

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Following the recess of the Annual Meeting, President Freeman Durham called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Approximately 32 people attended the meeting.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for April 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). He requested that attendees look out for their neighbors as the weather warms. He cautioned to look out for identity scams; there are a lot out there. He recommended calling the police if you are unsure if something is a scam - whether if it is by phone or otherwise. District 2 has increased traffic monitoring in EWH. If there is a problem area that you want monitored, contact him. The police will begin to increase focus on motorcycle enforcement as well.	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson was not present. Contact Ms. Henderson for further information (vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov).	None
3. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes	There being no revisions to the April 6, 2022 monthly Assembly Minutes (posted on the website prior to the meeting), the Minutes were deemed approved as posted.	None
4. Treasurer's Report	Freeman reported on the March Treasurer's Report that had been posted online prior to the meeting (see attached Report). Freeman reported that there was \$8900 in income, mostly related to parking lot revenues. There was \$10,800 in expenses, also mostly related to the parking lots. There was a deficit for the month of \$1900. There was approximately \$52,000 on hand at the end of March.	None
5. Events Committee Report.	Christine Johnson reported. (1) The annual Clay Alliance Pottery Fair will take place 10:00 am-4:00 pm Saturday May 7 in the Madison parking lot. (2) The Monthly Trash Walk on May 7 will start at 9:00 am at the Evanston Rec Center. (3) EWHA, with the Evanston Community Council, will co-host a music in the parks series starting in June. Sponsors are needed. More information on both may be found here: https://festivalsofevanston.org/schedule-%26-locations#9f4bc563-d9d0-47a6-8739-afb984d189e6	None
6. Infrastructure Committee & Farmer's Market	Deb Dereshkevich reported. (1) Infrastructure - The Committee continues to work on street and traffic safety issues. Volunteers have stepped up. (2) Farmers Market – Deb said that the Market is now planning to start the 2 nd Friday in July. Volunteers are needed and the July start date will allow people who currently are in school to volunteer. The market organizers are looking for a bread and flower vendor among other vendors.	None
7. Parking Committee Report	Rick Boydston reported. There are two parking lots managed by EWHA: the Woodburn lot and the Madison lot. There are fifty-four 24/7 monthly parkers – the highest number ever. Monthly hourly fees are over \$5000 after fees are paid. The Committee continues to negotiate with the City over a new lease for the Madison lot. There is a possibility of installing charging stations in the lot(s) at some point. The Committee is continuing to consider the possibility of payment only by app and eliminating the payment kiosks. The EWHA Board put in an application for a City grant to fund upgrades to the Woodburn lot. Monthly meetings of the Committee take place in the building where Hey Day is and take place right before the Assembly meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.	None
8. Business Association Report.	Sara Siefring reported. Walk on Woodburn is May 13. Seven members from the Seven Hills Symphony will be playing from 7-9:00 pm. Meetings take place on the last Monday at noon. All are welcome to attend.	None
9. Development Committee Report	Drew Gores reported. (1) Woodburn Properties (the 7 properties on the east side of Woodburn, north of De Sales Ln., and south of MRC) - EWHA has looked to save and redevelop the properties over the years with no success. The current owner of the Woodburn Properties is being sued by City for unsafe properties/nuisance abatement. A developer from Indianapolis is interested in buying the properties. That developer would demolish the existing houses and	None

