



Notes by Diego Torres – President

I am sure everyone is glad the “Dog Days of Summer” will soon be over and we can start enjoying our outdoor activities. Hopefully we can get some much needed rain.

The pool committee continues to do a great job of handling the issues that have occurred, controlling the use to authorized persons, maintaining the water to prescribed levels and ensuring the cleanliness of the facility. It has been reported that some golf course sprinkling heads have been intentionally damaged, so we ask that if you notice any suspicious activity on the golf course to notify Marcus or myself.

The Pre-Emergent Fertilizer ground application by TLC will be done the week of September 9, 2013, with September 17-19 as make-up days. We seem to be getting satisfactory results with the weed and fertilizer applications from this company from my observations on my neighbors’ and my property. If you are having negative results, please notify me.

The Official Special Assessment Ballot will be distributed next week via email, hand delivery, and USP. If possible, we urge you to respond via email to <vwlhoa@sbc-global.net>. Please sign the ballot.

On behalf of your Board, we wish you a happy and safe Labor Day holiday.

Village of Westlakes
Board Meeting
3rd Tue. / Martes,
Sep. 17, 2013
7:00 P.M.
Clubhouse

Nominees Sought for Election as Director E to VWL Board

Editorial by Nedra S. Kinerk

The Village of Westlakes has a great reputation in McAllen for its beauty and for its strong Homeowners Association. We are grateful to all who have served (without pay) since 1998 and before to keep our community well-maintained and solvent. We have had dedicated leadership over the years.

We need some of you to take a turn to serve as Director E on the VWL Board. Yes, it takes some time. Yes, it takes work, and there are people who complain no matter what you do or don’t do. Regardless, there are rewards in helping to keep this an outstanding neighborhood in which to live, getting to know more of the good people who live here, and knowing you have made a difference.

My family is one of the longest-lived families at VWL. Those here longer are **Irmgard Wooten** and **Bill and Sara Meyers**. The **Kinerks** have served over 12

years on the VWL Board of Directors and volunteered many more years on various committees and community projects. The growth of our community and our VWL reputation has been a positive result of our and many other volunteers’ work. Many neighborhood friendships have resulted. You too can make a difference.

The VWL is a good place because residents have taken a turn at helping do the jobs. Please, consider taking a turn yourself — whether you are a long-term or a recent resident. If you have worked in leadership positions in the past, please consider running for the Board of Directors or helping on one of the Committees. If you absolutely can not help, then take the time to thank those who have served you and our neighborhood.



See the VWL Director E Nomination Form on page 6 of this newsletter.



Separate Recyclables from Trash

McAllen is up to 45% of the Blue can recyclables that can actually be recycled according to Carlos Sanchez, Director of Public Works, at the McAllen City Budget Hearings. In other words 55% of the Blue can contents are contaminated with trash which costs us tax money. Rinsing cans of most of the food from the can helps a lot.



RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

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

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- **NO Electronics** (Bring to recycling center.)
- **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**

Bring electrical items to the Recycling Center on Bentsen Road. Do not put in the BLUE bin. Bring in confidential documents to be shredded on Tuesday and Friday

A glass recycling machine is proving very useful in the recycling program. There has been a \$40,000 savings by the bagging of brush clippings.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Que Pasa?

at the Village of Westlakes

for September 2013

VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEP. 17 — 7:00 P.M.

VWL ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DEC. 15. 2013

Golf League play resumes in October.

Summer Golfers usually start at 9:00 A.M.

Pool - Water Aerobics: Tue/Wed 4:00 P.M.

Fri. 10:00 A.M.

Ladies Lunch: 2nd Mon., monthly,

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

Line Dancing: Wed., 1:00 P.M.

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

Ladies Lunch



Sep. 9, 2013, at 11:30 A.M.

Masterpiece Cafe

4500 N. Tenth

McAllen

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

Check out the VWL Library in the Clubhouse. It's on the honor system.



Choose your book, read it, return it to the RETURN box.

Thank Judy Boyle for keeping it up to date for us all.



Honors Our American Workers



Dog poop not being picked up

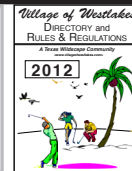
In recent months large deposits of "dog poop" have been left on Harvey Avenue and the curb side grass (and possibly other streets). New residents and residents with new pets are reminded: (VWL COVENANTS, ARTICLE X SECTION 7)

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.**



Help your pet to be a good neighbor. Pick up your pet's "poop deposits" when you walk your pet.

Bienvenidos
WELCOME
NEW NEIGHBORS



Tiffany Nicole Luck-Parker lot 44L
4120 Carnation Circle
956-534--6234
tiffanynlp@hotmail.com

Nicolas Sanchez lot 83
2716 N 41st Street
email N.A.
phone N.A. (Please call me at 630-4700)

Nicolas & Carolina Treviño lot 6
2908 N 42nd Lane
relocated from 41st Street

For any VWL DIRECTORY updates, contact <nkinerk@att.net> or 630-4700.



