

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the May 22nd, 2008 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at The Mixx. Present at the meeting were Ann Nixon, Lindsay Wood, Aryn Roth, Lorrie Kueffer, Matthew Stevens and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

- Aryn, Lorrie and Matthew attended their first monthly board meeting. It is with great pleasure to have new members willing to help uphold the mission of keeping Westwood Park neighborhood a desirable place to live.

MASS EMAIL ON SECURITY - Lindsay

- Within a couple days after a neighborhood burglary incident on Bell Street, Lindsay experimented by sending an email notice to neighbors alerting them of the recent crime. The response to the mass email was positive. Many homeowners appreciate knowing what is happening.

- The emails are a compilation of what is found in the new directory. HACCD provided the list. Not all homeowners are on that list. Nonetheless, it is a good way to get the word out fast if needed.

FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE - Ann N.

- There will soon be back flow testing on the fountain. This yearly test is required by the city since the fountain is on public property.

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK - Kirby

<http://www.fyfstl.com/about-frontyard-features.html>

- Kirby asked for a couple of board volunteers to spearhead the movie night event. Thanks to Lorrie and Matthew for their interest in further planning.

- The company, Frontyard Features from St. Louis, provides a big inflatable screen 20 ft. x 18 ft. Parks and Recreation will waive the fee for the use of Westwood Park.

- The screen rental is \$150 which the homes association would cover. The event will be free to attendees. The board will sell concessions to off set the cost. Food can be purchased in bulk at Costco. The event may be a good opportunity for the youth of the neighborhood to get involved. Many volunteers will be needed.

- A possible option is to collect non-perishables for a Harvesters food drive. The "admission fee" could be a food item. Visit www.harvesters.org for more information on how to help the community.

- A postcard announcement will need to be sent if it is not stated prior in the newsletter. Still need to decide on a summer date, possibly mid-July.

GARAGE SALE, MAY 31 - Kirby

- Kirby has already taken charge of the garage sale announcements. A postcard was sent earlier in the month. A notice will be in the The Star. The big banner will be hung this weekend as well.
- Rain date is June 7th.

NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE, SEPTEMBER 13 - Chuck

- Chuck graciously has again volunteered to take on a great deal of the planning for the annual barbecue: food, rental, music, port-a-potty, etc.
- Lindsay has asked the board to begin thinking about what local business can be solicited for silent auction items.
- Gary's fun kid games will be a must. Ann S. will contact the fire station to request a fire truck appearance.

PEMBROKE PARKING ISSUE - Kirby & Lindsay

- There is the continuing problem with student parking on 50th Street and on Westwood Terrace. At least two homeowners are routinely blocked in or blocked out of their driveways. Neighbor Peggy Zilm has talked to the fairly uncooperative folks at KC Streets and Parking. Kirby had talked to John Sullivan at Pembroke and they've agreed to address the issue this summer.
- In the meantime, anyone who's blocked in or out of his/her driveway by a student, should get the parking permit number from the car (red tag in the rear window). Call Pembroke with that number and speak to the Upper School office. They'll find the student in class and have the him/her move the car ASAP.

NEWSLETTER

- Karen notified the board that she knows of a neighbor, Katy Pembroke, who would be willing to do the neighborhood newsletter. Aryn may be willing to assist.
- Lindsay requested that articles be submitted by June 12th, and the newsletter be ready for printing the following week.
- Newsletter content: movie night in the park, dumpster day, barbecue, garage sale results, home of the month, president's letter, etc.

DUMPSTER DAY - Lindsay

- Lindsay is having a frustrating time working with the city to obtain two dumpsters for the neighborhood. The huge dumpsters are \$50 each. Last years dumpster day was a huge success. No date has been set yet.

DOGGIE BAGS - Aryn

- The disposable doggie bag post in Westwood Park has always been filled, paid for, and maintained by the West Plaza homes association, not the city. Although neighborhoods on both the Missouri and Kansas side use the park, West Plaza has typically paid for the bags. Aryn, who lives by the park, has purchased the bags as well.
- It was suggested that receipts for the bags be submitted to HACCD so Westwood Park homes association can cover our fair share of the expense as well.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th at 6:30pm at The Mixx.
- Tentative future meeting dates: July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 18. Meeting time is 6:30pm. Location typically is at The Mixx unless a board member wants to host a meeting. Meetings will generally be on the second or third Thursday of the month, but are subject to change or cancellation.
