

FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

I'm really proud of our neighborhood. I own a house here. My kids go to school here. My wife is a librarian here. I founded my law firm here. And I now serve as the president of the Westwood Civic Association. So I think I am qualified to tell you all that Westwood is a safe place to live. It's a good place to live. It's an exciting place to live. But no place in the world lives up to its reputation 100% of the time. Tragedy can strike anywhere. Last month, on June 12th, two children were shot in a parking lot near McHenry and Cavanaugh Avenue. After the shooting, community leaders like Rodney Christian and Te'aiera Powell have worked nonstop to prevent the next shooting. They've been talking to the press, the City, the police, and the Civic Association, and anyone that will listen. They are angry about what happened, and rightly so. They do not want to be dismissed and they refuse to be ignored. They are asking for our help, your help, their neighbor's help. I am following their lead. Wondering what you can do? Here are some starters:

- 1) Go to a meeting of the East Westwood Community Council. They meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Third Presbyterian Church on 3358 McHenry Ave., Cincinnati, OH, 45225.
- 2) Join Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence, a group of volunteers with experience and proven strategies for preventing violence in our neighborhood. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 7 p.m. at Cincinnati Urban Promise at 2420 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45211.
- 3) Come to meetings of the Westwood Civic Association, the third Tuesday of each month online and at the Westwood Townhall.

These are local groups coordinating a response to the shootings.

In closing, I'll say this—Westwood is not the most “dangerous” neighborhood in Cincinnati; it is the largest neighborhood in Cincinnati. There are over thirty thousand of us here. It is time to protect what **you** built. Come to a meeting, clean-up, or block watch, and the Civic Association will be right there with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sauter, WCA President

Our next Westwood Civic meeting is Tuesday, July 20 from 7-9 p.m.

Join us *in person* at Westwood Town Hall or remotely via Zoom

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



Be informed, have a say, make a difference

Westwood Citizens on Patrol is Looking for New Members

Citizens on Patrol in Westwood is officially back to regular patrols and meetings. We have recently done trash pick up at Western Hills Plaza on a walking patrol, participated in the dedication ceremonies for the Lick Run project, participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Cheviot, and have begun regular car patrols in the neighborhood. So, if you see us out and about give us a wave. As always, we need new patrol members. We are a Volunteer Community based division of the police department. We have patrolled the Westwood Second Saturday events recently.

For membership application go to: <https://www.cincinnati.oh.gov/police/community-involvement/> or contact us by e-mail at WestwoodCOP@aol.com.



Congratulations to
Linsey Kraeling
for being WCA's
Neighbor of the Month
for June 2021!



The nominator states: Linsey is an expert in all things Cincinnati and more importantly is very invested in the neighborhood she and her family call home. She is an ambassador for local businesses big and small, and those owned by a diverse mix of races and cultures. She spreads her knowledge and passion for Westwood through various social media outlets, a weekly podcast with her husband Brandon, and her website. Linsey also uses her social status to speak out against injustices and aims to educate her followers on how they can be better citizens in our neighborhood and support those who don't have the privilege many of us have access to. Linsey, Brandon and their girls are amazing neighbors always looking out for our little corner of Westwood! You can check Linsey out here: @linsinnati, @kidfriendlycincy, <https://tourdecincinnati.com/>, and Spotify and iTunes Podcast: This Week in Cincinnati



Neighbor of the Month celebrates our Westwood residents who humbly make a positive impact on our neighborhood. Attend the WCA monthly meeting to find out who has been selected as this month's neighbor of the month! Nominate your good neighbors at the following link: <https://westwoodcivic.org/nominate/> Neighbor of the Month nominees will be received and selected by the Outreach Committee and announced at our monthly general meetings and in Westwords.

Westwood Yard of the Month

Westwood has beautiful homes and beautiful yards that we are all able to appreciate and enjoy. Thank you to the neighbors who help keep Westwood beautiful! Check out this month's notable yards.



- 3411 Hazelwood Ave.
- 2837 Ratterman Ave.
- 2873 Fischer Pl.
- 2946 Westbrook Dr.
- 3330 Dartmouth Dr.
- 3267 Pickbury Dr.

Thank you to Terry Bailey who has volunteered to be the new Yard of Month Coordinator for the Westwood Civic Association. Submit your nominations for Yard of the Month via the WCA website: <https://westwoodcivic.org/nominate/westwood-yard-of-the-month/> or by e-mailing Tbailey@zoomtown.com.

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Help keep Westwood beautiful!

To report a blighted property, please email John Kerr (WCA's Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, & Zoning Committee Chair) at john.kerr@fuse.net.

You can also request a service from the city through the Fix It Cincy app, or the public services website: <https://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csr/cincinnati/>





We had a great turnout at our Westwood Community Garden of our garden volunteers who helped paint our new storage shed. We were blessed to get a City of Cincinnati Safe and Clean grant to help us buy the storage building kit and paint. The first coat is completed and there is a plan to have a garden mural on one of the sides of the shed when we do the finish coat. Thanks to Hayley Huge & J.C. Statt for organizing the painting and helping with construction.



Much appreciation to all the great work our members are doing this year with keeping the garden looking beautiful! Mowing and weeding weekly is the key especially when we have days of rain helping things to grow. Stop by and visit any time at the corner of Harrison and Talbot.

Looking ahead to our first Potluck at the Garden for members since the pandemic on Saturday, July 31, 2021, 6-9pm. With our "new" picnic tables, along with our other tables and chairs, we will have plenty of room to gather comfortably. Gardeners are often great cooks, using the fruits of their labors to share with others. We hope to also have a campfire and enjoy sharing time together.

Peg Rhein

Westwood Community Garden Coordinator, wgcordinator@gmail.com



After we replaced several pots wiped out by an errant driver in March, Westwood neighbors Randy Wright and Dave and Peggy Frondorf renewed their efforts to beautify the business district with bright plantings at Westwood Skateboard and the WestCURC parking lot respectively.



Thank these dedicated adopters when you next see them; they epitomize community dedication! Thanks, also, to Joe Henke and staff for the lending of a hand truck to move a couple of pots to safer locations!

Interested in becoming one of Westwood's 'elite neighborhood beautifiers'? Contact Marie (Mama J) Jones: majones711@gmail.com for more information.



Westwood Historical Society

Westwood Historical Society is returning to holding in-person meetings and community events. Look to their Facebook page for notices of upcoming speakers and discussions about Westwood history or attend one of their regular meetings. Their next meeting will be September 8.

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



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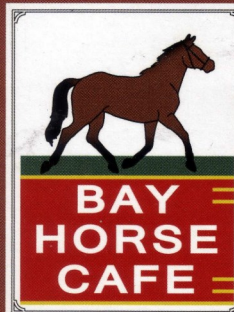


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