

# Westmont News – June 2024

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

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- **Vice President** – Larry Tittle, 816-916-8163, jltreno@gmail.com
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- **Lawn & Grounds Director** – John Rudzinski, 904-651-9219, jhnrudzinski@gmail.com
- **Social Director** – Ray Hawk, 816-714-8444, sterno4520@aol.com
- **Landscape Committee Chair** – Sharon Kralicek, 913-424-4287, skkralicek44@gmail.com
- **Public Relations Chair (Newsletter)** – Carol Barlau, 913-219-8008, carol.barlau23@gmail.com

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

**Neighborhood Meet & Greet Walkabout** - What a beautiful evening for a walk! Thanks to everyone who participated in the “walking” and the “greeting” during our social event on May 11th. We had about 45 people participate and a great time was had by all.

**Common Area Landscape Committee** - Thanks so much for the work of the Landscape Committee in securing some additional plantings at the 119th Street & Antioch entrances and the 119th & Antioch corner. We are all excited to see the results as the new plants grow and provide some color. Your work is now done, so please take some time to enjoy the results. Your service to Westmont is very much appreciated.

**Tree Inspection** - Make sure to read the enclosed flyer regarding the special opportunity to get your trees inspected for free and treated at a discount, if needed.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

**Light Up Westmont** – We still have some LED Dusk to Dawn light bulbs available for the Westmont neighborhood. Many neighbors have requested the light bulbs. I would like to give a big thank you to Larry Roberts for helping deliver and install many of the bulbs. Please contact me or any Board member if you are interested.

**Maintenance Projects** – We have not received many ARC forms for approval for Spring/Summer projects or maintenance. Please remember to submit an ARC form for those outside improvements: painting, roofing, driveways, new decks, and fencing. 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 April financials have been reviewed and found to be in order.

This month we have five delinquencies. Two homeowners are one month in arrears, and I expect these to be corrected without any additional action. One homeowner is two months in arrears, and includes late fees and penalties. I have prepared and sent a letter reminding the homeowner to bring their account to currency, including their late fees and interest. And unfortunately, two homeowners are three or more months in arrears and were referred to the HA-KC for communication and processing.

I want to continue to remind all residents to take advantage of the HA-KC's automated check handling service and simplify the monthly dues process. Through this free program, your monthly payments are automatically deducted from your bank account, and eliminates the worry of your monthly dues reaching the HA-KC on time. I encourage you to contact Doug Luther at the Homes Association of Kansas City at (913) 385-2240 or dluther@ha-kc.org to enroll today.

## **LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – John Rudzinski**

**Precision Lawn Activities for June** – Precision Lawn will continue mowings on Thursdays, weather permitting. The **week of June 17th**, Precision Lawn will trim shrubs and apply insecticide in the common areas and the front yards of the homeowner's property. If you **do not** want your shrubs trimmed or sprayed, please put up a sign in your front yard. The **week of June 24th**, Precision Lawn will apply the third round of fertilizer with grub control. A Directory Spot email notification will be sent out a few days prior to the activity taking place as a reminder.

**Other Lawn Reminders** – 1) Check your flower beds and make sure they are weeded regularly; 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 pick up after your dog prior to Thursday' mowing; 4) Check the stone borders around your trees and flowers beds to ensure nothing has fallen into the mowers path and pick up any branches and twigs from your lawn; 5) Chipmunks love to burrow, so be sure to check for soil erosion around driveways and sidewalks.

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

**Westmont Bridge Club** - We have our first Westmont Social Club! It meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 1 to 4pm. Next meeting will be June 11th. If you would like to play "friendly" bridge with your Westmont neighbors, please call Brenda Flagler for details at 913-498-1617.

**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.

**Social Events** – The social committee has a few more events planned for this year. Currently in the works are an educational workshop (topic TBD), National Good Neighbor Day, a Picnic/Potluck, Happy Hour at Pinstripes and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. 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.

## **THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau**

**Westmont Backyard & Garden Tour** – Westmont is hosting it's first ever backyard and garden tour on Saturday, June 22 from 10am to Noon. It offers a delightful opportunity to explore a variety of beautiful backyards and gardens, each showcasing unique landscaping and design ideas. As you stroll through these picturesque spaces, you'll gather inspiration and practical tips for enhancing your own garden. The event also fosters knowledge sharing, as neighbors eagerly exchange gardening techniques and advice. Beyond the horticultural benefits, the tour strengthens the sense of community, bringing residents together in a shared appreciation of nature's beauty. Additionally, plant swapping among participants allows for the exchange of unique and cherished plants, further enriching the gardening experience for everyone involved.

We currently have nine neighbors who have agreed to be part of the tour and open their backyards for us to enjoy. A map with additional details will be shared via Directory Spot and mailbox flyers prior to the event. Contact Carol Barlau with questions at 913-219-8008 or email - carol.barlau23@gmail.com.

I hope this event will spark an interest in forming a gardening club to meet on a monthly basis.

## **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 Parrish Hall 1. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024.