

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	President Freeman Durham called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting online and via telephone.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Peery Locke discussed the crime statistics for October (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke reminded attendees that, as the holidays approach, to: (1) keep “your junk in your trunk” to prevent thefts from cars; (2) make sure that key fobs are not left in cars; (3) consider scheduling package deliveries or have the packages delivered to a neighbor who will be home at the time of delivery if you will not be home.	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson reported on the information listed on the Recreation Commission sheet (attached). Contact Ms. Henderson for further information (vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov).	None
3. Mercy Montessori Presentation	Patty Normile, principal of Mercy Montessori, along with Joe Butkovich, Mercy Board President, and Damian Billy, Past Board President, attended the meeting. Ms. Normile led the attendees through a slideshow presentation (attached). She stressed that the Mercy Montessori is concerned about the historic nature of the buildings and respectful of the historic nature of East Walnut Hills. She talked about the mission of Mercy Montessori and wanting to be good stewards. Mercy Montessori leases the school buildings, a vacant lot on Grandview, and the parking lot on the east side of Grandview from the Sisters of Mercy, who are located in North Carolina. The Sisters own four historic houses on the west side of Grandview (and a fifth that cannot be seen from Grandview). Ms. Normile said that the school wanted to continue to educate students with all the resources needed to do that in the same space while possibly expanding in some regards. Ms. Normile said that staff and current parents have provided input on potential uses for the properties owned by the Sisters. There was discussion among attendees about possible re-use of the properties, from returning them to single family residential (selling the properties?) to other uses shown on the slideshow. Mercy Montessori is seeking input on this project through December 2021. From January 2022 through March 2022 the possibilities will be narrowed. Financial feasibilities of top ideas will be vetted March 2022-December 2022. A proposal for the project will be submitted to the Sisters in January 2023. A question was asked if the community would continue to be involved in the project after December 2021 Discussion ensued on that issue and Mr. Butkovich stated that Mercy Montessori wants to be in communication with the neighbors and the community and hear their voices. They will work on a vehicle for ongoing further communication with the community and circle back on that.	None
4. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes	Freeman asked if there were revisions to the October 6, 2021 monthly Assembly Minutes (posted on the website prior to the meeting). There being no revisions, the October Minutes were deemed approved as posted.	None
5. Treasurer’s Report	Freeman reported on the September 2021 Treasurer’s Report that had been posted online prior to the meeting (see attached Report). Income for the month was \$5500 from parking lot revenues. Expenses were \$8482 for mural (Beautification) expenses; website, social media and kiosk expenses (Outreach); event expenses; and parking lot expenses. There was a \$2900 deficit for the month. Cash balance on hand is \$53,471.	None
6. Membership Committee Report	Valerie Daley reported that it’s renewal time for annual dues.	None
7. Events Committee Report.	Christine Johnson reported. The Monthly Trash Walk will take place on November 6. at 9:00 a.m. and will start at the Evanston Rec Center.	None
8. Infrastructure Committee Report	Deb Dereshkevich reported. (1) The bench program sponsored by the Cincinnati Parks Foundation is on hold, so that the idea about having a bench placed in Annwood Park in memory of Sue Fullen is not possible – at least in the short run. Another idea suggested was to place markers in the pots in the business district as a memorial to Sue. (2) The paperwork to get the Farmers Market up and	None

