



Newsletter Notes by Karen Kinerk, President

Whew! Finally we can feel some cooler (but not yet cool) temperatures. It is always a more pleasant time of year to be outside, whether working or just for pleasure.



Of course, the cooler weather alerts us to the fact that much Village work is approaching. The business of nominations and elections is time consuming, but it is one of the most important aspects of running the

Village of Westlakes. I hope that all residents take this election seriously. The election of Directors is the method that owners use to pick their representatives. The representatives are responsible for conducting the day-to-day business of the Village. They do what they think is in the best interest of the Village while following our COVENANTS, BY-LAWS, AND RULES.

Nomination of Director Candidates

The serious act of finding a slate of candidates has been taken on by the Nominating Committee, which was named at the September general Board meeting. I want to extend my profuse gratitude to **Hilda DeShazo, Dotti Egger, and Irmgard Wooten** who have agreed to the daunting task of finding a slate of candidates to run for Director.

We have three places to fill on the Board of Directors. There are two three-years terms and one one-year term open. If you are willing to serve, please contact one of the members on the Nominating Committee. This should be done quite soon, since the Committee makes its report at the October 9 meeting. If you move a little slower though, you will be able to be nominated from the floor at the November meeting. If you are willing to serve, we want you to have the chance!

Swimming Pool Roof Replacement

While you are out enjoying the lower temperatures, you have probably noticed the new roof being built at the pool. It was decided that since we had to replace the roof after the hailstorm, we should consider the fact that we have been talking about going with solar



power. We are not ready to do so, but we will now have a roof that can support the solar panels if we ever decide to go that way. Meanwhile, the larger roof will be more stable and provide more shade area. The unfortunate part of this roof erection is that the pool must remain closed until the project is complete.

So lots of important business is happening, but there is plenty of opportunity to experience the cooler weather and the Village ambiance. Enjoy and stay safe.

Village of Westlakes

Board Meeting
Closed Executive Session
6:30 P.M.

Tue., Sep. 11, 2012
7:00 P.M.

VWL Annual Meeting
December, 2012
Time & date to be announced

Treasurer's note

by Gregg Groepper



Starting with the October Board meeting, the Board will begin working on the 2013 budget. In preparation for that project, **Gregg Groepper** requests that anyone with ideas for items we should be considering for the budget next year should e-mail the information to **Gregg** <jggroepper@sbcglobal.net> by October 1. The following information is needed:

- A brief description of the project,
- An estimate of the cost,
- Why you think it is necessary,
- And, would you support a dues increase, if necessary, to pay for the project.

Every suggestion e-mailed to **Gregg** will be included in the presentation as optional budget items for the Board to consider, approve or reject.



VWL Nominations Committee Recruiting VWL Director Candidates

Hilda DeShazo, Dotti Egger and Irmgard Wooten are serving on the Nominations Committee to find Homeowners who are willing to serve our neighborhood as Directors of our HomeOwners Association. To serve as a Director, it is recommended that a candidate be reasonably familiar with the VWL COVENANTS, the BYLAWS, and the RULES AND REGULATIONS. A knowledge of *Robert's Rules of Order* is certainly an asset for anyone who is presiding over the meetings.

This committee will present candidates at the October 9th Board meeting. Nominations may also be made at the November Board meeting.

- The open offices are:
- DIRECTOR A (3-YEAR TERM)
 - DIRECTOR B (3-YEAR TERM)
 - DIRECTOR E (1-YEAR TERM)

Volunteers are needed for VWL Committees. Call a Board member if you will help.

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



Ladies Lunch



Oct. 8, 2012, 11:30 A.M.
Roosevelts's
821 N. Main, McAllen

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

for October 2012

Que Pasa?

at the
Village of
Westlakes

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES
BOARD MEETING
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Oct. 9 – 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 10:00 A.M.

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Golf - Mixed Best Ball: Fri., at 10:00 A.M.

Pool - Water Aerobics: Tue., Wed., Fri.,
4:00 P.M. - (weather permitting)

Line Dancing: Wed., at 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.
THRU OCT. 3 – RESTART NOV. 7.

