

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter May 2011

Annual garage sale: such a deal

Thursday, Friday and Saturday **May 12-14**, will feature Westmont's Annual Garage Sale. Here's your chance to turn unused items into cash.

"We'll advertise it in the local papers as well as on Craigslist," says social chair Loretta Rhodus. "If you have any big items you'd like listed in the ad, contact me **by Monday, May 2** at rettarhod@att.net or 498-1698.

"Any unsold items you'd like to donate to charity should be placed at the curb no later than 9am Monday, May 16, and a non-profit will pick them up."

Let's "beautify" Westmont

Several residents have called board members to suggest concerted efforts over the next several months to:

- ▶ Renew any of your lawn areas that need reseeding.
- ▶ Trim overhanging driveway branches so walkers/joggers don't have to duck.
- ▶ Increase the curb appeal of your home by sprucing up the common area between driveways.
- ▶ Repair or replace a deck that may be looking weathered or on the verge of collapsing.
- ▶ Talk with your neighbor if you're considering painting your exterior, replacing a garage door or replacing wood shingles with composite shingles so it meets our Association's Restrictions.

As Westmont nears its 30-year anniversary these upgrades and others help maintain the value of our homes and the appealing reputation of our subdivision. Thanks to keeping their houses in top shape, two residents recently sold them "by owner" quickly and for their asking price.

Board updates/reminders

▶ **Deffenbaugh begins picking up trash on Wednesday, not Tuesday, starting May 4.**

▶ A **red** dot on your driveway curb means your lawn's **backyard only** will be push-mowed. A **yellow** dot means weed-eating will be done. A **black** dot means "don't mow" till further notice. Contact Tony Fink if questions. Big thanks to him, Ken and Shirley Knese for spraying the dots.

▶ Remember lawns are now mowed on **Thursdays, not Wednesday**. If you're concerned about how your lawn is mowed and unavailable to keep an eye on your yard, ask a neighbor to watch while Summit mows. Extra sets of eyes could help the workers stay on their toes.

▶ Board vice-president Shirley Knese reports that the total fence project is complete. Bids for landscaping on the two entrances and islands, new inserts along the 119th St. fence, corner of 119th & Antioch, and the 119th St. cul de sac are now being solicited. Don Niemackl and Shirley currently comprise the landscaping committee. Suggestions? Contact Shirley at 913-485-8689 **after 3pm Monday through Friday** and look for updates in future newsletters.

Welcome these new neighbors

Ralph Herrold, 12012 Mackey, and Debbie Jones, 8324 W. 120th Terr. Please add them to your yellow directory and encourage them to attend the June Block Party to get better acquainted.

Block party planned for June

Last year's block party on the 120th St. cul de sac was so successful that another one is in the works for next month. The Board will firm up place, dates and details at its May 16th meeting and you'll read all about it in the June newsletter. Meat, buns, pop and condiments will be provided with everyone invited to bring a side dish, lawn chairs, and a folding table or grill as needed. *Tentatively* circle Saturday, June 18, on your calendar, from 5-7pm, and June 25 in case of inclement weather on the 18th. Social chair Loretta Rhodus will again coordinate.

Got a news or For Sale item for the June newsletter? Send to Skip.Stogsdill@gmail.com by Friday, May 13.

\$For Sale\$

Contact Kim Vest at 913-339-6997 if you're interested in a:

- Hotpoint fridge. Older but runs perfectly. Great for the garage. \$75.
- Queen bed. Frame and headboard from Pier One and the bed-in-a-bag, all for \$125.

Join in

▶ *"Tea at Three"* May 10 at Brenda Flagler's, 8335 W. 120th St. "Everyone's welcome so mark your calendars and invite your neighbors. Call me at 498-1617 if questions."

▶ *Bunko*—2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. Contact Ginger Burns (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.

Miscellaneous

Due to a cold, blustery Friday evening, only a half dozen residents showed up for Loretta Rhodus' April 15 margarita party. She again served as a gracious and generous host and good food/drink/conversation was enjoyed by all. A few days later Loretta became a grandmother for the first time when Landon Elliott Rhodus made an impressive appearance at 8.8 lbs and 19.5 inches. Mother, baby and grandmother are doing well.