

## FELLOW WESTWOODIANS,

Phew! 2021 felt like two years crammed into one! I'm so proud of all the work our volunteers did to serve the neighborhood last year. Whether planting the community gardens, cleaning up litter on the weekends, decorating Town Hall with a little festive cheer, our neighbors have been doing their part to make Westwood one of the best neighborhoods in Cincinnati.

I talk a lot in these introductions about the big items and big events affecting Westwood, but it's humble, weekly work that makes it all possible. Thousands of little investments by neighbors helping neighbors adds up to a clean, happy, fun place to live. I'm so proud to be living here with you all, and I'm looking forward to all of the little acts of community you'll do in 2022.

Check out this issue of Westwords for inspiration on the many ways you can get involved in Westwood in the new year!

Your Neighbor,

Thomas 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 **\*\*\*Jan 18 meeting will be held via Zoom--meeting link TBA\*\*\***
- *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](http://www.westwoodcivic.org)
- <https://www.facebook.com/WestwoodCivic>



Our next meeting Tuesday, January 18, from 7-9 p.m. will be held virtually via Zoom. The meeting link will be announced by e-mail and the WCA Facebook page prior to the meeting. Stay tuned!



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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**New You in 2022?** Feeling that sense of renewal in the air? If the “new you” in this new year entails getting more involved in our community and connecting with neighbors in Westwood and beyond, please consider attending a meeting you have not had a chance to attend before. Here are some ideas:

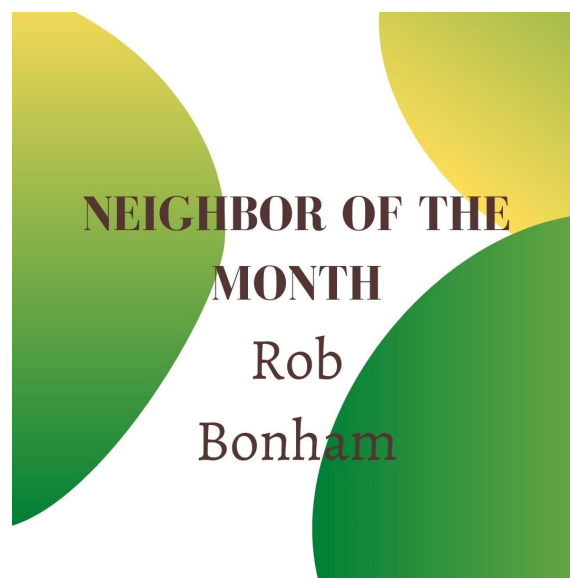
Westwood Civic Association: <a href="https://westwoodcivic.org/">https://westwoodcivic.org/</a>	3rd Tuesdays at 7 PM Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Ave.
East Westwood Community Council	2nd Thursdays at 7 PM Third Presbyterian Church, 3358 McHenry Ave.
Westwood United to Stop the Violence	1/24 at 7 PM (future dates TBA) Cincinnati Urban Promise, 2420 Harrison Ave.
Citizens on Patrol: <a href="http://www.westwoodcivic.org/copp/">http://www.westwoodcivic.org/copp/</a>	Every Thursday 7 PM District 3 Police Station, 2300 Ferguson Rd.
Westwood Works: <a href="http://www.westwoodworks.org/">http://www.westwoodworks.org/</a>	Last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM Zoom—e-mail <a href="mailto:leslie@westwoodworks.org">leslie@westwoodworks.org</a> for link.
Price Hill Safety CAT: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PHSafetyCAT/">https://www.facebook.com/PHSafetyCAT/</a>	1st Mondays at 7 PM District 3 Police Station, 2300 Ferguson Rd.

