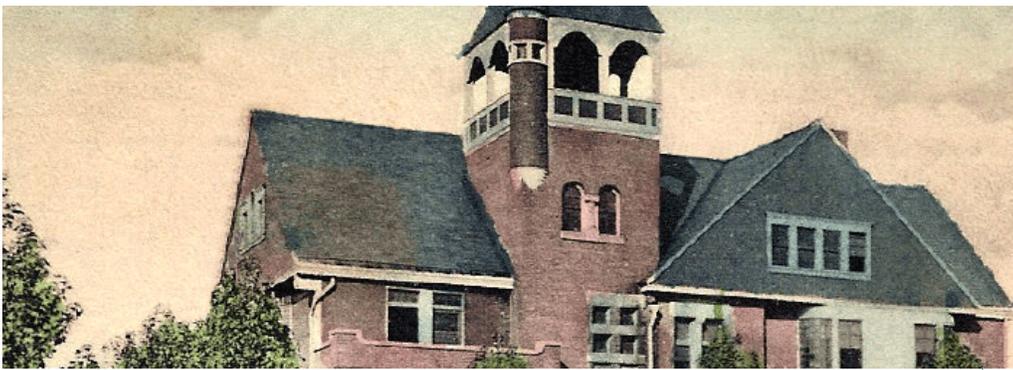




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DEAR NEIGHBORS,

As I write this column, we are celebrating the state-of-the-art District 3 police station while also grieving for a Cincinnati police officer killed in the line of duty. We're worried about the uptick in shootings city-wide. We are frustrated by drug trafficking though glad to hear of recent Westwood arrests of suspects on drug and weapon charges. Westwood experienced fifteen fatal and nonfatal shootings from January 1-June 8, 2015, significantly higher than the same period in each of the preceding four years. But that rate per 1,000 people means that Westwood is not even on the top ten Cincinnati neighborhoods shootings list for the past year. Of course, any shootings in our neighborhood are a cause for serious concern and attention while also calling on the media and others to represent Westwood's experience with crime more fairly.

WCA's Public Safety Committee is identifying additional ways that WCA and its members can support public safety efforts in Westwood. We're encouraged by the Police Chief's Summer Safety Initiative and will watch for its positive impact on Westwood. We have an excellent citizen-police relationship in Westwood. If you are not involved already in public safety efforts, consider starting a block watch or signing up for Citizens on Patrol. At a most basic level, please report crime and suspicious behavior to 911 for emergencies or 513.765.1212 for non-emergencies or to 513.352.DOPE for drug tips to the regional narcotics unit. Please read our tips on How to Make Your Neighborhood Safer. And mark your calendar for National Night Out this August 4 from 5:30-8:00 pm when District 3 neighborhoods come together at Westwood's Oskamp Park to highlight crime prevention and safety in a festive way.

Let's move Westwood forward together, with citizen engagement in public safety.

Mary Jenkins



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WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **second Tuesday of each month**.
- *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!



WCA will have a booth at **Westwood's Giant Yard Sale at Westwood Town Hall, Saturday, July 18 from 9am-2pm**. The yard sale raises funds for the Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center and the WCA booth is a fundraiser for WCA's initiatives.

This is what we need from you:

- **Stuff!** We need items to sell. Please bring your items between 8-9 am on the day of the sale or contact info@westwoodcivic.org if you need advance pick up.
- **Helpers!** We could use more people to fill out shifts at the booth. Email us or talk with a board member.
- **Shoppers!** Come to the Giant Yard Sale and be sure to shop at our booth. Something for everyone!
- **Clean up!** After the sale, we bring remaining items to a local thrift shop and need help transporting.

“A helping hand is no further than the end of your sleeve.”

As this newsletter reaches mailboxes, the business owners and boards of organizations that make up the Westwood Coalition will be meeting together for several purposes. First, each group will describe its mission and areas of current focus. Second, we will identify the primary tasks that the neighborhood needs to address over the coming year to drive business district revitalization forward. This might include, for example, branding and marketing the historic business district and delving into the details of Town Hall grounds development. Third, attendees will determine our organizations' and community assets – the people with particular skill sets and experience who could roll up sleeves and work collaboratively, across our organizations, to come up with specific recom-

mendations for each of the identified objectives. The Westwood Coalition is eager to move revitalization ahead, using the strengths of our people and organizations. See <http://revitalizewestwood.com> for more information or contact WCA's representatives to the Coalition, Mary Jenkins and Henry Frondorf.



Mary Jenkins, WCA representative to the Coalition

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS: 10 NEW PLOTS, THANKS TO THE CIVIC GARDEN CENTER

In late June, volunteers for the Westwood Community Gardens built ten new raised beds for the WCG. The supplies and soil for these plots came from an urban agriculture grant, administered by the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati. Westwood Civic Association, the parent organization of WCG, is grateful for this support for this initiative. The addition of ten beds brings the WCG to its planned capacity of sixty raised beds, available for rental at the rate of \$25 per year plus twelve hours of service. Applications are being accepted for the remaining plots. In its first year, WCG gardeners started growing plants in July and had successful harvests. Think of your short season for 2015 as an assurance of a plot for 2016 because current gardeners may renew their plots for the coming year. Additionally, interns with the Green Learning Team built a three bin composting system for the WCG. It was assembled at the WCG in late June and provides our gardeners a tidy and sound approach to composting. WCG gardeners and friends appreciate the support of so many local organizations as this site quickly becomes a model community garden.

