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Village Gardeners News

Here are the winners of the **2020 Village West Holiday Decorating Contest!**

Best Block: **Chevy Chase**

Best Decorations:
1418 Wickersham

Best Decorations - Kids Choice :
11522 Ella Lee

Thanks to EVERYONE that decorated with holly & wreaths, lights, inflatables and more! Also a big thanks to the volunteer judges.



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Kids Choice : 11522 Ella Lee

Monthly Board Meeting

The December Board meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be in January of the new year.

Featured Eatery

This month's featured eatery is **George's Pastaria** located at 1722 S. Dairy Ashford (281) 558-1717

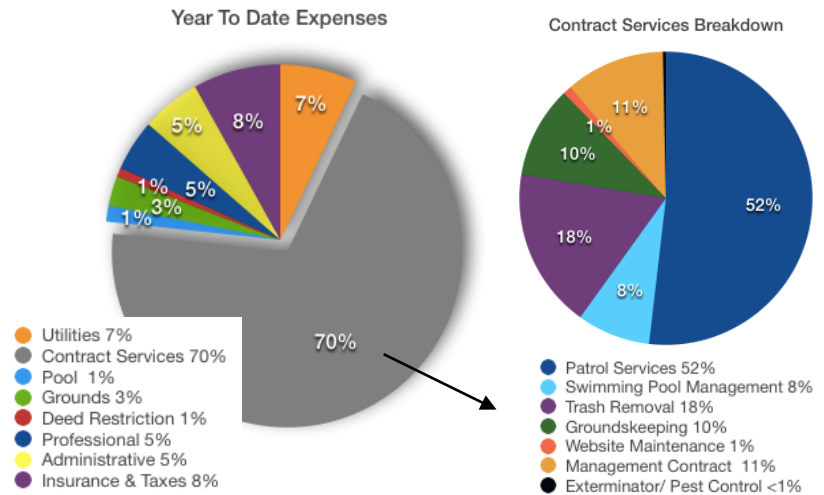


Enjoy classic Italian fare at this local fixture! Well known for large portions. For the month of January, mention this offer and receive **one free limoncello dessert** when you purchase 2 entrées. Offer good for take-out and dine-in, but not delivery.



Year End Financial Summary

The 2021 annual assessment of \$706.65 (no increase from last year) is due on January 1st of 2021. 98% of 2020's assessments has been collected. The charts below summarize how the funds have been spent in 2020.



Let's Show Compassion

Let our hearts and hands be stretched out in compassion towards others for everyone is walking their own difficult path.

Remember your compassion needs to include YOU!

2020 has been a difficult year, to say the least, for everyone, which makes this year even more difficult to many people.

The holidays bring tremendous joy to lots of people, yet others are depressed because of the memories of loved ones who are no longer here. Financial hardships also play a part on emotions.

We need to remember to ALWAYS help someone, as you might be the only one who does.

Compassion challenges our assumptions, our sense of self-limitations, worthlessness of not having a place in the world. As we develop compassion, our hearts open up!

People will forget what you said and they will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel!

So be KIND ... just always be kind!

Meet Your Neighbors

This month we introduce you to **Ivan and Ana Flores**. They moved into Village West this March and live on Wickersham Lane.

Ana and Ivan are originally from Mexico, Ana from Veracruz, and Ivan is from Acuña, but they have lived in Houston for many, many years. Ana and Ivan met at a salsa dancing class and they have been married for 7 years.

Ana and Ivan love to entertain family and friends, but we all know how Covid changed that. Ivan and Ana did not let Covid stand in the way their gatherings with family and friends, so they decided to take their entertaining from the indoors to the outdoors. You will know their home when you see Santa and Rudolf on the roof. Ivan is also a huge soccer fan. It hard for him to contain his excitement so he has his own space at home for watching the games. It allows him to get as loud as he wants.



Ana has been a nanny for about 17 years and is currently a nanny to three awesome kids, Simone, Vivienne, and Miles. They have a love of kids and these three lucky kiddos quickly became part of Ivan and Ana's extended family. Ivan has his own roofing company, Tri Knight Roofing. Ivan has used the same crew for many years and his company never sub-contracts any job. If you should have any roofing issues, feel free to contact Ivan at Ivan.florestkr@outlook.com or at (832) 258-8992. Please help support a resident small business owner.

Finally, Ivan and Ana wanted us to know that their house is always open to prayer. With all the issues we seem to be facing currently we could all use an extra prayer or two. If you have a prayer request do not hesitate to reach out to Ivan at the contact information

listed above. So, the next time you see Ana and Ivan walking the neighborhood, do not be shy about saying hello, they are looking forward to meeting many more of their Village West neighbors.



WHAM Food Drive

The Food Drive has been completed! Thank you to all who contributed (including our neighbors in April Village), Alicia (the organizer), the Boy Scouts, and all the many volunteers who made this possible. WHAM says they have never collected so much food from one neighborhood. Your generosity made this event a great success!

Chevy Chase Holiday decorations - best block