	<p>build new townhouses (perhaps 27). The Indianapolis developer has not purchased the properties. The developer has appeared in front of the Development Committee and will be returning with a revised plan in May to address the issues raised by the Committee members. Variances will be needed and the developer will likely be asked to appear at a monthly Assembly meeting.</p> <p>(2) The City's Planning Department held a Community Engagement Zoom meeting April 24 via Zoom to discuss funding the 2-way street conversion project on McMillan, Taft and Woodburn around the new Woodburn Exchange development. The bids have come in at \$150,000 above budget due to increased construction costs and it is proposed to use the EWH TIF funds to pay for the \$150,000. Drew explained that TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing: in the designated EWH TIF district a portion of additional property taxes collected above a base property tax amount are placed in the EWH TIF fund to support projects in the neighborhood. Currently, there is over \$1 million in Cash Available funds from which the \$150,000 could be paid. At the Community Engagement meeting, there were almost no comments about the funding – no one voiced any opposition; there were a number of questions about the design of the two-way project at the meeting. The construction of two-way street conversion project is underway. The City wants to complete the street conversion by August, before St Ursula students return to school, so that the school can prepare students for the change in traffic patterns. The entire project, including the upgrades to the sidewalk streetscape along Woodburn and Taft, will be finished in October 2022.</p> <p>(3) Woodburn Exchange - There is a EWHA Board committee, made up of EWH business owners, BA members, EWHA Board members and the developers, which is meeting to advise the Woodburn Exchange developers on potential tenants for the 10,000 sq ft of commercial space. There will likely be 5, 6 tenants.</p> <p>(4) Symposium, in the former Cafe De Sales space, is scheduled to open May 5th. Hey Day opened in April and sells burgers, hot dogs, chicken and fries. It will be open most days from 4:00 pm on. Solstice is going into the former Suzie Wongs space.</p>	
10. Owls Nest Park Update.	Ben Strohm reported that he had attended a Park Board meeting a week ago, where the posts that were recently installed were discussed. Park Department representatives and members of the Owls Nest Advisory group will be walking the park next Thursday to discuss the posts: can the posts be "beautified" or will they be removed and replaced with other elements to deter cars entering the park? Money to pay for this is an issue. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued by the Park Department to determine the design scope for the renovation of the pavilion. A consultant is to be hired to work with the communities.	None
11. Misc.	Jens, who owns the house across from St Margaret's Hall, reported that there had been a recent car accident where a car going over 100 miles per hour hit a brick wall, a parked SUV, knocked over a utility pole and ended up in the big pottery pots in front of his house. The car caught on fire and the fire department responded quickly. He was wondering about special safety measures that could be taken to calm traffic. This is the third accident at the same spot since he moved in. Jens said that he was told that speed bumps can't be installed due to impeding safety vehicle access. Florence Parker from OKI Regional Council reported that there are "speed cushions" that safety vehicles can go over and suggested looking into them. Other comments in the Chat: reduce traffic to one lane each way and use digital speed signs.	
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.	

Submitted by Drew Gores, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Treasurers Report

The next EWHA Board meeting will take place on May 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

THE FINAL EWHA ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 1 AT 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY TAKES A SUMMER BREAK IN JULY AND AUGUST

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA

May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Call

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Welcome *Freeman Durham*

2. Introduction of Board Candidates

Current Trustees nominated for re-election to three-year terms:

- Jinny Berten
- John McHugh
- Ben Strohm

Proposed new Trustees nominated for election to three-year terms

- Jeff Butterbaugh
- Ben Kerscmar
- Sara Sieftring

Proposed new Trustee nominated for election to two-year term (vacancy)

- Mark Niehaus

Voting for candidates will be by proxy. Proxies may be completed on our website, or may be printed and delivered to Argos Natural Pet Food on Woodburn. All proxies must be received by noon on Friday, May 6, 2022.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

1. City Department Presentations

- a. Cincinnati Fire Department
- b. Cincinnati Police Department
- c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC

