

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter *March 2014*

Board News

Grounds Committee: In February, we had over eleven inches of snow following an ice storm that coated streets, driveways, and sidewalks with a slick coating of ice often referred to as black ice. Schools were canceled, K-Dot recommended people stay home, and main arteries and side streets were almost impassable. Moving this amount of snow and treating the ice beneath it by city and county crews took days.

The morning after that snow, Board members agreed it would be prudent to leave the snow on sidewalks and porches for the safety of homeowners, because beneath the snow was very slippery ice. This combination of deep snow over black ice was a very unusual weather situation! The Board felt the snow would give people more traction for walking.

At the February Board Meeting, a unanimous decision was made that homeowners' private sidewalks and porches will be cleared of snow for every snowfall two inches or more. Spreading ice-melt chemicals and removing ice from surfaces will be the responsibility of each homeowner. For best results, be sure to read the manufactures directions for spreading the ice-melt chemicals.

For heavy snow storms, as this past February, there are massive amounts of snow being moved off your driveways by Spectrum and massive amounts of snow being moved off our streets by the City snow crews. There is little available space to put this snow. This can lead to large mounds of snow along our streets, sidewalks near driveways, corners of driveways, Westmont entrances, and cul-de sacs. The Grounds Committee and Spectrum will do their best to minimize inconveniency, yet we may expect narrow passage for cars under these severe conditions.

Sidewalks: In heavy snow storms, the public city-owned sidewalks will be shoveled as long as the Board feels there is a place to put that snow and as long as the sidewalks aren't covered with large mounds of snow moved from streets and driveways.

Reflectors: If you place reflectors along your driveway, the snow crew will know where the edge of your driveway is. This may help prevent turf from being dislodged.

Westmont Neighborhood Directory 2014: A Neighborhood Directory Information Request is enclosed with this newsletter. Please fill out this Request Form and return it very soon and no later than April 1, 2014. At the bottom of the Request Form, you will find options for returning the form: Email, FAX, or by US Post.

The Board issues a Directory every two years. The information for each neighbor is to be used only by homeowners to allow us to contact our neighbors. Neighbors' personal information should not be given out for public use.

Garage Doors: The Board again requests owners of adjoining homes to please paint their garage doors the same color. In our Westmont Restrictions, # 18, it reads, "Both exterior portions of a dwelling shall be painted the same color except that the front door may be a different color." This continuity in color increases the aesthetic quality of Westmont. Thank you to the homeowners who have already attended to this issue.

Annual Garage Sale: At the Annual Association Meeting in October 2013, there was a discussion about moving the Annual Garage Sale to October. This year we will have two garage sales: A Spring Garage Sale May 16 and 17, and a Fall Garage Sale in early October (date to be announced). We will get feedback from our neighbors to see which season in the future they would like to have the annual sale.

SOCIAL NEWS

- **Tea at Three**—Second Tuesday each month. Bring a treat to share, if you wish. Everyone welcome! **March 11, Peg Levitt's will again host Tea at her home, 8322 W 120 Ter. Please call Peg if you plan to attend: 913-491-2966.** Thank you, Peg!
- **Bunko**—Second Wednesday each month. **Bunko will be March 12 at Connie Meder's home, 12002 Mackey.** If you have questions, contact **Ginger Burns** at gurns001@everestkc.net
- **Bridge**—Last Wednesday of each month. **March 26 at Margaret Dack's home, 12000 Mackey.** If you'd like to join, call Margaret at 345-2610.

March Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

HOMES ASSOCIATIONS OF KANSAS CITY: www.ha-kc.org HAKC maintains the Westmont website. The website gives you access to the Westmont newsletter, Board minutes, by-laws and restrictions, Westmont exterior materials and color guide, the ARC Application for exterior home changes, 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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