



Newsletter Notes by Karen Kinerk, President

Here we are heading into the final quarter of the year. This is a very busy time for us at the Village. As always, the old adage is true: Where did the time go?

The next few months will be spent filling the positions on the nominating committee, finding willing candidates to run for the three director positions we have open (two 3-year and one 1-year), preparing for the annual meeting, and conducting the annual meeting.

The position of Director is very important. This person is responsible for conducting the business of the Village throughout the year. It is a three-year commitment and holds a lot of responsibility. Consider becoming involved. If you are willing to serve, inform the Nominating Committee (to be named in September).

Which brings us to filling the positions on the Nominating Committee. This committee is very important. It is responsible for finding at least one person to run for each Director position. Often, these people must make phone calls or personal visits because no one has come knocking on their door to exclaim, "I want to run for Director!" If you are willing to be on the Nominating Committee, let

me know before the September 11 meeting.

Filling committee positions is not easy, but committees are necessary to run the Village. Another committee in need of members is the Architectural Control Committee. The resignation of former members **Sue Lewis** and **Dennis Coffman** opened up two positions. The work given by both **Sue and Dennis** is much appreciated and will be missed. If you are willing to be on this committee, contact me as soon as possible.

As you can see, there is a need for quite a few owners to step up to the plate and do what they can for the Village. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions mentioned. Do your part to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

Village of Westlakes

Board Meeting

Tue., Sep. 11, 2012

7:00 P.M.

VWL Annual Meeting

December, 2012

Date and time to be announced

VWL Compliance Committee

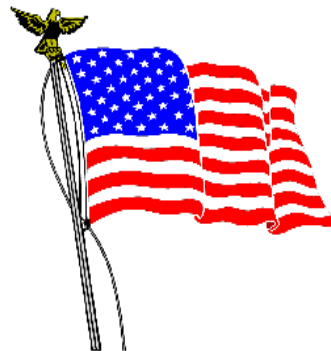
by Dotti Egger



Thanks go to the many residents who are keeping up with their lawn maintenance and house repairs.

The Compliance Committee continues its monthly rounds followed with letters sent to those who have let these problems get by them. The letters tell what needs to be done to be in compliance.

Most owners have completed the repairs needed as a result of the hailstorm. If you are one of the owners who have not, you are asked to inform me of the time period in which you expect to have the work completed. That way the committee will know that a letter is not needed in your case.



September 11

we remember

**FLY OUR FLAG
Honor our fallen
and our troops
still fighting.**

VWL Pool Closed September 4

The pool will be closed beginning Tuesday, September 4 in order to construct the new roof. When the work is finished, the pool will reopen. An email will be sent out to inform you of the reopening.



VWL Nominations Committee for December Annual Meeting to be named in September

Call Karen Kinerk or a Board member (listed in the 2012 VWL Directory) if you will serve on this important committee.

This committee will accept written nominations during September through October for the office of:

- DIRECTOR A (3-YEAR TERM)
- DIRECTOR B (3-YEAR TERM)
- DIRECTOR E (1-YEAR TERM)

See pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter for nomination form and procedures.

Want Higher VWL Fees?

Keeping our monthly VWL fee low depends on many of us helping a little bit. If you are working, your time is limited, but a few hours a month would be appreciated. That could make the difference in keeping low monthly VWL fees and having to raise them substantially to hire more things done or to hire a management company to do what our volunteers have been doing.

Members also are needed on the Compliance Committee and the Architectural Control Committees. Come to think of it, we could use someone to help **Judy Boyle** keep the library in order and someone to help **Mike Alebis, Norma Rodriguez,** and **Ken Boyle** keep the pool and clubhouse in order. Greg Gropper could use a little help on monitoring the grounds.

Please offer a little help and keep our VWL fees low.



Honors Our American Workers

WHAT'S GOING ON?

for September 2012

Que Pasa?

at the Village of Westlakes

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, Sep. 11 – 7:00 P.M.
VWL CLUBHOUSE
VWL Annual Meeting
December, 2012

Informal, non-League play till fall League play resumes in October.

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: Tue., Wed., Fri., 4:30 P.M. - (weather permitting) & every morning at 8:00 A.M.

Cards/Game Night: Wed., at 7:00 P.M.
NOT CONFIRMED FOR SUMMER ??

Ladies Lunch: 2nd Mon., monthly, Meet at 11:30 A.M. at the restaurant.

