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Welcome Spring!



The office will be open for business on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to accept payments and update I.D. cards.



To stay updated on community events and information, go to our website: www.villagesofwestcreek.com and sign up for our free email service. You can also find us on Facebook!



CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:

The Board of Directors will have (3) three open seats in April 2016. A key business item on the annual meeting agenda is the election of new Board members. If you are a Homeowner who would like to serve your community, or know of another Homeowner who would make a good director please submit the following by February 19, 2016. Nominations received by this date will be published in the April 2016 newsletter and on the website. Any nominations received after February 19, 2016 will be posted on the website, but will not make the deadline for the Newsletter or the Ballot printing.

- Candidates Full Name
- Home Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Short Bio (no more than 300 words)
- Photo Image (jpeg) or if you wish you can drop by the community center and we will take the picture for you. The information should be delivered to the following:

Chair, Villages of Westcreek Owners Association Nomination Committee

12395 Military Drive West

San Antonio, TX 78253

210-679-8761

NOTES:

- *Nominations can be made at any time up to and including the call for nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2016.*
- *Nominations received after February 19, 2016 will be published on the website, however will not make the Printing deadline for the newsletter and the Ballot.*
- *To be elected the candidate must be a Homeowner of the Villages of Westcreek.*

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

~Please remember to be observant in your neighborhood. Report any suspicious activities or persons to the Bexar County Sheriff's office. (210) 335-6000.

~If you see graffiti or vandalism in the Villages of Westcreek, please report it to the office at 679-8761.

~Please be sure to pick up after your animals on all common areas and while in the Sports Park. A pet waste station is located next to the park rules sign. Also, be respectful of your neighbor's property and clean up any waste.

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Please visit our website and click on the Subscribe button to sign up for our community Constant Contact to receive important emails and our weekly Week in Westcreek newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Richard Gentry

Well, it's that time of year again! The weather is getting nice, and we are able to enjoy the outdoors again. I hope that everyone is able to take some time, and enjoy our beautiful community. At the VWOA, it is a very busy season as well. We have our Board of Directors election in April, so make sure you come out and vote. We also are starting to do work on the monuments at the entrances of our many different villages. If you are interested in helping design what is going into the monuments, I would encourage you to attend the Landscaping Committee meetings, to get your ideas heard. We are also upgrading many things down at the Sports Park. The Sports Park Committee meets monthly, and this is another great committee that will be helping to guide the Board when it comes to improving the park. Bottom line, no matter what your passion is to improve the VWOA, there are great committees available and in need of volunteers with great ideas and drive.

Over the last few months, we have placed an order for new workout stations at the park, new picnic tables and trash receptacles, and we are getting ready to start reworking the first 4 monuments on Military Drive, coming in Westcreek. We have made progress on the restrooms at the park, and completed the fence work around the basketball and tennis courts. Additionally, both courts have been newly resurfaced. It is important that we get as many homeowners as possible to provide their input into the work we do in the community, because it helps to make it a place that we all enjoy.

FACILITY RENTALS

The Community Center and Sports Park Pavilion are available to rent for your next event. The facilities can be booked up to 6 months in advance. You can also rent the pools for your private parties, Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 p.m.-10:00p.m. Contact the office for more information.

****All parties must be booked in the office. We do not accept facility contracts via fax or email.*

For more information, please visit our website www.villagesofwestcreek.com, or contact the office at 679-8761.

MAINTENANCE **REMINDER**

VWOA will continue to work on many projects throughout our neighborhood. We respectfully remind residents to please refrain from accessing marked off areas as well as areas with electrical and irrigation lines.

Additionally, if you should see any vandalism within the community, please contact the office at 679-8761.

JOIN A VWOA **COMMITTEE**

There are committees that need homeowner's support. These committees do not take up too much time and your input is critical to the success of our community. Please volunteer and become an active member of our community and help us continue to make Westcreek a great place to live.

RECREATION ROUND-UP: Dawn Garza

Hello from Parks & Rec! The 1st quarter was very busy, with fun events and programs. Mardi Gras was a big hit and was enjoyed by all.

We are proud to say that we have kicked off a successful youth Basketball Program and it's going strong with 87 registered players and 9 teams. Our Tournament is set for May 21st.

