



Notes by Diego Torres – President

I just continue to be amazed at the outpouring of support from the VWL volunteers that continues whenever a project needs to be completed, saving the Association considerable funds and improving the ascetics.

The list of projects completed by the volunteers include the Daffodil fence painting, bulletin board for the clubhouse entrance, clubhouse maintenance, and modification on the pool restrooms. Their next project is to repair and paint the maintenance shed fence. Thank you volunteers.

The pool roof modification issue is still pending due to a request from the ACC to obtain architectural drawings so that the contractors are bidding on the same plan. This drawings will be delivered by Friday, April 26, 2013.

We cannot forget our Activities Committee for their great monthly well attended parties. I have been unable to attend some of them due to other commitments but according to our residents who attended, everyone has a fun time. Let us show more support.

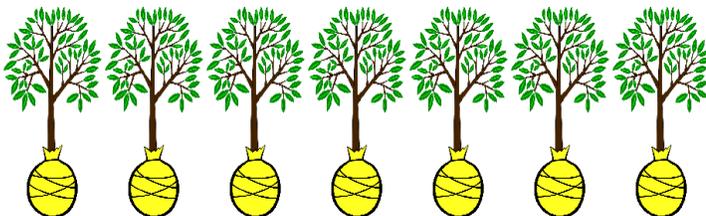
Village of Westlakes
Board Meeting
3rd Tue. / Martes,
May. 21, 2013
June 18, 2013
7:00 P.M.
Clubhouse

Our “Meet & Greet” the City Commissioners event went well and I would like to thank **Nedra Kinerk** for being the moderator. Both incumbent **Hilda Salinas** and candidate **Omar Quitanilla** were receptive to our concerns and were briefed on the Bentsen Road project issues, 41st entrance sidewalk need and the curbing need at the clubhouse corner.

Since we will not have a newsletter until July, on behalf of the VWL Board we wish you a Happy Mothers and Fathers Day.

Our prayers go to the victims of the Boston Bombings and West Texas explosions.

City Grant for New Trees at VWL



This year the City of McAllen, once again donated 54 trees to the Village of Westlakes. We received 40 ebony trees and 14 Montezuma bald cypress. Those trees were planted by volunteer help from **Gregg Groepper**, **Tim Campbell** and **Rosendo Valdez**. The ebony trees went into an ebony hedge on the south of our property to deter trespassers along the Bell property. The cypress were used to replace cypress destroyed by last year’s hail storm.

Subsequently, **Hilda DeShazo** donated three trees, two of which were cedar elms

and one cypress. The city provided an additional 4 trees, bringing the total trees planted this year to 61. All the trees were watered twice weekly for the first month and once a week for the second month. A drip line was installed to make watering the 40 trees in the cypress hedge easier. The rest were watered by hand by **Gregg Groepper**.

With one exception, all the trees are doing fine. All the trees planted are native trees, well suited to the climate of the RGV. Ebony trees will send a tap root down 60 feet and survive drought conditions very well. The cypress require more water and were planted next to the ponds for that reason.

Our thanks to **Gregg** who managed the grant process and did the important watering detail. And more thanks to **Hilda** who donated additional trees, to **Gregg**, **Tim** and **Rosendo** for planting, and to **Gregg** for keeping the trees watered.



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.

Interested in a Yoga Class?

There is some interest in forming a yoga group at the Village of Westlakes. If there is anyone in our community who knows yoga and is willing to form a group to teach some of the residents, please contact **Maru Gonzalez** (451-1995). If there is enough interest, perhaps a group can be started.



Quilters to Meet

The quilters of Village of Westlakes will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 14 to discuss our next project. We will meet at the Elliott's home at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact **Kay Elliott** at 603-986-6402.

Line Dancing Cancelled

Line dancing will be cancelled until further notice. An email will be sent when it will resume. Sorry for any inconvenience. **Kay Elliott**

July/August Link Newsletter Items

by Nedra S. Kinerk, editor

The July/August *Link* newsletter information should be submitted by June 20 to **Nedra Kinerk** (nkinerk@att.net). Please alert me to any new residents or residents with special events or news.

If you change your email or phone number, please advise me at (nkinerk@att.net) so that you receive the newsletter and other notices.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Que Pasa?
at the
Village of Westlakes

for May/June 2013

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 21 – 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, June 18 – 7:00 P.M.

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: 2nd Mon., monthly,

Meet at 11:30 A.M. at the restaurant.

Line Dancing: cancelled.

Hoe Down - Fri. Jun. 21

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

Potluck: 3rd Thur. – no information received for the summer

Ladies Lunch



May 13, 2013 at 11:30 A.M.

Sweet Temptations

5401 N. Tenth Street, McAllen

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

The Link – a voice for VWL HOMEOWNERS

VWL BOARD 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



VWL COVENANT Revisions Now Online

The VWL COVENANT revisions presented to VWL Homeowners at the December 9, 2012 Homeowners Association meeting are now on line. The document can be accessed at <www.villageofwestlakes.com>.