Officer Perry Locke

Director Vanessa Henderson

2. Approval of Minutes from the Assembly Meeting on April 6, 2022

3. Treasurer's Report

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4. Committee Reports

Various Committee Chairs

5. Other Business

Adjournment

**The next regular meeting of the Assembly will be held on
June 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

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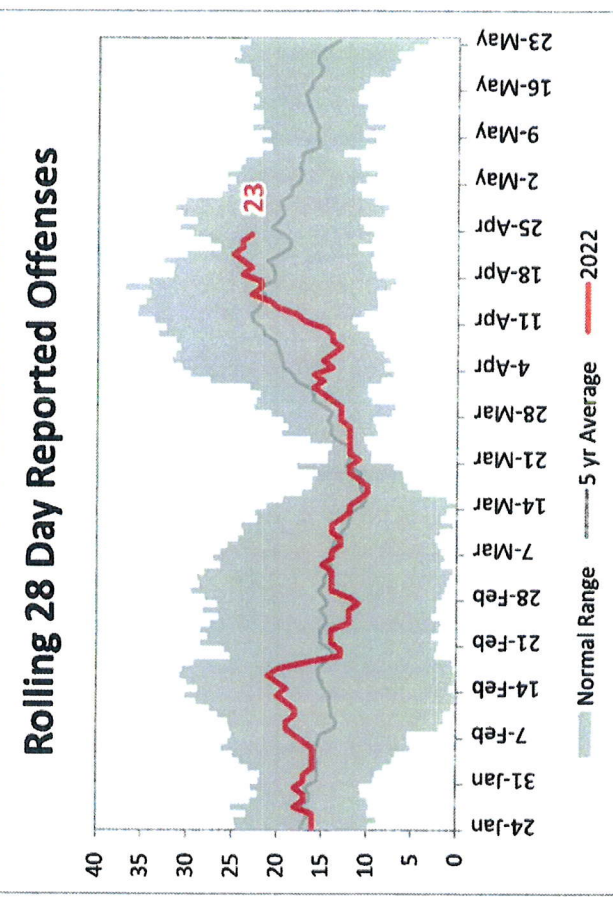
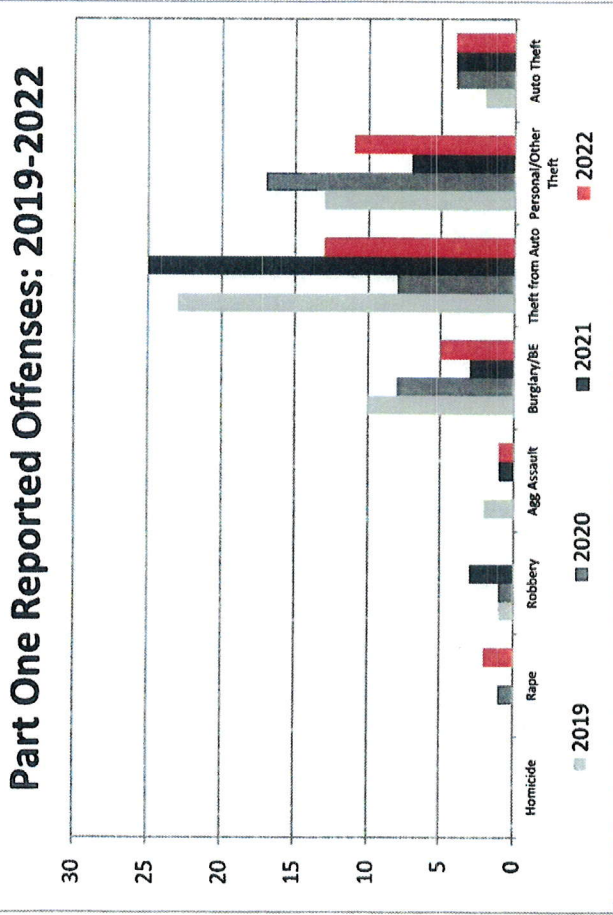
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East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

