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Villager Piranhas Registration
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Village Gardeners

The **Village Gardeners Group** meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm at the VW clubhouse - 11538 Piping Rock. The next meeting is **May 11th**. Yard of the Month will be back in May - watch for the winner!

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and election will be held on **June 2nd**. Two of the five Board positions are open this year. Notice for Solicitation of Candidates will be mailed on May 3rd. Ballots will be mailed on May 13th. Candidates, send (by May 18th) your bio and statement for publication in our next issue:
editor@vwconnected.com



Featured Eatery

Visit **W Kitchen**, an exciting new Chinese restaurant located at 10928 Westheimer Rd. (near Wilcrest & Office Depot) in May and mention Village West to receive a **free non-alcoholic beverage** with any entrée.

April Board Meeting Highlights

These notes are provided by volunteers and are not official minutes or part of the Board's functions.



The HOA meeting on April 19, 2021 opened at 7:08 PM

David established the quorum. All Board members were present except for Anthony.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made and unanimously passed.

Management Report:

Summary of items approved via unanimous consent since last meeting:

- Resetting light pole; Two benches in the sport area; Rewiring playground; Installation of new French doors in clubhouse
- No first notice letters were sent Dec 15th - January 10th as a goodwill gesture.
- Homeowner built a fence with NO ACC approval. Will send them the form and if it is not submitted within 15 days the BOD will complete the form and the homeowner will be charged for it.
- Rental for clubhouse will now be \$150. Most of that is for cleaning. BOD will get additional quotes from other cleaning services. Any damages will be billed to homeowner and homeowner will not be in good standing until those charges are paid.

Ransom indicated that dues collected is at 94% which is the same as it was at this time in 2020 and 2019.

Attorney letter concerning recording meetings:

David could not find the letter so he asked Ransom to read it. Letter states that no one can record meetings without prior written approval. Attorney does not think that it is appropriate. The penalty for unauthorized recording will be banning the homeowner from future HOA meetings. David indicated that the D & O (insurance that protects the Board of Directors) deductible increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Attorney says that the recordings cause a liability. Candy said we need to follow the attorney's recommendation. Randy said we should ask the community for their opinions. Mark said VW Connected is doing a tremendous job for the community and that it is impossible to write everything said. David wants to hear from Rosa. Ransom has no opinion but said that other associations have asked people to leave if they are recording. This is tabled until after Open Session.

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Gate Access: Software is in. HP computer was ordered on March 11th and will ship on May 9th and delivered on May 13th. Once it arrives, the data will be imported.

See website for discussion regarding these topics: Portable Lifeguard Stand, Clubhouse Improvements, Wrought Iron Fence, Wood Deck, Playground, Pool Pump Equipment Area, Cleaning Drain, American Pool Spring Cleaning, Sprinkler System.

Trespassing: David said that the constables have indicated that we should not approach or engage with someone that we think may be trespassing. We should call the constable and let them handle it.

Homeowner 1: (1) VW member says the newsletter wanted to communicate meeting summaries because Board often took several months to post official minutes to the HOA website. Recordings back up our timely reporting for accuracy. Threatening punishment for recording is a little extreme. Has the attorney recommended amending our bylaws to prevent recordings or is his letter supposed to be sufficient? David indicated that the board wants a disclaimer on the VW Connected newsletter and Webpage. He was told there were disclaimers already in place. She explained the advantages of having authentic and complete recordings as protection against altered or edited ones. Mark suggested that the Board authorize VW Connected to record. Mark added that it is Board members who should be prohibited from recording because the liability and privacy issues are in the executive session.

(2) Has board decided how we are going to handle election? Nothing decided yet.

(3) Iron Fence gate on Woodland Park. Outsiders are going in and out of that gate. It is corroded. Is this gate necessary? David indicated that this needs to be a priority.

(4) Trespassing on basketball court is a huge issue.

Homeowner 2: Around 8:45pm she saw the constable sitting in his vehicle and she also saw 3-4 young men playing on the dark court. They were very rude and said David allowed them to play here even though they don't live here.

Homeowner 3: Believes that recordings should be allowed for accuracy for both the Recap and for the Minutes. Even when the meetings are in person, he feels like Zoom should be an additional option.

Homeowner 4: Signs to announce the meetings has been brought up since last October but nothing has happened. Re-using old signs not an option because the meetings info has changed.

Homeowner 5: (1) Asks if current access cards will work with new system. Answer: Yes.