	running is being worked on. The Committee is looking for a couple of community members to be involved in the management. (3) Melissa McVay from the City's Transportation Department reached out to inform EWHA Board that the City is revamping its pedestrian safety program to focus on traffic calming. Two possible ways to calm traffic are suggested: bump outs and speed cushions. Each community is asked to submit two street segments. All submissions will be scored and ranked. Funding of projects will be based on ranking and not all projects can be funded. Discussion ensued about possible submissions and other traffic calming measures. Deb requested that people submit further ideas to the EWHA Board via the contact link on the EWHA website.	
9. Parking Committee Report	Rick Boydston reported. The Madison lot lease with the City is up for renewal in December. He and the Parking Committee are working on terms for the renewal. There is paid parking in both the Madison and Woodburn lots, managed by Star Parking. Monthly 24/7 parking is also available via permits. There are currently 47 monthly permit holders, the highest number ever.	None
10. Development Committee Report	Drew Gores introduced Stephen Dronen from Kean Ventures, the developer of the Woodburn Exchange. He reported that the construction is on schedule and that the apartments are likely to be available late summer, early fall. He'll have a better idea of the timing once winter hits. A harsh winter will slow down the process. The commercial part of the development will likely be available on a similar timetable. The developer is actively recruiting and will work with the EWHA Board, the EWH Business Association, and The Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation to determine a process for community input on the commercial tenants. There will be 322 apartment units in this Phase I. Commercial/retail space is large enough for 5,6 or more tenants, depending on the space needed by tenants. Dronen says the developer plans on another robust process with the community when looking to develop Phase II and III. Drew then reported on the following: (1) Hello Honey is looking to be open sometime in November; (2) On November 19 Magnetic Homes is going in front of the Planning Commission to request the subdivision of the properties Magnetic owns on Moorman Avenue; (3) Symposium, a cafe by day and a wine bar by night, will be opening in the former Cafe de Sales space. O Pie O has closed, but the same owners will be bringing a new concept to the space soon; (4) The dedication of the new mural on the wall along WH Taft will take place at 7:00 p.m. on November 12 at the mural site. People will then go to Woodburn Brewing to continue the celebration.	None
11. NBDSF Grant Approval	Kathleen Armstrong from <i>On My Mat Yoga</i> , reported for the EWHA Business Association. The EWHA Board and the Business Association are asking for a vote of approval for the following allocation of the \$3500 NBD grant funds from the City: \$2000 for business marketing and promotion and \$1500 for WoW and other business association supported events. No attendees had questions. Upon a motion and second to approve the NBD \$3500 grant funds allocation as presented by Kathleen, the attendees unanimously voted to approve.	Unanimous Approval
12. Holiday WoW	Kathleen also reported that a holiday Walk on Woodburn will take place December 10. There will be stilt walkers, carolers, and free yoga with participants in holiday clothing and other festivities.	None
13. Street Repaving list	Freeman reported. The Board will be submitting a list of streets in EWH to the City that need repaving (proposed list with Board revisions is attached). If there are other streets that need to be repaved, submit the streets to EWHA via the contact link on the EWHA website.	None
14. Misc.	Ed Pftzing reported that five light bases in the EWH business district that had been hit by vehicles were replaced recently by the City.	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.	

Submitted by Drew Gores, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Treasurers Report, Cincinnati Recreation Commission Report, Mercy Montessori Slideshow, Street Repaving List

The next EWHA Board meeting will take place November 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The next Assembly meeting will take place December 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA
November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Call

1. Welcome *Freeman Durham*

 2. City Department Presentations
 - a. Cincinnati Fire Department
 - b. Cincinnati Police Department *Officer Perry Locke*
 - c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC *Director Vanessa Henderson*

 3. Mercy Montessori *Principal Patty Normile*

 4. Approval of Minutes from the Assembly Meeting on October 6, 2021

 5. Treasurer's Report *Vince Accorinti*

 6. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*

 7. Other Business
 - a. Neighborhood Business District Support Fund grant proposal
 - b. Road repaving needs
- Adjournment

The next Assembly will be held on
December 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Reach out to the EWHA Board at: info@eastwalnuthills.org

