APRIL 2022 HWNA

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HISTORIC WESTHEIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

THE ELECTED BOARD **MEMBERS FOR 2022** ARE:

GRANT FAUSER-BULLER **CLAYTON HUNTER** JENNIFER MILLS MICHELLE PETERSON KATHLEEN VONACHEN IIM SCHRAEDER RICK YARNELL

WE ARE ALL HAPPY TO SERVE **OUR GROWING COMMUNITY IN** 2022. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, CONCERNS, OR QUESTIONS! YOU CAN EMAIL THE ENTIRE **BOARD AT:** BOARD@ HISTORICWESTHEIGHT.ORG

HWNA GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 13 @ 7PM

Join us in person @ St. Paul's Episcopal (18th & Washington Blvd) or via Zoom. There will be no potluck.

will review the results We Neighborhood Walk Audit completed in 2021.

Maps and data compiled will be presented by representatives from the Community Health Council led by Shannon Criss, a professor in the KU School of Architecture. She will facilitate our discussions, so that by the end of the evening we'll have consensus regarding how best Westheight -can go to all the "powers that be" to advocate for these improvements.

We encourage everyone to come participate and share their impressions. Digital copies of all the maps and data can be made available after the meeting.

> Dial in #: 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 320 666 4841

Password: 66102



Set for Saturday, April 23, 2022, the Spring Cleanup is a great time to target your spring cleaning. We will start at 9:30 am. HWNA will have a dumpster available for 2022 dues paying members to use for disposal of large, bulky items. Also, volunteers will go around and clean up common areas. To volunteer, contact Ryann Waller or Jennifer Mills.



Special thanks to our event sponsor, Budget Dumpster



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

LIFEGUARD

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is now accepting applications for the 2022 Summer Employment Program! The Summer Employment Program begins approximately May 28, 2022 and lasts approximately through August 14, 2022.

Applications may be obtained in the Human Resources Department, 701 North 7th Street, Room 646, Kansas City, Kansas, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A limited number of positions are available. The pay rate for this position is \$15.00 per hour.

Location: Parkwood Pool, 950 Quindaro, Kansas City, KS 66101

Position Description: This position will support the daily operations of Parkwood Pool through the summer months.

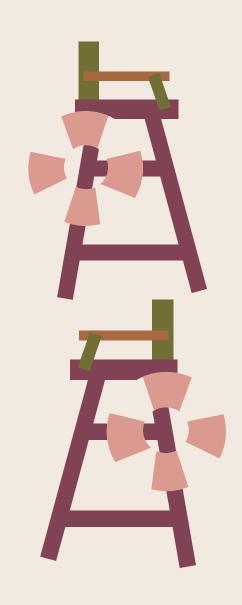
Minimum Qualifications: Must be a minimum of 16 years old and be able to pass a pre-course swimming skills test. Must be able to obtain certification for Lifeguard through the American Red Cross. Lifeguards must be available to work between the following hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Deadline: Wednesday, July 27, 2022

We look forward to working with the citizens of our community and educating them to the many career opportunities that the Unified Government has to offer.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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DESIGNATION AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Westheight has had the honor since the 1980s of being designated on the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places as the "Westheight Manor Historic District." That state and national designation has not only brought us wide recognition but also has offered many property owners access to historic grants and historic tax credits.

Westheight has also been able through the Unified Government to have certain protections of our historic status. Unfortunately, those local protections had to be removed a few months ago due to a state-wide administrative ruling. It will be relatively easy to get these local protections reinstated however. Our board of directors met and made formal application to become a LOCALLY-designated historic district. That will enable the UG to continue to monitor building permits and code inspection as applicable to a historic district. Adding local historic designation to the national designation we already have will NOT affect your property assessment or your property taxes.

Part of the 3-month process to become locally-designated includes a mailing by the UG Planning Department on behalf of our local Landmarks Commission to each property owner in Westheight. The gist of the mailing will be that Westheight has applied to be a local historic district, and that public hearings will be held in that regard. Currently the schedule for those hearings is as follows, but these may end up shifting later in the calendar by one month. The hearing for approval and recommendation of a district before the Landmarks Commissioncurrently is scheduled for 6pm Monday May 2, 2022. Then a "ratification" hearing by the UG Board of Commissioners will occur during its 7pm Thursday May 26, 2022, meeting. More specifics will be available closer to those dates, as well as at wycokck.org, the UG's website.

Note that the boundaries of the Westheight Manor Historic District are State Avenue on the south, 18th Street on the east, and Wood Avenue on the north. The west boundary more or less zig-zags down 22nd Street, west on Everett Avenue, and south again on 25th Street.

If you have questions or comments at this time, email board @historicwestheight.org and we'll do our best to respond a timely fashion.

JOIN US!

HWNA is NOT a homeowners association – we're a 501(c)3 charitable organization created to promote Westheight and our nationally-recognized historic district. So, whether you're a property owner, or a renter, or even just someone who loves grand old neighborhoods like ours, you can participate. We'd love for you to become an "official member" of HWNA as well. Annual membership is just \$10 per adult, so join now at www.historicwestheight.org

Every year HWNA sponsors or co-sponsors general meetings, spring & fall neighborhood cleanups, as well as a few neighborhood social activities such as picnics and holiday gatherings. This year (fingers crossed), we'll be reinstating our every-other-year Holiday Homes Tour on Sunday, December 11, 2022. It's a tremendous opportunity to show the rest of the metro our "hidden gem" of a neighborhood when the whole neighborhood spruces up, and five or so Westheight families open their homes for tours that afternoon.

* BE ALERT!*

- If you see a crime happen, CALL 911.
- If you see something suspicious or hear gunshots call CALL 911 and give them as much information as you can (description of person, how many shots you heard and your location.)
- Do your part in helping keep Westheight safe and secure.



Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association

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Newsletter Ideas?

Do you have any topics or events you'd like to see in the next issue of the HWNA Newsletter? You can submit ideas via email to sarah.k.parsons@gmail.com.

Helpful Numbers

Mike Moulin Community Police Officer mmoulin@kckpd.org 913-573-8751

Community Policing 913-573-8720

Non-Emergency Police 913-596-3000

Drug Enforcement 913-573-6280

Traffic Enforcement 913-596-7004

Unified Government (general number)

Codes Enforcement 913-573-8600

Waste Management Trash / Recycling Pick-up 913-631-3300

Waste Management Complaint Line 866-570-4702

KCK Animal Service 913-321-1445

Report a Power Outage 913-573-9522

Report a Water Problem 913-573-9622

Report a Gas Leak 888-482-4950

Report Potholes 913-573-8307

Liveable Neighborhoods 913-573-8737