

Westcreek Times

Oct-Dec 2013 4th Quarter

Villages of Westcreek Newsletter



Westcreek Angel Tree

Beginning November 4, 2013 the Villages of Westcreek will be sponsoring our Angel Tree again this year. In a community this large, some of our residents are struggling and all Angels in need are Westcreek residents - your neighbors. Residents who otherwise might not have a joyful holiday can be assured a special season through the Angel Tree project. Angel Tree gives individuals an opportunity to adopt less fortunate residents and provides them with personalized gifts and necessities.

If you or someone you know needs a little help from the Westcreek elves, please call 210-679-8761 or stop by the office to register for our Angel Tree. Recipients' information will be confidential and gifts can be picked up or delivered. We will set the Angel Tree up in the Community Center. Adopters can choose Angels starting Monday, November 18, 2013.

If the spirit of the season calls you to share, please come by and choose your Angel and help us ensure that all of Westcreek has a very Happy Holiday.



Westcreek Soccer

Fall Soccer 2013 Breaks Another Record!

We did it again! Last Spring's soccer season we had 275 kids registered, for this Fall season we have a little over 300 participants. A portion of our continual increase is from families who have been priced out of other soccer leagues. They are coming to our program

because of lower costs for a quality program. This season the Rec Department is in overdrive as we continue to explore new ways to make the next season bigger and better.



Our soccer program has wonderful volunteer coaches and we thank each and every one of them for their efforts, commitment, dedication, and support. We are proud to join these men and women in supporting our next generation.





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!



President's Message

by John Steele President, VWOA Board of Directors



The thoughts and prayers of our community go out to the family of Fidel and Eva Meza. The staff in our community center did an exceptional job in notifying the community of the situation and responding to numerous phone calls throughout the day. Please use this as an opportunity to discuss safety and security plans with your family when our neighborhood is in a lock-down situation. Have a plan and discuss it with your children so when an event such as this happens, you are prepared. If you need help in developing a plan, please contact the Bexar County Sherriff's Office for assistance. Don't wait until it is too late, prepare today.

Many of you have seen the construction in the Sports Park. Our tot lot was not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and needed to be updated. The Strategic Reserve Plan also identified the equipment as reaching its end of life replacement time. The Board of Directors agreed to a strategic replacement effort to provide a significant upgrade in the class of equipment for our youth. The new equipment is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities standards and will provide an environment for our younger community children to enjoy themselves.

A recently completed Eagle Scout Project installed six workout stations along the walking trail in the Sports Park for your use. I hope you have the opportunity to use them and improve your health and fitness. The local Boy Scouts have provided excellent improvement projects around Westcreek while earning this coveted award.

A friendly reminder, please do not launch into a weekend renovation project in your yard or on your home without checking to see if your project requires the Homeowners' Association approval. This is part of living in a deed restricted community that you agreed to.



If you ignore the need for prior approval, you risk having to remove the project and returning your home to an approved status. This is money out of your pocket which can be easily avoided. If you are not sure if you need approval, call the staff and ask for assistance. The Superintendent of Standards, Mrs. Adrian Suttles, and the Architecture Review Committee are more than happy to help you.

Pet owners; please remember to clean up after your pets. Don't leave the debris in your neighbor's yard or our common areas for someone else to clean up. They are your responsibility and you should care for them and keep them according to Bexar County statutes. Remember, all pets (dogs and cats) must be on a leash when outdoors unless they are in your secure fenced-in yard.

I hope you enjoy living in a great community and get a chance to meet your neighbors. Thank you for living in the Villages of Westcreek.



Manager's Minute

by Brenda Tate Community Manager



It's that time of year again, as the trees start to lose their leaves and the evenings become cooler, let's all take time out to realize how fortunate we are to live in such a great community.

The final assessment payment for 2013 is due October 1, 2013. If you are experiencing tough economic times and have challenges meeting your assessment payment, please contact the office and let us know. We will work with you to create an amicable payment plan that fits within your current financial status. Your conversation and payment plan will be kept confidential. We are here to help build a strong community and support our homeowners.