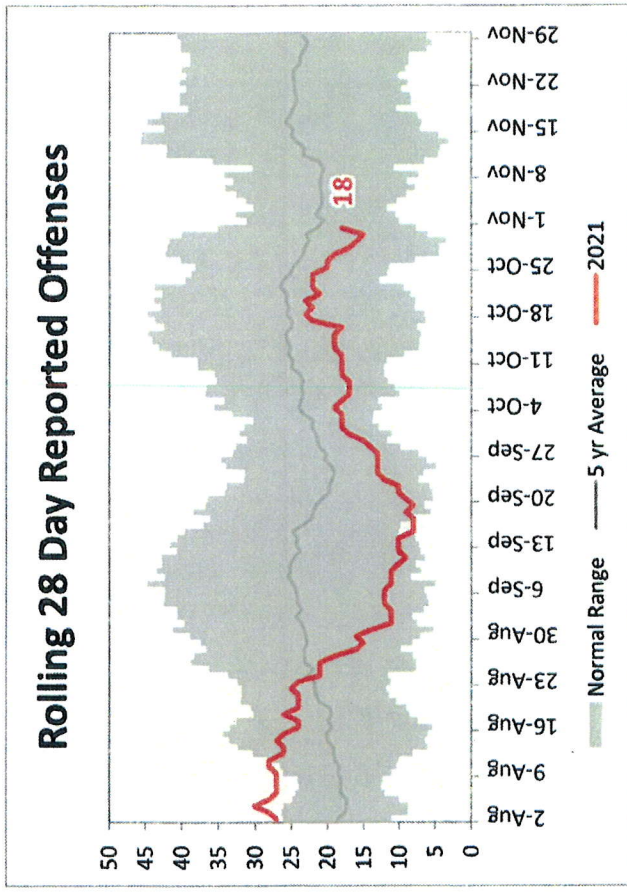
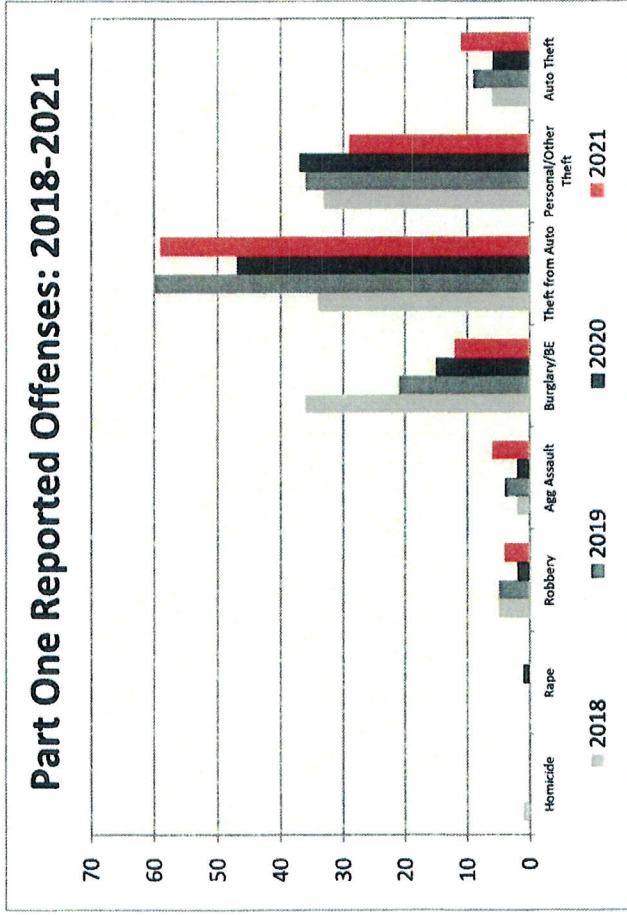
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East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

East Walnut Hills	Year-to-Date: 1-Nov						
	2018	2019	2020	Avg: 2018-2020	2021	% Change: Avg / 21	% Change: 2020 / 2021
Part 1 Crime							
Homicide	1	0	0	0.3	0	↓ 0.3	N/C
Rape	0	0	1	0.3	0	↓ 0.3	↓ 1
Robbery	5	5	2	4.0	4	N/C	100.0%
Agg Assault	2	4	2	2.7	6	125.0%	200.0%
Total P1 Violent Crime	8	9	5	7.3	10	36.4%	100.0%
Burglary/BE	36	21	15	24.0	12	-50.0%	-20.0%
Theft from Auto	34	60	47	47.0	59	25.5%	25.5%
Personal/Other Theft	33	36	37	35.3	29	-17.9%	-21.6%
Auto Theft	6	9	6	7.0	11	57.1%	83.3%
Total P1 Property Crime	109	126	105	113.3	111	-2.1%	5.7%
Total P1 Crime	117	135	110	120.7	121	0.3%	10.0%