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

To be resumed in the fall:

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

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

**Sign up sheet at Clubhouse.*



VWL Compliance Committee

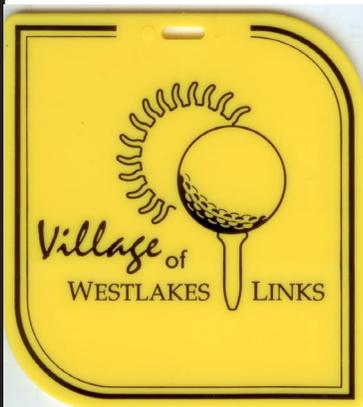
by Dotti Egger

Thanks go to the many residents who are keeping up with their lawn maintenance and house repairs. The Compliance Committee continues its monthly rounds with letters then sent to those who have let these problems get by them.

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.



Golf season starts in October



Display Your Bag Tag when you golf!

The VWL golf course, grounds, clubhouse, and pool (not the streets) are the private property of us, the homeowners.

If you play on our course, you should display your BAG TAG – or expect someone to question if you are trespassing. If you see someone on our private property who is not a resident – or with a resident, ask for their identification as a resident or resident's guest. If unable to do so, they should be asked to leave. Police should be called for trespassers

VWL Grounds Report

by Gregg Groepper

We have a few finishing touches on grounds projects remaining for this year. Before the end of the month we hope to have the final extensions to existing sprinkler systems completed that will address small areas not covered or with too low pressure. Those areas include behind greens #2 and #3, the extension down Harvey and across 43rd street, a small sprinkler addition on Carnation Court, and repair to an area behind green #5.

We recently replaced six trees that died as a result of the hail-storm. Two of the trees are on the golf course between fairways #9 and #8 and the other four are along and at the end of Harvey. The new trees are Texas FanTex Ash.



We're still hoping the Cypress survive once the weather gets cooler and they are not so stressed. Although the bushes along 41st Street look dead in some areas, those dead looking branches are starting to come back, for the most part. So, we'll give them another month before we consider trimming.

The grounds committee is exploring options for the area in front of the clubhouse. We're striving for low maintenance solutions, but we are hampered because there is no water other than a faucet in that area. We're hoping to find a durable, fast spreading ground cover to eliminate weeding in the long run. Also, under consideration is curbing for the area in front of the clubhouse.

There has been a lot of discussion about the greens again this summer. Know that we have spent over \$5,000 in chemicals to address fungus (including Pythium), fight an invasive weed of the spurge family, continue to conduct regular soil tests, fertilize, and bring in outside consultant experts. The spurge is finally getting knocked back, but the plant still shades the green and kills turf under the canopy. The spurge was all hand pulled. We will continue to treat the fungus in the fairways and on the greens on an ongoing basis.

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Dog "Droppings" on Daffodil

VWL walkers ask that you clean up after your dog on the sidewalk and area along Daffodil, as well as, the rest of our VWL properties. Many of our residents take their dogs out there and evidently don't think cleanup is necessary.



We have many residents who walk out there. The Daffodil area is also VWL property so we are responsible for keeping it cleaned up.

Pet owners should comply with the VWL COVENANTS (ARTICLE X SECTION 7, entitled ANIMALS) regarding their pets).

1. Pet owners must keep their animal(s) *[dogs, cats, etc.]* under control at all times *by leash or other suitable means.*
2. Pet owners shall ensure their pets *[dogs, cats, etc.]* *do not enter upon the property of other owners* without their permission.
3. Pet owners shall be responsible for *clean up and appropriate sanitary disposal of their pet's wastes [dogs, cats, etc.]* on common ground and/or their own property.



Recycle your cans at the Pool storage area.

Happy Halloween



VWL Library

by Judy Boyle

We have recently purchased several bookcases for the library. We have been able to expand the books so that they are more easily accessible to all.

There is a diagram in the library as to where different books are now.

Please, do not return books to the shelves. Instead put them in the drop box. Most of the books are in alphabetical order by author. The biographies are in alphabetical order by the content.

Donations of books are accepted for others to enjoy. Check with **Judy Boyle** on what they can accept since space may be limited. Hope everyone will enjoy using all the great books in our library.



Food, Fun, Festival

Oct 6th & 7th noon to 6:00 P.M.

McAllen Convention Center

FREE Admission, FREE Parking

STC Mobil Planetarium & Mother Goose

RGV RR model trains

Classic Car display

Indians & Pancho Villa & McAllito Village

El Mercado – Arts & Crafts – Care Bears

Fajita cookoff & HEB/Teach the Children

Live entertainment – 4 stages

Rancho el Caballo – live shows

Raulito Concert – Sat., 8 - 9 p.m

Contact Nedra Kinerk for information

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