

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, January 2011

May 2011 be a year of good health and memories for all Westmont residents

Your 2011 board of directors

President: Brenen Frye **Vice-President:** Shirley Knese **Treasurer:** Jake Schulzinger
Secretary/Property Values: Kris Johnson **Grounds:** Tony Fink **Social Activities:**
Loretta Rhodus **Communications:** Skip Stogsdill. Check your yellow Neighborhood Directory for board phone numbers and/or email addresses.

Who ya gonna call? Tony Fink!

For any questions, concerns, complaints or kudos re: snow removal and lawn/landscaping, **new Grounds director Tony Fink is the person (not Summit or anyone else) to contact at 913-961-0913.**

Remember that all board members are volunteers so contact Tony *during regular business hours (8am-5pm) unless it's a bonafide emergency.* (If Tony is unreachable his backup is **Shirley Knese at 913-485-8689**). Tony will keep a list of all calls he receives for the board to review at its monthly meetings.

Snow removal reminder

Snow is removed when there are two (2) inches or more. Ideally the snow will be removed during the night but if additional snow accumulation is predicted in the morning it may not be till afternoon or when the snow stops that driveways and sidewalks are cleared.

Summit Lawn & Landscape likely to serve another year

At October's annual meeting a number of attendees expressed dissatisfaction with Summit. An ad hoc committee of the three new board members—Tony Fink, Shirley Knese, Kris Johnson—was approved to solicit and evaluate other landscaping services. At the December board meeting the ad hoc committee reported they'd met with Summit and were working to clarify a number of items in Summit's 2011 proposed budget with a view to renewing their services for a year.

"We learned that many of our issues with Summit were a result of poor communication," noted Shirley Knese, "and we want to fix them instead of starting over. In retrospect it took a year for Aspen to get up to speed and meet our expectations, and we think it's fair to give Summit a chance to do the same."

A list of the services Summit will provide Westmont residents will be featured in a future newsletter when spring gets closer.

Miscellaneous board items

- ▶ By the time you read this there's a good chance, weather permitting, that Guier Fencing will have constructed, or be at work building, a fence along Westmont properties affected by the completed Antioch road widening. The City of Overland Park is footing the entire \$29,000 bill. Guier will also add two "set-ins" to the fence along 119th St. that Westmont will pay for.
- ▶ Diseased trees marked on the corner of Antioch and 119th St., as well at the north end island on Mackey will be removed soon, if they haven't been already, with the healthy spruce trees on the latter to remain. Shrubbery plans are being discussed for both spots.
- ▶ Thanks to treasurer Jacob Schulzinger for going beyond the call of duty in trying to fix the Antioch monument entrance lights (the 119th St. lights are working fine thanks to his bulb replacement). The board approved hiring an electrician to identify the problem, perhaps caused by the road construction.
- ▶ Thanks to Brenda Flagler for putting up Christmas wreaths throughout the neighborhood and to Loretta Rhodus for putting up lights.

Social stuff

- ▶ "*Tea at Three*" (3pm) Rodica Greenberg will host on Tuesday, Jan. 11 (2037 Hemlock) and Peg Levitt (8332 W.120th Terrace) Feb. 8. Put these dates and locations on your calendar and bring your neighbors to meet other Westmont residents. A host is still needed for March 8.
- ▶ *Bunko*—2nd Wednesday each month at 7pm. Contact Ginger Burns (gburns001@everestkc.net or 491-1353).
- ▶ *Book Club*—Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 1pm in a different home. Call Paula Lewis at 469-6766.
- ▶ *Pickleball*—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30am at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. Cost is \$2 and the equipment is provided. Join a great group of 50+ seniors including men.

Condolences and a suggestion on helping elderly Westmonters

To the family and friends of Westmont resident Sarah (Sallie) Chapman, who passed away Nov. 24. A native Kansas Citian, Sallie and husband Bud raised three children in Dallas before returning to KC, where she was active in her church and many worthy organizations.

Sally's neighbor, Betty Blomberg, kept a key to her home in case she got locked out or didn't keep her normal routine and suggests other residents consider doing the same for a neighbor who may be elderly or ill.

Meet your board...

...at www.ha-kc.org, "Kansas Associations", "Westmont", "Board Roster."

Got a news or For Sale item(s) for February's newsletter? Send to Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com by Friday, Jan. 14.