Social/Cocktails: Thu., 5:00 P.M.

Potluck: 3rd Thu., 6:00 P.M.

**Sign up sheet at Clubhouse.*



Thanks Ken Boyle

by Katharine Ament

We have new bookcases at the clubhouse. **Ken Boyle** was kind enough to assemble them for us. A **BIG THANKS** to **Ken Boyle** for all your hard work.

Ladies Lunch



Sep, 10, 2012, 11:30 A.M.

Peppo's Urban Cafe
3503 N. Ware Road, McAllen

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



Acceptable Items in your BLUE bin:

- × **Paper** – All paper is accepted except for paper that has been contaminated with food. No paper from your bathroom trash please.
- × **Plastic #1 & #2** – Check underneath your plastic container for chasing arrows. There is a number inside the chasing arrows. If it is a 1 or 2 it CAN be placed in your blue bin, **NO OTHER #.**
- × **Cardboard** – Except used pizza boxes. Pizza boxes are contaminated with food.
- × **Aluminum**
- × **Tin**
- × **Glass**



Unacceptable Items:

NO Electronics

- **NO grass or leaves**
- **NO oil**
- **NO light Bulbs**
- **NO batteries**
- **NO food**
- **NO dirt**
- **NO phones**
- **NO dead animals**
- **NO fast food wrappers**
- **NO Styrofoam**
- **NO diapers or bathroom trash**
- **NO used pizza boxes**
- × **NO Plastic #3, #4, #5, #6, #7.**

DO NOT PUT TRASH IN THE BLUE RECYCLE CONTAINER

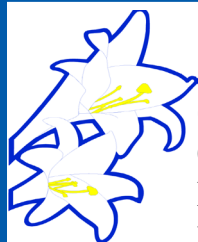
A fluorescent light tube and a trash sack with a watermelon rind was found in a VWL BLUE recycle container last month.

This misuse of recycling cans contaminates the entire recycle load and the truck may require cleaning before being used again. This costs our tax dollars.

BLACK = trash.
BLUE = recyclables

If you are not sure, put it in the **BLACK TRASH** can.

Going Green is Easy, But You've Got to Do it Right!



Our Sympathy

To the family of **Jeanne Collier** (4015 Carnation Circle) who died August 1 in her home. **Jeanne** moved to the Village in 1996. She was a good neighbor to those on Carnation Circle.

Our Sympathy

To **Carolyn Shaver** (4108 Carnation Court) who suffered the loss of her mother in June followed by the loss of her step daughter in July.



Lock the Pool Gate

Lock the pool gate when you leave the pool. It has been found unlocked several times in the last few weeks. Our pool is a private pool. **Mike Alebis** and his volunteer committee work to keep the pool in good order for all of us to enjoy. Only residents and their guests are permitted at the pool. Outsiders have occasionally helped themselves to our private pool without permission. Perhaps they are the ones who leave trash, etc. **LOCK THE POOL WHEN YOU LEAVE.**



Grubs — AGAIN???

Marcus Monroe, Grounds keeper

The VWL Association just fertilized all lawns this month. However, the grub infestation especially bad this year. Marcus Monroe, grounds keeper suggests that you continue to check your lawn for grubs. *Some might want to do an additional application to keep grubs and other insect pests out of your house.*



Remember yards are required to be maintained to the community standard. This means grass and plants must be watered and not overgrown with weeds.

Water those Trees and Plants — and Lawns!

Trees, plants, and lawns are suffering because of the prolonged heat and drought conditions. Watering with sprinklers is insufficient for young trees during a drought.



Give young trees a

good, long soaking and let the water soak in for 1 1/2 hours. For older trees, use an open, slow-running hose laid on the ground. *Drought stress might not kill trees immediately but can set them up for decline, insects and diseases, and other problems in following years.*

Water (in this heat) between 10 P.M. and 8 A.M. There is less evaporation during night hours, providing more water in the soil. Pest problems are also minimized. Bushes also need to be watered. If they show brown leaves, it's the same cause. Water between 5 A.M. to noon to give leaves time to dry out completely to avoid a fungus that can kill the plants just like the lack of water. Lawns need watering once or twice a week.

Trim your trees so maintenance crew can mow under them. This also keeps grass from dying under the tree and protects your house in case of hurricane or wind storms. Prepare for hurricanes by cleaning your gutters and downspouts to permit free flow of water.

