

Westmont News – August 2026

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- **Secretary** – Carol Searcy, 913-908-7009, carol@mlcfinance.com
- **Lawn & Grounds Director** – Ed Land, 504-444-1088, elandengr@gmail.com
- **Social Director** – John Rudzinski, 904-651-9219, jhnrudzinski@gmail.com
- **Board Member** – Rose Marie Frank, 913-515-7740, rmfrank10@gmail.com
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

Beat the Heat – With temperatures climbing into the upper 90s and beyond, please remember to take extra precautions during these periods of excessive heat. Drink plenty of water, limit strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, and take extra care of your four-legged friends by avoiding hot pavement and prolonged time outdoors. It's also a good time to check on elderly neighbors or anyone who may need a little extra assistance. A quick phone call, text, or knock on the door can make a meaningful difference. Stay safe, stay cool, and take care of one another.

Oak Tree Inspection and Treatment – Have your pin oak trees inspected to determine whether they may benefit from an iron treatment. Yellowing leaves with dark green veins can be a sign of iron chlorosis, a common condition affecting pin oaks in our area. Early treatment can help maintain the health and appearance of your trees and may prevent more serious decline over time. Homeowners are welcome to use any tree service they choose, however, Ryan Lawn & Tree has agreed to offer Westmont homeowners a **\$25 discount** on iron treatments. The cost is **\$200 per tree, per treatment before the discount**. Their number is 913-381-1505.

New Lawn Service Provider Sometime in August – Just a reminder that Westmont will be transitioning to a new lawn service provider sometime in August, once the transition from our current provider is complete. Precision Lawn & Ground has notified the Board that they are terminating their contract, and **Volz Lawn & Landscape** will assume responsibility for providing lawn care services for the remainder of the year. For additional information, please refer to the Directory Spot communication that was distributed on **July 22**.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

ARC Forms – ARC forms continue to come in, and it's great to see homeowners investing in their properties. Please remember to complete and submit an ARC form when doing any exterior improvements: painting, roofing, windows, driveways, decks, fencing and landscaping projects. Don't forget to include your roof-mate when making your decision on your project as it might save money working together. If I can help with your decisions, please give me a call. Here is the address link to ARC form on our website which can be completed online and downloaded for printing and/or email submittal to **Westmont Vice President—Larry Tittle**:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Blaine Halvorson

The Board reviewed the June financials, and all expenses were found to be in order. As of the June report, six homeowners had outstanding dues, along with applicable late fees and interest. Five homeowners will receive reminder notices encouraging them to bring their accounts current. The sixth homeowner is currently in lien status, and all account communications are being handled through HA-KC.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – Ed Land

Lawn and Grounds Activities for August:

- Mowing weekly on **Wednesdays**. Note: we may skip mowings due to excessive heat.
- Please watch for additional information and instructions via email through Directory Spot regarding the lawn service transition. I will do my best to keep everyone informed through that mechanism.

Please note all services are **weather permitting**, so schedules may change. Watch for email updates regarding any adjustments. If you prefer to **opt out of any service**, please place a clearly visible sign for the lawn crew.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Rudzinski

Social Events – Don't forget to refer to the 2026 Calendar of Events, distributed via Directory Spot. If you have questions, ideas for future events, or would like to get involved, please contact me or a member of the Social Committee: Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, Rose Marie Frank, Vicki Harper, or Carol Barlau.

Concert & Ice Cream Social Held on June 27 – A heartfelt thank you to the many Westmont neighbors and friends who attended my concert, *19th Century Popular American Song*, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. We were delighted to welcome approximately 82 guests, including an incredible 41 from Westmont! Your enthusiastic support, warm encouragement, and generous contributions to the Music Fund were truly appreciated. Thank you for making the evening such a memorable success!

August – September Social Activities:

- **Westmont Annual Picnic** – Enjoy the rest of your summer with family and friends, but be sure to mark your calendar for the **Westmont Annual Picnic** on **Saturday, Sept 19**. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbors, meet new residents, and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and community. Additional details will be forthcoming as the event approaches.
- **Good Neighbor Day** – Mark your calendar for **Monday, Sept 28**, National Good Neighbor Day. It's a wonderful reminder to connect with the people who live around you. Whether it's a friendly wave, a brief conversation, or lending a helping hand, small acts of kindness help strengthen our neighborhood and make Westmont an even better place to call home.

New Neighbors – Welcome to our new neighbors - Changyu & Hueyling Li, 12015 Mackey

Westmont Bridge Club – Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-4pm. Next meeting will be Aug 11 at Brenda Flagler's home. If you'd like to play a friendly game of bridge, call Brenda at 913-221-8335 for details.

THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau

It's What We've Been Waiting For... Chiefs Football Is Back! – The countdown is over! Kansas City Chiefs Training Camp runs from July 28 through Aug 20, and the good news for Chiefs Kingdom is that Patrick Mahomes has been cleared for full participation as the team prepares for the 2026 season.

The Chiefs' preseason schedule includes:

- Saturday, Aug 15 – 3:00 PM: Rams at Chiefs
- Saturday, Aug 22 – 6:30 PM: Chiefs at Buccaneers
- Friday, Aug 28 – 7:00 PM: Seahawks at Chiefs

The regular season kicks off under the lights on Monday, Sept 14, at 7:15 PM, when the Chiefs host the Denver Broncos at Arrowhead on Monday Night Football. Here's hoping for an exciting season. GO CHIEFS!

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 Parish Hall 1. The next board meeting will be Aug 17, 2026.