



Notes by Diego Torres – President

First I want to thank the previous board for all they have done for our community and their families' support as they worked to resolve all the issues that were compounded by this year's hail storm. Next, Thanks to Directors Hilda DeShazo and Dotti Egger for their work during their term, to candidates Ken Boyle and Mary Goss and to all the residents that voted and attended the Annual Meeting.

Your new board Kay Elliott, Gregg Groepper, Karen Kinerk, Lydia Mora and myself stand ready to service our community and to resolve any and all issues presented to us. We will be needing help in Chairing and helping in the Activities, Architectural, Clubhouse, Golf, Grounds and Pool Committees. If you are able to participate in any of these committees, please notify any Board member

On behalf of the Board, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Amendments for VWL COVENANTS
Vote Extended to January 8

The attempt to update our VWL COVENANTS at the 2011 Annual Meeting was favored but did not have the required number of ballots. Therefore, the COVENANT changes were put on the 2012 Annual Meeting agenda with an extended deadline for voting.

Most of the changes were made because we no longer have a developer. Some were made because of Texas law, and some were made because we have made our own changes over the years.

Currently, there are not enough votes to pass the amendments. We need to update the COVENANTS. If you did not vote on the amendments in December, please make the effort to vote on these COVENANT upgrades. The final day to vote is January 8. Ballots were mailed with the 2012 Annual Meeting notice or you can get a ballot from the VWL website at <www.villageofwestlakes.com>.

Village of Westlakes Board Meeting
Junta de Consejo
3rd Mon. / Lunes,
Jan. 14, 2013
7:00 P.M.
Clubhouse

Village of Westlakes Annual Meeting
Election of 2013 Board of Directors

Lydia Mora and Kay Elliott, were elected to the VWL Board of Directors for three-year terms. Diego Torres was elected for one year to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of a Director last January which was then filled by Board appointment with Ken Boyle for the remainder of 2012. The new Board met and elected the following officers for the coming year.

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. President: Diego Torres; Vice President: Lydia Mora; Secretary: Kay Elliott; Treasurer: Gregg Groepper; Parliamentarian: Karen Kinerk.

Security Company Clubhouse Information
from Lydia Mora

Name: ASG Phone: 956-683-3600
Clubhouse hours: 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.
List of names, phone numbers in order calls to be made in case of a clubhouse emergency
Diego Torres, Pres. 631-2594 (h) 239-1587 (c)
Lydia Mora, V. P. 687-3302 (h) 289-0552 (c)
Kay Elliott, Sec. 603-986-6402 (c) 603-986-6403
Gregg Groepper, Treas. 406-461-8523
Karen Kinerk, Parlm. 971-8219 (h) 369-2944 (c)

Clubhouse Office Open
(for your convenience)
EFFECTIVE 01/08/2013

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Diego Torres – President
Cell: 956-239-1857



**Social/Activities Committee**

by Lydia Mora

The Social/Activities Committee met on Wednesday, 12/19/2012 to prepare the 2013 Events Calendar. The Events Calendar will be posted at the clubhouse and on the VWL Web page: <villageofwestlakes.com>.

The clubhouse has been reserved for the following dates and events. Residents will be updated monthly as more events and activities get scheduled. We will NOT book more than one reservation on any given day. Residents decorate in the morning and we need to respect their space. Thanks in advance.

**Westlakes Golf League Events**

One-Club Tournament Sat. Jan. 19

(rain date Jan. 26)

Putting Tournament Sat. Feb. 16

(rain date Feb. 23)

Club Championship Tournament

Fri. & Sat. March 15 & 16

Annual Golf Awards Banquet Sat. Mar. 23

**2013 Clubhouse Social Events**

Super Bowl Game - Sun., Feb. 3

Wine Tasting on Valentine's Day - Thu.