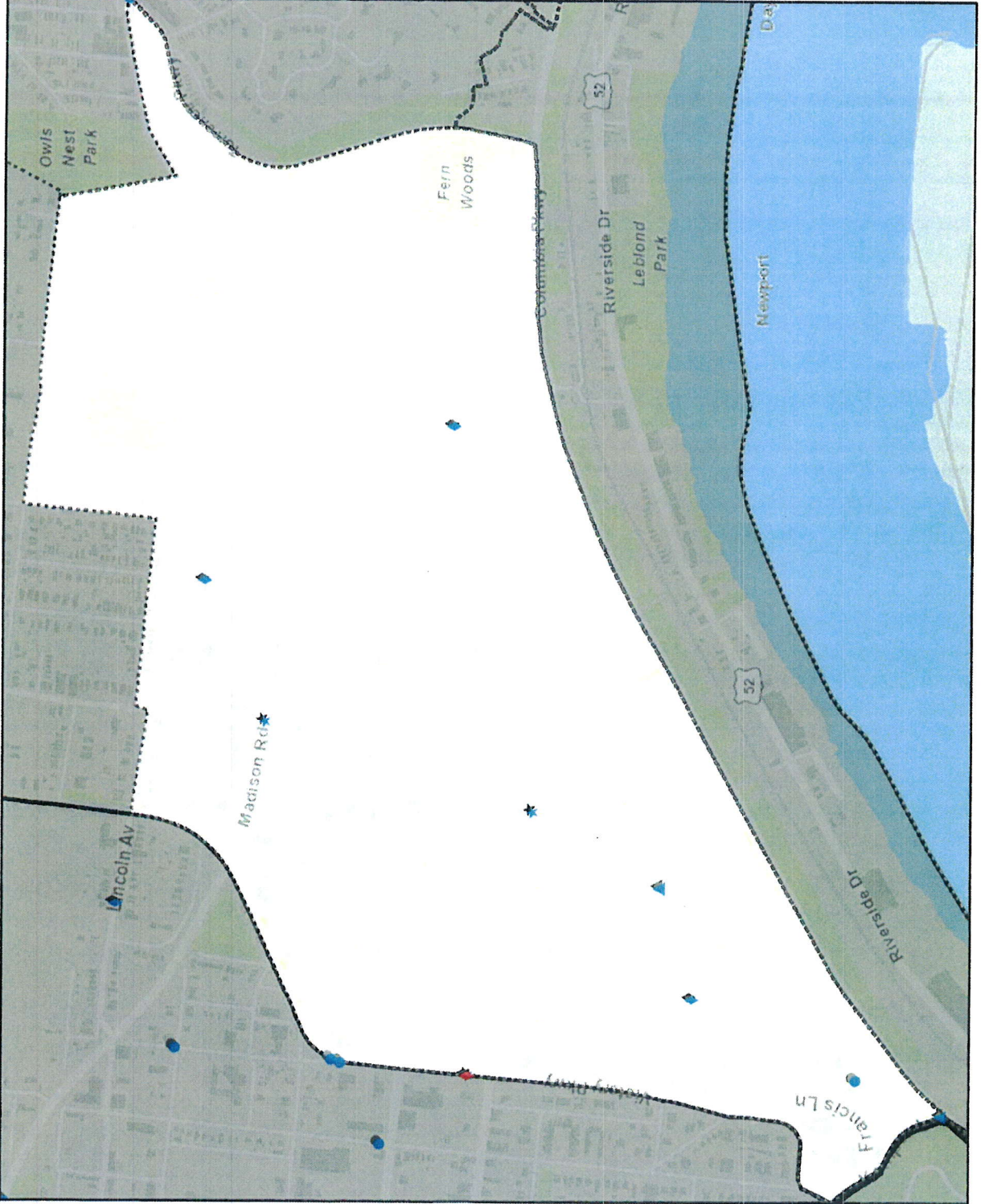
East Walnut Hills	Year-to-Date: 25-Apr							
	2019	2020	2021	2021-21	Avg: 2019-21	Avg: 2022	% Change: 2021 / 2022	% Change: 2021 / 2022
Part 1 Crime								
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0	0	N/C	N/C	N/C
Rape	0	1	0	0.3	2	500.0%	↑ 2	↑ 2
Robbery	1	1	3	1.7	0	↓ 1.7	↓ 3	↓ 3
Agg Assault	2	0	1	1.0	1	N/C	N/C	N/C
Total P1 Violent Crime	3	2	4	3.0	3	N/C	-25.0%	-25.0%
Burglary/BE	10	8	3	7.0	5	-28.6%	66.7%	66.7%
Theft from Auto	23	8	25	18.7	13	-30.4%	-48.0%	-48.0%
Personal/Other Theft	13	17	7	12.3	11	-10.8%	57.1%	57.1%
Auto Theft	2	4	4	3.3	4	20.0%	N/C	N/C
Total P1 Property Crime	48	37	39	41.3	33	-20.2%	-15.4%	-15.4%
Total P1 Crime	51	39	43	44.3	36	-18.8%	-16.3%	-16.3%

