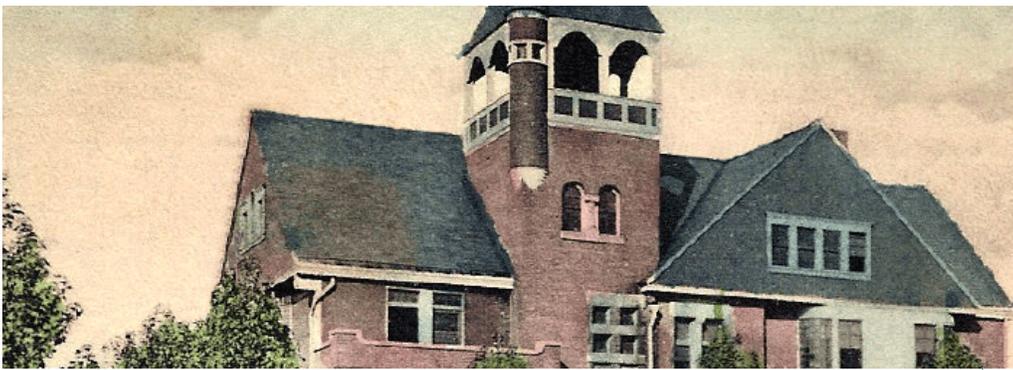




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# WESTWORDS



## DEAR NEIGHBORS,

In late spring, I asked the WCA Outreach Committee, led by Emily Reynolds, to address its standing charge of reaching out to Westwood residents and organizations to share our mission and issues of interest and to connect more effectively with the community. I also asked them, short term, to develop an editorial policy and standards for this publication, Westwords, and to identify standards for our social media presence. Right out of the starting gate, the committee delved into editorial policy, now posted on the [Westwords](http://westwoodcivic.org/westwords) page on our website ([westwoodcivic.org/westwords](http://westwoodcivic.org/westwords)). The Outreach Committee has also made recommendations regarding WCA's social media sites, encouraging regular posts, information sharing, and positive news. Committee members have asked that we tag good Westwood news on social media with #mywestwood.

Next steps: sharing WCA news and successes with the media and Westwood neighbors, collaborating with the Membership & Promotion Committee to invite more Westwood residents into the WCA community and its efforts, and collaborating with other Westwood organizations on a calendar and Westwood news and information.

Please take a moment to read about the November 14 event: Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence: A Call to Action. It's far more than an event, though; it's a commitment to a community-driven approach to problem-solving around a reduction in gun violence. November 14 is a first step. Expect a lot more in the year ahead as we move from problem identification to solutions and assessment.

Thank you for joining with the WCA board in interacting with our neighbors to solve problems and share our good news as we move Westwood forward.

*Mary Jenkins*

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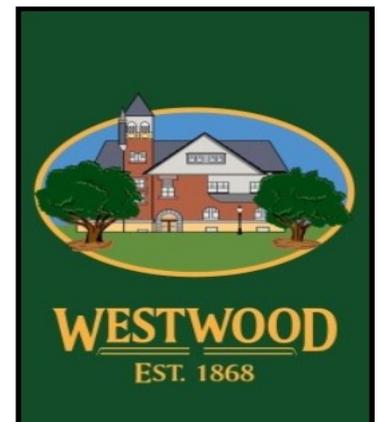
## WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *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!

Westwood Flags are Back!