The County construction on the Military Drive Bridge Expansion Project is running behind schedule. Please use extreme caution when traveling this area of our community.

There have been several home break-ins and car thefts in the area. Please continue to be diligent in locking your vehicle and noticing your surroundings.

The new playground construction is almost complete. Make sure to bring the kids down to enjoy it once the project is complete.

Remember, everyone is welcome to stop by the office any time, my door is always open.

In closing, I wish you all a fantastic holiday season and a blessed New Year.



Front Office News

by Melynda Porter Administrative Superintendent



Front Office News You Can Use!

How to pay your assessments∼

The assessments for 2013 are \$312.00 for the year or \$78.00 quarterly. If you pay quarterly, please remember the due dates are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, every year. Finance charges are applied on past due assessments. 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. We accept cash, checks and money orders in the drop-box, but please remember to put your payment in an envelope and reference your property address. We will process the payment the next business day.

Please keep an eye out for the assessment coupon cards that we send out in November. These coupons are good for the entire upcoming year (2014), and we do not send out quarterly reminder statements. If you do receive a statement, this is notifying your assessments are late and finance charges have been applied.

****IMPORTANT**** Your ID cards must be current to have access to the park, pools, and any VWOA events. Valid ID card stickers must be at least 4:3 to be current for the quarter. If you do not have the cards with you when you come in to pay, please feel free to leave them in our drop box with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will update and return them to you.



Standards Reminders

by Adrian Suttles Superintendent of Standards



The Villages of Westcreek is a deed-restricted community; all residents are required to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and the Standards. All properties are required to pay annual assessments. A portion of these funds goes toward supporting the Standards Department. The function of this department is to inform, educate and enforce compliance of these documents. All documentation c a n b e f o u n d o n o u r w e b s i t e a t www.villagesofwestcreek.com.

One of the purposes of the Standards Department is to help keep an attractive appearance throughout our community in order to keep our property values up. This includes yards and house structures, among others. One of the most often issued citations is for improper storage of items in the front of properties, primarily trash cans. If all residents complied by storing containers out of sight on non-collection days, as well as keeping them clear of sidewalks, this would decrease notices given out by monitors for mundane issues so that they could concentrate on bigger issues at hand.

Now that we are in the Fall season, please remember that even though grass is not growing as quickly, yards always need to be maintained. This includes any weeds or grass along fence lines, in flowerbeds, and in sidewalk or driveway seams. This is also a good time to inspect and do any necessary maintenance to your house structure. Please replace any rotten or damaged wood on your house, and repaint any siding and trim if necessary.

With a little bit of effort, and maintenance, we can all help to keep Westcreek beautiful.



VWOA Community Info

Phone: (210) 679-8761 Fax: (210) 679-0040

After Hours Duty Phone (Emergency Only):

(210) 854-9282

Address: 12395 Military Drive West

San Antonio, Texas 78253

Office Hours: Sat-Sun - Closed; Monday 9am-6pm Tuesday-Friday 9am-5:30pm; The office will be open

Saturday, Oct 12, 2013 9:00am to 12:00 pm.

Website: www.villagesofwestcreek.com Email: board@villagesofwestcreek.com

staff@villagesofwestcreek.com

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Advertising In The WC Times

A complete list of guidelines for advertising in the Westcreek Times, as well as required submission forms, are available on our website or at the VWOA office. Full page (7.5"wx10"h) \$450; Half page (7.5"wx5"h) or 3.75"wx10"h) \$250; Quarter page (3.75"wx5"h) \$150; Eighth page (3.75"wx2.5"h) \$80.00.

Classified advertisements are \$10 for three lines of text (55 characters per line); additional lines are \$2 each. Ads should be emailed in high resolution color .jpg format to vwoaacm@sbcglobal.net; payment and forms should be dropped off at the VWOA office or mailed to Villages of Westcreek Advertising, 12395 Military Drive West, San Antonio, TX 78253.

