

FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

It's Thanksgiving season! Personally, I've been looking around me for things to be thankful for in this challenging year. One of those things is living in a great neighborhood like ours.

Way back in March and April, I encouraged you all to check on your neighbors and make sure the least among us had what they needed to stay safe and healthy. Now would be a good time to revisit that advice. The weather is getting cooler and we've seen a surge of COVID infections in Hamilton County. If you know someone in quarantine, who is caring for someone or struggling with the illness, send them a note to see how they are doing. This whole experience has been tremendously isolating for everyone and the simple act of reaching out can make a big difference in someone's mental health. If they need food, or medical help, or other social services, don't hesitate to reach out to your neighbors or info@westwoodcivic.org for resources and advice. It's still going to be a little while till things get back to normal and we need to continue to be comfortable asking each other for help. Stay safe out there!

Your Neighbor,

Thomas Sauter
WCA President



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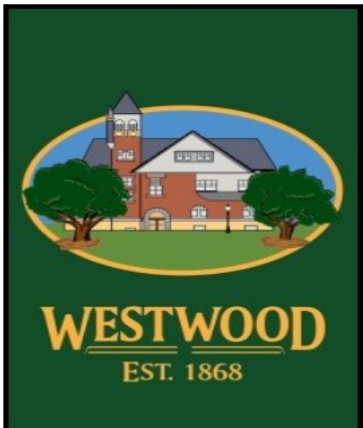
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WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *General Membership Meetings* are held at on the **third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m**
- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at **7:00pm**, on the second Tuesday of Jan, April, July, & October
- ALL meetings are open to the public. **EVERYONE** is welcome!
- All meetings are currently being held online. See p. 6 for access information

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Westwood for Westwood Holiday Food Drive—Nov. 21

Support Westwood neighbors experiencing food insecurity by donating canned goods and other non-perishable foods during the Westwood for Westwood Holiday Food Drive organized by Westwood Works.

Donations will be accepted Sat., Nov. 21 from Noon - 3 p.m at the WestCURC parking lot located at the corner of Harrison and Urwiler Ave. (near Henke Winery).

Donations benefit My Neighbor's Place, Cincinnati Urban Promise, Third Presbyterian Church and WestFed Food Pantry.



Westwood Historical Society

Normally scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year have been cancelled

Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence needs Leaders!

Westwood Uniting is an initiative of the Westwood Civic Association. We are looking to engage more Westwood residents in working collaboratively with neighbors, stakeholders, and the police department in maintaining a safe quality of life for Westwood. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are being held over Zoom til further notice. E-mail info@westwoodcivic.org for information.



The Westwood Civic Association Board of Directors is proposing an amendment to the organization's bylaws. The purpose of the proposed change is to reduce the cost, time and effort associated with annual board elections by moving away from a mailed ballot process to a process that includes a combination of in-person and on-line voting options. By eliminating cost and effort, the Board feels that this change will encourage that elections take place in the future and encourage nominating committees to throw out the net more broadly and encourage more residents to run for board positions in the future. New Board members bring new ideas and serve to refresh the Board. Other than how voting is done, nothing else in the process would be changed. Below, you'll find the proposed new language for Article X in the bylaws, which addresses elections. The highlighted text below reflects the proposed changes. If you'd like to review the current wording, please visit www.westwoodcivic.org, select Governance from the menu and then click the "bylaws" link.

This amendment will be voted on, by members, at the November 17 General Membership meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. You can either attend via Zoom (Meeting ID: 859 4046 9773, Password: 1868) or cast your vote in person at the outdoor Muse Café tent area in Town Hall Park. A couple of Board members will be there to support in-person socially-distanced voting. While all are welcome to attend, only current WCA members will be able to vote. When we eventually resume in-person meetings, we plan to keep an online option like Zoom in place. These meetings are open to all those interested in being informed on what's going on in Westwood, or providing input on issues impacting Westwood. We hope to see you there!

ARTICLE X- ELECTIONS

Section 10.01. Eligibility for Election. Candidates eligible for election shall be members in good standing, as defined in §5.02, and shall not be in the class of Directors subject to the term limits provision (§6.06).

Section 10.02. Nominating Committees. At the November General Membership meeting, the President shall appoint one nominating committee and the members shall select a second nominating committee of not more than three members each, all of whom shall be members in good standing. Each nominating committee shall by majority vote select up to five candidates for the Board of Directors and present its selections at the January General Membership meeting. Members of the nominating committees are not barred from becoming nominees. As soon as the committees report, they are discharged from their duties.

