations at no costs to residents. VWL and neighborhoods south of Daffodil will have brush collection the 3rd week of the month.



WHAT GOES IN COMPOSTABLE BAG?

LEAVES GRASS CLIPPINGS

WHAT DOES NOT GO IN COMPOSTABLE BAG?

GARBAGE FOOD WASTE PLASTIC

Call (956) 681-4000 or (956) 681-4050 for more information about McAllen's new brush collection schedule.

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- Karen Kinerk President/Board member
- Ken Boyle Vice President/Board member
- Hilda DeShazo Secretary/Board member
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Book Sale at McAllen Public Library

LIBRARY ADVOCATES' BOOK SALE
SATURDAY MARCH 3rd — 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

NEW LIBRARY MEETING ROOMS A & B
All funds will be used for the Summer

Reading Program. Book sales from the bookstore are used for library programs and projects.



Karen Kinerk (a McAllen Library Board member) is one of the Advocate volunteers in charge of the Library's used bookstore.

Library volunteers are needed.

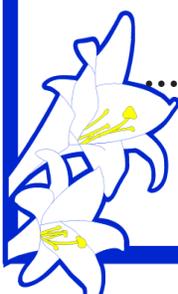
Anyone interested in volunteering at the library or bookstore should come by and get an application!

Anyone interested in just helping set up for the book sale on Friday March 2nd or Saturday March 3rd please call **Karen** or contact Judy Steger, 457-7801 or <j-steger@sbcglobal.net>.

VWL Potluck Pie Wins for Pat

Since February is "Grapefruit Month" in the Rio Grande Valley, Alhambra Restaurant and *the Monitor* newspaper sponsored a Grapefruit-Pie contest last Saturday. Of the 35 pies that were entered, the Grand Prize winner went to Pat Davis, visiting from Michigan and sister-in-law of **Marsha Davis**.

Pat's pie was first made for our VWL January Pot Luck and several of our residents got to sample it first. Pat donated the prize money to the McAllen Reviewer's Guild's Scholarship Fund so the money will stay in the Valley. Thanks and Congratulations Pat!



Our Sympathy

... to our neighbor **Dora Cantu** (4105 Carnation Avenue) on the death of her husband and our friend **Arturo Cantu** in February.