We also had a blast at the Easter Egg Hunt, and are very thankful to all of our residents that donated candy and came out, and a special thanks to all the children in this picture (below), as well as several other volunteers. We could not have made it work without you all.



Upcoming Events:

~ **Adult Coed Softball:** Registration ends mid-April and the season starts in late May. We are looking forward to the success of this new program.

~ **Pool Season Kickoff:** Pools open in May, check the website for more specific schedules of operational hours, swim lessons, etc.

~ **Westcreek Jubilee:** Date is set for June 4th. Stay tuned for more on this exciting annual event in our Park

News:

Please stay tuned to your email, as well as Facebook and our Website for news regarding upcoming Spring sports in the park.

VWOA is Working for You:

VWOA's Board of Directors, staff and volunteers work very hard to continue to make VWOA a charming place to live. Our office staff, Park and Standards monitors, life and gate guards, volunteers, and our maintenance team strive to ensure the safety of our residents, cleanliness of the common areas, maintain property values, plan programs/events and projects, and abide by the laws and our governing documents to make it impartial for all. VWOA asks that you maintain respect towards our staff and volunteers and thank you for your support.

MANAGER'S MINUTE: Jennifer Bell

Spring is here and it ushers in rejuvenation from the winter doldrums and inspires growth. The transformations can be seen in our lovely community. The additions of new sod, trees, and play equipment in our tot-lot, resurfacing of our sports courts, and embarking on a new basketball program beckons residents to come outside and enjoy the spring weather and enjoy their neighbors. And there are additional improvements to come.

VWOA is a very large community that is fortunate to have many amenities to include our large park and 2 pools. To stay on the path of continued improvements, we need to have the involvement from our homeowners. Homeowners' input is vital to maintaining and improving our community. We always ask and encourage residents to join VWOA committees to create plans of growth and development, to attend Board of Director (BOD) meetings to stay informed, and to come by the office to speak to the staff. We thoroughly enjoy the interaction with our residents; however, there are times that our BOD and staff members are treated unfairly and disrespectfully.

In order for our community to continue in a positive forward motion, the interaction between BOD, staff and residents should always be in the spirit of positivity and productivity. When there is contention and negativity strewn about, it impedes the process of working together to find the best solution and completing any projects. We take initiatives to ensure that Westcreek continues to provide great services, events, and opportunities, while striving to maintain our governing documents and home values. Every homeowner agreed to abide by the Standards of our community and must do their part to help. Respecting your neighbors by keeping your property clean and well kept, as well as keeping your pets contained and quiet during the recommended quiet time, creates a pleasant and friendly environment for everyone to enjoy. Respecting the BOD, staff, committee members, and your fellow neighbors will continue to nurture an environment of growth and value. We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep Westcreek beautiful and seek to have more residents involved in committees and functions. We love our community and can all agree we want to continue to keep it a safe, family-friendly environment that makes it such a desirable place to live.

If you should have any questions, comments, or need assistance, please contact our office 679-8761.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

The meeting will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WATER CONSERVATION

Year-Round watering restrictions (listed below) may be declared when the Edwards Aquifer level is above 660 feet meaning sea level at the monitored well. These rules continue until there is an announcement in the newspaper that Stage 1 is in effect and/or conditions warrant a more stringent restriction level.

- Under Year-Round guidelines, all fountains – whether commercial or residential, or indoor or outdoor – are allowed.
- Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is permitted any day of the week before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. Please visit www.saws.org website for more information.



Rannie Bond: I have been a neighbor in THE OAKS community of Westcreek since September 2015. My family and I are excited to call Westcreek our home. Having been in the US Navy for 20 years it was an honor to serve our nation. Now, as that chapter closes my wish is to continue my servant leadership in opportunities to benefit my local community. It takes a village to raise children in this new era and Westcreek has all the right parts to make it happen. The value of community is one that is deteriorating in America as we put aside our interpersonal relationships in pursuit of our many endeavors; unfortunately it is one of our most important values. Coming from a rural upbringing in Virginia where everyone knew everyone, to living in apartments where neighbors never said “Hello” has created a longing in me for a quality family centric neighborhood. Choosing Westcreek has been one of the best decisions of our lives. People are at the foundation of every organization confirming my belief that community must be a clear focus. I also believe creating a great community is a treasure for our neighbors as they respite from their labors we can create an equally healthy work/life balance and fulfillment in our community. I am a critical thinker; thoroughly analyzing all data and working with others to effectively solve problems saving time and money while meeting the needs of the community. I am level headed and give honest assessments. I am an active listener; I strive for clear, complete and mutual understandings in all I do. I appreciate my neighbors and look forward to serving you all on the HOA board by making positive changes in your desired directions to keep Westcreek one of the premier neighborhoods in San Antonio.



