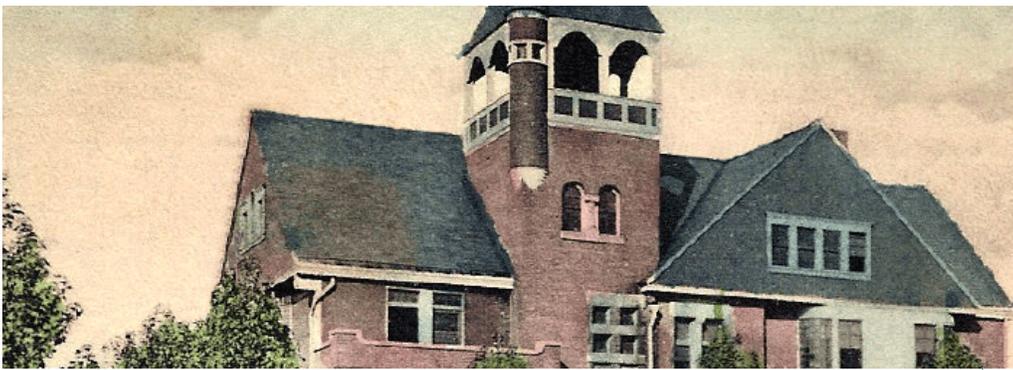




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# WESTWORDS



## DEAR NEIGHBORS,

Westwood Civic Association has worked in partnership with many people and organizations this year. That's the right way to solve problems, make improvements, and grow the membership. Here are a few examples:

- We've worked with City of Cincinnati Police, Zoning, and Building Inspections on problem properties.
- WCA created [Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence](#) in partnership with the Community Police Partnering Center, the police department, citizens, and city government to reduce violence.
- WCA organizes clean ups in conjunction with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, the Toolbank, and Public Services, including an upcoming Clean the Green event on April 2 to clean up gateways to Westwood.
- We're working with other neighborhood councils and citizens interested in growing the public sector and strengthening citizen engagement in city issues. See [Community Voices](#) for a fine example of public narrative.
- The [Westwood Community Gardens](#) partners with the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati and with service organizations in the area.
- We connect neighbors with police, Citizens on Patrol, and other city departments as we all work together to reduce blight and to improve public safety and, thus, our quality of life.
- And, last but not least, we stay in touch with City Council members and their staffs as we resolve issues and watch for opportunities that will make Westwood better. Note that Councilmember Amy Murray will join WCA for its March 15th general membership meeting to offer some remarks and do a bit of Q&A.

Thanks to all of you who are also pitching in to do so much together to improve neighborliness and to move Westwood forward.

*Mary Jenkins*

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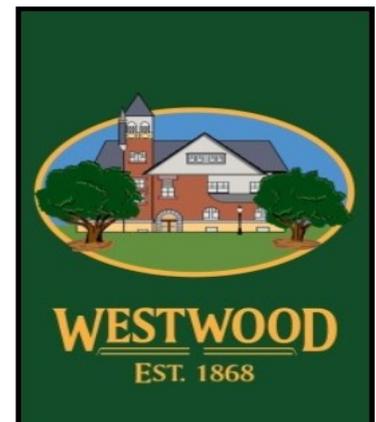
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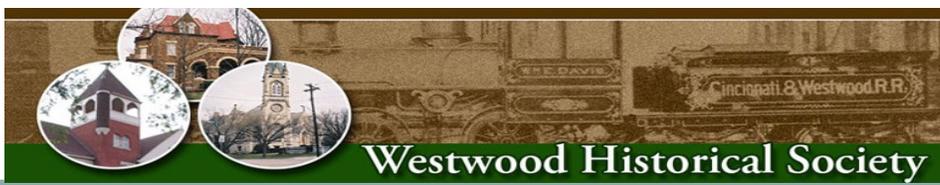
- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, of Jan, April, July, & October
- *General Membership Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **third Tuesday of each month**.
- ALL meetings are open to the public. **EVERYONE** is welcome!

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## The Floral Paradise of Ohio

~ Delhi Township ~

Becky Johnson

The Delhi Historical Society

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 pm

Westwood First Presbyterian Church

*(3011 Harrison Avenue, entrance and parking off of Koenig Avenue)*

Not too long ago, when thoughts turned to spring and to planting flowers, westsiders headed to Delhi which is celebrating its bicentennial this year. There they found many greenhouses that once dotted the township.

The Westwood Historical Society welcomes Becky Johnson of the Delhi Historical Society and member of the faculty in public history at Northern Kentucky University, to share how the flora industry developed and thrived in Delhi.

