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WESTWOOD CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION

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## FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

I can't believe it is already February! I'm already looking forward to outdoor March gatherings of family and friends (socially distant of course!). But for now, I've got my head to the grindstone of home projects, my business, and supporting my neighbors. Speaking of work, during these snowy, dark months, don't forget to support our local businesses here in Westwood.

In other news, we have an election next month! Check in this issue for a statement from board member Larry Eiser regarding this important event and the ten candidates running!

Finally, the Board has been setting priorities and planning new projects for the year. We always welcome input from the neighborhood on what our priorities are. We represent all of our neighbors and we want to know what's most important to you! You can email [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) or attend one of our monthly virtual meetings to get in touch! Hope to see you around!

Your Neighbor,

Thomas Sauter  
WCA President



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### Westwood Civic Meetings

- **All meetings are currently being held online via Zoom. See p. 5 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!

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**Join us for our next WCA Community Meeting on Tuesday February 16 at 7:00  
via Zoom!**

A couple highlights on the agenda:

- Meet the candidates for the upcoming WCA Board election. We will be inviting them to join us, tell us a little about themselves, and provide you with valuable information leading up to the election in March. Five candidates will be elected to the Board and will begin a 3-year term in April. As a member, you have an opportunity to vote and help decide which five are elected.
- The WCA Board will be voting on providing a letter of support to create a ***designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA)*** in the Westwood Town Hall Business District to further efforts to make our Business District a destination, help our businesses prosper, attract additional businesses, and further activate Westwood Town Hall Park. Come find out more about what a DORA is and share your thoughts. Feel free to do some research. Currently the following nearby communities have DORAs in place: Middletown, Hamilton, Oxford, Wyoming, Milford, Loveland, Sharonville, Cheviot, Liberty Center, Mason, and coming soon, the Banks. If you cannot make the meeting, feel free to share your input by e-mail to [eiser.larry@gmail.com](mailto:eiser.larry@gmail.com).

***Be informed, have a say, make a difference!***

**Candidates Announced for Upcoming WCA Board Election**

Nine candidates have stepped forward to be considered for what will be five open WCA Board positions. The election will take place in March. Members will receive an email on March 5 which will include a link to vote online. Members can vote for up to five candidates. Online voting will be open from March 5 through March 13. These results will be combined with in-person voting which will take place at the March 16 WCA meeting that will start at 7:00 p.m. Since the meeting will be conducted via Zoom, in-person voting will be made available during the meeting under the tent at Muse Cafe in Westwood Town Hall Park. The candidates are:

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| • Wendy Clark   | • Lindsey Huhn         | • Colie Kumar  |
| • Katie Frazier | • Nicholas Jackson     | • Katie Query  |
| • Kelsey Harlow | • John Kerr, incumbent | • Jon Thompson |



### **Our Westwood Anti Racism Initiative**

Westwood Works will be starting the Our Westwood Anti Racism effort this spring. It will involve engaging residents in:

1. Education about race and racism in Westwood and America
2. The opportunity to participate in a six week learning journey called "Courage to Connect" facilitated by The Hive Center for Community and Contemplation
3. The Big Read- An opportunity to read age appropriate texts on anti-racism and participate in discussion and action groups
4. The creation of at least one Anti-Racism Free Little Library
5. Westwood Works Mini-Grants. The RFP will focus on Black Led Ideas, applicants must live, work, worship or go to school in Westwood. The application will be released in February 2021.

To sign up for updates or questions, email: [info@westwoodworks.org](mailto:info@westwoodworks.org)



### **Get ready for Spring!**

Now is the time for existing members to renew their membership in the Westwood Community Garden and also for anyone interested in becoming a member we have many open raised beds available. Each 4' x 8" raised bed costs \$25 to rent for the year with a suggested limit of 2 beds per person. More information is available here:

<https://westwoodcivic.org/westwood-community-gardens/all-about-the-gardens/>

You can also follow us on Facebook – Westwood Community Gardens

<https://www.facebook.com/westwoodcommunitygardens>

**Westwood Citizens on Patrol** has been a volunteer organization in Westwood for over 20 years. Just before the “Pandemic” shut down everything in March 2020, we celebrated our 20th anniversary with a dinner at Henke’s Winery. We were told in March that all Citizens on Patrol activities were suspended until further notice. So we have not been able to patrol or meet in person since then. We did start meeting again via Zoom in November. This has helped us stay in touch with District 3 and our current members. It has also given us time to think about what we can do while still not officially patrolling. We can call in or use the Fix It Cincy app excessive dumping or furniture sitting at the curbs for too long. We can take signs down that are hung on telephone poles or that are in the right of way. And not only we can do this—all citizens can do this. Our next goal is to actively recruit and one way we can do this is to hold an informational Zoom meeting on the last Thursday of February. On the 25th of February at 7:00pm, we would like anyone who is interested to join our meeting –

<https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/94309105860?from=addon> :Meeting ID: 943 0910 5860  
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<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/online-reporting/>

If a report does not qualify for an online filing, call the non-emergency number, 513-765-1212, to help determine if a report can be made over the phone or in-person or contact the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit (TCRU) which has officers available to make reports(513-263-8160).

City services such as special item trash pickup and issues needing attention such as illegal dumping, property violations, potholes, and streetlights can be requested over the phone (591-6000), online at <https://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csr/cincinnati/> or via the *Fix It Cincy!* App.



**Westwood Citizens on Patrol**  
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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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