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WESTWORDS



A Message from the President

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

Since last month's issue of *Westwords*, a number of developments deserve mention here, all in the interest of serving WCA's membership better:

1. The Board approved credit card acceptance via the [WCA website](#) for membership renewal, online sales, and donations.
2. A new *Westwords* printer was selected to save on printing costs. Note that members can elect to receive *Westwords* digitally instead by completing the form on the [Westwords webpage](#).
3. The *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee presented a substantial [proposed amendment](#) to the WCA Constitution, intended to strengthen the governing document and reflect perceived needs.

At November's meeting, attendees identified Westwood's good news like our neighborhood's high quality, yet affordable housing stock, its convenient location close to downtown, activities offered at the Gamble-Nippert YMCA and the Recreation Center at Town Hall, growing partnerships between organizations, community events, diversity, an improving reputation, and friendly neighbors who look out for one another. Community councils attend to challenging neighborhood issues like blight, crime, liquor licenses, and zoning, but we should pause occasionally to reflect on our community's strengths and what we're doing to further WCA's mission and connect positively and effectively with the community.

I'll wrap up by calling your attention to two matters: First, our nominating committees would love to hear from people interested in serving on the WCA board. And, second, we're having the annual holiday dinner at Henke Winery on Friday, December 18. Hope to see you there! Thank you for all of the ways that our members are engaging in civic life to move Westwood forward.

Mary Jenkins

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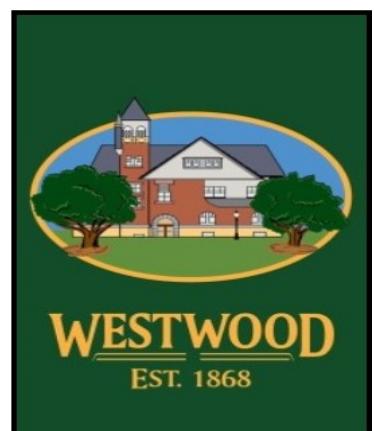
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- 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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WESTWOOD UNITING TO STOP THE VIOLENCE

a call to action

Thanks to approximately 150 WCA members and neighbors who attended the November 14th Call to Action to reduce gun violence in Westwood. When we asked attendees how many were committed to the effort beyond that one day, most hands went up. That's a good sign for Westwood. As we explained that day, Westwood Uniting is a process, not just an event. We heard about a problem-solving process, saw crime data, and deliberated in small groups about our sense of the most significant problems. Now the organizing team is meeting to identify the top issues and refine the process by which we will address them as a community and in partnership with organizations and law enforcement. Watch for an update in next month's *Westwords*, on the [Westwood Uniting webpage](#), and via email to all attendees who provided an address.

"We make a Living by what we GET. We make a Life by what we GIVE."—Winston Churchill

Time to Renew Your WCA Membership

If you haven't renewed your Westwood Civic Association membership yet for 2016, now is the time! For \$10 for the calendar year, all of the adult members of your household can be members of WCA. Just give your renewal payment to Steve Schramm, our membership secretary, or Steve Beckman, our treasurer, at an upcoming meeting. If you prefer, you may mail it to WCA, PO Box 11466, Cincinnati, OH 45211. Please note that a proposed bylaws change, subject to a vote of the membership on January 19, 2016, would require that "dues shall be paid yearly and in advance, not later than the end of the February General Membership meeting ... in order to vote in that year's election of board members." [The membership form is available on the WCA website.](#)



Nominations Wanted!

Nominations for the WCA Board

In accordance with the WCA Constitution, nominating committees were appointed last month for the 2016 WCA board election. Board members are elected to a three year term with one-third of the directors elected each year. If you want to nominate someone (yourself included) for the WCA board, please contact a member of one of the two nominating committees.

President-appointed committee: Joel Kimmet, Karen Strasser, & Joe Corso

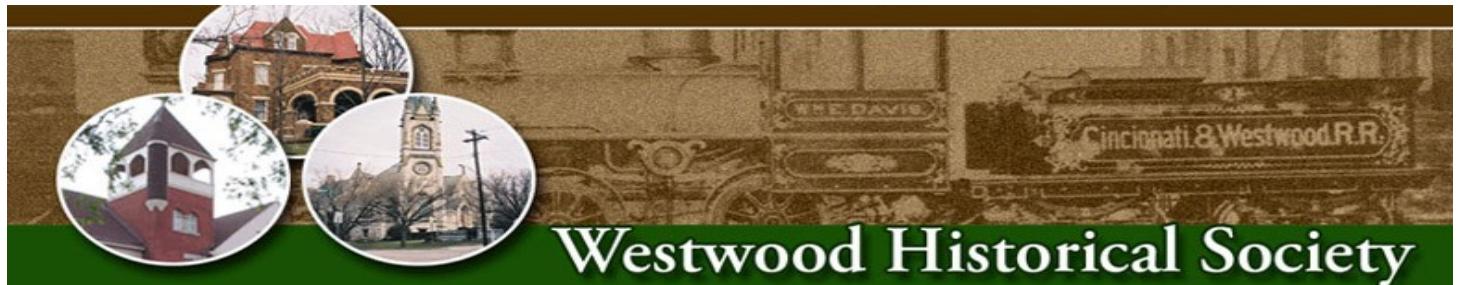
Member-selected committee: Larry Eiser, Mary Fichter, & Emily Reynolds