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***The Westwood Historical Society***  
***together with Presenting Sponsor Kretschmar Deli***

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## **2016 WESTWOOD HOME TOUR**

### **Sunday, April 24**

### **1:00 to 6:00 pm**

**Tour starts at Mother of Mercy High School**

**3036 Werk Road at Epworth Avenue**

**(use Epworth Ave entrance)**

**Tickets - \$18 (day of Tour)**

**Advance Sale Ticket - \$15**

Available beginning March 28 at:

**Henke Winery (3077 Harrison Ave)**

**US Bank Westwood-Cheviot Branch (3168 Harrison Ave)**

Watch for additional information.

Questions? [Info@westwoodhistorical.org](mailto:Info@westwoodhistorical.org) or follow Westwood Home Tour on Facebook

### **WANTED: Volunteers!**

Volunteers are needed to make this a great event and to show off Westwood!

# Meet Our New Board Members

## Incoming Directors on the WCA Board

Each year, the WCA nominations committees vet possible candidates for the WCA Board of Directors. At the January general membership meeting, the committees announced their nominees. Five people were nominated for the five open seats. No one was nominated from the floor. Since this was an uncontested election, the Board took action to approve the slate with the new directors taking their seats on the Board at the April steering meeting. Here are brief introductions to each of the five nominees. Shawntee' and TrINETTE are returning directors while Tommy, April, and Anne are new to the Board.



### APRIL STEPHENS

Born and raised in the city of Cincinnati, devoted Wife, loving Mother of 3 and proud Grandmother of 8. Moved to the beautiful city of Westwood in 2015. Worked at Metro for 27 years retired 2013. Served as Recording Secretary of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 627. Currently earning a Child Development Associate while working part-time at KinderCare Learning Center as a Discovery Preschool Teacher. Former Police Officer for the City of Silverton 2003-2005. Her background and focus on community collaboration has led her to a number of volunteer opportunities and community leadership roles. She's a member of Ohio Organizing Collaborative, National Action Network, Cincinnati Interfaith, Workers Center

and Westwood Block Watch Association.

### ANNE MURPHY

Anne Murphy and her family relocated to Cincinnati in 2012 and settled in a lovely home on Epworth Ave. Formerly an international development consultant and currently a mother of three youngsters she has become increasingly interested in local economic and community development. Anne is a block watch captain and has engaged with local community and church initiatives to address crime, drug addiction, and violence in Westwood. Anne loves the character and sense of community in Westwood and is honored to serve all the residents of Westwood as a member of the Civic Board.

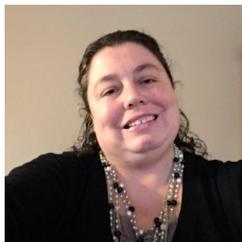


### SHAWNTEE' STALLWORTH SCHRAMM

I am currently the Vice President of WCA and there are a few words to describe me and my approach to projects: dynamic, diplomatic, and decisive. I have a desire to see Westwood grow as a diverse community. Some of the initiatives I've been involved in are Yard of the Month, Clean the Green Westwood - Cleanups, Bylaws committee, and the Zoning committee work submitted to the city. I also helped host the Giant Yard Sale booth for Westwood Civic last year. I know the essence of Westwood is filled with good hard working people from all walks of life, that like us, care a great deal about their neighborhood. I feel it's essential that we preserve the character of Westwood while embracing the positive momentum of this opportunity for change and what the business district has to offer our future.

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt*

I am a dreamer!



### TRINETTE ZAWADZKI

A 20 year resident of Westwood, TrINETTE has served on the board for the last year. One big initiative TrINETTE worked was the creation of the electronic Westwoods. This initiative allows those subscribing to get the latest news from Civic quickly and efficiently. TrINETTE is one of our Block Watch starters on the Safety Committee. She has a real passion for bringing neighbors together and creating "neighborhoods."

### TOM SAUTER:

Tom is a Cincinnati attorney and Queen City zealot who bought a house in Westwood in 2014. When he is not helping people work through their legal issues, he volunteers with Westwood community organizations and hosts a bimonthly board game night. His wife, Bridgid, works for the Cincinnati public library. Together, they made a tiny four-month-old human they are training to walk, speak, and eat. He is excited to serve on WCA's board and learn about the needs and dreams of Westwood's residents.





## Madcap Puppets Update

Madcap Puppets in 2012 partnered with the Westwood Community Redevelopment Corp. (WestCURC) to acquire the historic 1925 Cincinnati & Suburban Bell exchange building at Epworth and Urwiller. Madcap has been attempting to raise the necessary funds to transform this building into the future home of Madcap Puppets, including a 180 seat theater, puppet exhibits, an education center and a puppet production facility. To-date, Madcap has raised approximately \$1 million to support this project, including a grant of \$500,000 from the City of Cincinnati. Recently, Madcap applied to the State of Ohio for \$500,000 in state capital funding to support this project. Madcap is working with A359 Architects and HGC Construction project managers - both known for their skill in restoring historic structures - to define the scope of the project. With the help of these partners, Madcap is now working to finalize construction plans and cost estimates.

