

## FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

It's a new year! Well, a new electoral year for the Civic Board anyway. Our newly elected board members take office this coming week. With the neighborhood, city, and country slowly re-opening, we are taking time to set priorities this week, assign committees, and continue to work of supporting the neighborhood.

If you are reading this, now is a good time to suggest priorities for the new Board. You can email us at [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) or you can make your suggestions at our online meeting this Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Login information is available on page 2 of this newsletter and on the homepage of our website, [Westwoodcivic.org](http://Westwoodcivic.org). We are also always looking for volunteers to serve on committees. There is lots to do and all you need to get involved is a desire to help the neighborhood!

Congratulations to our new board members and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sauter  
WCA President



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### Westwood Civic Meetings

- **All meetings are currently being held online via Zoom. See p. 7 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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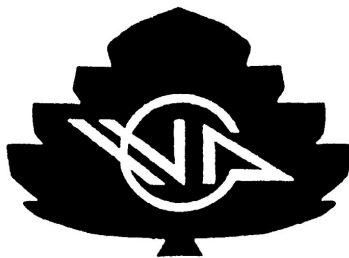
## **WCA Board Election Results**

Congratulations to the newly elected board members for the Westwood Civic Association and thank you to all who participated in the election process this year. Four new board members and one incumbent were elected for the five open seats:

- **Wendy Clark**
- **Katie Frazier**
- **John Kerr**
- **Nick Jackson**
- **Jon Thompson**

These individuals begin their terms in April and join the ten returning members to comprise the 15 person board.

We also want to express our deep appreciation for the four term-limited members who are departing the board this year. Thank you to Steve Beckman, Larry Eiser, Emily Miller Reynolds, and Sara Overstake for all the time and energy you have given to the WCA during your terms, and for all you continue to do for Westwood.



**Join us for our next WCA Community Meeting on Tuesday April 20th at 7:00**

**via Zoom! [Log-in ID: 859 4046 9773](#) PW: 1868**

As things begin to pick up pace for the city's November mayoral and city council elections we have many candidates attending WCA meetings to introduce themselves, their platforms, and to take questions from Westwood residents. This is a great opportunity to learn about the candidates you'll be voting for in November.



### ***News from the Garden***

Thanks to the generosity of others, we have 3 scholarship beds available this year at the garden, one donated by one of our long time gardeners, Joan Smith who also has the asparagus bed in the farm row at the garden. The other 2 were donated by Gigi Fioresi in memory of her grandfather Arturo Baptista Fioresi. She emailed me:

*"My grandfather lived on Feltz Ave my entire life. He grew all types of fruits and vegetables including a live fig tree. I've often driven past the Westwood Community Garden but had no idea who to reach out to- this means a lot to me. Thank you!"*

The scholarships are available for new gardeners in our community who may need help paying \$25 for the raised bed (4' x 8') for the entire growing season and would like to try organic gardening. They would be a member like everyone else with the same responsibilities and fun times. If you know anyone who would be interested have them email me their contact info at [wcg.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:wcg.coordinator@gmail.com) and we will draw the three winners on April 15 - Please share this info with others in our community.

The great news is that we have many new gardeners signing up this year. Out of our 60 raised beds, there are still 10 beds and 2 farm rows available to rent and our gardeners are already starting to plant peas and other early greens in their beds. Each gardener gets a bag of Mushroom Compost, Revita and straw for their beds as well as a selection of seeds are available, Everyone is welcome to plant whatever they wish in their beds- vegetables, flowers and things that will fit well inside their bed.

To apply for a garden plot complete the application form at the following link:

<http://westwoodcivic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/WCGApplicationFlyer.pdf>

The Westwood Community Garden is located at 2163 Harrison Ave. (NW corner of Harrison and Talbott Aves.). A few beds are still available for the 2021 growing season! Learn more at <https://westwoodcivic.org/westwood-community-gardens/>



### **COVID-19 Vaccination in Westwood**

Oak Street Health, is offering the Covid-19 vaccine in Westwood. They are located at 2429 Harrison Ave (at McHenry and Harrison). You may call the clinic at (513) 318-3713. They are very responsive for scheduling vaccine appointments. If anyone has had trouble finding an available appointment online at Walgreens, CVS, Kroger, etc. this could provide you with a more accessible and convenient option.



## Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry



Spring is here at the Westwood Branch Library!

- Now open Monday – Saturday 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!

Free kids snack and frozen meal giveaway every Monday at 3pm – 5pm

Outdoor story times every Wednesday at 10am – Ages birth to preschool.

Library playdate outdoor story time begins Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am – Ages birth to preschool.

**Westwood Book Club** Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom (or outside weather permitting)



***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***  
by Kim Michele Richardson

Inspired by the true and historical blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* showcases a bold and unique tale of the Packhorse Librarians in literary novels—a story of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home.

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

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

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### **Updates and Reminders from Your District 3 Police**

The D3 police reported at our March meeting that crime rates continue to fall in District 3 which includes Westwood. Year-to-date reported crimes are the lowest they've been in four years. Shot Spotter has been installed in Westwood and is working well, but fewer calls are being made now when shots are fired. Residents are encouraged to call and report if they hear shots fired. The combination of resident calls and Shot Spotter data helps the police to narrow in on the location for more efficient response.

***Calls for Service***—The police encourage residents to make calls for service to report incidents or crimes. Calls for Service help police do their job in a number of ways. The frequency of calls for a specific location or issue creates a record of data for the police department to analyze and identify hot spots and persistent problems and community concerns that helps the police know where to focus their attention resources. If you see suspicious or frequent problematic activity call the ***non-emergency number 513-765-1212*** even if the police aren't able to respond in time. For crimes in progress or when immediate response is needed call 911.

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### **Citizens on Patrol—Recruitment/Information Session and Litter Pickup**

Westwood Citizens on Patrol is having a recruiting meeting on May 6, 2021 at the District 3 Police Station at 7pm. There will be information available and applications. In addition to that , there will be an open Zoom Meeting on April 22, 2021 at 7pm. Please use this link to join the meeting: <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/95648699805?from=addon>

We will also be doing a litter pickup on Saturday April 24,2021 at Harrison and Boudinot, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. We will be meeting in the parking lot of the former Walgreens.

We are still unable to patrol but we are starting to do some activities that don't require close contact.

**Westwood Citizens on Patrol**  
A COMMUNITY BASED DIVISION OF THE CINCINNATI POLICE



For a membership application  
or to report issues of concern

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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](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)

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\$25—Quarter Page; \$10—Business Card