They'll present their nominations at the January 19, 2016 general membership meeting. Voting will follow by mail. The directors whose current terms end in 2016 are Valerie Baumann, Melva Gwynn, Irene McNulty, Shawnee' Stallworth Schramm, and Trinette Zawadzki.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Bylaws Proposal

The ad hoc Bylaws Committee continued the work done by the previous group and offered a proposal for amendment of the WCA Constitution at the November meeting, in accordance with provisions for revision. The December General Membership Meeting will be devoted to presentation and deliberation on the proposed Bylaws, and the January General Membership Meeting will include a vote. Hard copies are available at the Westwood branch library, the Gamble-Nippert YMCA, and Westwood Town Hall if you're not able to read them [online](#).



Westwood Historical Society

History Returns to Westwood Town Hall!

The Cincinnati & Westwood Railroad Westwood Town Hall Display

The Cincinnati and Westwood Railroad display at Westwood Town Hall has been rebuilt by staff from the Cincinnati Recreation Commission under the direction of Harry Wood. Input was offered by Otis Flinchbaugh, Jr. Assistance from Greg Kissel, Justin Hignite and Joe Corso helped move the project along. As of this writing, the rail still needs to be reinstalled.

Ohio Historical Marker

A new marker has been installed in front of the Town Hall to replace the James N. Gamble Historical Marker installed in August 2014, that was damaged this spring.

Westwood Historical Society Membership

Membership runs from January to January. If you are a current member of the Westwood Historical Society, you will receive a notice regarding dues renewal. If you are not a member, consider joining! Dues are \$15 per year for a household. If interested, send check (payable to the Westwood Historical Society) to Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211. Include your name, address, phone, email address if available, and names of household members. Also indicated if you wish to receive your newsletter via mail or e-mail.

Holiday Gift Ideas!

Looking for a special holiday gift for a friend, relative, or neighbor? Consider a gift of history:

Westwood Historical Society Membership \$15

James N. Gamble house Sheila's Collectible wooden figure (1996) \$25

Books: John M. Miller Diaries (1993) \$20

Ambassadors of Westwood (1997) \$20

Contact Liz Kissel (513-662-1156) or info@WestwoodHistorical.org

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

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

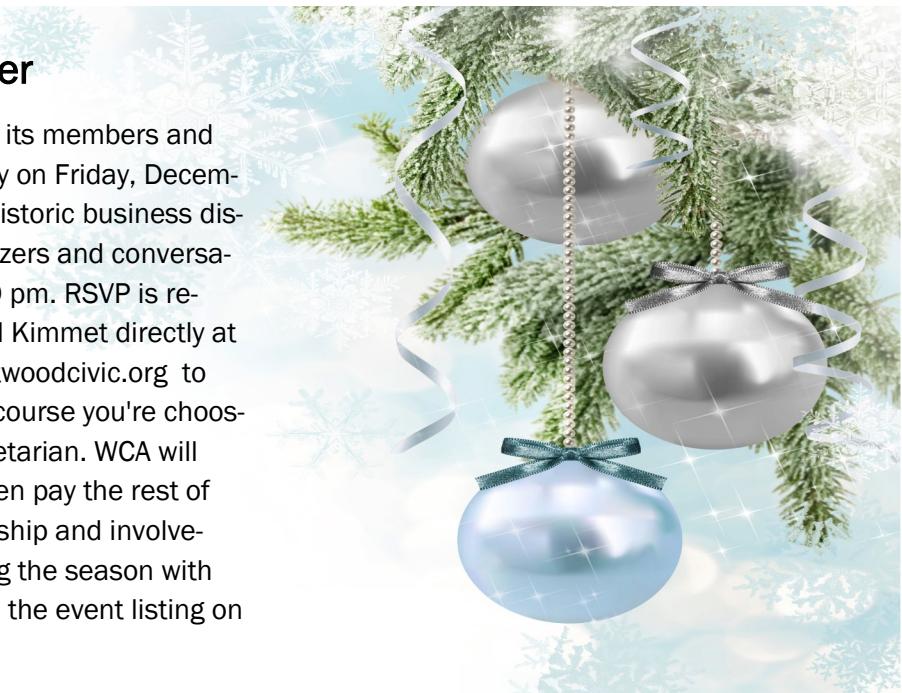
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WCA Holiday Dinner

