



## Notes by Diego Torres – President

The Nominating Committee has presented a list of four well qualified residents that have agreed to run for the three Board vacancies at our next Annual Meeting in December. Please review their qualifications, which are listed in this bulletin, and vote your choice.

Another important item that will be included in the Annual Meeting Agenda is an Amendment to the BYLAWS that will prohibit ownership of vicious dogs in the Village of Westlakes.

The City of McAllen has finally started the removal of tall weeds and the trimming of trees on the Bentsen Road berm bordering our 43<sup>rd</sup> Street residents. A promised schedule of future trimmings will be made available soon. [Ed. See the City-VWL Wildscape Restoration Committee report in this issue on p. 3]

A big thank you goes out to **Julian Mora** and **Jim**

**Gressinger** for their work in making and posting the “No Trespass” signs around the property, updating the clubhouse “Exit and Emergency” lights, replacing the fire sensors and fire extinguishers, repairing the faulty air conditioners and replacing the inoperative outside lights at the clubhouse.

Don’t forget to honor our veterans on “Veteran’s Day” and thank them for their service.

Village of Westlakes  
Board Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. / Martes,  
Nov. 18, 2014  
7:00 P.M.  
Clubhouse  
Annual Meeting  
Sunday, Dec. 14  
2:00 P.M.

## VWL Board of Directors Candidates

**Jim Gressinger** presented the following names as nominees for the position of Director for the VWL Board of Directors at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

**Michelle Quiroz**

**Dennis Mandsager** (Ed. –Dennis is not a candidate at this time)

**Jim Hall**

**Bill Duck**

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Board positions to be filled are:

DIRECTOR C & D ( 3–YEAR TERMS)

DIRECTOR A ( 1–YEAR TERM)

Board members should be familiar with the VWL COVENANTS, BYLAWS, and RULES AND REGULATIONS. Knowing parliamentary procedures is also helpful. Much of this information is available on the VWL website **www.villageofwestlakes.com**. Our volunteer boards and committee members have served our community well in the past years. We thank them for their service.

## Nominees for VWL Board of Directors

**Michelle M. Quiroz** (2704 N. 41<sup>st</sup> Street)

**Michelle Quiroz** is Fulfillment Planning Manager with GE Aviation in McAllen, Texas, and is involved in managing customer accounts for major airline clients around the world. Her career includes eight (8) years in manufacturing engineering, industrial engineering, quality management systems, and certification as a six sigma black belt.

For the last two years **Michelle** has served as council leader for GE Volunteers, sponsoring and leading community services events in the local community.

**Michelle** is a Rio Grande Valley native raised in La Joya, Texas, and an alumni from the University of Texas Pan American receiving a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science (MS) in Engineering Management. **Michelle** and her husband **Danny** moved to the Village of Westlakes in 2008 and live here with their two young daughters.

*VWL Director Nominees continued on P. 4, col 1*



# Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us!



## THANKSGIVING DINNER POT LUCK AT THE CLUBHOUSE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

**SIGN UP SHEET will be posted at  
the CLUBHOUSE**

Call Kathy Ament for information.

Many of our residents want to spend Thanksgiving with their family and friends so we will have a Thanksgiving turkey dinner on our regular potluck evening of November 20<sup>th</sup> (instead of on Thanksgiving Day).

The Village will furnish the turkey. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to share.

**Cocktails at 5:00 P.M.; Dinner at 6:00**

# WHAT'S GOING ON?

## Que Pasa?

at the  
Village of  
Westlakes

for November 2014

## VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, Nov. 18 — 7:00 P.M.

## VWL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 — 2:00 P.M.

### Golf League play

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

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

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

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

Fri., at 10:00 A.M.

**Coffee Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon., at 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

**Ladies Lunch:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., monthly.

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

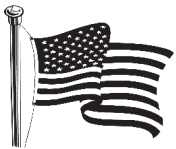
**Social/Cocktails:** each Thu. 5:00 P.M.

**Thanksgiving Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu.

Cocktails at 5:00 P.M.;

Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

*\*Sign up sheet at Clubhouse.*



# VOTE

Election Day

November 4

**Early voting: Oct. 20 to Oct. 31**

**Vote at any Polling Place** — Closest polling place: McAllen Public Library, 4001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Election Day, Nov. 4, VWL (Precinct #97) votes at Las Palmas Community Center, 1925 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street**

## Ladies Lunch



Mon., Nov. 10, 2014, at 11:30 A.M.

Dirty Al's

5712 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

Gregg Groepper

Treasurer/Board member

Karen Kinerk

Secretary/Board member

Norm Sands

Bookkeeper

Nedra S. Kinerk

The Link Editor



## COFFEE TIME

Join us for the November "coffee," which will be Monday, November 3 from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. Thanks to Social Committee members **Kathy Ament, Judy Boyle, Connie Gressinger, and Julie Groepper.**



### Bentsen Road Area Wildscape Restoration Plans

report from Brad Bensen, Horticultural Manager, McAllen Parks & Recreation Staff & Dennis Mandsager, Wilma Longhammer, Gregg Groepper, VWL Wildscape Restoration Committee



The overall Game Plan of the City/VWL Committee is to re-establish a vegetative barrier to separate the west fence line of The Village of Westlakes and the “canal bank.” The main objective is to establish a bird / butterfly friendly barrier of sustainable Native Plants and identify reasonable roles of expected responsibilities between that of:

- Residents of Village of Westlakes HOA
  - Parks & Recreation Department
  - Texas Naturalist Volunteers
- Additional financing (grants?) will be sought for this “Dreamscape.”

