



Notes by Diego Torres – President

Did anyone say it's Autumn? Well, at least we had a couple of cool days after three weeks of much needed rain. Now we must be prepared for the ants, worms and lots and lots of weeds. Speaking of worms, The "Army worm" has started to invade our greens and it won't be long they get to our lawns

TLC will be applying pre- and post-emergent fertilizer starting September 30th to October 2nd with makeup days on October 8th to 10th. I have asked them to apply the "Army Worm" control spray.

The pool roof project is progressing and should be completed within a couple of weeks. The Engineer is to review for compliance this Friday, September 27th.

The Special Assessment ballots were sent earlier this month and we ask that you please submit your vote prior to our October meeting.

By now, everyone should have the Annual Meeting notice which will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2013 and a Nominating form to be filled out per the requirements contained

on the form. [Ed. see September and October newsletters.]

The Nominating Committee members are **James Gressinger** and **Larry Rericha**.

I respectfully ask for your prayers for Mr. **Wade Hauser** who is suffering from untreatable lung cancer and is in a Hospice, Grand Terrace, Good Samaritan Center, 812 W. Houston Ave, McAllen, TX 78501

On behalf of the Board we wish you a Safe and HAPPY Holiday

Village of Westlakes
Board Meeting
3rd Tue. / Martes,
Oct. 15, 2013
7:00 P.M.
VWL ANNUAL
MEETING
SUN., DEC. 15, 2013

Be on the Watch for Army Worms



One army worm has been spotted on the east side of VWL. The fall army worm can wreak havoc with your yard if ignored. Army worm eggs look like small white beads laid in rows which resemble miniature pearls. The eggs hatch into larvae in 8 to 10 days. Their diet is mainly grasses.

The larvae feed at night and the damage may not be explainable at first. Your first sign of army worm infestation may be

several birds clustered in a specific area. Although birds eat the caterpillars, they are no match for hundreds of army worms concentrated in one area.

The damage done by army worm infestation looks like a "frosted" appearance or brown patches throughout the turf. Damage usually moves in from the edges of the property and proceeds in a straight line as the army worms march across the lawn. A severe infestation may leave the turf completely bare in spots. Army worms rarely kill the turf, but can make it look very unsightly and weaken the grass. If noticeable damage occurs, applying a pre-emergent is recommended to prevent weeds from germinating.

From: www.greeearthlandscaping.net2012/09/fall-pests=army-worms.





Nominations Committee Recruiting Candidates for VWL Director E

James Gressinger and Larry Rericha have been appointed by President Diego Torres to serve on the Nominations Committee to recruit candidates for the position of Director E on the Village of Westlakes Board of Directors. The Director E post is a three-year term

To serve as a Director on the Board, it is recommended that a candidate be familiar with the VWL COVENANTS, the BY LAWS, 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 15th Board meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the November Board meeting.

2013 Annual Meeting of the Village of Westlakes Homeowners Association has been postponed to Sunday, December 15, 2013

Line Dancing Cancelled

Line Dancing is cancelled until the middle of October. Kay Elliott will advise by email when it will resume. For information contact Kay at 603-986-6402.

Quilting Activity

The quilting group will meet on Monday, September 30 at 7:00 P.M., at the clubhouse. We will be making a pumpkin man, The next meeting will be Monday, October 16 to work on the quilt that was started in August.

Everyone is welcome and I will catch you up to the group on what we are working on. Please contact Kay Elliott with any questions. 603-986-6402 or kaydalenh@gmail.com.



for October 2013

Que Pasa?
at the
Village of
Westlakes

**VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCT. 15 — 7:00 P.M.
VWL ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, DEC. 15. 2013**

Golf 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 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: Cancelled.

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



Ladies Lunch



Oct. 14, 2013, at 11:30 A.M.

Renee's
2600 E. Griffin Parkway
Mission

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

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving social or it will be canceled. If anyone would like to volunteer for the Thanksgiving or Christmas get together at the clubhouse, contact Kay Elliott.

October Luau Cancelled

The Hawaiian Luau which was originally scheduled last January for October 12 has been cancelled.



New Pool Roof Under Construction

Construction of the new pool roof is near completion after prolonged discussions for nearly a year. The 1998 VWL Board installed solar panels to provide a longer season of pool use. The solar panels placed on the roof in 1998 worked fairly well and did increase the number of weeks of the pool-use season for our community. However, the number of panels on the original roof were not sufficient for the size of the VWL pool and became a problem when the solar company went out of business and could not service them. The solar panels were removed after a few years.

