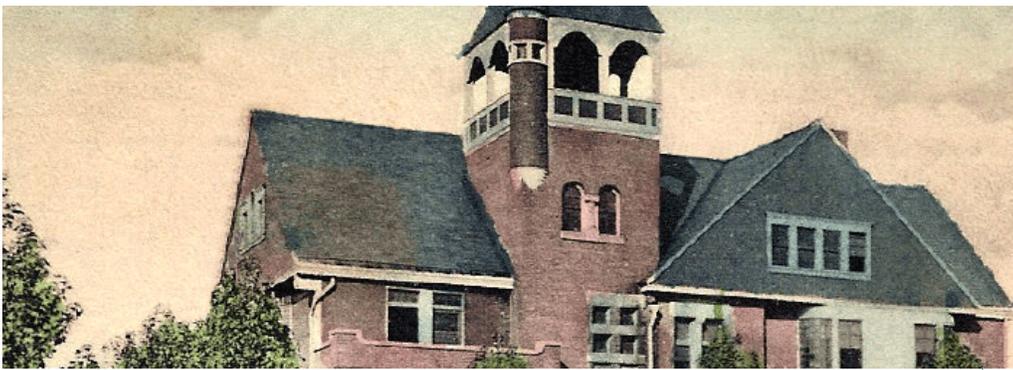




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# WESTWORDS



## DEAR NEIGHBORS,

A community thrives when it has people who engage positively with each other. A big indicator of a thriving neighborhood is the level of volunteering, as demonstrated by many research studies. Through volunteering, we solve problems and connect with other people. People who are social and who volunteer contribute to the well-being of their communities and to their own health as well.

I've seen some tremendous examples of volunteering recently. Helen Russo was awarded the Westwood Hero Award by WCA in July for her above-and-beyond conversations with at least 100 households and other contributions associated with Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence. Helen is joined by dozens of our neighbors who have dug deeply over the past six months into crime data and factors that contribute to crime. These forty or so people laid the groundwork for a powerful meeting that took place on July 23 as 150 Westwood residents came together to get an update on crime deterrent strategies and crime statistics. They then took it a step further, committing to specific problem-solving actions over the coming months.

Block watches and traffic calming initiatives are cropping up around Westwood. Faith-based organizations are working together. Children and adults are picking up litter as routine service, not just one-time events. Westwoodians are connecting and having fun every weekend at Pop! Goes Westwood. All that fun takes a lot of volunteer effort. Town Hall grounds and Gaines Triangle plans have benefitted from hundreds of volunteer hours as we've dreamed, visualized, and assessed.

We can always use your helping hands with WCA activities as we come together to improve Westwood and move it forward. See our [Get Involved page](#) for some options.

*Mary Jenkins*

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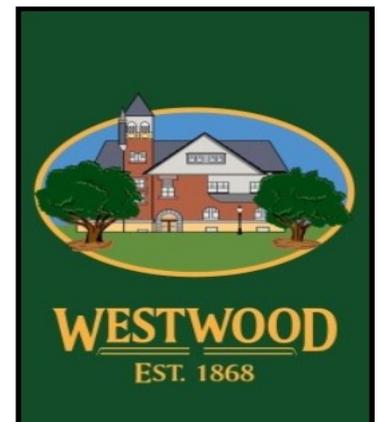
## WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *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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The Cincinnati Neighborhood Games is a Family Friendly Olympic-style event bringing all 52 neighborhoods in the City of Cincinnati together in sportsmanship and camaraderie. Modeled after the Olympic Games, the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games took place this summer from July 9-16.

Each neighborhood held a qualifying round in each event in which the neighborhood chose to participate. Participation in neighborhood qualifying rounds was free. There were 20 events in total - all with little barrier to entry, including 3-legged race, the 40-yard dash, hula-hoop endurance, limbo, chess, and table tennis. This event had everything from community engagement and team building to neighborhood bragging rights.

Winners of each event from each neighborhood qualifier walked in the Parade of Neighborhoods at the Opening Ceremonies on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Washington Park and competed with one another at the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games at Yeatman's Cove, Rhinegeist, Christian Moerlein Tap Room, Hyde Park Tennis Club and the YMCA during the week of July 9 - 16.

The Cincinnati Neighborhood Games was open to All Ages. This was a family friendly event with adult and youth divisions. All events were open to anyone who either lives, works, worships or attends school in one of the city's 52 neighborhoods.

We would like to congratulate the winner of the 2016 Cincinnati Neighborhood Games Cup - Westwood! Westwood won 22 of the 156 medals awarded. Followed closely was Mt. Lookout with 21 medals, Clifton with 20 medals, North Avondale with 12 medals, and Madisonville with 9 medals. To find the complete list of the 29 neighborhoods who medaled please visit

[www.CincyGames.com/meal-count](http://www.CincyGames.com/meal-count)

The Cincinnati Neighborhood Games is backed by Invest in Neighborhoods and partners include the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Physi, Model Group Construction, Lithko Restoration Technologies, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati Parks, the City of Cincinnati, U.S. Bank/ Haile Foundation, and Interact for Health.

