

# *What's Up?* Westmont Newsletter, September 2010

## Board needs your help

Board member Tom Armstrong, who's served an extra year as president due to several new members unfamiliar with Westmont, has stated emphatically he will not do another year.

"It's not good for one person to be at the helm for so long," Tom says. "I'll continue to serve out my three-year term in another capacity but it's time for a fresh face and ideas. Please contact me at 522-1655 or email me at: [tombetty@everestkc.net](mailto:tombetty@everestkc.net) for a job description of president or other position."

Several positions that may become available next year include:

■ Doug Pierce, who began the year as vice-president/president-elect, declined the president's role mid-year due to increased job demands.

■ Brenen Frye, property values, has added thoughtful input at board meetings but is looking to move.

■ Social chair Loretta Rhodus, who spearheaded a highly successful block party in June and hosted two coffees and a margarita party, may have to resign due to excessive work travel.

■ If secretary Karen Harrison's pet sitting business continues to grow she may not be available.

■ Grounds maintenance needs a replacement for Bill Framel, who recently resigned.

"This is a crucial time in our Association's history," attests Tom. "Without enough committed board members to carry out operations we'll not be able to support our community properly. *It isn't necessary to be a sitting board member to contribute.* Non-members have helped with property evaluations and doing the newsletter, for example. In upcoming months there will be important issues to address. If you're unsure how you can help, please come to the annual meeting where opportunities will be discussed."

## Annual meeting Oct. 19; Bacchanalia or bust!

▶ Westmont's annual homeowners meeting is set for Tuesday evening, Oct. 19, at Bacchanalia Restaurant, 12450 Newton, with door prizes, cash bar and dinner available to all residents.

▶ Enjoy a social hour and chance to visit with board members and friends from 5:15 to 6pm.

▶ The free buffet dinner goes from 6 to 6:45.

▶ Brief reports on our Association's status will be shared at the business meeting immediately following dinner with opportunity to ask questions (feel free to submit them beforehand c/o Loretta Rhodus). Unfortunately babysitting isn't available.

▶ To best use our Association's resources by giving the restaurant an accurate meal count, **please RSVP to Loretta at [rettarhod@att.net](mailto:rettarhod@att.net) or 498-1698 by Mon, Oct. 11! See you there!**

[Contact Brenda Flagler at 498-1617 or [bflagler@worldinter.net](mailto:bflagler@worldinter.net) re: a September coffee]

## Trash collection update (by board president [Tom Armstrong](#))

After last month's announcement there've been several questions and requests for clarification. Here's a recap of the plan your board's adopted.

- The switch to the new Deffenbaugh carts will probably begin **November 1, 2010**.
- Deffenbaugh will mail a notice and information card about two weeks prior to the switch.
- We'll start with all residents receiving a 65-gallon cart. If a larger cart is required, Deffenbaugh will provide a 95-gallon cart at no extra charge.
- There will be no change in the present recycling program for Westmont. The board will consider when to change our program—recycling for all residents will be mandated by 2012—and keep you informed.

### Q & A

- *Will it be Ok to put our trash into bags and then into the carts?* Yes. Deffenbaugh says it's easier for their crews and helps minimize loose trash.
- *Will Deffenbaugh still pick-up loose tree and shrub trimmings?* Yes, until the county-wide ban on yard waste takes effect in 2012. How it's handled after that remains to be determined.
- *Will Deffenbaugh pick up our old trash cans?* Yes.
- *How will Deffenbaugh manage the collection for those with special needs?* This is being discussed.
- *Will curbside recycling be mandatory even if we don't want it?* Yes. Check these two sites for info: [www.jocorecycles.org/images/CodePublicHearing.pdf](http://www.jocorecycles.org/images/CodePublicHearing.pdf) and [www.jocorecycles.org/images/CodeFAQ.pdf](http://www.jocorecycles.org/images/CodeFAQ.pdf).

### Complete association bylaws now on website

Got questions on how our association was formed and operates? Hop on [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org), "Kansas Associations", "Westmont", "Bylaws". Sections are: *How the Association is Governed*, *Declaration of Restrictions* (Permitted and Restricted Activities) and *Historical Documents* (Articles of Incorporation, Certificate of Substantial Completions, Legal Review of Documents and Methods for Change).

### Long-time Westmont resident passes away

A native Kansas Citian born Sept. 5, 1925, [Patricia Beck](#) passed away peacefully July 21 at St. Joseph's Medical Center surrounded by family. She loved being a full-time mother to five children and enjoyed bowling, dancing, bridge and puzzles. Pat and her surviving husband Morris relished travel, sharing their home with numerous pets, and time with nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

### \$For sale\$

Henredon Mirror: 50" tall, 30" wide. Excellent condition. \$45. [Barbara Kolom](#), 913-339-6109.

Got a news item or For Sale item(s) for October's newsletter? Send to [Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com](mailto:Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com) by Friday, Sept. 24.