

Westcliffe Addition Newsletter

Welcome

To all the new families of the Westcliffe addition, welcome to the neighborhood! We are sure you will be happy that you decided to make Westcliffe your home!

2008 HOA Board Members

During the Westcliffe annual meeting held January 15, last year's HOA board presented the accomplishments and fiscal status of our addition. During the meeting, members for this year's HOA Board were elected. Due to the low turnout, we were only able to fill 4 positions. The 2008 Westcliffe HOA Board member contact information is shown below. Please feel free to call, email, or even stop by and share concerns or feedback about what is happening in our addition. Also, there are still a few Board slots that need to be filled. Please contact Patti if you are interested in joining the Board and making a difference in your neighborhood.

Westcliffe Home Owners Association Web Site

The web site is a tool used by the board to post information specific to our neighborhood. Please be sure to check the web site for such things as board meeting dates and times.

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/westcliffehoa/main.html>

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Upcoming Events

With everyone antsy for winter to be over, now is the time that most of us are making plans for the upcoming spring and summer months. The HOA board would like to take this opportunity to share a few things that we would like to do as a neighborhood.

- Addition Garage Sale - Friday April 24 and Saturday 25
With spring time comes spring cleaning. Suggestions for a Westcliffe garage sale have been received, and the Board has decided to sponsor, through advertising, an Addition garage sale. We will take ads out in the various local papers for these dates to help bolster our sales! However, you will be responsible for obtaining your own permit. Please notify a board member if you will be participating.
- Neighborhood Picnic – May 17
As this date approaches we will have more information - probably in the next newsletter.
- Other Events
If you have any suggestions for other events, please contact the Board.

Home Owner Dues

There are still a few houses with outstanding dues. The collection of dues pays for the pool, the park, lawn care, and a variety of other neighborhood related expenses. It is imperative that payment is made in a timely matter. For the few houses with remaining dues, a friendly reminder will be arriving in the mail. Hopefully, further action will not be needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Each year the Board receives questions that can be broken down into two categories: 1) requests to change something about a house or lot, and 2) complaints about someone who did. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the Westcliffe Covenants in the hopes that this will answer some questions before they are asked, and help to avoid some uncomfortable situations.

- Can I add onto my house?
According to Articles 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 7.23, any alterations made to the exterior must be approved by the Building committee. One example requiring Board approval is an enclosed porch. Please contact the Board with any questions and definitely before construction begins.
- Can I have an above ground pool?
Summarized, Article 7.11 states that pools larger than 100 gallon (“kiddie” sized) are prohibited. Spas, however, are permitted.
- Can I leave my RV or Boat in the driveway?
According to Article 7.12, things of this nature may be left temporarily (no more than 24 hours) in the driveway, but must be stored in a completely enclosed garage. There are also additional City Ordinances regarding the parking and storage of recreational and commercial vehicles.
- Can I advertise for a business in my yard?
According to Article 7.14, only a realtor's “For Sale” and “For Rent” signs are allowed. A TruGreen Chemlawn sign, for example, must be taken down.
- Can I install a Satellite dish?
According to Article 7.15, no satellite dish in excess of 30 inches can be installed. This article also states that radio towers are also forbidden. A DirecTV or Dish Networks satellite dish is acceptable.
- Can I install an outbuilding?
According to Article 7.19, the maximum height for any outbuilding is 6.5 ft. tall (from ground to peak) and the maximum square footage is 80 sq. ft. Traditionally, the Board has strictly followed these guidelines.
- Can I install a privacy fence?
According to Article 7.21, if you want to enclose your property you may install a 6 ft. tall stockade fence. Fences of this type are seen throughout the addition.
- What are my responsibilities for the white vinyl fence?
According to Article 7.21, if your property abuts to the white vinyl fencing surrounding the addition, you are responsible for maintaining it. This includes fixing broken panels, trimming grass around it, and ensuring a nice appearance.
- Where can I store my garbage cans?
The Big Blue garbage cans can be stored on the side of your property or in the garage - City Ordinance prohibits them from being stored in the driveway.

Finally, we live in a *neighborhood* consisting of *neighbors*. If you have a problem with your neighbor, talk to them! Unless a covenant has been broken, the Board will not get involved with general neighborly problems.

Neighborhood Streets

Remember that our neighborhood is family friendly, containing quite a few dog walkers, joggers, bikers, and children. With spring and summer quickly approaching there will be more and more activity in our driveways, sidewalks, and streets. When driving through the neighborhood, take extra care to watch your speed – basketballs, dogs, and children have been known to dart into the street. Also, the pool parking lot is not a street. Please do not use it as such!