

# What's Up Westmont?



February 2022

*Happy Valentine's Day to our Westmont neighbors!*

February is a month that many people reflect on the value of care and support for people in their lives. Let's spread the love in our community this Valentine's Day. It's a perfect occasion to show some love and kindness to your neighbors. Here are some suggested ways you can show love to someone:

1. Go for a walk with your neighbor
2. Bring a note and some cookies to introduce yourself to a neighbor you haven't yet met
3. Offer to bring garbage / recycling cans up to the house
4. Shovel snow for your neighbors
5. Deliver a potted plant or flowers
6. Wave at neighbors as they drive by
7. Deliver a meal for neighbors who are sick or have had a big life change
8. Share the food; invite a neighbor over for dinner or dessert
9. Engage in polite conversation

## **NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS FIRST MEETING WAS HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2022**

Please find Board members contact information listed at the end of this newsletter

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

We ended 2021 in a good place financially speaking. Westmont has an approximate total of \$172,000 in reserves. Overall in 2021 we stayed within budget and kept delinquencies at a minimum.

The 2021 November & December financials were submitted to the board for review; those were approved during the January monthly meeting. The 2022 budget was also reviewed and approved by the Board. As always, if you would like a copy of Westmont's financials feel free to reach out to me at [michellepie@gmail.com](mailto:michellepie@gmail.com).

## **LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT**

We had our first snowfall in January, but not quite enough to bring in the snow removal crews. Our documents state that Westmont provides snow removal once we have an accumulation of four inches and the snow has stopped falling. We will generally call for removal at an accumulation of three inches. I'm aware that this is sometimes a problem for those whose driveways are on an incline. Should this happen again and it is a serious hardship for you, please contact me and we will try to rally a volunteer crew within the neighborhood if you are unable to take care of it on your own. The other option is to contact Precision at 913-523-5804 or email Mark Huffman: [mark@precisionlawnc.co](mailto:mark@precisionlawnc.co) and hire them at your expense.

This can be a great opportunity to serve your neighbor in need if you are willing and able bodied and handy with a shovel or snow blower. I'm happy to report that several folks did get out there and help clear driveways for some who were not able to clear their space. Way to go neighbors!

### **SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

We will be forming a committee once the weather clears to look at the current fences for damage, and suggest to the Board a long-range plan for repair or replacement. If interested in serving on the committee, contact John Ziegelmeyer at [jjziegir@gmail.com](mailto:jjziegir@gmail.com)

### **REMINDER TO ALL HOMEOWNERS**

**Please Pick Up After Your Pet:** Complaints have been received from residents of Westmont regarding dog waste in their yards. It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute to the beautification of our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Let's face it! – No one really likes looking at trash cans up and down a street:** Your trash bins should only be left out the night before the pickup and put away by Friday night. We want our community to look its very best at all times.

**Here is the OPKS regulation.** Trash containers must be stored within a garage or screened from view. They cannot be visible from the street.

Exterior storage of items- Exterior items must be stored within a fully enclosed structure or screened from view. These items may include but are not limited to: trash containers, barrels, ladders, lawn mowers, gardening equipment, tires and appliances.

### **NEW NEIGHBORS: We are pleased to welcome our new neighbors to Westmont!**

James & Barbara Corson – 8313 West 120<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sritinath Sasi Vijaya & Remya Sritinath – 12007 Hemlock  
Dinora Reyes & Julio Valladares – 8321 West 121<sup>st</sup> Street  
Carolyn Coyne – 8329 West 121<sup>st</sup> Street

**Next Westmont Board Meeting:** Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm – via Zoom video conference.

**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](http://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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