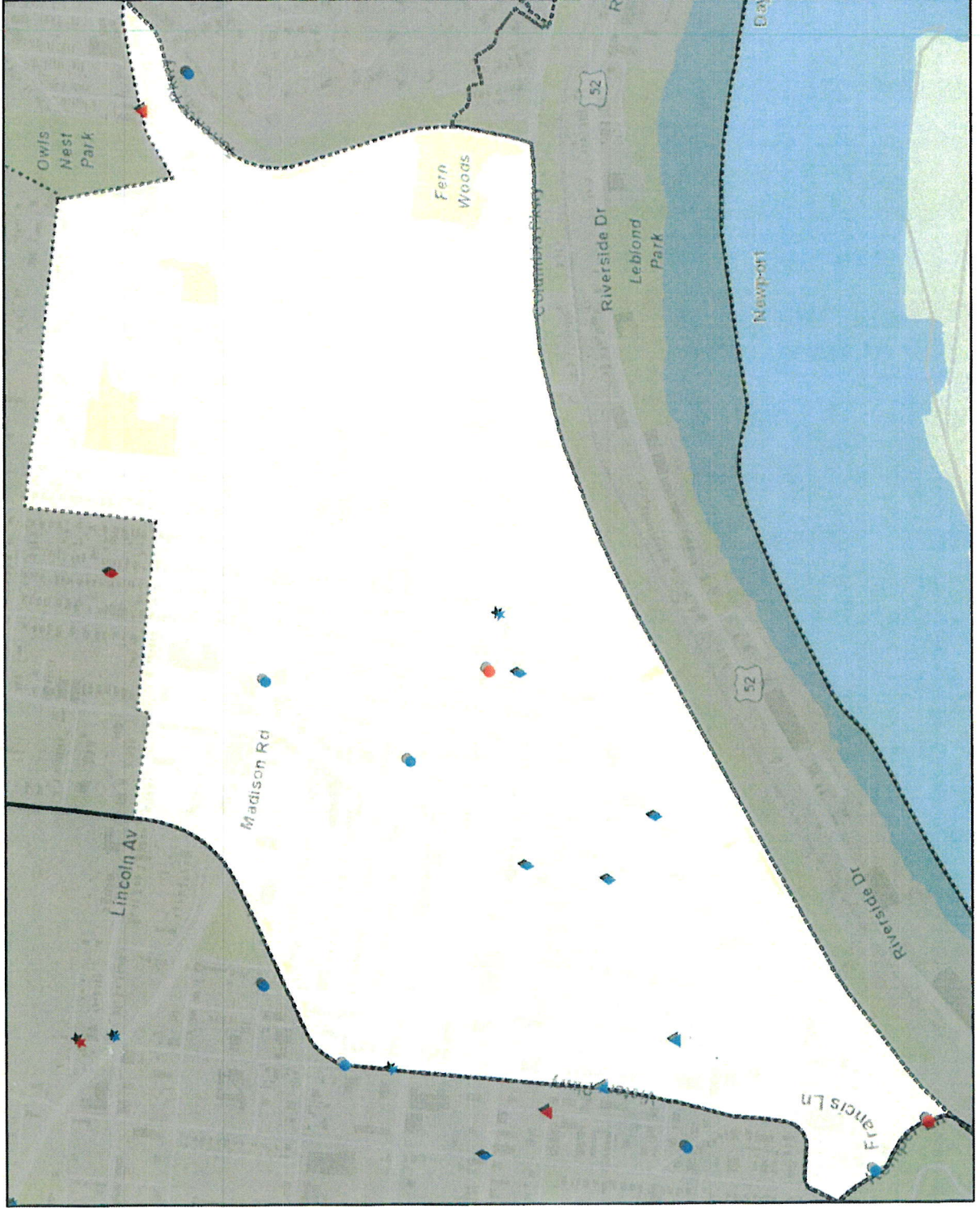
East Walnut Hills	Rolling 28 ending: 11/1/2021					% Change:
	Period 4 07/13/21 - 08/10/21 - 8/9/21	Period 3 09/07/21 - 10/04/21	Period 2 10/05/21 - 11/01/21	Period 1 11/01/21	P3-P1	
Part 1 Crime						
Homicide	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Rape	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Robbery	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Agg Assault	1	0	2	1	↑ 1	-50.0%
Total P1 Violent Crime	1	0	2	1	↑ 1	-50.0%
Burglary/BE	6	0	2	0	N/C	↓ 2
Theft from Auto	7	3	2	4	33.3%	100.0%
Personal/Other Theft	2	4	6	1	-75.0%	-83.3%
Auto Theft	3	0	0	1	↑ 1	↑ 1
Total P1 Property Crime	18	7	10	6	-14.3%	-40.0%
Total P1 Crime	19	7	12	7	N/C	-41.7%



EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

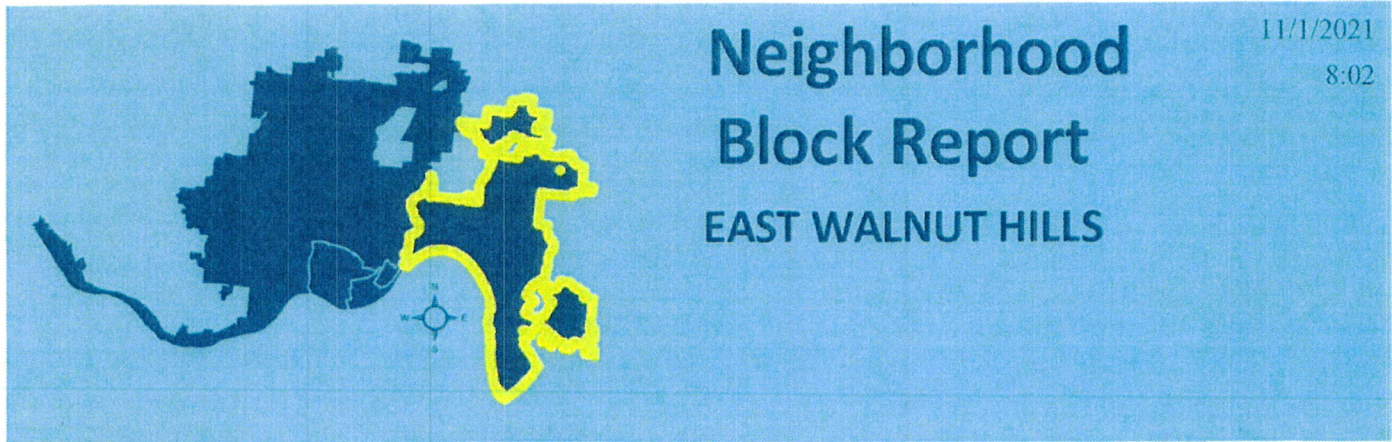


*All information shown here are preliminary and subject to change



- 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
219026141	Felonious Assault	10/17/2021 1:22:28 PM	25XX HACKBERRY ST

Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026132	Theft	10/17/2021 8:32:14 AM	13XX CYPRESS ST

Burglary/BE

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219025478	Burglary	10/10/2021 1:46:00 PM	25XX CLEINVIEW AV

Part 2 Offense

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219025429	Assault	10/9/2021 8:11:00 PM	29XX HACKBERRY ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219024953	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	10/4/2021 4:00:00 PM	15XX BURDETT CT

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026181	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	10/17/2021 7:52:00 PM	14XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026214	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	10/18/2021 7:36:00 AM	23XX SALUTARIS AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219C000747	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	10/18/2021 1:51:19 PM	24XX SALUTARIS AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026380	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	10/20/2021 9:31:42 AM	15XX MADISON RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026608	Taking the Identity of Another	10/22/2021 12:45:00 PM	27XX ASHLAND AV

Personal/Other Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026957	Theft	10/26/2021 3:57:00 PM	23XX VICTORY PY

