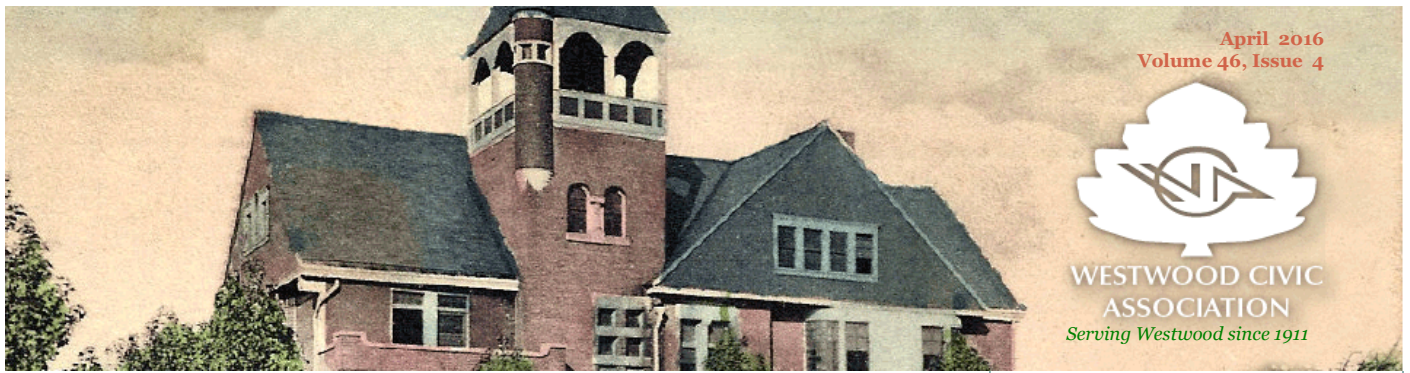




WESTWOOD CIVIC
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DEAR NEIGHBORS,

April marks the beginning of a new year for Westwood Civic Association. The Board of Directors will elect officers for the coming year at the April Steering meeting. Three new directors join the board in April: Anne Murphy, April Stephens, and Tom Sauter. And three directors' terms come to an end: Irene McNulty, Melva Gweyn, and Valerie Baumann. All long-serving directors, each has contributed to WCA in many ways. We acknowledge Irene's service as membership secretary and Yard of the Month organizer, Valerie's role as long-time treasurer, and Melva's attention to neighborhood beautification over the years. Of course, each has done much more than that and we thank them.

As we start a new year of community engagement, let's take a moment to reflect on WCA accomplishments over the past twelve months.

- A successful Public Services Blitz and several gateway litter cleanups;
- Digital Westwords, editorial policy, updating and cost savings of the print publication;
- Set up for online membership payments;
- A thorough revision of the WCA bylaws;
- An uptick in membership;
- Leadership for Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence;
- A membership survey that guides our work;
- Diligence in addressing chronic nuisance, problem properties, demolitions, and code violations;
- Development of our Adopt-a-Pot program and town hall grounds garden bed adoption;
- Expansion of At Home in Westwood to include a Facebook page;
- Participation in Westwood events including the Art Show, Deck the Hall, the Giant Yard Sale, and more;
- Internal financial audit and electronic accounting; and
- Strong relations with other Westwood organizations and continued participation in the Coalition.

These tangible improvements lay the groundwork for the year to come. Thank you for all of these ways and more that we are moving Westwood forward together.

Mary Jenkins

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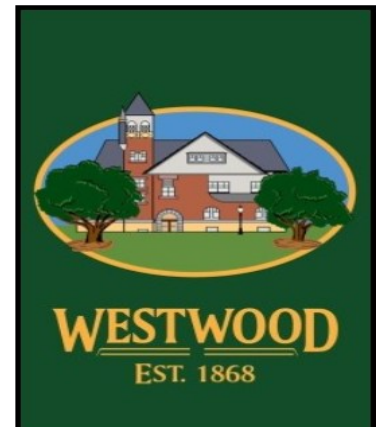
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *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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Westwood Works Pop Up Beer Garden



Westwood Works is hosting a Pop Up Beer Garden on Saturday, April 30, from 4:00 to 7:00 on the front lawn of St. James Episcopal Church at 3207 Montana (across Cheviot Ave. from the Gamble-Nippert YMCA). This event includes great local craft beer from Covington's Braxton Brewery, great music featuring DJ Bill Rich, great food from F&N Goode Chicken and Skyline, and a cupcake competition and bake sale to benefit the Gamble-Nippert YMCA. This event will also feature Westwood's qualifying round for a Cincinnati Neighborhood Games event, Giant Jenga, featuring both youth and adult age brackets. All those wishing to participate are welcome to just show up and compete. Bring your own lawn chair if you'd like. This is a family-friendly event and is open to everyone. Join in the fun and fellowship!

