

Westmont News – May 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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Ziegelmeyer

Westmont Happy Hour – Around 45 neighbors gathered for a lively happy hour at Pinstripes on Wednesday, April 23. It was a wonderful evening filled with new connections and warm reunions, as neighbors mingled, laughed, and got to know each other better. Events like these are what help us grow stronger as a community.

Garage Sale – The neighborhood garage sale will be Thursday, May 1 through Saturday, May 3. Participation is encouraged as this may be our only garage sale event this year. City Thrift will pick up any remaining items the morning of Monday, May 5, if left at the end of the driveway. Check website for a list of items they will pick up.

Waste Management Bulk Item Pickup – Residents are entitled to one free annual bulk item pickup of two non-hazardous items. Item pickup must be scheduled by the homeowner by going to the web site – **www.wm.com**. Please note the restrictions of certain items.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Tittle

ARC Forms – I've been receiving many new ARC forms for new roofing, replacement decks and siding projects. It's good to see all the projects going on in Westmont. **Please remember to SEND THE COMPLETED ARC FORM TO LARRY TITTLE, not to Doug Luther at the HA-KC.** The HA-KC does not approve maintenance projects in our neighborhood. They are a management company for many home associations throughout the Kansas City area. If I can help with your decisions, please give me a call. Don't forget to include your roof-mate when planning your project.

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 to **Westmont Vice President – Larry Tittle**:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Blaine Halvorson

We've ended the first quarter of 2025, so I thought it would be a good time to share a quick review of the Westmont financial statements and YTD interest earnings on our investments over the past few years.

2021 - \$629.00	2023 - \$3128.80
2022 - \$595.68	2024 - \$6368.87

The primary issues leading to the increased interest earnings are:

- Westmont has continued to reinvest CD earnings, meaning that your interest earnings also earn interest.
- Overall interest rates are higher now than they were just a few years ago

- In early 2024, we worked with Country Club Bank to obtain a better interest rate on funds in the association's operating account. In December, 2023, funds in the CCB operating account were earning 0.25%, but are now they're earning a little over 2%.

Interest earnings are a nice way to generate additional revenue. Unfortunately, they're taxed at about 35% by the time the Feds and the State of Kansas take their cut. Despite the taxes, our continued management of these CD earnings helps us better manage services for you and reduces the need to increase dues.

LAWN AND GROUNDS REPORT – John Rudzinski

Precision Lawn Activities for May – Weekly mowings happen on Thursdays. If you want your backyard mowed, make sure: 1) your back gate is open or unlocked, 2) you've picked up after your dog and cleared any sticks or branches, 3) your sprinklers are set NOT to run on Thursday. Thanks for your cooperation.

Precision is planning a second round of fertilizer and a spray to tackle broadleaf weeds, including chickweed spreading in our yards. This is tentatively scheduled for the first week of May. We'll send out a reminder through Directory Spot before the treatment happens. If you don't want the treatment, put up a sign in your yard.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Hawk

Westmont Bridge Club – Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-4pm. The next meeting will be May 13. If you would like to play a "friendly" game of bridge, call Brenda Flagler for details at 913-498-1617.

Social Events – Share your thoughts and ideas for social events with Ray or any social committee volunteer: Pam Tittle, Robbi Arenson, John Rudzinski, Vicki Harper, or Carol Barlau.

THIS AND THAT – Carol Barlau

Backyard and Garden Tour – Call for Participants – The social committee is considering hosting another Backyard and Garden Tour in June – if there's enough interest from homeowners who are willing to participate. If you would like to showcase your backyard or garden to fellow Westmont residents, please contact me at 913-219-8008. I'll coordinate a schedule of homes and the committee will choose a date. This is a great opportunity to explore your neighbors' outdoor spaces, gather fresh ideas, and simply enjoy the beauty of our community.

Area Events – Here are a few area events during the month of May:

- **Richerson and Summers Exhibition** at Art at the Center, Tomahawk Ridge Community Center beginning May 5. Opening reception will be May 9 from 5 – 7 pm.
- **Brookside Art Annual** will be held May 2 – 5. This outdoor art show is located in an eclectic neighborhood between 63rd St and Meyer Blvd in Kansas City.
- **Summer Movie Nights** at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens:
 - May 16: Wicked (Family Friendly)
 - June 20: 10 Things I Hate About You (Adults Only)
 - July 18: A Bug's Life (Arboretum/Nature)
 - August 15: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (Family Throwback)
- **Overland Park Farmers' Market**, 8101 Marty Street – Open Saturdays – April 19 – Sept 27 from 7:30am to 1pm, and Wednesdays – June 4 – Sept 3 from 7:30am to 1pm.
- **Electronics Recycling and Shredding Event** at Overland Park Elementary, 8150 Santa Fe Drive on Saturday, May 31. Recycle your electronics (computers, TVs, phones, rechargeable batteries, stereos, etc), small appliances (microwaves, toasters, etc.) and most items powered with a cord or battery. There is a charge for TVs (\$5 - \$30) and a suggested donation of \$5 per box for shredding.

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 May 19, 2025.