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FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

Happy Halloween everyone! I hope you have raided the candy aisle and for our children's sake, only bought the "good stuff". I am still figuring what I will dress up as, but I think my kids will go as a jedi knight, a princess ballerina (in pink), a princess ballerina (in purple), and a plump pumpkin (that's a standard issue costume we have saved for the baby).

The Madcap Education Center will open it's doors on November 2nd and will have plenty of fun (and free) things to do on the 3rd and 4th. We are lucky to have this 1st class facility in our neighborhood so please bring your family and friends and come on by and have some fun!

Most of you have noticed the lag in construction during the later half of the summer. There was a design issue with the storm retention system that had the project stalled. Instead of an April opening, it will be more like June - so let's just say sometime this summer the park and Town Hall will re-open.

As Town Hall has been closed, Westwood Civic has been holding it's meetings at various locations around the neighborhood. So far we have held meetings at Cincinnati Urban Promise, Shepherd's Heart, District 3 Police Station, and the Cincinnati Firehouse on Harrison near Save-a-Lot. On November 20, we will hold our monthly meeting at the new Madcap Education Center at 7 pm. Westwood is home to around 30,000 residents and about 30 people attend each meeting. For those of you grabbing your calculator, I'll help you out - that's 1/10th of a percent of our total population that attend meetings. Let's try something for November - that neighbor you wave at once a week, knock on their door, and ask them to go to the meeting with you and I will do the same. We all need to be engaged to create a better Westwood.

Election Day is November 6th. Vote early or vote on Election Day. Just please go out and vote!

Sincerely,

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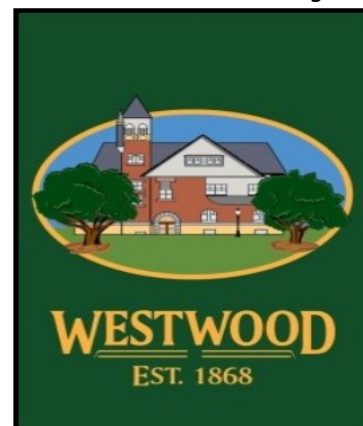
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the second Tuesday 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!

Westwood Flags are Back!

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Here are 13 hacks to winterize your home while also trimming your heating bill.

- * **Caulk around windows.** Warm air can escape and cold air can enter your house if the area around your windows has cracks. Caulking needs to be replaced periodically, and you should check every fall for holes that need to be patched, as well as holes anywhere outside your house.
- * **Replace weatherstripping around doors.** If you can see light around the edges of your doors, you need new weatherstripping. "A small weatherstripping costs you five or six dollars, and it will save you hundreds of dollars in electrical bills," says J.B. Sassano, president of the Mr. Handyman franchise company.
- * **Close up your fireplace.** Make sure your flue closes all the way, and check whether you can feel air coming in when it's closed. Glass doors around your fireplace opening are another way to keep warm air in and cold air out of your house.
- * **Put up storm windows and doors.** If you have older windows and doors, adding storm windows and doors can help considerably. Window insulation film is another option to provide a layer of protection. "It really insulates the window," Sassano says.
- * **Add heavy drapes and rugs.** Changing light summer drapes for heavy winter drapes was common in earlier times, and it's still helpful, Reagan says. Drapes can keep the room warmer, while putting down rugs provides a layer of insulation above the floor.
- * **Improve your insulation.** Insulation deteriorates over time, so you may want to add more material in your attic. Other places to add insulation are in crawl spaces and exposed areas of decks. Sassano also recommends creating a false ceiling in unfinished basements and insulating between that ceiling and the living area. An insulating cover over your attic opening also helps trap in the heat.
- * **Cover your water heater.** You can buy a water heater blanket for around \$20 at the hardware store that will keep the tank from losing heat as quickly, saving you money on [your heating bill](#).
- * **Get an energy audit.** Many utility companies will provide a free energy audit and give you suggestions on improvements you can make to your home. You can also pay for a more extensive energy audit. "They'll look at all the places you're losing energy," Cusato says.
- * **Change your furnace filters.** If the filters are dirty, your furnace has to work harder. In most homes, filters should be changed monthly in the heating season. You should also have your furnace serviced periodically to make sure it is working properly. "It's easy to overlook but it can mean your system isn't working efficiently," Cusato says.
- * **Get a [programmable thermostat](#).** The newest thermostats can learn your family's habits and set themselves to keep the house cooler when no one is there and warmer when the home is occupied. You can also purchase a more basic programmable thermostat. Prices vary considerably, depending on how sophisticated you want your thermostat to be.
- * **Lower your water heater temperature.** You can lower it from 140 degrees to 120 with no ill effect, Cusato says. And 120 degrees is the temperature recommended by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- * **Replace less efficient windows and doors.** Adding double- or triple-pane windows, insulated doors and insulated garage doors will significantly improve the energy efficiency of your home.
- * **Lower the thermostat.** It's actually more comfortable to sleep in a colder home, and you can always add more blankets. When you're awake, wear a sweater or sweatshirt to stay comfortable with a lower thermostat setting.



Westwood Girl Scout Cadette /Junior Troop 41215 is excited to announce their upcoming Silver Award project of Pedestrian Crossing Safety Flags. The troop is currently seeking sponsors and volunteers to help "adopt" a crossing. Our mission is to improve pedestrian safety and walkability in Westwood by using crossing flags.

