

# THE 'GATE

Quarterly Newsletter Spotighting the Westgate Community



Westgate volunteers who helped plant the pollinator garden



A rendering of what this should look like next Summer!

## Pollinator Garden

The Westgate Community Foundation is excited to share an update on a beautification project we've been working on this past year. A pollinator garden was identified as an asset that could benefit and enhance a highly visible Westgate entrance into the neighborhood. This project is supported by the Omaha Neighborhood Grants Program, a program of the Omaha Community Foundation. Over the course of the summer, planning and preparations were made. Once the summer heat started to subside, Foundation volunteers got to work on the berm north of the Westgate Pool on Grover street. You may have noticed the changes, and while it doesn't look like much and currently looks dead, the roots below are busy getting established. Patience will be the key and over the next few years, we will see our efforts come to life. As part of the overall beautification project, we will be incorporating public art pieces in the form of steel sculptures. We are in conversation with the Westside High School Welding, Fabrication and Manufacturing Lab to have students design and produce these sculptures. We are excited for the collaboration opportunity and ability to support our Westside School District.

## Pipal Park Masterplan

The Omaha Parks has identified Westgate's Pipal Park as one of their next upgrade projects. The Landscape Architects and Omaha Parks held an information meeting on October 7th to present their masterplan and receive public comment. Visit the Westgate Community Foundation website at: <https://www.westgatecommunityfoundation.org/projects-2> to view the presentation slides. If you have suggestions or comments, we are happy to pass them along to the designers. Contact us via email or Facebook messenger with your comments. While this is only a masterplan with a big wish list, it demonstrates what is possible. Next steps will include Omaha Parks doing some fundraising, design would start early 2022, and construction could begin as early as summer of 2022. We are excited to see some improvements coming to our neighborhood.



Proposed Layout





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# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE 'GATE

## Holiday Decorating Contest

The Westgate Community Foundation and Westgate Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring the Holiday Decorating Contest again this year. That means prizes for the top winners!

Contest will take place on Facebook so pay attention to our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/westgatecommunityfoundation>

Stay connected and to nominate your favorite Westgate Holiday décor by December 20th! Voting will close on December 31st at 11:59 PM and prizes will be awarded and delivered the following week!

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SHIRTS HERE!

## Westgate T-shirts

We are selling Westgate Shirts\* through a local vendor! Orders can be placed online through the QR Code. Order by December 10th to have your shirts ready for holiday gifts!

\*A portion of the proceeds will go back to the foundation to be invested back into the neighborhood.