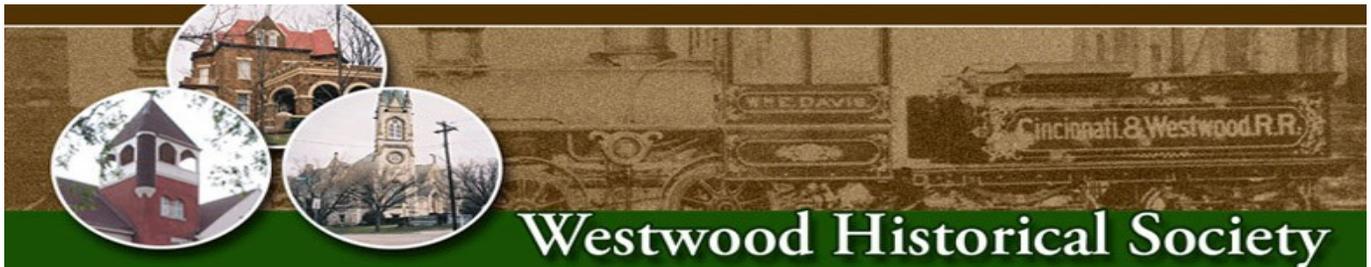
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The [Westwood Coalition](#), engaged in preparatory work to implement the community's vision for the [historic business district](#) along Harrison Avenue between Kling Ave and the Cheviot line, has charged four groups with tasks for the six-nine months ahead: Positioning, Networking, Placemaking, and Infrastructure. Each of the groups has a particular area of responsibility and the task of making recommendations to the Coalition. For example, the Placemaking will develop a plan for creative and strategic approaches to the use of public and private spaces in the business district, to speak to the community's vision and the activation of underutilized spaces. Successful strategies will enhance the community's sense of belonging and place and will foster community, well-being, and economic develop-

ment. As of this writing, several dozen people with experience in these areas have been asked to serve. The groups will be convened shortly. Mary Jenkins and Henry Frondorf are WCA's representatives to the Coalition. Please [contact either of them](#) with any questions or input.



### Westwood Historical Society Meeting

The Cincinnati Strangler

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 pm

Many people who lived in Cincinnati in the mid 1960's have vivid memories of the fear and uncertainty that gripped the city as a series of murders took place. Unlikely victims. All women. All strangled.

J. T. Townsend, true crime historian, will share information and crime scene photos he has gathered about the Cincinnati Strangler. Townsend is the author of Queen City Gothic: Cincinnati's Most Infamous Murder Mysteries and Queen City Notorious: Cincinnati's Most Sensational Murder Cases. Some of you will remember his program last year on the Bricca murders. All are welcome.

### Westwood Historical Society Fundraiser

LaRosa's

Monday, October 19

11 am to 11 pm

2411 Boudinot Avenue

Bring your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors – and your appetite!

The more you eat, the more we make!

Dine in, carry out, and delivery from the Boudinot restaurant

You must present the event flyer.



In late September, several [Westwood Community Gardens](#) gardeners represented the WCG at Flavors of Community Gardens, offering [mouse melons](#) in white wine vinegar with lemon verbena, herb cheese, and carrot cake, and enjoying wonderful treats from other community gardens. We met Kevin O'Dell, a westsider who with his wife Sarah, have adopted WCG in the Civic Garden Center's Adopt-a-Garden program, providing funding to support the CGC's Community Gardens program which, in turn, supports Westwood's community garden. Gardeners and friends also celebrated the harvest with the annual WCG Howl at the Harvest Moon party, enjoying the Doc & Ruth String Band, good company, and good food. With summer crops behind us, some gardeners are enjoying cold weather crops and planting for overwintering. We have plots available for 2016 so this is the time to secure a plot before we need to start a waiting list. The rules and application are on the [WCG website](#). Contact the [WCG coordinator](#) with any questions.

## Membership Survey: Responses Summary

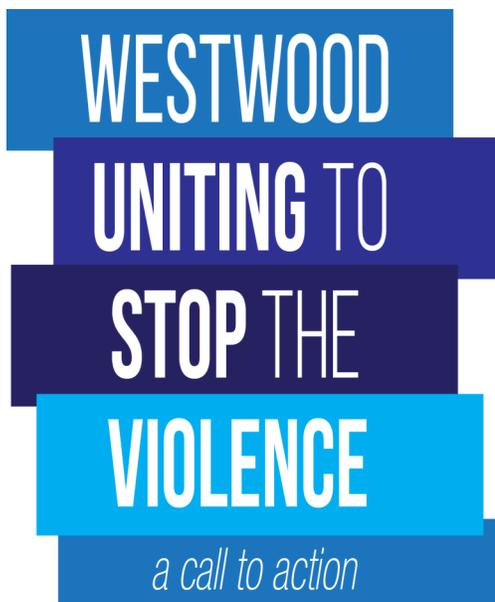
A [report on member responses](#) to the summertime WCA membership survey is posted online. We're glad that 13.4% of our membership took the time to respond. The WCA board and its committees are considering seriously the responses and suggestions. Board discussion at the October steering meeting will focus, in large part, on actions to take, based on survey responses. Please look over the report and [stay in touch with the board](#) or WCA committees with any comments.



