

# *What's Up Westmont?*

## July 2016 Newsletter

**2016 Westmont Neighborhood Directory:** Just another reminder, it's time to update our neighborhood directory! In last month's newsletter and dues statement we included a Westmont Neighborhood Directory Information Request Form. We hope everyone will take the time to complete and return by 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. If you have not, please do so by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. To date, approximately 50 residents have returned the completed form. If you have any questions, please contact a Board member.

**Strength in Numbers:** In January we mentioned there may be a benefit to having multiple homeowners pool their projects to get better pricing. Well, here's an opportunity. If you are thinking having some concrete work done on your driveway and would like to see if a discount can be arranged through a group quote, contact Jennifer Jameson ([jennywen833@gmail.com](mailto:jennywen833@gmail.com)) via email before July 15<sup>th</sup> with your name, address and phone number. Jennifer will compile the names and see if the projects can be done at a reduced price.

**Taxi! Taxi!:** 10/10 Taxi is piloting a new ride program for seniors living in Johnson County, Raytown, Sugar Creek and Independence. The program allows anyone over the age of 65 and/or who has a disability that prevents them from driving or riding a bus to apply for this service. Visit the web site [ridekc.org](http://ridekc.org) for details and to download an application.

**Watch Out For Your Neighbor:** With this hot weather we all seem to be spending more time inside. When we do that, we often "lose sight" of our neighbors, thinking they are trying to stay cool as well. While it may be true they are just trying to stay out of the heat, it doesn't hurt to be sure. If you haven't seen a neighbor coming and going for a while, don't be shy about going over and ringing the doorbell. There's a good chance they'll appreciate your concern.

### **Speaking of Neighbors – Be A good Westmont Neighbor:**

- Carry a plastic bag and pick up after your dog.
- Unless you are close by, please keep your garage door closed. Don't tempt thieves or critters.
- Put your empty trash/recyclable bins back in your garage in a timely manner.
- Curb appeal is important. Keep your grass and flower beds free of weeds.

**Watch Out For Your Pets:** Dogs and cats are not equipped to tolerate heat like humans. Pets are more susceptible to heatstroke. If you leave your pet outdoors, they need a cool shady place to rest as well as shelter from the elements. Your pet must have plenty of cool fresh water at all times. Do not leave your pet unattended inside a vehicle on warm days. On a 90-degree day, the interior temperature of your car may quickly reach as high as 160 degrees in 10 minutes. Your pet can suffer from brain damage or even die from heatstroke.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our overall financial status remains good. As a reminder, information about the monthly dues policy can be found at the HAKC website at [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org) - search for Westmont and Maintenance Fees. If we all do our part and pay our dues on time, we can continue to keep our operating costs low.

### **GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**Hot! Hot! Hot!:** The temperatures have been unseasonably hot already this year. Our lawns and plantings need our help. Regular watering is an absolute necessity during this ridiculously hot weather otherwise the grass will go dormant and the weeds will thrive.

**Ash Trees:** If you have an Ash tree in your yard don't forget these trees need regular treatment to protect them from the Green Ash Borer. Contact an arborist or tree service to better understand what needs to be done. Your Ash tree will thank you with lots of shade and a long life.

**Lawn Mowing Reminder:** Grass cutting generally occurs on Friday, weather permitting. With the weather we've had in these past few weeks 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. Make sure sprinklers do not run on mowing days. If it rains, mowing will occur the next rain-free day. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the lawns services, please contact Ken Knese at 913-481-1123 or [kenknese@aol.com](mailto:kenknese@aol.com)

## **PROPERTY VALUES**

**Home Improvements Abound:** As I walk through the neighborhood I see so many neighbors busy with exterior and interior home improvements. Many are making landscape changes too! Before you start your outside improvements please remember to complete and submit an ARC Form for any exterior home/yard changes and 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)).

## **NEIGHBORS:**

No new neighbors this month.

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

**Tea at Three: NO TEA AT THREE IN JULY.** Next gathering will be in August.

Second Tuesday each month – For additional information, contact Brenda Flagler (913) 498-1617 for the **April thru December** gatherings. No "Tee at Three" in the months of January, February or 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**

**Newsletter:** We want the newsletter to be something you look forward to and something that shares items of interest to everyone. If you have any topics you would like to include in the monthly newsletter, please contact Carol Barlau at 913-491-1449 or [sunnydaz232323@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnydaz232323@yahoo.com).

**July 2016 Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, July 18<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 feedback is important! Contact a Board member between 8am-5pm with your suggestions comments.***

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