

Westmont News – June 2023

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- **President** – John Ziegelmeyer, 785-550-5127, jjziegjr@gmail.com
- **Vice President** – Larry Tittle, 816-916-8163, jltreno@gmail.com
- **Treasurer** – Blaine Halvorson, 913-219-8081, bhalvorson2369@att.net
- **Secretary** – Jan Hodgson, 913-558-8532, jan.hodgson@gmail.com
- **Lawn & Grounds Director** – Linda Stogsdill, 913-439-7365, lkstogsdill@gmail.com
- **Social Director** – Ray Hawk, 816-714-8444, sterno4520@aol.com
- **Board Member** – Nancy Kocourek, 913-451-4428, butchette442@gmail.com
- **Public Relations Chair** – Carol Barlau, 913-219-8008, carol.barlau23@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

Garage Sale - We had about ten or so neighbors take advantage of the May Garage Sale opportunity and even more contributed to the donation pickup on Monday by City Thrift. Mark your calendars for our Fall Westmont Garage Sale -- September 14-16, 2023.

Tree Inspections & Treatment – The Board has negotiated a special opportunity to have your trees inspected and treated should the treatment be necessary. Ryan Lawn & Tree will treat your trees for a cost of \$125 per tree which is \$25 less than their normal rate of \$150. Check your trees and if they are looking more light green than a healthy green, it may be time to treat your trees. Call Ryan Lawn & Tree at 913-381-1505 for a free estimate and no obligation. Make sure to tell them you are a Westmont resident. Of course, it is always your decision to contact a vendor of your choice for work done on your property. But act quickly as there is an optimal “window” for this type of treatment which is June/July. Remember, the cost to remove a diseased tree will be far greater than treatments. An email blast with more detail went out on Directory Spot on June 19th. Contact Linda Stogsdill or John Ziegelmeyer with questions.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

I am pleased to report we just approved another ARC for 12045 Hemlock St. It is so good to see neighbors continue to maintain their properties.

Here is the address link to the ARC form on our website which can be completed online and downloaded for printing and/or email submittal:

http://ha-kc.org/images/associations/350/Westmont_ARC_2022.pdf

TREASURER'S REPORT – Blaine Halvorson

The April 2023 financials were submitted to the Board for review and approved during the 15 May 2023 Board meeting. As noted last month, we have one homeowner delinquent on dues. Having failed to respond to reminders sent them, this account has been referred to the HA-KC for delinquency related actions.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – Linda Stogsdill

Perimeter & Island Landscape Committee Report – Jan Hodgson and Nancy Kocourek recently completed a walkabout with Mark Huffman of Precision Lawn Care in which they surveyed the perimeter and island landscaping. They shared some of their findings at the May 15th board meeting with the homeowners in attendance and the report is posted on our website in the “Communications” folder for anyone who is interested at the following link: <http://ha-kc.org/index.php/communications>

June Lawn Activity – Mowing will continue to be done on Thursdays. Towards the beginning of June, Precision will trim bushes in the common area and apply insecticide as needed. They may also trim bushes in our front yards as needed. Around the middle of the month, fertilizer and grub control will be applied. I will give you advance notice by way of email and info box inserts. Until then, here are some reminders of our responsibilities as it relates to our lawns and trees:

Landscape:

- All flower beds in front, side and back yards should be weeded regularly.
- Evergreens should not block your house number. OVP Police and Fire depts. request this.
- Stone borders around trees and flower beds should be checked regularly to ensure nothing falls into the mowers path.
- Chipmunks love to burrow, so make sure to check for soil erosion around driveways and sidewalks.

Lawn Condition:

- Front and side lawns should be seeded, or sod placed for any bare areas. Watering is needed to maintain the lawns, especially in the summer.
- Rake up acorns from your lawn throughout the season as they are acidic and can damage your lawn.
- Precision is not obligated to mow where there is dog poop, so be sure to keep that picked up.

Trees:

- The trees on your property are your responsibility. They need thinning and the canopy raised when necessary. Any dead branches should be removed before a strong wind gust makes them dangerous.
- Trees need to be trimmed away from a neighbor's fence. And, if your tree is next to the Westmont Vinyl Fence, its canopy should be at least 8' tall so as not to damage the fence and to give room for the lawn company to mow.
- Additionally, the lawn company is not required to be ducking below low hanging branches to mow in our yards. It is our responsibility to keep them trimmed.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Ray and the social committee have a special event for you on June 3rd, 2023. It is the Westmont Neighborhood Meet & Greet Walkabout. An email blast went out via Directory Spot on May 21st with the specifics. Look for additional information posted in the info boxes near the mailboxes. Please join the fun and meet your neighbors! Contact Ray or the social committee volunteers, Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, John Rudzinski, and Carol Barlau for additional information.

Westmont "New Neighbors"

Welcome to our new neighbors. We are so glad you chose Westmont!

- Kourtney Puckett – 11934 Mackey
- Phillip Scott – 12043 Hemlock
- Kimberly Stephens – 11921 Mackey

Westmont "Happy Hour"

There is a "happy hour" planned for Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, at Pinstripes Restaurant at 135th & Nall in the outdoor covered patio from 4pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, call 913-498-1617.

WESTMONT BOARD MEETING

The monthly meetings of the Board are held on the **third Mondays of the month** beginning at 6:30pm at St Thomas Episcopal Church (12251 Antioch Road), in the Assembly Room. **No Board meeting in June 2023.**