

What's Up Westmont?

October 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we fast approach our annual meeting, which will be held online via Zoom this year, I thought it appropriate to let all homeowners know that there is an opening on the board beginning in January 2022. The election will be held during our annual meeting on October 19th.

With this in mind, I am attaching the ballot to the newsletter. Please complete the ballot and email it to me (lan.morris@treerange.com) or drop it off at Nancy's front door. To date, we have one candidate, Jan Hodgson.

A message from Jan

I understand there will be an opening on the board of directors of our home's association in the New Year, and I'm responding to the call for volunteers. I've lived in Westmont for 12 years now and appreciate the unique diversity of our neighborhood with people of all ages, stages and ethnicities. I love seeing all our walkers, with and without dogs, making the rounds, as well as seeing all the creative ways people work to keep their homes and yards looking so nice. Beautiful flowers and trees in the springtime and special light displays for the holidays spark a joy in all who see them. And during our Covid lockdown before vaccines, it was fun to see people gathering in driveways throughout our neighborhood. I retired a few years ago and still work as a part-time librarian but have more time to volunteer than in the past. I would be glad to lend my support to our current board members in their thoughtful and careful leadership and have been thinking maybe it's time for me to take a turn to help our community. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. Jan Hodgson

May I also take this opportunity to say that I did not fully appreciate the time it would take up when I volunteered to join the board! However, to date, it has been a pleasure to serve on the board to install decorum and an unbiased opinion (I always strive to achieve this), and I encourage all board members to do so at all times.

I encourage you to vote, and if you wish to join the board, please let us know, and we can add your name to the ballot. If you are interested in serving on the board, the deadline to add your name is October 8th.

Finally, thank everyone for "Keeping Westmont Looking Its Best".

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Aug 2021 financial statements and expenses were submitted to the Board for review. All expenses are in order/within budget. Requests for copies of financials can be sent to Westmont Treasurer, Michelle Van Mill. Delinquent Dues: For the month of Aug there were 4 delinquencies.

L&G DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fall is almost here. As I write this, it's almost time for the Harvest Full Moon. Did you see it?

Fertilizer was put down on Monday September 20th. Just a couple of hours later we had a nice rain. Not a lot but enough. What timing!!

It's a good idea for those of us with oak trees (yes, we have one too) to keep those acorns picked up. Sweep them up from the driveway and bag them. DO NOT PUSH THEM ONTO THE STREET! They will get into the drains and clog them - not to mention the city ordinance about this. Also get as many off your grass as possible as you are able and yes, bag them as well. Leaf bag pick up will resume the first week in October.

That pretty much takes us through October. Shrub pruning and leaf clean up starts later in November. Mark from Precision will be available to do sprinkler blowouts in November. We'll mention that again in the next newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy the cooler weather and all the wonderful changes fall brings. Thanks again for all your efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful! It is indeed a privilege to live here.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Westmont! We have some exciting news! We have decided on an online directory to use. It is called **Directory Spot** (www.directoryspot.net/hoa/). The cost of the program is very reasonable, between \$200 and \$250 annually, depending on the number of contacts, saving the HOA money on printing and postage.

Directory spot provides a protected directory, calendar, email, and notifications among other features. It can be used on your laptop, tablet, and phone (Android and iPhone).

Your information is shared and accessible only by authorized users. You may "opt out" of Directory Spot, but that excludes you from seeing the directory for others. If you are concerned about using this online directory, please consider at least adding your name and email so you can take advantage of the benefits this system provides. More details to follow.

Condolences

Tony Fink passed away on September 12th peacefully at home with his family at his side. Tony has been a long-time neighbor and past Board member. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Mary and family.

Annual Westmont Board Meeting: Please join us on Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30pm via ZOOM.

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

Board member's names, positions and contact information listed below.

***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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