

# *What's Up?* Westmont Newsletter, April 2011

## Reminder to keep garage doors closed

Board president Brenen Frye visited recently with several homeowners in nearby Lexington Park, who reported that last fall some young people came through their subdivision selling magazines, at night, apparently with the idea of scoping out who had garage doors open. Two residences later had some items stolen.

While most door to door solicitors may be legitimate, it's prudent to keep your garage door closed as stated in Westmont's Declaration of Restrictions—unless you're working in or near it. Be alert for scams and remember that the elderly are often targets/victims. If there's anything suspicious tell the salesperson, "Westmont has a no solicitation ordinance." *If the person persists, call the police.*

## Margarita party back by popular demand

Loretta Rhodus's margarita party on her deck last summer was so well received she's offered to do it again on **Friday, April 15, any time after 5pm, at 12027 Hemlock**. Bring your favorite drink or appetizer to share. Questions? Contact her at 913-498-1698 or [rettarhod@att.net](mailto:rettarhod@att.net).

## Garage sale around the corner

Westmont's annual garage sale **May 12-14** is a great opportunity to get rid of stuff you no longer need, garner some cash, meet 'n greet neighbors and visitors. Check those closets, basement and garage for items you don't use and someone else might. Contact social chair Loretta Rhodus if you'd like to participate.

## Latest board news

► Grounds director Tony Fink received several complaints about Summit's mowing/leaf blowing on March 18 & 19 and has dealt with each. While some homeowners may have unrealistic expectations, he and Shirley Knese will meet with Summit's Ryan Black to review concerns and ensure accountability. Obligations your Association has with respect to providing services to property exteriors, per its bylaws: "To spray, chemically treat, trim, mow and clip (but not to paint, remove, replant, reseed or replace)." On a side note, *drainage problems are the homeowner's responsibility.* Please take good care of your yard so Summit can too.

► "The heavy snowfall we had in early February was tough on our budget," reports treasurer Jake Schulzinger. "We ran over budget for snow removal but believe we'll be okay for year end."

► A couple lights on both entrance monuments were burned out on March 21 but will be fixed soon.

► The two sections of fence to be filled in on 119<sup>th</sup> St. have been held up until Dig-Rite puts flags where underground cables and lines lie.

## Westmont homeowner opens new business

Tonya Leibold is proud owner of Mother Earth Pet Store at 93rd and Metcalf behind the Macaroni Grill. "We opened on March 17 and have a large selection of natural and grain-free foods and treats plus toys, collars, leashes, beds, carriers, litter boxes, aquariums and accessories for all. We also have a variety of small pets and reptiles to view/enjoy and will special order at discount anything you might need that we can get from suppliers. Please come visit or call me at the store, 913-385-0463, or my cell: 816-509-6263."

## Spring lawn tips by Ryan Black of Summit Lawn & Landscape

Spring has sprung and here are some tips to get your lawns started off on the right track:

- The first round of pre-emergent fertilizer will be done the last week in March and will need to be watered for better effectiveness. We'll post a flyer on your mailboxes the day we do the application so look for it when you get your mail. *If you have an irrigation system we recommend running it for 15-30 minutes per zone.* (Summit can turn it on for you at a discounted \$50—normally \$70. Dates we're available: 3/29, 4/4, 4/14, 4/19, 4/29, 5/4, 5/12. Ask for Amy when you call or email her at amy@summitlawn.com).
- Seed your lawn where needed but keep in mind that fall is best since the pre-emergent we put down in the spring prevents grass seed from growing as quickly and there's also competition from weeds.
- Leaf clean-up will be done the end of March before the first round of pre-emergent with both front and back yards included.
- A light raking of your yard to clean up matted-down grass is beneficial to promoting a fast green-up.
- Spring is the time to mulch your beds, prune and treat roses for disease, cut back perennial grasses and ornamentals, and add shrubs to your landscape. Summit offers a wide range of landscaping services *on top of what your association pays for.* If you'd like to request landscaping to your lawn or flower beds, call our office and speak with Joan who'll schedule a time to meet at your house to go over ideas/prices.
- Any questions about your landscaping? Don't hesitate to call our office for free advice: 816-966-9434.

### \$For Sale\$

Linda Lindquist at 8311 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Terr. has the following items for sale. *Contact Nick at 913-904-2440:*

- Pride motorized recliner which rises to aid the person to get out with ease. Originally \$1200, asking \$450.
- Entertainment center—3 pieces white-washed wood with cabinets on the bottom and room for a TV in the center unit. \$150 for all 3.
- White-washed wood and glass coffee table and 2 end tables. \$80 for all 3.
- 2 large lamps, cream with teal. \$15 each.
- Nordic Track Elliptical with rear motor, fan, 15 inclines, several programs. Hardly used. Original price \$1000, asking \$450.
- King -size mattress and box springs, gently used. \$75.

### Join in!

- ▶ *"Tea at Three"* April 12 at Brenda Flagler's, 8335 W. 120<sup>th</sup> St. "Everyone's welcome so mark your calendars and invite your neighbors. Feel free to bring a Spring snack to share but it's not necessary. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Call me if questions."
- ▶ *Bunko*—2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. each month at 7pm. Ginger Burns ([gburns001@everestkc.net](mailto:gburns001@everestkc.net) or 491-1353).
- ▶ *Book Club*—Meets 2nd Friday each month at 1pm. Call Paula Lewis at 469-6766.
- ▶ *Pickleball*—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30am at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. Cost is \$2 and the equipment is provided. Join a great group of 50+ seniors including men.

### Neighborhood looks better when trash carts are put out on Tuesday

If more of us would roll out our containers first thing Tuesday instead of Monday it'd help Westmont's overall appearance and lessen the chance of items blowing out of recycling containers and littering. While some residents need to put out their trash early since they'll be out of town, your consideration is appreciated.

**Got a news or For Sale item for the May newsletter? Send to**  
**[Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com](mailto:Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com) by Friday, April 15.**