

# *What's Up?* Westmont Newsletter March 2013

## Board News

The Open Meeting for Residents was held February 18, 2013. President Shirley Knese presided over the meeting. There were questions asked and suggestions made by the six residents who attended. A complete report will be in the minutes on our website: [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org)

A resident asked why the newsletter did not include more information from the question and answer portion of the Annual Meeting held October 2012. It was explained that the November 2012 newsletter said there was a question and answer session. The monthly Board Meeting was held after the November newsletter was published. The complete report of the Annual Meeting was in the minutes that were reviewed at the Board Meeting and published on the web site.

One resident asked the Board to conserve as much water as possible when watering Westmont's perimeter. It was explained that the system is set up to regulate the amount of time and amount of watering, and it would be monitored carefully through the summer by members of the grounds committee and the Board.

There was discussion about the possibility of No Soliciting signs installed in Westmont, problems with dogs not being kept in their yards and allowed to potty in neighbors' yards, and some owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

The residents commented the Tree Trimming Project had improved the over-all appearance of the neighborhood and that Summit's lawn crew had shown much improvement over the past year.

A pass-out was provided to attendees with a Balance Sheet and Income Statement for 2011 and 2012, along with a copy of the 2013 budget. It has not been the practice to publish financials on the web site because of easy access by the public. If anyone would like a copy of these documents, please call Shirley Knese at 913-485-8689. She will see that you get them.

## **February Board Meeting**

**No Soliciting Signs:** Following the open meeting, the February Board meeting was called to order. No Soliciting signs placed at the entrances to Westmont were discussed. The Board will investigate the cost of this project, including design and installation.

**Pet Owner Responsibility:** Many neighbors have registered complaints about dogs, attended and unattended by owners, wandering into the middle of their yards to potty. This negligence results in owners' yards burned from urine and feces, and the costs associated with reseeding and repairing their lawns. Pet owners should walk their dogs between the curb and sidewalk, keep their dogs on leashes, and clean up waste from their dogs.

**Thirteen Inches Of Snow:** Summit's snow crew arrived at 3 pm after the snow stopped. Feb. 21. They worked through the night, doing a great job. Unfortunately, the city plows arrived later, pushing snow back to the edges of peoples' driveways. The cost of the snow removal was duly budgeted by the Board, and there were ample funds to handle it, with monies remaining.

**Snowy, Cold Winter Days:** This is the season when some of our residents and friends find the days grow long, and they may have difficulty navigating slushy, slippery driveways, sidewalks, and store parking lots. It just takes a few moments to check on your neighbors to see if they need anything. You'll be glad you did!

**Keeping Westmont Beautiful:** We need help to tidy the perimeter of Westmont. Ten minutes once a week to gather paper, plastic bags, pop cans, and all that stuff that blows onto our perimeter. Could you help? We need 1-2 volunteers for each week of the month. Ask a buddy to join you. It's a small contribution to our community that will mean a lot!

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Tea at Three**—second Tuesday of each month. **March 12, 3:00 pm. Tea will be held at Prudence Loy's home**, 8326 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Bring a treat to share, if you wish. Everyone welcome!
- **Bunko**—second Wednesday each month. **March 13, 6:30 pm at Bonnie Meder's home**, 12002 W. Mackey. If you have questions, contact **Ginger Burns** at [gurns001@everestkc.net](mailto:gurns001@everestkc.net)
- **Bridge**—Last Wednesday of each month. **March 27th at Margaret Dack's home**, 12000 Mackey. If you'd like to join, call Margaret at 345-2610.

**March Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, March 18, 2013, 6:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

**HOMES ASSOCIATIONS OF KANSAS CITY:** [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org) HAKC maintains the Westmont website. The website gives you access to the Westmont newsletter, board minutes, by-laws and restrictions, 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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