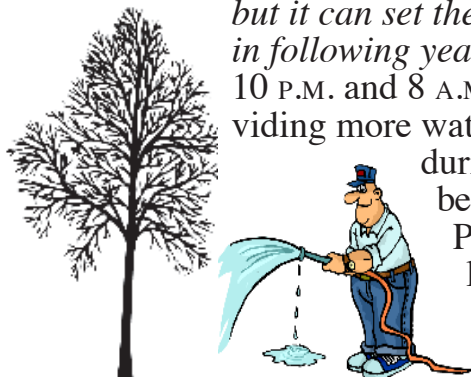
To our VWL teachers and students — we wish you a productive and happy school year. Students, you truly are setting the course of your future life. Teachers, no matter how little appreciation you sometimes receive, you do make a difference to many about which you may never know. Good luck to you all!

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 it can set them up for decline, insects and diseases, and other problems in following years. The best time to water in this blistering heat is between 10 P.M. and 8 A.M. There is less evaporation during the late night hours, providing more water in the soil. Pest problems are minimized when watering during the night. Bushes are in the same condition and need to be watered too. If they show brown leaves, it's the same cause.

Plant watering should be done between 5 A.M. to noon to give leaves time to dry out completely or they can develop a fungus that can kill the plants just like the lack of water. Lawns need watering once or twice a week.





Help the McAuliffe First Graders help Ronald McDonald



by Kim Ketterer

The first grade students at McAuliffe School are collecting the tabs off of soda and beverage cans for the

Ronald McDonald House. This is part of our IB action plan. Please help our McAuliffe kids to help the Ronald McDonald kids by saving the tabs off your soda cans for our project.

I (Kim Ketterer) will place a container for the tabs in the kitchen of the clubhouse. You may also put the tabs in a baggie and leave them on my front porch at 4104 Whitewing Avenue. Our kids would really appreciate your help.



Yard Check-up Tips

Residents are reminded to check that the heads on sprinkler systems are coming up properly and no leaks are found. The last weed spraying included treatment for grubs so that should not be a problem this year. The next weed spray will be in September.

Hoses and other items in the yard should be off the ground and low hanging limbs trimmed to facilitate mowing. And, of course, trim and weed your flower beds to keep our community attractive and property values high.



Our Sympathy Nuestro Sentido Pesame

... to Carmen Treviño

and her family on the passing of her husband and our neighbor **Guadalupe Treviño** (2720 N. 41st

Street) after a long battle with cancer. **Guadalupe** and **Carmen** have lived at the VWL since 1995. He was a good neighbor and will be missed.



Neighborhood Parking Problems



Please do *not* park cars/vehicles on the street across from a neighbor's driveway. You are causing a problem when they try to back out and it could get your vehicle damaged.

The circle at the end of Carnation Avenue has been painted yellow by the City. The circle is a NO PARKING area.

McAllen Bond Initiative Information

Three McAllen bond initiatives and two STC bond initiatives will be on the November ballot. Voters may obtain information on these initiatives before early voting from Mayor Jim Darling



on Thursday, September 19 and from STC President Shirley Reed on Tuesday, October 15. Both meetings will be at the McAllen Public Library at 6:30 P.M.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Cyndy Kurcz (4112/4116

Carnation Court was hospitalized at Rio Grande Regional Hospital July 19.

Lydia Mora (4109 Whitewing Avenue) is recovering from eye surgery August 22. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated for both of these neighbors.

If you or your neighbors are ill, please email me at <nkinker@att.net> so we can add your name to our prayer list for your recovery.

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 Kinker	Parliamentarian/Board member
Norm Sands	Bookkeeper
Nedra S. Kinker	The Link Editor

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, 2-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.

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, 2 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.

Nomination Form / Forma de Nominación
Village of Westlakes
Board of Directors / Directores:
for December 15, 2013 – Annual Meeting
para 15 de Diciembre, 2013 – Junta Anual

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

I / Yo, _____,
NOMINATOR / NOMINADOR

nominate / nomino a _____
NOMINEE / CANDIDATO

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

A three-(3)-year term (for Director E.

Un (3) - un término del año tres para director E.

I understand the election will be held in December 2013.
Entiendo que la elección será en diciembre 2013.

NOMINEE / NOMINADO
NAME / NOMBRE:

NOMINATOR / NOMINADOR
NAME / NOMBRE:

LOT / LOTE # _____
I ACCEPT / ACEPTO:

LOT / LOTE # _____
I NOMINATE / NOMINO:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE / LA FIRMA DE CANDIDATO

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR / LA FIRMA DE NOMINADOR