After the hail storm of 2012 required a replacement of the pool roof, the Board voted to enlarge the replacement roof in order to accommodate the correct number of solar panels to increase the season for pool use into the cooler months. The plans became a problem in October 2012 when the contractor defaulted on his contract, disappeared, and left the VWL with an incomplete structure. In addition, he did not procure the construction permit from the City as required. The City permit was then obtained by the VWL Board and engineering plans were approved by the City in November 2012 to complete the expanded roof correctly. These actions were reported in VWL Board meetings in October and November of 2012 and in the VWL newsletter.

The revised roof plan was suspended when several homeowners petitioned the board to stop construction. The present VWL Board decided the following January to put the pool roof replacement to a vote of the Homeowners who voted to scrap the enlarged roof (with solar potential) in favor of a smaller roof which would be cheaper.

Construction was further delayed while the matter of funding was determined. Part of the roof replacement is covered by insurance and the insurance company had been asked to consider the expanded



roof. The change of roof plans has left that question still pending. The VWL Board has proposed a special assessment of \$155.00 per lot and put the assessment to a vote of the homeowners. A majority of homeowners would have to vote in favor of the assessment for it to take effect.

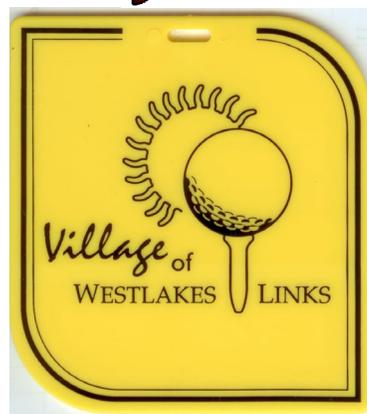
The good news is that the roof should soon be completed and pool use can resume during the remaining warm weather.

VWL League Play resumes in October.



Show your VWL BAG TAG when you or your guests are on the golf course.

Question anyone who plays our course without the BAG TAG. The course is private and reserved for VWL residents and our guests. Guests pay a \$2.00 fee for each 9 holes. Overnight guests are exempt from the fee. Pay the fee at the clubhouse office (door slot if no one there) on the honorary system.





McAllen, Texas

Food, Fun, Festival

Oct 5th & 6th Doors open at noon

McAllen Convention Center

FREE Admission, FREE Parking

Magician, Folklorico, Mother Goose, Lincoln

RG Valley RR model trains

Paddle Boat Rides

Classic Car display

Indians, Pancho Villa & McAllito Village

Gunfighters

El Mercado – Arts & Crafts – Care Bears

Fajita cookoff & HEB/Teach the Children

Live entertainment – 4 stages

Ricardo Castillon – live shows

Eddie Gonzalez Concert

Contact Nedra Kinerk for information

<nkinerk@att.net> 630-4700

Ricardo Chapa in Austin to Work on AARP Elder Issues

Ricardo Chapa recently traveled to Austin with State Representative Bobby Guerra to work on issues affecting older citizens. Chapa volunteers as an AARP advisor on many of these concerns. AARP has resources to assist those with questions on the new health insurance provisions. If you have questions on some of these issues, Ricardo may be able to help you find answers on these and other matters of interest or concern to seniors.

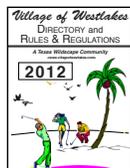


Lois Hammer Death

Word was received of the death of Lois Hammer last month. Lois and her husband Mike Hammer built their home at 4117 Harvey Circle in 1997 and lived there until

2005 when they returned to Missouri.

Bienvenidos
WELCOME
 NEW NEIGHBORS



Winston & “Lori” Blanca Varza Chong
 Adan & Mason
 4112 Camellia Court lot 52L
 270-2576 (W) 560-7519 (L)

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

STC Bond Initiative Information



Two South Texas College bond initiatives will be on the November ballot. Voters may obtain information on these initiatives before early voting from STC President Dr. Shirley Reed on Tuesday, October 15. The meeting will be at the McAllen Public Library at 6:15 P.M.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Wade Hauser

(4109 Carnation Avenue) is receiving hospice care for cancer at Grand Terrace, Good Samaritan Center, 812 W. Houston Avenue. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated for Wade and Elsy.

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

The Link – a voice for VWL HOMEOWNERS

VWL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 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 | 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:

LOT / LOTE # _____

I ACCEPT / ACEPTO:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE / LA FIRMA DE CANDIDATO

NOMINATOR / NOMINADOR

NAME / NOMBRE:

LOT / LOTE # _____

I NOMINATE / NOMINO:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR / LA FIRMA DE NOMINADOR