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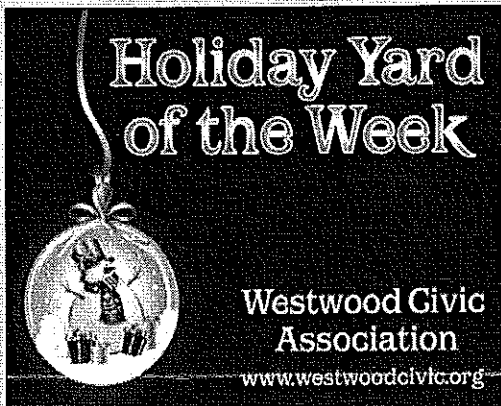
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Yard of the Week Winners for Nov. 24 - Nov. 30

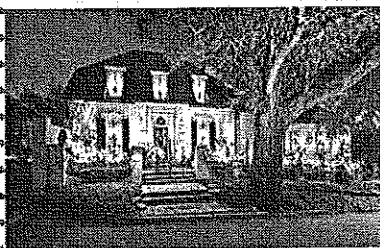


- 2823 Harrison - Carl M. Crouch and Terry Lanham
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- 2193 Harrison - Fred & Teri Stewart
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- 3449 McFadden - Jeffrey & Sharon Wiehe
- 3066 Glenmore Ave. - Thomas & Marjorie Ciulla

WHO HAS THE BEST DECORATED YARD

This is the second year the Westwood Civic Association (WCA) encourages residents and businesses to decorate their properties for the holidays. Each week, from Sunday, November 24 through Saturday, December 28, up to 10 of the best decorated will be designated with WCA Yard-of-the-Week signs posted on the properties nominated and chosen.

We encourage residents to nominate who they feel has the best decorated property. Nominations can be made by emailing Becky Weber at bmimmy@aol.com Nominations must be properties within the boundaries of Westwood.



Westwood Civic Association
Christmas Party
Friday, December 13
Palomino's

Come and join us beginning
5 p.m. for appetizers



From The President's Desk:

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Westwood Civic Association, I would like to wish all our Westwood Members and residents a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a very blessed Holiday Season! We hope to see all of you at an upcoming Westwood Civic Association meeting or event!

In this month's article, I will focus on the Westwood Coalition. Since the Coalition started in March, there are many myths, rumors and misconceptions going around. I hope to address some of those here. Please go to the Coalition's website: www.revitalizewestwood.com, to read about the Coalition. If you click on "Reading List" at the top right, also click on "Form-Based Code Myths and Realities" from the selection of reading materials. There are many other reading materials as well. I will address a few issues here, because it is crucial that Westwood residents are on the same page regarding the Coalition.

Who is the Coalition? The Coalition is made up of representatives of the four Westwood organizations, Westwood Civic Association, WestCURC, Westwood Historical, and Westwood Works, as well as representatives of the business owners in the Westwood Business District. They are all volunteers. The Westwood Civic Assn. representatives on the Coalition are Mary Jenkins and Tom Hodges. Each organization, similarly, has representatives on the Coalition.

The Coalition will take the place of Westwood Civic Association. No. This is a myth. The Westwood Civic Association remains the recognized Community Council for Westwood. The Coalition is nothing more than a group of concerned Westwood neighbors and business owners, who are focusing on the revitalization of the Business District. It is a collaboration, or a "think tank". The Coalition is not incorporated by the State of Ohio, it

does not have a 501c4 or 501c3, nor a Constitution or Bylaws, it has no officers, and no bank accounts. The Coalition receives no city, state or federal funding. The Coalition is not replacing the Westwood Civic Association.

The Coalition's work is replacing the Westwood Strategic Plan. No. This is also a myth. The Coalition's work supports and reinforces the Westwood Strategic Plan. The Westwood Strategic Plan has a whole section on the Westwood Business District, as well as long-range goals and strategies involving the Westwood Business District, and the Coalition is in tune with those goals and strategies listed within the Strategic Plan. The Westwood Strategic Plan is alive and well, is not being replaced or discarded, and WCA will continue to support and uphold the Plan.

The Westwood Coalition is making final decisions about the future of the Business District. No. This is another myth. The Coalition is merely making recommendations about revitalizing the Business District. The City of Cincinnati makes the final decisions about the planning, designs, and execution of any project such as this one. The members of the Coalition are only making planning recommendations. These are not set in stone. The Coalition is reporting its ideas and recommendations back to the Boards of all four organizations mentioned above and to the City for final approvals. All four organizations listed above must approve and support the Coalition's findings, suggestions and recommendations, before they go forward.

