

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

## **Board News**

**February 18th Open Meeting:** The Board will hold an open meeting for Westmont residents on Monday, February 18, 2013. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213. The purpose of this meeting is to address comments and unanswered questions from the October 2012 Annual Meeting.

**Our Majestic Trees!** In the absence of Tony Fink, Ken Knese reported the Westmont Tree Trimming Project has been completed by Dodson's Family Tree Care. The over-all appearance of the neighborhood is improved and the integrity of each tree has been maintained by thinning and shaping the raised canopy. Also, the trees in Westmont's entrance medians were trimmed and groomed.

The goals of this project were achieved: Increase the aesthetic appearance and health of the trees; proper thinning to allow sunlight penetration for grass and plants; removal of low branches over sidewalks for the safety of the grass cutting crew and strolling neighbors; increase street light illumination of our sidewalks and neighborhood for our safety.

There were about 237 trees trimmed. There were eight homeowners who had trees removed. Thanks to all the residents for their cooperation.

Jeff Dodson was to invoice each resident who had additional trees trimmed at their expense. If you have not received an invoice, please send your check, at \$40. per tree, to the address below. Your check will be your receipt.

Dodson's Family Tree Service, 1006 N, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Louisberg, KS 66053

**Tree Trimming Committee:** Grounds Chairman Tony Fink and Ken Knese negotiated the final contract with Dodson's Family Tree Care. Prior to the work being started, Larry Tittle and Ken spent hours contacting each resident and marking trees to be trimmed. As the 10-day trimming work was underway, Ken, and Larry were out and about many times a day monitoring progress. We thank them for their hours and hours of service that made this project a success.

Please, remove the colored ribbon used to mark trees in your yard. Thank you.

**Notes from the Grounds Committee:** A second information box has disappeared on 119<sup>th</sup> Street next to the mail box. The Grounds Committee has secured the remaining boxes to the mail boxes to prevent more from disappearing.

**Entrance Monuments:** The Board has determined the Entrance Monument Project needs to be postponed until 2014 for budget purposes. The Board felt the tree trimming was a priority. Entrance Monument Chairman Mike Perry and his committee are continuing to explore bids. If funds become available from decreased spending in other areas in the 2013 budget, there is a chance we may be able to install the new monuments before 2014.

**Snow Removal:** Snow will be removed by Summit when we have more than two inches of snowfall.

**For Your Safety:** It seems fewer cars are parked along the curbs and curves of our streets. It also seems fewer residents are leaving garage doors open. Thank you!

**A Warm Welcome To Our New Neighbor!** Please, add this information to your directory.

Ian Morris, 8311 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Terrace

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Tea at Three**—One week earlier than usual. **February 5, 3:00 pm.** Tea will be held at **Lois Long's home**, 8420 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Terrace, 649-3865. Bring a treat to share, if you wish. Everyone welcome!
- **Bunko**—2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month. **February 13, 6:30 pm at Betty Craney's home**, 8328 W. 120<sup>th</sup> Street. If you have questions, contact **Ginger Burns** at [gburns001@everestkc.net](mailto:gburns001@everestkc.net)
- **Bridge**—Last Wednesday of each month. **February 27 at Margaret Dack's home**, 12000 Mackey. If you'd like to join, call Margaret at 345-2610.

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**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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