

FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

We are all in a hard spot, but because of that, as the Governor has said, we are all in this together. We had dinner "with" my parents over the weekend. We sat about 15 feet away from each other and our kids knew they couldn't cross a certain line in the concrete patio. Everything is so strange and weird, and I am sure my kids don't actually grasp why they can't give Grandma and Grandpa a hug. I hope a resolution to this nightmare is figured out here very soon. In the meantime, please be kind to your neighbors, but keep your distance.

Westwood Civic did not meet in March and as it is looking now, will not meet in person in April or May. We are working to hold an online forum to hold our April meeting and will keep you posted.

There will be new leadership on Westwood Civic coming in April. I have served two years as President of this historic neighborhood council but I am a huge fan of following the model left to us by many of the previous Presidents of Westwood Civic, including Shawntee; serve a year or two and step aside to allow someone with fresh energy to step up. It was an honor and a privilege working with my fellow residents and board members to be Westwood's voice to City Hall.

I will see you all around the neighborhood, six feet away that is...

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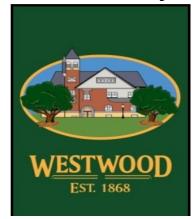
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- 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!

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Upcoming Meetings

Canceled until further notice

Westwood Historical Challenge #1

You are likely stressed by frustration, fear, and uncertainty. And getting desperate for face to face social contact and the ability to do "normal" activities. Here is a challenge to put all of your feelings and thoughts to good use.

Months ago the idea was floated to create an annual snapshot of Westwood to preserve for future reference – think of it as an annual time capsule. The intent is to compile information and images each year about organizations, businesses, people, events, etc. We don't yet know how this will be assembled but 2020 will be the inaugural year to attempt this.

In looking back at the time of the Spanish Influenza, we can guess that life in Westwood must have been impacted, however, it is difficult to find first person accounts of what happened, as it was happening.

Let's do our part to record our experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic for the future. Start a journal. Write it just for yourself or write to your descendants, or anyone you want to direct it to (no need to actually ever pass it along).

Start with a brief description of who you are (birthdate, place of birth, address, occupation, description of your family, etc.). No need to write each day but do date each entry. Capture key dates (go back and write down when schools were canceled, churches were shut down, your last day going off to work, etc.). Document interesting statistics or facts in the news. Describe how your routine has changed, trips to the grocery store, what is open and what is shuttered. And document how you feel and your reaction to what is going on. Don't forget to record good things that are happening and things you are grateful for. Encourage children to keep a journal in their own words and pictures since their perception is a valuable addition to understanding the impact of this pandemic.

Keeping a handwritten journal has its benefits but if you do it on your computer, print out pages periodically and assemble them.

The intent is not for everyone to hand in journals but a way for you to capture these months for anyone you feel would be interested in the future (even if it only for your eyes). There are always lessons to be learned from the past so let's capture our present for the benefit of the future.

Westwood Historical Challenge #2

If you have extra time on your hands, now is a perfect time to get out old family photos and note names and dates. Share the information with your family or scan some photos to pass along to others. When was the last time you backed up digital files? Or printed out special photos? How about doing it now?



We encourage all our gardeners to go up and work on their garden plots individually as we will not be having community work days until the coronavirus threat is diminished. It is the perfect time to plant peas, spinach, lettuce, and other early seeds directly into your raised beds after weeding and amending the soil. Every gardener is responsible for removing the weeds in their beds and in the pathways around their beds and then mulching the paths only with the wood chips in the pile.

We still have a number of beds available for renting – email wcg.coordinator@gmail.com if interested and we have an application form on the Westwood Civic website http://westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/westwood-community-gardens





WESTWOOD CIVIC ADOPT-A-POT

Attention all adopt-a-potters!

To date, I have only heard from 6 of the folks from last year about participation in this year's adoption program. I REALLY need to hear from you soon if you are going to continue in the program! Why, I may even resort to a bit of bribery! The Girl Scouts are hosting a plant sale on May 9th, from 10 to 12 at either the Town Hall or the parking lot across from Madcap (corner of Urwiler and Harrison). Civic has allocated some funds to defray the cost of plantings, would a little financial assistance toward the purchase of plant material sweeten the deal? It's a win-win-win; the Scouts earn some funds, you get to supplement your planting, and the neighborhood we all are dedicated to puts on her pretty face!

