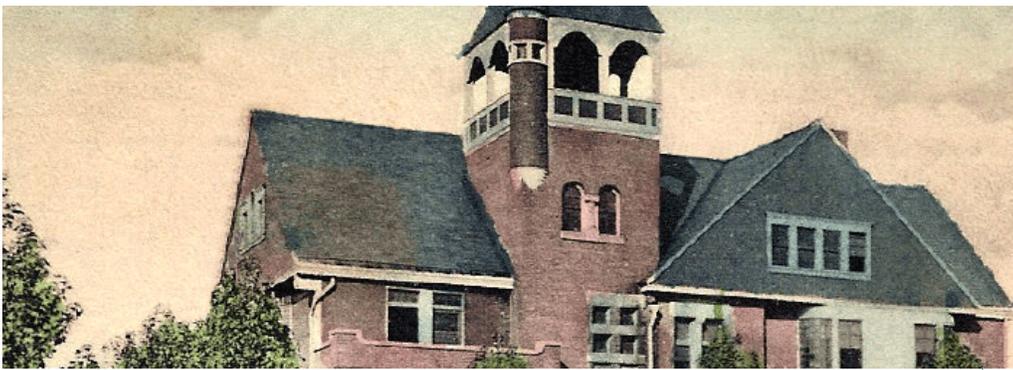




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# WESTWORDS



## DEAR NEIGHBORS,

Westwood neighbors celebrated the holidays in December with luminarias and decorations, garnering recognition for yards of the week and building community with festive gatherings and some new block watches forming. Thank you for local pride, friendliness, and problem-solving. As we enter the new year, let's reflect for a minute on the promises it holds for us as a neighborhood.

- Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence, a WCA initiative, has identified three intersections along Harrison Ave (Boudinot, Fischer, and McHenry) for intensive steps to reduce gun violence and related problems. Residents have volunteered to join with police and other organizations to make a difference by focusing problem-solving efforts here. We expect more block watches, too.
- WCA members will vote on a significant revision to its bylaws on January 19th, following Bylaws Committee recommendations to modernize its governing document and improve on its format and protocol.
- Nominating committees will present their slate of candidates in January for board positions that will open up when directors' terms end in the early spring. I'm enthusiastic that they will recommend forward-thinking candidates who will contribute to improvements to our collective quality of life.
- Recent decisions about zoning and building code enforcement by city entities and courts show a commitment to the will of a neighborhood and the safety of living conditions. WCA directors will continue to push for code enforcement and attention to the worst of the worst properties.
- WCA will examine infrastructure issues in the months to come, everything from planters to business district parking meters to the Western Hills Viaduct and take positions and advocate accordingly.

Thank you for your participation in deliberation and civic life as we move Westwood forward together.

*Mary Jenkins*

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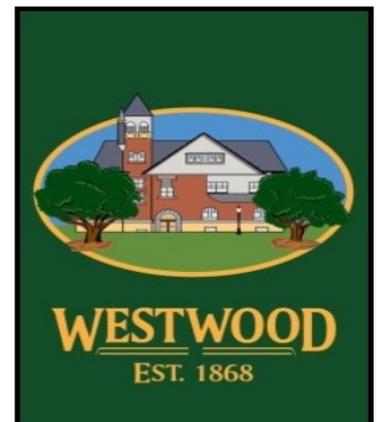
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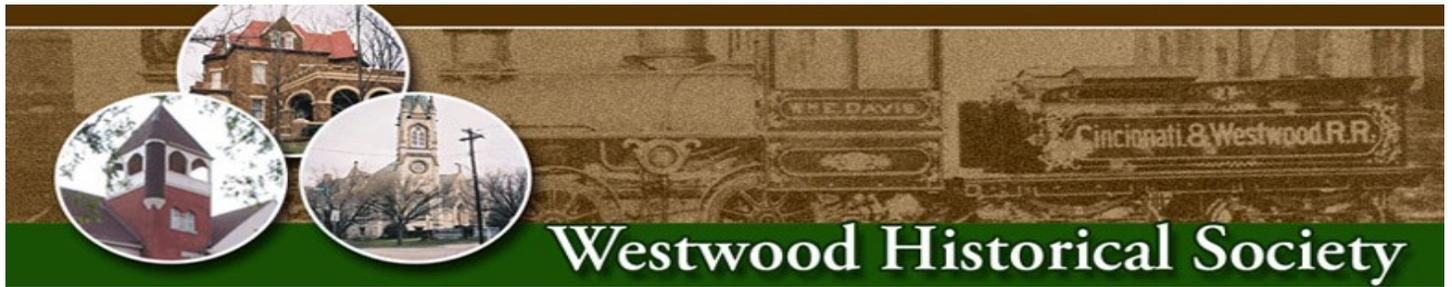
- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **second Tuesday of each month**.
- *General Membership Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **third Tuesday of each month**.
- ALL meetings are open to the public. **EVERYONE** is welcome!

