

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, June 2010

Let's party! (meat, soda provided at upcoming Block Party)

"We're planning a Westmont Block Party on **Saturday, June 19th**," announces social chair Loretta Rhodus on behalf of your Association's board.

"We'll start **at 3pm** with **dinner at 5pm**. If it rains, we'll try to have it Saturday, June 26th at the same times. We will use the cul-de-sac at 120th St. Bring a side dish, lawn chairs and, hopefully, sunscreen! Meat, buns and pop will be provided. It would be helpful if we had an idea of how many plan to attend so we can purchase an adequate amount of supplies. If you would please RSVP to me at rettarhod@att.net or 913-498-1698 by June 18th it would be much appreciated."

Anyone interested in helping to plan some activities for the Block Party, please contact Loretta as well.

Fence repair and Antioch widening update (from Association president Tom Armstrong)

There are several issues regarding our existing and proposed fencing. The following bullet points summarize our progress, plans and concerns:

The 119th street fencing repair is complete. Delays occurred because of weather and parts availability.

- A claim has been presented to the city. We expect reimbursement.
- The work on Antioch widening has begun in our area.
- In June we will identify potential locations for the fencing.
- The Antioch fencing is more complicated since the fence will not be replaced as was done on 119th Street.
- Owner input will be sought before proceeding.

Concerns that must be addressed before proceeding:

■ The 119th Street fence is not as robust as we desired. Whether any fence can withstand the force of wet snow from city plows is debatable. We will work with Guier to improve what is to be placed on Antioch.

- We will seek alternates to how and where the fencing is installed. The fence will be very close to Antioch and concern for damage will be addressed.

It is the Board's desire to have the best fencing system possible in appearance, durability and noise damping.

Garage sale successful despite rain

"The annual May garage sale at Westmont started out to be a wash," reports Loretta Rhodus, "but we were able to roll in some sunshine on Friday and had a decent turnout from the community. We started out with about five houses that opened their garages early Thursday and it grew to over a dozen.

"While it wasn't the great weather and turnout as last year, some folks still made some nice sales. Thanks to everyone who participated! Westmont homeowners were able to sell some of their items, the community was able to take advantage of reduced prices and the rest was donated to charity. Here's to three days of glorious sunshine for next year!"

Important info for rental property owners

Thanks to Westmonter Ginger Burns for noting the following in the Spring 2010 Overland Park *Overview* magazine for Overland Park Residents:

"Owners of residential rental property must register with the city. Owners of single family, duplex or tri-plex rental properties are required by city ordinance to register their property with the city.

"The information gathered during the registration process is used to locate single family, duplex and tri-plex rental properties as well as to provide contact information on the owner of the property should the city need to contact them in the event of an emergency or code violation.

"To register, the owner will need to pay a yearly fee (Jan.1-Dec.31).

"Each rental property owner, according to the recorded property ownership on record with the Johnson County Records and Tax Administration, will be required to register separately and pay the appropriate fees. A fee of \$10 for one unit and \$2 for each additional unit is required for all registrations for 2010.

"Visit the city's Web site for a copy of Overland park Municipal Code 7.26.3000 Rental Registration Requirements, or a copy of the rental application. You can also pick up an application at Community Services, 8500 Antioch, in the Myron E. Scafe Building. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Community Services at 913-895-6270."

Rain, tree treatment, cars in driveways, dog droppings, property evaluations

Rainy weather this spring has delayed lawn mowing a couple times. We like our lawns neat and trim but mowing too soon with the heavy mowers can tear up the sod. Thanks for your understanding.

From board member Doug Pierce: "Some 36 trees throughout Westmont are being treated for iron deficiency with 12 buckets rotating for a week on each tree to allow the drip to effectively reach the roots. Those residents affected should notice leaves greening within three days."

Per your association's bylaws no more than two cars can be parked in an owner's driveway and neither should encroach on the sidewalk. Thanks for your cooperation.

Remember: per city rules no more than 3 registered dogs are allowed per residence and dogs must be on leash and their droppings picked up. Honoring this also helps maintain good relations with neighbors.

By the time you read this the property evaluations, spearheaded by board member Brenen Frye, should hopefully be underway, weather permitting.

► **Coffee**—Tuesday, June 8 at **9am** at Brenda Flagler's (8335 W.120th St., 498-1617). Everyone's welcome...bring your neighbors!

► **Bunko**—2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. Contact Ginger Burns (gburns001@everestkc.net) or 491-1353) for info 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