

# Westmont News – December 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

## Happy Holidays!

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

**Contractors** – As a part of being on the Board, we receive numerous requests from homeowners asking for information regarding dependable contractors to do work. Have you had a good experience with a contractor you have used? If so, tell us about it so we can share it with other HOA members. Send a summary of your experience to Carol Barlau at email address "[carol.barlau23@gmail.com](mailto:carol.barlau23@gmail.com)" as she will be compiling a list for us. This is not intended to be a recommendation, but just overall experience sharing. As always, the selection of a contractor is up to the homeowner.

**Happy Holidays** - On behalf of the Westmont Board, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments. May the upcoming year bring you prosperity, good health, and continued happiness. Happy Holidays!

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank all those that have helped me get through my first year on the Board. Until I experienced it first-hand, I did not realize how much more there was to the job than going to a meeting once a month. I would also like to express my appreciation for the current Board members and for Linda and Nancy who are finishing their three-year terms.

I would also like to welcome the new Board members who have agreed to volunteer to serve starting in January. I am looking forward to the new year and collaborating with them to help resolve some areas needing improvements. With the help of the Board and great neighbors, we can strive to reach agreements to improve our wonderful neighborhood of Westmont.

Thanks to everyone continuing to make home improvements. 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](http://ha-kc.org/images/associations/350/Westmont_ARC_2022.pdf)

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Blaine Halvorson

The October financial statements have been reviewed and our October revenues and expenses are in order.

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

I would like to remind all our homeowners that the HA-KC offers an automated bank draft service to simplify your monthly dues process. So, if you are tired of writing checks, buying stamps, and making trips to the post office, consider Westmont's AutoPay program for your monthly HOA dues. Through this program, monthly payments will be automatically deducted from your bank account every month. Just complete and return an authorization form with your account information to Homes Association of Kansas City. It's that easy.

If you have questions or wish to receive an AutoPay authorization form, please contact Doug Luther at Homes Associations of Kansas City at (913) 385-2240 or dluther@ha-kc.org.

### **LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – Linda Stogsdill**

**Lawn and Ground Activities for December** – During the first half of December, Precision will perform final leaf cleanup and then an application of winterizer fertilizer the week of December 18th, weather permitting. Winterizer contains high levels of nitrogen and helps the roots of the grass absorb and store nutrients. The roots continue to grow until the ground eventually freezes. These nutrients are stored and ready to go, so when spring comes around, your lawn hits the ground running. Specific dates will be communicated via Directory Spot and Mailbox Flyers.

### **SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk**

**Social Clubs** – At the annual meeting, there were several people who showed an interest in participating in a monthly social club based on a favorite hobby. This included book club, cards, gardening, etc. If you would like to organize a monthly social club, contact Ray or one of the social committee volunteers and we will help you get started and get the word out.

**Social Committee** - 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! If you have any suggestions for social events, please let them know.

### **THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau**

Here are some local holiday events to take in this holiday season:

- **Holiday Lights on Farmstead Lane, 13800 Switzer, Overland Park, KS** – Nov 23 – Dec 31, 5pm to 10pm. Tune your radio to 90.5 Rose FM to hear your favorite holiday songs and movie music as you watch the spectacular show dance across the barn and front entranceway of the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead from the comfort of your vehicle. Free.
- **Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS**
  - **Luminary Walk** – Nov 24 – Dec 16 – Fridays & Saturdays, and one Thursday, Dec 7, 5pm to 8pm, Reservations required. \$15 per person, 5 years and younger are free.
  - **Electric Glow** – Nov 28 – Dec 20 – Tuesdays & Wednesdays only, 4:30pm to 7pm. Enjoy a limited and less crowded option. Reservations required. \$10 per person, 5 years and younger are free.
  - **Candlelight Stroll (Adults Only)** – Thursday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 8pm. Enjoy a quieter Luminary Walk experience. Reservations required. \$16 per person.

### **WESTMONT BOARD MEETING**

The monthly meetings of the Board are held on the **third Monday 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, December 18<sup>th</sup>.