*Now is the time to join the Westwood Civic Association or renew your membership for 2022! Dues are \$10/household. Members are eligible to vote in the election of WCA Board members each March and to vote on amendments to WCA by-laws.*

*<https://westwoodcivic.org/join/>*

## **Congratulations to Westwood Neighbor of the Month for January Rob Bonham!**

The nominator states: "Every morning and evening Rob goes out and picks up trash up and down the street. He mows the neighbors lawns because they are elderly. He also plants bushes and flowers for them to beautify their landscape. He helps take their trash to the curb every week. He has done this for years. ♥♥ He helps find work for those who need extra financial help to those who are less fortunate. Neighbors know they can ask him for a lending hand. Selfless."



**Neighbor of the Month** celebrates our Westwood residents who humbly make a positive impact on our neighborhood. Nominate your amazing 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.

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Know of someone doing extraordinary things for Westwood? Nominate them for the **Westwood Hero** award! Westwood Heroes are a special sort of Westwoodian — leaders, catalysts for positive change, collaborators, all dedicated to improving the neighborhood of Westwood. <https://westwoodcivic.org/nominate/westwood-hero/>

## Westwood Civic Association Call for Nominees for Board Members

The Westwood Civic Association holds an election each March to elect new board members to fill open positions on the 15 person board. Board members serve a 3-year term, and may serve up to 2 consecutive terms.

Candidates will be announced at the January 18 general meeting (to be held via Zoom). Nominees will be presented by the two appointed nominating committees in addition to other nominations from the floor. Interested individuals may also self-nominate. Contact members of the WCA Nominating Committees if you have a nominee, want to nominate yourself, or want to learn more about the role of a WCA Board Member:

Larry Eiser: [LarryEiser@aol.com](mailto:LarryEiser@aol.com)

Nick Jackson: [jacknso824@gmail.com](mailto:jacknso824@gmail.com)

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### WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION December 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

	Deposits	Payments	Balance
<b>12/1/21 Checking Balance</b>			<b>\$7,037.59</b>
Communication		\$205.68	
Flags	\$25.00		
Gardens		\$1,393.33	
Neighborhood Enhancement		\$167.92	
Outreach	\$349.69		
Misc.	\$0.03		
<b>12/31/21 Checking Balance</b>			<b>\$5,645.38</b>
Uncommitted Funds			\$4,568.09
Community Gardens Balance			\$571.95
Youth Council Balance			\$505.34
<b>SAVINGS</b>			
12/1/21 Savings Balance			<b>\$58,635.02</b>
Interest	TBD		
<b>12/31/21 Savings Balance</b>			<b>TBD</b>

## **Coming Soon...Westwood DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area)**

### **Status:**

The Cincinnati City Council unanimously approved the Westwood DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) on December 15. There are a number of steps that still need to happen before this becomes a reality:

- There is some work still to do with the City to formalize agreed upon relationship between the City and Westwood Civic Association. The City will then apply for State of Ohio approval
- We will be gathering additional input from residents, beyond the hundreds we have involved to date, in order to gather any additional suggestions or concerns to further enhance our implementation plans
- There's still some work to do on signage in Westwood Town Hall Park on the playground gate and Town Hall building entrance... this signage and boundary and business window signage would then need to be put in place

We are hoping we can implement a soft opening sometime in early 2022, possibly as early as late January. Based on temperatures, volumes would be low and we can train business staffs, work out any kinks, and address any concerns that arise before Spring. In early Spring, the plan is to organize a grand opening event when it's a little warmer.

### **Background:**

The goal of creating a DORA District in Westwood is to help continue the momentum of revitalization here in Westwood by furthering efforts to make our Westwood Town District a destination, help our businesses prosper, attract additional businesses and future residents, and further activate the recently renovated Westwood Town Hall Park. From a stakeholder perspective, we worked closely on the design of our DORA with local business owners, community groups, hundreds of residents, and nearby churches and schools to garner support. Business owners and every one of our community groups wrote letters of support, including the Westwood Civic Association board which voted unanimously to support the DORA. We have also worked closely with a number of City groups including District 3 Police, CRC, Parks, DOTE, Community & Economic Development and Public Services. Cincinnati Police District 3 is fully supportive and has developed plans to ensure its success. Further activating the district and the park, they feel, will further reduce crime and increase safety by ensuring more activity and "eyes on the street".