Mary Jenkins, WCG coordinator



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Thank you to all of our members who completed the WCA member survey. We will share results once we've crunched the numbers and summarized contents. Look for that in the next issue of Westwords. We know that it took time and thought to fill in all those blanks but it will certainly help WCA as the board seeks to improve Westwood and WCA.



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Westwood Library

Kathy Bach

Beat the heat this summer at your library!
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For Kids:

- **We're Game!**—July 6 @ 2:00 p.m. Ages 8-12
- **Scales and Tails**— July 13 @ 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12
Join us and the Newport Aquarium where you will meet 3 different animals, all with scales on them and tails! You will be able to meet a snake, lizard and a turtle/tortoise.
- **Read to Reel**— July 15 @ 2:00 p.m. Children
- **Bean Bag Toss Challenge**—July 20 @ 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12
Join your friends in a game of bean bag toss where the better you toss the more points you earn!
- **My Daddy Reads**— July 22 @ 2:00 p.m. Families
My Daddy Reads emphasizes the value of reading, literacy, and positive self-expression, while celebrating and encouraging fathers to read to their children.
- **Brain Camp: "All-Star Explorers"**— July 27– July 31 @ 1:00 p.m. Registration Required
Come explore the wonderful world all around us during this week-long Brain Camp.
- **Movers & Shakers**—Every Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. Ages 1-4

For Teens:

- **Teen Takeover**— July 2 and 16 @ 4:00 p.m.
- **Pinteresting**— July 3 @ 4 p.m. Registration Required
- **Pizza Taste-off** —July 10 @ 4:00 p.m. Registration Required
Which pizza pie is the best? You be the judge!
- **Paper Airplane Contest** —July 16 @ 6 p.m.
Make paper airplanes and win a prize for the furthest flying, the most loop-di-loops, and the most original design!

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

Westwood Branch Library

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Hours of Operations

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8

Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6



YARD OF THE MONTH

Westwood residents are noticeable experts in gardening. To highlight & reward those endeavors, WCA crowns monthly "Yards of the Month."

July 2015 Winners

- 3250 Montana
- 2905 Ruehlmann
- 3402 Boudinot
- 2983 Westbrooke
- 2963 Eggers
- 3000 Werk
- 3314 Epworth
- 3553 Epworth
- 3572 Epworth

We're looking for leadership for Yard of the Month.

The Yard of the Month initiative is a neighborhood wide plan to award yards that are creatively landscaped, decorated, or simply well taken care of. Westwood Civic provides yard signs for individuals as recognition for their hard work. By participating in yard of the month, you'll be giving back to the community, while making someone very happy!

If you're interested in doing some volunteering, please contact info@westwoodcivic.org.

WCA ADOPT-A-POT

Congratulations to our June Pot of the Month Winners!

Trinette Zawadzki & Beth Hagley (corner of Harrison and Boudinot)



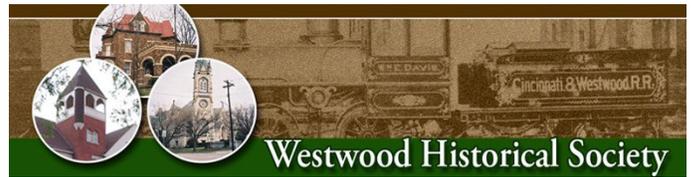
Niehard Minges (3157 Harrison)



Christian Keller (2968 Harrison)



Pot Adopters: Don't forget to keep your plants watered and tended (the Salvia needs dead-heading, remove litter, and replace plants as needed). Even when it's been raining, your pots still need to be visited.

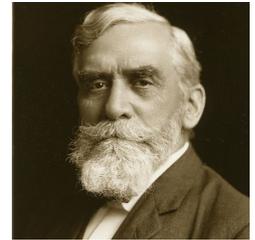


JAMES NORRIS GAMBLE

OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER:

Now you See It. Now You Don't.

If you are thinking of heading up to Westwood Town Hall to check out the James Norris Gamble Marker, you might want to wait a few months. The marker was destroyed when it was struck by a piece of landscaping equipment. Since this just happened, details about its replacement have not yet been worked out, but it will be back!



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WCA is looking for the worst of the worst properties.



If you see a seriously blighted property in Westwood, report it to 591-6000 or 5916000.com. Let us know at info@westwoodcivic.org. We maintain a list and submit it to the City.

Hours of Operation: 6/1/2015 - 8/14/2015

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Tuesday:	7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday:	7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Thursday:	7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday:	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday:	Closed
Sunday:	10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

We are closed on Saturdays except for rentals. Sunday is also closed except for an ongoing church service.

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