

# The Oak Leaf

Quarterly Newsletter for the Oakwood Homeowners Association

## Oakwood News: President's Message



It's about time!

What I mean by that is this issue is actually in part about 'time'.

You'd be hard pressed to not have noticed that this year the Village of Westmont is celebrating it's 100th anniversary. The Oakwood development started in 1972, so our subdivision has been around for just under half that time (50th anniversary celebration next year??). There are events galore all around town, and some of those are covered in this issue. Oakwood resident Carol Johnson really did her homework (heck, she did the homework for ALL of us) with a history lesson on Westmont and Oakwood (see page 3). I've lived here for about 16 years, and I learned a lot from her article.

Also looking at how times are changing, this is probably the first issue of the Oak Leaf that I'm actually encouraging people to read on-line. Using your computer or mobile device, you can find this and our other newsletters on our site at [www.oakwoodha.org](http://www.oakwoodha.org) on the "OAKWOOD NEWS"

page. This issue is loaded with pictures from some of our 2021 events, and there are loads of hyperlinks throughout this issue pointing you to places to learn more, sign up for things, or contact people/organizations.

Oakwood's social events have been something of a roller coaster over the past year. The egg hunt was done "remotely" with gift bags delivered to the kids in the neighborhood, but people got comfortable to head out and spend time together enough for us to have what I believe was the largest Oakwood Annual Fishing Derby/Beach Party ever to kick off the summer. The weather was perfect, the band was a ton of fun, and food and friends filled the afternoon well into the night. We also had outstanding in-person turnout at the Oakwood Annual Meeting, and I again want to thank everyone who either showed up or sent in a proxy... you keep Oakwood running!

Unfortunately, the Covid Delta Variant ended up pushing a lot of things back a step or two, and we ended up calling off our third attempt at a new OAKtoberfest event.

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### HEY! Oakwood Specific News in this Issue!

- Oakwood's History!
- Tons of Village News and Events!
- Halloween Event Info!

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That said, we have some chair-people lined up to get it off the ground in 2022, so sit tight! The Halloween event, as with the Egg Hunt, will be report, so see the back cover of this issue for more information on that and to sigh your kid(s) up.

We tried to get a few community efforts underway this year, working to facilitate group rates on street light repair/replacement and driveway repair/replacement, but both initiatives have gone very slowly for a number of reasons. It looks like they may both still happen, at least in part, this year, but it's been a much more complicated effort that we'd hoped.

The Lake Management and the Landscape Committees here in Oakwood have been active. The common areas have been looking great under their management. Last year the lighting company we used at the holidays really did a mediocre job, so we're looking for new options there.

Speaking of new options, every year residents reach out to me looking for people to shovel/plow their sidewalks and driveways. We do NOT currently have any leads on hand to give people... if you have a referral you want to give out, contact me at [info@oakwoodha.org](mailto:info@oakwoodha.org) and let me know!

Well, there's a ton in this issue, so I won't hold you up here any longer. Dig in, and enjoy our community!

Matt "Happy Birthday Westmont!!" Johnson  
President, Oakwood Homeowners Association

## Noteworthy Piano Studio

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## Oakwood Community Contribution: Oakwood, Part of Westmont's 100 Years

This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Westmont which was incorporated on November 10, 1921, with a population of approximately 400 residents. Until 1833 the Potowatomi Native Americans lived in the area now known as Westmont.

In 1872, in the aftermath of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, William L. Gregg found the region to have good clay for brick-making and founded the Excelsior Brick Company. Gregg also chose this area because it was the highest mound between Chicago and the Mississippi River on the CB&Q line, which he used to haul bricks to re-build Chicago. Czech, Polish, and Italian workers settled in a new neighborhood named Greggs. Two schools and a train depot called Gregg's Station or Gregg's Milk Station were built. The Gregg brickyard was abandoned after 1900, leaving only the Gregg home and a few surrounding farms as most of the workers and their families departed.