Reggie Harmon: Reggie has been a resident of The Villages of Westcreek (The Reserve) since 2010. What drew Reggie and his family to Westcreek besides the home itself was the atmosphere and feel of the community. Seeing how active the community, from jogging down Military drive to the kids playing at the park, the community stood out as one of the best in San Antonio. Although there have been many great changes made to the community, continuing that will take a collaborative effort. As a volunteer on the board Reggie plans on continuing to support the positive changes that are being made and to foster and build on new ideas along with creating positive relationships and interactions with all residents as well as being a listening ear and powerful voice for Westcreek residents.



Ryan D. Haskins, Sr.

- Born and raised in Washington State
- Have served in the Air Force since 1999
- Moved to Westcreek in 2013
- Happily married for 15 years and raising 4 kids
- Earned a Masters in Information Systems and Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the University of Phoenix Online
- Hobbies include reading, traveling, running and team sports
- Active member of the Sports and Sports Park Committee
- WVOA Youth Soccer Coach for the past 3 seasons
- Enjoying the community and looking forward to making it even better
- Priorities as a board member will be controlling spending, improving the bathroom situation at the park and expanding the sports programs



Anthony Hoffman: As a member of the Board of Directors since 2012 I believe that the home owners deserve our respect and should see their dues create visible improvements to the community.

Amongst my accomplishments, I have continuously fought to implement cost cutting measures and promote total transparency to our nearly \$1.2M budget. Thinking outside the box I have pushed to implement ideas from small to large such as projector use during HOA meeting for attendees, I rejected the annual catered picnic costing nearly \$18K (for less than 50% of the residents) replacing it with a fair type festival combining events and saving over \$8K (while doubling attendance)!. I led the push to negotiate refinancing the \$1.7M construction loan saving home owners in excess of \$580K. I have promoted projects to include tot lot improvements such as adding a mini football field and basketball court, installing LED lighting in the park, building rather than buying benches for our sports fields, renovating the park pavilion, adding new pavilions, renovating existing bathrooms (rather than build new ones at a cost of over \$100K). I advocated against the conversion of our tennis courts to basketball courts, I fought to reduce fraud, waste and abuse by performing audits, identifying other improved accounting methods and cost cutting measures. I have pushed for reduction of staff, preventing habitual 3% pay raises and no longer offering flat, year-end bonuses (which have exceeded \$13K over) and created a “bonus for performance” plan rewarding employees for cost saving ideas.

I need your support to complete the unfinished business which I feel can be accomplished with the right people on the Board. This business includes renovating our common areas, enhancing entrances, fencing, developing unutilized common areas and most importantly, improving fiscal responsibility to prevent further increases of Home Owner’s Association dues.



Guy Oliver: My name is Guy Oliver and I have lived in the Villages of Westcreek since 2004. I am fortunate to live with my wife, daughter and two grandsons. Before moving to San Antonio, I resided in Washington State, and was employed by the City of Redmond where I managed multimillion dollar projects and gained insight on the needs of communities.

Since 2004, I have served our community with the goal of making us a family centered community by adding/improving amenities, common areas, and programs while preserving/enhancing property values. Committees I have served on include the Bylaws Revision, Sports Park, Sports, Budget, Ad-hoc Fence, Communication, Strategic Planning, Election Committees, and Standards Revision Committee. During the past 2 years, I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Directors as your “Secretary”. Some of the accomplishments that I have played an active part in include:

- Upgrading the VWOA website
- Replacement of playground equipment;
- Adding a new handicap and stroller accessible sidewalk around the children’s play area;
- Adding a fall and spring festivals and Santa in the Park;
- Platted the Sports Park for future improvements;
- Resurfaced the basketball and tennis courts;
- Established an ad hoc fence committee to address the fences on major streets; and
- Repairing of the pool decking at the Community Center;

In the coming year, we will see additional improvements to the Sports Park to include the building an additional restroom facility, repaving the parking lot, upgrading the picnic tables, benches and exercise equipment.

