

What's Up Westmont?

May 2019 Newsletter

WESTMONT NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE: MAY 16TH, 17TH AND 18TH

Good luck to Garage Sale participants! On Monday, May 20th, Vietnam Veterans of America will pick up items not sold at your garage sale. (Any Westmont homeowner may, of course, put items out for pick-up.) Put donation items on your driveway near the curb by 8:30 am, May 20th. Clearly mark items, boxes and bags with **US VETS** so the truck driver can see it from a block away.

Donations desperately needed are clothing and accessories; coats for babies through adults; baby to adult shoes and boots; toys; bedding; draperies/curtains; books for all ages; bikes; kitchenware; usable small furniture and rugs; stereos, radios, portable TV'S; small appliances; tools, jewelry and cosmetics.

VET'S will not accept carpeting, large furniture like couches, recliner chairs, heavy upholstered chairs, baby cribs, flammable liquids, items under safety recall, pianos/organs; no baby/toddler car seats; no medical appliances such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, crutches, etc., no big tube TVs, no mattresses, dirty or broken furniture. No fencing, paint cans, no paint spray cans, no hazardous anything.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER COOK-OUT: SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND.

Our cook-out will be held in the 120th street cul-de-sac from 4 pm to 6ish. Your Homeowners Association will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, baked beans, potato salad, taffy apple salad, chips and lemonade. Bring a dish to pass or a sweet treat to share. And even bring a folding chair or two, if you'd like. This is going to be so much fun. Please, come!

RSVP by May 24th to Sharon Kralicek, skkralicek44@gmail.com .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the April board meeting, the Westmont Board members talked about the many water drainage issues on Westmont properties. A committee of board members was formed to explore the issues and options for possible solutions.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Some neighbors have begun exterior improvements on their homes. Some exterior improvements require review by our Westmont Board before you begin your project. Go to www.ha-kc.org, search for Westmont to access Westmont's website. There you will find a color chart for exterior paint colors. Guidelines for decking materials and roof shingles are listed. You will also find the ARC form.

The ARC form (Architectural Review Committee) should be submitted to the Board before you make changes to the exterior of your home. Those changes include painting your house a new color, new windows with change in size or design, redesign of the front porch/entrance, pool or sauna, new patio or deck, fencing, water feature and other exterior changes.

Submit the completed form with any additional information on your project, to Vice President/Property Chairman Shirley Knese. The Board will review your ARC at the next board meeting, if possible. You will be contacted if more information is needed. Do not begin your project until your ARC form has been submitted, reviewed, signed by members of the board, and returned to you.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bev Kitts reviewed the March financial statements and expenses with the board and a discussion followed. All agreed financials to be in order.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT: We have water drainage issues in Westmont. Some board members and a TLC representative recently walked through the neighborhood to study this issue. The board will continue to explore options to manage rain water flow and drainage. This is a difficult problem, especially because of the rolling land contours in Westmont: High dry areas and low wet areas.

Incidentally, many downspout and sump pump water extensions are run across the tops of lawns. They should be buried beneath the soil.

Summer Shrub Trimming June 17th: Grounds Chairman John Rudzinski reported TLC will begin shrub trimming June 17th and may extend into the following week. Trimming shrubs in the front of the yard is included with your dues. Tie a red ribbon on a branch of each shrub you do NOT want TLC to trim. This has been a custom in Westmont for almost 20 years. TLC will trim additional shrubs at a discounted price for Westmont homeowners. Call 913-780-5296.

Light Scapeing: Because of possible damage to the lights, the mowing crew will not mow or trim grass near landscape lights.

NEW NEIGHBORS: No new neighbors this month.

SOCIAL NEWS

Tea at Three: This friendly gathering is at 3 pm on the second Wednesday, April through December. Everyone is welcome. Brenda Flagler's home. 8335 W. 120th St. (913-498-1617).

Bridge: Last Tuesday of the month starting at 4 pm at the home of Nancy Woodworth, 12002 Mackey. For additional information, contact Nancy at (219) 688-4760.

OTHER INFORMATION

May 2019 Westmont Board Meeting: Monday, **May 20th at 6:30 pm.** 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 (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? Your feedback is important.

Contact a Board member between 8am-5pm with your suggestions or comments.

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