The deadline for submission is the 10th day of the month prior to publication. All ads are subject to editing or rejection, and VWOA is not responsible for errors in original copy. For our errors, VWOA liability is limited to running one corrected ad. Neither VWOA nor its Board of Directors endorses any product or service advertised by this publication. Ads will be accepted on a first-come, space available basis. Therefore, all ads shall be submitted and paid for at the time, or put on a waiting list if need be. (Classified ads excluded).



We are a full service veterinary hospital located in the Westcreek Retail Plaza Center, at the intersection of Grosenbacher and Potranco Roads (opposite end from Domino's Pizza). Bring this ad in for a complimentary exam on one of your pets - a \$40 value!

<u>HOURS</u>

Monday-Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 8am - 1pm Closed Sundays 210-679-5600

www.amigovet.com

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SAWS WaterSaver Landscape Coupon

Toss out a portion of your lawn and replace it with a water-saving garden bed. And SAWS will give you a \$100 coupon to do it!

Using a plant-by-numbers approach, the WaterSaver Landscape Coupon program simplifies water-wise landscaping by encouraging SAWS residential water customers to replace parts of their traditional lawns with garden beds made up of hardy, drought-tolerant plants. Each plant package includes 15 drought-tolerant plants, a garden bed

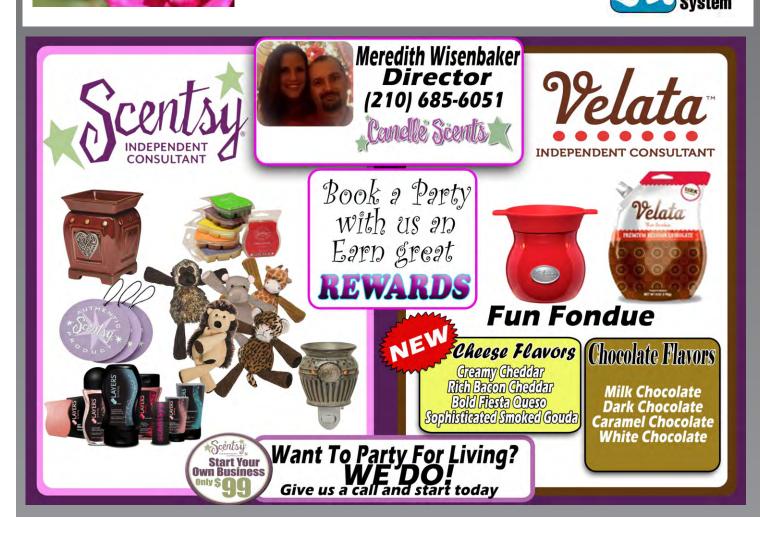
plan and a plant care guide. The coupon is intended to cover only a portion of the plant package cost.

Program Duration

This fall offering runs Sept. 15-Nov. 30, 2013, so don't delay! SAWS staff continues to evaluate the program and may revise it at any time.

Please visit <u>www.saws.org</u> for more information or to fill out an application.





Classified Ads

Personal Training in my home gym. Train solo or with a friend. Children welcome! \$10-\$20 per session. First one is free! I have extensive fitness experience. Jessica 210-202-8400.

Choose your hours, your income and your rewards. I do. Contact: Cora Wallendorf - Avon Rep. 679-6708 or email corie.wallendorf@gmail.com.

Hate grocery shopping? Let our G-Runners shop and deliver groceries to you, saving your time, gas, and hassle. Call 210-501-6658. Certified food handlers.

AFTD - FOOD FOR THOUGHT EVENT - Frontotemporal

Degeneration - Come learn & Have some pizza!

When: Oct 5, 2013 from 11am-2pm

Where: Villages of Westcreek Community Center



Villages of Westcreek Owners' Assessment Coupon

\$78.00 DUE 10/1/2013

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Property Address:

Mail coupon with payment to VWOA
12395 Military Drive West San Antonio, Texas 78253



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