

# ***What's Up Westmont?***

## **August 2016 Newsletter**

**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. Please seriously consider doing your part to keep Westmont a great place to live by donating your talent and time to serve on the board. If you are interested in serving or have questions, contact any of the current Board members. Please do so by mid-August so your name can be put on the ballot for the elections at the Annual Meeting.

**Westmont Annual Meeting:** Save the date! Our annual board meeting on the third Tuesday of October – October 18<sup>th</sup> – is fast approaching. Plan to attend and be an active resident of the Westmont neighborhood. Meet your neighbors. Get involved. More details will be coming out in next month's newsletter. Note: If we can get the Royals to win a few more games and get into the playoffs, we reserve the right to move the annual meeting to a "non-playoff" night. Stay tuned and "GO ROYALS!!"

**2016 Westmont Neighborhood Directory:** We hope everyone will take the time to complete the Westmont Neighborhood Directory Request Form that was mailed out with the June billing statement and return it with your dues payment this month, if you have not done so already. You can also return it 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. To date, approximately half residents have returned the completed form. If you have any questions or need a Directory Request Form, please contact a Board member.

### **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. When we all do our part and pay our dues on time, we can continue to keep our operating costs low.

### **GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**Grounds Committee Chair:** Effective immediately, Ken Knese has resigned as the chair of our grounds committee. Please direct all emails and calls regarding grounds and lawn service to one of the other Board members until a replacement is named. We would like to thank Ken for all his hard work, numerous personal contributions, long hours and sacrifice over the years in keeping our grounds and lawn care costs down and Westmont beautiful.

**Lawn Aeration and Seeding:** Lawn renovating will occur in early September. The renovation will consist of aeration and over seeding. It is recommended all sprinkler heads be clearly marked with a white flag or other visible marking. Flagging/marking must be done by September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not want this lawn treatment, contact a Board member by Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**And Speaking of Lawns:** Board members recently distributed a letter to all residents regarding some feedback the Board received regarding lawn services. The response to the letter resulted in a wide array of comments and opinions on our lawn care services. The responses were also very encouraging as it demonstrated the passion many of us have to keep our yards looking the best they can and offered suggestions and actions the Board can take.

**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.

## **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:**

**Welcome to Our New Neighbors! We're happy you chose Westmont!**

- Lori Nelson, 8323 West 120<sup>th</sup> Terrace

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

**Tea at Three:** 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).

**August 2016 Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, August 15<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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