



## VILLAGE OF VOLENTE

Jan Yenawine  
MAYOR

Dan Thost  
MAYOR PRO-TEM

Scott Attwood  
COUNCILMAN

Bill Connors  
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Ron Montanez  
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Carey Witt  
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## Village of Volente Newsletter #1

July 14, 2004

### Dear Neighbors,

In an effort to bring your three new Council members up-to-speed and to get some priority tasks accomplished, your City Council has met five times since the May election. We unanimously agreed that we want to do more to make it easier for the community to stay informed and involved. This is the first newsletter of many which will be produced directly from the Village to let you know what we've been doing and what you might expect for the near future.

More details on specific subjects will be sent in future newsletters, including how the Village will conduct meetings, make decisions and make information available. Information on Village Ordinances being considered will also be sent.

### *Here's what we've done so far as your representatives...*

- ✓ After interviewing four firms, we unanimously voted to hire a new City Attorney, Mr. Thomas Buckle of Scanlan, Buckle & Young. Tom lives in Jonestown and serves on their Planning and Zoning Commission. He also represents Lakeway and Sunset Valley, and has served as a legal consultant to the City of Austin and various other cities as an expert on specific matters.
- ✓ Village resident Jennifer Zufelt has accepted the position of City Clerk.
- ✓ Names were drawn for staggered election terms. The results confirmed Ron Montanez and Carey Witt to remain on the council with Mayor Yenawine until the May 2006 election. The Council positions for Dan Thost, Scott Attwood and Bill Connors will all be up for re-election next May. All positions will then be for two-year terms.
- ✓ Council members elected Dan Thost to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. In this position he will provide support to the Mayor and serve as backup Mayor in case of Jan's absence.
- ✓ We have adopted a new, organized business structure to better address the needs of the community. Each Councilmember will chair a standing committee as follows:
  - Finance & Administration Committee (Bill Connors)
  - Comprehensive Plan Committee (Carey Witt)
  - Public Works & Environmental Committee (Scott Attwood)
  - Public Safety & Enforcement Committee (Ron Montanez)
  - Communications Committee (Dan Thost)

- ✓ Scott Attwood, Carey Witt and Dan Thost attended a one-day workshop for new council members provided by CAPCO (Capital Area Planning Council). The Mayor and all five of your Council members are registered to attend the Texas Municipal League's workshop in August for newly elected officials.
- ✓ We have extended the moratoriums for commercial development and signs through August. (We need your opinions on the upcoming proposed ordinances for zoning, development, signage, fees and water quality! Please participate in the upcoming public hearings for these ordinances so we can lift these moratoriums.)

***Here are our goals for the next two months as your representatives...***

- Create the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustments, as mandated by state law.
- Hold Public Hearings and adopt the Village's first Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Water Quality Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The first public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance will be Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. A second hearing will take place in early August. Please plan to attend. (More information will be sent regarding these draft ordinances very soon.)
- Complete and open by August 1<sup>st</sup> our Village Office located behind the VVFD. This will be the primary office for the Village and its business. The phone number will remain the same (250-2075), but the new address is: 15403 Hill Street.
- Begin planning for the next fiscal year's budget (Oct 2004-Sept 2005), which will be approved in September, and is expected to be very similar to this year's budget.

Once again, this is the first newsletter from the Village and we will be providing more information in the days ahead. We hope you find it helpful (or a step in the right direction).

Sincerely,  
Your Council

*Your City Council meets regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Volente Volunteer Fire Hall & Community Building. Additional special called meetings are held as needed and posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on the bulletin board in front of both VJ's and the Fire Hall. Please participate in your city government!*

***If you know of new residents of the Village who may not have received this newsletter, please contact the Village Office at 250-2075 or by email at [Volente@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Volente@sbcglobal.net) so we can add them to our mailing list.***

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**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>      Regular Council Meeting**

**Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>      1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance and  
Comprehensive Plan**