

# *What's Up Westmont?*

## June 2016 Newsletter

**Annual Garage Sale:** Our annual spring garage sale was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and declared a success by the fifteen to twenty homeowners who participated. A charity organization picked up unsold items left by the curb Saturday following the sale. Let's double or triple our participation next year!

**2016 Westmont Neighborhood Directory:** It's time to update our neighborhood directory! Enclosed with this month's newsletter and dues statement is a Westmont Neighborhood Directory Information Request Form. We would love to have everyone participate by completing the form and returning it with your dues payment, emailing the information to the HA-KC: [psteele@ha-kc.org](mailto:psteele@ha-kc.org), faxing the information to 913-385-2441, or sending the form via USPS to the HA-KC Office, 4200 Somerset Drive, Prairie Village, KS 66208. This information is needed by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. If you have any questions, contact a Board member.

**Board Elections:** It's time to start thinking about getting involved in the community and volunteering your time and talents to serve on the Westmont Board. In October, we will have an election for up to four board positions. If you are interested in serving or have questions, contact any of the current Board members.

**Overland Park Farmer's Market:** If you're into home grown vegetables and fruit, the OP Farmer's Market, 7950 Marty St, Overland Park, KS began its 34<sup>th</sup> year on April 9. It's open on Saturdays through September 24, 7am-1pm, and then October 1 – November 19, 8am – 1pm. It's also open Wednesdays from May 18 - Sept 28, 7:30am – 1pm. The OP Farmer's Market has been voted the "Best Farmer's Market in Kansas" and has been recognized in several national publications. If your green thumb has lost a little of its color, this would be a great place to drop by for some awesome fresh produce.

**Summer grilling:** We're getting closer and closer to grilling season! But before you "break out the Barbie" make sure you are prepared to grill safely with your charcoal or propane grill by keeping these tips in mind from the OPKS Fire Department:

- Thoroughly clean the grill before the first use.
- Use long handled utensils to keep you away from flames
- Don't apply starter fluid to active/lit briquettes
- Check your propane hoses for leaks.
- Don't let kids play near an open grill flame
- Use the grill outdoors, preferably on concrete

And always! Always! Let the coals cool completely. If you put the used coals in a metal bucket, be sure it's covered and/or wetted with water. I can speak personally about a friend whose home burned to the ground this year because of coals left not completely extinguished.

### **GROUNDS COMMITTEE:**

**Weed & Feed and Mulch:** Spectrum will be applying the second application of weed and feed at the end of May. Following this application, new seed should not be added for at least 2-3 weeks. In addition to the weed and feed, Spectrum will be adding mulch to the Westmont entrance and perimeter beds.

**Rose Bushes Saved:** A "shout out" to Ken Knese who has been treating the knockout roses on the perimeter and islands to rid them of disease. Almost all of the 110 rosebushes are looking good! Thanks Ken!

**Shrub Trimming:** In the upcoming weeks, you will be receiving a form from the lawn service asking for your feedback on the trimming of shrubs and lawn plantings. Unless otherwise directed NOT to trim, shrub trimming will be done in June in the front yard and/or any area that can be seen from the street. If you want additional trimming, contact Spectrum at (913) 393-4357 and leave a message. Carolyn will contact you to discuss the work to be done and cost.

**Lawn Mowing Reminder:** Grass cutting generally occurs on Friday, weather permitting. With the wet weather we've been having there have been some delays with the mowing, but Spectrum is doing the best they can to keep up. This includes mowing on the weekends weather permitting. Make sure sprinklers do not run on mowing days. If it rains, mowing will occur the next rain-free day.

## **PROPERTY VALUES**

**Home Improvements Abound:** Now that spring is here, so many neighbors are busy with exterior and interior home improvements. Many are making landscape changes too. Please remember to fill out an ARC Form for any exterior home/yard changes and submit it to Hans Johansson, VP/Property Values. The ARC Form can be found on the HA-KC website ([www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org)).

**Johnson County Property Appraisals:** If you missed the article in the Spring 2016 Johnson County Government Magazine, the Appraiser's office has engaged the services of Tyler Technologies to take "street level, high resolution photographs" of every home in Johnson County. The photographs will be used to create land record information as part of the appraisal process. The data collection process began in January 2016, using specially equipped white vans driving through the neighborhoods. The vans are clearly marked as an imaging crew working for Johnson County. The driver and occupants are required to carry photo identification. If you see a van in the neighborhood, don't panic. It's your tax dollar working for you. Questions can be directed to the Appraiser's Office at 913-715-9000.

## **NEIGHBORS:**

No new neighbors this month.

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

**Tea at Three: NOTE: JUNE ONLY – TEA AT THREE WILL NOT MEET, BUT WILL RESUME IN JULY.**

Second Tuesday each month – For additional information, contact Brenda Flagler (913) 498-1617 for the **April thru December** gatherings and Peg Levitt (913) 491-2966 for **January thru March**.

**Bunko:** Second Wednesday of month – For additional information, contact Ginger Burns at (913) 491-1353.

**Bridge:** Last Wednesday of month – For additional information, contact Margaret Dack at (913) 345-2610.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**June 2016 Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at St Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213. These meetings are open to all residents.

**Homes Association of Kansas City:** The Homeowners Association of Kansas City (HAKC) maintains the Westmont website. The website can be found at: [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org), search for Westmont, to access:

- Westmont newsletters, Board meeting minutes, and general information about the Board and Westmont Homes Association
- Bylaws and Restrictions
- Westmont exterior materials and color guide
- ARC Application for exterior home changes

***Do you have a Westmont suggestion or concern you want to share? Topic ideas for the newsletter?  
Your input is important! Contact our Board members between 8am-5pm.***

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