The members of the Coalition are entirely volunteers. I think we need to support them, and the hard work they are doing for everyone's benefit in the neighborhood. Keep up the great work and efforts!

Sincerely, Joel Kimmet
President, Westwood Civic Association

SUPPORT THE TROOPS ***Adopted Unit:*** ***2nd 504th PIR, 82nd Airborne***

Dwayne and Jennifer Dawson of District 3 are collecting items to support Bravo Company FSO (Fire Support Officer) which is deploying to Afghanistan. There are approximately 500 soldiers deploying in January of 2014, including their son Lt. Jay Dawson.

The goal of Officer Jennifer Dawson is to provide each soldier with a care package, containing specific items listed below.

Westwood Civic Association would like to show our support for our troops. We would like to help Officers Jennifer and Dwayne Dawson collect as many care packages as possible. We hope you would also like to help fill a care package for one of our soldiers.

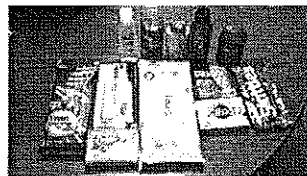
The completed packages can be dropped off at District 3 until December 13. Attn: Jennifer Dawson. However, to make it easier for our neighbors, you can do the following:

- You can drop the package off at Westwood Town Hall by December 10.
- Bring it to our steering meeting on December 10 at 7:00 pm.
- Contact me, Becky Weber, bmimmy@aol.com. I will come and pick the package up.

Each Gallon size ZipLoc Bag consists of:

*Toothbrush/Paste combo pack	*1 Empty Zip Loc Bag	
*Razors	*Deodorant	*Baby Wipes
*Shaving Gel	*Shampoo	*Hand Sanitizer
*Q-Tips	*Gold Bond Powder	*Chap Stick
*Hard Candy Bag	*Sugarless Gum Packs	

These Care Packages can fit in the soldiers Ruck Sack and transported with them.



Crime Statistics and the Holiday Season

Between October and November in District 3, robberies are up 136%, auto thefts have risen 67%, and breaking-and-entering burglaries are up 29%. With the arrival of the holiday season, crime is up. Not everyone you meet in the parking lot of Western Hills Plaza or Glenway Crossing Shopping Center shares the same "peace on earth, good will to men" sentiment. So while it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Westwood, here are some tips to keep you safe during the holiday season:

- ☺ With the cold weather, do not leave your vehicle running and the doors unlocked as you get ready in the morning or while you dash into UDF for a hot cup of coffee. This is the prime way for auto thefts to occur.
- ☺ If possible, plan your shopping during daylight hours. When shopping at night, shop with a friend or buddy.
- ☺ Resist carrying a purse or wallet: these are the prime target for both physical and identity theft. Better to keep your driver's license and credit or debit card in a front pocket than to carry a purse or wallet.
- ☺ Parking your vehicle in a well-lighted part of the parking lot near the stores where you will be shopping keeps you safer than making the trek across acres of asphalt. Avoid parking next to vehicles or vans with tinted windows.
- ☺ Try to pay for purchases with a credit or debit card and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Wearing expensive jewelry or watches while shopping attracts the wrong type of attention!
- ☺ It is better to make frequent trips to your vehicle than to be laden down with purchases as you walk through the parking lot. For purchases of electronics such as televisions, laptops, or tablets, ask the clerk if you can drive your vehicle in front of the store for loading.
- ☺ Thefts from autos typically increases in December. The prime target areas are shopping plazas, malls, and big-box

retailers. Be a smart shopper by always locking your purchases in your vehicle's trunk and never leaving packages or valuable in plain view.


- ☺ If you must stop at an ATM while shopping, try to have your debit card in hand as you approach the machine. Remember to shield your hand as you put in your pin code. Stash those green backs away immediately and avoid counting them.
- ☺ In this age of cyber shopping, keep track of packages being delivered to your home and make arrangements either to be home when the packages will be delivered, to have a neighbor receive the packages, or to ask the carrier to hold them so you can pick them up in person.
- ☺ Once you have your packages home safe and wrapped, make sure they are not visible from a window or door.

