

What's Up Westmont?

March 2016 Newsletter

It Doesn't Happen On Its Own – As I walk through the neighborhood, I find myself picking up random items people have discarded or things that inadvertently didn't make it into the trash or recycling truck – plastic bottles, paper, etc. Not a big deal. Just my way of making sure our neighborhood looks good. I guess my point is – as you walk about the neighborhood and spot a scrap paper or plastic bottle, take a moment and pick it up. It's up to all of us to keep Westmont beautiful!

Speaking of picking up.....It's a new year so this is the first of what I am sure will be several reminders to please pick up after your pet. We know this neighborhood is used by other pet owners in adjacent subdivisions, so if you see another pet owner fail to pick up after their pet – call them out and ask them to pick up after their animal. And don't forget....it's not the pet, it's the owner.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Rainbow Rabbit: By now I'm sure most or all of you have seen all the construction work in the neighborhood. There were dirt piles and holes everywhere thanks to the "rainbow rabbit." Yes, Google Fiber has been busy placing cables and in-ground enclosures at every other property as part of their effort in creating another "fiber-hood" - that is, a fiber ready neighborhood. Despite working in the frost and cold, the construction company doing the work has done a commendable job restoring yards and doing clean-up. This past week I saw the Google Rabbit crews placing seed and re-covering it with the straw mats. "Word on the street" is they will return in the March-April timeframe to do additional landscaping clean-up, seeding and sod. Although they made every attempt to work with care around the underground sprinkler systems, if any are damaged, they will be repaired in spring when the systems are turned on. Following the seed and sod, they will send a water truck to do their best to bring properties to the same (or better) condition than when they first began. If you have any questions on this, please contact our Grounds Chairman, Ken Knese.

Sprinkler Activation: Grounds Chairman, Ken Knese has once again negotiated a reduced rate for sprinkler activation. The cost will be \$45. If you are interested and would like to get on the list for spring sprinkler activation, contact Ken Knese. You can e-mail him at kenknese@aol.com, call or text him at 913-481-1123, or drop a note on his front door. You need to do this as soon as possible – by March 11th, if possible.

Planting New Grass Seed: If you plan to plant new grass seed or install sod this spring, be sure to mark this area so the grounds crew does not apply a pre-emergent with the early spring lawn treatment. A pre-emergent prevents the germination of seeds, which is good for weeds, but bad for grass. Pre-emergent is normally applied late March or the first part of April, depending on the weather. Watch for the postings near the mailboxes.

Grass Cutting: It's time to start thinking about spring! As a reminder, grass cutting will be done on Friday's. Please be sure to keep your 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 Friday, grass cutting will take place on the next weather appropriate day.

Hemlock Entrance: If you exit the sub-division from Hemlock onto 119th, you will see that much of the shrubbery and rose bushes have been removed. Some of the plantings were diseased and could not be saved, so the Board has decided to remove the diseased plantings and place new in the spring. Just another step in making Westmont a beautiful place to live.

NEIGHBORS:

No new neighbors this month.

SOCIAL NEWS

Annual Garage Sale – Save the date! Our annual spring garage sale will be held on May 12th, 13th and 14th, 2016 which is the weekend after Mother's Day. It will coincide with other subdivisions in the area in hopes of making it a bigger event. Arrangements for a charity organization will be made to pick up unsold items you may wish to donate after the event. More details in upcoming newsletters.

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

March 2016 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, March 21st 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, 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 you want to share? Topic ideas for the newsletter?

Contact our Board members between 8am-5pm.

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