

Westmont News – September 2024

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- **Secretary** – Carol Searcy, 913-908-7009, carol@mlcfinance.com
- **Lawn & Grounds Director** – John Rudzinski, 904-651-9219, jhnrudzinski@gmail.com
- **Social Director** – Ray Hawk, 816-714-8444, sterno4520@aol.com
- **Board Member** – 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

Westmont "Fall" Garage Sale – The Fall Garage Sale will occur Thursday, Sept 12 through Saturday, Sept 14, 2024. You can participate any day or time you desire. "Fingers crossed" for nice weather and lots of shoppers.

On Monday, Sept 16, between 8am and 12 noon, City Thrift will be in the neighborhood to pick up any items from the sale you wish to donate. 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/>

Who's Ready for Another "Happy Hour?" – A happy hour event has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 2, 2024 from 4pm to 6pm at Pinstripes, 13500 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS. Please stop by for some refreshments and an opportunity to connect with your neighbors.

Westmont Annual Meeting – Mark your calendars for the Westmont Annual Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Additional information will be coming in the October Newsletter and Directory Spot emails.

Open Board Position – One board position will be available beginning January 2025. Candidates are elected for a 3-year term. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to serve on the Westmont Board and making a positive impact in our community. If interested, submit your name and a brief paragraph about yourself to:

Westmonthelp@gmail.com by Sunday, Sept 15, 2024. Include: name, address, background, a little about yourself, how long you have lived in Westmont, why you want to serve on the board, etc. This information will be included, along with a ballot, in the October mailing of the dues statement and newsletter. Votes will be tallied after the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Oct 15 and the lucky candidate announced the next day. Contact John Ziegelmeyer or Carol Barlau with questions.

A huge shout out and thank you to Sharon Kralicek for her service on the Westmont Board, filling in and finishing the term for another board member for the past year.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

Power Wash Your Driveway – As we continue to see our neighbors working to improve our community with things like new driveways, fencing, siding and landscaping, there may be more we could still do. Think of how nice your home would look with a nice, clean driveway. If anyone would like a free quote to have your driveway power washed, contact me and I will help schedule a time.

Dusk to Dawn Lightbulbs – Also if you have been watching the news you would know that car break-ins can happen in any neighborhood, e.g., Leawood, Shawnee and Brookside. By helping light up our neighborhood with

our free dusk to dawn light bulbs on your porch and garage, it could help deter it from happening here. Contact me if you would like some light bulbs. Thank you for your efforts to keep Westmont safe and a great place to live.

ARC Forms – 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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Blaine Halvorson

The July statement of revenue and expenses were reviewed at the August meeting of the Board, and found to be in order. We currently have four (4) homeowners two or more months in arrears and a fifth homeowner in the lien process. In these matters of missed or late dues, it's important the homeowner contact the HA-KC to create a payment plan. If we all do our part and pay our dues on time, we can continue to keep our operating costs, and our dues, low.

As a reminder, the monthly dues policy and other related information can be found at the HAKC website - www.ha-kc.org. From this site, you would search for Westmont and Maintenance Fees. If you would like to register for Auto Pay, please contact the HA-KC office at 913-385-2440.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – John Rudzinski

Precision Lawn Activities for September – Precision will continue mowings on Thursdays, weather permitting. Alternate mowing day is Friday. Precision will apply a fertilizer in early Sept. A Directory Spot notification will be sent prior to the application.

Fall Fertilizer Application – Applying fertilizer in early September after the summer heat has several key benefits for your lawn, especially if you're planning lawn renovations:

- **Aids lawn recovery from summer stress** by providing essential nutrients for root growth and repair
- **Boosts lawn renovations** if you're reseeding, overseeding, or aerating by giving new grass the nutrients it needs to germinate and grow vigorously. This sets the stage for a lush, healthy lawn next spring
- **Improves lawn density** by promoting new shoot and root growth, filling in thin or bare patches caused by summer stress
- **Prepares lawn for winter** by helping grass store energy in its roots, which strengthens the lawn and improves its winter hardiness, leading to better performance next spring.
- **Extends lawn growth period** by encouraging sustained growth through the season, prolonging your lawn's green appearance and health before it goes dormant.

