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WESTWOOD CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION

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## FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

I was sorely tempted to spend this time talking about the cicadas, but I think we'll be hearing quite enough of them and about them in the next few weeks!

Your new Board members are seated and working. We've appointed some new committees, caught up on work delayed by the pandemic, and are excited for what the summer holds. With more and more people vaccinated, the Board is also working to arrange in-person meetings open to the public in June. Of course, you can still attend all our meetings online via Zoom, but we're looking forward to seeing many of our neighbors in person again!

If you've got a big idea for the neighborhood, a business you can't wait to start, or just want to be a part of the conversation, reach out to Westwood Civic at [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org), on Facebook, or even just drop us a note at our mailbox: P.O. Box 11466, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211. See you around the neighborhood!

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 on the second Tuesday of Jan, April, July, & October at 7 p.m.
- ALL meetings are open to the public. EVERYONE is welcome!

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Purchase your new Westwood flag today! \$30



**Join us for our next WCA General Meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 via Zoom!**

**Log-in ID: 859 4046 9773**

**PW: 1868**

We are planning to resume in-person meetings at Town Hall beginning with our June 15th General Meeting but will continue to enable Zoom participation as well.

**WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MAY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	Deposits	Payments	Balance
April 19, 2021 Balance			\$7,121.01
Gardens	\$500.00	\$154.49	
Campaign Monitor		\$64.87	
Flags	\$93.00		
Neighborhood Enhancement		\$15.24	
Miscellaneous		\$6.19	
Memberships	\$160.00		
5/18/21 Balance			\$7,533.22
Community Gardens Balance			\$3,849.26
Youth Council Balance			\$505.34
Committed / Unspent NSP Funds			\$0.00
5/18/21 WCA Available Balance			\$3,178.62
<b>SAVINGS</b>			
5/18/2021 Balance			\$8,950.98
From Otis P. Finchpaugh Trust			\$24,931.15
Interest			\$0.05
5/18/2021 Balance			\$33,882.18

**Congratulations to**  
**Chris Yearout**  
**for being WCA's**  
**Neighbor of the Month**  
**for April 2021!**



Christina Yearout was nominated by a neighbor in recognition of her daily litter pick-ups that help keep the neighborhood looking tidy. Thanks for keeping Westwood beautiful Christina!

**Neighbor of the Month** celebrates our Westwood residents who humbly make a positive impact on our neighborhood. If you would like to recognize a good neighbor, nominate them at the following link: <https://westwoodcivic.org/nominate/>

Neighbor of the Month nominees will be reviewed by the Outreach Committee and selected by the WCA Board at our monthly general meetings and announced in the following edition of Westwords. You may also use the same link to submit nominees for Yard of the Month and Westwood Hero awards (selected a few times a year).

## **Cincinnati's Vision Zero Program for Pedestrian and Bike Safety Kicks Off May 1**

The city of Cincinnati is launching a citywide billboard campaign May 1 to raise awareness about pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The month-long campaign is timed to coincide with the start of warmer weather when more adults, teenagers and children are spending time outside. Residents will notice 35 billboards throughout the city, reminding motorists to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, and to give bicyclists three feet of space when passing. The new safety and awareness campaign is one of the strategies in the City's Vision Zero program – a commitment to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic fatalities. "We're building our transportation network to help make everyone feel safe, whether you're walking, bicycling, or in a car. Education is a key component of that effort," said John Brazina, Director of the Department of Transportation.







Stop by and see our new storage shed at our Westwood Community Gardens (2163 Harrison Ave. --NW corner of Harrison and Talbott Aves.!) Thanks to the City of Cincinnati Safe & Clean Neighborhood Fund, we received a grant to help us purchase a kit for this shed, new cedar wood to replace some of our 11-year-old oak beds that needed replacing and some straw for mulching our beds. We needed a shed to store all of our tables, chairs, tents, and supplies for gatherings at our garden. Our hope is to have more workshops, potlucks, and events for our gardeners and the community in the future. Thanks to John Lewandowski for helping to secure the grant and to Joel Kimmet, with his garden assistants Haley Hugel, JC Statt, Stu Golder and others who helped with the construction. Next up is painting the exterior of the shed and the floor.



We are excited to have many new members this year at our garden- we still have just a few more beds to rent out so if you are interested this is the application form link: <https://westwoodcivic.org/westwood-community-gardens/wcg-application/>

Peg Rhein, WCG Coordinator

*"The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway". Michael Pollan*

## Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry



### Summer at the Westwood Branch Library!

- Now open Monday – Saturday 10am-6pm.
- Free printing for up to 50 pages!
- Free faxing and scanning!
- We are now fine free!

Outdoor storytime every Wednesday at 10am

Library playdate every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10:30am

Starting in June – STEM storytime 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10:30am

Discover Summer begins June 1<sup>st</sup> – Pick up your Summer to-go packet!

- Activity booklets for four age groups.
- A book to keep for every child and teen.
- Summer take-an-make activities
- Early literacy calendars for preschool families.



**Westwood Book Club** Thursday, May 27th - 6:30-7:30 pm outside in the parking lot (weather permitting)

### ***The Midnight Library*** by Matt Haig

Nora's life has been going from bad to worse. Then at the stroke of midnight on her last day on earth she finds herself transported to a library. There she is given the chance to undo her regrets and try out each of the other lives she might have lived. Which raises the ultimate question: with infinite choices, what is the best way to live?

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.*

**Westwood Branch Library**  
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513-369-4474  
[www.cincinnatiilibrary.org](http://www.cincinnatiilibrary.org)

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Monday-Saturday: 10am-6pm

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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