

# Westmont News – January 2025

## 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** – 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** – Rose Marie Frank, 913-515-7740, rmfrank10@gmail.com
- **Public Relations Chair (Newsletter)** – Carol Barlau, 913-219-8008, carol.barlau23@gmail.com

## *Happy New Year Westmont Neighbors!*

Wishing our valued homeowners a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! And may 2025 bring you peace, joy, and continued good fortune. Here's to strengthening our sense of community and fostering even stronger relationships with our neighbors. Together, let's make this new year one filled with kindness, cooperation, and respect. Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer**

**Directory Spot** – If you're not receiving emails from Directory Spot, it may be because your email address is not in the system. The Board uses Directory Spot emails to send out timely notices regarding trash pickup, grass cutting, snow removal, social events, etc. Send your email information to westmonthelp@gmail.com to be added. Remember, this is used to communicate Westmont information to hopefully better your life...commercial free. ☺

**Correction to the Westmont Help eMail** – There was a typo in the Westmont Help eMail Address in the last month's newsletter which is now corrected: **westmonthelp@gmail.com** Apologies for any inconvenience.

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

This newsletter is our time to look forward to new resolutions or redo that laundry list we failed to finish last year. Hope everyone is having a Happy New Year so far. Please take the time to check on your neighbor and welcome them into the New Year.

**Political Signs** – I reviewed the Overland Park website for political sign requirements. OP allows 45 days before and 2 days after an election for political signs to be up. For the Nov 5 general election, signs were allowed Sept 21 thru Nov 7. If you haven't already, please remove your political signs. Let's keep Westmont looking good.

**Dusk to Dawn Lightbulbs** – We still have some dusk to dawn light bulbs available. Please contact me if you would like to have one. It really makes a difference in our neighborhood.

**ARC Forms** – 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**

As we begin this new year, I want to remind all homeowners of a very important monthly milestone and options available to you for your monthly dues payment.

If you are mailing your monthly dues payment, it must be received by the HA-KC no later than the 20th of each month. Please allow yourself sufficient time for your payment to be received and processed. To ensure your

payment is applied before the monthly deadline, consider enrolling in the HA-KC's automated check handling service and simplify your monthly dues process. With 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) 385-2440 or [dluther@ha-kc.org](mailto:dluther@ha-kc.org) to enroll.

And finally. If you find you are unable to meet your monthly dues obligation, please reach out to Doug Luther at the HA-KC to make payment arrangements. Your conversation will be confidential.

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

**WM Yard Waste Pickup** – WM provides weekly yard waste collection year-round, however, beginning the second week of January through the end of February, residents need to call 800-964-8988 to request the pickup. From March through December and the first week of January, WM routes for yard waste run every week.

**Precision** – Our December leaf clean-up was a little challenging. Our oak trees keep holding on to their leaves and the wind during clean-up did not help. We may have another clean-up in December at no charge. As a reminder, we have another year on our contract with Precision Lawn and have had a busy and successful year.

**Acorns** – Keep up the good work of sweeping, blowing, and picking up the acorns off of your sidewalks. They are dangerous for walkers. Thank you!

**Pick Up After Your Pets** – A friendly reminder for all pet owners to ensure they clean up after their pets. This simple step helps keep our neighborhood clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

**Thank you** – I deeply appreciate the support I've received over the past year from both homeowners and Board members. Please know that the Board is fully committed to acting in the best interests of our community.

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

**New Neighbors** – Welcome to our new neighbors! We are so glad you chose Westmont!  
11934 Mackey St – Tami Sal & Morris Carter

**Westmont Bridge Club** – Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-4pm. The next meeting will be Jan 14. If you would like to play a “friendly” game of bridge, call Karen Kittell for details at 913-636-5998.

**Social Events** – Ray and the social committee volunteers, Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, John Rudzinski and Carol Barlau are working on plans for next year's social calendar. If you have ideas, we encourage you to share them by calling Ray Hawk at 816-714-8444 or contacting someone on the social committee. We are always looking for additional volunteers, so if you would like to be “on” the social committee, please contact Ray.

### **THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau**

**New ALDI's Grocery Store** – A new ALDI's grocery store opened at 12055 Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park in the old Bye Bye Baby store location. Close and convenient...check it out.

**Community Center Annual Membership Sale** – Say “YES” to a year of fun, fitness and savings! From Jan 1-15, receive 15% off an annual membership to Matt Ross and Tomahawk Ridge Community Centers. Enjoy state-of-the-art fitness equipment, energizing group classes, gymnasiums and more. Plus, make a splash at Matt Ross in its indoor pool. New and returning members receive the discount. Don't forget to mention you are an OP resident for a reduced rate. Also, if you are over 60, ask for the Senior Rate. And...receive a 25 % discount if you are a military veteran or active duty. It looks like you almost can't afford **NOT** to become a member. ☺

### **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 Jan 20, 2025.