East Walnut Hills	Rolling 28 ending: 4/25/2022						
	Period 4 01/04/22 - 1/31/22	Period 3 02/01/22 - 2/28/22	Period 2 03/01/22 - 3/28/22	Period 1 03/29/22 - 4/25/22	% Change: P2-P1	% Change: P3-P1	% Change: P2-P1
Part 1 Crime							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	N/C
Rape	1	1	0	0	↓ 1	↓ 1	N/C
Robbery	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	0	1	↑ 1	↑ 1	↑ 1
Total P1 Violent Crime	1	1	0	1	N/C	N/C	↑ 1
Burglary/BE	1	0	2	0	N/C	N/C	↓ 2
Theft from Auto	2	4	4	3	-25.0%	-25.0%	-25.0%
Personal/Other Theft	5	1	2	3	200.0%	200.0%	50.0%
Auto Theft	2	0	1	1	↑ 1	↑ 1	N/C
Total P1 Property Crime	10	5	9	7	40.0%	40.0%	-22.2%
Total P1 Crime	11	6	9	8	33.3%	33.3%	-11.1%

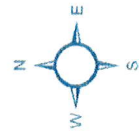


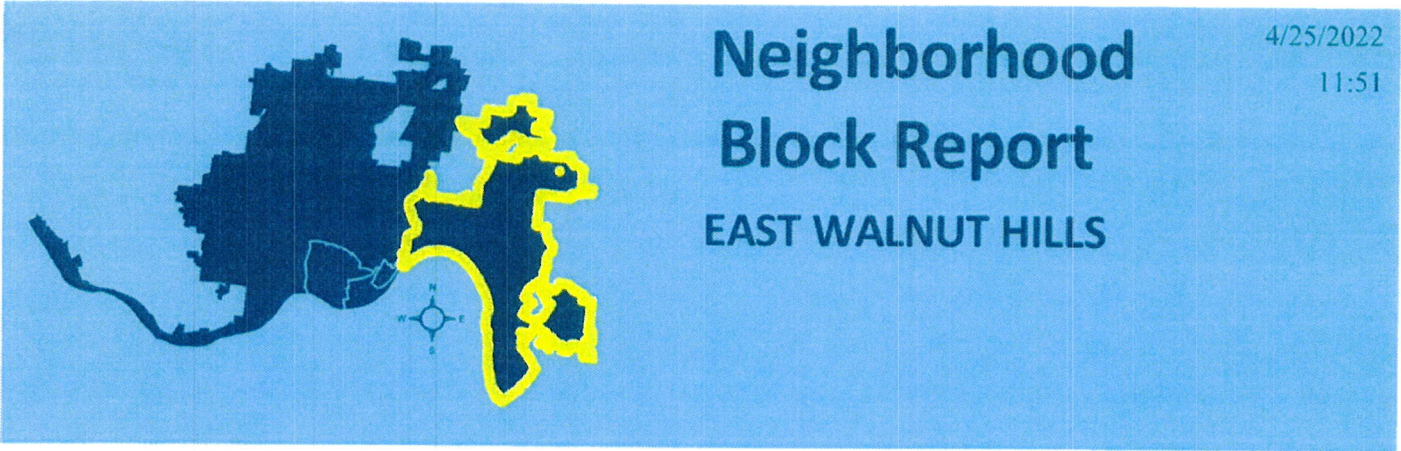
EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

*All information shown here are preliminary and subject to change



- Neighborhoods**
- Districts
- Violent Crimes**
- Homicide
 - Rape
 - Robbery
 - Agg Assault
- Property Crimes**
- Burglary/BE
 - Theft from Auto
 - Auto Theft
 - Personal/Other Theft





Agg Assault

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008994	Felonious Assault	4/18/2022 3:50:00 AM	XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008805	Theft	4/15/2022 6:30:00 PM	19XX KEMPER LN

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007035	Theft	3/27/2022 8:50:00 PM	23XX GRANDVIEW AV

Burglary/BE

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008670	Breaking and Entering	4/14/2022 1:14:00 PM	14XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No 229003745	Offense Burglary	Date of Offense 4/12/2022 6:57:00 PM	Street Block 16XX MADISON RD
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Part 2 Offense

