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WESTWOOD CIVIC
ASSOCIATION

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FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

2020 is going to be a great year! Our Reds are going to win the World Series and a portion of our Historic Business District will receive a brand new streetscaping including new parking bump-outs. This project will start in the spring and be completed in late summer (so that's November in construction lingo). For more info on this project check out our facebook page.

This will be the last printed and mailed copy of Westwords. We will continue to publish Westwords in a digital form and email it out. We will also print off several copies to place around Westwood for you to read when you are out and about. Annually, our largest expense is printing and mailing Westwords and we have reached the point where this is no longer financially feasible. If you have paid the extra \$5 annually to receive the printed copy we will issue a refund upon request. If you have any questions about this please email me at info@WestwoodCivic.org.

We are still working with the City to find a happy outcome for the old Jubilee / US Market at the corner of Harrison and McHenry. I am told this should be resolved within the next month. Stay tuned.

I am hopeful that we receive some snow here soon so my kids (and myself) can do some serious sled riding. Have a great February!

Henry Frondorf

HAPPY
GROUNDHOG
DAY



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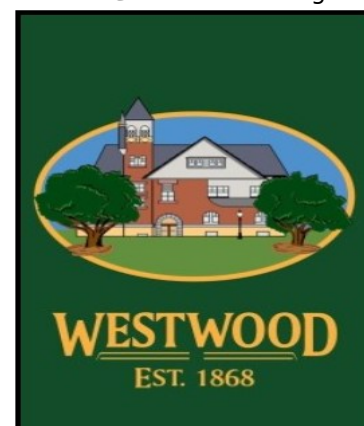
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *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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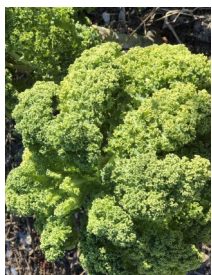
In spite of the cold wintery days, one's thoughts can imagine the first possibilities of spring as we begin planning for the garden season at our Westwood Community Gardens. Located at 2163 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45211 at the corner of Talbot, it is a place that is inclusive and will allow all people, regardless of age or ability, to share in the joy of gardening. The Gardens will give back to the community by providing education to Westwood residents about growing their own flowers and produce.

Most importantly, the Westwood Community Gardens will be a beautiful space that all neighbors can feel proud of and enjoy. Our gardens are all organic and our core team gardeners can help others maintain that standard. Each 4' x 8' plot cost \$25 per garden season to rent, with a maximum of 2 beds per family.

Now that we have our new Gazebo we plan to have a number of programs this year on gardening topics. Check our Facebook page Westwood Community Gardens for information .

For our current gardeners, it is now time to send in your application to retain your beds from last year. <http://westwoodcivic.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/WCGApplicationFlyer.pdf> We are also accepting new members as we have 60 raised beds as well as Farm Rows. All gardeners are expected to contribute at least 10 hours over the gardening season to help maintain the overall garden area- mulching, weeding, mowing, watering, planting in the community herbal & flower border gardens and other tasks .

Everyone is welcome to come to our **Seed Give-A-Way Gathering** to learn more about becoming a member! Join us on Thursday, March 26, 7-8pm at the Westwood Town Hall Community Meeting Room, 3017 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45211.



At their last meeting, the Westwood United Youth Council participated in a leadership activity planned by Leslie Rich. They are also gearing up for their officer elections at the next meeting. Also on their minds is the Youth Council Talent show, which they will be beginning to plan this month.



**CINCINNATI UNITED
YOUTH COUNCIL**



All adopters should be looking for an email from me by the end of the month surveying your willingness to participate in the street pot program again this year. Several folks have already voiced their interest in 'keeping their pot.' Thank you!

We actually have some designated monies from the NSP fund to assist with the program this year! I'm anxious to hear any ideas YOU

might have to share with your fellow potters! I have a few ideas myself that I will share in the notice you receive. If your e-mail address has changed in the past year, please contact me!

In gratitude for the beautiful people who make Westwood a more beautiful place,

Marie (Mama J) Jones - 481-3910 or majones711@gmail.com

Lots going on at the Madcap Education Center this February!

Join us for *Fairy Tale Follies* on Saturday Feb 15th at 11AM and 1PM or Sunday February 16th at 1PM and 3PM. Zany court jesters, Winx and Jinx, deliver a flurry of fairy tales for the Queen's celebration. Their hilariously twisted tales of Hansel and Gretel, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and The Three Little Pigs had better win the Queen's approval or they may end up facing her fire-happy dragon! Appropriate for children 3-12. All tickets (12 months and up) \$10.



ComedySportz Cincinnati has arrived! Fast-paced improv for the whole family- bring your kids, your grandma, even the FedEx guy! All tickets \$10, Doors open at 7:00PM, show begins at 8:00PM. Shows on February 14, 21, & 28.

The first Cincinnati Storytelling Festival runs Feb 6-8. See nationally-recognized storytellers, along with a few local legends. Happy hour hilarity, Cincinnati secrets, family-friendly stories and more! Buy a ticket for just one show or get an all-access pass and join us all weekend! Find out more at www.CincyStoryFest.com or call the box office.

All tickets can be purchased via the box office at 513-241-6550.

Class highlight: Zumba on Wednesday night 6:30-7:30pm, only \$7! Pay What You Can Yoga Tuesdays 6:30-7:30PM or Saturdays at 9:00-10:00AM.

Spring Session B begins March 9th- classes include Be A YouTube Star, Fit & Fabulous, Storywriting, and many more! Check out the full list of classes at <http://madcapeducationcenter.asapconnected.com>

Camp registration will open February 3rd. Stay tuned! Lots of options for kids ages 4-18.





