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### Yard of the Week Winners Dec. 1 - Dec. 7

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3017 Hull  
3118 Macarthur  
2809 Cyclorama  
2962 Lischer  
3537 Daytona  
2646 Foran  
2731 Anderson Ferry Rd.

### Yard of the Week Winners Dec. 8 - Dec. 14

3431 Craig  
2551 Homestead Pl.  
3149 Hanna  
2908 McKinley  
3185 Epworth  
3348 Meyer  
2752 Queenswood  
2885 LaFeuille  
3246 Glenmore  
2958 Dunaway

### Yard of the Week Winners Dec. 15 - Dec. 21

3114 Pickbury  
2911 Queen City Ave.  
2787 Montana Ave.  
3668 Allview Circle  
3365 Meyer Place  
2858 McFarlan Park  
3443 Corrine  
3122 Penrose  
2926 Lischer  
5915 Glenway Ave.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

### From The President's Desk

Greetings, Westwood Residents, and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Civic Association, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! Happy 2014 to all, and we are hoping for a great 2014 in Westwood, with many exciting events and happenings in store for the neighborhood! This is an exciting time to live in Westwood!

### Upcoming Meetings:

Our next meetings are on January 14<sup>th</sup> (Steering) and January 21<sup>st</sup> (General). Following that will be February 11<sup>th</sup> (Steering) and February 18<sup>th</sup> (General). All the Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room at the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue, and are open to the public.

### Upcoming Election of Board Members:

From January through March, 2014, the WCA elections for Board Members will be taking place. You might want to attend the January General Meeting on 1/21/14 to find out more information about the Elections of Officers. Basically, every year at this time, and through the end of March, five members of the WCA Board of Directors come up for election or re-election. We have Nominating Committees currently in place, and actively seeking candidates. The candidates will be announced at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. If we have more than five candidates, we will be having an election, which means that official ballots will be mailed out to all current active members of WCA during February and March. Come to the January 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting to learn more. I will write more about the elections of board members next month.

### Updates on the Westwood Coalition:

In the last issue of this Newsletter, I wrote about the Westwood Coalition, and Westwood Civic Association's part in the Westwood Coalition. I am happy to report that on December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the City's Planning Commission Meeting, all the members of the

Planning Commission unanimously APPROVED the Form Based Codes as part of the new planning system for the Westwood Business District. This is great news, and a big win for the neighborhood! This is the plan that the Westwood Coalition has been working on for the last several months, and most importantly, all 4 Westwood groups (Westwood Civic, WestCURC, Westwood Historical and Westwood Works) agree on and support.

Remember, this is the first major project that all 4 Westwood groups are working on together, and sure, there will be some "growing pains" to work through, since we have never before worked together on a project of this magnitude. Trust me, all the volunteers working on this project are great Westwood residents, who are all dedicated to improving the Westwood Business District, and only want the best for our neighborhood. We will work together, and this project will go forward for the betterment of Westwood and our Business District! Everyone should stop by and speak to Tom Bonhaus, who owns "Bonhaus Auto Service" station on Harrison Avenue, and ask Tom what he thinks about the Westwood Coalition and the future of the Westwood Business District. I think that Tom would assure everyone that the Coalition is doing great work in Westwood, and we should all support the work of the Coalition!

### Break-Ins Happening in Westwood:

It saddens me to report that there have been a string of home break-ins very recently in the area between Hildreth Avenue and Epworth Avenue. We all need to be very vigilant, and report suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Please watch over your neighbor's homes when they are on vacation, and ask them to watch yours if you are out of town. We will be asking that the **Westwood Citizens on Patrol** focus on this area for the next month. We need to catch these vandals, as all the cases seem to be related. More about this will be discussed at our January General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely, Joel Kimmet, WCA President

## WCA Seeking Board Candidates



The Westwood Civic Association is gearing up for the annual Board of Directors election. Board members serve three-year terms. Each year, it is necessary to elect five members of the 15-person board. There are no special skills or abilities required. The most important quality a board member must possess is an interest in making this great neighborhood the best it can be. Board members attend one or two meetings a month. Most also chair a committee that covers an existing area of work in which WCA is involved. If you would like to learn more, please contact one of our nominating committee chairs-

Tom Hodges - tomhodges19@gmail.com

513-460-2935

Or,

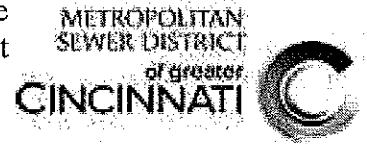
John Eby - sparky45211@gmail.com

Selected candidates will be presented at the January 21 WCA membership meeting. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting in March.



