

Westmont News – October 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

Westmont Annual Meeting – The Westmont Annual Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30PM at the Parish Hall 1 at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS 66213**. During the business meeting, Board members will give their annual reports and we will collect ballots for new Board members. There will be a question/answer period and open floor discussion before the meeting adjourns. The election results will be communicated the following day via email through Directory Spot. We encourage all homeowners to attend our annual meeting. It's always a pleasure to catch-up with friends, meet new neighbors, and be an active participant in your Westmont neighborhood. Together we can shape the future of Westmont.

Westmont Board Voting – Please make sure you vote for your candidates for the Westmont Board. We have three (3) Board openings for 3-year terms (2024-2026). A ballot is enclosed with your October dues and newsletter mailing. Bring your completed ballot to the Westmont Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. If you cannot attend the annual meeting, you can vote absentee by dropping your completed ballot in the ballot box located outside on the front porch of address **12038 Mackey by Tuesday, October 17th**.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

ARC Forms – We had one new ARC form submitted and approved for a new fence at 12037 Mackey St. Please continue with your property improvements as they help lift the value of the community for all.

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 August financial statements were reviewed with the Board and August 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 – Linda Stogsdill

Fall Is Here – Now that we're into fall, the whole flavor of Lawn & Grounds changes. It's good to see folks sprucing up their yards. Many have seeded and the recent rains and cooler weather are making things look much better. Fall is also the perfect time of year to have your trees trimmed of dead branches.

Schedule for October – There will be no special treatments in October other than weekly mowing. This month we will complete the restoration of our median at the Antioch entrance with three new trees to replace the ones that were damaged by the storm.

Only Rain Down The Drain – An article from the Johnson County Magazine reminds us that we need to be careful about what we are putting down the storm drains: 1) Do not rake leaves or acorns into the streets, 2) Clean up after pets. Pet waste left in the grass washes into the storm drains and harmful bacteria in pet waste can contaminate the water. More than 70 miles of creeks, streams, and rivers flow through Overland Park. You can prevent stormwater pollution by following essential sustainability best practices around your home.

Acorns - Try to keep them swept and picked up off your driveway and sidewalks as they will stain it and could become a slipping hazard. Do not sweep them into the street as this is an Overland Park “No No.” Collect yard waste in paper yard waste bags and have your trash hauler remove it or take it to a compost facility. And finally, rake them off your lawns as they are very acidic and will smother your grass.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Fall Garage Sale – There were about 13 homeowners that took advantage of our Fall Garage Sale and had fairly good results. A number of homeowners also took advantage of The City Union Mission pick up the following Monday morning for donation items.

Happy Hour – Watch your email and mailbox flyers for an upcoming Fall happy hour.

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

New Neighbors – Welcome to our new neighbors. We are happy you chose Westmont!

- 12102 Hemlock – Michael Portnoy & Glenda Chance
- 8320 West 121st Street – Edwin & Lorie Land

Blessing of Animals – On Sunday, October 1st at 4:00PM, bring your four-legged friends to the lawn of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS 66213 for a brief prayer service and individual blessing, plus a medal for your pet(s). Animals of all faith, denominations, breeds, and sizes are welcome.

Recycling Extravaganza – Bring your gently used clothing, toys, bikes, furniture and more to Black and Veatch, 11401 Lamar, Overland Park, KS from 8AM to 2PM on Saturday, October 14. Most items are free to recycle, but there are fees for document shredding and television recycling. Visit opkansas.org/recycling to see a full list of everything that is accepted.

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, October 16th.