



## Notes by Diego Torres – President

Hope everyone had a “MERRY CHRISTMAS” and wish you a “Healthy and Prosperous New Year.”

Thank you for your vote of support and I want to ensure you that I will do my best in continuing our Mission “To be an Exemplary Community.” To accomplish this, Your Board needs your support as we work to satisfactorily resolve all the issues presented to us. In an effort

to unite our community, we need your help in staffing the different committees. Please contact any Board member if you are willing to serve on one or more of these committees.

I believe any organization needs a “PLAN” in order to set a common goal and means to accomplish it. You were presented with a 3-Year plan that was based on your wish list and projects that must be addressed in the near future and the cost associated with each item.

**Village of Westlakes  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday / Martes,  
Jan., 21, 2014  
7:00 P.M.  
AT VWL CLUBHOUSE**

The defeat of the proposed assessment does not remove the need of these projects, it only delays the financial impact to a future date. We will do our best to manage the budget and reduce effect.

We continue to have problems with security breaches. The latest one was the reoccurrence of fish theft within one week. Thanks to some observant residents the persons were challenged and a police report was filed. Great work.

### City Officials to Discuss Bentsen Road with VWL Residents Jan. 21 at 7:00

City Commissioner Hilda Salinas and Yvette Barrera, McAllen City Engineer, will meet with VWL residents at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting (7:00 P.M.) at the clubhouse. The discussion will focus on the completion of the Bentsen Road expansion project. Initial meetings with City officials in 2005 concerned retaining the wild life area that was an important part of our community. The VWL received a *TEXAS WILDSCAPE COMMUNITY* designation for our work in maintaining the lakes and environment conducive to preserving areas for wildlife.

The City promised to preserve and restore as much of the wild life area as possible when the road widening project was completed. Ultimately, all of the trees were removed and the wildlife habitat was destroyed. The City has replanted and irrigated the area

west of our neighborhood, but the trees have not yet shown sufficient growth to attract much wildlife. A surveying error resulted in the berm being located closer to VWL properties. Homeowners on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street suffered from this survey error which resulted in noise and vibrations and placed the canal berm much closer to their properties than originally planned. This also resulted in a less favorable planting site for the replacement trees.



The City has indicated that they also have been frustrated at the slow progress toward completion of the project. Commissioner Salinas and City Engineer Barrera welcome your comments and input. Come to the meeting to get the update information.



**Village of Westlake  
HomeOwner Fee is \$131.00  
starting January 1, 2014**



### VWL 2013 Annual Meeting

The VWL Annual Meeting was held December 15 with a twenty-two minute delay until a quorum of homeowners could be established. **Norm Sands, Ruth Bostick,** and **Jim Gressinger** were appointed as Election Clerks.

**Gregg Groepper**, treasurer, explained the 2014 budget which includes an increase of the Homeowner fee to \$131.00 to cover the increasing costs of regular maintenance of the VWL property. The COVENANTS allow a normal 5% increase each year, but this is the first increase approved by the Board in two years.

President **Diego Torres** reviewed activities for the 2013 year. The pool roof was completed although litigation initiated in 2012 following the hail storm damage is still pending to get a higher settlement. The fertilization of VWL properties was completed and the bridge just south of the clubhouse was rebuilt. The delinquent accounts were reduced (most of the money owed is by a single homeowner). Various social activities were held. The VWL committees were thanked for their work.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed three-year plan and the payment options. Although the list of projects was still deemed needed for the most part, the proposal failed to be approved by the vote of the Homeowners.

**Diego Torres** was the only candidate for the position of Director E and was confirmed unanimously. After a brief recess, the Board reconvened and announced the Board officers for 2014. The elected officers are: President – **Diego Torres**, Vice President – **Lydia Mora**, Secretary – **Karen Kinerk**, Treasurer – **Gregg Goepper**. **Kay Elliott** was appointed Parliamentarian..



for January 2014

### Que Pasa?

at the  
Village of  
Westlakes

**VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JAN. 21 — 7:00 P.M.  
CLUBHOUSE  
BENTSEN ROAD PROJECT COMPLETION  
CITY COMMISSIONER HILDA SALINAS AND  
CITY ENGINEER YVETTE BARRERA**

#### Golf League play.

**Golf - Mixed:** Tue. at 9:45 A.M.

**Golf - Mixed:** Wed, at 9:45 A.M.

**Golf - Mixed Best Ball:**

Fri. at 9:45 A.M.



#### One-Club Tournament:

Sat. Jan. 25 at 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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

Fri. 10:00 A.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.

### Ladies Lunch



Jan. 13, 2014, at 11:30 A.M.

KoKo's Cafe  
6100 N. Tenth Street  
McAllen

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





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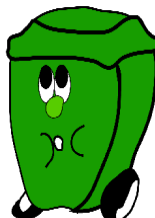
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**Display Your VWL BAG TAG when you golf!**

**If you have guests, they must display YOUR BAG TAG if they golf without you. You are responsible for your guests when they are using our private VWL golf course.**

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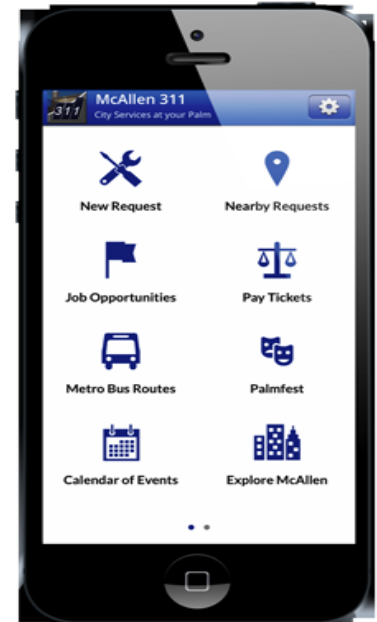
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### Dog poop not being picked up

Once again, deposits of "dog poop" have been left on Harvey Avenue and the curb side grass. Please pick up after your dog and take the droppings home for disposal.

Dogs are to be walked on the streets – NOT on the VWL golf course/common ground or on other people's yards unless you have the owner's permission.

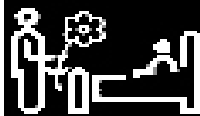
Thanks to most of our VWL owners who are observing: (VWL COVENANTS, ARTICLE X SECTION 7)

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.].**

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



### In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Karin Luengas** (4301 Whitewing Avenue) had surgery in Houston on December 5.

**Dotti Egger** (2809 N. 43rd Street) has gone to MD Anderson in Houston to have back problems examined.

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

Bienvenidos  
**WELCOME**  
NEW NEIGHBORS



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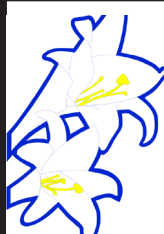
**For any VWL DIRECTORY updates, contact <nkinerk@att.net> or 630-4700.**

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### 2012 VWL DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS pp.

<b>Karen Jerico Luengas</b>	pp. 12 & 30
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<b>T.J. &amp; Belle Jore</b>	pp. 10 & 28
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### In Memory of ...



**Anita MacKenzie** died November 29. Anita and her husband **Bill MacKenzie** were formerly VWL residents at 2920 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> Lane from 1994 to 2002. Both were very involved and appreciated in the activities of our neighborhood. **Bill McKenzie** helped with the early transitions of The Links Community to the Village of Westlakes HomeOwners Association.

*The Link* – a voice for VWL HOMEOWNERS

VWL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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