



Westwood Location-Specific Teams: Community-Based Responses to Crime

This sheet is a high level summary of planned responses to identified problems. It does not include all of the analysis and recommendations. The information here focuses on community-based strategies, specifically. Other recommendations include WUTSTV coordinated efforts with community organizations and city departments.

You will find the full reports from each team on <http://westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/westwood-uniting-to-stop-the-violence/>.

Approach	Harrison & McHenry	Harrison & Fischer	Harrison & Boudinot	Westwood-wide
Youth Activities	Locate a place for creating a safe recreation area for children/teens, including basketball. Coordinate and “staff” site each day with volunteers from local churches to play with kids (and publicize times).	Community involvement in further activation of Ryan Park to provide a safe, active recreation area for children and families	Identify and promote existing positive youth-focused activities and events in the immediate area	Encourage Westwood teenagers to become involved in community issues and service through WCA youth council
				Establish a Peacemakers youth program in partnership with Cincinnati Human Rights Commission
Residents Engagement	Form place-based community housing resident associations to improve residents’ voice and representation	Identify and promote ways to connect residents who expressed interest in becoming involved with other neighbors	Establish and implement regular litter patrols	Develop and distribute a print and online Resident Resource Guide/Citizen Education Campaign to inform residents of city public services and resources as well as guidance for reporting violations
	Develop regular community walking patrols, encourage Citizens on Patrol participation	Support and facilitate neighborhood events at Ryan Park and St. Catharine of Siena to include a neighborhood forum and a street fair/ know-your-neighbor event	Encourage and support crime reporting and the formation of block watches in the immediate area, host safety walks in partnership with CPD D3	Propose, distribute print and online guide to inform tenants and residents of their rights. Propose, distribute print and online guide for landlords on good property management, encourage participation in Landlord Education Training

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	Encourage and support crime reporting and the formation of block watches in the immediate area	Encourage and support crime reporting and the formation of block watches in the immediate area		Develop proposed language for a community expectations letter of business owners and property managers Promote Westwood events widely through social media, distribution of flyers, word of mouth, invite people to participate in the community more
Infrastructure and Beautification	Establish and implement citizen and business litter patrols	Coordinate with residents to facilitate a neighborhood clean-up/dumpster day	Encourage WCA adopt-a-pot participation, encourage property owners to maintain their green spaces	Educate about and encourage reporting of code violations
		Identify properties whose owners/residents may need assistance in addressing home maintenance issues and connect them with People Working Cooperatively, or similar resources)		Explore and recommend options for selective replacement of benches at bus stops
		Invite public input session with Recreation Commission for the improvement of safety, appearance, and facilities at Ryan Park		
Faith-Based Activities	Establish a collaboration among local faith-based organizations to adopt apartment units		Establish partnership between faith-based organizations in immediate area for events, outreach, clean ups, visible activity	
	Identify, deploy faith-based employment training programs			
	Unite faith groups in area for community events (a talent show, for example) and for asset mapping			

