

What's Up? Westmont Newsletter, May 2010

Ready for May garage sale?

Thursday, Friday and Saturday May 13-15, will feature Westmont's Annual Garage Sale. Here's your chance to turn your unused items or "junk" into someone else's "treasure."

"We'll advertise it in the local papers as well as on Craig's List," says social chair Loretta Rhodus. "If you have any big items you'd like listed in the ad, please contact me by April 29 at rettarhod@att.net or 498-1698.

"We're also suggesting a preview of the sale for Westmonters only on Wednesday evening, May 12, to greet our neighbors and give them first chance at the good stuff! Any unsold items you'd like to donate to charity should be placed at the curb no later than 9am Monday, May 17, and a non-profit will pick them up."

Fencing update

'By the time you receive this newsletter," says board member Bill Framel, who oversees grounds and maintenance, "the fence that was damaged by an Overland Park snowplow along 119th street in late March should be repaired. It's taken longer than anticipated because of determining how to prevent it happening again, getting a cost estimate, scheduling the actual repairs, etc.

"Patience is also needed on Antioch as our Westmont fencing will be rebuilt after the city's finished all its work."

'Garage doors shall be kept closed'

Per association bylaws, and for safety and our sub-division's appearance, your HOA board reminds everyone to ensure your garage door is kept closed unless parking your car or doing projects that require its access. If you see someone's door up for an extended period with no one around, please call them or knock or leave a note on their front door to remind them. Thank you.

Property evaluations upcoming

"We'll be starting property evaluations after the garage sale is over," confirms board member Brenen Frye. "Now's a good time to take care of any dry rot, painting, new garage door or other items in our association's maintenance rules that need attention."

Remember: if there's a 2" or more difference in the height between your driveway and concrete under your garage door, it should be fixed.

Thanks for doing your part in repairing or replacing those things that maintain and add to the value of your property and our community. We're fortunate to live in a safe, well-treed subdivision and our collective curbside appeal is important.

Contact Brenen at (316) 250-1066; brenen@kc.rr.com or Bill Framel at 322-4605; wwf1940@yahoo.com if you need clarification on any home maintenance rule you're unsure of.

CARE group grows

Three more Westmonters—[Ginger Burns](#), [Sandy Goodwin](#), [Lois Long](#)—have volunteered to be on the CARE group list to help elderly neighbors. Contact [Loretta Rhodus](#) on her cell (816-797-8657) if you need such things as picking up a prescription, a ride to the grocery store or doctor's appointment if unable to drive yourself. Please give as much advance notice as you can.

Any serious emergency should be handled by 911.

Previous CARE volunteers are [Carol Barlau](#), [Glenyce Botten](#), [Betty Craney](#), [Blaine Halvorson](#), [Becky Raasch](#) and [Loretta](#) (contact her if you'd like to join too).

Ongoing neighborhood events

► *Coffee*—Tuesday, **May 11** at 1pm at [Brenda Flagler's](#) (8335 W.120th St., 498-1617). Come socialize with neighbors new and old. Everyone's welcome.

► *Bunko*—2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. Contact [Ginger Burns](#) (gurns001@everestkc.net or 491-1353) for info as well as dates and "happy hour" locations selected monthly for a *Girls Night Out* and other outings.

► *Book Club*—Meets 2nd Friday of each month at 1pm in a different home. Call [Paula Lewis](#) at 469-6766 to learn more.

► The coffee at [Loretta Rhodus's](#) home on Sat. April 10 (so those who work weekdays can attend too) comprised "some lovely and entertaining ladies" who discussed the CARE group, garage sale and a summer block party. "Plus interesting discussions and laughter about life itself," reports Loretta. "We won't have a Saturday coffee in May since so many residents will be involved in the garage sale."

Mind your dog reminder

Pet owners are responsible to keep their dogs in their own yards, to clean up after them and to make sure they don't roam in neighbors' yards. Thanks for your cooperation.

Phone correction in new directory

Please note in your yellow 2010 Neighborhood Directory that the home phone number for [Deanna](#) and [Hadley Stranghoner](#) is 913-451-7962. The number listed there now is Hadley's cell phone. If you get a new phone number or email, please call the HAKC office at 385-2440 and ask them to update it in their records and also mention in our newsletter if that's your desire. The directory is published every two years.

Got an item Westmonters would appreciate knowing about for the June newsletter? Please email it to skip.stogsdill@gmail.com by Mon., May 17.