



# Westwood Civic Association WESTWORDS

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Westwood Civic Association  
Christmas Party  
Tuesday, December 9  
Cancun - Glenway Crossing  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Joel Kimmet at 513-200-4235 or at  
[jjkimmet@yahoo.com](mailto:jjkimmet@yahoo.com) or Irene McNulty at 662-8560 or  
[mrsmcnulty@ymail.com](mailto:mrsmcnulty@ymail.com)

## WHO HAS THE BEST DECORATED YARD

This is the third year the Westwood Civic Association (WCA) encourages residents and businesses to decorate their properties for the holidays. Each week, from Sunday, November 30 through Saturday, December 27, 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 Irene McNulty at [mrsmcnulty@ymail.com](mailto:mrsmcnulty@ymail.com). Nominations must be properties within the boundaries of Westwood.



## President's message-

Westwood lost an outstanding CPD Neighborhood Liaison and a great friend last month, Sergeant Eric Sierra. We will miss his optimistic outlook and his dedication to keeping Westwood safe. Please consider a donation to the "Eric Sierra's Children Fund," for the benefit of his family. Donations can be made via the Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union. Checks can be mailed to: Eric Sierra's Children Fund, 959 W. 8th St. #101, Cincinnati, OH 45203.

By now the scaffolding should be in place around Westwood Town Hall. New siding is being installed to replace the flaking asbestos material that has been there for many years. The new James Hardie product was selected to be closer in appearance to the original siding in style and color. Thank you to the Westwood Historical Society, The Cincinnati Preservation Association and Cincinnati Recreation Department for working together to transform this from a routine maintenance job to a preservation project for the community. Let's watch the change!

Last month during the regular meeting, we voted on part of the proposed bylaws for WCA. The membership present at the meeting voted overwhelmingly to reject the changes. Thank you to Mary Kuhl, Mary Jenkins, Sharon Lewis, Becky Weber, Irene McNulty, Ken and Marlene Tarvin, Joel Kimmet and others who worked diligently to create a very good document for the membership. The new Bylaws would have cleared up some fuzzy language in the current Constitution and brought our Bylaws more in line with other community councils around the city. The bylaw committee decided to withdraw the remainder of the changes, since they would no longer make sense mixed in with the old constitution. We will continue to work under the old rules. Please note that two previous changes made to the constitution still stand- term limits for board members and adding our boundaries to the existing document.

As promised, we will continue to address the crime issues in Westwood. There continues to be a disparity between what the city says (crime is down) and what we are experiencing (many home and car break-ins and various other crimes). Part of the difference in perception could be that so much crime and suspicious activity goes unreported. We must do our part and report all crime and suspicious activity to 765-1212 (do not call District 3). A call to 765-1212 goes directly to the police dispatchers, the same folks who answer 911 calls. Your report is instantly put into the system, and a decision is made on how to prioritize the call. But if reports aren't in the system, CPD doesn't have anything to go on, and will assume everything is fine.

A guy pushing a lawnmower down the street in winter? Someone coming to your door just to ask what time it is? Quick car-to-car drug transactions? Make that report, and get it into the official records. Our Public Safety Committee is working with CPD to adjust strategies for fighting crime in Westwood, but we all must do what we can. Join or start a block watch. Share your experiences on social media. Join Citizens on Patrol. Take a walk around the neighborhood and see if anything catches your eye and report it!

Thank you to our Tall Grass Czar, Catherine Ross, who has been working with the Public Works and Health Departments to get the tall grass complaints abated. Some of our most notorious overgrown lots have been mowed. This has been a very successful season for Catherine, and she is just getting started. We have to do our job and report grass over 12" tall to 591-6000 or 5916000.com. Catherine will track those reports through to completion. Great job Catherine!

Demolition- The city ran out of demolition money toward the end of this year. With the new budget coming, we need to have plenty of blighted buildings lined up and ready to go when the money comes back. Report that blight to 591-6000 or 5916000.com

WCA board elections are here again. Nominating committees have been selected and will be looking for candidates. Interested in running? Contact the committees or [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org). The committees will make their recommendations at the January meeting, and we will take additional nominations from the floor. Is this the year you get more involved in WCA?

See you around the neighborhood-  
Jim McNulty

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P.O. Box 11466  
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## Crime Statistics and the Holiday Season

Between October and November in District 3, auto thefts have risen 38%, and breaking-and-entering burglaries are up 12%. 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 Black Friday officially kicked off holiday shopping, here are some tips to keep you safe this 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 increase in December, not just here in Westwood but nation-wide. 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 online 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: [WestwoodCOP@aol.com](mailto:WestwoodCOP@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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**MSD Notice of Construction**  
Cassandra Hillary

*Harrison Avenue Sewer Separation - Phase B (part of the Lick Run Project)*

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) will install about 2,300 linear feet of new storm sewer along Harrison Avenue between the Western Hills Viaduct and Queen City Avenue, on Moellering Avenue, and along Beekman Street just west of the viaduct.

Work is anticipated to begin in late November/early December 2014 and be completed by Spring 2015. This effort is part of the Lick Run Project to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Mill Creek.

Construction will occur primarily Monday through Thursday during daylight hours, depending on weather and the contractor's schedule. Work on Fridays or weekends may be necessary at times. MSD's construction contractor is Rack and Ballauer Excavating Company.

Temporary lane closures will occur on Harrison and Moellering avenues and on Beekman Street throughout the duration of the project. Access to the State Avenue ramp from Harrison Avenue (going east) will temporarily close at the beginning of December for about a week, pending weather and the contractor's schedule. Access to Harrison Avenue from the Western Hills Viaduct (going west) will temporarily close in late December/early January for about 8 weeks, pending weather and the contractor's schedule, and all traffic will be directed to State Avenue/Beekman from the viaduct. Detour signs will be posted for both closures. Access to businesses and all cross streets will be maintained but could be temporarily delayed at times.

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. Project Groundwork will improve the

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**Westwood Civic Association Monthly  
Statement October, 2014**

<b>Revenue</b>	
City of Cincinnati	\$5,000.00
Donation	500.00
Membership	40.00
Community Gardens	25.00
Miscellaneous	.27
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,565.27</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Newsletter	\$668.66
Gateways	35.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$703.94</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$7373.89
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$8,945.71

**Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer**

quality of our lives through cleaner streams, improved protection of public health, and enhancement of the communities where we live, work, and play.

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



**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings & Events**

12/9/2014 Christmas Party 12/16/2014 General Meeting  
Cancun

**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.**

**WCA OFFICERS**

Term: April 2014 - April 2015

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Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:  
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Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting- we'd be happy to see you!

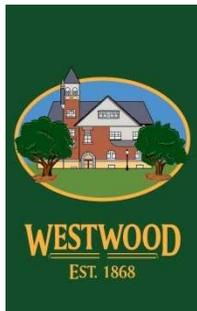
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Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your Westwood neighbor? How about a Westwood flag. The cost of the flags are \$25. If you would like to purchase one of our flags, please contact Becky Weber, [bmimmy@aol.com](mailto:bmimmy@aol.com) or [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org).



The flags are a great gift for the upcoming holidays.



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**Merry Christmas and Happy New  
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Association.**

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