



## Newsletter Notes by Karen Kinerk, President

My old definition of a busy community has been upgraded! The amount of work that is being done is way beyond what I have ever seen before around here. The hailstorm did a real number on us, and the effects have governed most of our activities since then. I am proud of how everyone has gotten into the job of restoring your property to its previous condition. Keep up the good work.

As we enter into the month of May, I would like to remind people that the Board will be meeting on the second Tuesday (May 8). We will be voting on the VWL MANUAL this month. This MANUAL is required by Texas law. It has all of our policies, our COVENANTS, and our BY-LAWS and is officially filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk. **The draft of the MANUAL has been on our website <www.villageofwestlakes> since March.**

Enjoy the warm weather that is coming our way. To teachers and students: I hope the end of the year wraps up well for you.

**Village of Westlakes  
Board Meetings  
TUE., May 8, 2012  
TUE., June 12, 2012  
7:00 P.M**

### Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

by Karen Kinerk, Chair

The ACC has never had so many meetings and emails within a month's time! There is a lot going on to the outside of the homes in the Village. I appreciate and thank all of you who remembered and took the trouble to contact the ACC before beginning any work on the outside of your home. Many of you did as required before I sent out the email (see copies of emails following) absolving you from contacting the committee if you followed the guidelines in the email.

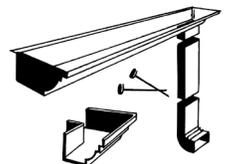
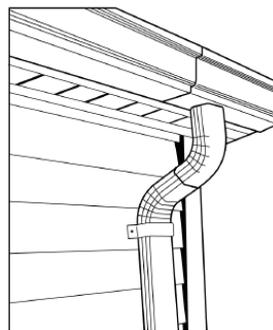
The ACC is working hard to fulfill its duties as set forth in our COVENANTS. **The basic goal of the ACC is to make sure that the homes are restored to their original appearance.** The email explains this. Below are a copies of two emails that describe what is expected of the homeowners.

#### (Email #1) To: VWL Owners

This is an update reminder of what is required when you are able to have your house repaired after the storm damage. As stated in a previous email, **your house should be restored to its previous look.** The exception to this is for those who have brown roofs and/or incorrect shingles (less than 25 year warranty). The brown color is being phased

out and replaced with the same color as the rest of the neighborhood. (See the approved list below.) **If you plan to make any repairs that change what you had before, you must have pre-approval.**

Remember to make sure the fascia and soffit color is similar to what you had before the storm. If not all of the fascia/soffit is replaced, match the colors the best you can. We realize that since homes have aged, so have the colors. So the colors may not be exact but should be close.



Any who have a metal drip edge attached, you need to have it painted the same color as the fascia. (See email #2 for change.)

This automatic approval is being done for this disaster. All owners are expected to repair their home so that it looks very similar to its appearance before the storm.

**If the ACC discovers that this was not done, it will be forced to request that the work be redone** since the automatic approval is given only to restore your home to its original condition.

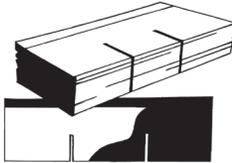
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If you have any questions, please contact me. If you have a neighbor or friend who does not receive email, please make them a copy of this and pass it on to them. Thank you.

APPROVED SHINGLES  
25 YEARS OR BETTER  
COMPOSITION SHINGLES  
manufactured by the following companies:



- Owens Corning — color is “driftwood”
- Certaainted — color is “weathered wood”
- Tamko — color is “weathered wood”
- Atlas — color is “pristine weathered” (newly added)
- GAF — color is “weathered wood”
- IKO, — color is “driftwood”

**Note:** Atlas pristine hearthstone was removed. If you have already installed it, we are aware. You will not be asked to replace it since the color was originally on the approved list. If you have not installed it or ordered it, please pick another.

**(Email #2) To: VWL Owners**

In the last email sent to the owners it was requested that the metal drip edging be painted to match the fascia. The ACC has decided to back away from this request. It would be nice to have the edge blend in with the fascia, which can be done, but many are installing the galvanized steel, which is difficult to paint. After a while, this metal loses the shine and blends a little better. For these reasons, the ACC will accept the galvanized steel drip edge with no further requirement. As a reminder, the drip edge can be obtained in a white, which may blend in depending upon the color of your fascia.

Karen Kinerk, ACC Chair

**Free VWL 2012 Directories for all residents and owners.**

Get your copy at the Board meeting May 8 or June 12 — or go to clubhouse on Saturday mornings when Bookkeeper Norm Sands is usually there.

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**

for May/June 2012

**Que Pasa?**

at the Village of Westlakes

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES  
BOARD MEETING  
**TUESDAY, May 8 – 7:00 P.M**  
**TUESDAY, June 12 – 7:00 P.M**  
VWL CLUBHOUSE

**NOTE: MEETING CHANGE TO TUESDAY**

**Golf League play resumes in October.**

Groups of golfers usually convene at 9:00 A.M. in the summer.

**Golf - Mixed:** Tue., at 9:00 A.M.

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**Golf - Mixed Best Ball:** Fri., at 9:00 A.M.

**Pool - Water Aerobics:** T., W., F., 4:00 P.M.

**Pool - Water Aerobics:** Pending - 8:00 A.M

**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.



**Ladies Lunch**



Monday, May 14, 2012, 11:30 A.M.

Courtyard Cafe

1022 E. Griffin Parkway, Mission

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

**Want Early Pool Aerobics?**

Pool aerobics at 8:00 A.M., is being considered. Call **Norma Rodriguez** 683-1063 if you would like an early morning session.