(2) Says did not receive 72 hour notice for the meeting. Ransom disagreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM

Meet Your Neighbors – Linda and Grant Taylor



Longtime VW residents **Linda and Grant Taylor** have lived in their Inwood Drive home since 1978. Neither Linda nor Grant is originally from Houston, but after all these years they feel like native Houstonians. Linda is originally from Pennsylvania. Grant is originally from Lubbock, Texas and after attending Texas Tech moved to Houston. Linda and Grant met as neighbors at an apartment complex, then off Westheimer Road near Hillcroft. They moved to the Sharpstown area shortly after they were married. Friends of theirs were looking to move and found a home in Village West, so Linda and Grant followed.

Grant, a CPA, retired about 15 years ago. Linda worked prior to getting married but made the decision to dedicated herself to her family when her first son was born. Linda worked for a local steel company and later worked for a jewelry designer and with VW's first management company, RCM. Family and friends are important to the Taylors. They have two sons and 5 grandchildren. The grandchildren range from 1 to 8 years of age and both Linda and Grant light up when they talk about their grandchildren. Linda and Grant are admitted homebodies and even when their kids were



young Linda said family trips were primarily to Galveston.

For those of us that know Linda, we know her passion for volunteerism. Linda's employment with RCM resulted in being asked to serve on the board, according to Linda "a very long time ago". She was approached because back then it was difficult to find residents who wanted to serve. Linda served on the VW board until 2014. She volunteered with her kids' school PTA, PTO organizations and in whatever other role that needed to be filled. Grant jokes that Linda refused to work for a salary, so volunteering came natural to her and kept her busy.

We learned that Linda assisted the Constables Contract Program just after it was implemented where she volunteered at the Town and Country Mall office (City Centre for those who were not around in those days). She is also one of the co-founders of the Briar Forest Super Neighborhood #18. Linda is and has been the VW Security Director for over 35 years. Wow, thank Linda. She took on that role when the prior director left, and there was no one willing to tackle that role. It seems Linda's spirit for volunteering has certainly kept her involved with VW in one way or another for many years.



Grant keeps busy with their dog Rusty. Rusty, a handsome beige mix breed is the second 4-legged family member that came from CAP. Linda and Grant are both big believers in the CAP organization and encourage anyone interested in becoming a pet owner to visit CAP (Citizens for Animal Protection is located at 17555 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77094, or call (281) 497-0591 or visit them at cap4pets.org). Rusty requires daily walks, loves to be petted and always enjoys visitors arriving to the Taylor home. For Rusty, visitors give him an opportunity to get a few more hugs and a little more attention. Grant tells us he enjoys walking Rusty because it gets him "out of the house" and he meets more of his neighbors.



Linda and Grant were both vocal about how much they have enjoy watching the kids from the neighborhood grow up and now have kids of their own, and love seeing more young families moving into the Village West.

We wish to thank Linda for her years of support and dedication to VW, and for Grant's patience for we are certain that Linda's dedication took time away from this great family.

Village West Financial Summary

Income Statement		
For the Month Ending: 3/31/2021		
	03/31/21	Year To Date
Income		
Assessment Income	\$25,027	\$75,081
Capital Reserve	(\$6,167)	(\$18,501)
Other Income	\$4,975	\$11,264
Total Income	\$23,835	\$67,844
Expenses		
Total Utilities	\$1,464	\$3,288
Total Contract Services **	\$21,444	\$42,678
Total Pool	\$221	\$221
Total Grounds	\$1,654	\$3,439
Total Deed Restriction	\$57	\$380
Total Professional	\$788	\$1,173
Total Administrative	\$284	\$1,121
Total Insurance & Taxes	\$1,762	\$5,106
Total Expenses	\$27,674	\$57,406
Net Excess/(Deficit)	(\$3,840)	\$10,438
Reserve Expense		
** Pest Control, Patrol Svcs, Management Co, Trash & Misc. Exp.		

Balance Sheet	
03/31/21	
Assets	
Cash - Operating Account	\$61,252
Money Market Acct	\$129,878
Capital Reserve	\$138,932
New First ICS	\$193,030
Capital Reserve CD	\$30,000
Accounts Receivable	\$58,657
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(\$10,000)
Prepays	\$1,414
Total Assets	\$603,162
Liabilities	
Prepaid	\$2,340
Current Year Deferred	\$225,245
Total Liabilities	\$227,585
Members Equity	
Designated Replacement Reserves	\$145,098
Members Equity	\$220,041
YTD Excess (Deficit)	\$10,438
Total Liabilities and Members Equity	\$603,162
Percentage of Collected Accounts	94%
2020 Assessments Outstanding	\$18,725