Bienvenidos
WELCOME
NEW NEIGHBORS



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Mya & Paloma Berlanga**

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Cassandra Peterson & Gabriel Pastrana

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<frenchblueC2@yahoo.com>

James & Belinda Cano

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Local Road Work Update

The Daffodil Avenue crossing at Bentsen has been delayed because of a utility line crossing involving the sewer line.



The McAllen Traffic Division staff reports Daffodil should be opened about the first of September.

Bicentennial work at Nolana has been delayed due to railroad work. The railroad has until September (?) to finish. When they finish, the City crews will re-commence their work in November or December.



To all our VWL students and teachers
Best wishes for a great school year!

Board of Directors VWL Election Procedure

- A nominating committee will be appointed in September.
- In October, the nominating committee shall present its slate of Owners who have agreed to run for the Board. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. Candidates will be nominated for a specific term (3-year or 1-year).
- The Secretary will mail an absentee ballot/proxy with the notice of the annual meeting. Information of how to vote via email or fax will be given with this notice.
- The candidates' names will be listed alphabetically by type of term (designated by years) on the ballot.
- All ballots received before the annual meeting will be opened and counted at the annual meeting. Printed emails and faxes will be placed in a sealed envelope and then opened and counted at the annual meeting.
- Owners may vote for an equal number of candidates as Director positions that are currently open for each category (designated by years).
- If only one (1) position of Director is open in a specific category, the candidate receiving the most votes will be declared the winner of that category. If two (2) positions are open in a specific category, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will be declared the winners of that category, and so on depending upon the number of open positions.
- The winner(s) for each category (designated by years) will be done in the same manner as listed in the above paragraph.

Junta directiva el procedimiento de la elección VWL

- En septiembre se nombrará un Comité de nominación.
- En octubre, el Comité de candidaturas presentará su pizarra de propietarios que han acordado por la Junta. También se aceptarán candidaturas de la palabra en la reunión de noviembre. Candidatos serán nominados para un término específico (3 años o 1 año).
- La secretaria enviará una balota de ausente/un poder con el aviso de la reunión anual. La información de cómo votar vía correo electrónico o fax será dada con este aviso.
- Nombres de los candidatos los' serán enumerados alfabéticamente por tipo el término (señalado por años) en la balota.
- Todas las balotas recibidas antes de la reunión anual serán abiertas y contadas en la reunión anual. Los email y los faxes impresos serán colocados en un sobre sellado y después abiertos y contados en la reunión anual.
- Los propietarios pueden votar por un número igual de candidatos pues las posiciones del director que son actualmente abiertas para cada categoría (señalada por años).
- Si solamente una (1) posición del director está abierta en una categoría específica, declararán el candidato que recibe la mayoría de los votos el ganador. Si dos (2) posiciones son abiertas en una categoría específica, declararán los dos (2) candidatos que reciben la mayoría de los votos los ganadores de esa categoría, y así sucesivamente dependiendo del número de posiciones.
- Los ganadores de cada categoría (designado por años) se hará de la misma manera como se indica en el párrafo anterior.

Village of Westlakes
Board of Directors Nomination / Directores Nominación:
for December 9, 2012 — Annual Meeting
para 9 de Diciembre, 2012 — Junta Anual

(PLEASE PRINT EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE SIGNATURE.)

(POR FAVOR ESCRIBA CON LETRA DE MOLDE TODO EXCEPTO LA FIRMA.)

I / Yo, _____, Lot # _____
NOMINATOR / NOMINADOR (PLEASE PRINT)

nominate / nomino a _____, Lote # _____
NOMINEE / CANDIDATO (POR FAVOR ESCRIBA)

for a position on the Village of Westlakes Board of Directors.
para un puesto Directivo de Village de Westlakes.

Select ONE (1) of the following terms:
Seleccione UN (1) de los términos siguientes:

_____ **A three (3)-year term (for Director A or Director B)**
_____ **Un (3) - un término del año tres (para director A o director B)**

_____ **A one (1)-year term (for Director E)**
_____ **Un (1) - un término del año (para director E)**

I understand the election will be held December 9, 2012.
Entiendo que la elección será el 9 de diciembre, 2012.

I ACCEPT / ACEPTO:

NOMINATOR / NOMINADOR:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE / LA FIRMA DE CANDIDATO

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR / LA FIRMA DE NOMINADOR