Section 10.03. Nominations from the Floor. Nominations shall be allowed from the floor following the report of the nominating committees at the January General Membership meeting.

Section 10.04. Election Supervisor/Process. The two nominating committees shall select an Election Supervisor and shall announce that selection at the January General Membership meeting, as part of their report. The Election Supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring a list of candidates is communicated to members electronically, and notify members that an election will occur at the March General Membership meeting. Election Supervisor will invite candidates to speak at the February General Membership meeting. Election Supervisor will manage election process, with assistance from other Board members as needed, at the March General Membership meeting including printing, handing out, collecting and counting ballots and presenting results to members. Candidates shall be listed on ballot in alphabetical order by last name, with each member present at the March General Membership meeting able to vote for up to five candidates. In-person voting will be accompanied by an online voting option. At each January General Membership meeting, the Board of Directors will vote to confirm the online platform to be utilized. Online voting will close three days prior to the March General Membership meeting, so that online results can be tallied by the Election Supervisor prior to that meeting and then combined with in-person results before final results are announced at that meeting. Each member in good standing can only vote once, either in-person or online.

Section 10.05. Observers. Any members in good standing may volunteer to serve as election process observers. Observers shall not disrupt the election process, but have the right to report perceived improprieties to the Election Supervisor and the President.

Section 10.06. Those Elected. Those five candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected and take office beginning with the April Steering meeting. Should there be a tie vote which results in more than the requisite number of candidates chosen, the tie shall be broken by a flip of the coin by the President at the March General Membership meeting in the presence of the membership.

Section 10.07. Election of Officers. The Board of Directors at the April Steering meeting, or prior thereto at a special meeting, shall elect, by secret ballot, the Officers of the Association from the members of the Board of Directors, except the Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary who can be any member in good standing.

Westwood Community Gardens

At our recent volunteer work day, Julie Crossen planted her garlic cloves from garlic she had planted last fall and harvested earlier this year. Each clove will grow into a full head of garlic in the coming year. Thanks to all who helped with weeding, mulching the paths and adding a layer of straw to the cleared out beds that will protect the beds, suppress the weeds and eventually break down and help enrich the soil.

We also now have two very sturdy benches at our garden that we bought used from Conney Island that once had been in Moonlight Gardens. Stop by and sit a spell now in our garden to enjoy the view.



Happy
Thanksgiving

**Free COVID-19 testing is available in Westwood every
Thursday at the Gamble-Nippert YMCA**



Every Monday

at

**Powel Crosley, Jr. YMCA
Clippard Family YMCA
Carl H. Lindner YMCA**

Every Thursday

at

**Blue Ash YMCA
Gamble-Nippert YMCA
M.E. Lyons YMCA**

11 am – 3 pm

**COVID-19 Testing for those who live, work or
attend school in Hamilton County**

Please use the QR code to the right
to complete
pre-registration questions.
Not required but encouraged to streamline testing.



What to Expect

Step 1



A Q-tip-like swab will be inserted into your nose, similar to a flu test. It takes about 15 seconds and you may stop at any time.

The test is the Nasopharyngeal (NP) COVID-19 test and has a 70-80% sensitivity.

Step 2



Your sample is then sent to the lab for processing.

Step 3



You can expect your test results within 24-48 hours. Someone will call you if you test positive or they can be found online at MyChart.

Access info given to you during registration.



If you were tested because of symptoms of COVID-19 or may have been in contact with someone who is a confirmed case:


- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with the person.
- Watch for fever (100.4F) and COVID symptoms.
- If possible, stay away from others.

<http://www.healthcollab.org/testandprotect>

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WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**GUESS WHAT? YOU CAN ATTEND
WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS FROM YOUR HOME!**

Our meetings are still **the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.**, but they've gone digital.

You can join us on Zoom either from your computer or on the phone.

Meeting ID: 859 4046 9773
Password: 1868

Here are some directions:

- To join online, go to Zoom.com, click 'Join a Meeting,' and enter the Meeting ID. Follow the instructions.
- To call in, dial (929) 205-6099 and follow the directions. You will need to dial in the Meeting ID and Password, which are listed above.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to
info@westwoodcivic.org

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Be informed, have a say, make a difference.

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm

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