The usual water aerobics continues to meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:00 P.M. Come join the fun and get some easy exercise.



### Grounds Committee Update

by Gregg Groepper, Grounds Chair

#### Roofing repair and grounds

If your roof is being repaired during mowing day, the grounds crew will not be able to mow. Once the lawn is clear and has been “drug by a magnet” (any reputable roofer knows about this process), we will resume mowing. It would also be advisable to shut off your sprinklers while the work is going on to avoid having your roofing material soaked, or a wet lawn damaged by piled up debris.

The multiple hail storms have damaged some trees to the point of not being alive. In a few weeks we will take inventory and look into replacing dead trees. One mesquite on Harvey was uprooted by the first storm and will be removed. We plan on using the stump for a bird and turtle perch in one of the ponds on a trial basis. If it doesn't work we'll pull it out and dispose of it.

We are looking into replacing some or all of the flowers in the entrance flower beds. The grounds committee will evaluate the flower beds over the next few weeks to determine how to replant those beds that need replanting, along with the type of flowers to be used. Our interest is in native plants that are suitable to the location, sunny or shade, and also provide habitat and food for birds and butterflies.

Once those flower beds are fixed we will turn our attention to the front of the clubhouse, with the objective being plantings that are attractive, and low maintenance.

#### NEED SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Finally, I'm interested in finding a few year round residents I can train to open the pond drain and/ or turn off the circuit breaker for the irrigation system in an emergency. The training will take about 30 minutes total and will help keep the ponds from overflowing or the grounds from flooding in an emergency where we're not able to reach Marcus ( for example being out of town or on vacation). Volunteers need decent arm strength to be able to open the drain valve. If you're not sure, I can give you a free try. Just call me at 972-0066 if you can volunteer.

### VWL Compliance Committee

by Dotti Egger

The hail storm postponed the work of the Compliance Committee. There was no sense in monitoring the neighborhood when everyone had issues with their homes and lawns. We will begin making the rounds again in May, but we will only be checking on the condition of the yards. We understand that many homes will not be repaired until a later date. As before, we will send out letters to any owner and resident who need to “uplift” their area around their home.

**Please remember that the letters regarding compliance to COVENANTS and RULES are required by Texas law as a warning to you and must include language that might sound harsh but is required.**



We hope that residents have gotten their areas back in shape and will not need any written reminders.

Also, the advent of the warmer weather tends to invite residents to bring out recreational and sporting equipment, as well as, patio furniture to enjoy the outdoors. **Please remember to remove the items from the lawn each evening.** According to Article X, Section 9 of our COVENANTS, these items are not to be stored in view. We do allow them on your porch or patio, even though that may still be in view but not stored out in the yard. Enjoy your time outside and then put away the equipment.

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THE VWL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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### Recycle Your Storm Damaged Screens

Mary, Gary & Amethyst Goss, Recycling Committee

We will accept the aluminum frames from your screens that were destroyed by the storm. Please remove the screens, breakdown the frames and place them in the area of the cans to be recycled at the pool. Remember, recycle your cans too.



### Bentsen Road Project Reviewed

Ken and Judy Boyle and Sue Lewis

reported from the recent Bentsen Road information meeting held by the City that paving will start this month on the section of Bentsen from Pecan to Buddy Owens. It is expected to be completed in June.

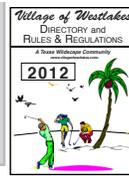
More dirt has been placed on the boxes in the canal portion of the Bentsen Road project. Gates are to be installed on each end on the section adjacent to VWL to restrict traffic. Trees have been planted to serve as buffers when more fully grown.

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Lydia Mora** (4109 Whitewing Avenue) was hospitalized last month with respiratory problems. She is now at home. **Ruth Rangel** (4212 Whitewing) suffered a broken bone last month and is at Mission Rehab Center. **Ruth** hopes to return home next week. Her new cell phone is 250-8263.

Bienvenidos  
**WELCOME**  
NEW NEIGHBORS



**Alberto & Odylette Alvarez**  
**Lizeth, Vanessa, Nydia Alvarez**

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756-3950  
<odylette@hotmail.com>  
<delmar.coral@gmail.com>

### Volunteer at the Heritage Center

McAllen Heritage Center (MHC) — a history and cultural museum— is accepting applications for volunteers.



Greet visitors and learn McAllen's history..

MHC is located in historic La Placita at 301 South Main Street across from J.C. Penny's. **Lydia Mora** and **Nedra Kinerk** have been active with the museum. For information, please contact MHC at: 687-1904 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., Tuesday through Friday and 11:00 A.M., to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday.

### Hidalgo County Election Schedule

#### 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

Early voting: Mon., May 14 – Fri., May 25.

Election day: Tue., May 29, 2012.

VWL voters now in City District #3.

### VWL Swimming Pool Rules

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The swimming pool and spa are for the use of residents and their guests only — 6 guests @ VWL residence. Homeowner/resident renter must accompany guests.

1. Swim at your own risk— there is no lifeguard.
  2. Children under 18 years of age must be supervised by an adult.
  3. Shower before entering the pool. Lotions, oils or grease can harm the filter system.
  4. **Diving, running, pets and food are not allowed in the pool area.**
  5. **No glass containers in the pool area.**
  6. Plastic pants are required on children who are not potty trained.
  7. **The hot tub is for adult use only.**
- Turn off the lights and lock the gate when you leave.

 Use plastic pants

