

What's Up Westmont?

October 2016 Newsletter

WESTMONT HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, in the community room of the St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church. Back by popular demand....this year's dinner will be catered by the well-known Kansas City eatery – Stroud's, famous for their pan-fried chicken. Yummmmm. Here are the details:

WHEN: Monday, October 18th, 5:30PM – Social Time; 6:00PM – Dinner; 6:45PM – Business Meeting

WHERE: Community Room at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch Rd, OPKS

RSVP: Name(s) and # attending. Note: This event is for adult members of the association.

RSVP Deadline: Friday, October 14th.

RSVP To: Don Roth at email donroth@sbcglobal.net or phone 913-661-0036 (leave msg)

Carol Barlau at email sunnydaz232323@yahoo.com or phone 913-491-1449 (leave msg)

During the business meeting, Board members will give annual reports, and new Board members will be elected. There will be a question/answer period and open-floor discussion. Carolyn Dean-Sifrit from Spectrum Enterprises will be on hand to answer questions about Lawn and Grounds services.

Please consider attending our association's annual meeting. It's always a pleasure to catch-up with friends, meet new neighbors and share a delicious dinner together. Together we can shape the future of Westmont!

NOTE: We are still receiving bio statements from residents interested in serving on the board.

A proxy ballot will be delivered to your door next week to allow you to vote by proxy if you are unable to attend the annual meeting.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Lawn Aeration and Over Seeding: Despite battles with Mother Nature's with all the rain we've had, Green Head Turf was able to complete the aeration and over-seeding in September.

Fall Shrub Trimming: Sometime during the week of October 10th, weather permitting, Spectrum will be doing the fall shrub trimming. The trimming consists of the perimeter and common areas, as well as, the resident's front and shrubs that wrap around the corner to side of houses. No sides or backs shrubs will be trimmed. If you would like for "No Trimming" or "Additional Trimming", please contact Carolyn Dean-Sifrit by email at cdean@spectrumofkc.com by Monday, October 3rd. If you would like shrubs trimmed with the exception of one or two, please mark those shrubs with a red ribbon that is very visible by Monday, October 3rd. Please feel free to contact Carolyn with any questions at 913-325-4233 during normal office hours by Monday, October 3rd, so a list of requests can be compiled in advance.

Lawn Services: Spectrum Lawn Services will do additional yard work, weeding, shrub trimming, plantings, mulching, etc., at a discounted rate of \$35-\$45 per hour. If you are interested please contact Carolyn at 913-325-4233 or email her at cdean@spectrumofkc.com.

NEIGHBORS:

No new neighbors this month.

PROPERTY VALUES

Home Improvements Reminder: Before you start your outside improvements please remember to complete and submit an ARC Form for any exterior home/yard changes to Hans Johansson, VP/Property Values. The ARC Form can be found on the HA-KC website (www.ha-kc.org).

SOCIAL NEWS

Tea at Three: Second Tuesday each month – For additional information, contact Brenda Flagler (913) 498-1617 for the **April thru December** gatherings. No “Tee at Three” in the months of January, February or March.

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

2016 Westmont Neighborhood Directory: We are targeting to have the 2016 directory ready to distribute in November. Thanks to all residents who responded with their updates. A big “thank you” to the committee members who helped contact residents to obtain updates: Shirley Knese, Brenda Flagler, Barb Kolom, Pam Tittle and Carol Barlau.

Mailbox Updates: Watch for updates in the message boxes by each of the mailbox units. We will try and put out a new update every two weeks.

Looking For Something Fun? The Deanna Rose Farmstead at 13800 Switzer Rd is having their annual “Pumpkin Hollow” event starting September 30th through October 31st. Horse-drawn wagons take you to and from the pumpkin patch where you are sure to leave with your very own pumpkin. At the patch, you can get lost in a corn maze, climb a hay pyramid and slide down the giant hay slide. There is a fee for this event, so heads up to that. Check the website for more information, <http://www.opkansas.org/events/pumpkin-hollow/>.

Oak Leaf Mites: If you haven’t been bitten yet, consider yourself one of the lucky ones. Oak Leaf Mites make themselves known in July and into Fall as the acorns (and some leaves) fall. Interestingly, bites often do not appear until hours after being outdoors. Typical sprays, including DEET based sprays are not affective. Recommended remedies include Calamine lotion, Claritin 10 mg taken daily and Cortisone cream. If you want to learn more about these annoying critters go to www.johnson.k-state.edu/natural-resources/home-insect-control/index.html.

October 2016 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm, at St Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213. These meetings are open to all residents.

Homes Association of Kansas City: The Homeowners Association of Kansas City (HAKC) maintains the Westmont website. The website can be found at: www.ha-kc.org , search for Westmont, to access:

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

Do you have a Westmont suggestion or concern you want to share? Topic ideas for the newsletter?

Your feedback is important! Contact a Board member between 8am-5pm with your suggestions or comments.

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