The free copy of the VWL COVENANTS distributed to all owners with the (free) 2010 DIRECTORY is now out of date. Refer to the online edition for questions concerning the governance of the Village of Westlakes.

The time-consuming job of updating, consolidating, and revising all versions to the present was done by **Karen Kinerk, Ken Boyle, and Nedra Kinerk**. Thanks also to **Norm Sands** for downloading the amended COVENANTS to the VWL website

The COVENANTS of the Village of Westlakes subdivision are to our community as the Constitution is to the United States. They are an agreement, a form of contract. When you buy a house in the Village of Westlakes, you agree to abide by the terms of the Covenants.

The original Covenants were created March 7, 1985 by the original developer, Jerry Leadbetter, and his investors.

They have been amended on five occasions since that time.

Many residents have copies of the original COVENANTS, and all should have received a copy when they purchased their residence.

Because of resales and simply losing the document, many residents no longer have their copy of the COVENANTS.

Even if you have all six documents, they can be difficult to understand because the amendments have changed big chunks of text forcing you to skip from one document to another to understand the current situation.

This Document consolidates the original COVENANTS and the five Amendments thereto that remain in effect and govern our community today.

The original COVENANTS and amendments thereto are legal documents and are recorded in the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office.

It was compiled by Robert L. and Nedra S. Kinerk and reviewed by William MacKenzie and Richard Baylog. We hope it is useful to you in understanding how our community is governed.

Robert L. Kinerk
March 2002

RLK/nsk

The January 8, 2013, amendments were approved by a vote of the membership and are the legal authority governing the Village of Westlakes.

Karen L. Kinerk
Dr. Nedra S. Kinerk
January 8, 2013

from: *Declaration of Covenants* – forward page

VWL Swimming Pool Rules

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES DIRECTORY — p. 52 & 62

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 "pool" 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





VWL Lake Water Allocation

The Hidalgo Irrigation District #1 is now supplying water under allocation. The Village of Westlakes gets a yearly allocation of 23.43 acre feet. The VWL has purchased 187 acre feet of water allocation. We will use about 40 acre feet for the rest of the year. If the district stays on allocation we will only use about 17 of our 187 banked acres of water for the rest of the year.

McAllen Water Conservation Restrictions — Stage 2

Effective April 1, 2013, McAllen residents will be required to implement Stage 2 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. During Stage 2, MPU will aim to reduce per capita consumption by 2 percent. The following restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- Irrigation of outdoor vegetation shall be limited except for during the days and times as provided below.
- Irrigation by drip method or hand-held buckets is permitted at any time.
- **Irrigation may only be conducted during the hours of midnight to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight on the authorized days.**

VWL IS ZONE #3 (Nolana on north, 10th Street on east, Business 83 on south and western City limits on the west) — **May irrigate on Tuesday and Friday during the time periods as provided for above.**

Check your faucets/toilets for small leaks. They add up fast.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Joe Black (2901 N. 43rd Street) had a malignant tumor removed from his left lung. He is recuperating at home and doing well. He will soon consult with an oncologist concerning any additional treatment. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.



District #3 Candidates at VWL

Hilda Salinas (incumbant) and **Omar Quintanilla**, candidates for District #3 McAllen City Commissioner, spoke to VWL residents on April 16 to hear and respond to our concerns. The Village of Westlakes has been redistricted into District #3 this year.

Before you vote — hear the candidates

for Mayor, City Commission & Public Utility Board

MCN (CH. 17) airs RERUNS OF Futuro McAllen Candidate Forum 2013:

Monday thru Friday at 12 noon after the City Commission and Public Utility Board meetings

and on UTUBE (on your computer) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxIXbcii4o>

Click on the link — it will take you straight to the video.

* **Early voting — April 29 through May 7**

8:00 A.M. to 600 P.M.

Old Police Dept., Lark & Palmview Comm. Centers

* **McAllen City Election — May 1**

7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Lark & Palmview Community Centers, Lincoln Mid. Sch., McAllen H.S., Fields Elem. Sch., Gonzalez Elem. Sch.

Early Resident Update — MacKenzie

by Gretchen Chapa

Several VWL neighbors remember former residents **Bill** and **Anita MacKenzie**. **Bill** made major contributions to the compilation of the *VWL COVENANTS* when the Links became the Village of Westlakes and was transferred from a developer-managed property to an HOA-managed property.

Anita has recently been diagnosed with cancer and because of the extent and spread of the cancer has decided to forgo any treatment except for palliative care. **Anita** and **Bill** now live at John Knox in Weslaco. For those interested in making contact their address is 1300 S. Border Ave. #221, Weslaco 78596 and their email is anitabill@aol.com.