Feb. 14

Fiesta Night - Sat. Mar. 9

Evening to remember - 50's - 60's Music-

Apr. 13

Hoe Down - Fri. Jun. 21

Dog Days of Summer - Sat., Aug. 24

Hawaiian Luau- Sat. Oct. 12

Thanksgiving Day Lunch - Thu. Nov. 28

Christmas Evening of Fun - Sat, Dec. 14

Mon. Jan. 14, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Jan. 15, 2013 Reserved -Egger Party

Tue Feb. 19, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Mar. 19, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Apr. 16, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. May 16, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Jun. 18, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Jul. 16, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Aug. 20, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Sep 17, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Oct. 15, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Tue. Nov. 19, 2013 Monthly Board Meeting

Sun. Dec. 8, 2013 VWL Homeowners

Annual Meeting

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**

for January 2013

**Que Pasa?**

at the Village of Westlakes

**VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, Jan. 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Golf - Mixed:** Tue., at 10:00 A.M.

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

**One-Club Tournament:** Sat. Jan. 19

(rain date Jan. 26)

**Pool - Water Aerobics:** Tue., Wed., Fri.,

4:00 P.M. - (weather permitting)

**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**



Jan. 14, 2013, 11:30 A.M. — Renee's

2600 E. Griffin Parkway Mission

Call **Carol Lund** at 683-9522

by Sunday night for reservations.

VWL Board workshops and VWL monthly Board cancellations will be reported via email and newsletter when dates become available. Pancake Breakfast will be announced as soon as **Hal** and **Maureen** get back. Pot Luck Dinners will be announced separately via email, newsletter and posting at clubhouse bulletin along with a sign-in sheet. Email reservations will also be accepted by emailing the information to: **Leah Roberts** <vow.communications@gmail.com>. Please email us your ideas, make requests and suggestions. Pending dates for Line Dancing and Quilting will be available soon.



**2012 VWL Committees**

**Architectural Control:** Willard Moon, Dennis Coffman, Tim Campbell

**Clubhouse Social & Activities:** Linda Irgens, Sue Lewis, Naomi Martinez, Connie Gressinger, Leah Roberts, Laura Hall, Melda Morales

**Clubhouse Maintenance:** Dale Elliott - chair, Les Hedtke, Jim Gressinger

**Clubhouse Rental Contracts:** Julian Mora, Maru Gonzalez

**Clubhouse Library:** Judy Boyle

**Compliance** Jim Gressinger - chair, Tim Campbell, Julian Mora

**Golf:** Hal Kicza - chair, Les Hedtke, Maureen Kicza, Larry Rericha

**Grounds:** Mark Roberts - chair, Ron Weltzin, Tom Roerig, Norma Rodriguez, Gregg Groepper

**Ladies Lunch:** Carol Lund

**Recycling:** Dale Elliott, Mary Goss, Jim Gressinger

**Swimming Pool:** Mary Goss - chair, Norma Rodriguez, Tom Roerig

**Member Meeting Petitioned on VWL Pool House Project Is Postponed**

**Diego Torres** reports that the Member Meeting petitioned under VWL BYLAWS 2.03 by the Concerned Citizens to discuss the pool house project has been postponed until after the January Board Meeting.

The BYLAWS 2.03 provides that mailed notices of the meeting will be mailed by the petitioners two weeks before the meeting.

The Board conducted an action-without-a-meeting to extend the previous deadline for "no work or expenditures on the pool roof" to January 31, 2013.

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VWL OFFICERS

Diego Torres	President/Board member
Lydia Mora	Vice President/Board member
Kay Elliott	Secretary/Board member
Gregg Groepper	Treasurer/Board member
Karen Kinerk	Parliamentarian/Board member
Norm Sands	Bookkeeper
Nedra S. Kinerk	<i>The Link</i> Editor

**Lock the Pool Gate and Clubhouse Doors When Leaving Either Facility.**

Residents are asked to keep the pool gate locked since we had some trouble with intruders last summer. If the gate is unlocked and a child or adult enters through that unlocked gate and drowns, the insurance probably will not cover the drowning. The Village will be held responsible



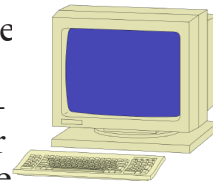
**Mary Goss** and the Pool Committee will present some ideas to the Board after the first of the year to ensure that the pool gate is secure. Please contact **Mary Goss** or the Pool committee members if you have any suggestions concerning our pool.