Please contact me at: majones711@gmail.com If you are new to the program hop on board our garden wagon and come 'play in the dirt!'

Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry

Although the Library is closed until at least April 6, all of our online resources are available!

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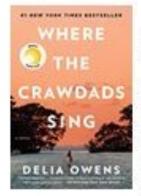
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Westwood Book Club Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends

in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Join the book club virtually on Thursday, April 23 from 7-8 pm. Email Travis at travis.castleberry@cincinnatilibrary.org if interested in joining us.

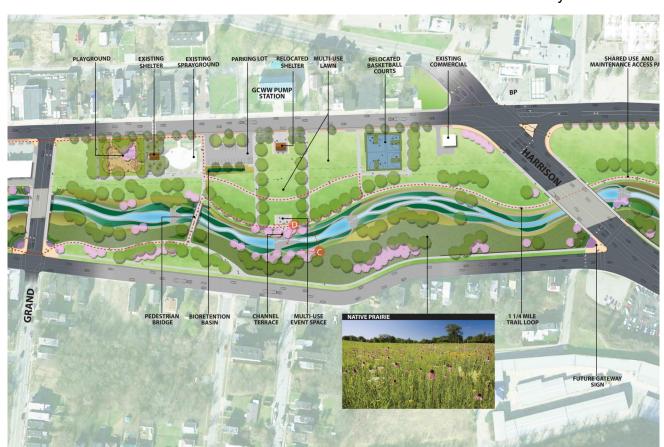




Construction of the \$90 million Lick Run Greenway in the Cincinnati neighborhood of South Fairmount began in July 2017 and should be completed by summer 2020.

The project extends for 1.5 miles, from old Queen City Avenue at the Queen City Bypass to the banks of the Mill Creek. Highlights of the project include the following:

- · Special wetland and rain gardens along old Queen City Avenue.
- · Headwaters park east of White Street with off-street parking. This area celebrates the start of the creek.
- · A one-mile-long meandering creek that extends from the headwaters park to a pond east of Harrison Avenue. Includes walking paths, extensive landscaping, lighting, security railing, and five vehicle bridges at Harrison Avenue, Grand Avenue, Quebec Road, Van Hart and Kebler.
- · An improved recreational area, including a new playground and basketball courts, concrete stage area, pedestrian bridge over the stream, and off-street parking. The existing water sprayground stays in place and one of the two existing shelters will be relocated.
- · 2-acre pond east of Harrison Avenue. Water will recirculate from the pond to the headwaters area to keep the stream flowing.
- · A 1.5-mile-long underground stormwater conveyance box constructed beneath the entire system to handle large rainstorms.
- · Stormwater planters along south side of Queen City Avenue.
- · New storm sewers and relocated combined sewers in and around the Greenway.



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KEEP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION



If you have a subscription or membership to a gym, exercise class, painting class, music lessons, dance academy, etc, keep it going. Many small businesses rely on that support okeep their doors open and pay their bills. It's only a few weeks and your continued support can literally save their business.

BUY NOW, PICKUP LATER

If you planned on buying a manufactured product like say a guitar, piece of clothing, whatever, give that business a call. Pay for it and have them set





ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you know the owners or employees personally, drop them a line and ask how you can help. They might have ideas for you to help that are specific to their business.

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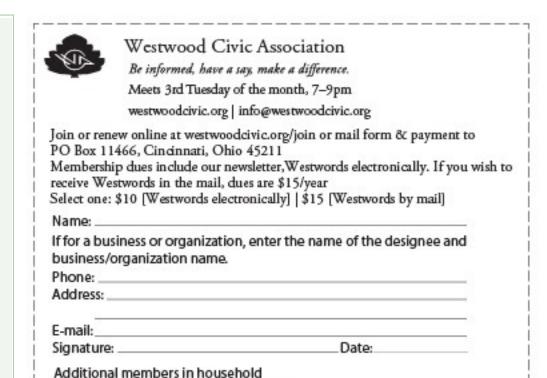
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