In 1919, real estate developer Arthur McIntosh bought land in Westmont and offered working-class Chicagoans an opportunity to own property for a \$5 down payment and small monthly installment payments. By 1923, his subdivision had more than 1,800 residents, many first or second-generation Austrian, Polish, or German-Americans. At first, these new landowners lived in tents and shacks. They had neither paved streets nor utilities. Soon they built cottages.

On November 10, 1921, the village incorporated as Westmont.

### **OAKWOOD**

The Oakwood subdivision area that we call 'home' was annexed by the Village of Westmont in the early 1970s. What we call "Oakwood" was part of a 900-acre farm that had been purchased by the Healy family in 1936. The Healy farm went from Cass Ave to Rt 83 and from Ogden Ave to 35th St. On the farm was a dairy barn which Healy converted into a horse barn, including an indoor arena for the hunters and jumpers he stabled there. According

to Don Healy, "there used to be a bridle path that went completely around the farm which you could ride for a couple of hours without crossing paths." Healy also kept horses there for the U.S. Army. In the early 1950s Healy farmed his land, growing corn and beans and raising cattle. During the period before the barn was torn down in 1985, it was used as a horse stable, housing polo ponies and sponsoring indoor polo in the winter.

Over the years, the farm sold off acreage for new developments and businesses. In 1972 Miller Developers built the first houses in what is now the Oakwood subdivision. All of the model homes were on Independence Avenue with other houses built in 1973, 1974, 1975... until the recession hit. This also changed the plans of building homes where the townhomes and Oak Brook Toyota are currently located. Houses with lake front property were custom-built homes, i.e. not one of the model homes. Only a few houses were built by Miller in the 'Phase 3 section', i.e. between the schools and 35th St. There was no building activity for a few years until 1985-86 when U.S. Homes built about six houses. Then Montalbano Homes built about 80% of the houses in that section; some were custom houses.

CUSD #201 became official on July 1, 1972. Before the high school was built, students in Westmont went to either Downers Grove or Hinsdale; residents wanted something for Westmont kids to be proud of. Westmont Junior High School was built in 1974, before which students in junior high attended Central School (now Manning School). Construction and planning for Westmont High School started in 1973; it opened in 1976. Until students could get into the high school for classes, they had class at WJHS.

The architect who built the high school also built IMSA (Illinois Math & Science Academy) in Aurora, which was modeled after WHS. The school was built in a circular configuration; when it first opened, classrooms were blocked off with movable partitions. Later, permanent walls and doors were

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# Oakwood Community Contribution: Neighborhood Watch

## Home Security Cameras & Sharing and Assistance For Emergency Responders

In the March 2021 issue of [The OAK LEAF](#), the Oakwood Neighborhood Watch group reported information on various Home Security Camera systems.

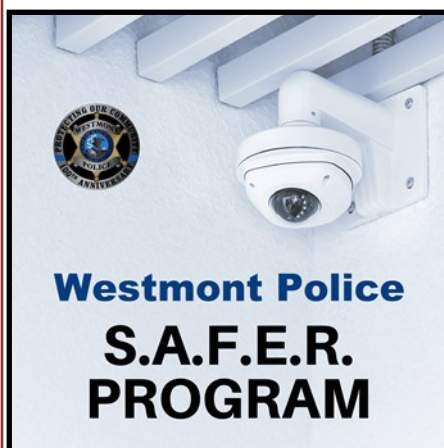
During the June 15th “Conversation with Sgt Weibler” (presented by the Oakwood NW), information was shared about a partnership with the police department called the “S.A.F.E.R. Program”

The Westmont Police Video Sharing and Assistance For Emergency Responders (S.A.F.E.R.) program’s goal is to help identify and log public-facing cameras within the village. This voluntary program is a partnership with businesses and residents to help better serve our community. Participant’s personal information is held securely by Westmont public safety staff.

“With citizens and businesses registering their camera locations, it can help significantly speed up the investigation process,” said Sergeant Tim Radtke. “We hope the more camera locations we have on file, the better chance we have of solving crimes and keeping the community safe.”

