

Westmont News – July 2023

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

- **President** – John Ziegelmeyer, 785-550-5127, jjziegjr@gmail.com
- **Vice President** – Larry Tittle, 816-916-8163, jltreno@gmail.com
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- **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

Happy Summer! It's the season of sunshine, picnics, county fairs, and outdoor events and activities. It is the perfect time to cherish the beauty of our neighborhood. As we navigate through these warm months, let's be mindful of one another's well-being. Stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and be considerate of those who may need a helping hand during the sweltering heat. Here's to a fantastic summer filled with joy, laughter, and a strong sense of community.

Tree Inspections & Treatment – Several homeowners have already taken advantage of the 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. Contact Linda Stogsdill or John Ziegelmeyer with questions.

Directory Spot Notifications - Reminder, if you want to receive email updates and notices regarding the lawn and grounds activities and general Westmont HOA news, your email must be in Directory Spot. You can send your information to: westmonthelp@gmail.com.

Emails sent from Directory Spot will have an indicator showing they are from Directory Spot. These emails are the only approved communications from the Westmont Board. If you receive any other emails from Westmont residents that you do not know and do not want to receive, feel free to reply to them with a "Please remove me from your distribution list."

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

No new ARC forms were received.

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 May 2023 financials were submitted to the Board for review. May expenses were in order as budgeted. I am happy to report no homeowners have past due balances.

I would like to remind all our homeowners that the HA-KC offers an automated bank draft service to simplify your monthly dues process. So, if you are tired of writing checks, buying stamps, and making trips to the post office, consider Westmont's AutoPay program for your monthly HOA dues. Through this program, monthly payments will be automatically deducted from your bank account every month. Just complete and return an authorization form with your account information to Homes Association of Kansas City. It's that easy. If you have questions or wish to receive an AutoPay authorization form, please contact Doug Luther at Homes Associations of Kansas City at (913) 385-2240 or dluther@ha-kc.org.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – Linda Stogsdill

It's looking like we might be in for a very hot summer - but we have been here before. Please take care of yourself, look out for your pets, and check on the welfare of your neighbors.

July Lawn Activity - Precision will skip mowing the first week of July which falls on Thursday, July 6th.

Mid-July, Precision will trim shrubs and bushes at the front of each house. We will let you know via email and mailbox posts a couple of days ahead of time so that you can tag any bushes or shrubs you do not want them to touch. Feel free to put up a sign indicating you do not want your bushes and shrubs trimmed. To be safe, you might begin tagging those bushes any time after July 10th.

Additionally, please remember not to water your grass on Thursday mornings when Precision is scheduled to mow. Feel free to resume watering right after your grass is cut. Also remember to open/unlock your backyard gate if you want that part of your yard mowed.

Pick Up After Your Pets - Carrying poop bags and diligently picking up after your dog(s) during walks demonstrates commitment to being a responsible pet owner. Additionally, it fosters a positive image of dog owners, contributes to the overall well-being and harmony of the neighborhood, and helps create a cleaner and more pleasant environment for everyone to enjoy. Please be a responsible pet owner.

Additional Lawn & Grounds Contact for July and August - For the months of July and August, please contact Larry Tittle with any concerns about yard care as I will be unavailable but reachable by phone if necessary.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Thank you to all who participated the Westmont Neighborhood Meet & Greet Walkabout on Saturday, June 3rd. We had a great turnout in which more than sixty-five neighbors engaged in a casual stroll through the neighborhood to meet, greet, socialize, and help build a stronger sense of community in our neighborhood.

During the walkabout, neighbors engaged in light-hearted conversations, shared stories, exchanged contact information, and discovered common interests. It promoted a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, strengthening the bonds among neighbors, and creating a supportive network. Events like this are important as they enhance the community spirit and encourage a safer and more cohesive neighborhood, where neighbors look out for one another and build lasting relationships.

Ray and the social committee volunteers, Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, John Rudzinski, and Carol Barlau plan to schedule additional events, so get ready to have some more fun with your neighbors!

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.

The meetings are open to all homeowners who wish to attend. If you have a specific question or topic, please submit it to the president in advance of the meeting. Printed copies of the agenda will be available at the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17th.