From a 2 Dimensional Photo to a 3 Dimensional Family. One Person's Journey Through the Genealogy Maze

Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 pm

Westwood First Presbyterian Church

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

Hear about one person's approach to finding her ancestors. Westwood native Phyllis Uffmann caught the bug when she came across an old family photo from 1909. Fortunately her mother had neatly written names on the back to identify everyone.

But who were these people? What was their story? Those questions started Phyllis on a quest. When the trail got cold, she shifted gears and steered her search on a different course. Come and hear how her family story came alive as she pursued the usual as well as some unusual genealogical resources ... including hiring someone to help her navigate research in Germany and to take her to places in the Old Country significant to her family's story.

While not a "how to do genealogy" session, if you are contemplating getting started you'll get a feel for some pros and cons of different resources available. If you are a genealogy pro, come and compare notes. If you have no interest in genealogy, come anyway since you can always learn something about unearthing history about people, events, and places. Plus it's an interesting story. See you there!

Drop in Genealogy

Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 pm (tentative)

West Side Brewing (Private Room)

3044 Harrison Avenue

Look for confirmation on the Westwood Historical Society website (info@WestwoodHistorical.org) or on Facebook.

Amy Whalen, who enjoys a good genealogy hunt, has offered to do some quick searches on the spot with the resources she has available via her laptop. Detailed searches will not be possible but you might get an answer to some burning question or learn enough tidbits to start your own search. Mark your calendars to drop by.

Westwood Historical Society Membership

Dues are \$15 per year for a household. If interested, send check (payable to the Westwood Historical Society) to Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211. Include your name and names of household members as well as address, phone, email address if available. Five annual newsletters are sent via e-mail unless you tell us you wish to receive yours by mail or if you do not have e-mail.

This Old House

Free to a good home! A member has a collection of "Old House Journals" from the late 1990's through 2015, as well as some issues of Old House Interiors. If interested contact randyhammann@me.com or the Westwood Historical Society (info@WestwoodHistorical.org).

Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry

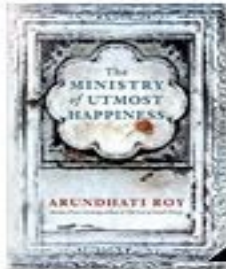
Happy February! Although this is a short month, there's A LOT going on! Black History Month, Groundhog Day, President's Day, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and did you know this Chinese New Year is the year of the Rat?

Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs!
For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

- ❑ **Drum and Dance with Gyata Afrakan Drum and Dance Theater**—Wednesday, February 5 at 3:00 PM—All ages
 - Dance and make some noise with Gyata Afrakan Drum and Dance Theater's interactive drum and dance class. No registration required.
- ❑ **Ray Cart**—Friday, February 28 at 3:30 PM—All ages
 - Get up close and personal with Yellow Sting Rays as the WAVE Foundation brings their mobile Ray Cart to us. Sting Rays are closely related to sharks, but have an incredibly different body shape and survival method. This program will cover these difference and similarities as well as how we can work to be part of their conservation! No registration required.
- ❑ **Library Playdate**—Friday, February 7, 21 at 10:30 AM—0-5
 - Join us as we read, sing, play, and explore. Have fun while building community and early learning skills!

Westwood Book Club

The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy



The Ministry of Utmost Happiness is at once an aching love story and a decisive remonstrance. It is told in a whisper, in a shout, through tears and sometimes with a laugh. Its heroes are people who have been broken by the world they live in and then rescued, mended by love – and by hope. For this reason, they are as steely as they are fragile, and they never surrender. This ravishing, magnificent book reinvents what a novel can do and can be.

Thursday, February 27
7-8 pm

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

Westwood Branch Library
3345 Epworth Avenue
513-369-4474
www.cincinnatiilibrary.org

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

Branch Holiday Hours:

The library is OPEN Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17



Westwood Works will again be bringing back its very popular Brews & Stews event on February 8, 2020, in the hall at St. James Episcopal Church at 3207 Montana Ave. across from the Gamble-Nippert YMCA. This event will include a great mix of homemade stews, chilis and soups. Always plenty of vegetarian options. Likewise, there will be a great mix of home brewed beers and ciders. Water and soft drinks will be available as well. Besides formal judging, attendees get to vote for People's Choice award winners for both brews and stews. This is a family-friendly event and a great way to get over any cabin fever you might be suffering from and get out and have fun with friends and neighbors. Join us and invite your friends and extended family to join us too. Tickets available for \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Food-only tickets are available for \$10. Those under age 10 are free. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://bit.ly/2RbWi7a>. See you there!

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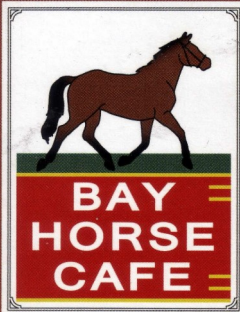
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OR
Call: 513-352-3533

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

	Deposits	Payments	Balance
December 1, 2019 Balance			\$7,103.32
Community Gardens	\$50.00	\$13.38	
Campaign Monitor		\$64.39	
Web Domain Renewal		\$204.16	
Sale of Westwood flags	\$105.00		
Holiday Party	\$354.99	\$700.00	
Donation	\$10.00		
Miscellaneous	\$0.28	\$3.82	
Memberships	\$215.00		
Westwood Sign Electricity		\$19.12	
November & December Westwoods		\$678.00	
January 13, 2020 Balance			\$6,155.72
Community Gardens Balance			\$1,856.85
Youth Council Balance			\$505.34
Committed / Unspent NSP Funds			\$0.00
WCA Available Balance			\$3,793.53
Available balance 11/17/2019			\$6,182.71
SAVINGS			
12/1/2019 Balance			\$8,949.94
Interest			\$0.07
1/1/2020 Balance			\$8,950.01



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