

# *What's Up? Westmont Newsletter June 2013*

## **Board News**

The May 2013 Westmont Board meeting was postponed by one day. Sunday, May 19 some high schools cancelled high school graduation ceremonies due to threats of high winds, dangerous thunderstorms, and a tornado watch. Those ceremonies were moved to May 20—the scheduled Board Meeting date. Because so many board members had proud teens graduating on that May 20th evening, Board members met Tuesday, May 21 at Shirley and Ken Knese's home.

**Property Value Inspections:** In the spring of 2012, property value inspections were completed for all homes in Westmont. Each homeowner received a mailed letter giving the results of that inspection.

This past May 2013, follow-up inspections were completed on properties of concern that needed attention when inspections were done in 2012. Letters will be sent to each of these homeowners, with the results of the recent inspection.

**Join the Committee:** We have five homeowners who have volunteered to be on the committee to establish a range of roofing materials/colors, and exterior paint colors for Westmont homes. We would like a few more volunteers. To be on this committee, please email or call Barbara Kolom.

**Grounds Committee News:** Irrigation System---Group Rates for Interested Homeowners: Ken Knese and six homeowners met to review irrigation bids. Discussions are ongoing. If you're interested in participating, call Ken now: 481-1123. Work on this project will begin soon. Each homeowner is responsible for paying the contractor for the individual, contracted irrigations system for their property.

**Summit Yard Care:** Summit will make mower turns on pavement and driveways, and a policy for consistent cutting on yard terraces has been set to help protect the grass. We are lucky to have the same Summit mowing supervisors as last year, and they strive to meet our needs.

**Thank You, Good Neighbor:** We'd like to thank Donna Kinsinger for generously allowing the grounds committee to use her water to water the new sod that Ken Knese placed in an area of Westmont's west perimeter. It's been a month now, and the sod has flourished.

**Shrub Trimming:** June 10, Summit will trim shrubs in the front of your home. You will soon receive a letter from Summit about this trimming. Phone Summit if you do not want your shrubs trimmed. Each homeowner is responsible for trimming and maintaining shrubs on the side and back of their homes.

**Plantings On 119<sup>th</sup> Street:** The grounds committee contacted the City of Overland Park regarding the poor condition of the plants and trees around the AT&T utilities boxes. An OP arborist is in the process of discussions with AT&T to replace and maintain new plantings.

**Notice Anything New?** Up and down the streets of Westmont, many landscape improvements are underway. Residents are removing age-worn bushes and ornamental trees and replacing them with hardy, healthy plantings that really set off their homes and enhance the beauty of our Westmont area.

**Barking Dogs Causing Disturbances:** The City of Overland Park has an ordinance against dogs that bark and disturb the peace of neighbors. Some neighbors have complained to the board about this issue. We suggest you first talk to your neighbor about this, as they may not know you are bothered. You may also call the City of Overland Park to register a complaint.

**OP Large Item Pick-up:** The city of Overland Park will pick up large items in Westmont on Saturday, June 29. Items should be put on your driveway near the street between Friday and 7 am Saturday, June 29. This opportunity comes every other year. Items may include furniture, appliances, fencing, and remodeling materials. Small items should be bundled. Appliances may be picked up by a separate truck. *Yard waste and tree limbs won't be picked up.*

**Spring Garage Sale:** Our Annual May Spring Garage Sale, small yet mighty, brought in cash for the kitty of the homeowners. Social Chairman Brenda Flagler reported about nine homes participated in the three day sale-a-thon.

**Welcome To Our New Neighbors:** Jeffrey and Martha Taylor, 11923 Hemlock. We're glad you chose Westmont!

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Tea at Three**—second Tuesday of each month. **June 11, 3:00 pm at Brenda Flagler's home**, 8335 W. 120<sup>th</sup> St., 498-1617. Bring a treat to share, if you wish. Everyone welcome!
- **Bunko**—second Wednesday each month. **June 12, 6:30 pm at Brenda Flagler's home**, 8335 W. 120 St., 498-1617.
- **Bridge**—Last Wednesday of each month. **June 26, 7pm at Margaret Dack's home**, 12000 Mackey. If you'd like to join, call Margaret at 345-2610.

**June Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, June 17, 2013, 6:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

**HOMES ASSOCIATIONS OF KANSAS CITY:** [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org) HAKC maintains the Westmont website. The website gives you access to the Westmont newsletter, board minutes, by-laws and restrictions, the **ARC Application** for exterior home changes, and general information about the board and Westmont Homes Association.

**Do you have a Westmont suggestion or concern?** *Contact our board members 8am-5pm.*

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