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL GARDENS – ADOPT A GARDEN PROGRAM

Attention all gardeners who wish to help the WCA Beautification Committee keep the grounds of Westwood Town Hall looking gorgeous. As the centerpiece of Westwood, it is important that the grounds of Westwood Town Hall be well maintained. Find your inner green thumb and adopt a garden on the grounds. We are dividing the large flower beds into "Quarters" to make them more manageable. That means they will only be a quarter of the size they originally were, so they will be much easier to plant, clean, and take care of. Help us make Westwood shine!

Contact Karen Strasser at strasser@fuse.net or phone 513.604.1167 if you would like to get involved. All gardens will be adopted by April 20th with planting beginning mid May.



“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow” - Audrey Hepburn



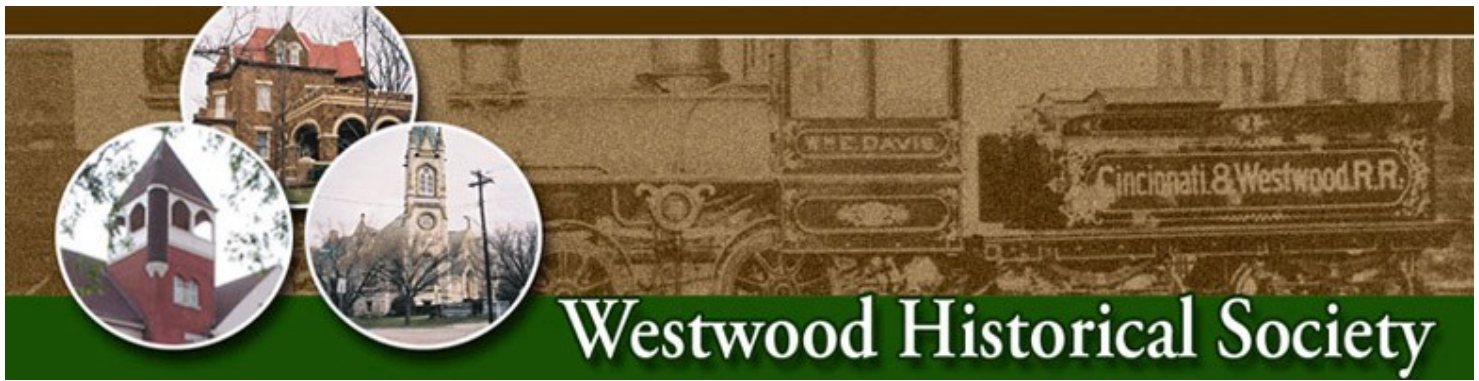
Westwood is home to a collection of big planters, and we need your help to make them beautiful! We're bringing back the Adopt-A-Pot program, and have a handful of planters waiting to be adopted. How does it work? Plant what you like, and take care of it through the growing season.

Here's how it works:

1. Pick a pot (we have a list!)
2. Plant it by May 15th (we'll have planting guides, if you'd like some ideas!)
3. Water it, weed it, keep it looking great through the growing season. Winterize it when things start to fade.
4. Whimsy is appreciated and encouraged but please don't paint your pot.

Want to join in? Fill out the form on our website:

<http://westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/adopt-a-pot/>



Westwood Historical Society

On the Banks of the Ohio

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm

Westwood First Presbyterian Church

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

Just in time for tax day! Learn about the history of the local banking industry and money. The speaker is Westwood native, John Reusing. John is the former president and CEO of Fidelity Federal Savings Bank and Centennial Bank as well as a retired Director of Development for the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, and former trustee and board president of the Friends of the William Howard Taft Birthplace.

7th Westwood Home Tour

presented by Kretschmar Deli

Sunday, April 24

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Starts at Mother of Mercy High School

3036 Werk Road (Epworth Avenue entrance).

Seven featured homes reflect the different tastes and lifestyles of their original owners as well as those of the current owners and their families. Interiors are as varied as the exteriors with something to appeal to everyone whether traditional, Midcentury Modern, or contemporary.

The homes range in size from over 4600 square feet to just under 1700 and include two historic nineteenth century homes, one recently rehabbed and one still in progress.