Residents and business owners can register their public-facing video camera by clicking the link below and filling out the registration form. [S.A.F.E.R. PROGRAM FORM](#)

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### DO YOU KNOW....

Getting acquainted with the Westmont Police Department website

#### **Do you know...**

...that the Police Department will check your residence when you are away?

...how to sign up for the Vacation Watch Service?

Vacation Watch Service: <<https://westmont.illinois.gov/499/Vacation-Watch-Service>>

...what the rules and exemptions are in regard to overnight parking in Westmont?

...not to park on the south and west sides of street?

...how much snow means no parking on the street?

Overnight & Other Parking Info: <<https://westmont.illinois.gov/509/Overnight-Other-Parking-Info>>

...when the Westmont Police Department offers a “Citizens’ Police Academy?”

...what the goal is for the the “Citizens’ Police Academy?”

...what participants of the “Citizens’ Police Academy” do?

Citizens’ Police Academy: <<https://westmont.illinois.gov/508/Citizens-Police-Academy>>

...how to provide the police department with information regarding suspicious or illegal activity?

...what information to provide if reporting an incident?

Crime Tip Hotline: <<https://westmont.illinois.gov/496/Crime-Tip-Hotline>>

To learn more, go to <<https://westmont.illinois.gov/106/Police-Department>>





### Oakwood Planting Day, 2021

On May 15th this year several Oakwood residents braved the rainy weather to plant flowers at several of the Oakwood Common Areas. Thank you to everyone who showed up for this effort and for the wonderful job that was done. Special thanks to Jason Hawkins and Patricia Miller for coordinating the event and providing the pictures below!

### DuPage County Encourages Proper Leaf Management this Fall

DuPage County Stormwater Management (SWM) is encouraging DuPage County residents to dispose of leaves properly this fall. When leaves blow into storm sewers and waterways, they can become a source of water pollution. In just six to eight weeks, leaves can account for more than half of annual phosphorous in stormwater runoff, which may cause algal blooms and be detrimental to fish and aquatic insects. Leaves can also build up along streets and block storm drains, which can lead to localized flooding. Residents can avoid these issues by composting, bagging and mulching leaves.







## Oakwood News: Social Committee

### Oakwood Fishing Derby/Beach Party: June 5th, 2021

Pictures courtesy of Dina Stone





# Oakwood News: Quarterly Market Outlook



Hello Oakwood,

Fall has finally arrived after a hot summer and an even hotter housing market. It's a sellers' market, it's a sellers' market. Ask just about anyone how the last six months of the housing market have been and this is what they will tell you. It's a sellers' market. Although this is entirely true due to escalating home prices fueled by the low inventory of homes on the market, there are many reasons why buying now may be in your best interests.



## Two Reasons Why Waiting A Year To Buy Could Cost You

If you're a homeowner who's decided your current house no longer fits your needs, you may be hoping that waiting a year might mean better market conditions to purchase a home. To determine whether to buy now or wait, we need to ask ourselves two simple questions:

### What will home prices be like in 2022?

Three major housing industry entities project continued home price appreciation for 2022. Here are their forecasts:

- Freddie Mac: 5.3%
- Fannie Mae: 5.1%
- Mortgage Bankers Association: 8.4%

Using the average of the three projections (6.27%), and the average selling price of a single family detached home in Westmont over the last twelve months, \$390,992, that home would be valued at \$415,507 by the end of next year. That means if you delay it could cost you more. A prospective buyer could pay an additional \$24,515 just by waiting.

### Where will rates be by the end of 2022?

Today, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate is hovering near historic lows. However, most experts believe rates will rise as the economy continues to recover. Here are the forecasts for the fourth quarter of 2022 by the three main entities mentioned above:

- Freddie Mac: 3.8%
- Fannie Mae: 3.2%
- Mortgage Bankers Association: 4.2%

That averages out to 3.7% if you include all three forecasts, and it's nearly a full percentage point higher than today's rates. Any increase in mortgage rates will increase your cost.

