

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, February 2010

Is your directory info accurate?

If you haven't responded to the early January form from Jamie Marlay at HAKC (Homes Associations of Kansas City) requesting confirmation of your phone number and email address (optional) for the upcoming 2010 Westmont Directory, there's still time **if you do it today**. jmarlay@ha-kc.org or HAKC, 4200 Somerset Dr., Ste. 216, Prairie Village, KS 66208. If Jamie doesn't receive anything your listing will appear as it was shown on the mailing and no phone number will be included.

2009 financial performance, 2010 budget

Despite the cost of snow removal at the end of 2009 our association finished the year with a small operating surplus. For 2010 there will be increased revenue and some increased expenses. With the additional cost of the snow removal after Jan. 1, the board projects the 2010 operations budget to be break-even with the final cost dependent on how much more snow we receive and Deffenbaugh's final pricing. The complete 2010 budget will be published in the next newsletter; meantime here's a summary:

Revenue		\$ 123,154
Expenses	HAKC Costs	15,700
	Lawn and Grounds	56,900
	Snow Removal	14,800
	Trash Collection	26,500
	Other	7,500
	Total Expenses	\$ 121,400

Summit shines at snow removal (snow's removed when there are 2 or more inches)

"The board received a number of positive comments about new grounds services provider Summit Lawn & Landscape during the holiday snowstorms," reports board president Tom Armstrong. "Their quick response and efficient equipment enabled driveways and sidewalks to be cleared promptly. Aspen, although knowing its contract hadn't been renewed, came out Christmas morning to get the work started."

To owners whose roofs or furnaces required a service call, we hope it was minor. To those who checked on their senior neighbors and offered refreshments to the snow removal crews—and to board officers Tom Armstrong and Bill Framel for their numerous drive-arounds and phone calls, thank you. This is what helps make Westmont a great place to live.

"I'm new to the neighborhood as of last June," noted Jan Hodgston, "so when the Aspen pickup plowed my driveway I thought it was great. But I still struggled with the repeated curb pile-up from the city plowing and appreciated having my driveway *and* curb area cleared by Summit's Bobcats. They're to be commended for raising the level of service considerably in the snow removal department. Thanks for making the tough choice as a board to switch contracts...I feel less anxious about my ability to come and go during bad weather."

Note: Hopefully everyone received/read the letter Summit recently sent to all Westmont residents. In it Account Manager Ryan Black itemizes all the services they'll be providing, invites any resident with a special request (mowing, shrub trimming, etc.) to contact him ASAP, and encourages you to apprise him of any issues or comments you may have. Ryan can be reached at 816-966-9434 Ext. 207 or ryanb@summitlawn.com.

Meet your board's new treasurer

Jake Schulzinger responded to last month's appeal for help with the books and will serve as treasurer. "My background's in manufacturing, industrial engineering and technical writing. I'm retired but work part-time as a technical writer. Marilyn and I have lived in Westmont about 17 months, like the way the board's handled the maintenance and integrity of the subdivision, and want to be a part of this community."

Got an item for the March newsletter? Email it to skip.stogsdill@gmail.com by Feb. 20. Thanks!

See a movie, enjoy coffee/goodies, get acquainted

"The Westmont Social Committee met mid-January to discuss activities for the year," says social chair Loretta Rhodus, "We'll continue to have the May garage sale and October annual meeting but besides the wonderful daytime opportunities for ladies (see below), we'd like to introduce some evening and weekend activities for those who work days. We're suggesting a **Westmont Movie Night at the Palazzo on Fri., Feb. 19**. If you're interested in going please contact me at rettarhod@att.net or 498-1698) for details. I'll also host a **Coffee on Sat., March 13, at my home** (12027 Hemlock) where you can meet your neighbors and talk about other possibilities like a gin rummy club and summer block party."

Ongoing ladies activities

Coffee—No coffees till April 1 at 1pm at Brenda Flagler's (8335 W.120th St., 498-1617). Come socialize with neighbors new and old.

Bunko—2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. Contact Ginger Burns (gurns001@everestkc.net or 491-1353) for info as well as dates and "happy hour" locations selected monthly for a *Girls Night Out* and other outings.

Book Club—Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 1pm in a different home. Call Paula Lewis at 469-6766 to learn more.

Welcome! (these folks joined our neighborhood during the past few months)

<u>Melanie Valenzuela</u> , 12008 Mackey	<u>Robert and Diane Smith</u> , 8307 W. 120 th Terr.
<u>Roberta Arenson</u> , 11927 Hemlock	<u>Leland Farb</u> , 8309 W. 119 th Terr.
<u>Lillian McWilliams</u> , 12012 Hemlock	<u>Susan Krsnich</u> , 8404 W. 119 th Terr.

Friendly Reminders

- ▶ Owners are encouraged to keep garage doors closed for safety and appearance.
- ▶ Garbage is to be put out no earlier than 24 hours in advance of collection with both it and recycling materials secured. Thanks for picking up any trash that's blown loose.
- ▶ With the family's permission, we'd like to mention a resident's death in the newsletter so we can extend condolences—or congratulations on a wedding, significant anniversary, etc.

Put Westmont's website under "Favorites" & help keep it fresh

You're encouraged to read the newsletter online at www.ha-kc.org (click on "Kansas Associations" then "Westmont"). You'll find board minutes there too. Keep an eye out for a nice "Westmont" photo on the home page soon, plus board photos/bios. If you've got photos and/or ideas you think would improve the website, contact Karen Harrison at kharr6@aol.com or 345-1205.