

What's Up Westmont?

February 2017 Newsletter

Thank you retiring board members for your hard work, expertise, and hundreds of hours of service: Mike Perry, Hans Johansson, Don Niemack and Aubrey Smith.

NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

The new and returning members of the Westmont Board met on January 16. The first order of business was to select a chairperson for each committee. Those chairpersons will be: President: Carol Barlau; Vice-President and Property Values: Don Roth; Treasurer: Dawn Taylor; Secretary: Mark Jenkins; Lawn and Grounds: BJ Fox; and Newsletter Editor: Barbara Kolom. The position of Social Chairperson will be jointly filled by all of the board members. Board members contact information is printed at the end of this newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The year-end financials for 2016 resulted in our income exceeding expenses by over \$24,000. Once again this was the result of no snow removal expenses for the year, thereby leaving our snow removal budget untouched. This surplus will be added to the reserves for future use when required.

Our goal of keeping our reserves equal to or greater than one year's annual expenses has been maintained. Keeping your monthly dues current helps keep our finances in sound condition.

Unpredictable as the snow forecast is, we are sure to get hit one of these years. In the meantime, our tree trimming expenses for this year can be bolstered by these reserves.

LAWN AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: BJ Fox reported Westmont trees will be trimmed February 1-15. Look for detailed information in the Information Boxes near your neighborhood mailbox and on our Westmont Closed Group Facebook Page. BJ submitted additional projects for January, February and March.

Lawn and Maintenance Upcoming Activity

January

- Spectrum completion of leaf cleanup, weather permitting (January 23-27)

February

- WTC: Tree Trimming Project (Feb. 1 - 15)
- Spectrum: Rose Bush Treatments & bed weeds
- Spectrum: Mowing/Snow - pending on weather
- Turf Greenhead: weed spray - all areas

March

- Turf Greenhead: Turn on sprinkler systems
- Spectrum: Mowing/Snow - Pending weather
- Spectrum: Spring Leaf cleanup (March 6-10)

Board Members Set New Time For Meetings

The board members voted to begin future monthly board meetings at 6:00pm. In the past, meetings began at 6:30pm. Meetings will continue to be on the third Monday of the month and will continue to be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213.

2017 Edition of Westmont Neighborhood Directory: The new directory will be coming out in February. With that comes the age old question-what to do with the old directory? Please, shred it. The directory contains the names, phone numbers and email addresses of the residents of Westmont. This information is intended only for members of Westmont Homes Association.

Deffenbaugh/Waste Management: Holiday One-Day Delays for 2017

Trash and recycle items will be picked up one day late following these holidays: New Years, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Driveway Markers: Residents are encouraged to install reflective markers along your driveways. The markers alert the snow removal crews of the location of your driveway and reduce the risk of damage to your yard and 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, 12002 Mackey St: (219) 688-4760; nancy_kitts@hotmail.com.

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.

January 2017 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, February 20 at 6:00 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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- ▶ **Social Chair** – Board members will jointly fill this position.
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