Also featured will be St. Catharine of Siena Church, Mother of Mercy High School, and the Bass Cellar Shop.

Tickets are \$18 on the day of the tour and can be purchased at Mother of Mercy High School starting at 12:30 p.m.

Advance sale tickets are \$15, available from March 28 until April 23, at Henke Winery (3077 Harrison Avenue) and US Bank Westwood-Cheviot Office (3168 Harrison Avenue) during their normal business hours. For more information, contact info@westwoodhistorical.org or (513) 979-2666 or follow us on Facebook.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Liz Kissel (662-1156) or Mary Bryan (708-6035) or e-mail info@westwoodhistorical.org

CLEAN the GREEN Westwood!



Westwood Civic
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Hosts a
Great American
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Sat., April 30, 2016 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet at Bracken Woods and Gobel Aves. Know Your Neighbor cookout afterward. For more info, email info@westwoodcivic.org or see our Facebook page.

CINCINNATI NEIGHBORHOOD GAMES		
Westwood Qualifier Event Schedule		
Singles Event: Kids Age 7-13 and Adults Age 14 and Up		
Event	Location	Date
40 Yard Dash	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Basketball HORSE	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Football Accuracy Toss	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Whiffle Ball HR Derby	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Singles Co-Ed Event: Kids Age 7-13 and Adults Age 14 and Up		
Event	Location	Date
Golf Chipping	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Hula-Hoop Endurance	McFarland Woods Picnic Area	05/07/2016 at 5:30 pm
Limbo	McFarland Woods Picnic Area	05/07/2016 at 5:30 pm
Soccer Accuracy Kick	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Singles Event: Adults 21 and Up		
Event	Location	Date
Stein Holding	TBD	TBD
Doubles Co-Ed Event: Kids Age 7-13 and Adults Age 14 and Up, and Adult/Youth Team		
Event	Location	Date
3-Legged Race	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Cornhole	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Ping Pong Doubles	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Supersize Jenga	St. James Episcopal Church at Beer Garden	04/30/2016 at 5pm
Water Balloon Toss	McFarland Woods Picnic Area	05/07/2016 at 5:30 pm
Team of 4 Co-Ed Event: Kids Age 7-13, Adults Age 14 and Up, and Adult/Youth Team		
Event	Location	Date
Bat Spin Relay	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm
Team of 6 Co-Ed Event: Kids Age 7-13 and Adults Age 14 and Up		
Event	Location	Date
Tug of War	Gamble Nippert YMCA	05/21/2016 at 3:00 pm



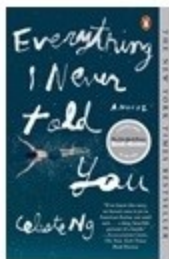
Spring is in the air!

Do you need some fresh ideas for your garden? Check out our excellent collection of gardening books. We also carry magazine subscriptions to *Fine Gardening*, *Herb Companion*, and *Better Homes & Gardens*.

Programs:

Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs!

Book Club - Thursday April 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Adults



This month's selection is *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Lydia is dead. From the first sentence of Ng's stunning debut, we know that the oldest daughter of the Chinese-American Lee family has died. What follows is a novel that explores alienation, achievement, race, gender, family, and identity--as the police must unravel what has happened to Lydia, the Lee family must uncover the sister and daughter that they hardly knew.

- **Teen Takeover**—Thursday, April 7 and 21 at 4:00 p.m.—Teens
 - Looking for a place to hang out? Maybe play a game or just talk? Look no further! Every other Thursday, the Westwood meeting room is yours!
- **Random Acts of Poetry**—Tuesday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Celebrate National Poetry month and be inspired!
- **We're Game**—Monday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 8-12
 - Join your friends for video and board games!
- **Movie Matinee**—Wednesday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m.—All Ages
 - Call branch for title.
- **Plantable Bookmarks**—Friday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.—Teens
 - Make a bookmark you can plant to celebrate Earth Day!
- **LEGO Time @ Westwood**—Monday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
 - Join your friends each month and build your own LEGO creations
- **Bingo for Kids**—Thursday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
 - Join your friends and play Bingo at the library for a chance to win a prize!
- **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/teen story hour and get caught up in a good book!
- **Movers & Shakers** -Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. - Ages 1-4
 - You and your child shake it together for music, movement, & fun.

Programs made possible by the Friends of the Public Library and Kersten Fund.

Westwood Branch Library
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