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## 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.

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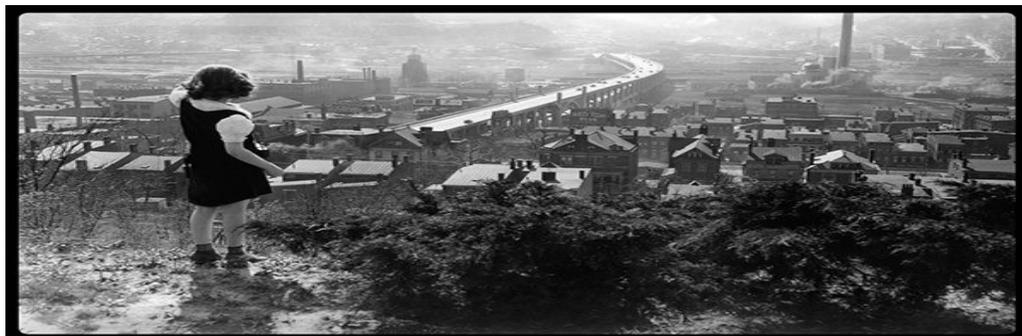
*“The time is always right to do what is right.” - Martin Luther King Jr.*

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## Western Hills Viaduct

Mary Jenkins

News articles last month return local attention to the Western Hills Viaduct, a daily transportation route for many Westwoodians and a major connector in the region. Built in the early 1930s and Cincinnati's largest viaduct at a half mile long, the Western Hills Viaduct is near the end of its design life and was ranked as one of ten the most traveled, structurally deficit bridges in the US by the American Road and Transportation Builders' Association in 2014 and continues to deteriorate. Cincinnati's Department of Transportation and Engineering and the Hamilton County Engineer's office contracted for an engineering study and have recommended replacement in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation's I-75 work. As reported in December, the planning for reconstruction and its financing and the actual construction will take years and will require more political will at the county and city levels than is currently apparent. With approximately ten years of safe use remaining according to transportation experts and local news media, prioritization and planning now are critically important. At its January steering meeting, the Viaduct will be on the WCA board's agenda, with consideration given to a WCA stance on the Viaduct and any resultant action on the part of the community council, possibly in cooperation with other councils and local governments. Interested residents are encouraged to contact me directly or [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) with any position on the importance of the Viaduct.





### Think Spring! Westwood Community Gardens

The Westwood Community Gardens will grow again this spring, grant dependent, by adding farm rows to its array of planting options. With individually rented 4'x8' beds, communal greens and herbs, and maturing fruit and nuts, the Gardens offer a great opportunity to grow produce and community in Westwood. If you'd like a plot application or more information about the Gardens, see <http://westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/westwood-community-gardens/> or contact WCG coordinator Mary Jenkins.

### Time to Renew Your WCA Membership

WCA now takes online payment for WCA membership. Members can pay for one, two, or three years at <http://westwoodcivic.org/join/>. One can list additional household members on the form and can opt in for the digital version of *Westwords*. Renew now to ensure your voting privileges for 2016.



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*“Life’s most urgent and persistent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’”—  
Martin Luther King Jr.*

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Westwood Civic Elections are right around the corner. Each year 5 Board seats open up. If there are more than 5 members interested in becoming Board Members then there will be an election in March. There are currently 2 nominating committees charged with reaching out to the community for interested and qualified possible board members. The President's Committee is formed of 3 members who are selected by the current WCA President. This year President Mary Jenkins selected Joel Kimmet, Karen Strasser and Joe Corso. The Members Committee was determined at the November General Meeting and it consists of Mary Fichter, Emily Miller Reynolds and Larry Eiser. These 2 teams have been meeting and discussing their nominees and will announce at the January General Meeting. If you are interested in being considered for a board nomination please reach out to one of the committee members.

