

What's Up Westmont?

October 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Westmont Community,

We will be holding our annual general meeting on Monday, the 17th of October, 2022 at the St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, start time 6:30 pm. The board agreed to hold this year's meeting both in person and online to allow those who feel comfortable attending in person to do so and for those who don't, to log into the meeting online. No doubt there may be some hiccups in the evening to accomplish this hybrid meeting, so we thank you for your patience in advance.

We have had some difficult situations come before the board during my 3-year term as president and while we didn't always agree on every issue, we have worked incredibly hard to ensure that we addressed neighborhood concerns without bias and strived to reach an outcome based on the facts for the good for all concerned. I would like to thank all the board members with whom I have had the pleasure to work. As we prepare to elect new board members, I hope the board will continue in the same vein, ensuring we look after all Westmont residents.

Please read the directions on the enclosed ballot and vote for any combination of three (3) candidates, either those who have volunteered or any candidates you would like to write in, including yourself. With that in mind, if you cannot attend the meeting in person or online, I would like to encourage you to complete the ballot and either email it to Jan or drop it in the ballot box at her home.

For those of you choosing to attend the annual meeting virtually, here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975069291?pwd=SG1jdEM5cG1vTUxGbzhRUXJlVXpMQT09>

Meeting ID: **899 7506 9291**

Passcode: **568440**

Finally, thanks to everyone for all you do to keep Westmont looking its best.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CONTINUING TO MAKE WESTMONT LOOK ITS BEST AND ADD VALUE TO YOUR PROPERTY

With fall approaching it is a good time for fall maintenance of your yard which is the responsibility of homeowners. The following is a list of some property maintenance:

- Add top soil to level out low spots in the yard which will help with mowing your yard
- Aerating and overseeding
- Dethatch yard
- Weed and clean up landscaping
- Thin, trim and raise canopy on trees to keep them healthy & give lawn sun to grow
- Water lawn & trees during dry winter months with the use of a yard hose (see the following link from K-State Research Extension recommendation)

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/2022/01/horticulture-water-winter-gardens.html>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gas Line Flags : As you know, Northern Pipeline crews are moving around our neighborhood repairing our gas lines and those bouquets of colorful little flags that sprang up in most of our yards are keeping them from hitting any utility lines in the process. They have been a big help, but NPL didn't put them in and they don't take them out when they move to the next house. But we can!! It just takes a minute. When work is completed at your house, please pull those little flags and it will make it easier for Precision to mow and it will return our landscapes to the uninterrupted green vistas we're used to as we scan the neighborhood. Or browning vistas now with the turn of the seasons! Thanks for your help on this and all the things you do to keep Westmont beautiful.

LAWN AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It's autumn already. Where did the time go? Once again our oak trees are blessing us with acorns - everywhere. As you are able, please keep those picked up off your driveways and sidewalks and especially your lawns. Sweep them up and bag them if you can. Fall is also the time the leaves come down. It is tempting to push or blow them onto the street but that is a big **NO NO!** City ordinance prohibits this as that clogs the drains. Each household is allowed to put six bags out each week for pickup on trash day. Precision will do leaf cleanup twice: once in November and again in December. Stay tuned.

Precision will also be available for sprinkler blowouts starting sometime in October. We will have a signup link for you around mid-month.

Thanks to all for keeping our neighborhood such a great place to live.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The August financials were submitted to the board for review and were approved during the September monthly board meeting. August expenses were in order as expected/budgeted for. There are 3 properties that have a past due balance for dues. Between now and the end of the year the Board will be working on and having discussions regarding the 2023 budget. If you have any questions or would like a copy of Westmont's financials feel free to reach out to me at michellepie@gmail.com. Thanks!

NEXT WESTMONT BOARD MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM AT 6:30PM ON October 17th 2022. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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

Do you have a Westmont suggestion or concern you want to share? Your feedback is important.

Contact a Board member between 8am-5pm with your suggestions or comments.

- ▶ **President** - Ian Morris, 913-575-5703, ian.morris@treerange.com
- ▶ **Vice President** – Nancy Kocourek, 913-451-4428, butchette442@gmail.com
- ▶ **Secretary** - Jan Hodgson, 913-558-8532, jan.hodgson@gmail.com
- ▶ **Treasurer** – Michelle Van Mill, 913-553-1203, michellepie@gmail.com
- ▶ **Lawn & Grounds Director** – Linda Stogsdill, 913-439-7365, lkstogsdill@gmail.com
- ▶ **Social Director** – John Ziegelmeier, 785-550-5127, jziegjr@gmail.com
- ▶ **Newsletter Editor** – Sam Harpalani, 913-205-4306, sharpalani725@hotmail.com

“When one neighbor helps another, we strengthen our communities”- Jennifer Pahlka