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*(Westwood DORA, cont.)*

We have defined our proposed DORA area to be a tight, controllable area that does not include any sidewalks bordering churches, schools or residential properties. We have defined our proposed DORA hours based on input from key stakeholders (5:00 pm to 11:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and Noon – 11:00 p.m. on weekends). We are not trying to replicate the Banks, Cheviot or other larger DORAs. We have defined the Westwood DORA to uniquely fit with what Westwood is all about as a neighborhood. More similar DORA models would be those in Loveland or Milford.

Discussions with and visits to other municipalities surrounding Cincinnati that have DORAs gave us confidence, not only in the benefits of a DORA, but also in our ability to introduce and manage a DORA effectively in Westwood. These other DORAs have experienced benefits, but no issues. A standing DORA Management Committee will be formed under the Westwood Civic Association to ensure this remains true for us as well. For some, having a DORA in place has been incorporated into their marketing campaigns and websites to attract additional visitors and development to their business district.

Our experience with the temporary ability for restaurants and bars to add sidewalk and park seating, and serve drinks there, due to COVID-19 gives us confidence that a DORA can be implemented without any issues. We experienced zero issues over the nine months when that model was in place. The flexibility provided by that option was a life-saver for those businesses. A DORA allows such benefits to continue even beyond COVID-19 and provides even more flexibility for businesses than those temporary measures provided. Instead of being served drinks in the park by business employees, customers can walk the drinks over to the park themselves or elsewhere within the defined DORA area. Drinks just need to be put in a specially marked DORA plastic cup. If there's a long wait at a restaurant, a customer can either wait there, or get a drink in a DORA cup and hang out in the park or possibly browse at retail shops with a drink in hand (for those shops that want to participate) until they're texted that their table is ready. Signage will be put in place to make it clear where the DORA area ends in every direction. Signage will also be placed in the windows of businesses indicating who is participating in the DORA and who is not. Signage also will include QR codes, with a link to a specific page of the Westwood Civic Association website ([westwoodcivic.org/dora](https://westwoodcivic.org/dora)) which will provide more information including a map of the DORA, a list of participating businesses and the rules for the DORA. The page will also provide an option for feedback of suggested improvements or issues. This page is available now, although it is a work-in-progress and is being further enhanced.

## Map of Westwood DORA Approved Areas

The Westwood DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) spans the Westwood Historical Business District, as highlighted in green on the map below. The Town Hall building and Town Hall playground are excluded from the DORA, as alcohol is not permitted in these areas.



## **We Ain't Talkin' Trash and Neither Are Werk Road Neighbors**

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 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 Saturdays:**

- **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. In the event of below freezing temperatures or precipitation, we will need to cancel. Email notifications will be sent to all who sign up for the events.

Please sign up at [KeepCincinnatiBeautiful.org>Events](https://www.KeepCincinnatiBeautiful.org/Events). Contact Kelly Hibbett ([hibbettkelly@gmail.com](mailto:hibbettkelly@gmail.com)) or Ellen McGrath ([emmccgrath7@gmail.com](mailto: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!



We believe litter begets more litter, and we hope that these clean-ups will encourage other folks, including those passing by, to take better care of Westwood. Case in point: the amount of litter on Werk Road from Boudinot to the Family Dollar store has decreased dramatically thanks to neighbors and businesses working together to show they care. Werk Road residents rock!!!!



## Westwood Historical Society

### *Next Westwood Historical Society Meeting—*

#### **Cincinnati & Westwood Railroad**

Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm  
(assuming the COVID surge has quieted)  
Westwood First Presbyterian Church  
3064 Harrison Avenue at Urwiler and Epworth Avenues  
Masks are required



There is something very intriguing about railroads, especially those whose right-of-way ran feet away from homes in Westwood. Come find out the who, what, where, when, how, and why of the infamous Cincinnati & Westwood Railroad.