Theft from Auto

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219025301	Theft	10/13/2021 9:40:27 AM	23XX GRANDVIEW AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219025966	Theft	10/15/2021 7:45:40 AM	23XX SALUTARIS AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026168	Theft	10/17/2021 7:26:00 PM	14XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
219026587	Theft	10/22/2021 7:18:00 AM	25XX HACKBERRY ST

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY

Monthly Report

9/1/2021 -- 9/30/2021

Category	Annual Budget	Month	Year to Date
	7/1/2021 6/30/2022	9/1/2021 9/30/2021	7/1/2021 9/30/2021
INCOME			
Membership Dues	9,700.00	0.00	130.00
Grants	12,398.00	0.00	0.00
Other Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parking Revenue	109,300.00	5,547.91	18,261.48
Event Income	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sales	200.00	0.00	68.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	131,698.00	5,547.91	18,459.48
EXPENSES			
Outreach	10,300.00	1,500.00	1,625.00
Administration	1,190.00	0.00	4.77
Business Association	5,941.00	0.00	80.85
Beautification	22,550.00	2,750.00	7,992.48
Event Committee	5,500.00	574.32	845.20
Woodburn Parking Lot	37,695.00	1,182.48	4,062.85
Madison Parking Lot	51,498.00	2,475.24	6,989.45
NSP Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	134,674.00	8,482.04	21,600.60
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,976.00	-2,934.13	-3,141.12

BALANCE SHEET (Month)

	8/31/2021	9/30/2021	Net Change
Operating Account	18,821.49	13,997.17	-4,824.32
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	15,132.22	16,324.39	1,192.17
Woodburn Lot Acct	14,890.81	15,588.83	698.02
Business Association Acct	781.11	781.11	0.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	6,768.00	6,768.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	56,405.60	53,471.47	-2,934.13

BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)

	6/30/2021	9/30/2021	Net Change
Operating Account	24,367.47	13,997.17	-10,370.30
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	11,175.86	16,324.39	5,148.53
Woodburn Lot Acct	13,528.18	15,588.83	2,060.65
Business Association Acct	761.11	781.11	20.00
Business Association PayPal	11.97	11.97	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	6,768.00	6,768.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	56,612.59	53,471.47	-3,141.12

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

MACA, EWAC, and WHAC Month – November 2021
Bush Recreation Center 2640 Kemper Lane – 281-1286

Report Topics –

Bush Recreation Center needs your input! Ideas for Spring & Summer Programs.

CRC is currently hiring for part time positions. Municipal Worker – duties include general cleaning and maintenance. Recreation Leader – After School programs for children & teens. Please visit our website cincyrec.org

Bush hours 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday – Friday. Saturday 10am – 3:00pm (subject to change).

Center will be closed on - Veterans' Day 11/11/2021, Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving and Friday, November 26th. Have a safe Thanksgiving with your families.

Canned Good Food Drive November 1st – 19th. Donated goods will be given to neighborhood food pantries.

CRC Toy drive November 1st – December 3rd. Please drop off new toys at any of the 23 CRC Community Centers.

Our Athletic Division is offering winter programs – Girls Volleyball – Saturdays 11/6/21, Youth Basketball – Tuesday & Wednesday 12/7/21 games begin at 4:00 pm and Saturday mornings 12/11/21. Adult basketball begins 1/5/22. All games will be held at North Avondale Community Center located at 617 Clinton Springs Ave. Please contact staff 513-961-1584.

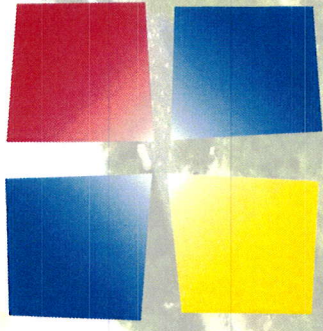
CRC – Bush Recreation Center has Senior Bingo on Tuesday & Thursday. Please contact Karen Smith for programs at 513-281-1286.

Pickleball program at various centers. Please look on the website cincyrec.org

CRC Center Membership Information:

Seniors	\$10.00 (50 plus)
Adults	\$25.00 (25 – 49 yr)
Young Adults	\$10.00 (18 – 24 yr)
Junior	\$2.00 (5 – 17 yr)

Cards are valid at all CRC Recreation.
Additional fees may apply for weight rooms.



