

What's Up Westmont?

April 2018 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Community Information Boxes: We have new community information boxes installed beside each postal box in Westmont. Be sure to check there for important announcements, event updates, and changes to scheduled lawn and grounds services. We've used this form of quick, up-to-date messaging for 10 years and most would agree it's been a successful method for communications. Thanks to Ken Knese for installing them!

Important Westmont Homeowner Information Included in April Newsletter: There is a two-sided enclosure included with this newsletter. Please keep it for future reference. On one side is a list of services provided to Westmont homeowners as part of the monthly dues. On the reverse side is a list of things that are not provided. We have many new homeowners in our neighborhood that will benefit from this information, as well as, a reminder for those of us who have lived in Westmont for many years.

TLC Lawn Care "Extra" Services: TLC will provide additional services to Westmont residents at a 20% discount. Some examples are mulching, gutter cleaning, sprinkler activation/deactivation, drainage work, etc. Flyers will be available for the taking in our information boxes. If you have a need for "extra" lawn service, not included in our scheduled services, consider calling them at 913-780-5296.

Monthly Dues: Just another quick reminder that monthly dues increased January 2018 from \$70 to \$74 per month. Almost everyone has made the change. Thank you!

VICE PRESIDENT / PROPERTY VALUES REPORT

Property Inspection at Westmont: Every three years, all properties in Westmont are inspected for exterior conditions of homes, as well as grounds. Starting April 21st and continuing through May 13th, committee members in groups of two will walk around your property. Please be pleasant to the committee members who have volunteered their time. They will have an inspection sheet to fill out for each property. When the inspections are completed in May, they will be turned into the Westmont Board. Upon review of the inspection sheets, each homeowner will receive a letter that will contain information specific to their property.

There is a copy of Westmont Restrictions posted on our web page found at www.ha-kc.org. These restrictions are for the outside of the structure as well as grounds. Most residents have kept their properties in good condition. That is why Westmont is such a desirable neighborhood in which to live and why we see the annual increases in property values.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February Financials: The February financial statements and expenses were reviewed and discussed at the February Board meeting. All agreed financials to be in order.

Westmont Homes Association 2017 Tax Returns: The tax returns have been completed and filed.

LAWN AND GROUNDS

Spring Cleanup: TLC completed our spring cleanup the week of March 19th.

Round 1 Lawn Application: At the end of March, the first application of fertilizer, pre-emergent and broadleaf weed control was applied. Expect the second application at the end of April or first part of May.

Mowing: TLC will mow yards on Fridays, weather permitting. In case of rain, check the Information Box near your mail box for a rescheduled date. Do not water your lawn until your lawn is mowed and make sure to unlock

your gate so the crew can mow your back yard. It is recommended that each Thursday you should check your front and back yard for limbs, sticks, pet waste, and other obstacles that may interfere with the mowing.

Common Area Landscape: In mid-March, five hearty Westmont men, shovels in hand, dug up and removed dead bushes and plants from the common areas in preparation for Earth Expressions Design and Landscape to begin their work the first of April. Thank you to Larry Tittle, Ken Knese, John Waite, Hans Johansson and Blaine Halvorson! Beginning April 2nd, Earth Expressions will begin their work to revitalize our common areas! They will amend the beds and do corrective pruning to existing plants that will be reused. They then will lay out the plants, and planting material and begin their install. New plants will include Lime Light Hydrangea, Firepower Nandina, Winthur Viburnum, Big Blue Stem Grass, Dwarf Norway Spruce, Creeping Jenny and Chocolate Chip Ajuga. It's going to look great! It's a much-needed improvement to keep Westmont looking great!

Recycle Bags for Yard Waste: Every Wednesday, Waste Management/Deffenbaugh will dispose of up to eight recycle bags of yard waste per home. This includes sticks, leaves, grass, and plant waste. Small tree limbs should be no more than four feet long and bundled together with string or twine. It does not include rocks, paper, plastic, metal, or food waste. There is no extra fee to the homeowners for this service.

OTHER NEWS:

Annual Garage Sale: Are you getting ready? It's coming...May 17th, 18th and 19th. Mark your calendar!

Overland Park Recycling Extravaganza: This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the campus of Johnson Community College, 12345 College Boulevard. Please use the Quivira entrance, south of College and on the east side of the campus, to access the event. The event is intended to collect items for recycle AND reuse. Visit www.opkansas.org for specifics on costs for recycling certain items, materials accepted, and event information.

No new neighbors in March.

SOCIAL NEWS

Tea at Three: Monthly Tea at Three meetings are held the second Tuesday April through December, 3pm, at Brenda Flagler's home, 8335 W. 120th Street (913-498-1617). Teas is not served January through March.

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

Bridge: Last Wednesday of the month at the home of Nancy Woodworth, 12002 Mackey. For additional information, contact Nancy at (219) 688-4760.

OTHER INFORMATION

April 2018 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, April 16th, 6:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213. The meetings are open to all residents.

Homes Association of Kansas City: The Homeowners Association of Kansas City (HA-KC) maintains the Westmont website. The website can be found at 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
- ARC Application for exterior home changes
- Westmont exterior materials and color guide

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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