#### **Westwood Historical Society Membership**

Dues are \$15 per year for a household. 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 (membership forms can be downloaded from [www.WestwoodHistorical.org](http://www.WestwoodHistorical.org)).

## 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](mailto:WestwoodCOP@aol.com).





## **News from the Westwood Community Gardens**

Happy January and Happy New Year to all of Westwood! As we begin a New Year, we want to remind everyone that Garden Plots are available for rent at the Westwood Community Gardens for the 2022 growing season! The plot rental is only \$25 for the whole year! Please look on the WCA website and click on the "Westwood Community Garden" tab, for information, application, the rules of the Garden, and directions on how to join. <https://westwoodcivic.org/westwood-community-gardens/>

The WCG also has a Facebook Page, called "Westwood Community Gardens". Go to this Facebook Page for information about our Garden, how to join, directions, the application and rules of the Garden. The Facebook Page is a great tool for looking at news, and upcoming events at the Garden.

We have new Interim Co-Coordinator's of the Garden. Joel & Liliana Kimmet, will serve in the Co-Coordinator's role until a new, permanent Garden Coordinator steps forward to volunteer. We hope someone out there will be interested and volunteer!

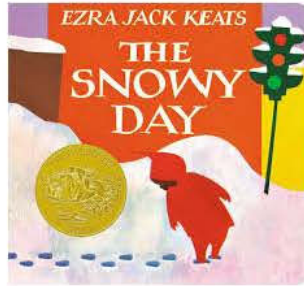
Thank you to everyone who supported the Garden in 2021. Our gardener community contributed a combined total of 832 volunteer hours last year to maintaining the garden grounds!

Those Gardeners who were renters in 2021 need to renew their Garden Rental Fees by January 31, 2022, in order to keep the same plot.

In December, we received a \$1,025.00 Grant from the City of Cincinnati's Urban Agriculture Grant Program. This funding will be used for new supplies (enhanced soil mixture, straw, wood for raised bed replacement, and hoses) in preparation for Spring 2022! We are excited to be able to replace some aging equipment and supplies.

## **Westwood Branch Library**

by Travis Castleberry



- Free snacks for kids given out every Monday from 3-5.
- Free printing for up to 20 pages!
- Free faxing!
- The Library is officially fine free!
- Need tax forms? We will print them for you at no cost.

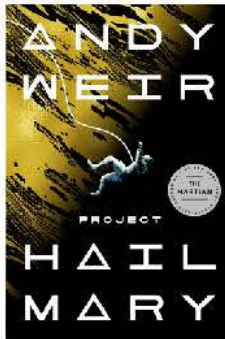
**Movers and Shakers Storytime every Wednesday 10am followed by Family Storytime at 11pm**

**Afterschool Art Lab on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:30**

**Try it Night – Button making – on Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**Homeschool Meetup on the 3rd Thursday at 10:30**

## **Westwood Book Club - Thursday, January 27th - 6:30-7:30**



### ***Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir***

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the Earth itself will perish.

Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it.

All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, he realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Alone on this tiny ship that's been cobbled together by every government and space agency on the planet and hurled into the depths of space, it's up to him to conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

And thanks to an unexpected ally, he just might have a chance.

**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**  
3345 Epworth Avenue  
513-369-4474  
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**Monday-Saturday: 10am-6pm**

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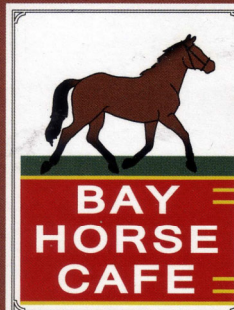
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Proprietor

(513) 954-0271

#### Westword's Monthly Ad Rates

\$100—Full Page; \$50—Half Page; \$50—  
Insert; \$25—Quarter Page; \$10—Business  
Card

Contact [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) for more  
information.




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

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OR  
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