

WESTMONT HOA NEWSLETTER - February 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeier

2023 has begun and we wish all of you an incredibly happy new year. And with the new year comes a new Board of Directors. We want to thank the Board members that are retiring for their hard work and welcome the new ones. The Board wants to do various projects in 2023 to be able to make Westmont even better. More to follow as the year progresses.

At the January 16th Board meeting, Three new board members were welcomed to the Westmont Homeowners Board. Board positions assigned at the meeting:

President – John Ziegelmeier
Vice President – Larry Tittle
Secretary – Jan Hodgson
Treasurer – Blaine Halvorson
Lawn and Grounds Director – Linda Stogsdill
Social Director – Ray Hawk
Nancy Kocourek - Director

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

Spring will be here before we know it so for those of you planning a spring project don't forget to get an ARC form submitted. Form is available on the Website.

<http://ha-kc.org/index.php/component/content/category/40-westmont>

TREASURER'S REPORT – Blaine Halvorson

As presented by outgoing Treasurer, Michelle Van Mill, the December financials were submitted to the Board for review, which were approved during the January monthly board meeting. January expenses were in to be order with all expenditures in line as expected and budgeted for.

I personally would like to thank Michele for her strong financial oversight and a job well done during her time on as the Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jan Hodgson

Those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting this past October may remember there were a lot of questions and comments about the perimeter fence. In the wake of that meeting, it was clear that fence concerns dominated homeowners' thoughts and the board designed a survey to get a better picture of neighborhood preferences. Thank you to the 56 homeowners who took the time to complete and return the survey throughout the month of November. I shared the results and all your thoughtful comments anonymously with outgoing and incoming board members in early December. About 34% of our homeowners participated and 44 of the 56 individuals polled favored keeping some kind of fence around the perimeter of Westmont while 10 homeowners opposed it. On the issue of raising dues in order to accumulate funds to pay for a replacement fence at some time in the future, 32 surveys said "yes," 2 said "maybe," and 21 said "no." More than twice as many neighbors who don't have the perimeter fence in their backyards (39) weighed in compared to 17 of the 41 homeowners with the perimeter fence running through their backyards. While the survey results are not binding and only represent a small sampling of opinions in our neighborhood, all the feedback should serve as valuable information for decision-making for board members now and in the future. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Additionally, the November minutes were approved at the January board meeting and have been posted on the Westmont website. Traditionally, no meetings are scheduled in December to allow everyone to focus on family and holidays. The minutes from the January 16th meeting will be approved at the February board meeting and will be posted shortly afterwards.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – Linda Stogsdill

As I write this, we have entered the second half of January. All is mostly quiet in Lawn & Grounds except for some folks who are cleaning up leaves that have blown onto their property or have come down off those stubborn oaks since the last leaf clean up in December. By the way, for January and February you must call Waste Management at 800-964-8988 or go online to: wm.com to request pickup of your yard waste bags. Normal pickup will resume in March.

Please keep in mind there will be one more yard/leaf cleanup before mowing starts. It may take place in March, depending on what happens with snowfall. All of these events are; when weather permits and sometimes when the weather dictates.

Precision tells us that now is a good time to take care of any landscape/hardscape needs or tree trimming needs. Now is a good time to see broken limbs, thin out the canopy etc. Pests and beetles that might infect the tree are not around right now to infect the new cuts on the tree. You can use whatever service you choose.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Garage Sale Dates:

May 4-6, 2023 & September 14-16, 2023

DIRECTORY SPOT - In order to get notifications of events in the HOA it necessary to have your email in Directory Spot. If you want those, please send your email to westmonthelp@gmail.com

WESTMONT NEWS

Did you know, we have a published author living among us? Our very own, Bonnie Rudzinski recently published children's book and we are so excited for her that we wanted to share a brief note from Bonnie. "Hi neighbors! I am excited to share with you the news regarding the completion of my first children's storybook, "The Great Birthday Surprise" which is now listed on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as an eBook and Paperback! It is a project I started during the COVID-19 pandemic to pass the time in a creative way. Our family memory of a real-life event inspired this storyline. It is a fun book to share with your children, grandchildren, and friends; so, check out the online reviews and pass this information on to those who are looking for an enjoyable book or inexpensive gift. Please remember to also leave your reviews."

NEXT WESTMONT BOARD MEETING

The monthly meetings of the Board will be held Beginning at 6:30pm on the third Mondays of the month at St Thomas Episcopal Church (12251 Antioch Road), in Parish Room #1. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. The room is large, masks are optional and there is room to socially distance. We are also working on setting up a Zoom connection and we will advise you as that develops. The next meeting is Monday, February 20th.

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 9am-4pm with your suggestions or comments.

President – John Ziegelmeyer, 785-843-4265, jziegir@gmail.com

Vice President – Larry Tittle, 816-916-8163, jltreno@gmail.com

Secretary – Jan Hodgson, 913-558-8532, jan.hodgson@gmail.com

Treasurer – Blaine Halvorson, 913-219-8081, bhalvorson2369@att.net

Lawn & Grounds Director – Linda Stogsdill, 913-439-7365, lkstogsdill@gmail.com

Social Director – Ray Hawk, 816-714-8444, sterno4520@aol.com

Director - Nancy Kocourek, 913-451-4428, butchette442@gmail.com