

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter February 2015

BOARD NEWS

2015 BUDGET: The 2015 budget received final approval at the January 19th board meeting.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Our new board members were voted into the following positions:

- Secretary – Audrey Smith
- Social Chair – Don Roth
- Newsletter Editor – Carol Barlau

TREASURER'S REPORT – 2014 YEAR END: The year ended on a good note showing a positive balance of \$4,775.17. The primary reason for this result was a savings in the months of November and December due to minimal snowfall during that time. As is our practice, the excess funds will go into our reserve account (members equity). As of this reporting, we are still \$35,000 short of our goal of \$139,000 for that account which is an amount about equal to one year's annual budget. By everyone maintaining prompt payment of their monthly dues, we can hopefully continue to maintain a positive operating statement. The board would like to thank all of our homeowners for a good job this past year.

As we begin the year, now would be a good time to arrange for automatic bank withdrawal for payment of your dues, if you haven't already done so. It will save you time and trouble throughout the year plus the ever increasing cost of a stamp. You can do this by contacting the HA-KC office at 913-385-2440 or you can set it up through your bank.

GROUND'S COMMITTEE: What a great mild winter it has been so far! (Knock on wood!) Here is a reminder of the snow removal guidelines...just in case:

Snow Removal This Winter: Snow removal will occur when snow depth is above two inches. Your driveway, front sidewalk, and the neighborhood sidewalks will be cleaned. Spectrum will begin clearing snow when, according to weather reports, the snow storm is predicted to end.

Reflectors: Spectrum recommends attached homes that share a narrow land strip between them put reflectors, tall enough to be seen in heavy snow fall, along each driveway boarder. This may reduce the chance of damage to the land strip as the driveway is cleared of snow. You can find the reflectors at hardware stores and big-box stores. Get them soon. They sell out fast.

When our snow crew is here to clean your driveway, please have your vehicles in the garage or along the curb. If you have vehicles in your driveway, it can't be cleared of snow safely.

When city snow plows are in our neighborhood, try to have your vehicles off the street. OP states: "Crews do their best to clear residential streets as quickly as possible. Their job is made easier when there are few vehicles parked on a street..." Vehicles "slow the operations and delay getting the streets cleaned." A web-based snow map to monitor plowing progress is available through the city's web page at opkansas.org.

Ice and Snow Storms – Be Careful Out There!: Before ice forms or snow falls, pros recommend you apply an ice melt product on hard surfaces (driveways, sidewalks). Apply the ice melt product **before** the storm

begins. It will help the ice under the snow to soften and even begin to melt. No snow plow or snow shovel can completely clear all snow or ice. An ice melt product may likely help.

PET OWNERS – PLEASE BE COURTEOUS: The Board has received reports of people walking their dogs and allowing them to leave waste in other Westmont residents' yards. I know many pet owners pick up their pet's waste, but for those of you who don't, please start being a responsible pet owner and resident and pick up after your pet. It is an Overland Park Ordinance for pet owners to pick up their pet's waste and any pet owner identified as not cleaning up after their pet will be reported to the city for a citation.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS: We're happy you chose Westmont!

- Jon & Lynette McCoy – 12013 Mackey St, Overland Park, KS
- Celeste Gruhin – 12031 Mackey St, Overland Park, KS

SOCIAL NEWS

- **Tea at Three:** (Second Tuesday each month) – February 10th – Tea at Three will be at Lois Long's home, 8420 W 119th Terrace, 913-649-3865. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a treat to share if you wish.
- **Bunko:** (Second Wednesday each month) – No Bunko for February.
- **Bridge:** (Last Wednesday each month) – No Bridge for February.

OTHER INFORMATION

February 2015 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, February 16th at 6:30 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

HOMES ASSOCIATIONS OF KANSAS CITY: www.HA-KC.org. HAKC maintains the Westmont website. The website gives you access to the Westmont newsletter, Board minutes, Bylaws and Restrictions, Westmont exterior materials and color guide, the ARC Application for exterior home changes, and general information about the Board and Westmont Homes Association.

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

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