## Bottom Line

When asking if you should buy a home, you probably think of the non-financial benefits of owning a home as a driving motivator. When asking when to buy, the financial benefits make it clear that doing so now is much more advantageous than waiting until next year.

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## Westmont News: From the Village Board



Hello neighbors! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and all the fun events in town. Lots of things happening at the Village. Here are a few key updates and initiatives...

### **Westmont 100th Anniversary Celebration**

On November 10, 2021, the Village of Westmont will celebrate its 100th Anniversary of Incorporation as a municipality in the State of Illinois at Village Hall.

There are several special activities including the unveiling of the Future of Westmont mural by artist Fanny Moy, 100th Anniversary Trivia Contest, pictures with 100th Anniversary Mascot Garrett, the debut of the 100th Anniversary History Video, and the dedication of the new James Addington Plaza near the train station. There will be several commemorative keepsakes including 100th Anniversary Beanie Babies, anniversary commemorative ceramic plates, and special anniversary coins that will be given away as contest and raffle prizes.

The event will also include the presentation of the 100th Anniversary Westmont Legacy Awards, which will include a listing of businesses that served Westmont for 50 or more years. The Legacy Awards will also include a special presentation to specific families in which generations of the same family served the community for multiple decades.

The final anniversary event of the year will be on Saturday, December 4 when the annual Holly Days Parade will incorporate a 100th Anniversary theme. More events details will be published closer to the event date.

### **Westmont Fire Offer Hurricane Assistance**

Earlier this week, the Westmont Fire Department was one of several agencies from Illinois that set out for New Orleans, Louisiana to assist with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes in that area. The emergency personnel from Westmont will be living in tents at a remote site for a total of 17 days. They

will be assisting local jurisdictions with flooding problems, search and rescue operations, and other concerns relating to the hurricane.



### **Drug Take Back Day**

On Saturday, October 23 (10AM – 2PM) the Westmont Police Department will participate in the National DEA-sponsored Drug Take Back Day. The drug takeback program provides residents with a safe method of disposing unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs. This year, there will be three locations: the Westmont Police-Fire Facility at 500 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont Fire Department, 6015 S. Cass Avenue, and Mariano's, 150 W. 63rd Street in Westmont.

To participate, residents will bring their unwanted drugs to one of the three locations. Participants will stay in their vehicles as they drive through the collection area. Members of the Westmont Police Department and event volunteers will be on-site to receive all medications delivered and ensure safe disposal of these drugs. Following is a list of items that will and will not be accepted during the collection:

#### **ACCEPTED**

- Pills, powders, and patches
- Liquids, creams, and inhalers are accepted and should be packaged separately
- Needles and/or sharps MUST be secured in a Sharps container to be accepted during this program

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### **NOT ACCEPTED**

- NO radioactive medicines
- NO EpiPens
- NO loose Sharps

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives in 2019.

For more information regarding Westmont's participation in the National DEA-sponsored Drug Take Back Day, contact Sgt. Mike Weibler at [mweibler@westmont.il.gov](mailto:mweibler@westmont.il.gov) or 630-981-6373.



### **Wicked West Fest October Events**

Mark your calendars and get ready for Wicked West Fest 2021! Following are the details for several events on this year's Wicked West Fest schedule:

#### ***WESTMONT SCARECROW DECORATING CONTEST***

September 27 - Sign-up Deadline

Downtown Westmont

Families, businesses, schools and community organizations are invited to participate in the Westmont Scarecrow Decorating Contest! Sign up, create your scarecrow, and drop off to the Westmont Chamber, One South Cass Avenue, Suite

101, by September 27. Scarecrows will be on display throughout downtown Westmont and the entire community is asked to vote online. For more info and to sign up, contact the Westmont Chamber via email at [wcctb@westmontchamber.com](mailto:wcctb@westmontchamber.com) or call 630-960-5553. Sign up on the [Chamber website](#).

