

What's Up Westmont?

November, 2018 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Westmont HOA Annual Meeting and Dinner: A huge "thank you" to all who attended the dinner and meeting on Tuesday, October 16. We had a fantastic turnout of almost 75 people! Based on the feedback, a great time was had by all as we shared a delicious meal catered by Cascone's Italian Restaurant. Board members each gave an account of what transpired during the last year followed by a Q&A session with homeowners. We had a drawing in which the following lucky homeowners won one month of free dues: Bob Kohley, Skip Stogsdill, and Phil Johnson. Congratulations to the lucky winners! Please consider attending next year's annual dinner and meeting...you will be glad you did. Meeting packets are still available if you would like one. Please contact Carol Barlau at carol.barlau23@gmail.com or 913-219-8008 to obtain a copy.

Westmont Chili Cook-Off: Don't Forget...The first ever Westmont Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd. This is another great opportunity to meet your neighbors. It will start at 4pm in the south Mackey Street cul-de-sac (near Ken & Shirley Knese's home). If you are interested in showing off your culinary skills and impressing your neighbors, call or text or send an email to any Board member. Watch for more information in the Message Boxes.

TLC Lawn Care Survey: A survey was included along with your newsletter in the monthly dues payment mailing. Please consider providing your feedback on our new lawn care service provider. We can't improve if we don't hear from you. Return completed survey to any Board member. If you completed one at the annual meeting, no need to fill out another.

VICE PRESIDENT'S PROPERTY VALUES REPORT:

Remember, if you wish to put in a fence, re-do or stain a deck, replace driveway or walks or do any exterior painting, please obtain ARC form from our website www.ha-kc.org. Fill out the form and submit it with a sketch of the work and/or a color sample to Shirley Knese, 12050 Mackey or any Member of the Board. Your ARC form is discussed and approved at the Board meeting held the 3rd Monday of each month. Please turn in your ARC form for approval in advance of purchasing materials or beginning work.

A special THANK YOU to all residents who have made improvements to their homes this year. It has been such a pleasure to work with all of you. And an early THANK YOU to all residents who have shared their plans for next year's improvements.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

September Financials: The September financial statements and expenses were reviewed and discussed at the October 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 ROUNDS REPORT:

Lawn Application #6: TLC will be applying the final lawn application, a high nitrogen fall fertilizer, on October 29th and 30th, weather permitting. The application should be fine for new or existing grass. They will spray for broad leaf weeds, as needed. If you do not want this application applied to your lawn, please post a sign and/or call the TLC office at 913-780-5296. Watch your Message Box for additional details.

Leaf Cleanup: TLC is planning our first leaf cleanup for the end of November. Normally, it's done right before Thanksgiving, but this year, we will wait and see if enough leaves have fallen by then to initiate cleanup. Second leaf cleanup will be towards the end of December. Watch the Message Boxes for additional details.

Lawn Application - Lime: TLC will be applying lime to our lawns after the first leaf cleanup. This will help to amend our soil and bring the pH into balance. This step is necessary because the acorns from the pin oak trees make our soil very acidic. Watch the Message Boxes for additional details.

Fall Irrigation Systems – Schedule your Shut-Down: This is very important to ensure your system doesn't freeze this winter and you're left with an expensive repair. Possible professionals to contact: TLC – 913-780-5296; Mr. Green – 913-707-2551; Ryan Lawn Care – 913-381-1505; or a professional of your choice.

SAFETY CONCERNS FOR CHILDREN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We have more and more children moving with their parents to Westmont. At the annual meeting, concerned homeowners discussed the safety of children playing outside and cars that drive down those streets: Cars that drive too fast, kids that walk between parked cars to get to the other side of the street, kids walking in the street instead of on the sidewalk, and kids running across the street without checking for oncoming cars. Thoughtful suggestions were made, including making the parents aware of your concerns, homeowners driving attentively along Westmont streets, and periodic reminders to children to be careful.

OTHER NEWS:

New Neighbors: Wayne and Patricia Brady, 8246 W. 119th Terrace. Welcome! We're happy you chose Westmont!

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.

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

November 2018 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, November 12, 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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