## MSD's Lick Run Project: Queen City Avenue, Phase 1

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) is anticipated to start work in December on the Queen City Avenue, Phase 1 project between the Queen City Bypass and Sunset Avenue. This effort is part of the Lick Run Project to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Mill Creek.



MSD will be installing 3,900 linear feet of new stormwater sewers along the north side of Queen City Avenue, as well as along Tillie Avenue and Champlain Street. Short legs will also be constructed on Wyoming and Sunset Avenues to prepare for future stormwater sewers on those roadways.

Construction will occur primarily Monday through Saturday during daylight hours. MSD's construction contractor is Sunesis Construction. The project is anticipated to be complete by summer 2014.

*During the majority of construction, the two westbound lanes of Queen City Avenue will be closed, and the two eastbound lanes will be converted to two-way traffic (one lane in each direction).*


The Lick Run Project is part of Project Groundwork, MSD's multi-year plan to reduce sewer overflows into streams and rivers in Hamilton County.

For additional information about the project, please contact MSD Engineering Customer Service at (513) 557-3594 or [MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov) or visit [www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun](http://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun).



*Note: A second phase of stormwater sewers along Queen City Avenue – from Sunset Avenue to a point west of Queen City Avenue near East Tower Drive -- will be constructed beginning in 2015, also as part of the Lick Run Project.*

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**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings & Events**

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.*

*All meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.*

A new year, a clean slate, and endless possibilities! Set your goals for 2014 and let the Library help you with this selection of books to simplify your life, rejuvenate your brain, and refresh your soul.

**Get your house in order:**

The Meghan Method: The Step-by-Step Guide to Decorating Your Home in Your Style - Meghan Carter

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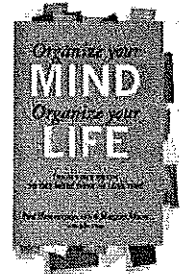
Refresh Your Home: Simple Projects and Tips to Save Money, Update, and Renovate, Clutter Rehab: 101 Tips and Tricks to Become an Organization Junkie and Love It! - Laura Wittmann

**Get your life in order:**

The Antidote: Happiness for People Who Can't Stand Positive Thinking - Oliver Burkeman,

Making Habits, Breaking Habits: Why We Do Things, Why We Don't, and How to Make Any Change Stick - Jeremy Dean

Organize Your Mind, Organize Your Life: Train Your Brain to Get More Done in Less Time - Paul Hammerness and Margaret Moore, with John Hanc

**Get healthy:**

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The Behavior Gap: Simple Ways to Stop Doing Dumb Things with Money - Carl Richards

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How to Be Richer, Smarter, and Better-Looking than Your Parents - Zac Bissonnette

How to Cook Everything. The Basics: All You Need to Make Great Food - Mark Bittman

Acoustic Guitar Chords: Learn the Essential Chords You Need to Start Playing Acoustic Guitar Now! - Chad Johnson

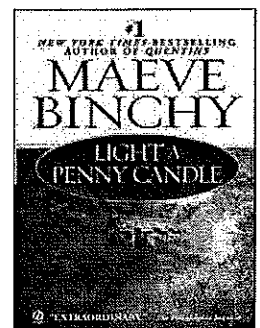
Training for Both Ends of the Leash: A Guide to Cooperation Training for You and Your Dog - Kate Perry and Yvonne Conza

**Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs!**  
For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

## **Adult Book Club – Light A Penny Candle**

### **Thursday January 23 at 7:00 pm**

*As a child, Elizabeth White was sent from her war-torn London home to a safer life in the small Irish town of Kilgarret. It was there, in the crowded, chaotic O'Connor household, that she met Aisling-who would become her very best friend, sharing her pet kitten and secretly teaching her the intricacies of Catholicism. Aisling's boldness brought Elizabeth out of her proper shell; later, her support carried Elizabeth through the painful end of her parents' chilly marriage. Through the years, they always believed they could overcome any conflict, conquer any hardship. They believed they could survive anything, as long as they had each other. Now they're about to find out if they were right.*



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**Teen Takeover**—Thursday, January 2 and 16 at 4:00 p.m.—Teens

Attention all teens! Looking for a place to hang out? Maybe play a game or just talk? Look no further! Every other Thursday, the Westwood meeting room is all yours! An optional activity will be provided by librarian Ms. Angie. Ages 12-18.

**BeTWEEN the Pages** – Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 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!

**AfterSchool Awesome**—Wednesday, January 8 and 22 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, January 9 at 4:00 p.m. – Teens *Registration Required*

Come watch Anime with fellow otaku, draw and have some fun!

**We're Game**—Monday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m.—Ages 8-12

Tweens! You're invited to join your friends for video and board games! Ages 8-12

**Read to Reel Movie**—Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m.—All Ages

Enjoy our feature presentation: *Monsters University* (G)

**Beads and Books**—Monday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m.—Children and Teens

Make a cool piece of jewelry for your library card. Be fashionable while always having your card with you!

**LEGO Time**—Monday, January 27 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12

Join your friends each month and build your own LEGO creations! Ages 6-12

**Movers & Shakers** – Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4

You and your child shake it together for music, movement, and fun.

### Monday, January 20, 2014: Library Open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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*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>*

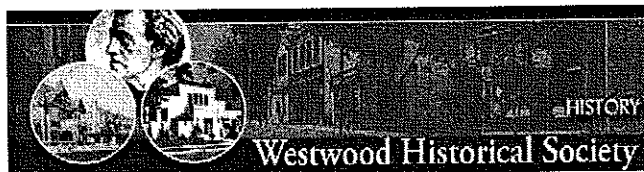
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Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6

### Westwood Historical Society Membership

January is the official start of the membership year for the Westwood Historical Society. Current members will receive a renewal form. Dues are \$15 per household. If you are not a member and would like to join, send a check to: (make payable to the *Westwood Historical Society*)

The Westwood Historical Society  
PO Box 11095  
Cincinnati, OH 45211



Please provide your name (and the names of other people in your household), address, phone number, and e-mail address if available.

Members receive a newsletter 5 times per year. Membership meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, nine months of the year (no meetings are held in January, June, or August).

#### February Meeting

First meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, February 12, 7 pm, at Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue, parking and entrance at rear off of Koenig Avenue).

Judy Spraul-Schmidt, Adjunct Associate Professor of History at UC Blue Ash College, will give a presentation on Boss Cox.

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

**Revenue**

Membership	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	.47
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$400.47</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletter	\$406.92
Kiwanis Dues	175.00
Postage	23.30
Miscellaneous	5.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$611.17</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,766.51

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,944.95

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Lick Run Project - Status Update Meeting #1**  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2014  
Orion Academy, 1798 Queen City Avenue

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) will be hosting a status update meeting on the Lick Run Project from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Orion Academy in South Fairmount.

The meeting will provide an update on the urban waterway in South Fairmount and 11 other associated projects, including:

- Project details/design
- Schedule
- Construction/traffic impacts
- Benefits

For more information, please visit [www.projectgroundwork.org](http://www.projectgroundwork.org) or contact MSD Engineering Customer Service at (513) 557-3594 or [MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov).

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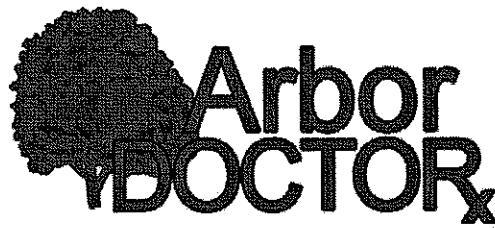
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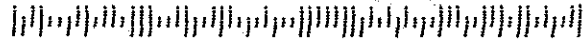
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Dues are based on the calendar year. You will find an application in this newsletter. Just mail it with \$10 to the PO Box on the form.

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