

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, March 2010

This year's budget looking good

You're encouraged to peruse the enclosed 2010 budget so you're familiar with how your monthly association dues are spent. Board president Tom Armstrong, new treasurer Jake Schulzinger and grounds maintenance overseer Bill Frame spent considerable time reviewing/revising this year's budget to ensure our funds are spent wisely. This is thankless but vital work so consider thanking them for their efforts: Tom—tombetty@everestkc.net; Jake—906-9286; Bill—wwf1940@yahoo.com.

Movie night fun and an invite to coffee March 13

Social committee chair Loretta Rhodus reports that a half dozen Westmonters responded to her invitation in the February newsletter to see a movie at the Palazzo together. They met at her house for liquid refreshment Friday evening, Feb. 19, then drove to The Palazzo to see *Valentine's Day*. "We had a good time," Loretta said, "and plan to do it again."

The social committee invites everyone in Westmont to a Neighborhood Coffee on Saturday, March 13 at Loretta's—12027 Hemlock—from 9:30-11am. "It's another opportunity to spend time with neighbors new and old," says Loretta. "We'll have a social committee meeting right after the coffee to discuss the May Garage Sale and a Summer Block Party and everyone's welcome to attend."

Questions or suggestions for Social? Contact Loretta at 498-1698 or rettarhod@att.net.

Need help getting to a doctor's appointment? A Westmont CARE group could help

The Social Committee would like to form a Westmont CARE (Community Assistance and Relief Effort) group to assist our neighbors who're elderly, disabled or sick and may need occasional help such as a ride to the doctor, grocery store or pharmacy. Especially during bad weather like we've experienced this winter.

If you'd like to offer your services and be part of a Call Me or Email Chain, please contact Loretta Rhodus on her cell (816) 797-8657 or at her above email. If you're a Westmont homeowner with a situation a CARE group could handle, let Loretta know. **Keep in mind this is not a substitute for serious or life-threatening issues for which you should call 911 or the appropriate medical/service provider.**

We'll let you know in April's newsletter if there was enough response to establish a CARE group and, if so, a list of those who offered their services.

Check out new photos/bios of Westmont's board on your association's website

Remember you can read the newsletter online at www.ha-kc.org (click on "Kansas Associations" then "Westmont"). You'll find board minutes and calendar events too. If you've got photos and/or ideas that would improve the website and help keep it fresh, please contact Karen Harrison at kharr6@aol.com or 345-1205.

2010 directories coming soon!

Before long you'll be able to replace your blue 2008 neighborhood directory with an updated, canary yellow 2010 edition. The directory is currently being printed and copies should be in the mail shortly.

Much ado about dogs and their doo

Board members have received a number of complaints about a few dog owners/walkers not picking up after their pets.

Our Association's Bylaws state that dogs must be on leash and their droppings picked up. Only three (3) registered dogs are allowed per residence per Overland Park code. **Call Animal Control at 895-6300 if you find unwelcome deposits on your lawn and know who the culprit is.**

For the good will of your neighbors, as well as Westmont's appearance, we appeal to those who've been negligent to shape up. Thanks to all of you who conscientiously clean up after your dog.

Got an item for the April newsletter? Email it to skip.stogsdill@gmail.com by March 19.

Calling Westmont ladies

► *Bunko*—2nd Wednesday of 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.

► *Coffee*—April 1 at 1pm at Brenda Flagler's (8335 W.120th St., 498-1617). Enjoy ongoing friendships and some new ones not to mention good coffee and goodies.

Restriction Reminder

Vehicles parked on street in front of residence. Any vehicle parked on the street over 48 hours is in violation of Overland Park City Code and must be moved or is subject to be ticketed and towed.

A "pretty good joke": keeping winter in perspective (borrowed from A Prairie Home Companion)

Government surveyors came to Ole's farm in the fall and asked to do some surveying. Ole agreed and Lena even served them a nice meal. Next spring the two surveyors stopped by and told Ole, "Because you were so kind to us, we wanted to give you this bad news in person instead of by letter."

"What's the bad news?" Ole asked.

"Well, after our work we discovered your farm isn't in Minnesota but is actually in South Dakota."

Ole looked at Lena and said, "That's the best news I have heard in a long time! Why I just told Lena this morning, I don't think I can take another winter in Minnesota. "