

westheight news

The Newsletter of the Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association

EVERYONE
LOVES
A PARTY

HWNA's 100th
Birthday Party

Saturday, October 24
2-7 p.m.



Join the Party

What's 100 years old and still looks as fetching as ever? It's our beloved neighborhood, of course! And, we're getting ready for the party of the century.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 2-7 p.m. That's when the Historic Westheight centennial celebration is coming to Triangle Park (also known as Three Corner Park) and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Festivities will include a picnic and entertainment in the park, plus a photo and archives display in the large room at St. Paul's.

Want to help plan the party? Join one of the following "100 Years of Historical Westheight Neighborhood" planning committees:

- Communication & Publicity
- Food
- Entertainment
- Event Logistics
- Historical Archive Organization
- And more!

Know former residents and/or their descendants? We hope they'll come back for the celebration! To ensure they receive event information, please share their contact information, including their name, mailing address, e-mail and/or phone number, with Susan Maier at westheight100@aol.com.

August 2015



*Sunset at the Willett household
on Washington Blvd.*

Next Bi-monthly
HWNA meeting
Wednesday,
August 12
6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's
Episcopal Church
1300 N 18th St.



Special Guests:
Commissioners
Harold Johnson &
Melissa Bynum, and
UG Director of Community
Relations Lindsay Behgam

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Message from the Chairman

Hi Neighbors,

We have a very informative general meeting coming up this month. Our guests will include District 4 Commissioner, Harold Johnson (our district commissioner), At-Large Commissioner Melissa Bynum, and Lindsay Behgam, the UG Director of Community Relations. We will also have a report from Officer Casas and information about exercise classes in the area.

Please note date, day, and time changes for the meeting: **Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm.** Bring a snack or a dessert; enjoy the evening!

Here are some thank yous to Westheight neighbors who are making a difference:

- **Clark Hepworth** for organization of the annual garage sale (Please return your yard signs to him!)
- **Wyatt Breidenthal** for facilitating the removal of the dangerous tree on the vacant lot at 1311

North 20th Street.

- The **Jarrell family** (Doris Juhl's daughter and grandchildren) for running a lemonade stand during the garage sale And donating proceeds to our association
- **Bruce and Kara Erickson, Pam and Stan Jasinskas, Mark Muller, Mary Smith, and José Wember** for set up and organization of the post-garage sale picnic
- All the Westheight neighbors who attended the picnic and provided delicious dishes and great conversations. We had a great time!

One final note...Our neighbor, **Tony Sandoval** (Washington Blvd.) is recovering from a serious accident. If you know Tony and his family, please check in to offer cheer and a helping hand.

See you at the general meeting on **Wednesday, August 12.**

Pam Jasinskas, HWNA Chairman



Mayor Holland is kicking off his listening tour in a neighborhood near you!

Please join us for a short update on city-wide initiatives presented by the Mayor and your District Commissioner.

Tuesday, August 25, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wyandotte High School

2501 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102

What do you want your neighborhood to look like in 5 years?
How about 10 years? How do you want our government to spend the sales tax revenue that will pay off from the Legends in 2017?

This is your opportunity to voice your specific goals!

Around the Corner

All in the Family

Special Feature by Susan Allen



The Wember Family: In back, Jacob, Jacqueline and José. In front, Daniel, Sophie and Nathaly.

Life with four children can be hectic, even in the easygoing days of summer. But José and Jacqueline Wember lead their busy family with skill and grace, while striving for the best for their children. The hub of the family's activities is a California Ranch-style home built in 1951 on New Jersey Ave. It's one of the "newer" homes in Westheight Manor.

The children have enjoyed their summer, reading books from the library, swimming and playing with their dogs. "And playing video games and watching TV," added Daniel, 9. He and his sisters, Nathaly, 12, and Sophia, 6, attend Christ the King school. Older brother

Jacob, 13, starts 8th grade at Sumner Academy. The family is proud of Jacob for this accomplishment, and having a top-quality high school like Sumner is one of the reasons they moved to KCK three years ago.

Jacqueline and José met and married when they lived in El Salvador. "We wanted a better future and a good start for our kids," José says, so they moved to the U.S. 15 years ago. But they have plenty of relatives here--José's parents live just down the street from the family. They also have relatives in Oregon, Virginia, California and Nebraska.

José is a foreman at a construction company. In addition, the couple has their own business buying and renovating houses that they turn into rental property. So far they have refurbished three houses, including their own. Jacqueline also cleans houses and helps people organize their basements and garages.

José has served on the board of the neighborhood association for two years. He and Jacqueline say they are grateful to live in Westheight, particularly enjoying the beautiful old homes, the friendly neighbors and the community's diversity. They look forward to the celebration of Westheight's 100th anniversary in October. "It will be a great time to show off our neighborhood and to be proud of our history, while celebrating all that we've accomplished," he says.

DID YOU KNOW?



Labor Day Impacts Residential Trash and Recycling Services

Deffenbaugh will observe Labor Day on Monday, September 7, 2015 in Kansas City, Kansas. Service for both trash pickup and curbside recycling will be impacted the entire week. In Westheight, Tuesday pickup will be done on Wednesday. Visit wycokck.org for more information.

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Westheight News is the newsletter of the Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association, a nonprofit volunteer organization established to improve life in the Historic Westheight Manor Neighborhood.

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Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association 2015 Membership Form

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact phone: _____

Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Dues are \$10 per adult. Both dues and donations are tax deductible.

Dues enclosed: \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Check or money order payable to HWNA or cash, preferred. Please send to Rick Yarnell, 2424 Nebraska Court, KCK 66102

Thank you for being part of our neighborhood!

Westheight is a great place to live, and as a resident or friend of the Westheight neighborhood, you know that. The goal of the Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association is to preserve Westheight's status as a vibrant and active neighborhood that maintains its historic character. Membership in HWNA is voluntary, and your dues are used to help maintain the beauty and livability of the neighborhood, and to promote the historic character of the Nationally Registered Historic District that is Westheight Manor. Membership is open to anyone who shares our goals.