That being said, I would appreciate your vote and if re-elected, I will continue to exercise fiscal responsibility while working to improve the facilities and programs offered to our homeowners. Please come to the Board meetings and see what is going on and give the Board

ASSESSMENTS AND ID CARD REMINDERS

All residents 12 and older must have a current VWOA ID card to access the pools, the park and to attend all VWOA events. Please ensure you get your VWOA ID cards stickers updated at the office so you can enjoy our amenities and events.

ADMINS CORNER: Melynda Porter

It is that time of year again, and the pools will soon be open for the season. To ensure that you and your family will be able to enjoy all amenities and events, please make sure your assessments are current and all of the people in your household, 12 years old and older have current stickers on their VWOA ID cards. Along with the normal business hours, the office will be open on Saturday, April 9th to accept payments and update your ID stickers. There are a few different ways that you can pay your assessments. The first option is for you to come into the office and pay by check, cash, money order or credit card. The second option is to set up your payment through your bank as a bill pay. If you choose this option, please remember to use your property address as your account number so we can reference it when processing the payment. The third option is to use the after-hours drop box that is located next to the front door, but please remember to put your payment in an envelope and reference your property address. The last and easiest way to make a payment is on our website, via PayPal. With PayPal payments, you will still need to stop by the office to update your stickers, or drop them in the drop box with your address and we will update and mail them back to you.

We attempt to keep all of our residents up to date with upcoming events and happenings in our community. If you are not yet receiving our weekly Constant Contact, please take a minute to visit our website, www.villagesofwestcreek.com and add your email to our mailing list. Our website has many areas for our residents to explore for information ranging from facility room contracts and the classes available in the community center, to volunteer information and upcoming committee meetings and events.

Want an inexpensive, clean and close to home facility to hold your next family function or event? The Community Center, Pavilion and both pools are available for you to rent. We fill up quickly and book parties at the facilities 6 months in advance, so plan ahead and book one of our wonderful facilities now! Please call the office for availability and pricing.

STANDARDS TIPS: Adrian Suttles

Spring has sprung and that brings beautiful flowers and those pesky weeds. When the rains and warm temperatures arrive weeds grow rapidly. Preventing spring weeds from growing requires an herbicide that can penetrate the seed hull.

Attacking lawn weeds in early in the spring reduces infiltrations throughout the year. Annual grasses and perennial broad-leafed weeds thrive in neglected lawns. However, preventative care, including aeration and applying weed killers, decreases weed problems significantly. Check for weeds monthly, and remove them with a trowel before they go to seed.

If you have areas of your lawn that have a difficult time growing grass, or you just want to reduce your water usage, you may consider Xeriscaping. There are several plants and ideas to help you design your area. Once you have a design in mind, please submit a Property Improvement Application (PIA) with your design plan and a copy of your plat survey to the office for Architectural Review Committee (ARC) consideration before you break ground.

VWOA Information

Office Information

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(210)-854-9282

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San Antonio, TX 78253

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Website: www.villagesofwestcreek.com

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Board of Directors:

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Superintendent of Parks and Rec- Dawn Garza

Superintendent of Maintenance- Jamie Esquivel

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Melynda Porter

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Finance- Christopher Bell

Landscape- Gerard Chaisson

Nominating Co-chairs-

Christopher Bell and Richard Gentry

Public Safety-Open

Sports Park- Varnell Johnson

Strategic Planning- Kevin Drummonds

ONLINE PAYMENTS



Westcreek homeowners can pay their assessments online at

www.villagesofwestcreek.com via PayPal.

If you are past due, contact the office prior to submitting a payment. If you no longer live in WC, please reference your WC property address.

Please remember to stop by the office to have your stickers updated on your VWOA I.D. card.

Villages of Westcreek Owner's Assessment Coupon- 2nd Quarter

\$90.00

Due April 1, 2016

Mail payment to:

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San Antonio, TX 78253

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