

What's Up Westmont?

May 2018 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual Garage Sale: Our annual garage sale is coming up soon – May 17th, 18th and 19th. Following the sale, Barb Kolom arranged for Corner Stone of Care/Ozanam to pick up your unsold items on Monday, May 21st between 8am and 5pm. **Note: You need to register for pick up.** Complete instructions are provided under “Other Information” on the back. Please bring in your items after the sale and put them out before 8am on Monday. Thank you, Barb!

TLC – Lawn Services: I have been very pleased with the way TLC is getting into a groove with our sub-division lawn service needs. Please be patient as TLC learns all the nuances of our properties. Feel free to contact our Lawn and Grounds Director – John Rudzinski with any questions, issues or concerns you may have. John will pass information on to the TLC Lawn managers and we will work together to improve our lawn conditions and services. Remember, you need to speak up. The Board or TLC cannot assist with issues we don't know about.

Refresh of the Common Areas: Earth Expressions has completed the refresh of our common areas. Don't they look great! After some more warm weather and rains, the plants will come to life and “pop” with color! This was a much-needed refresh for Westmont and will help increase the property values in our neighborhood. As a “thank you” to Westmont for our business, they “refreshed” the little island at the corner of Mackey and 119th Terrance at no cost! It looks great! Thank you, Tia Browning of Earth Expressions!

It's Time to “Get Outdoors”: It's time to shake the winter cobwebs out of our heads and get outdoors to enjoy some of the nice weather and wonderful outdoor venues we have here in Overland Park. Go to the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens and walk the trails. This is an activity that never fails to please. They have a new Whirlwind: Art in Motion Exhibit which opened April 21st. Or, take the kids or the grandkids to the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead for a day of family fun (and see the baby goats). Or get some wonderful produce and other goodies at the Overland Park Farmers' Market open now on Saturdays and on Wednesdays starting in Mid-May. Get out and enjoy...it's good for the body and great for the soul!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Property Inspections at Westmont: Property Inspections have begun and will continue through May 13th. You may see a pair of volunteers walking around your house completing an Inspection and Condition Report. The Board will review each inspection sheet and in June, you will be mailed a letter that contains your specific inspection information for your property.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

LAWN AND GROUNDS

Mowing on Fridays: Due to unfriendly weather, the grass is taking off a bit more slowly than usual. As warmer weather arrives, expect TLC to be mowing our lawns on Fridays, weather permitting of course. It's recommended you do not to water your yard on Thursdays and wait until your yard is mowed on Friday to resume your watering schedule. Be sure fenced in areas are accessible to the mowing crews. In addition, please be courteous and pick up sticks and branches in your yard so the mowers won't be interrupted while mowing. Remember, we as homeowners also have responsibility for our lawns, i.e., weed pulling, seeding, etc., which is not covered by our TLC contract. If you need work done, feel free to contact TLC or another service provider of your choice for assistance.

Lawn Care: At the end of March, the first application of fertilizer, broad leaf and pre-emergent herbicide was applied by TLC. A second application will be done April 30th, weather permitting. This will address the dandelions that have popped up in our neighborhood. Watch our Message Boxes near the mail boxes for updates. If you do not want your

yard treated, be sure to place a sign in your yard. The next application will be a small tree/shrub spray that will treat for insects and bag worms and will be applied mid-May. Watch our Message Boxes for more information. TLC will spray the front and side small trees and shrubs that are visible from the street.

OTHER NEWS:

Garage Sale - Corner Stone of Care/Ozanam: They will pick up your unsold items on Monday, May 21st between 8 am and 5 pm. **You must register for pick up.** To register, call Shelly at 816-285-4955 and leave a voice message no later than 12 noon on Thursday, May 17th: Leave your name, address, phone number, and mention the Westmont garage sale and pick up date of 5/21. The purpose of registration is to ensure they don't miss anyone. Ozanam is well known and highly respected in the KC area as a residential and outpatient treatment center of care for children with social/emotional diagnoses.

Ozanam needs clothing for men, women and children, working appliances, furniture, small kitchen and bath appliances, bath and bedding items, housewares, electronics, jewelry, lamps, shoes, and toys. Please put smaller items in boxes or bags and mark with the letters "OZ". They will not pick up tires; dirty mattresses, sleeper sofas; tube TVs & monitors; furniture in need of repair; no construction materials; no gas fired grills, mowers or trimmers; no broken things. Ozanam has the authority to refuse to accept and pick up items.

Ozanam will pick up items from anyone in Westmont, even if you aren't part of the garage sale event. Be sure to call and register as mentioned above. Pretty good deal! Call Barb Kolom @ 913-375-5159, if you have questions.

Parking: Just a reminder – especially with the warm weather coming. Please do not park large trailers – commercial or personal - boats, campers or RVs in your driveway or street for more than a 48-hour period, as this is a violation of Overland Park ordinances.

No new neighbors in April.

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

May 2018 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, May 21st, 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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