#### ***THE LAST STRAW***

October 3, NOON-4PM

Gregg House Museum - 115 S. Linden

Come to the Gregg House Museum for a variety of fun family activities: Make a scarecrow (nominal fee), decorate pumpkins, meet a beekeeper, enjoy music fun with Tim Wilsey, visit the petting zoo, pan for gold, and more. For more info, visit the [Westmont Park District website](#) or call 630-963-5252.

#### ***PUMPKIN FLOTILLA***

October 8, 6-7PM

Diane Main Park - 200 W. 59th Street

Bring the whole family to this free event and celebrate the spirit of Halloween by listening to spooky stories while watching the Pumpkin Flotilla which sets sail into Twin Lakes at sundown. For more information contact the [Westmont Park District via their website](#) or 630-963-5252.

#### ***HAUNTED FOREST TOUR***

October 16, 5-9:30PM

Diane Main Park - 200 W. 59th Street

Follow the trail and take a haunted hayrack ride through Smith Woods as ghosts, ghouls and monsters come alive before your very eyes! There will be a Merry Monsters Matinee, friendly monsters, performance from 5 to 6:30PM for younger children; Sheer Terror Tours run from 7 to 9:30pm. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, contact the [Westmont Park District via their website](#) or 630-963-5252.

#### ***WICKED WEST FEST HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST***

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## Westmont News: From the Village Board

Voting October 22 thru Halloween

Homes Throughout Westmont

Decorate your home for Halloween then either send in up to five pictures of your entry, or the WSEC will visit your home to take photos. Winner will be judged by online public voting. Judging criteria will include: theme, creativity, and overall impact. Entries must be received by Friday, October 22. Winners will be announced on Halloween. For more information, contact Westmont Special Events at [wsec@westmontevents.com](mailto:wsec@westmontevents.com) or 630-829-9378.

### **GHOST STORIES AT SMITH WOODS**

October 22, 5:45-6:45PM

Sandra Smith Woods - 311 W. 55th Street

For those who like a good scare, and think they are brave enough, there will be a fire pit, telling of scary ghost stories, and snacks. Register online at [westmontparks.org](http://westmontparks.org) or 630-963-5252.

### **WICKED WEST FEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**

October 23, 10:30AM

Downtown Westmont - Intersection of Cass and Irving

Dress up for Halloween and come to downtown Westmont to be part of this fun costume contest. There will be six categories: Newborn to 1-year olds, 2-5 years old, 6-9 years old, 10-13 years old, 14 & older, and a group/family category (Must have at least 3 people). For more information, contact Westmont Special Events at [wsec@westmontevents.com](mailto:wsec@westmontevents.com) or 630-829-9378.

### **PUMPKIN SMASHING EXTRAVAGANZA**

October 23, 11AM

Downtown Westmont - Intersection of Cass and Irving

Westmont community groups and public agencies will compete in our annual pumpkin smashing extravaganza. Competitors will go 20 feet up in the air in a bucket truck and then throw their pumpkin

at a target below in an attempt to earn the titles of Pumpkin King and Queen. All of the fun is an effort to promote pumpkin recycling/composting. For more information, contact 630-417-0280 or [communications@westmont.il.gov](mailto:communications@westmont.il.gov).

### **TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL**

October 23, 11AM-1PM

Downtown Westmont on Cass

Come to downtown Westmont in your Halloween Costume and go trick or treating at participating businesses throughout the downtown business district. For more info, contact the Westmont Chamber at 630-960-5553, by e-mail at [wctb@westmontchamber.com](mailto:wctb@westmontchamber.com), or visit [www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com).

### **CASKETS ON CASS RACE**

October 23, NOON

Downtown Westmont on Cass

Caskets on Cass is a foot race of homemade caskets sponsored by community organizations, businesses, and area residents. To learn more and sign up on the Chamber website [www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com) or contact the Westmont Chamber at 630-960-5553.

### **SPOOKTACULAR FUN NIGHT**

October 29, 5-7:00PM

Westmont Park District - 75 E. Richmond

Enjoy a safe and warm Halloween as the whole family is invited to a fun-filled time as you trick or treat with us! There will be games, concessions, a parade of costumes, and more. For more information, contact the Westmont Park District at [westmontparks.org](http://westmontparks.org) or 630-963-5252.