Please visit [www.cincygames.com](http://www.cincygames.com) for additional information.



### Town Hall Garden Club

Town Hall Garden Club adopters are continuing to enjoy tending and watering their gardens. All of the gardens on the grounds look great. A big thank you to adopters Jim Hoog, Mary Fichter and Marie Jones, not to mention the many volunteers who enjoy time on the grounds simply picking up litter and weeding as needed. If you are walking near the grounds, come on through the grounds instead with a bag for litter and weeds and go to town. We will take all of the help we can get and every little bit helps. Volunteers have been seen on their hands and knees weeding the stone walls surrounding the grounds, particularly on the Epworth side. See a weed on that stone wall, sidewalk crack or tree bed? Feel free to pitch in and help because our work is NEVER done. Well kept areas bring respect, confidence and pride and that is how we want everyone to feel about Westwood. Many areas of Westwood are now weeded and litter patrolled and everyone is noticing. Thank you all!

If you want to get involved call or text Karen Strasser at [513.604.1167](tel:513.604.1167).



Congratulations to August's winners!

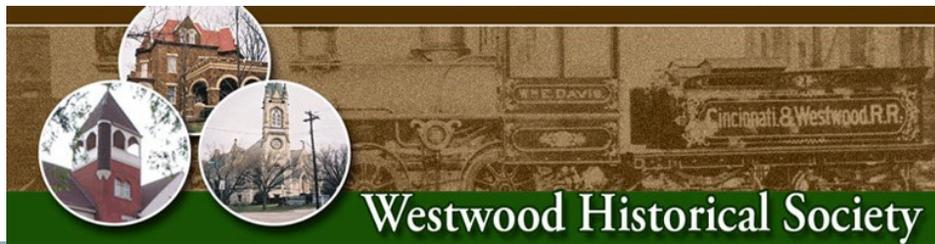
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## Westwood Sesquicentennial – 150 Years

The Village of Westwood was incorporated in 1868. Seems like a perfectly good reason to plan a yearlong birthday party for 2018. Would you be willing to help in any way? We can use people to help plan and organize but will need a lot of different talents as well as volunteers to help during whatever events are held. Ideally local businesses, organizations, institutions, and businesses can all participate in some way during the year.

Please contact us if you'd like to get involved or have ideas. Call 513-662-1156, or e-mail [info@westwoodhistorical.org](mailto:info@westwoodhistorical.org), or send to Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211.

Coincidentally, while we are celebrating 150 years, Cheviot will be celebrating their bicentennial. There may be some opportunities to collaborate on some activities.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF IMPACT

Join us for a pool party and movie night in celebration of Gamble-Nippert's 50th Anniversary!

**Saturday, August 13**

### Pool Party

**4-7pm**

Featuring a DJ, pool games, food, food trucks, prizes and more! Join us

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### Movie Night

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**Westwood Library** by Kathy Bach & Sierra McKenzie  
 Think Librarians never leave the library? Come say hi to the Library staff at **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at **Oskamp Field** from 5:30-8 pm. Also, we will be at **Westwood Elementary School's Back to School** event from 2-4 pm on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll also be participating in outreach at the **Pop! Goes Westwood** space on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> for **West Wheels!**



August programs at Westwood Library

- ❑ **We're Game**—August 8 3:00 p.m.—Ages 8-12
  - Video and board games!
- ❑ **Tabletop Tonight**—August 11 6:30 p.m.—Ages 14+
  - Like to play tabletop and card games? Join us!
- ❑ **Movie Matinee**—August 17 3:00 p.m.—All Ages
  - Call branch for title!
- ❑ **Baby/Toddler Yoga**—August 19 10:30 a.m.—Ages 6 months- 4 years
  - Join us as Larita Hayden presents yoga for kids!
- ❑ **LEGO Time @ Westwood**—August 22 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
  - Build your own LEGO creations!
- ❑ **After School Awesome**—August 24 3:00 p.m.—Ages 8-14
  - Activities that build inspire, empower and engage.
- ❑ **Bingo for Kids**—August 25 3:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
  - Play Bingo at the library...win a prize!
- ❑ **Marbled Paper**—August 29 3:00 p.m.—Teens
  - Make awesome stationary from food dye and shaving cream?
- ❑ **Westwood Book Club**— August 25 7:00 p.m.—Adults
  - August title: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
- ❑ **Between the Pages**—Every Tuesday 4:00 p.m.—Ages 8-16
  - Join us for story hour and get caught up in a good book!
- ❑ **Movers & Shakers** – Every Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4
  - You and your child shake it together for music, movement, and fun.

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

**Westwood Branch Library**  
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 www.cincinnati library.org

**Hours of Operation:**  
 Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8  
 Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6



June Winner - Gayle Rece, Urwiler and Harrison



July Winner - Heather Kittleson, pots at Town Hall by the flag pole

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April 2015—April 2016

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