

Westmont News – April 2024

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- **Secretary** – Carol Searcy, 913-908-7009, carol@mlcfinance.com
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- **Social Director** – Ray Hawk, 816-714-8444, sterno4520@aol.com
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- **Public Relations Chair (Newsletter)** – Carol Barlau, 913-219-8008, carol.barlau23@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

Westmont Garage Sale – The Spring garage sale will occur **Thursday, April 11 through Saturday, April 13**. You can participate any day or any time you desire. Our neighboring HOA's (Stonehaven and Lexington) will also have garage sales during this time, so hopefully we will have a lot of shoppers and buyers.

On **Monday, April 15, between 8am and 12 noon**, City Thrift will be in the neighborhood to pick up any items from the sale you wish to donate. Please have items at the curb or bottom of your driveway (not at the garage doors), boxed or bagged and labeled "City Thrift". Please do not put out items before Monday morning. For any items too large to move to the curb, you can call 816-222-5081 to schedule a pick-up. Please visit the website to see what items are acceptable for donation: <https://www.citythrift.org/donate/>

Mark your calendars for the **Fall Garage Sale on September 12-14, 2024**.

Directory Spot Notifications – Remember, if you want to receive timely email updates and notices regarding the lawn and grounds activities and general Westmont HOA news, your email must be in Directory Spot. Send your information (name, address, phone, email) to: westmonthelp@gmail.com and be added to the notification system.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

Light Up Westmont – In the March newsletter we talked about LED Dusk to Dawn light bulbs to help light up Westmont's neighborhood. We purchased a sampling of bulbs to have some neighbors install them and see how they perform. We will be purchasing more this month to give additional neighbors wanting to install the bulbs the opportunity. Please contact me or another Board member if you are interested.

Driveway Repair or Replacement – I have been made aware of many driveways in need of replacement or repair. We've had some companies in the past years that homeowners have been happy with. We'll try to follow up with homeowners and get some recommendations.

Maintenance Projects – Now is the time to get those ARC forms approved for Spring/Summer projects or maintenance. 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 February financial statements were reviewed with the Board and revenues and expenses were in order.

This month two homeowners were more than two months in arrears on their dues and continue to carry forward late fees and penalties. Letters have been prepared and sent to both, reminding them their monthly dues, late fees and interest are due no later than the 20th of the month.

As a reminder to all homeowners, the HA-KC offers an automated banking service to simplify your monthly dues process. Through the Westmont AutoPay program, monthly payments are automatically deducted from your bank account each month. No more stamps, no more checks and no more strings on your finger to remind you. If you are interested in this great program, please contact Doug Luther at the Homes Associated of Kansas City at (913) 385-2440 or by email to dluther@ha-kc.org

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – John Rudzinski

Precision Lawn Activities for April – Precision Lawn had planned to start mowing on Thursday, April 4th, however, due to the early spring, we may have the first mow on March 28th, weather permitting. Round two fertilizer and crabgrass/broadleaf weed control will also be applied in April. A directory spot email notification will be sent out a few days prior to the activity taking place.

As a reminder, your Westmont HOA dues pay for basic lawn care as opposed to custom. It does not include seeding or sodding or your lawn. If you do not want your lawn mowed/trimmed or chemicals applied, please indicate with a yard sign. Put the sign out a day or two before the activity and take it down afterwards. Please do not leave the sign up as a permanent fixture on your lawn.

Other Lawn Reminders – 1) Check your lawn to see if any straw mats or plastic netting is visible and remove them as they are dangerous for the mowers. These may have come with new sod or seeding by the Gas Company a year or two ago; 2) Check the trees in your yard to ensure there is an 8-foot canopy as the mowers need to drive under the trees to mow. Also, make sure your trees are clear of your neighbor's fence and the perimeter fence; 3) If you would like your back yard mowed and you have a fence be sure to unlock the gate and make sure you have picked up after your dog; 4) Per the City of OP, maintenance of the street trees and lawn in the right of way or boulevard is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Spring Happy Hour – A Spring Happy Hour is being planned for the latter half of April. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier! More information to come via Directory Spot.

Social Events – The social committee and I are planning some other events for this year. Currently in the works are a Westmont Walkabout/Meet and Greet, National Good Neighbor Day, and a Picnic/Potluck. More details will be forthcoming. Ray and the social committee volunteers, Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, John Rudzinski and Carol Barlau are trying to identify and sponsor additional events that interest the Westmont community. If you have ideas, we urge you to share them by calling Ray Hawk at 816-714-8444 or contact a committee member.

Social Clubs – Now is the perfect time to consider starting or joining a social club to connect with like-minded individuals who share your interests. Whether it's a book club, card club, game night, or gardening club, social clubs provide opportunities to make new friends and enjoy shared activities. Contact Ray Hawk or one of the social committee volunteers and we will help you get started and get the word out.

THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau

Fun Activities – 1) Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead opening day is April 1; 2) OP Farmer's Market opening day is April 20; 3) OP Arboretum & Botanical Gardens has free admission the first Tuesday of the month and other special events such as: Wine Tasting on the Terrace on April 18 & May 16, Spring Plant Sale on April 26-28, and Kite Fest on the Prairie on May 5. The new LongHouse Visitor Center has free admission and delightful views of gardens and ponds and the Café Celeste to grab a drink or a bite to eat.

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. Please note the new meeting room: Parrish Hall 1.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th, 2024.