



Neighborhood News

March 2023

President's Report – John Ziegelmeier

Spring is finally starting to show up for us. It's exciting to see people outside and working on their yards, homes, etc. It seems like it has been a long time.

Please remember that we hold our monthly Board Meetings at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the 3rd Monday of every month. All residents are invited and for the time being we are still providing a Zoom link for attendance from home. Meeting invitations will be sent to all homeowners listed in Directory Spot about a week before each meeting.

Speaking of Directory Spot, please remember that in order to receive updates on grounds, snow (hopefully not), and other neighborhood news, you must have your email listed in the system. Directory Spot is the only approved communication system that we use in Westmont to share timely messages by email. If you are not getting our emails, please send your email address to westmonthelp@gmail.com to have it added to Directory Spot.

We are working on several positive things for the neighborhood. One possibility would be to obtain discounted services that some may need during the year, such as oak tree treatments, tree trimming, curb number painting (so your address can be seen at night for emergencies), power washing, etc., by seeing if we can schedule the work to be done at the same time. The homeowner would still be responsible for payment, and contractor selection, but the provider would allow a discount for the volume. Other HOA's have been successful with this type of arrangement, and we are looking into it. Look for more information to come. Enjoy the beginning of Spring!

Vice President's Report – Larry Tittle

Please remember to submit your ARC forms to me prior to scheduling any work. Here's a link to the form on our website which you can complete online:

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

Treasurer's Report – Blaine Halvorson

January financials were presented to the Board for review and approval at the February meeting. Sadly, this month we had six properties with past dues balances for January. Of the six, four were one month in arrears. I have contacted the remaining two homeowners and will continue to work with them and HA-KC to bring them current.

As a reminder to all homeowners, if you are having DIFFICULTY PAYING YOUR DUES, I encourage you to contact me to discuss your circumstances so we can work together to resolve the issue. Additionally, homeowners are encouraged to utilize the online payment service provided by HA-KC. You'll find a secure link on the homepage of our website: <http://ha-kc.org/index.php/component/content/category/40-westmont>



As is our mission, I join all board members in seeking opportunities to reduce our operating costs wherever possible.

Secretary's Report – Jan Hodgson

The January minutes were approved at the February 20th Board meeting and have been posted on our website, as is our routine practice. Please let me know if you ever have any comments or questions.

Lawn & Garden Report – Linda Stogsdill

It's beginning to look like spring. As I write this, the lawn crew is busy cleaning the leaves and some debris from our yards. Grass is even beginning to green. It's hard to imagine we still have at least a month of snow possibility. That's early spring in Overland Park.

In working with Mark these past two years, the board has become aware that there will come a time when some plantings need to be removed and/or replaced. Trees become damaged by disease beyond repair treatments and plantings outlive their natural lifespan. In anticipation, we are launching an effort to work with Mark on a replacement policy that favors native plants. Their natural beauty will not only bring greater sustainability to our landscaping but would require less water, trimming, and pest control which could also result in savings for the community. Three board members, Jan, Nancy, and Larry have volunteered to work with Mark to develop a plan and we would welcome other interested volunteers, particularly if we have any master gardeners among us who would like to share their expertise. Please let me know if you are interested.

Social Report – Ray Hawk

Looking for a person or persons to help develop Westmont social events. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ray. Or if you are ready to help, call 816 714 8444.

Feral Cat Update

Hailey Stepanek, our volunteer cat wrangler, is back in the neighborhood at the end of February as we go to press and trapping more feral cats to take advantage of another Great Plains SPCA clinic that will treat feral cats at a discount. She trapped 11 kitties during the first round and hopes to catch more. If you can help fund this effort that benefits all in Westmont, please consider donating at: <https://www.greatplainssPCA.org/> and contact Hailey at haileystepanek@gmail.com so she can claim your donation for this project.

Westmont Welcomes New Neighbors

Robert Deresher – 8300 W 119th Terrace

Kamlesh Dang – 8422 W. 119th Terrace

Homeowner Tips

Our neighborhood is only as good as the roof-mates working together with each other and their neighbors. Now is a good time to walk around your property, inspect the condition, and note any changes after the cold winter months. If you have any concerns about a neighbor's property, respectfully share your concerns with them.

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