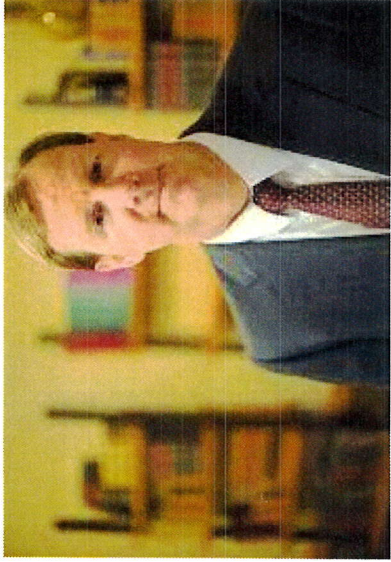
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The View on Grandview

**Discussion regarding what is happening at Mercy
Montessori**

Thank you for allowing us to be here!



Joe Butkovich, Board President



Damian Billy, Past President



Patty Normile, Principal

Why we asked to talk with you



Courageous Action. Selfless Spirit.™
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The Sisters have asked us to begin the process of exploring potential uses of the Grandview Properties for the long term foreseeable future. Because of the demographics of the Sisters, the they are looking to transition the homes from residential properties to school or community based facilities.

They have asked us to develop a site plan which would benefit the school and neighborhood, be supportive of their mission, our mission and the "Critical Concerns."

Mercy Montessori Mission Statement



MERCY MONTESSORI CENTER, WITH CATHERINE MCAULEY

and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas as our inspiration,

nurtures the development of the whole child

in the context of a Catholic Montessori community

that inspires the love of God, respects individual differences,

cultivates life-long learning, and helps each child

become a **contributing** member of society.

Sisters of Mercy Mission



We strive to deepen our relationship with God and one another and to intensify our work with those seeking a more just and inclusive world.

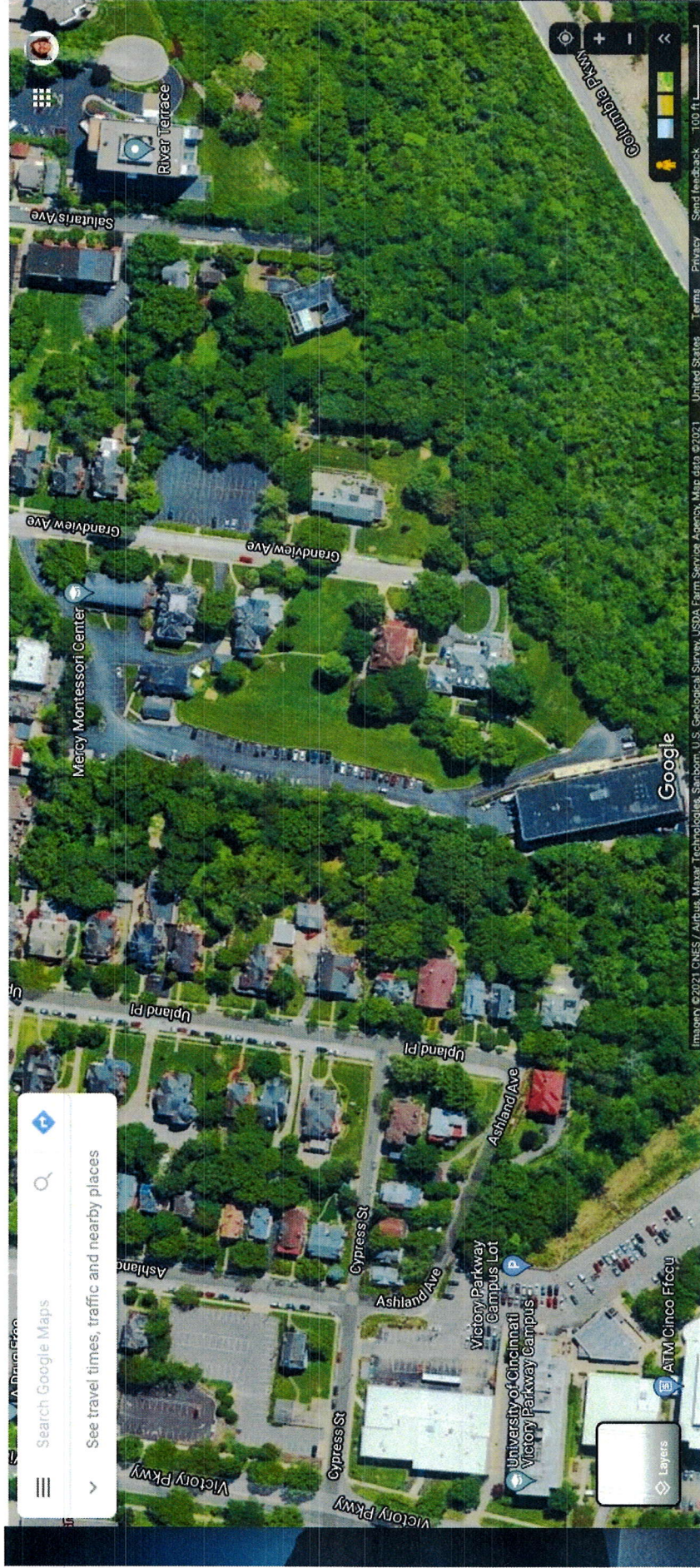
What are the “Critical Concerns”?

