

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, September 2011

Annual meeting around the corner

>Bacchanalia Restaurant, 124550 Newton, will again host Westmont's annual homeowners meeting **Tuesday evening, Oct. 18**. Visit from 5:15 to 6pm with a cash bar open. Enjoy the free buffet dinner from 6 to 6:45 with a short business meeting afterwards featuring brief reports on our subdivision's finances and achievements. We'll also vote for new board members.

>A drawing will be held with three persons in attendance receiving a free month of \$62 maintenance dues!

>**Please RSVP your attendance to social chair Loretta Rhodus (rettarhod@att.net; 498-1698) by Monday, Oct. 10**, so we can give the restaurant an accurate meal count. Thanks for your help.

>If you have a suggestion for improving our subdivision you feel needs discussion, email it to board president **Brenen Frye** (brenen@kc.rr.com) **by Oct. 1**, plus your willingness to consider serving on the 2012 board.

Property value update and "3 Strike rule"

Brenen Frye received property assessments for 2007 and created a binder with a template form for future assessments to be handled by vice-president Shirley Knese, who'll oversee new assessments in 2012. The 2007 assessments will be given to homeowners at the Annual Meeting with copies mailed to those unable to attend.

The board is finalizing a "3 Strike Rule" for homeowners who neglect repairs required by Westmont's Declaration of Restrictions and thus decrease property values. A handout will be given to residents at the Annual Meeting describing the "3 Strike Rule" and when it starts. Particulars will also be included in an upcoming newsletter.

Jared Coones Pumpkin 5k honors grandson of Westmont residents

Proceeds from this 13th annual run/walk event at Black Bob Elementary in Olathe help benefit several charitable organizations including the Jared Coones Memorial Foundation. The grandson of long-time Westmonters Bob and Sharon Gilworth, Jared died Oct. 5, 1998 at age 10 after a long, courageous battle with leukemia. (His mother Jayne passed away in 2006 after a difficult fight with breast cancer.)

This year's 5k starts at 8am, Saturday Oct. 8, with awards given in over 15 different age categories including under 7 and over 80. Channel 9 news anchor Larry Moore traditionally kicks off the race. You can register online at pumpkinrunwalk.org or contact Bob (RGilworth@kc.rr.com; 913-481-1207) for more info and/or a brochure.

A warm Westmont welcome...

...To new residents Sambantham Kuppusamy and Poongodi Sambantham, 8422 W. 119th Terr.

Your lawn need aerated or seeded?

Tony Fink just received these prices from Summit for Westmont residents. Contact Garrett at 816-215-7389 if you'd like any of the following done: Single aeration—\$75; Double aeration—\$110; Double aeration and seeding—\$170 (add \$35 for verticut); De-thatch—\$60. These services are **not** included in Summit's contract.

Former treasurer worked hard for us

Jake Schulzinger did excellent work for Westmont from late 2009 through June 2011, helping update financial records including some with HAKC. He was a stickler for accuracy and accountability to ensure the best stewardship of our HOA's funds. Jake also attended a couple meetings last summer involving concerns with Summit, solicited bids for trimming dead trees, replaced burned out light bulbs on the entrance monuments, and provided thoughtful input at board meetings as well as a professional report at last year's Annual Meeting.

Summit likely to do lawns in 2012

Grounds director Tony Fink reported at the August board meeting that he's pleased with the progress Summit's made in their second year of mowing. "It usually takes two years for a new company to get up to speed. I've had fewer complaints as time went on with a lot of it due to better communication. Ken Knese was a big help in monitoring Summit's weekly mowing and we expect them to do their usual terrific job with snow removal this winter. Remember: dots on the curbs only affect mowing, not weed or fertilizer applications."

Thanks to Ken Knese...

...for facilitating the sprinkler system's repair at the Antioch island entrance. The system was shorting out which necessitated a yellow cable across the road for several weeks but was only a temporary fix. Ken called the city of Overland Park which came and fixed it for free, saving our association significant money. The electrical box still needs to be fixed and Ken will solicit bids for its repair.

\$For Sale\$

>Computer Armoire, pine wood, original value approx. \$250, asking \$75. To see or for additional information, contact Brenda Flagler at 498-1617.

Trees to get iron treatment

Tony Fink consulted a local expert on our subdivision's oak trees and due to our extremely hot summer 13 of the 36 treated for iron deficiency last year by TruGreen need a second treatment. Brenen Frye has arranged for TruGreen to treat the 13 trees this fall at half price. Others needing attention will be done next year.

Ongoing events

▶ "Tea at Three"—**Tuesday, Sept. 13, 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."

Hosts for rest of 2011: **Oct. 11**, Brenda Flagler. **Nov. 8**, Glenyce Botten, 12102 Hemlock, 345-1836. **Dec. 13**, Brenda Flagler.

▶ *Bunko*—2nd Wednesday each month at 7pm. Ginger Burns (gburns001@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 October newsletter? Send to
skip.stogsdill@gmail.com by Friday, Sept. 16.