

What's Up Westmont?

January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for a Wonderful 2017!

Recycling – Trees & Lights: Johnson County Parks and Recreation will be accepting post-holiday natural Christmas trees at three locations from Dec 26th thru Jan 31st. Collection sites are: 1) parking lot of Theatre in the Park in Shawnee Mission Park (7710 Renner Road, Shawnee), 2) Heritage Park Marina parking lot (16050 Pflumm Road, Olathe), and 3) north side parking lot at the marina at Kill Creek Park (11670 Homestead Lane, Olathe). Trees will be collected during regular winter park hours which are 7:30am to 8pm. There is no charge. For additional information, call 913-888-4713. Southeast Enterprises will be accepting holiday lights from Nov 13th thru Jan 7th at many drop-off locations including Walmart, Westlake ACE Hardware, etc. For a complete list, go to: www.southeastenterprises.org/kcrecyclelights/drop-off-locations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

You can start off the New Year with automatic bank withdrawal for HOA dues payment. Consider this easy way to pay your monthly Westmont Association dues. Contact the HA-KC management consultant at 913-385-2440 to make arrangements for automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank. It's that easy!

2017 Budget: The budget was approved by the board at the Dec 19th monthly meeting. The budget for next year exceeds the revenue. This is primarily due to the planned tree trimming. It was the decision of the board that the excess expense would be covered by the reserves which have increased due to the last 2 years of minimal snows. The only other budget line item increase from last year is for Trash and Recycle Services. The board closely monitors our monthly and annual expenses so that the Westmont financial condition remains sound. A year end accounting for 2016 will be reported in the February newsletter. Thank you again for keeping your association dues payments current. This is how we can all do our part in keeping Westmont an attractive community to live.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Tree Trimming: Every five years, the board solicits bids for trees to be trimmed in Westmont. The board has identified one tree per property to be trimmed and paid for by the Westmont HOA and these trees have been marked with a pink ribbon. We are also offering homeowners to get additional trees trimmed, at their expense, but at the same negotiated rate. To date, 50 trees have been marked with a green ribbon by homeowners requesting trimming or cut down. Trimming will take place in Feb 2017. It's not too late...if you are interested in having additional trees trimmed, please call Brandon Fox at 530-723-0208 or send an email to brandon.jacob.fox@gmail.com by Monday, Jan 9th.

Leaf Cleanup: Spectrum has completed the first of two leaf cleanings, and had started on the second. Unfortunately, the snow interrupted their work. They will finish the leaf cleaning as soon as weather permits.

Snow Removal: Snow removal will occur when snow is above two inches. Your driveway, front sidewalk, and neighborhood sidewalks will be cleared. Spectrum will begin clearing snow when, according to weather reports, the snow storm is predicted to end. When our snow crew is here to clean your driveway, please have your vehicles in the garage or along the curb. If you have vehicles in your driveway, it can't be cleared of snow. When city snow plows are in our neighborhood, try to have your vehicles off the street. OP states: "Crews do their best to clear residential streets as quickly as possible. Their job is made easier when there are few vehicles parked on a street..." Vehicles "slow the operation and delay getting the streets cleaned." A web-based snow map to monitor plowing progress is available at opkansas.org.

Driveway Markers: With the coming of winter, residents are encouraged to purchase/install reflective markers. The markers alert the snow removal crews of the locations of the driveway dividers and significantly reduces the risk of damage to plantings.

NEIGHBORS:

- No new neighbors this month.

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 Nancy Woodworth at (219) 688-4760.

Note: Margaret Dack has moved from her Westmont residence. Nancy Woodworth, who has lived next door to Margaret since 2015, will be hosting the neighborhood bridge group the last Wednesday of the month starting in January 2017. The start time will continue to be 7:00 pm. Nancy’s address is 12002 Mackey Street and her email is nancy_kitts@hotmail.com. They are looking for bridge players to join the group, so if you are interested, contact Nancy. They currently have two tables and play party bridge. They are a fun group and don’t take themselves (or the game) too seriously. This is a great way to meet your neighbors.

OTHER INFORMATION

Westmont “Info” Page on the HA-KC Site: We have begun using the Westmont Page on the HA-KC Site to notify homeowners of upcoming activities and date changes. Go to: www.ha-kc.org, click on “Kansas Associations” and then “Westmont”. It’s that easy! ☺

Westmont “Closed Group” Facebook Page: To improve communications within the Westmont community, the Board has created a Westmont Facebook Page that is a closed group for only Westmont residents. This forum can be used to communicate schedule changes or for any homeowner to share safety information, lost pets, etc. We will be sending invites to residents. Please consider joining and encouraging your neighbors to join as well. For more information, contact Dawn Taylor @ dmaloansquare@yahoo.com.

New Westmont Neighborhood Directory: Targeting the end of January to distribute the new directory.

January 2017 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, January 16th 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 , search for Westmont, to access:

- Westmont newsletters, Board meeting minutes & general information about the Board & Westmont HOA
- 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 or comments.

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