# What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, February 2012

THANK YOU SKIP STOGSDILL! Skip, whose board term has ended, was the editor of Westmont Newsletter for two years. Skip wrote the newsletter, redesigned the directory with easier to read listings and copy, and upgraded the website that included pictures and bios of the board members. We salute you Skip for your excellence and service to Westmont!

**SNOW REMOVAL**: If you have concerns or questions, call Tony Fink (961-0913). If Tony isn't available, call Ken Knese (481-1123). Do not call Summit Landscaping. Tony and Ken are familiar with the contract we have with Summit and are diligent in their service to our community. Thank you Tony and Ken!

#### SERVICE CONTRACTS

- The contract with Deffenbaugh has been signed for 2012. For each home owner per month, Westmont will pay Deffenbaugh \$10.00 for trash pick-up and \$2.00 for recycle pick-up. This money will come from the homeowners' monthly dues. You will not be charged extra. What about yard waste? Read <u>Going Green</u> in this newsletter.
- The contract with Summit Landscaping has been signed for 2012. We will keep you
  informed of seasonal services, including trimming, lawn mowing and treatments, and leaf
  raking.

## **GOING GREEN WITH YARD WASTE:**

Beginning January 2012, yard vegetation (weeds, grass clipping, tree branches, autumn leaves) will not be collected by Deffenbaugh. This is part of Johnson County's efforts to reduce the current and future pressures on available landfill sites. Yard waste disposal is now the responsibility of individual home owners.

To have your yard waste removed, you may contact an independent company of your choice. Each home owner will be responsible for the fees that company charges.

Yes, we can still leave our household garbage, trash, and recycle items at the curb for Deffenbaugh to pick up each week.

#### **SPRINKLERS ANYONE?**

Ken Knese continues to assess options for front yard sprinkler systems for individual home owners, with the best group rate and service in mind. If you're interested, call Ken soon: 481-1123.

### **NEIGHBORS TO OUR SOUTH**

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, at the corner of 123<sup>rd</sup> and Antioch, is planning additions to the existing building and grounds. A copy of the proposed plan is available on the city's website and in the Planning and Development Department located at City Hall.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- ► 2012 Teas at 3pm—Feb. 14, Maya Eltsin, 12009 Mackey, 498-1246. March 13, Glenyce Botten, 12102 Hemlock, 345-1836. April 10, Brenda Flagler, 8335 W.120<sup>th</sup> St., 498-1617.
- ► Bunko—2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7pm. Ginger Burns at gburns001@everestkc.net (or 491-1353).
- ► *Bridge*—Two tables of Bridge play on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Margaret Dack's home at 12000 Mackey. If you'd like to join call Margaret at 345-2610.

The deadline is Feb. 17 to send News and For Sale Items for our March newsletter.

Email to: bkolom@everestkc.net

## **Do you have a Westmont suggestion or concern?** Contact our board members 8am-5pm.

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- ► Mike Perry, Vice President /Property Values (816-210-4455; <a href="mailto:mkpkc@yahoo.com">mkpkc@yahoo.com</a>)
- ▶ Pam Tittle, Secretary (661-9161; pam.larry@sbcglobal.net)
- ► Kris Johnson, Treasurer (345-9098; k156j@yahoo.com)
- ► Tony Fink, Grounds (961-0913; afink@kc.rr.com) and Assistant Ken Knese (913-481-1123)
- ▶ Brenda Flagler, Social Activities (498-1617; bflagler@worldinter.net)
- ► Barb Kolom, Newsletter (339-6109; bkolom@everestkc.net)

I'm Barb Kolom, current editor of our newsletter. I'm pleased to be a member of Westmont Board. Please, email with neighborhood news!