Crossing flags are placed at legal pedestrian crosswalks where safety may need improvement. The idea is simple, but it could save a life. Here is how it works: A pedestrian takes a flag from the bucket at the crossing and waves it before crossing the street. After the pedestrian has safely crossed, they place the flag in the other bucket. The flag is a simple, neon-colored flag mounted on a stick.

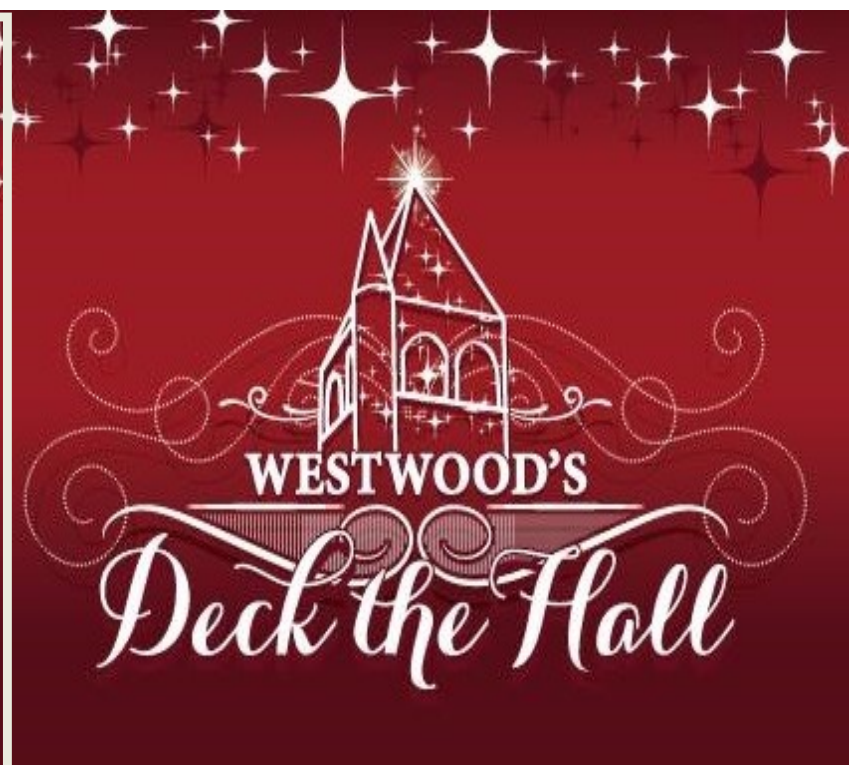
We would recommend placing the safety flags by the Library at Montana and Epworth, by Muse Café at Harrison and Montana, by Henke Winery at the intersection of Epworth and Harrison and lastly at a proposed crosswalk in front of the Westside Brewery.

Example



To volunteer for the project, get involved as a sponsor, gather additional information or ask questions, please contact Rebecca Roell, Girl Scout Troop 41215 leader, at 513-708-6581 or ruga0329@yahoo.com.

Brought to you by Westwood Works and presenting sponsor Kretschmar, please join us for our sixth annual holiday event, Westwood's Deck the Hall. The event will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 4pm-7pm on the grounds of Westwood Elementary. Deck the Hall includes a local artisan holiday market, local choirs and musicians, food trucks and vendors, free hot chocolate and photos with Santa, activities for the kids, a glass blowing demonstration, and our annual Westwood tree lighting ceremony to kick off the holidays. For more information visit our 'Westwood's Deck the Hall' Facebook page or www.westwoodworks.org Hope to see you and your family there!



Westwood Historical Society

Check www.WestwoodHistorical.org for updates

November 14

WESTWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Lloyd Library- its History and Importance Today

Westwood First Presbyterian Church - 7 pm

(3011 Harrison – parking/entrance in rear off Koenig)



Just shy of 6 miles from the heart of Westwood is a largely unknown Cincinnati treasure - the Lloyd Library and Museum at the corner of Plum and Court Streets. Began in 1864, it is likely the largest free-standing plant base pharmaceutical library. It is internationally known for its extensive collections of both historical and current resources on medical botany, pharmacy, eclectic medicine, and horticulture. The collection is relevant to traditional Western Medicine as well as alternative medical approaches like Chinese medicine and traditional and indigenous medicine. Alex Herrlein Reference Librarian at the Lloyd Library will tell the story of how and why it was started, as well as describe its diverse collections.

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Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry



Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, are you prepared? Come to the library and stock up on all your cookbook needs! We have hundreds of books about savory and sweet foods—available in many formats—just waiting for you!

November Events:

- **Graphic Novel Book Club—Thursday, November 8th @ 7:00PM—Ages 15+**
 - Love graphic novels and comics? Come join us for a great discussion on interesting comics.
- **Library Lounge—Tuesday, November 13th and 27th @ 3:00PM—Kids**
 - Unwind after school and catch up with friends while you enjoy some low key activities. The second and fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Art Party—Friday, November 16th @ 4:00PM**
 - Join us every month as we create high impact art projects.
- **Movers & Shakers —Every Wednesday at 10:30am – Babies and toddlers**
 - You and your child will shake it together! Sing, dance, and enjoy music, movement and fun.
- **The Moon and Eclipses with the Cincinnati Observatory—Monday, November 19th @ 8:30 PM—Adults**
 - Join astronomers from the Cincinnati Observatory for an entertaining and informative presentation about the moon and eclipses.
- **And many other programs...**



Westwood Book Club Thursday, November 29th 7-8 pm

Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter

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For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

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