

# *What's Up?* Westmont Newsletter July 2014

## **BOARD NEWS**

**Our New Entrance Monuments:** At the June Board meeting, a motion passed to accept a final bid for our new Westmont monuments at Antioch and the 119<sup>th</sup> street entrances. President Mike Perry and Treasurer Don Niemackl met with The City of Overland Park on June 23 to obtain the necessary permits for construction of the monuments. When the permit application process is finalized, an approximate date to begin construction will be determined. The planned Monuments are impressive and all materials are stone. We think you'll like them!

**2014 New Westmont Directory:** About half of the 166 homeowners returned the information needed for the 2014 Westmont Directory. The directory committee will now begin the arduous task of contacting those who did not respond. This may delay publication of the directory. Secretary Pam Tittle heads this committee and devotes a lot of time over many weeks to complete the directory. Thank you, Pam for helping build this contact network for the good and safety of our neighbors.

**Three Attempted Car Thefts In Westmont:** In the early hours of June 24, two car thefts were attempted in Westmont. The thieves got in a car and started it, but they couldn't back out of the driveway. At the second residence, the thieves broke a car window to get in but failed to start the car.

The end of May, a neighbor's car was broken into and valuable property was stolen. When thieves do this, victims may be left feeling violated. Maybe it's happened to you in the past.

Overland Park Police reported at least 15 other car theft attempts or successes occurred near Westmont that early morn on June 24. The police said stealing cars in Overland Park is on the increase.

**For your safety and security:** Keep your porch lights on during the night. If parking on your driveway or on the street, remove all valuables, lock your car, and take your keys in the house. Everyday, keep your garage door closed and lock the garage side-door if you have one. Someone could steal property from the garage or walk into your home. Even if you're working in your backyard or walk down the street to visit with a neighbor, consider closing the garage door. Thieves are bold and fast

**Lawn and Grounds Committee:** Ken Knese reported that, during the heavy rains the end of May and beginning of June, the grass was difficult to mow. The soil was wet and the grass grew rapidly. The bright side to those rains: Our lawns are lush and plants are thriving.

On June 21, trimming of shrubs began. Unless you declined this service, shrubs on the front of homes and on the sides of homes visible from the street were trimmed. Grub control, weed control, and fertilizer will be applied in July.

Protect your exterior air conditioning unit: Keep weeds and vines cut back from your exterior unit so they don't interfere with the fan and air exchange. Briskly hose the unit inside and out to remove dirt, debris, and the cottonwood fuzz from cottonwood trees. You should even hose between the unit and the concrete pad it sits on. This could save you \$\$\$ in future repairs!

**This Sounds Like Fun!** Social Chairman Brenda Flagler has planned a sensational day trip for September 12, 2014. You are invited to go to Arrow Rock and the Lyceum Theater to see Around The World In 80 Days. A bus will depart at 9:45 am from Gomers, 99<sup>th</sup> and Holmes, and return at 6 pm. Lunch will be at The Iron Horse Hotel in Blackwater, Mo. The cost is \$119.00 per person. Please call Victoria by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 913-681-2202, to make your reservation. If you're interested in car pooling to Gomers, call Brenda at 498-1617.

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

- **Tea at Three**—Second Tuesday each month. Bring a treat to share, if you wish. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! **July Tea will be July 8, 3 pm at Brenda Flagler's home, 8335 W 120 St.** .
- **Bunko**—Second Wednesday each month. **Bunko will be July 9 at 7 pm at Ginger Burns's home, 8410 W 119 Terrace.** If you have questions, contact **Ginger Burns** at [gurns001@everestkc.net](mailto:gurns001@everestkc.net)
- **Bridge**—Last Wednesday of each month. **Bridge will be July 30, 7 pm, at Margaret Dack's home, 12000 Mackey.** If you'd like to join, call Margaret at 345-2610.

**July Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm, 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, Westmont exterior materials and color guide, 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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