



WESTWOOD CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION  
*Serving Westwood since 1911*



# WESTWORDS



*A Message from the President*

## DEAR NEIGHBORS,

No one in Westwood should have to live in an unsafe home. No one should have to put up with neighbors who are creating or contributing to a dangerous or unsafe environment. WCA is committed to urging all residential property owners in Westwood to be good neighbors and to hold the owners and residents accountable for behavior and living conditions, in accordance with building code, municipal ordinances, and other applicable laws. We've probably all had a neighbor with a barking dog or loud music and we can generally find civil, productive ways to address that. But when a property is habitually a problem, whether that is an unkempt yard or numerous police calls or building code violations, that takes a team approach to say "enough is enough."

The WCA buildings & properties committee works closely with city departments and maintains a "worst of the worst" list of properties. WCA speaks in favor of demolition when a building's condition is too far gone. Regulations and due process can mean that some of these properties take a while to address satisfactorily. Westwood's redevelopment corporation, WestCURC, is engaged in a long process to reconstruct a portion of Bracken Woods Lane and, one property acquisition at a time, it is happening. WCA has sent letters to property owners, urging improved circumstances and neighborliness. We provide residents with information and guidance to help with their particular concerns. We recently supported the demolition of 3077 Bracken Woods Lane, opposed demolition of the historically significant Warth House at 2518 Queen City Avenue, and opposed a liquor license transfer for 2194 Queen City Avenue. We invite conversation with property owners who want to improve the conditions on their sites. Please contact WCA VP and buildings committee chair Joel Kimmet or me at [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) to discuss specific properties or issues. When we speak up and work through the processes together to improve our neighborhood's quality of life, we make a positive difference and move Westwood forward.

*Mary Jenkins*

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Treasurer's Report ..... 2
- Community Gardens ..... 2
- Reduce Gun Violence..... 3
- Westwood Historical..... 4
- At Home in Westwood.....5
- Adopt a Pot.....5

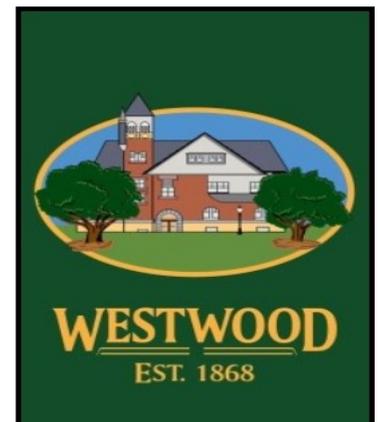
## WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *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!

Westwood Flags are Back!

\$25 Order yours today! [www.westwoodcivic.org](http://www.westwoodcivic.org)

[info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)



## Westwood Community Gardens Howl at the Harvest Moon Party

The annual Howl at the Harvest Moon Party at the Westwood Community Gardens will take place on Saturday, September 26, starting at 5 p.m. All current gardeners and friends of the WCG and WCA are welcome to attend. It's a potluck. We'll enjoy the music of Doc & Ruth String Band in addition to good food and good company. We'll have moon-gazing, music, games, and good company. Watch for more information about the event at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/926722734059611/>



*“Genesis begins great works, Labor always finishes them” - Joseph Jobert*

### August 2015 Treasurer's Report

Checking			
August Opening Balance			\$7,946.34
	Deposit	Expenses	
Westwood Flags	\$50.00		
Westwood Bricks	\$10.00		
Westwood Community Gardens (Plots, Tshirt sales)	\$160.00	\$191.82	
Membership	\$80.00		
Yard Sale	\$218.70	\$13.49	
Electricity—Westwood Sign		\$41.32	
July Newsletter		\$684.50	
Workers' Compensation Insurance (7/1/2015-6/30/2016)		\$90.79	
	Total		
	\$518.70	\$1,021.92	
August 2015 Ending Balance			7,443.12
<b>Savings Balance</b>	\$0.07 (interest)		<b>\$8,946.33</b>

**Report Tall Grass: 513-591-6000 or 591-6000.com**



## Community Effort to Reduce Gun Violence

As this issue of Westwords goes to print, a group of WCA board members and area residents is planning a neighborhood summit on public safety focused on reducing gun violence. We will work together to review data, identify problems, and come up with multi-pronged approaches to fixing those problems. WCA will announce details in a couple of weeks. The idea behind this is that capable and determined people from across our neighborhood, working collaboratively with police, city officials, neighborhood organizations, and each other can make a positive difference in the safety of our community. More information will follow. In the meantime, consider starting a block watch or reinvigorating relationships with your neighbors. Chip in some time to make Westwood safer and cleaner. Talk to your neighbors, faith communities, and community groups about getting involved in the safety summit. Contact us at [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) or call Mary Jenkins at 513.746.5385 to discuss.

