

Westmont News – September 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
- **Treasurer** – Blaine Halvorson, 913-219-8081, bhalvorson2369@att.net
- **Secretary** – Sharon Kralicek, 913-424-4287, skkralicek44@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 (Newsletter)** – Carol Barlau, 913-219-8008, carol.barlau23@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

Open Board Positions – Three board positions will be available beginning January 2024. Candidates are elected for a 3-year term. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to serve on the Westmont Board and making a positive impact in our community. If interested, submit your name and a brief paragraph about yourself to Carol Barlau by Monday, September 18th. Include information such as: name, address, background, a little about your family, how long you have lived in Westmont, why you want to serve on the board, etc. This information will be included, along with a ballot, in the October mailing of the dues statement and newsletter. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 17th. Contact John Ziegelmeyer or Carol Barlau with questions.

Board Secretary – Sharon Kralicek has been appointed to fill the vacant Secretary's position.

Condolences – Bruno Harper, 74, passed away unexpectedly in his home on August 4th. Bruno has been a long-time resident and neighbor who took great pride in his lawn and landscape. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Vickie and family.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

ARC Forms – We had two new ARC forms submitted in August. One was for a new roof and is already completed. Another was just received and focuses on repair and replacement contracting work to be done in September.

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 July financial statements were reviewed with the Board and July revenues and expenses were in order.

This month we had two homeowners who have fallen behind in the monthly dues. Both homeowners have been contacted to remind them of their obligation to ensure the timely receipt of their payments, and any associated late penalty and interest fees.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – Larry Tittle for Linda Stogsdill

Landscaping Committee - We have a landscaping committee working on ideas to replace some of our plantings that are dead and need to be removed. We are in hopes to at least remove the dead plants with the help of volunteers in September.

It's Been Hot Outside - We have had record heat days this past month. Our lawns and plants need some help to survive. Watering is much needed during these times. With September right at the doorstep, consider your lawn's needs for the Fall. The HOA does not provide renovation for lawns; this is the homeowner's

responsibility. September is the perfect time for spot seeding or over-seeding. A little black dirt, some grass seed, and water would go a long way to adding to the curb appeal of your property.

Welcome back Linda – As of September 1, resume contacting Linda Stogsdill with any concerns about lawn care.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Fall Garage Sale – Our Fall Garage Sale is upon us - September 14-16. City Union Mission will come by the following Monday morning (9/18) between 8am and Noon and pick up any items you have left and would like to donate.

Good Neighbor Day – Thursday, September 28th – The idea of Good Neighbor Day dates back to the early 1970's when President Jimmy Carter proclaimed it a day to recognize and promote acts of kindness and cooperation among neighbors. It is a wonderful opportunity to foster a sense of community and togetherness in neighborhoods.

So how can I participate? Glad you asked. Here are some suggestions to celebrate this day with your neighbors:

- Random acts of kindness such as leaving positive notes, or small gifts.
- Send a card.
- Bring over a home-cooked meal or invite them over for a BBQ.
- Offer a small gift like homemade cookies or flowers or produce from your garden.
- Offer your time or talents such as collecting mail while they are on vacation, offering to watch or walk their pet, or helping with some minor home repairs.

Please participate in Good Neighbor Day on Thursday, September 28th and help make it meaningful and enjoyable for all.

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!

THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau

The Good Neighbor Mindset – In keeping with our “good neighbor” theme, here are some additional thoughts taken from the Good Neighbor Day website. Good neighbors make great neighborhoods! Establish the mindset of a good neighbor with these five pillars for building great neighborhoods:

1. **Connection.** Introduce yourself and connect with others in your neighborhood. It simply starts by saying “hello.”
2. **Invitation.** Invite neighbors to join you for a meal, a beverage on your patio, or some other fun activity.
3. **Celebration.** When it comes to birthdays, anniversaries, or milestone moments in the lives of others, cheer them on and don't miss out on congratulating them.
4. **Awareness.** Keep your eyes and ears open. Stay attentive to the safety and security of the people and homes nearby. We are safer and stronger together.
5. **Availability.** Availability is the highest benefit of good neighbors who genuinely care and look out for one another. When needed, show up to help and support others living around you.

Sobela Ocean Aquarium – The Kansas City Zoo will open its new 650,000-gallon aquarium on September 1st which will house over 8,000 animals in thirty-four new habitats. The aquarium is designed to tell the story of ocean currents that connect animals worldwide.

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 next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18th.