

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, April 2010



Recent coffee “entertaining”; CARE group volunteers encouraged to attend April 10 coffee to discuss specifics

“The y’all come coffee at my house March 13th was very entertaining,” reports social chair Loretta Rhodus. “The most interesting people came and conversation ranged from neighborhood activities to hot topics! I can’t remember the last time I had so much fun”.

To date Westmonters who’ve volunteered to be on a CARE group list to help elderly neighbors are Carol Barlau, Glenyce Botten, Betty Craney, Blaine Halvorson, Becky Raasch and Loretta.

If you’d like to lend a hand by driving someone who may need assistance getting to the doctor, grocery store or pharmacy, in bad weather especially, contact Loretta at 498-1698 or rettarhod@att.net. *She’d like to discuss specifics at her neighborhood coffee 9:30 to noon Saturday, April 10, at 12027 Hemlock. Please let her knowing you’re coming so there’ll be ample homemade cinnamon rolls!*

Activate your sprinkler system at reduced rate

For those residents with sprinkler systems who’d like to have it activated, Summit Lawn & Landscape has set **April 14** to come start our subdivision’s systems. If you’d like yours activated, Summit is offering a reduced rate of \$45 per system (as opposed to \$55 last year).

Call Summit at 816-966-9434, state you live in Westmont and wish to have your sprinkler system activated at the special rate. If your control box is inside, you or someone else must be home to give Summit access to the box. **You do not have to start the sprinkler cycle at the time of activation;** just let Summit know and they’ll activate it but leave the system off.

Spruce up suggestions

“As we ease into spring,” says Westmonter Blaine Halvorson, “it’s a good time to remind residents that property value inspections will start soon. If you’re thinking about freshening your place it’s important to talk with your neighbor, especially if you’re considering painting, replacing wood shingles with composite shingles or replacing a garage door.

“Another suggestion is for neighbors to increase the curb appeal of their homes by sprucing up the common area between driveways. A number are overgrown with weeds or scraggly brush. “

Got an item Westmonters would appreciate knowing about for the May newsletter? Email it to skip.stogsdill@gmail.com by April 16.

Summit to do April clean-up

No specific date has been set yet due to rain or snow but once things dry up good, Summit Lawn & Landscape will be out in force to do a spring clean-up sometime in April.

May garage sale cometh

Westmont's annual garage sale **May 14-16** is a great opportunity to get rid of stuff you no longer need, make some cash, meet 'n greet neighbors and visitors. Start checking those closets, basement and garage for items you don't use and someone else might. Contact [Loretta Rhodus](#) if you're interested in participating.

Property values to begin in May

"I plan on doing the evaluations after the neighborhood garage sale in May," says board member [Brenen Frye](#), whose position assignment is Property Values.

Brenda's coffee, bunko, book club ...does it get any better?

► *Coffee*—Tuesday, **April 13** at 1pm at [Brenda Flagler's](#) (8335 W.120th St., 498-1617). Come socialize with neighbors new and old. **Please note the date is April 13, not April 1 as stated in last month's newsletter.**

► *Bunko*—2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. Contact [Ginger Burns](#) (gurns001@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.

Email or phone number wrong in new directory?

Call the Homes Associations of Kansas City at 385-2440. They'll update their records and we'll be happy to publish it in the newsletter if you'd like Westmonters to update their directory.

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath."

Check out new photos/bios of Westmont's board on your association's website

You can read the newsletter online at www.ha-kc.org (click on "Kansas Associations" then "Westmont"). You'll find board minutes and calendar events too. If you've got photos and/or ideas that'd improve the website and help keep it fresh, please contact [Karen Harrison](#) at kharr6@aol.com or 345-1205.