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*"To change this world we must be good to those who cannot repay us" - Pope Francis*

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## Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence: A Call to Action

### Community Public Safety Initiative Kicks Off with Program on November 14, 2015

The Westwood Civic Association, The Community Police Partnering Center, and Cincinnati Police District 3 are providing leadership for a community-engaged problem-solving process to reduce gun-related violence in Westwood. All interested Westwood residents and stakeholders are invited to *Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence: A Call to Action* on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon at Westwood United Methodist Church, 3460 Epworth Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211. The Call to Action on November 14 will focus on problem identification and will introduce a process for developing solutions and taking action.



### Westwood's Deck the Hall 2015

Join Westwood Works and the Westwood Civic Association for the third annual holiday celebration and craft fair in Westwood! Santa's workshop, live local holiday music, Madcap puppets, shop with local artisans in our craft fair, craft activities for kids, food trucks, giveaways, visit with Santa, and light the tree with us to ring in the holiday season. We hope to see you! This event is FREE and open to all!

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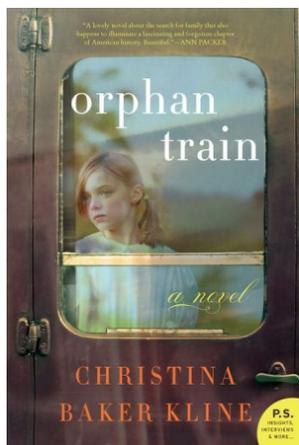
**Pot Adopters:** Don't forget to keep your plants watered and tended, (remove litter, and replace plants as needed). Even when it has been raining, your pots still need to be visited.

## Westwood Branch Library

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October is here and we've got everything you need to scare up a great Halloween! Check out some books on how to make Halloween costumes. Check out some spooky CDs to play for your Halloween party. Check out some scary stories to share in the dark.

- **Dungeon & Dragons**—Monday, October 5, 19 6:00 pm—Ages 14+
- **We're Game**—Monday, October 12 at 3:00 pm—Ages 8-12
  - ◆ Video/board games!
- **Between the Pages**—Tuesday, October 13, 20, 27 4:00 pm—Ages 8-16
  - ◆ Want to hear some good stories? Join us for the weekly story hour and get caught up in a good book!
- **Teen Takeover**—Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 pm—Teens
  - ◆ Looking for a place to hang out? Maybe play a game or just talk?



- **Movie Matinee**—Wednesday, October 21 at 3:00 pm—All Ages
- **Bingo for Kids**—Thursday, October 22 at 3:00 pm—Ages 6-12
  - ◆ Join your friends and play Bingo at the Westwood Branch Library! Ages 6-12.
- **Westwood Book Club**—Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm—Adults
  - ◆ October title *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
- **Teen Halloween**—Friday, October 23 at 6:30 pm – Teens
  - ◆ Come in costume...food, fun, & games!
- **Homemade Candles with Carisa Bunten**—Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 pm—Adults/Teens
  - ◆ *Registration required.*
- **Tabletop Tonight**—Saturday, October 24 at 6:30 pm—Adults/Teens
  - ◆ Join us for an after-hours event of tabletop game and fun! Bring all your own games or play one of ours.
- **LEGO Time** - Monday, October 26 at 3:00 pm—Ages 6-12
  - ◆ Join your friends each month and build your own LEGO creations!
- **Movers & Shakers** - Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. - Families
  - ◆ Children's music & movement



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