

THE WESTMINSTER FOUR

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER—THE VILLAGES OF WESTMINSTER

Hello, neighbors! I'm glad hurricane Joaquin decided not to spend fall break in our backyards. We're definitely hoping for a quiet storm season. If you notice any hanging limbs or dead trees in the common areas, please let me know (or Berkeley). Around the neighborhood, we completed tree limb work this spring, we've done some electrical work at the pool, the new clubhouse furniture has arrived, and we have a new message board coming soon. The old message board will be taken down and put in the fall dumpster. I continue to receive compliments on the new landscaping company, and we're hoping to be awarded additional grant money for a few new projects. I feel like we have a lot of new residents in the neighborhood, so I want there to be opportunities for people to get to know each other a little better. So far, we have the annual

Fall Festival scheduled, and we're going to try a Halloween party for adults. We'll also do our annual cookie swap. Find dates for community events and meetings on the next page.

Sincerely,

Corinne Picataggi



PARTICIPATION—ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for December 3, at the WJCC library in Toano. I need your help. We have 381 homes in our community. Last year, we had about 35 homeowners present at the meeting, less than 10%. To have a quorum of more than 20%, we need to have at least

77 homes represented in person or by proxy. To get to 77, I was literally texting people as the meeting was starting to ask them to get forms to us. Each home will be mailed a proxy form and official meeting notice. Please drop it off with a neighbor that is attending the

meeting, with Berkeley, or to a board member. Digital forms are acceptable. You can fax, or **take a photo of your signed form and text or email it to me.** I'll print it for the meeting.
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COMMUNITY YARD SALE & DUMPSTER

November 7 is our annual fall yard sale, and November 14 we'll have a dumpster available from 8 am to noon. The swim team is also having a yard sale in the clubhouse. If you'd like to donate items for the team to sell, they'll accept donations on Thursday and Friday. See flyer to right for items accepted.

Donations Sought for
Fall Neighborhood Yard Sale on November 7, 2015
Please consider donating goods to be sold at the Villages of Westminster Yard Sale on Saturday, November 7th. All proceeds go to the neighborhood swim team!

Items may be dropped off at the Clubhouse at the following times:
Thursday, November 5th from 5-7 p.m.
Friday, November 6th from 9 – 11 a.m. OR from 4 - 6 p.m.

- We will accept:
- Housewares and Glassware
 - Holiday Decor
 - Books, Toys, Bikes
 - Kitchenware
 - Useable Small Furniture and Rugs
 - Small Appliances and Electronics in Working Order
 - Tools
 - Jewelry
 - **No Clothes, please!**

For more information: sindley2@cox.net

Come shop at the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 7th from 8 a.m. - noon!



SOCIAL: Check facebook and the website for upcoming social activities: Garden Club, Village socials, Fall Festival!

Visit our website, where you can join an email list: <http://villagesofwestminster.org>

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

I'd like to thank neighbor John Lawson for attending to the trash cans at the clubhouse. Mr. Lawson has volunteered for years, pulling those cans to the curb and returning them each week in the off season. Thank you so much for your time!

WE WANT TO SPOTLIGHT YOU - SEND US YOUR STORY!

Do you have a story you'd like to share with your neighbors?



We'd like to spotlight the achievements, adventures,

service, and announcements of community members. Please send an email to: social@villagesofwestminster.org to share your story.

New board member, Linda Cole, was appointed to fill Naomi Smith's seat. Linda has accepted the role of secretary and will begin at the November meeting.

facebook

Facebook is a quick and easy way for us to share community information. You don't need an account to access the neighborhood page. Just search Villages of Westminster facebook using a search engine.

VDOT & VOW STREETS

VDOT completed their resurfacing on most of our side streets. We've been told that Wellesley, which is actually structured a little differently, will be addressed in the future. They also have plans for Powner Court, which requires more than just resurfacing, according to VDOT. We haven't been given a schedule for either of those, but we'll communicate updates as we get them.

DOCUMENTS

I've posted copies of our governing documents on villagesofwestminster.org for your convenience. I'm working to get copies of all of our meeting minutes posted, too.



IMPORTANT—DUES

HOA dues are an absolute necessity in the Villages. Of all of my years on the board, this year we have the highest delinquency rate that I've seen. As a board, we have to try to collect the money, whether it is through an attorney collection process, a lien on the property, or even a personal warrant in debt. The Villages of Westminster is one of the best deals in town. To maintain that, we have a frugal budget and depend on the income from every home. If you need to get on a payment plan, call Berkeley. Don't fall further behind.

SOMETIMES, IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Let's support each other in times of need. If you know of a neighbor that has suffered an injury, loss, new baby, or other life-changing event that could use some help, please reach out me. With social media and web tools, it is so much easier to coordinate meals and other support. Really, it is this kind of community-building support that got me involved with the HOA. It wasn't the trash cans in front of houses, I promise. - Corinne

No email? Call /txt 757-871-3311 (Corinne, HOA President) with questions or comments.



HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Halloween Party: 10/30, 7:30pm to 11:00pm: For the first time, we will have an adult only Halloween party at the clubhouse on Friday, October 30. The social committee will provide decorations and some refreshments. Please let us know you're coming. If we don't have enough signed up, we may cancel. Find the sign-up link on our website, facebook, or in the body of this email.

Halloween Cream War, 10/31: The third annual cream war for middle and high school students (only) will be at the field after Trick-or-Treating. We will begin at 9:40. It only lasts about ten minutes, so don't be late! The social committee provides some whipped cream, but you can bring your own, too.

MARK CALENDAR

10/30: Halloween Party
10/31: Whipped Cream War (middle & high school only)
11/07: Fall Yard Sale
11/14: Fall Dumpster
11/15: Fall Festival (more details soon!)
11/18: Budget & November Board Meeting
12/03: Annual Meeting
12/07: Holiday Cookie Swap