During the holidays Westwood Citizens on Patrol always steps up its patrols at Western Hills Plaza, Glenway Crossing Shopping Center, and the Walmart Supercenter. Interested in helping us make the holidays safe and reducing crime statistics in Westwood? Email our unit and leave your name and address, and we'll mail you a brochure or application: Westwood-COP@aol.com; or call Cincinnati Police Officer Princess Davis at (513) 352-3533.

Bruce McClung
Administrative Coordinator
Westwood Citizens on Patrol



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For a membership application
or to report issues of concern

WestwoodCOP@aol.com
OR
Call: 513-352-3533

**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

12/10/2013 Steering Meeting
12/13/2013 Christmas Party - Appetizers at Palamino's
starting at 5 p.m.
1/14/2014 Steering Meeting
1/21/2014 General Meeting

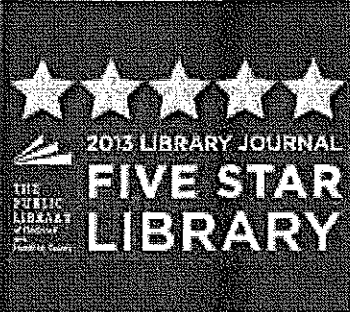
Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Westwood Town Hall.

Regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Westwood Town Hall.

LIBRARY OFFERS 'eHELP' FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Getting a new eReader or tablet for the book lover on your holiday shopping list? Before you hit the mall, read through our [FAQs](#) found on www.cincinnati.library.org. Then, bring your new toy in for our **Ereader one-on-one tutorials on Saturday, 1/4/14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** and learn how to download free books onto your iPad, Nook, Kindle, or other Tablet. Library staff will give a short overview of the collection and mechanics of downloading eBooks and be available to answer questions about downloading and the different types of eReaders compatible with our collection. Sign up in advance to reserve your spot with one of our expert staff members who will sit down and show you step by step how to download books, audiobooks, and music.

YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY RATED FIVE STAR BY LIBRARY JOURNAL



The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County accepted a national honor from the library field's leading professional publication. The Library Journal Index of Public Library Service awarded the Public Library a Five-Star Rating for service. Library Journal developed its national ranking which compares U.S. public libraries on the quantities of services they deliver based on per capita statistics for library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet use. The LJ Index gives an overall indication of how libraries stack up to their peers nationally. This is the second time this year that the Public Library has received national recognition. In May, First Lady Michelle Obama presented the Public Library with the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service during a White House ceremony.

Programs:

Book Club – No Meeting in December. The January 2014 selection is *Light A Penny Candle* by Maeve Binchy

Yu-Gi-Oh!—Wednesday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m.—Teens
Attention all players of card games! Want to hang out with friends after school and play Yu-Gi-oh, Magic the Gathering, Bakugan, or any other card game? Come play at the Westwood Library the first Wednesday of every month!

Holiday Craft Fun —Thursday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
Make a fun craft for the holidays. Ages 6-12

Game On!—Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m.—Teens
Play games with friends at the library! Sponsored by Kersten Fund.

We're Game—Monday, December 9 at 2:30 p.m.—Ages 8-12
Twins! You're invited to join your friends for video and board games! Ages 8-12

Make a Yarn Bowl—Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.—Teens
Turn simple materials into a beautiful bowl for a holiday gift, or to hold your own stuff!

Afterschool Awesome—Wednesday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m.—Ages 8-14
Westwood Library is partnering up with Heartprints to build, inspire, empower, and engage tweens; ages 8-14. Explore a world of learning fun!

Anime Club – Thursday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. – Teens *Registration Required*
Come watch Anime with fellow otaku, draw and have some fun!

Read to Reel Movie—Wednesday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.—All Ages
Enjoy our feature presentation: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG)*

LEGO Time—Monday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
Join your friends each month and build your own LEGO

creations! Ages 6-12

Bingo for Kids (Winter Break Edition)—Thursday, December 26 at 2:00 p.m.—Children
Looking for something to do during your winter break? Join us and play for more fabulous prizes!

BeTWEEN the Pages – December 3, 10, 17 at 4:00 p.m. – Ages 8-16
Looking for something to do? Want to hear some good stories? Join us for the weekly tween and teen story hour and get caught up in a good book!

Movers & Shakers – December 4, 11 at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4
You and your child shake it together for music, movement, and fun

Branch Holiday Hours:

All library locations will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24th** and **Wednesday, December 25th** in observance of the Christmas holiday.

All library locations will close at 6 pm New Year's Eve, **Tuesday, December 31st** and be closed New Year's Day, **Wednesday, January 1st**.