Although the VWL clubhouse has a different setup than the pool, it is equally important to lock the doors when you leave the clubhouse.

**www.villageofwestlakes.com**

**The Village of Westlakes Website**

No computer? Check out the computer access available to all VWL residents in the clubhouse. This was installed over a year ago and provides online service to any resident who does not have a computer. You can get a FREE gmail account with this computer to check the VWL website or to browse the web. The VWL COVENANTS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, BY-LAWS, Board and Annual Meeting Minutes, and other pertinent information back to January 2011 are available on our website. Back issues of *The Link*, the community newsletter can also be reviewed there. It is kept up to date by **Norm Sands** who monitors our website at <[www.villageofwestlakes.com](http://www.villageofwestlakes.com)>. If you need information about the VWL, you can find it there.



*Thanks Hilda DeShazo and Dotti Egger!*



*... for your work on the Village of Westlakes Board these past several years.*



### VWL Wildlife/Wildscape Designation

by Norma Rodriguez, B.S. Biological Sciences

In May of 2005, our subdivision was awarded the status of a *Texas Wildscapes Demonstration Site*. A sign denoting this designation is located on the clubhouse grounds. Several years ago, the Board approved making an application for this special designation.

Through the years, many of us have tried to take an active role in the Village efforts to not only sustain our habitat but improve it. Pond bank stability has been improved to reduce erosion at the recommendation of the Texas Parks and Wildlife staff. The pace of erosion has been slowed down by letting the shrubs along the ponds prosper, as well as allowing the edge grass to grow long enough to put down deep roots.

The grounds committee has planted over 100 native trees and created butterfly and hummingbird habitats at the entrance to the pool and 41<sup>st</sup>. The City's review of our efforts last year was so positive, they have encouraged us to apply again this year for another grant to receive an additional 70 free trees.

As a result of this hard work over the years, we are starting to once again be rewarded with a more diverse species of birds, butterflies, and water fowl than we have had since the loss of the Bentsen Road trees. As we approach the new year, I hope our past efforts to preserve habitat, practice sound conservation and improve the landscape of our community can be expanded to continue to make the Village of Westlakes a model for what is best about South Texas subdivisions.



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### Brush Disposal Area Change

by Diego Torres, VWL President

The brush disposal area for tree limbs and shrubs will be open for your convenience from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. during the week. On week ends or after 3:00 P.M you will need the combination to place any items in the brush disposal area. The combination is 4101 and is for VWL residents only.

Please place your cuttings/tree limbs all the way to the back of the bin. Close the gate and lock it. We are locking it because it is for VWL residents only and we have had contractors using our bin for their private dump. Do not leave anything in front of the gate.

**PLEASE, NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLASTIC PLANT POTS, BOXES, OR BROWN BAGS. THE CITY WILL NOT PICK UP THESE ITEMS.**

The City provides brown bags for grass cuttings and leaves **ONLY**. These bags may be picked up at the McAllen Public Works Center 956-681-4000 located on North Bentsen Road. These bags need to be placed out on Monday of collection week (3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month in your designated area for pick up). Thanks for your cooperation.

The Grounds Chairman is **Mark Roberts**, Home: 956-205-0094 Cell: 248-802-2546

### THANKS to all the Holiday Helpers

by Julie Groepper

The VWL annual holiday party was most enjoyable with great food, friends, and was followed by a gift exchange.

Special thanks to the: DECORATORS — **Kathy Ament, Judy Boyle, Jackie Eggers, and Julie Groepper** and to the CLEAN-UP CREW — **Ruth Thoennes, Laura Hall, Connie Gressinger, Velma Schmidt's daughter Carla** and new owner **Yolanda Garcia**. The scrumptious ham was prepared by **CHEF Gregg Groepper**. Thanks to **Ruth Thoennes** who donated several dish towels to our VWL kitchen. Volunteers like these help make the Village a great neighborhood. Thanks to you all!