

What's Up Westmont?

October, 2018 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Westmont Board Elections: We will have two open positions on the board beginning January 2019. The election will be held during our annual meeting on October 16th. Please seriously consider doing your part to keep Westmont a great place to live by volunteering your time and talents to serve on the Westmont Board. It's not too late! If you are interested in serving or have questions, please contact Board President Carol Barlau at 913-219-8008 by October 7th so your name can be put on the ballot.

2018 Westmont Annual Meeting and Dinner – Tuesday, October 16th: The annual homeowners' meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th in the community room of St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS. Doors open at 5:30pm with social time. Dinner will be served at 6pm followed by the Board presentations at 6:45pm.

RSVP to Barbara Kolom: bkolom@everestkc.net by October 10th. Please provide the name(s) of those attending, your address, and phone number.

Kansas City's well known Cascone's Restaurant will cater the dinner. A delicious Italian buffet of meat-sauce lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, three different salads and garlic bread will be served. During the business meeting, Board members will give their annual reports and new Board members will be elected. There will be a question/answer period and open floor discussion before the meeting adjourns. Please consider attending. It's always a pleasure to catch up with friends and meet new neighbors. Together we can shape the future of Westmont!

Westmont Chili Cook-Off: Don't Forget...The first ever Westmont Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd. If you are interested in showing off your culinary skills and impressing your neighbors, call or text Carol Barlau at 913-219-8008 or send an email to Carol.Barlau23@gmail.com. Watch for more information in the Mailbox Message Boxes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S PROPERTY VALUES REPORT:

Much has been happening in Westmont. Residents have made many improvements to their property; and others have given the Board plans they are implementing over the next year.

The Board totally understands funds are not always available to take on a big project. Just sharing your plan with the Board is greatly appreciated. Remember to walk around your property and look at it on all sides and back. Check your chimney for chipping brick. Are tree branches dead and in need of removal or hanging too low? If you have a back fence, is it in good repair? And of course, what's the condition of your boulevard and driveway divider...are you weed free? All things, big and small can impact the curb appeal of your property.

A summary of all that has taken place in Westmont will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

August Financials: The August financial statements and expenses were reviewed and discussed at the August Board Meeting. All agreed financials to be in order.

2019 Annual Budget: Planning has begun, and information will be shared in the upcoming months.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT:

Activities for October and November: 1) Mowing's will continue on Friday's through October, as warranted, and weather permitting, 2) Final lawn application will be applied mid to late November, 3) First leaf cleanup will be scheduled mid November. Watch your Mailbox Messages Boxes for additional information.

Pin Oak Alert: Have you noticed that your pin oaks have some yellowing of its leaves and it isn't even autumn yet? Leaf chlorosis (yellowing) is a perennial problem for pin oak trees. If left untreated, trees will defoliate, weaken and may eventually die. Some of the trees in our subdivision are showing signs of chlorosis. It is fixable if caught early enough. The core of your tree may need to be injected with iron to solve the problem. Do you have a tree in need of attention? Unsure? Here are two specialists who have been used by some homeowners in Westmont. Corey at Canyon Creek Iron Core, 913-206-8091 and Matt Dawson at TLC, 913-780-5296. Mention you live in Westmont and TLC will give you a discount. Better to be safe than sorry and let an expert check it out. It costs much less to treat your tree than to pay to replace it because it has died because chlorosis.

OTHER NEWS:

New Neighbors: No new neighbors this month.

SOCIAL NEWS:

Tea at Three: Monthly Tea at Three is held the second Wednesday, April through December, 3pm, at Brenda Flagler's home, 8335 W. 120th Street (913-498-1617). Teas is not served January through March.

Bunko: Bunko is suspended for the time being due to a lack of interest. We'd like to hear from you if you have an interest in a **Game Night** once a month. Ladies and gentlemen could gather at the home of members who wish to host the event. Game Nights would be initiated by neighbors for neighbors.

Bridge: Last Wednesday of the month at the home of Nancy Woodworth, 12002 Mackey. For additional information, contact Nancy at (219) 688-4760.

OTHER INFORMATION

October 2018 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, October 8, at 6:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213. The meetings are open to all residents.

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

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

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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