

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, November 2010

Mowing complaints overshadow annual mtg., Armstrong resigns

Over 80 homeowners attended the annual meeting Oct. 19 at Bacchanalia. Following a buffet dinner board president Tom Armstrong recognized departed/ing board members Bill Frame, Karen Harrison and Doug Pierce for their service with kudos to social chair Loretta Rhodus and treasurer Jake Schulzinger for their substantial contributions this year.

Newly-elected board members are Shirley Knese, Tony Fink (both have served previously) and Kris Johnson.

Tom stated that our association is in good condition overall. Board actions this year included changing landscaping companies, trash barrel service with Deffenbaugh to begin soon, treatment of iron deficient trees and website makeover. Action needed in 2011: Antioch fencing and landscaping, possible work on the existing fence on 119th St., island improvements, removal of diseased trees from public areas and resolving mowing issues with Summit Lawn & Landscaping. Home inspections will be done on a new rotation program.

Jake's financial report noted that "our association is in decent shape financially considering the higher than expected costs of snow removal, fungicide spraying and iron treatment to pin oaks. I expect we'll run about even at the end of our fiscal year Dec. 31 or perhaps a couple thousands dollars down but our reserves are solid." The 2011 budget will be included in a newsletter early in 2011 once the new board's approved it.

Summit was the main topic during a sometimes heated 45-minute Q & A session. A number of homeowners expressed dissatisfaction with how their lawns were serviced this summer despite President Armstrong noting the toll that heavy spring rains and prolonged summer heat took on many lawns and area golf courses. Tom stated that while Summit did an excellent job on the snow removal they were initially understaffed on the mowing but the board believed things had improved as a result of meeting with Summit to resolve residents' issues.

Nonetheless many attendees indicated they wanted to change companies and a motion was eventually initiated by Rene Mulka and fine-tuned by Loretta Rhodus—thanks to Tom's ad hoc suggestion— which stated that "as of Nov. 1 the three new board members will form an ad hoc committee and begin to solicit and evaluate bids from other landscaping services with a goal of making a recommendation to the current board for a new service to be in place Jan.1, 2011."

The motion was seconded and passed by a majority who raised their hands.

Tom Armstrong resigned after the meeting. "Effective immediately, I resign my position as president as well as my position on the board. I will provide any and all information that I have collected and transfer it to whoever replaces me. It has been a pleasure working with this board and I wish you all the best." {Appreciation for Tom's years of service will be acknowledged next newsletter}.

The remaining board members held an emergency meeting Oct. 25 at Jake Schulzinger's home and voted Brenen Frye as president through year's end. {A huge thanks for stepping up to the plate, Brenen}. The three new board members attended the meeting's second half and expressed their willingness to help through the transition period. After a thorough report by Jake on finances, Tony Fink agreed to spearhead the ad hoc committee's efforts to solicit new landscaping bids and Jake will contact Arbor Barber to apprise them now of the board's decision to use their services to remove Westmont's diseased trees within next couple months. The new board will determine its officers at its January meeting.

Got a Westmont problem or solution?

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

President (pro tem): Brenen Frye, brenen@kc.rr.com; (316) 250-1066

Grounds: Brenen Frye

Finances: Jake Schulzinger, 906-9286

Property Values: Brenen Frye

Secretary: Karen Harrison, kharr6@aol.com; 345-1205

Social: Loretta Rhodus, 498-1698 or rettarhod@att.net

Communications: Skip Stogsdill at skip.stogsdill@gmail.com

► Eleven Westmont ladies enjoyed the second "*Tea at Three*" at Brenda Flagler's home October 12. It's hoped more will join the group at 3pm on Tuesday, Nov.16 and Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Brenda's home (8335 W. 120th St.). Rodica Greenberg will be hosting the January 11, 2011 "Tea at 3:00" at her home located at 12037 Hemlock. And Peg Levitt (8332 W.120th Terrace) has offered to have the February 8, 2011 "Tea at Three" at her home. Please put these dates and locations on your calendar and bring your neighbors to meet other Westmont residents. A volunteer is still needed to host the March 8, 2011 "Tea at Three." Please contact Brenda at 498-1617 if you'd like to host.

► *Bunko*—2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. Contact Ginger Burns (gburns001@everestkc.net or 491-1353) for info as well as dates and "happy hour" locations selected monthly for a *Girls Night Out* and other outings.

► *Book Club*—Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 1pm in a different home. Call Paula Lewis at 469-6766 to learn more.

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Two Dorma Commercial Grade Glass Doors with upscale hardware for each door included. Doors are 6' 11" by 3". **Side Panels** are 9' 4" by 2' 2 ½" **Above Door Panels:** 3' by 2' 4". Asking \$5000 for each door with panels and hardware, or best offer. Call Tonya Leibold at 913-317-8705

Old baby crib and mattress for \$10. Call Brenda Flagler at 498-1617.

Got a news or For Sale item(s) for December's newsletter? Send to Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com by Friday, Nov. 13.

Condolences

To long-time Westmont resident, former board member and avid fisherman Robert Gilworth upon the death of his father in September. And also to long-time Westmont resident Betty Blomberg upon the loss of her brother in October.