

FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

I'm not going to talk about it this month, I promise. Instead, I want to encourage you all to take some time to dream, to be thankful, and to rest. It has been a long year and we all need some time off. Think about the good things to come, your plans for that new business, your kids' next adventure, or the vacation you are planning. It will come and it will be awesome. Talk to your neighbors about it. See if they can help or just to share the good feelings. At my dinner table, my spouse and two kids have been trying to do this each night and it has really lifted the mood of gloomy winter days. My two year old is thankful for her Paw Patrol toys, just in case you were wondering!

If you cannot dream, cannot be thankful, and have no time to rest, there is help. You don't have to struggle alone. Reach out to your neighbors, your library, your church, the City—everyone working to distribute food, financial aid, and other supplies for those in need this holiday season. If you are having trouble locating resources, you can also email info@westwoodcivic.org.

At our next WCA meeting, on December 14th, we will be discussing our dreams for the neighborhood and what we hope to achieve and support in Westwood next year. We invite you to join us and add your ideas to the conversation.

Your Neighbor,

Thomas Sauter
WCA President



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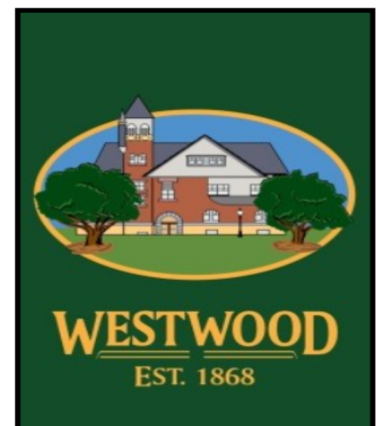
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WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- **All meetings are currently being held online via Zoom. See p. 6 for access information**
- *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!

Westwood Flags Available!

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Happy Holidays from the Westwood Civic Association



Even though we are urged to remain socially distanced and masked up, there are many ways to stay connected and support your community this season. Here are few...

Give the gift of life—Hoxworth Blood Drive at Westwood Town Hall-CRC

December 18, 12-6 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at https://donateblood.uc.edu/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/40660

Help your neighbors in need

Donate non-perishable food to benefit My Neighbor's Place. Donations can be dropped off at Westwood United Methodist Church Monday-Friday from 10-2.

Share your ideas and talents with your community

The Westwood Civic Association's next general membership meeting in December will focus on planning for the new year. We invite *all* residents (members and non-members) to attend via Zoom and share your ideas for how WCA can best support Westwood in the new year. ***Don't forget—It's time to join WCA or renew your membership for 2021!*** Membership fees support Westwood community initiatives. <http://westwoodcivic.org/join/>



A Reminder from your District 3 Police

Thefts from vehicles and thefts of packages from porches increase during the holiday season. Keep an eye on your package delivery schedules or have a neighbor hold your deliveries if you are not home. Be sure to lock your vehicle and don't leave anything in the car that might look tempting to thieves.

GIFT IDEAS From the WESTWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GREAT HOLIDAY PRICES!



Westwood Historical Society Membership (\$15/year)

Dues are \$15 per year for a household. Consider joining or giving a membership as a gift! New members who join before the end of the year will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates to Westwood businesses or Westwood-Opoly games.

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, and email address if available. In addition to meetings (assuming COVID-19 gets under control in 2021), five newsletters are sent annually via e-mail unless you tell us you wish to receive yours by mail or if you do not have e-mail.

Westwood-Opoly! (\$15)

A custom board game made just for Westwood

A great gift idea for family, friends and neighbors. Available at Henke Wine or by contacting Westwood Historical Society

Questions? info@WestwoodHistorical.org or 513-662-1156

On the Right Track: Some Historic Cincinnati Railroads (\$10)

By John H. White

This hardback book by a former curator and historian in the Land Transportation Section of the Smithsonian Museum, contains chapters about various historic intraurban railroads in the Cincinnati area including a chapter about the Cincinnati & Westwood Railroad, complete with photos. If interested, contact Westwood Historical Society (contact above).

Westwood Community Gardens

Thanks to the City of Cincinnati's Urban Agriculture Program for awarding our Westwood Community Garden a grant of \$338.00. The grant helped with the purchase of straw and soil amendments for our gardens, and stain, wood, and screws for the gazebo.



Adopt-A-Pot

Blessed holidays to all our pot adopters and Westwood community! We are truly grateful for your efforts that brightened our neighborhood in this 'interesting' year and hope you will consider continuing for the 2021 season. I still have plenty of blue spruce branches from the tree we had to remove that can be used to dress your pot for the winter season; just give me a call at 481-3910 and leave a message or email me at: majones711@gmail.com to arrange for a pick-up. If you would consider re-adopting your pot for the upcoming year I would like to hear from you and if anyone would like to participate in our program and would like more information, we'd be delighted to have you 'dig in!'

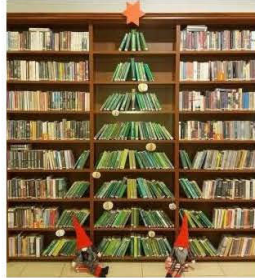
Grateful for all the good folks in our community,
Marie (Mama J) Jones

Free COVID-19 testing in Westwood

Every Thursday from 11-3 at the Gamble-Nippert YMCA. See the link below for details and other testing locations and times.

Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry

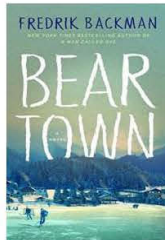


Happy holidays from the Westwood Branch Library!

- Now open Monday – Thursday 10am-6pm.
- All visitors are required to wear a mask.
- Computers available for two hour sessions.
- Free printing for up to 50 pages!
- Free faxing and scanning!
- We are now fine free!

Westwood Book Club Friday, December 16th - 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom

Beartown by Fredrick Backman



People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys.

Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown, leaving no resident unaffected.


Beartown explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain. In this story of a small forest town, Fredrik Backman has found the entire world.

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

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

Westwood Branch Library **Hours of Operation:**
3345 Epworth Avenue Monday-Saturday: 10am-6pm
513-369-4474
www.cincinnati.library.org

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**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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Westwood Civic Association

Be informed, have a say, make a difference.

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

westwoodcivic.org | info@westwoodcivic.org

Join or renew online at westwoodcivic.org/join or mail form & payment to
PO Box 11466, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Membership dues are \$10 per household, and include our newsletter, Westwords
electronically.

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