### **ZOMBIE CRAWL**

October 30, 2-6:00PM

Locations Throughout Westmont

This event has been a tremendous success and provides an opportunity for adults to enjoy the

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Halloween season. This event, hosted by Westmont Special Events, takes guests throughout the community visiting participating pubs and



restaurants. Each location will have food and beverage specials as well as a fun Halloween activity. There will be two routes to choose from. This is a 21 and over event. The \$18 fee covers transportation, event coordination, and an event t-shirt. Tickets and registration at [www.westmontevents.com](http://www.westmontevents.com). For more info, contact WSEC at [wsec@westmontevents.com](mailto:wsec@westmontevents.com) or 630-829-9378.

### **Free Leaf Collection in November**

As part of the contract between the Village of Westmont and Waste Management, there will be free leaf collection during the month of November beginning Monday, November 1 and continuing through Friday, November 26. Residents will be allowed to put out unlimited kraft paper bags of leaves free of charge next to their garbage on their scheduled garbage pick-up day. Only kraft paper yard waste bags can be used for this free program. This program is for leaves only; grass clippings and other yard waste materials will require a yard waste sticker.

### **YARD WASTE PICK-UP & STICKERS**

From April until December, the Village offers a yard waste pick-up program. Residents can put grass clippings and other yard waste into kraft bags for pick-up; each bag of yard waste will require a yard waste sticker. Yard waste stickers can be purchased at Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy Street; Bales Ace Hardware, 20 E. Quincy Street; Mariano's, 150 W.

63rd Street; and Jewel-Osco, Cass & Ogden and 55th & Holmes in Clarendon Hills.

### **BRUSH PICK-UP**

The Village of Westmont also offers a free brush pick-up program. Please visit the village website to review specific requirements for the Brush Pick-up Program. <https://westmont.illinois.gov/index.aspx?NID=221>

For more information, please contact Waste Management directly at [wm.com](http://wm.com) or 800-964-8988.

### **DuPage Energy Assistance Program**

DuPage County offers a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist people in need with their utility bills. This program helps people in low-income households pay for home energy services such as gas and electric service. LIHEAP will begin accepting applications Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Participants must meet specific criteria to qualify.

For more information, including where you can apply, DuPage County residents may call 630-407-6500, 800-942-9412 or visit [dupageco.org/LIHEAP](http://dupageco.org/LIHEAP). For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program, visit the IDOC Utility Bill Assistance website or call the toll-free hotline at 877-411-WARM.

### **Ways to Connect with the Village**

- Sign up for Notify Me community alerts <http://www.westmont.illinois.gov/list.aspx>
- Join the Village of Westmont Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/westmontilgov>
- The Westmont Village Board meets every other Thursday at 6:00pm in the Village Hall. If you cannot make the meeting, they are televised and available on our YouTube channel.



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## Westmont News: From the Village Communications Dept.

Communication is important to the Village of Westmont. We encourage citizens to visit our Village of Westmont website at [westmont.illinois.gov](http://westmont.illinois.gov) for the most accurate and up-to-date information. Following are some of the current headlines and links to the full story.

**NOTE:** The PDF version of this article has active links to the respective website sources and is available online at [www.oakwoodha.org/oakwood-news.html](http://www.oakwoodha.org/oakwood-news.html)

Sign up for the New Westmont E-Newsletter

<https://westmont.illinois.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1323>

Community Feedback Requested Regarding Westmont History Projects

<https://westmont.illinois.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1454>

New Rx Drop Box at Police/Fire Facility

<https://westmont.illinois.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1442>

New Friendly Phone Calls for Seniors Service

<https://westmont.illinois.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1444>

Westmont TIF Districts Update

<https://westmont.illinois.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1451>

To make sure you are staying current with Village information, sign up for **NOTIFY ME** and receive updates regarding news releases, agenda postings, and calendar entries. To sign up, go to the Village website at [westmont.illinois.gov](http://westmont.illinois.gov) and click on the **NOTIFY ME** link.