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas work focuses on the following five core issues, known as the Critical Concerns.

- Care of the Earth
- Non-Violence
- Rights of Women
- Anti-Racism
- Immigration



The Campus



The Buildings (from the south to the north)



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Timeline for this Project



Seeking Input: August 2021 - December 2021

Staff of School, Current Parents, Alumni, Neighborhood Community

Narrowing the Field of Possibilities: January 2022 - March 2022

Financial Feasibility of Top Ideas: March 2022 - December 2022

Proposal to the Sisters: January 2023



Ideas Thus Far:

Use one building for an infant/toddler center

Create a neighborhood center that could be for collaborative arts, sports, STEM programs

Use a building for a Parent Education Center

Use each building for each of the Critical Concerns

Partner to use one of the buildings as a teacher training facility

Ideas Thus Far:



Use building closest to the school, as a Bed and Breakfast or event center where the children of the school could continue with their Erdkinder businesses.

Use one of the buildings as a neighborhood library or research building for the children.

Build a gymnasium on the property.

Create a neighborhood greenspace that could be used for outdoor events - rental of space could help subsidize cost of grounds.

Ideas Thus Far:



Partner with local agencies that support the Critical Concern topics. Provide office spaces within the buildings.

Somehow improve the entrance and exit off the property to ease the traffic in the neighborhood.

Use one of the buildings specifically for after school programming.

What we seek from you...

Your ideas!

We welcome you to add your ideas to our Google Form.

Our Board will be looking at all ideas at their January Retreat.

<https://forms.gle/hbCr38DB39XsPMys9>



How to contact us....



Should you have specific questions or thoughts you are welcome to contact us.

Board Members

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Patty Normile

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THANK YOU!



We are committed to

continuing to be great stewards of the land that has been shared with us by the Sisters.

being thoughtful and steadfast as we consider each of the potential ideas for the property.

We have so much to be thankful for as members of the East Walnut Hills neighborhood.

Streets Recommended for Paving/Curb Repair
East Walnut Hills Assembly
Condition Priority List as of October 15, 2021

These streets have been on our previous priority lists:

1. DeSales Lane from Woodburn to Fairfield.
2. Cleinview from Madison to Dexter.
3. Ingleside from McMillan to Wm. H. Taft.
4. Wold from Dexter to Fairfax, Hewitt.
- ~~5. East McMillan from Woodburn to Taft.~~

These streets have deteriorated since our 2018 list:

- ~~6.5.~~ Hackberry from Dexter to Fairfax, Hewitt.
- ~~7.6.~~ Woodburn from McMillan to Taft (part of 2-way street conversion).
- ~~8.7.~~ Taft from Woodburn to Victory Parkway (part of 2-way street conversion).