

What's Up Westmont?

June 2019 Newsletter

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020: Beginning January 2020, Westmont will need four new board members. Three members of the board will complete their service December, 2019. And we need one more board member because Beverly Kitts has graciously been serving as both President and Treasurer since January.

Please, consider this opportunity to shape the future of Westmont. The board meets once a month. Board members work together and share the duties and pleasures of serving the Westmont community.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meetings are ongoing regarding drainage and water run-off in Westmont. We are especially encouraging adjacent neighbors to problem solve drainage issues and collaborate on an agreeable solution. As they say, "Two heads are better than one."

Please see the insert regarding recyclables. Please note if recyclables are bagged they will not be recycled.

Westmont Group Email List is up and running. To join this list, email Barb Kolom at bkolom@everestkc.net. Bev Kitts sends messages regarding changes in mowing schedule, snow removal, neighborhood safety, and up-coming events. Feedback as been 100% positive!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Shirley Knese presented ARC forms submitted by homeowners. Following review of each, requests for additional information for some were made.

If you are submitting an ARC form, relevant Information may include city permits; materials, property boundaries in relation to structure or patio, etc; name of professional contractor or installer; drawings or photos; and other information the homeowner wishes to include. Please do not begin your project until the ARC form has been signed by board members and return to you.

Keep an eye out for improvements homeowners are making. They are quite attractive!

Perimeter Fence Repair: Fence damage due to snow storms will be completed soon.

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: Mowing day will be on Friday.

Balanced Fertilizer Application, Second Round of Broad-Leaf Pre-emergent, and Grub

Control: Weather permitting, these applications will be the first-second week of June. If you don't want this service, put a sign in your front yard. Before pets are allowed in the yard, wait 20 minutes or until spray is dry on the grass blades. Your grass must be watered by the next day to activate the pre-emergent.

Summer Shrub Trimming June 17: Grounds Chair John Rudzinski reported TLC will begin shrub trimming June 17th and may extend into the following week. If you don't want your shrubs trimmed, put a sign in your front yard "No Trimming." 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. Call TLC at 913-780-5296 for additional trimming services.

Mowing in Westmont: Heavy and continuous rain in May has had a huge impact on mowing: delayed mowing resulting in fast growing grass, lumps of mowed grass on the yards: areas of yards saturated with pooled water; mowed grass sticking to driveways and walks. Though some neighbors expressed concerns about these things, raking mowed grass and sweeping wet grass off drives and sidewalks falls to the homeowner. We do not have a contract agreement with TLC to perform such services.

We now have a team of seven homeowners who represent designated areas of Westmont. The volunteer in your area will walk around yards on mowing days to determine if contractual agreements with TLC are being met. For example, mowing front and back yards; trimming; blowing grass from hard surfaces; and closing gates.

By the way, please be sure your fence gates are unlocked on mowing day.

WESTMONT NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE: Despite the rain, there were 17 neighbors who participated. There was a steady stream of customer flow, especially Thursday afternoon and Friday.

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 4pm 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, **June 17 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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