#### Initial goals:

- Identify trees to save
- Trim around individual trees
- Remove Tee-posts from existing trees
- Mow / weed-eat around trees and irrigation pipes and valves
- Establish a plan to establish desirable groundcover and plant additional native trees / shrubs

#### Immediate foreseeable problems:

- How to reasonably eradicate the existing weeds and vines — Guinea Grass, Bermuda Grass, Vines, Morning Glory Vine, 2 other unidentified vines, non-desirable native / non-native trees, e.g., Huisache, Retama, Hackberry, non-native Tepejuaje (Popenack)
- Weed seeds and root nodules remain viable in the soil for up to seven years
- Air born seeds
- Sufficient water supply for establishment
- Perpetual upkeep until establishment

**Suggested tree types** – Fiddlewood, Tepejuaje,

**Understory trees** – Chapote (Texas Persimmon), Goat Hoof Orchid

**Groundcover** – Frog Fruit, Wooley Stemodia, Scorpion tail, Coat Buttons

**Shrubs** – Texas Lantana, West Indies Lantana, Padre Mist flower, Mallow.

### Bensten Road Hike & Bike Trail

Sally Gavlik, Director of McAllen Parks and Recreation Department (PARD), advises that the trail is a Texas Department of Transportation project (TxDot) Tx Dot does not have plans to release funding for the Bentsen Road trail project until 2016. That means the trail and landscaping could be under construction by the end of summer of 2016. TxDot will be doing the landscape design to meet TxDot standards and McAllen PARD will be doing the irrigation component.

### Grounds Committee Plans

by Gregg Groepper

#### November work

- Install barrier board behind green number five, kill St. Augustine from that barrier board toward green five.
- Do additional trimming of oak tree by tee box number five; kill weeds; install additional sprinkler head.
- Pull one third of the width of the cattails in pond five.
- Obtain estimate for French drains on seven and four.
- Have Marcus obtain an estimate for rebuilding sand traps on greens nine and one and converting sand trap on seven to a grass bunker.
- Obtain bids for sloping the north bank of pond on hole 5 due to erosion.





**VWL Director Nominees**

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**Jim Hall** (2717 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street)

I am from McAllen and graduated from McAllen High School in 1972, and Cum Laude from the University of Houston with a BBA in Accounting in 1976, and received my C.P.A. license in 1979.

I have been married 35 years to **Laura Hall**. We have three grown sons. We returned to McAllen in 1982 and I have served at Calvary Baptist Church as a Deacon, on numerous boards and teaching Sunday School. I was involved with my sons in all sports and coached several teams, mostly thru the McAllen Boys and Girls Club.

I worked with Arthur Andersen in Houston after college, then as an assistant controller for a manufacturing company, and spent two years as Internal Audit Manager for the Houston division of an international heavy construction company. requiring a lot of domestic and international travel. In McAllen, I have worked with local CPA firms and was employed as the Controller for Starr Produce Company in Rio Grande City for thirteen years. For the last four years I have been employed with Ewing Lara & Co. here in McAllen as a CPA.

We moved to Village of Westlakes in 2010 and have enjoyed the residents and the lifestyle the Village offers. I am very willing to volunteer my time to help the Village of Westlakes continue to be one of the more desirable McAllen communities to live in. If elected, I look forward to working with the other Board Members on behalf of all the homeowners.

**William R. Duck** (4216 Whitewing Avenue) St Louis Park High School graduate of 1952 football and basketball

University of Minnesota 1955-1960 BBA Marketing and Sales Administration, 2<sup>nd</sup> major in History

Employment

Johnson & Johnson market mgt. 1960-65

**2014 Annual Meeting of the Village of Westlakes Homeowners Association**

**Sunday, December 14, 2014 2:00 P.M.**

in Des Moines, IA and promoted to major accounts in Cleveland, OH Supermarket Drug Co. 1965-67 – Director of retail sales

Fisher Foods 1967-70 Gen Mgr. of Drug Division

Medico Drug Stores of RGV 1970-86 – Vice President and Gen Mgr.

McAllen Police Dept. 1986-2010 – Director of Fiscal Management Bureau, managed a budget of 30 million+, and 5 million in drug confiscated funds.

Only civilian on the Police Department’s Command Staff

Volunteer Work

Reserve Police Officer 1985-96. Rank LT. International Spring Fiesta President 1977-8

Racquet Club President 1982-83

Outstanding Service Award Police Dept. 1989

VWL Pool Committee 2013-14

**Dennis Mandsager Advises He Is Not a Director Candidate**

**Dennis Mandsager** (2800 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street) has advised me as follows: *“I did not ask to be a candidate for the board. There must’ve been some sort of mistake. Cheers, Dennis”*

**Therefore, unless Dennis or someone else is nominated from the floor at the November 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, we have only three candidates for the three positions of VWL Director.**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Mother of Sue Lewis** (2913 N 43<sup>rd</sup> Street) is having and is hopefully recovering from surgery in New York.

**Norm Sands’s father** (4149 Carnation Avenue) is in critical condition. **Norm** has been called to his bedside.