### Bylaw Proposal

As reported last month, the *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee has recommended a fairly comprehensive revision to WCA's governing document. Available in print at the Westwood Branch Library, Town Hall, and the Gamble-Nippert YMCA, and also on the WCA website's [Governance](#) page, the bylaws proposal is up for a vote on January 19. See the [side-by-side comparison on the Governance page](#) for more information. We invite all interested WCA members to the vote on January 19, which follows a thorough presentation in December. A two-thirds affirmative vote by members present is required for the proposal to pass. Joel Kimmet heads the Bylaws Committee and would be glad to answer questions about the proposal which seeks to modernize the bylaws, improve on protocol, make the sections clearer, and add steps and processes where needed.

# MSD Lick Run Project Update: New Storm Sewers to be Installed in West Price Hill

## *Sunset Avenue/Rapid Run Pike, Sunset Lane and Guerley Road Sewer Separation*

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) is installing new storm sewers along Sunset Avenue/Rapid Run Pike, Sunset Lane and Guerley Road in West Price Hill over the next year as part of the ongoing Lick Run Project.

About 10,000 linear feet of stormwater pipe is being constructed in the public right-of-way from the bioswale at Rapid Run Park to Queen City Avenue, along Sunset Lane, and along Guerley Road from the stormwater detention dam to Sunset Avenue.

The project is expected to take place from fall 2015 to fall 2016.

“The stormwater collected by these pipes will be ultimately funneled directly to the Mill Creek through the new Lick Run Greenway system in South Fairmount,” said Julie Schroeder, the MSD Project Manager. “This effort, part of MSD’s Lick Run Project, will significantly reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Mill Creek.”

Construction will occur primarily Monday through Thursday during daylight hours, depending on weather and the contractor’s schedule. Work on Fridays or weekends may be necessary at times. MSD’s construction contractor is Rack and Ballauer Excavating Company.

Temporary lane closures will occur on Sunset Avenue/Rapid Run Pike, Sunset Lane and Guerley Road for the duration of the project. Traffic on Sunset Lane, which is a one-way street, may also be re-routed as two-way at times. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained but could be temporarily delayed.

### ***About the Lick Run Project***

The Lick Run Project is part of Project Groundwork, MSD’s multi-year plan to reduce sewer overflows into streams and rivers in Hamilton County. Project Groundwork will improve the quality of our lives through cleaner streams, improved protection of public health, and enhancement of the communities where we live, work, and play.

For additional information about the project, please contact MSD Engineering Customer Service at (513) 557-3594 or [MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov) or visit [www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun](http://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun).

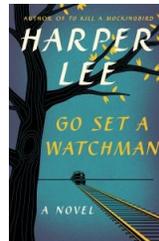


## Westwood Branch Library

K. Bach

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### **Adult Book Club – Go Set a Watchman**

Thursday January 28 at 7:00 pm

#### **Teen Takeover**—Thursday, January 7 and 21 at 4:00 p.m.—Teens

Attention all teens! Looking for a place to hang out? Maybe play a game or just talk? Look no further!

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#### **Let It Snow(flake)**—Friday, January 8 at 3:00 p.m.—Teens

Make a snowflake to decorate your home and windows!

#### **We're Game**—Monday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 8-12

Video and board games!

#### **Tabletop Tonight**—Saturday, January 16 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, January 18 at 6:00 p.m.—Ages 14+

Join us for our Tabletop RPG group campaign!

#### **Banana Tattoos**—Monday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m.—Teens

Did you know you could tattoo a banana? You can! It's also painless for you, and fun to do!

#### **Movie Matinee**—Wednesday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m.—All Ages

Call branch for title!

#### **LEGO Time @ Westwood**—Monday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12

Join your friends each month and build your own LEGO creations

#### **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.



**Monday, January 18: Library Open on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

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*Programs made possible by the Friends of the Public Library and the Kersten Fund. For more programs at other library locations, check out our program calendar: <http://www.cincinnati.org/programs/calendar.html>*

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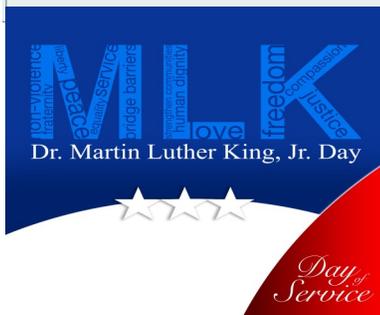
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