## Cincinnati Public Library: Westwood Branch

Kathy Bach

Have you noticed our new look? The Westwood branch library got a huge facelift as our EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finishing System) was restored to its original condition. It took 2 full weeks and the results are stunning!



Before



During



After

School is back in session. Remember the Library for all your study needs. We have millions of books for homework, 21 computers, and remember, if it's not on our shelf, we can place it on hold for you and have it delivered right here to Westwood branch, usually within a couple days. Check us out!

### Book Club – Thursday September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

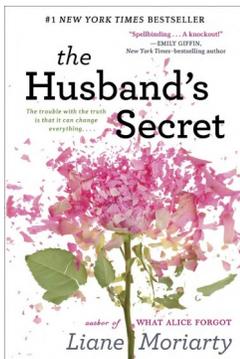
This month's selection is The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

***At the heart of The Husband's Secret is a letter that's not meant to be read:***

***"My darling Cecilia, if you're reading this, then I've died..."***

*Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret—something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive. . . .*

*Acclaimed author Liane Moriarty has written a gripping, thought-provoking novel about how well it is really possible to know our spouses—and, ultimately, ourselves.*



#### Westwood Branch Library

3345 Epworth Avenue

513-369-4474

[www.cincinnatilibrary.org](http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org)

#### Hours of Operations

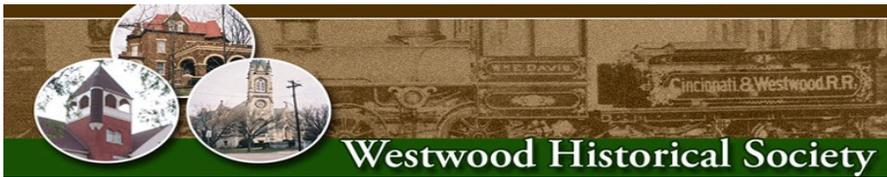
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8

Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6



WCA is proud to announce At Home in Westwood, a showcase of one of Cincinnati's most affordable historic neighborhoods. Attendees can visit homes currently for sale in this neighborhood-wide offering of concurrent open houses. At Home in Westwood will run concurrent with the Westwood Art Show on Saturday, September 12 from 11 am-5 pm. We'll have a booth at the art show where you can pick up real estate flyers and information about WCA and other organizations and events in the neighborhood.

*"There are no problems, only solutions" - John Lennon*



**Westwood Historical Society Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 9**

**7:00 pm**

Westwood First Presbyterian Church

3011 Harrison Avenue

(Parking and entrance from the rear off of Koenig Avenue)

**Wild, Wild Westwood: Cincinnati's 1899 War On Westwood's Saloons**

It is no secret that the number of bars in Cheviot per capita is pretty impressive. While perhaps a bit more sedate than in years gone by, Cheviot's watering holes are a nod to a colorful past that Westwood and Cheviot share.

As a newly annexed neighborhood of Cincinnati in 1899, Westwood was a big headache for the city's police department. Through a saga involving Boss Cox, fixed elections, a Civil War colonel, bloody streetcar brawls, competitive bowling and ragtime music, Westwood resident Greg Hand will tell how law and order came to Westwood, leading to the birth of Cheviot. All who are interested are welcome to attend!



**YARD OF THE MONTH**

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

**August 2015 Winners**

- 3155 Harrison Neihard-Minges**
- 3340 Wunder**
- 3313 Wunder**
- 3017 Harrison Westwood Townhall**
- 3063 Ferguson**
- 3369 Meyer**
- 3365 Meyer**
- 3348 Meyer**
- 3353 Meyer**
- 2930 La Feuille**

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](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org).

## WCA ADOPT-A-POT

Congratulations Pot of the Month Winners!



