

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, July 2011

Latest on: landscaping, grass fungus, board openings, lost key, etc.

>Grounds director Tony Fink received two calls complaining about Summit's mowers causing wheel tracks in their lawns. He checked it out immediately and found both owners had watered their lawns that day with up to an inch of water standing in some areas. "I recommend watering on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday **but never Wednesday night or Thursday**. If it rains Thursday, turn your water off on Friday or you risk wheel ruts and spreading fungus on your lawn. Also be alert to notices posted on our mailboxes from Summit on upcoming treatments."

>**Forsooth!** A Westmonter recently saw another resident toss a bag down one of our storm sewers. (Probably unrelated but two city storm sewer trucks were seen working in our neighborhood a few days later.) Please use the nearby Recycling Center on Hardy to dispose of items if you don't use a service; check local papers for where/when to take used paint, oil, etc.

>**Found!** "I live at 11928 Mackey. Someone delivered a package for me and mistakenly dropped their mail key at my door. It has a pink curly cord attached. Call Maureen Wise at 696-1182."

>**Fungus alert!** Due to heavy May rains followed by unseasonable heat, some Westmont lawns may suffer stress spots. Tony Fink recommends applying a bag of Infuse or other fungicide.

>**A BIG thank-you to the Landscape Committee** comprised of Ken Knese, Don Niemackl, Mary Fink, Kris Johnson and especially Shirley Knese (who put in many hours soliciting bids and visiting local nurseries) for their research on choosing which of four landscaping companies to upgrade Westmont's two entrances and islands and the 119th Terr. island.

The final plan by A Cut Above was presented by Shirley at the board's June 13 meeting and approved. The landscaping began June 21 and "hopefully residents will be pleased with the work," says Shirley, "in particular the much-needed improvement at the Antioch and 119th corner. I thank the committee for their time and effort to beautify our neighborhood and stay within budget."

>**Kudos** to Ken Knese who helps Tony keep an eye on Summit's mowing and also follows-up.

>**Board opportunities.** Three current board members' terms expire the end of 2011 with owners voting on candidates at Westmont's Annual Meeting in October. Here's your chance to let your voice be heard. Contact board president Brenen Frye if interested (see email/phone on backside).

>Troubleshooting work's been done on the **lights and sprinkler problems** at the Antioch entrance but wiring concerns still remain, which Tony Fink is pursuing with the city of Overland Park. If the city claims it didn't do any damage during its Antioch widening construction last summer he'll solicit three bids for finding/fixing the problem permanently.

>Tony's counted at least **30 oak trees** in Westmont he believes have iron deficiencies. The board will decide if, when and how to best treat, possibly including some of the trees treated last summer.

30 attend block party

Despite it being more humid than a year ago, plus Father's Day weekend, over 30 showed up at Dave and Renee Mulka's shaded driveway for a Saturday 18th block party. Attendees enjoyed meeting new residents and reconnecting with old ones. The association provided grilled hot dogs and cold drinks with guests' side dishes and desserts filling out the menu.

Thanks to Renee for providing music and to Lorraine Anderson for sharing her driveway as well.

Special thanks to social chair Loretta Rhodus for rounding up tables (Brenen Frye too), chairs, a Weber grill and buying the meat, soft drinks and other sundry items.

A warm Westmont welcome...to new resident Laura Kukuk, 11919 Mackey.

Ongoing summer events

▶ *"Tea at Three"* July 12 at Brenda Flagler's, 8335 W. 120th St. "Everyone's welcome so mark your calendars and invite your neighbors. Feel free to bring a snack to share but it's not necessary. Call me if questions at 498-1617."

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

▶ *Book Club*—Meets 2nd Friday each month at 1pm. Call Paula Lewis at 469-6766.

▶ *Pickleball*—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30am at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. Cost is \$2 and the equipment is provided. Join a great group of 50+ seniors including men.

<p>Got a news or For Sale item for the August newsletter? Send to Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com by Friday, July 15.</p>

Got a Westmont problem or solution?

Contact (between 8am-5pm) these volunteer board members:

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- ▶ **Shirley Knese**, Vice President (913-485-8689; shirleyknese@aol.com)
- ▶ **Kris Johnson**, Secretary & Property Values (913-345-9098; k156j@yahoo.com)
- ▶ **Jake Schulzinger**, Treasurer (913-906-9286)
- ▶ **Tony Fink**, Grounds Director (913-961-0913; afink@kc.rr.com)
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