Incident No 229008753	Offense Assault	Date of Offense 4/15/2022 10:02:00 AM	Street Block 25XX VICTORY PY
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Incident No 229008552	Offense Assault	Date of Offense 4/13/2022 12:26:36 PM	Street Block 15XX MADISON RD
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Incident No 229008294	Offense Assault	Date of Offense 4/11/2022 10:20:00 AM	Street Block 12XX E MCMILLAN ST
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Incident No 229009304	Offense Criminal Damaging/Endangering	Date of Offense 4/20/2022 9:50:00 PM	Street Block 15XX MADISON RD
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Incident No 229007606	Offense Criminal Damaging/Endangering	Date of Offense 4/3/2022 12:53:00 PM	Street Block 31XX WOLD AV
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Incident No 229007443	Offense Criminal Damaging/Endangering	Date of Offense 4/1/2022 10:36:00 AM	Street Block 18XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD
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Incident No 229009319	Offense Criminal Damaging/Endangering	Date of Offense 4/21/2022 6:10:00 AM	Street Block 28XX VICTORY PY
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Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008817	Domestic Violence	4/15/2022 7:55:00 PM	25XX WOODBURN AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008346	Forgery	4/11/2022 6:00:00 PM	25XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007194	Forgery	3/29/2022 3:20:11 PM	12XX EDGECLIFF PL

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229009012	Improperly Discharging Firearm at/into Habitation/School	4/18/2022 10:06:00 AM	25XX HACKBERRY ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008181	Taking the Identity of Another	4/10/2022 12:27:43 PM	13XX MYRTLE AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007770	Taking the Identity of Another	4/5/2022 10:25:33 AM	4XX BOND PL

Personal/Other Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007299	Theft	3/30/2022 4:28:00 PM	26XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007109	Theft	3/28/2022 6:36:32 PM	26XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007194	Theft	3/29/2022 3:20:11 PM	12XX EDGECLIFF PL

Theft from Auto

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229007343	Theft	3/31/2022 9:24:00 AM	29XX CLEINVIEW AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229C000314	Theft	4/8/2022 4:31:36 PM	18XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229008556	Theft	4/13/2022 1:13:00 PM	22XX UPLAND PL

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY

Monthly Report

3/1/2022 -- 3/31/2022

Category	Annual Budget	Month	Year to Date
	7/1/2021 6/30/2022	3/1/2022 3/31/2022	7/1/2021 3/31/2022
INCOME			
Membership Dues	9,700.00	130.00	8,345.00
Grants	22,398.00	0.00	21,138.00
Other Contributions	0.00	0.00	400.00
Parking Revenue	109,300.00	8,754.30	57,562.65
Event Income	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sales	200.00	0.00	85.15
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	141,698.00	8,884.30	87,530.80
EXPENSES			
Outreach	10,300.00	450.00	7,643.58
Administration	1,190.00	3.21	210.60
Business Association	15,941.00	800.00	6,706.90
Beautification	22,550.00	0.00	19,193.98
Event Committee	5,500.00	0.00	899.72
Woodburn Parking Lot	37,695.00	1,772.92	19,403.54
Madison Parking Lot	51,498.00	7,762.26	38,007.73
NSP Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	144,674.00	10,788.39	92,066.05
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,976.00	-1,904.09	-4,535.25

BALANCE SHEET (Month)

	2/28/2022	3/31/2022	Net Change
Operating Account	20,636.05	22,675.84	2,039.79
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	9,632.76	6,368.40	-3,264.36
Woodburn Lot Acct	7,263.54	9,747.02	2,483.48
Business Association Acct	5,329.11	5,506.11	177.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	11,108.00	7,768.00	-3,340.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	53,981.43	52,077.34	-1,904.09

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

	6/30/2021	3/31/2022	Net Change
Operating Account	24,367.47	22,675.84	-1,691.63
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	11,175.86	6,368.40	-4,807.46
Woodburn Lot Acct	13,528.18	9,747.02	-3,781.16
Business Association Acct	761.11	5,506.11	4,745.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	6,768.00	7,768.00	1,000.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	56,612.59	52,077.34	-4,535.25