In partnership with the Westwood Coalition, Madcap engaged the Community Planning Department of the University of Cincinnati to study the capability of the Madcap project to revitalize the Westwood Business District. The study was conducted concurrently with Westwood's participation in the Cincinnati's effort to adopt form-based zoning codes in four emerging neighborhoods, including Westwood. The UC study, delivered in 2014, examined the Madcap project in isolation and as the catalyst in revising the Westwood Business District as a family-oriented arts district, anchored by Madcap and attracting related businesses.

Gamble-Nippert YMCA is celebrating 50 years this year! If you have any pictures or stories from the past about the YMCA in this part of town, please contact Sara Overstake at [513-661-1105](tel:513-661-1105) or [soverstake@myy.org](mailto:soverstake@myy.org).



### Westwood Community Gardens

Yes, indeed, there are plots available for rental at the [Westwood Community Gardens](#) this spring. Take a look at the WCG website and Facebook page for more information, including the rules and the application form. For just \$25 plus twelve hours of service, you can rent a 4'x8' plot, plus enjoy the herb garden and microgreens. We have water and tools on site, we supply organic soil, and we connect new gardeners to people with more experience. We hope that you'll join us in growing produce and community in Westwood!



### WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION February 2016 Treasurer's Report

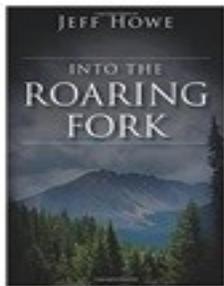
	Deposits	Disbursements	
<b>February 1, 2016 Balance</b>			\$4,956.56
Electricity for Westwood Sign (Jan & Feb)*		\$44.33	
Reimburse Christmas Party expenses		\$175.50	
Misc expenses		\$66.57	
Donation	\$40.00		
Community Gardens	\$435.00	\$28.03	
Memberships	\$230.00		
Newsletter*		\$448.50	
Reimburse Deck the Halls Expenses*		\$1,000.00	
<b>February 29, 2016 Balance</b>			\$3,898.63

\* Expenses to be Reimbursed by NSP Funds

#### Savings

Beginning Balance		\$8,946.68
Interest	\$0.07	
Ending Balance		\$8,946.75

**Author visit with Jeff Howe!**



Join us on Thursday March 21 at 7:00 pm for an author visit!  
*They set out for Aspen in 1985. A one year post-graduation detour to play in the Rockies prior to entering the "real world." That was the plan. But tempted by the decadent side of this iconic resort town, Alex Cavanaugh enters into an illicit agreement with a new acquaintance and finds himself on a remote forest trail, where the crime he is committing pales in comparison to the one his path will cross, leading him further into the darkness of the mountains, and the human soul.*  
(Amazon)



**ABOUT JEFF HOWE**

*Into the Roaring Fork* is Jeff Howe's first novel and has received positive reception. He is near completion on his second novel. Jeff is a Cincinnati, the youngest of 9 children and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

**Join us at the Library for these exciting programs!**

- **We're Game**—Monday, 3/14 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 8-12
  - Tweens! You're invited to join your friends for video and board games!
- **Movie Matinee**—Wednesday, 3/16 at 3:00 p.m.—All Ages
  - *The Good Dinosaur* (PG)
- **Minute to Win It!**—Thursday, 3/17 at 4:00 p.m.—Teens
  - Can you be the first to finish in these quick and wacky games?
- **Tabletop Tonight**—Saturday, March 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 experience are welcome!
- **Annual Westwood Talent Show**—Saturday, 3/26 at 2:00 p.m.
  - Want to show off your talent? Our meeting room stage is waiting for you! Dance, sing, Act, or Play a musical instrument. You get up to 10 minutes in the spotlight! Please keep language and lyrics appropriate for this all-ages program. Sign Up Today!
- **LEGO Time @ Westwood**—Monday, 3/28 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
  - **uild** your own LEGO creations!
- **Between the Pages**—Tuesdays 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** -Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. - Ages 1-4
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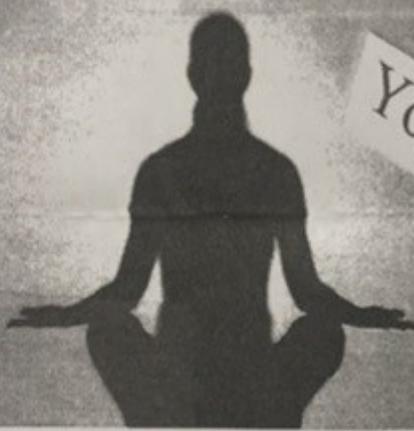
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