

**Westmont Newsletter**  
**Westmont Homes Association**  
**August 2007**

**Property Values:**

Property evaluations will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. The mailing will include an explanatory letter. We hope you will find it helpful regarding the maintenance of your home and the importance of protecting the value.

**New Neighbors:**

We are pleased to welcome our new neighbors to Westmont.

**Maria and Anatoly Abramov                      11931 Mackey**

**Condolences:**

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Kathy Spangler on the loss of her father.

We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jewel Upp.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families.

**Lawn Fungus:**

The brown spots that have appeared recently in some of the yards are a fungus that occurs under certain conditions. If you want to have it chemically treated, call Aspen at 829-6135. It is a two-step treatment and the cost is \$39 for each one.

There is also much more information on the K-State Extension web site:  
[http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/news/sty/2007/lawn\\_blotching071707.htmh](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/news/sty/2007/lawn_blotching071707.htmh)

**Selling Homes:**

If you put your house on the market, please remember to contact any board member to obtain a copy of the restrictions to have available to all prospective buyers.

**Correction on Mailbox:**

The post office has changed our mailing address for the Westmont Homes Association. Any correspondence should be sent to **12023** Mackey, Overland Park, KS 66213.

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**Coffee Time:**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 14 at 9:00 a.m. to meet your neighbors for coffee at Scooters.

**Damage to Shrubs:**

That late spring freeze we had left the yews and arborvitae with vascular damage that is now showing up as large brown dead areas. This is not insect or fungus damage and it will not regenerate. At this point, you can clip out all the dead branches and hopefully the plant will be able to fill in the gaps in time. Try to keep them hydrated with 1 inch of water a week and some light fertilizer. If you want to remove the plant entirely, you will need to wait until fall to replace them.

The yews, arborvitae, mugo pines, burning bushes and euonymus were planted by the contractors and for the most part are unsuitable choices and much too large for the areas they are in. This means they need frequent severe pruning, which leaves us with unattractive shrubs and diminished curb appeal. Should you decide to remove the damaged bushes and before you go to the nursery, please measure the planting area carefully and note if it is a sunny or shady spot. At the nursery, read all the labels, as they will give you the height and width dimensions of the mature plant as well as it's other requirements. These steps alone will give you a more attractive garden.

You might like to consider some of the following shrubs; all are in the smaller size range which should be a better fit. Some are green all winter; some flower and some are fragrant. Several have standard and dwarf varieties, so read that label to ensure you get the one you need! Crepe myrtle, Daphne, Deutzia, Little Henry Sweetspire, Dwarf Ninebark, Azalea-especially the Northern Lights varieties which are very fragrant, Holly, Spirea, and Boxwood. Boxwoods come in 2 ft, 3 ft, and pyramidal varieties. These are all quite common and available at the nurseries. For more suggestions and help, call Master Gardener Hot Line at 715-7050.

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