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MEETINGS

Architectural Committee:
 March 8, 2010

WVCA Board of Directors' Meeting:
 Monday, March 15, 2010

All meetings are at 7 PM at the Clubhouse
 unless indicated elsewhere.
 Please check the outside and inside Bulletin
 Boards for meeting updates and Agenda.

2010 Membership Cards have been mailed. If you have not received your cards it is either because you have not returned your invoice with your assessment payment or you have not paid your assessment. Call the office if you did not receive your cards.. Rosemary ~

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Westlake Village Civic Association, Inc.

Village Voice—March 2010



From the Desk
 of the
 President



Dear Resident

Pursuant to my meeting with the Swiftmud/Pinellas County Extension rep in early January, I have been in communication with Claudia Lewis of Plan C, a non-profit organization in the local area dedicated to sustainable, environmentally friendly landscaping and assisting others with projects along the same track. They assisted in the design of the landscaping around the PH library, which is how I came to contacting them.

Essentially, the lake has been ignored for way too long, like other community assets – our playground, walking path, tennis courts, etc. It has become more of an eyesore (especially when it's low) than the actual treasure it should be. It's a magnet for waterfowl, turtle, fish, migratory birds, etc but it's deteriorating....fast. Sometime before the March meeting, I am going to ask each Board member and residents to meet me at the lake so we can all see the current state of deterioration taking place – honestly, it's mind-blowing how bad it is up close. Both the Pinellas County contact and Claudia Lewis of Plan C expressed dire concern over the state of our lake as an ongoing natural resource.

Based on Pinellas County recommendations, Dick Rayfield & I have made moves on the Maintenance end to mitigate further damage. We no longer allow the heavy lawnmowers to mow within 20-30' of the shoreline. We have de-prioritized fertilization & irrigation and do not allow it close to the lake. Jim, our Dir of Buildings & Grounds, is religiously cleaning the debris screens we placed in the spillways about a year ago to minimize trash and debris going into the lake. Dick & Jim removed approximately 300 fish that would have contaminated the water as they decomposed.

Plan C has assembled a proposal to help us get the lake and lakeshore back on track to the road to healthy sustainability. I will be proposing in March that the Board approve the attached proposal to begin work to rejuvenate the lake. The entire lake will not be done at once. However, this proposal will put approximately 2100 plants into the lake area. It was determined that a piecemeal, cost-conscious approach should be undertaken – only the northeast portion of the lake will be addressed in the beginning. Should it be deemed successful, future Boards may want to emulate what this Board has started. Ideally, the entire lake can be stabilized/rejuvenated w/I 5 years time at minimal cost each year. The cost this year would be \$4900 to have Plan C direct volunteers to install approximately 2100 plants.

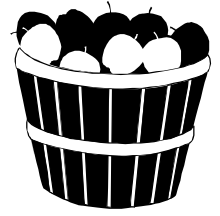
A great example of what we should strive for is the sustainable Pinellas County retention pond on the West side of Belcher a ¼ mile south of Nebraska.

I value you your comments and suggestions and hope you'll partner with the Board as we seek to rebuild what is our great natural resource. **Rich**



Maintenance

First of all and most important of all I want to say "THANK YOU", to all the volunteers who helped with the Orchard Clean Up Day on February 20th. We emptied about 150 five gallon buckets of fruit that was picked up from the ground and off of some trees. Twelve dead trees were also cut down and hauled to the dumpster where Travis Garcia, cut the trees in smaller pieces and continually stomped down the trash so more could be added. I want to give a special "THANK YOU", to Mr. Garcia, for all he did along with Bill Benton, who cut the trees, hauled and also went non stop.



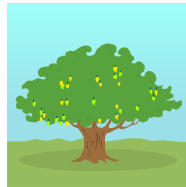
Many residents stopped by and helped out as much as they could and I do not want that to go unnoticed. The time they spent was appreciated more than I could say and a special "Thank You" goes out to Ken Lieb, Pete Wagner, Roger and Jan Risberg along with their grandsons, Austin and Adam Holliday, James Crowley, Toni Benton, John Prozinski and last but not least my wife, Carrol.

I also appreciate the use of some residents' trucks to haul trash to the dumpster.

We all need to understand the importance of what is going on in the orchard. The trees still have fruit on from last year and some are being killed by moss and carpenter ants. If the fruit is picked, the moss removed and the trees sprayed we will not only have a very productive but beautiful orchard.

Our next Orchard Clean Up Day, is scheduled for April 10th from 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and volunteer. If you can stay the day or just work an hour, your help is greatly appreciated. So lets all mark our calendars for March 27th and plan on helping out. Signs will be posted as a reminder.

Thanks
Dick Rayfield



On February 17 one of our residents, Olga Krokun passed away. She was a young 87 year old, who left behind her beloved family; husband Fred, daughter Christine, 2 granddaughters, Jennifer and Susana and a great grandson Marcos who will be 1 year old on May 7. She will be missed but leaves them all with fond memories and her own personal legacy of life.

Fred has had some health issues himself with the stress from Olga's illness and her passing. Soon he will go to Spain with his daughter for a time; change of scenery will help him with his recovery. We wish him well.

Olga enjoyed walking around the community, taking her morning swim and exercise in the pool as soon as the weather permitted. Sometimes after her swim she would stop by the office briefly to see how everyone was.

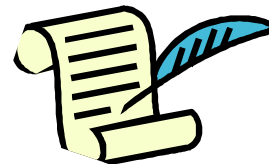
The Board of Directors, the staff and all of Westlake Village extend to Olga's family our Sincerest Sympathy

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for

Monday, January 18, 2010

will be in the April newsletter due to a lack of Quorum to Approve them at the February 15, 2010 Meeting



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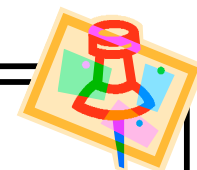
Notice

A motion has been made to continue the printing and mailing of the Village Voice. You can always pick up a copy at the office or the box at the bulletin board.

- Voted by Board

Instructions for Reporting Street Light Malfunctioning:

<http://www.progress-energy.com/custservice/flares/communicate/Nov05FLStreetlight.pdf>



MEETING NOTICES ARE POSTED
ON THE WHITE BOARDS AT THE BOTH ENTRANCES
TO THE COMMUNITY
AND ON BOTH BULLETN BOARDS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

A FOLLOW-UP ON THE 2010 MEMBERSHIP CARDS...
THE OFFICE STAFF OF ONE IS NOT THE DOOR PERSON...
ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CARDS TRY TO KEEP ONE IN YOUR CAR AT ALL TIMES OR ON YOUR PERSON IF YOU ARE OUT WALKING ESPECIALLY IF YOU CANNOT REMEMBER THE GATE CODE NUMBER.
IT IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AND ONLY CONSISTS OF FOUR DIGITS...
THIS WAS IMPLEMENTED IN THIS MANNER TO MAKE THINGS SAFER FOR YOU...please make things easier for me. Thank you, *Rosemary*

March Dates to Remember

D ID YOU KNOW THAT Daylight Saving Time always begins on the second Sunday of March. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to sleep on Saturday evening, March 13. Daylight Saving Time begins on March 14 ~~~



H appy St. Patrick's Day—March 17



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C ommunity Garage Sale
Westlake Village

Please contact Dimitri Leventis
at 727-420-0831
for more information.

S pring begins on March 20



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