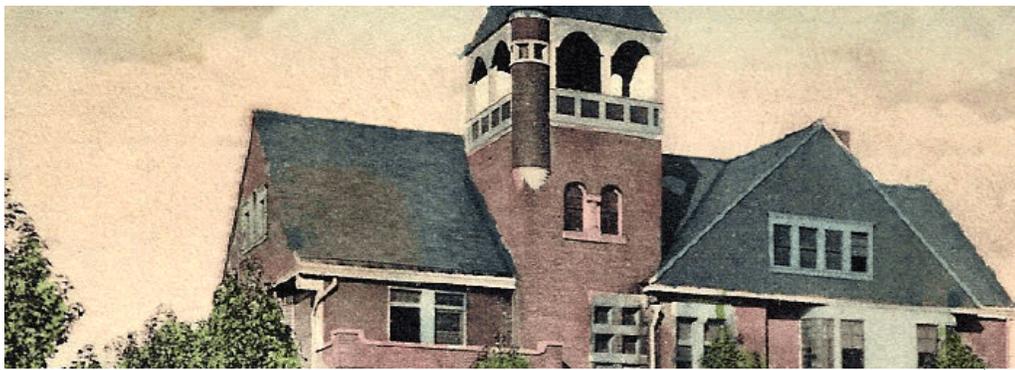




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HELLO EVERYONE,

This month marked some major milestones for the NEP in Westwood and East Westwood. Several announcements were in regards to planning in the works for the Kickoff in March, 2017!

First, there was a televised press conference held downtown at the PNC bank lobby with members of the community, private investors, non-profit partners, City Departments, Harry Black and Mayor Cranley. The city manager Harry Black talked about the significance of the program in many neighborhoods around the city that have benefited from its goal; to create sustainability. A partner who received mention at this year's press conference is a friend to Westwood, the Civic Garden Center! Westwood Civic has worked with them in the past on starting the Westwood Community Gardens. Westwood, East Westwood, and West End were mentioned as recipients for this year's NEP.

Second, WCA turned in a comprehensive "wish list" that will effectively mark where Westwood recognized issues of blight. Public Services, Building and Inspections, and other agencies will go through the entire NEP area to address issues of blight with a fine tooth comb. PIVOT work in the area, B&I, PS and others will be working together in order to crack down on "bad actors", violators of building infractions and to cleanup the community. Those folks that qualify will get the help they need from the Community Action Agency. In response to the work being done in the NEP area the community plays a huge part in the transformation. We have been asked to participate in a Clean the Green event hosted by WCA & Public Services that will tie into our Blitz week for Westwood, Mon. April 3rd – Fri. April 7th! WCA needs volunteers for this event in the hundreds so please contact us info@westwoodcivic.org for the April 8th, Clean the Green event. Details to come.

There have been several stakeholder meetings working toward the March 1st, kickoff for the NEP! Location has yet to be determined. Please stay tuned for updates. We need Westwood there to represent and show full support for all the work being done to transform our community. Thank you!

Shawntee' Stallworth Schramm

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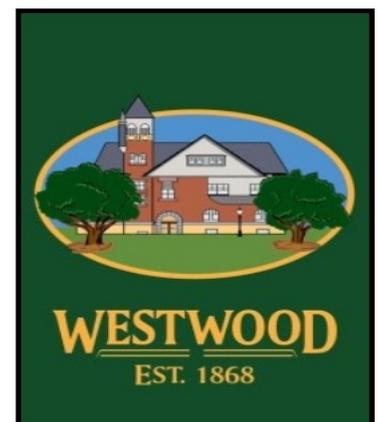
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the second Tuesday of Jan, April, July, & October
- *General Membership Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **third Tuesday of each month**.
- ALL meetings are open to the public. **EVERYONE** is welcome!

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WCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's the time of the year again for WCA membership renewal. Other than the NSP funds that we receive from the City of Cincinnati, membership fees are the largest source of income that WCA uses to publish Westwords and further its mission in support of Westwood. Section 5.05 of the WCA bylaws states that dues are to be paid in advance, and must be paid prior to the end of the February General Membership Meeting in order for a member to be eligible to vote in that year's election of Board Members.

Current dues are \$10.00 per year per household, with an extra \$5.00 per year charge for receipt of a paper copy of Westwords via mail. Dues can be paid by mail using the membership form at the end of Westwords, electronically at <http://westwoodcivic.org/join/> or in person at a WCA General Meeting or Steering meeting. Any questions regarding the status of your membership should be referred to WCA Membership Secretary, Stephen Schramm at steve.schramm.wc@gmail.com



Interested in a raised bed or farm row for 2017? We're taking applications now for our 2017 wait list to be assigned as plots open up. For just \$25 and twelve hours of service on the site, you can join other gardeners in growing produce and community in Westwood. Applications are available online at <http://westwoodcivic.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/WCG-plot-application-2017.pdf>



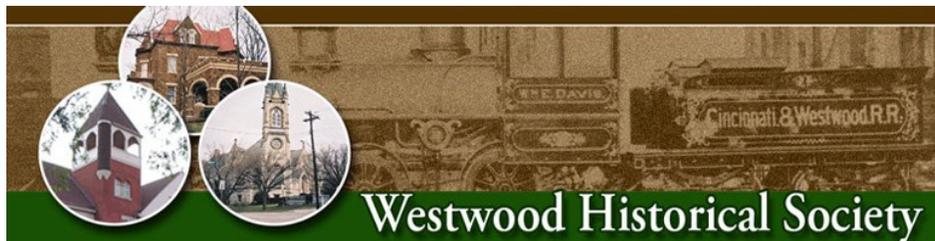
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Westwood Historical Society Meeting

"The 1848 Cincinnati Panorama"

A look at a photographic time capsule of the Queen City

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 7:00 pm

Westwood First Presbyterian Church

(3011 Harrison Avenue, entrance and parking off of Koenig Avenue)

John Reusing, retired Director of Development for the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, will tell the story of how the famous 1848 Cincinnati Panorama daguerreotype was restored and made available to the public to view either at the Main Branch Library or online. See how this remarkable photograph gives us a snapshot of life along a two mile stretch of the 1848 riverfront in Cincinnati in minute detail. All are welcome. John is a very engaging speaker who has presented several membership programs in the past.

