Westmont Homes Association July 2009 Newsletter

HA-KC (Formerly HACCD) has Moved

Our management company has moved and has changed their name. Please correct your directory to have the new address and phone number. The name change is to reflect their services to all of the area.

Homes Associations of Kansas City 4200 Somerset Drive, Suite 216 Prairie Village, KS 66208 913-385-2440

Dues Increase

Some of the payments received have not reflected the increase. Our management company says that the reason could be the Owner not communicating with the bank regarding the dues change. Please be sure that your bank has the correct information as well as the name and address change.

President's Message to the Association

The year is half over, and a message to the residents concerning events and issues in our neighborhood is warranted.

Vandalism: Recently there were acts of vandalism in the neighborhood. Paint was thrown on driveways, houses and cars along 121st Street and Hemlock. The police were summoned and have investigated the incidents. As yet no one has been identified as the perpetrator. The vandalism could have been targeted at a resident or residents or could be random. The police experience increased activities such as these at the end of the school year. Police patrols have increased as a result of these acts.

Poorly Maintained Property: There have been ongoing problems with some properties, and steps have been taken to improve the properties. The city has been contacted and they have been very diligent in inspecting the properties and citing the owner for violations. The involvement by the city is a result of neighbor involvement and action.

Unpaid Dues: Some properties are seriously in arrears in their dues payment and the board has taken action to collect them. There have been liens placed on properties and in some cases trash and yard services have been cut off. The board is considering court action to obtain the dues that have not been paid.

Board Limitations: The by-laws provide the board with certain powers in the cases mentioned. The chief power is to file liens for non-payment, file complaints with the city for properties that are out of compliance and file court actions. The board does not have the power to evict or force sales of houses. Some sub-divisions do have those powers but ours does not.

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Board Opening: There is still an opening on the board. With the issues facing us we desperately need Owner participation in the activities of the association. It is difficult for the board to do all that is necessary when we are short on the number of members needed. We have been fortunate in obtaining the assistance of nonmembers in fulfilling our obligations. Shirley Knese has been invaluable in helping with communications with Overland Park concerning the Antioch widening. Blaine Halverson has agreed to conduct the yearly residence inspection. Neither of these individuals is eligible for the board but are willing to help.

Additionally, at the end of this year there will be three board members who will finish their terms. They are eligible to serve again but circumstances can change, and they may not be able to serve. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Westmont Ladies Activities

Coffee: The Westmont Monthly Coffees meet every second Tuesday and are usually held at Brenda Flagler's at 9:00 a.m. However, Margaret Dack has offered to host the July 14th coffee at her home (12000 Mackey -345-2610) and Peg Levitt has offered to host the August 11th coffee at her home (8332 W 120th Terrace - 491-2966). Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Bunco: It is on the second Wednesday evening each month. Contact Ginger Burns, 491-1353, if you would like to be added to the substitute list.

Social Outings: Send an email to Ginger Burns, gburns001@everestkc.net, if you are interested in joining the ladies for other social outings, i.e. movies, jazz nights or ladies night out.

Stitch 'n Bitch: Will be suspended until the end of summer.

Book Club: The book club meets on the second Friday of each month at 1 pm. The club meets in a different home each month, so call Paula Lewis at 469-6766 to learn more about attending.

Welcome to New Neighbors:

8336 West 120th Street Lee & Chelsea Richert

Ann Rasmussen 11929 Mackey 12042 Mackey Kris Johnson

8303 West 121st Street Lynnston (Skip) & Linda Stogsdill

Condolences:

Westmont resident Carl Eisele, husband of Ferne, recently passed away. Our condolences go out to family and friends.

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