Westwood Civic Association cordially invites its members and guests to its annual holiday dinner and party on Friday, December 18th, held this year in the heart of the historic business district at Henke Winery. We'll start with appetizers and conversation at 6:00 pm and dinner will start at 6:30 pm. RSVP is required by December 11. Please contact Joel Kimmel directly at (513) 200-4235 or email WCA at info@westwoodcivic.org to say how many in your party and what main course you're choosing. Choices are steak, fish, chicken, or vegetarian. WCA will provide a selection of appetizers. Guests then pay the rest of their check. We're grateful for your membership and involvement in WCA and look forward to celebrating the season with you. For more information and updates, see the event listing on Facebook.



"When you learn, teach. When you get, give." - Maya Angelou

Holiday Yard of the Week

Westwood Civic Association

www.westwoodcivic.org

Westwood Civic Association invites nominations for Holiday Yard of the Week until the end of 2015. Are you interested? We'll recognize ten decorated yards each week with a sign and acknowledgement in Westwords.

Contact Irene McNulty at 513.662.8560 or email info@westwoodcivic.org if you have a nomination. It can be a home, business, organization, apartment building, etc. and must be located within Westwood's boundaries.

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Library named as prestigious Five-Star Library by *Library Journal* for third consecutive year!

The value of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is clear to people who live here, and it was confirmed by the library field's leading professional publication, the *Library Journal*. The publication recognized the Library—for the third year in a row — by designating it as a Five-Star Library.

The *Library Journal*'s Index of Public Library Service is a national ranking system comparing U.S. public libraries on the quantities of services they deliver based on per capita statistics for library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet use. The *Library Journal* gives an overall indication of how libraries stack up to their peers nationally.

Programs: Book Club – No Meeting in December. The January selection is *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee

DIY Snow Globe Necklace—December 10 at 4:00—Teens

Celebrate the winter season with a fun snow globe necklace!

We're Game—Monday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 8-12

Tweens! You're invited to join your friends for video and board games! Ages 8-12

Movie Matinee—Wednesday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.—All Ages

Tabletop Tonight—Saturday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.—Ages 14+

Join us for an after-hours event of tabletop game and fun! Bring all your own games or play one of ours. All levels of gaming and roleplaying experience are welcome!

Dungeon & Dragons—Monday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.—Ages 14+

Join us for our Tabletop RPG group campaign!

LEGO Time @ Westwood—Monday, December 28 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12

Join your friends each month and build your own LEGO creations!

Bingo for Kids—Thursday, December 31 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12

Join your friends and play Bingo at the Westwood Branch Library for a chance to win a prize! Ages 6-12.

Between the Pages—Every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.—Ages 8-16

Looking for something to do? Want to hear some good stories? Join us for the weekly tween and teen story hour and get caught up in a good book!

Movers & Shakers – Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4

You and your child shake it together for music, movement, and fun.



Branch Holiday Hours:

All library locations will be closed on **December 24th** and **December 25th** in observance of the Christmas holiday.

All library locations will close at 6 pm New Year's Eve, and be closed New Year's Day.

Season's Readings!

From the Westwood Staff:

Kathy, Kristyn, Angie

Michelle, Donna, Sierra, Alex, Alex, Iain, Bobby, Elaine, Lily, and Bridgette

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Trinette Zawadzki	Melva Gweyn
Larry Eiser	Sara Overstake Henry Frondorf

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
October - November 2015 Treasurer's Report

	Deposits	Disbursements	
October Opening Balance			\$4,385.15
Campaign Monitor (Oct & nov)		\$118.00	
Westwood Civic gardens ((brochures, water, compost bin)		\$357.18	
Westwood United to Stop Violence		\$400.00	
Memberships	\$130.00		
Donation	\$300.00		
Electricity - Westwood Sign		\$38.14	
Oct newsletter		\$597.20	
Westwood Town Hall Flowers		\$73.39	
Misc		\$6.00	
Checking acct interest	\$0.46		
Ending Balance			\$3,233.70

Savings

Beginning Balance		\$8,946.33
Interest	\$0.07	
Ending Balance		\$8,946.40

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- Local/government links
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- Email sign up
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to see you!

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