Common Area Cleanup – Thank you to volunteers Ray Hawk, Sharon Kralicek, Ginger Burns, Larry Roberts, John Rudzinski, and Paul Magdaleno who helped clean up the common area island at the corner of Mackey St and 119th Terrace.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

National Good Neighbor Day – Saturday, Sept 28, 2024 – The idea of Good Neighbor Day dates back to the early 1970's when President Jimmy Carter proclaimed it a day to recognize and promote acts of kindness and cooperation among neighbors. It is a wonderful opportunity to foster a sense of community and togetherness in our neighborhood, by sharing a smile and a few friendly words with our neighbors. (See Carol's "This and That" section for ideas on how to celebrate this day.)

Westmont Bridge Club – It meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1pm to 4pm. The next meeting will be Sept 10, 2024. If you would like to play a "friendly" game of bridge with your Westmont neighbors, please call Brenda Flagler for details at 913-498-1617.

Social Events – If you have any ideas for future events, please contact Ray Hawk or the Social Committee - Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, John Rudzinski or Carol Barlau.

New Neighbors – Welcome to our new neighbors! We are so glad you chose Westmont!

8312 West 120th Street – Nicole Longmore

THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau

119th Street Fully Closed – The full closure of 119th Street and all interchange on and off ramps began Aug 23. East and westbound 119th Street will be closed from Grant Street to Farley Street for approximately 60 days to allow the contractor to complete the reconstruction of 119th Street and the interchange safely and quickly.

Travis Kelce - Football Player or Actor? – Well, maybe both. Here's where to watch him:

- Co-Starring in a horror/drama series "Grotesquerie" on FX starting Sept 25, 2024
- Hosting a television show "Are You Smarter Than A Celebrity" debuting Oct 16, 2024
- Starting as a tight-end in the Chiefs Season Opener against the Ravens on Sept 5, 2024

Ideas to Celebrate National Good Neighbor Day (9/28) – This is a day to recognize the importance of good neighbors and to show them how much they mean to you. Some ways to celebrate include:

- **Help with yard work.** If you notice your neighbor is struggling to keep up with their lawn or garden, step up and lend a hand. You never know what someone is dealing with that could prevent them from being able to handle this themselves. Helping out could make you, their hero!
- **Invite them over for a meal.** Hosting a dinner party or cookout is always a great way to bring people together. Extend an invitation to a few of your neighbors and their families to come over for some good food and conversation!
- **Run errands for them.** Picking up groceries or dropping off a package at the post office can be a huge help and make a big difference, especially for someone who is elderly or has restricted mobility.
- **Bring them a homemade treat.** Baking some cookies or muffins and dropping them off at your neighbor's door can be a nice way to warm someone's heart.
- **Share your plants/shrubs.** Are you thinning out your plants and shrubs? Consider offering some of your "extras" to a neighbor.
- **Take their pet for a walk.** There's no better way for an animal lover to get some exercise, spend time with a furry friend, and help out a neighbor. These days, some people walk their cats as well as their dogs, so don't forget the felines!
- **Bring them a small gift.** Something like a potted plant or a scented candle doesn't cost a lot, but an unexpected present along those lines can definitely brighten someone's day.
- **Help with minor household repairs.** If you're handy around the house, be that way at your neighbor's place too! Every homeowner will tell you there's always something to repair, maintain, or upgrade in a home, so there should be plenty of opportunities to help out with your fix-it skills.
- **Write a note of appreciation.** Sometimes the simplest gesture can have the biggest impact. Writing down a few kind words and leaving them on your neighbor's doorstep can really make someone smile, especially in the age of email and texting.

Showing kindness to neighbors fosters a sense of community, trust and belonging, and reinforces our own commitment to service. It can create a ripple effect, inspiring others to act with compassion and generosity as well. Let's make National Good Neighbor Day a memorable day for all!

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 board meeting will be Sept 16, 2024.