

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, August 2011

Board changes

Treasurer Jake Schulzinger resigned the end of June for “personal reasons.” Board secretary Kris Johnson, who has a strong accounting background, generously offered to fill in—with president Brenen Frye’s help—until a Westmonter with financial acumen steps up to the plate.

“We’re appreciative of Jake’s contribution,” says Brenen, “and indebted to Kris for taking on this key position besides serving as secretary. If you’re interested in serving as treasurer, call me at 316-250-1066.”

Board vice-president Shirley Knese will now oversee Property Values instead of Kris.

Note: Any Westmont homeowner is welcome to attend board meetings, held the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm at different board members’ homes. Contact any board member for location and your attendance.

Enclosed pamphlet “must reading”

The enclosed pamphlet titled “Property Maintenance Guidelines for Residents” will help you recognize potential violations and the fees if you’re cited for a City Code Violation. The Westmont board encourages each resident to follow these guidelines, and make improvements where necessary, in order to keep our subdivision a harmonious and beautiful place to live. Thanks for your cooperation.

Wanted: new board members

Willing to spend 90 minutes once a month with six other residents who serve our neighborhood? Besides the need for a treasurer, Social Chair and Communications are anticipated openings. Job Descriptions for all board positions are available at www.ha-kc.org (“Kansas Associations”, “Westmont”, “Board”). You’ll also find our association’s bylaws and restrictions on the website, board photos/bios, calendar, etc.

Remember: the board decides who fills which positions after the October 18 elections.

Trash barrel reminder

It’s an Overland Park city ordinance *that all trash barrels and recycling containers be stored inside your garage*, not left outside. If physically unable to do this, please ask a neighbor to assist you.

Landscaping update

The board is pleased with A Cut Above’s work to improve our subdivision’s exterior appearance. Allow a year for full effect. Anything that dies due to the heat will be replaced at no extra charge per the contract.

Reserve Oct. 18 on your calendar

Our Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held that evening. We’ll convene again at Bacchanalia Restaurant, 12450 Newton with a cash bar from 5:15-6pm. Come socialize with friends, chat with board members, get acquainted with new residents. The free buffet dinner starts at 6pm. Immediately following there’ll be brief reports then voting of new board members. *If you have suggestions for improving our association you’d like discussed at the meeting, email them to Brenen Frye by Oct. 1.*

Who's responsible for trimming which trees?

KCPL is responsible for trimming all pole-to-pole lines. If a homeowner notices a dangling limb or other threat to a line, contact KCPL to come assess the situation. However, the homeowner is responsible for maintaining the pole-to-meter line. If he/she wants to have trees trimmed near it, ask KCPL to "drop the line" (there's no charge) so the trees can be safely trimmed.

If a homeowner wants to remove a tree that has branches above or near a pole-to-pole power line, contact the KCPL Vegetation Management Center or complete an on-line request. A KCPL rep will inspect the line at no charge and determine whether the tree needs trimming before it can be removed.

*Most Westmonters do a good job but a few homes have branches overhanging the new Antioch fence or over a sidewalk or your backyard (which makes it inconvenient for walkers/joggers and Summit mowers respectively). Tree trimming is **not** included in Summit's landscaping contract so your board requests your help in lopping off those obtrusive branches. It may seem like a minor issue but trimmed trees help make for good neighbor relationships and enhance our subdivision's appearance.*

A big thank-you to Merlyn (Spud) Blomberg of 8309 W. 121st. St.—and others like him—who put neighbors' newspapers on their doorstep each morning and their emptied trash barrels and recycling containers by their garage doors on Wednesdays. These acts of kindness help make Westmont a great place to live.

Ongoing summer events

- ▶ "Tea at Three"—**Tuesday, Aug. 9, 3pm** at Brenda Flagler's, 8335 W. 120th St. "Invite a neighbor and feel free to bring a light snack but it's not necessary. Call me if questions at 498-1617."
- ▶ *Bunko*—2nd Wednesday each month at 7pm. Ginger Burns (gurns001@everestkc.net or 491-1353).
- ▶ *Book Club*—Meets 2nd Friday each month at 1pm. Call Paula Lewis at 469-6766.

Got a news or For Sale item for the September newsletter? Send to
Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com by Friday, Aug. 19.

Got a Westmont problem or solution?

Contact (between 8am-5pm) these volunteer board members:

- ▶ **Brenen Frye**, President (316-250-1066; brenen@kc.rr.com)
- ▶ **Shirley Knese**, Vice President, Property Values (913-485-8689; shirleyknese@aol.com)
- ▶ **Kris Johnson**, Secretary, Treasurer Pro Tem (913-345-9098; k156j@yahoo.com)
- ▶ **Tony Fink**, Grounds Director (913-961-0913; afink@kc.rr.com)
- ▶ **Loretta Rhodus**, Social Activities (913-498-1698; rettarhod@att.net)
- ▶ **Skip Stogsdill**, Communications (913-387-4136; skip.stogsdill@gmail.com)