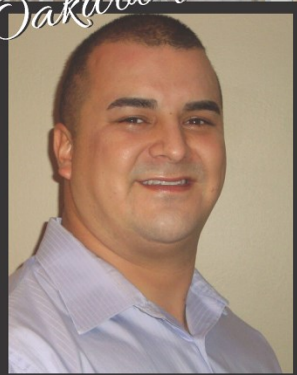


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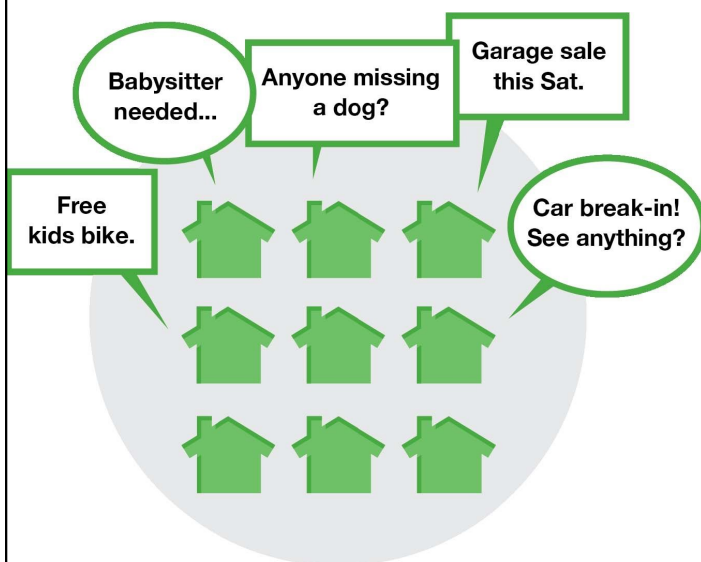
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## Oakwood News: Oakwood's Part in Westmont's 100 Years (cont.)

installed.

The Blackhawk Road extension was completed for safety reasons after several power outages due to home construction in the Oakwood area.

### WELCOME

"Welcome to all new residents of Oakwood. We hope you will enjoy living in the Oakwood Community and encourage you to participate in the OHA (Oakwood Homeowners Association) activities and functions. A great opportunity for you to become acquainted with your new neighbors."

This was the opening message from the president of the OHA in Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Oak Leaf newsletter, April/May, 1986. The president of the OHA was the First Resident of Oakwood, Roger Westman. The Eastern Shoreline of Lake Charles, which is OHA property and open to all residents, was obtained on our behalf largely by Roger's efforts. The fence that was constructed along Ogden for the homes on the South end of the neighborhood were also due in large part to his push, and of course, Westman Beach was named after both Roger and his wife, Nancy, who were joint Citizens of the Year in Westmont in 2010. The bench at Westman Beach is dedicated to Roger's memory.

Congratulations, Westmont, on 100 years! It is great for Oakwood to be a part of this community.

-Carol Johnson  
Oakwood Resident

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### **Conversations with:**

Alice Krampits, Special Events & Senior Coordinator at Westmont Park District.

Bob Long, Long Realty

Jennifer Burisek, 6th grade teacher at Westmont Junior High School

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Oak Leaf, September 2012, page 10 - "A Trip Down Memory Lane"

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# 2021 Oakwood Halloween Treat Bag Drop Off



Due to the ongoing pandemic and the delta variant, we will drop off the

Halloween Treat Bags to your home again this year. Please be sure to register for this event.

**Date:** Sunday, October 31

**Location:** At YOUR house for your kids *only*.

**Time:** Drop Off of treat bags will occur sometime between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Please register using the Google Form: <https://bit.ly/3zBKMXD>

If you have any questions please email Leslie Ott at [leslierae00@gmail.com](mailto:leslierae00@gmail.com) or call Andrea Leinweber at 708.846.2639.

If you are having problems with the Google form, you can submit the form below. Please bring the completed form to *either* 708 Oakwood Drive or 521 Revere Avenue on or before Sunday, October 17th.



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_