

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, December 2011

Your board wishes you and your loved ones a safe, enjoyable and meaningful holiday season.

Two good years by outgoing board president Brenen Frye

I volunteered to join the Westmont board the fall of 2009 to help fill several vacancies and was officially elected at that October's annual meeting. I'd lived in Westmont since 2004 and wanted to become more knowledgeable about our neighborhood and its needs with the view of giving something back.

My assignment the first year was to oversee property values. We were unable to do any evaluations due to a major database glitch but I attended all the board meetings and offered input on such issues as switching from Aspen to Summit, and affirming that 30 oak trees be treated for iron deficiency and the 119th Terr. and Mackey island be upgraded.

I agreed, somewhat reluctantly, to serve as president this past year as my wife was expecting our second child and I was beginning to think of starting a used car business, which I recently did.

Among our board's accomplishments in 2012: completion of the new white fence along our Antioch property; substantial new landscaping added along the Antioch and 119th St. fences; discussing and approving the Three Strike Rule. The garage sale, block party and annual meeting all went well.

I owe a big thanks to board veep Shirley Knese for cheerfully and capably taking on a number of tasks, and to Ken Knese in assisting Tony Fink in dealing with Summit and the usual complaints, plus assisting with needed electrical repairs and more. Kris Johnson gets extra kudos for adding the demanding task of treasurer to her secretary duties and performing both with her usual promptness and professionalism.

I'm grateful for the chance to serve and enthused about the new board members you elected in October. Westmont's future is in good hands.

Updates from Nov. board meeting

◆ Thanks to all four new board members—Pam Tittle, Barb Kolom, Brenda Flagler, Mike Perry—who attended the 2 ½ hour meeting to learn about old and new Westmont business.

◆ If you haven't had your lawn sprinklers blown out yet, you're encouraged to call Summit Lawn & Landscape (816-966-9434) for pricing and arrange to get it done before the ground freezes.

◆ The board reviewed Summit's proposed contract for 2012. Groundskeeper Tony Fink believes their services improved enough to continue another year. Their new bid includes an extra service of aerating and seeding one third of all Westmont lawns per season. The board will vote on the contract at its December meeting. All meetings are now held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church which abuts the southwest corner of Westmont. Held the third Monday evening of each month at 6:30, any homeowner is welcome to attend. Be sure to call a board member beforehand to confirm date and time.

More updates on back

◇ Oak trees that most required a second treatment for iron deficiency have been serviced and other trees that need it will be treated in 2012.

◇ There may be one more subdivision clean-up before year's end if needed.

◇ Treasurer pro tem Kris Johnson reviewed Westmont's 2011 budget to date and confirmed we'll not be \$6000 in the black due to last winter's excessive snowfall removal costs and repairs on our sprinkler system and Antioch lights.

If we have another snowy winter, and you have questions about snow removal, **DO NOT CALL SUMMIT. The only person(s) to call are Tony Fink (961-0913) or Ken Knese (481-1123) if Tony's unavailable.**

Tea, bunko, bridge—check 'em out

▶ *Tea at Three (3pm)—Tuesday, Dec. 13.* “Everyone’s welcome to this holiday tea,” says host Brenda Flagler. “Please bring a small snack to share. I'll look forward to seeing you and your neighbor at my home at 8335 W. 120th St. Feel free to park four cars in my driveway and you can also park four cars next door to the left (8329). See you December 13th!”

▶ *2012 Teas: Jan. 10, Rodica Greenberg, 12037 Hemlock, 766-1414. Feb. 14, Maya Eltsin, 12009 Mackey, 498-1246. March 13, Glenyce Botten, 12102 Hemlock, 345-1836. April 10, Brenda Flagler.*

▶ *Bunko—2nd Wednesday each month at 7pm. Ginger Burns (gburns001@everestkc.net or 491-1353).*

▶ *Bridge—“We now have two tables of Bridge,” reports Brenda Flagler, “that play on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Margaret Dack's home at 12000 Mackey. If you'd like to join this group, please call Margaret at 345-2610.”*

\$For Sale\$

Lovely gilt, antique dressing table mirror, hinged left and right sides. Original value \$575 (bought at an estate sale). Asking \$200. Contact JoAnne Carlton to see the mirror—or for more information—at 913-544-2542 or jcarlton@mmpromo.com

Got a Westmont problem or solution?

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