

# ***What's Up Westmont?***

## **April 2015 Newsletter**

### **GROUNDS COMMITTEE:**

**Lawn Sprinkler Activation:** As we've done in the past, we've made arrangements with Green Head Turf Systems on a reduced rate to turn on your sprinkler systems this spring. We have had about 20 people sign up so far. If you would like to take advantage of this special negotiated group price of \$45, contact Ken Knese via email ([kenknese@aol.com](mailto:kenknese@aol.com)) or phone (913-481-1123) by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Activation dates are still being discussed and will be communicated in the next newsletter and the neighborhood message boxes.

**Spring Cleanup:** Weather permitting, Spectrum Enterprises will have completed the spring cleanup at the end of March. Front and backyards and flowerbeds were cleaned up. If this is not the case, contact Ken Knese.

**Fertilizer and Pre-emergent:** Weather permitting, Green Head Turf Systems will have applied the first application of fertilizer and pre-emergent to our lawns at the end of March. Watch the neighborhood message boxes for specific dates and instructions on what can be done following the application.

**Grass Cutting:** Grass cutting will take place on Thursdays each week, weather permitting. Please be sure to keep you gates unlocked so the crew can cut the lawn in your back yards. Remember...please do not run your sprinklers on grass cutting day. If it rains on Thursday, grass cutting will take place on the next appropriate day.

**Yard Waste:** On trash pickup day, up to 8 bags of yard waste can be put out to be picked up for the months January through September and 10 bags for October through December. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags. Branches and stick waste must be in tied bundles no more than 36 inches in length.

**Message Boxes:** Be sure to check the Westmont Message Boxes near your mailbox. You can find updates regarding grounds services and other important messages for homeowners. Keep informed and up-to-date!

### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE:**

Our annual spring garage sale is fast approaching. It will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and will coincide with other subdivisions in the area in hopes of making it a bigger event. We will arrange for a charity organization to pick up unsold items you may wish to donate after the event.

### **PROPERTY VALUES:**

**Inspections:** We will again be performing property value inspections this year during the month of May. The purpose of these inspections is to preserve property values in Westmont by highlighting items such as bare spots in the lawn, peeling paint, wood rot or other items that might detract from the beauty of the neighborhood as well as help you, the homeowner recognize potential violations to the code of the Overland Park City Guidelines. The 166 homes in Westmont inspections will be divided up between teams of two volunteer residents to inspect. Additional information will be available in the next newsletter and in the message boxes.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We are looking for residents to assist with the property values inspections in May. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hans Johansson at 913-451-4972.

**Restrictions:** It's that time of year when we start planning remodeling and maintenance activities. Be sure to check the Westmont Exterior Materials and Colors guide for information on materials and colors for exterior walls, roofs and decks. And, as a reminder, before starting any exterior construction, reconstruction, maintenance or

remodeling, homeowners need to obtain written approval from the Westmont Board of Directors prior to beginning work by submitting an Architectural Review Committee Application (ARC) to the Board between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. ARC applications can be sent USPS, e-mail, or hand-delivered to the Board President or Vice-president. The Board will review and respond in writing by the last day of the month in which the ARC application was submitted. Both the Materials and Colors guide and the ARC form are available for download from the Westmont Website on the Homes Association of Kansas City website: [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org).

### **OUR NEIGHBORS:**

**A Thank You from Margaret Dack:** "I would like to thank everyone so much for their visits and prayers for me during my bout with my broken femur in my leg. I want to thank everyone for their visits while I was in Sweet Life and the help they are giving me here at home. I am so glad I live in Westmont."

### **Welcome to Our New Neighbors: We're happy you chose Westmont!**

- Mark & Cherie Jenkins, 12046 Mackey St.
- Brandon & Jenna Fox, 12008 Mackey St.

### **SOCIAL NEWS**

**Tea at Three:** (Second Tuesday each month) – For additional information, contact Brenda Flagler at 913-498-1617 (April through December) and Peg Levitt at 913-491-2966 (Jan through March).

**Bunko:** (Second Wednesday each month) – For additional information, contact Ginger Burns at 913-491-1353.

**Bridge:** (Last Wednesday each month) – For additional information, contact Margaret Dack at 913-345-2610.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**March 2015 Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

**Homes Association of Kansas City:** HAKC maintains the Westmont website. The website can be found at: [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org), search for Westmont. The website gives you access to:

- Westmont newsletters, Board meeting minutes, and general information about the Board and Westmont Homes Association
- Bylaws and Restrictions
- Westmont exterior materials and color guide
- ARC Application for exterior home changes

### **Do you have a Westmont suggestion or concern? Contact our Board members 8am-5pm.**

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