**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 has been raining, your pots still need to be visited.

# Price Hill Chili

## FAMILY RESTAURANT

"The Landmark of the Hill" • 4920 Glenway Avenue • 471-9507

FEATURING SAM'S  
*Golden Fleece  
Lounge*  
4918 GLENWAY AVENUE  
471-8434

WWW.PRICEHILLCHILI.COM

follow us on  
**twitter**



@WestwoodCiv

### Westword's Monthly Ad Rates

Published ~12 times a year by WCA with funds supplied by the Neighborhood Support Program, local advertisers & membership dues. WCA has 322 active memberships. For information about placing an ad: [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)

\$100—Full Page; \$50—Half Page; \$50—Insert; \$25—Quarter Page; \$10—Business Card

Officers

President	Mary Jenkins	(513) 746-5385
Vice President	Shawnteé Stallworth Schramm	(513) 364-9025
Vice President	Joel Kimmet	(513) 200-4235
Treasurer	Steve Beckman	(513) 481-0840
Recording Secretary	Karen Strasser	(513) 604-1167
Membership Secretary	Stephen Schramm	(513) 346-9944

**Board of Directors**

Joe Corso	Irene McNulty
Emily Reynolds	Valerie Baumann
Trinette Zawadzki	Melva Gweyn
Larry Eiser	Sara Overstake



VISIT US AT  
 THE WESTWOOD  
 ART SHOW  
 SEPTEMBER 12  
 WESTWOOD TOWN HALL

WES  
 T★W  
 OOD

WILD★WILD  
 WESTWOOD

WEST  
 WOOD

**WWW.THECARRIAGEHOUSEPRESS.COM**

**SUBSCRIBE**

Want your Westwords electronically?  
 Subscribe at  
[info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)

*Carol Teetz*

**Reliable Letter**  
*Mail Services • Offset Printing • Digital Printing • Fulfillment*

10570 Chester Road • Cincinnati, Ohio 45215  
 Phone 513-661-1288 • Fax 513-661-5888  
[www.reliableletter.com](http://www.reliableletter.com) • [carol@reliableletter.com](mailto:carol@reliableletter.com)

# SHOP WESTWOOD!

## Gary's Westsider



3351 Glenmore Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45211

Westside tavern at the corner of Glenmore and Applegate for 17 years.



3077 Harrison Ave  
Cinti, OH 45211

(513) 662-9463  
henkewine.com

Tastings • Tours • Meals • and More

## Westwood Citizens on Patrol

A COMMUNITY BASED DIVISION OF THE CINCINNATI POLICE



For a membership application  
or to report issues of concern

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

## Angelo's Automotive

40 YEARS EXPERIENCE

3091 Glenmore Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45238

(513) 661-1414



www.ArborDoctor.com  
Arbor Doctor, LLC  
Ronald E. Rothhaas Jr.  
513-661-2673



### Call the Arbor Doctor for:

- Quality tree and shrub care
- Insect and disease management
- Tree risk assesment
- Landscape evaluation
- Tree Planting and landscaping
- Preservation of trees during construction
- Speaking to your garden club or other group meeting

Call Arbor Doctor  
Before Your Tree  
Gets Too Sick  
to Curb  
The Problem!

*Organic Program  
Good for nature...*

*Good for me!*

**Ash trees on your property?  
Ask about our treatment options  
that help ward off the emerald ash borer!**



**New Class!**

Yoga for Life!

Maureen Finn  
Certified Yoga Instructor  
513-389-9889

Westwood Town Hall  
Fridays 10:00 AM

mf.finn@fuse.net

Herschel Benkert  
owner

Bus: (513) 662-7759  
Fax: (513) 662-7912

## WESTERN HILLS HONDA - YAMAHA

New • Pre-owned • Accessories • Vintage

3110 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45211

E-mail: owner@westernhillshonda.net

www.westernhillshondadayamaha.com



WANT TO KNOW MORE  
ABOUT THE WCA?  
WESTWOODCIVIC.ORG

- The Constitution
- Strategic plan
- Newsletter Archives
- Meeting information
- Meeting Minutes
- Local/government links
- Membership forms
- Email sign up
- And much, much more....



**WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (VOTING MEMBERS):** \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL ME FOR: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** \_\_\_\_\_ **FUND RAISERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWSLETTER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ELECTRONIC** \_\_\_\_\_ **US POST**

**Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to  
"Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:**

**WCA, P.O. Box 11466, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211**

Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting- we'd be happy to see you!

Westwood Civic Association  
P.O. Box 11466  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211  
Westwoodcivic.org



PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Mailing Address Line 1  
Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
Mailing Address Line 4  
Mailing Address Line 5