

FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

What a year it's been! There have been several big announcements recently, like the upcoming City Council vote on the DO-RA (Designated Outdoor Recreation Area) and the planned redevelopment of the Bolton-Lunsford Funeral Home. Some residents were surprised by these announcements. I'm personally very excited to see what will happen as they move forward.

I want to briefly touch on how Westwood Civic operates and communicates with the public. During 2020 and throughout 2021, the WCA continued to meet and discuss issues of public concern at our monthly meetings. We meet in person at Westwood Town Hall and stream the meetings on Facebook for people to watch live or later. Meeting minutes are posted on WCA's website. We are a public body subject to public input. The abovementioned projects and many others are often discussed for months before they are endorsed or opposed by the board. There are public meetings to discuss rough plans. Committees are formed to hammer out details. Letters of support or opposition are drafted. Councilmembers, local organizations, the press, and ideally, Westwood residents are all involved in the process.

If you were surprised by an announcement, or wish you had more opportunities to contribute, you should get involved. Volunteer with the board. Attend a neighborhood clean-up. Lead a committee. You'll be shocked how much you can learn and do for a few hours a month! Who knows, maybe some of you right now are making a New Year's resolution to be more informed, have a say, and make a difference in your community. We'd love to have you. ~Tom Sauter, WCA President

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Westwood Civic Meetings

- *General Membership Meetings* are held at on the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m at Westwood Town Hall and live streamed via Facebook Live
- *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. ALL are welcome!
- www.westwoodcivic.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/WestwoodCivic>

Purchase your new Westwood flag today for \$35!



Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 18, from 7-9 p.m.
Join us in person at Westwood Town Hall or via Facebook live.



Be informed, have a say, make a difference



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

	Deposits	Payments	Balance
11/1/21 Checking Balance			\$6,267.94
Communication		\$65.50	
Membership	\$30.00		
11/30/21 Checking Balance			\$6,232.44
Uncommitted Funds			\$3,761.82
Community Gardens Balance			\$1,965.28
Youth Council Balance			\$505.34
SAVINGS			
11/1/21 Savings Balance			\$58,633.80
Interest	\$1.22		
11/30/21 Savings Balance			\$58,635.02

We Ain't Talkin' Trash

In Westwood Civic's two litter pick-up events of Fall 2021, we took **2,303 gallons of litter and 60 gallons of recyclable items** off of our neighborhood streets. We are also forging partnerships with the Kroger Corporation as well as the Ferguson Ave. Kroger, Western Hills Home Depot, Western Hills Target, LaRosa's, Price Hill Safety CAT, and Western Hills University High School. Sgt. Hicks and Officer Minnelli's guidance and support have been invaluable. Jincey Yemaya of Westwood Town Hall CRC has been incredibly helpful, and we hope that the teens in her CRC programs will join us at the next event. So far, we're 35 strong and growing, but we still need you!

If you would like to build pride in our neighborhood, make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, and have a blast while doing so, join Westwood Civic for litter pick-ups from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM on the following dates: December 4, January 15, February 5, March 5. We will meet in the Westwood Town Hall parking lot and disperse to other locations around the neighborhood from there. Litter pickers, gloves, safety vests, and bags will all be provided. Please sign up at [KeepCincinnatiBeautiful.org>Events](https://www.KeepCincinnatiBeautiful.org/Events)

We believe litter begets more litter, and we hope that these clean-ups will encourage folks to take better care of Westwood. Contact Kelly Hibbett (hibbettkelly@gmail.com) or Ellen McGrath (emmccgrath7@gmail.com) for more information.

If you can't join us at those times, please join us in spirit and stage your own clean-up on your street or at your own house. We would love to see photos!





As part of the beautification efforts for the business district, we have had some VERY dedicated volunteers planting and caring for the street pots along Harrison Avenue, but we are always looking for additional potters/care-takers to assist with the program. Might YOU be one of those folks? Please contact Marie Jones if you are interested or seeking more information: majones711@gmail.com

I'm requesting that all current adopters please email me regarding your intentions for the 2022 year; you are a wonderful group of folks for your dedication and I would LOVE to hear from all of you so that plans can be made for the upcoming season and use of any NSP funds that may come our way!

A MOST BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!

Marie Jones

Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol in Westwood is officially back to regular patrols and meetings. We are a Volunteer Community based division of the police department. Some of our duties include taking down signs on poles and taking signs from the grassy area between the sidewalks and street. There are city ordinances that prohibit those signs on poles and the right of way. Some of our members will continue to help with litter clean ups that are scheduled for this winter. Our members attend the Westwood Civic meetings and Westwood United to Stop the Violence Meetings. Our motto is: "Get involved. Stay involved. Make a difference." So, if you see us out and about give us a wave. As always, we need new patrol members. For a membership application visit the website at <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/community-involvement/> or contact us at WestwoodCOP@aol.com.



Westwood Historical Society Membership

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. Current members will be receiving a notice if they owe dues for 2022. Consider giving a membership as a gift for a relative, friend, or neighbor.

Holiday Gift Ideas

If interested, email info@WestwoodHistorical.org or leave message at 513-662-1156.

Westwood-Opoly: Now just \$10 . Available at Henke Winery or contact Westwood Historical Society at info@WestwoodHistorical.org

On the Right Track: Historic Cincinnati Railroads. Book containing detailed chapter on the Cincinnati & Westwood Railroad. \$10

Westwood Branch Library

by Travis Castleberry

Highlights

- **Free** snack boxes for kids under age 18 given out every Monday from 3-5. Adults Boxes contain a week's work of snacks/light meals. Adults can pick them up without children present.
- **Free** printing for up to 20 pages!
- **Free** faxing to any number.
- The Library is **officially fine free!**

Events in in December

- For ages 0-5
 - Storytimes every Tuesday at 1pm and Wednesday at 10am
 - STEAM storytime on the 1st Thursday of the month at 10:30
 - Library Playdate on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10:30am
- For School Age
 - After School Art Lab-1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:30
 - Homeschool Meetup 3rd Thursday at 10:30
- For all ages
 - Gingerbread Engineering Saturday 12/4 at 2pm. Registration required.
 - Stargazing—December 9th at 6:30 -7:30. All ages. Registration required.

Westwood Book Club - Thursday, December 16th - 6:30-7:30

The Four Winds by Kristin Hanna



Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

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.

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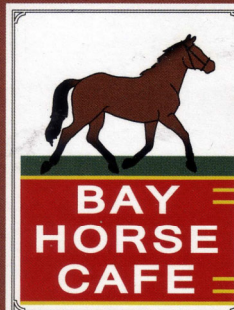
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Proprietor

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Card

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information.


Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home

*** Now serving the families of Bolton Lunsford Funeral Home which recently closed in January 2021.*

513-661-3022

Come see our newly expanded parking lot!

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



For a membership application
or to report issues of concern

WestwoodCOP@aol.com
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Call: 513-352-3533



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