Westwood Sesquicentennial

Planning is underway to celebrate Westwood's 150th birthday throughout 2018. If you have ideas for activities, if you would like to get involved in the planning, if you know of any individuals, groups, institutions, or organization you think should be involved, please contact us at info@westwoodhistorical.org, or 513-662-1156.

We are also pushing hard to gather additional information about Westwood history as well as old photographs. If you or your family or neighbor have photos or memorabilia of old Westwood or stories or journals describing life in by gone Westwood, please let us know!

Westwood Historical Society Membership

Membership runs from January to January. Current members will receive a dues renewal notice. Dues are \$15 per household. If you would like to join, send check (payable to the Westwood Historical Society) to Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211. Include your name, address, phone, email address if available, and names of household members. Also indicate if you wish to receive your newsletter via mail or e-mail.

Thank you to all of our planter adopters who kept the neighborhood looking lovely!

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 growing season! Fill out the form, and a pot will be assigned to you (we only have a few left!), then you plant it (by May 15th), and keep it watered and weeded for the season.

More details will be sent to adopters. Sign up at westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/adopt-a-pot/



Westwood Branch Library

by **Kathy Bach & Sierra McKenzie**

Happy February! Although this is a short month, there's A LOT going on! Groundhog Day, President's Day, Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and did you know this Chinese New Year is the year of the Rooster?

1,000 Black Girl Books

11-year-old, Marley Dias was frustrated about only being given un-relatable books to read at school has reached her goal of finding 1,000 "black girl books" after starting the campaign #1000blackgirlbooks. We set up an awesome display and are challenging you to read some of these 1,000 books with Black girls as the protagonists. Keep track of your books and let us know how many you've read to earn special buttons!



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And the Winner Goes To...

Check out our Oscar display and be sure to fill out a ballot with your guesses for Best Picture, Best Actor/Actress, etc. for a chance to win a movie lover's prize!

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

- **Anti-Valentine's Day**—Tuesday, **February 14** at 3:00 p.m.—Teens
 - Tired of the silliness of Valentine's Day? Want to celebrate singularity? Join us for a very UNvalentine's Day party!
- **Masterpieces in the Making**—Wednesday, **February 22** 3:00 p.m.—Ages 5-12 *Registration Recommended*
 - In honor of Black History Month, participants will learn about Kehinde Wiley, a contemporary African American artist, and create their own artwork based on his work.

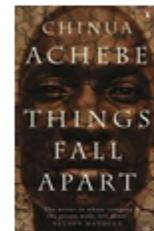


Adult Book Club

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

This classic tale tells two overlapping, intertwining stories, both of which center around Okonkwo, a "strong man" of an Ibo village in Nigeria.

Thursday, February 23
7-8 pm



Programs made possible by the Friends of the Public Library and the Kersten Fund.

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Branch Holiday Hours:

The library is OPEN Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20



During the months of February and March, Gamble-Nippert YMCA hosts Free Family Fun Nights every Friday 5:00-9:00pm. All from the community are welcome to participate.

On Friday, February 17, Westwood Works is sponsoring a Family Movie Night showing Zootopia in the gym! The movie begins at 7:30pm and is open to the community. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Tips on Protecting Your Home From the Outside

Walk around the exterior of your home and scout out its weaknesses. The best way to protect your home from the outside is to survey it with the eyes of a burglar. If you can easily tell that a window could be pried open, a thief will definitely be able to come to the same conclusion. You can even contact your local police department and they'll provide a courtesy home assessment that can help you identify your home's weak spots.

Keep shrubbery around entrances and walkways trimmed. The last thing you want is to make it easier for a thief to hide when attempting to break in, so eliminate his options for hiding spots. He may only need a few minutes of cover to make his entry but with no place to hide while doing it, he's less likely to even try. You could even plant thorny shrubs by your windows to make it not only difficult to break in, but painful!

Stow expensive items like grills, cars, and bikes in the garage. Though it may seem like a hassle to roll out the grill for every barbecue, leaving it out makes it an easy target for thieves. They don't even have to enter your home to grab it, and if it's got wheels it can be a breeze to sneak away with. If your area only offers street parking, always lock your car and be sure to park in a well-lit area.

Install motion sensor lighting around your home, especially at entrances. Shine a spotlight on a potential intruder before he can even touch your doors or windows by adding extra lighting with motion detectors at entrances and especially dark corners of your home. If you live in an apartment, ask your landlord to install sufficient lighting in walkways and halls to eliminate dark corners.

Work with your neighbors to clean up the neighborhood if needed. A run-down, graffiti-lined, littered street can send the message to criminals that the residents of your area don't care about the neighborhood or each other. That makes a prime location for theft. You can contact your local public works department to assist in the clean-up. It can be an excellent chance to bond with your neighbors, not to mention make your area a more beautiful place to live.

Secure your car. If you must park on the street, do so in a well-lit area and bring valuables like cell phones, purses, GPS devices, and satellite radios inside. Never leave anything of value in plain view, and always lock the doors and roll up windows. Break-ins can occur in even the safest neighborhoods, and an unlocked car is one of the easiest possible targets. Never leave a spare key in the visor or anywhere else inside, even if the car is locked.

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