

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter June 2014

BOARD NEWS

Lawn Upgrade Planned for Late Summer-Early Fall: Ken Knese and the grounds committee announced an upgrade plan for every property owner's lawn in Westmont. Our entrance beds at Antioch and at 119th Street will be included. This project will be only for this year, 2014. Spectrum Lawn Service will do the work.

Every homeowner's front and back yard will be aerated. This will be the best time to reseed your yards. Where there are areas with poor grass growth or no grass growth, the ground will be verticut and grass seed spread. If you have an irrigation system, you will need to use a visible marker for each sprinkler head so it's not damaged during the work.

What you will need to do: For bare areas that have been prepared and seeded, you will need to Water, Water and Water. The same goes for over-seeded lawns. It is the resident's responsibility to water so the seeds germinate and grow. The sun and the Kansas winds will dry the surface soil quickly, causing unsuccessful growth. More details on the best watering schedule will be in the July Westmont Newsletter.

All of us will need to make this effort so this upgrade is successful. Success will lead to improving the overall appearance of Westmont and especially the pride you'll have in your improved lawn.

The last week of May, Spectrum Lawn Service applied a granular pre-emergent and fertilizer to each homeowner's lawn. Where there were weeds already establish, a spot-spray was used.

*** No dirt or rocks in lawn-waste paper bags: Spectrum will pick up lawn waste if it is out by 9 AM each Thursday. However, some residents have put dirt and rock in the bags. This disqualifies it to go in the landfill in Olathe and will cause it to be refused. Only put discarded vegetation in your yard-waste bags, please.

Entrance Monuments: With some design changes made and drawings completed by Don Niemackl, the Board is requesting final bids. The Board will vote on the contractor at the June Board Meeting. We hope to have a date construction will begin in our next newsletter. These new monuments will be an introduction to visitors and passersby that Westmont is a neighborhood we are proud of---a place we call home.

Westmont Newsletters: The monthly newsletter and bill, sent to you by HA-KC, will continue to be delivered by the US Postal Service. Currently, the HA-KC management system is not set up to email these items.

Annual Garage Sale This May...and Next Fall: Participants reported the Spring Garage Sale was a success. Thank you Brenda Flagler for planning our sale! There will be another neighborhood garage sale this fall on September 25, 26, and 27. You may recall, some residents requested a switch from spring to fall for the sale. So this year only, we are having two garage sales. We will ask for feedback following the fall sale to see which season seems the best for residents. In 2015, we will have only one sale, spring or fall, depending on majority vote.

Overland Park's Overview Magazine: The summer issue of Overview contained some important reminders for us: Keep your garage doors closed for safety; Don't leave your dog in a hot car; And a contractor should get permits before beginning work on your house—even installing a new furnace or air-conditioner. This will help insure you get what you paid for. A permit costs \$50.00 and could save you hundreds.

“Overland Park strives to maintain a minimum standard of exterior property conditions and land use that meets the expectations of our residents for property value preservation, attractive and pleasing neighborhoods, and an enjoyable lifestyle”, reports the Overview. We are all neighbors in our Westmont community. If you have a concern, please talk it over with the resident and find a resolution if possible before registering a complaint. Many of us have tried this neighborly solution with positive outcomes for both parties concerned. If you need to register a complaint, call OP Community Services at 895-6270.

SOCIAL NEWS

- **Tea at Three**—Second Tuesday each month. Bring a treat to share, if you wish. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
June Tea will be June 10, 3 pm at Brenda Flagler's home, 8335 W 120 St. .
- **Bunko**—Second Wednesday each month. **Bunko will be June 11, 7 pm at the home of Meridee Johnson's home, 10709 W 101 St.** If you have questions, contact **Ginger Burns** at gburns001@everestkc.net
- **Bridge**—Last Wednesday of each month. **June 25, 7 pm, at Margaret Dack's home**, 12000 Mackey. If you'd like to join, call Margaret at 345-2610.

June Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

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

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