From the Westwood Staff:
Kathy, Nancy, Angie
Michelle, Donna, Katie, Sierra,
Alex, Talia, and Iain

Programs made possible by the Friends of the Public Library and the Kersten Fund. For more programs at other library locations, check out our program calendar: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/calendar.html>

Westwood Branch Library	Hours of Operation:
3345 Epworth Avenue	Mon./Tues./Thurs: 12-8
513-369-4474	Wed./Fri./Sat. 10-6

Trim Your Holiday Waste

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District wants to remind everyone there are easy ways to reduce your waste and recycle odd items this holiday season.



Reduce Waste in the First Place

An extra 25 million tons of waste is produced between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Easy ways everyone can help reduce holiday waste this season are to bring your own reusable bags when shopping, reuse gift boxes, plan meals wisely to minimize food waste, and purchase rechargeable batteries.

Don't Forget About Recycling

Remember to recycle these items from holiday gatherings in your curbside bin/cart or community recycling drop-off:

- Gift boxes and wrapping paper (not foil). It's even better to save boxes to reuse later.
- Christmas cards and envelopes
- Glass bottles and jars, and metal caps from beer bottles
- Paper cards, envelopes, newspaper, advertisements and junk mail
- Aluminum and steel food and drink cans
- Eggnog cartons and juice boxes



For a complete list of acceptable recyclables, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org.

Let your Christmas Tree Live on

After the holidays, plan to recycle your Christmas tree and holiday greenery at the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's free yard trimmings drop-off program. Yard trimmings drop-off sites will be open on **Saturday, January 4 and Saturday, January 11 from noon to 3 p.m.** to turn Christmas trees and other yard trimmings into mulch. Remove all decorations, tinsel, ornaments and tree bags from holiday greenery.

Locations for the yard trimmings drop-off sites are:

West: Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Road in Green Township

North: Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, 3800 Struble Road (and Colerain Avenue) in Colerain Township

Recycle your Old Electronics

Recycle any unwanted computer equipment or televisions. The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's free computer/TV drop-off program will be open on **Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Colerain High School parking lot located at 8801 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45251. This program is for Hamilton County residents only; businesses, churches, schools and non-profit organizations are prohibited. For a list of acceptable items, or to find other outlets for electronic waste, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org.

Questions?

For more information, please call the Recycling Hotline at 946-7766, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org, or interact with us on [Twitter \(@HamCoRecycling\)](https://twitter.com/HamCoRecycling) and [Facebook \(www.Facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling\)](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling).

CINCINNATI AMNESTY DAYS SET FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS



With the holidays coming up soon, residential collection amnesty days have been scheduled.

Residents will be permitted to set out additional trash in sealed plastic trash bags next to their approved City provided container. Amnesty weeks are centered around holidays when households typically generate more trash than normal. Upcoming amnesty days for 2013 and 2014 include:

- ◆ Thanksgiving November 30, 2013-December 6, 2013
- ◆ Winter Holidays December 26, 2013-January 3, 2014
- ◆ Memorial Day May 27, 2014 – May 31, 2014
- ◆ Independence Day July 5, 2014 – July 11, 2014
- ◆ Labor Day September 2 - September 6, 2014

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly
Statement November, 2013**

Revenue


Invest in Neighborhoods	\$1,224.55
Westwood Gateways	500.00
Donation	100.00
Membership	80.00
Art Show	20.00
Miscellaneous	.55
Total Revenue	\$1,925.10

Expenses

Westwood Art Show	\$954.24
Internal Revenue Service	850.00
Community Gardens	762.39
Liability Insurance	832.00
Newsletter	402.12
Total Expenses	\$ 3,800.75

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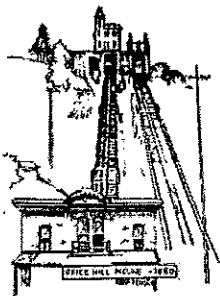
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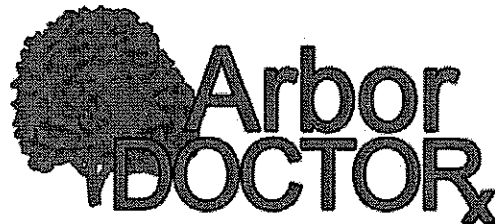
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Dues are based on the calendar year. You will find an application in this newsletter. Just mail it with \$10 to the PO Box on the form.

Membership forms are also available online at westwoodcivic.org. Invite your friends and neighbors to join!

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