

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 at 7:00 PM In-Person & on Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Freeman Durham, President of the EWHA Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Approximately 23 people attended the meeting in person, and 5 attended the meeting on Zoom.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	<p>Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for November 2023 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted automobile thefts as a central theme, with a continued issue with Hyundai in particular. A call out for porch pirates was noted, informing an opportunity to reduce this theft by having orders delivered to places of work. The crime report reported 1 burglary breaking and entering, 1 theft from auto, 1 other type of theft, and two automobile thefts. With Auto thefts still up, it's especially important to never leave car ignition key fobs in the vehicle or in the owner's garage. Officer Locke encouraged the community to lock or shut their car doors while warming up the vehicle. Now that the District 4 has been combined into District 2, there is now increased officers to ensure officers are not being pulled away for EWH/Hyde Park etc. from district 5. Community engagement survey to gauge the roll out as the districting is completely rolled out.</p> <p>Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: <a href="mailto:perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov">perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov</a>; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470</p>	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	<p>Vanessa Henderson presented. The informational flyer has been posted on the website. Events brought to attention for the Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mini-camp when CPS school closes December 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>-Coat drive rescheduled to December 16<sup>th</sup>; vaccinations offered, covid, flu, shingles</li> <li>-Mt Auburn pool exercise on Young Avenue year-round</li> <li>-Ski/snowboard trip to Perfect North for kids at the CRC, in conjunction with neighborhood community organizations</li> </ul> <p>A link supplied for donations to the CRC, with all donations being fully tax deductible.</p>	None
3. November 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting	Minutes were unavailable to approve at this meeting	None
4. Treasurer's Report.	Vince Accoriniti presented. Reviewing the October 2023 income and balance sheet, sent out prior to the meeting. No extra-ordinary income or expenses were incurred during this time period. Parking revenue is trending lower than budget forecast. Switch to the remove the parking machines to the new app-based parking system.	None
5. Membership	Chris Davis presented. Membership mailers have been sent out. All Assembly members are encouraged to complete the membership sign up.	None
7. Trash Walk	President Freeman presided. Trash Walk January 6 <sup>th</sup> at 9AM, starting outside Solstice on Madison & Woodburn.	None
8. Business Association	Sara Siefring presented. Winterfest is Friday December 8 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 9 <sup>th</sup> . Friday is 5-10pm as the combined Holiday Walk on Woodburn. There will be carolers, Santa, chair yoga, and many other vendor opportunities. Saturday is 12-7pm, including the Farmer's and lots of activities as well similar to Friday.	

	A new business called The Fix has opened where Symposium was. All community members are invited to go and experience and support the new business.	
9. Development	John McHugh presented. The Fix has moved into the location where the Symposium used to be. The Francis/Kemper demolition has largely been completed and will construction will slowly continue through the winter months until they are able to start the construction of approximately 40+ units. On the 3000 block of Woodburn, Onyx + East closed on its purchase of the properties and are in process of developing the foundations of the site now that they have site control. Weather permitting for both developments.	
13. Hoffman School	Drew Gores presented. Last month the Planning Commission held a staff conference regarding the Hoffman School development. The subject of discussion was the proposed rezoning to allow construction of two apartment buildings on this site. Community residents and the developer, Kingsley & Company were in attendance, and many people who spoke against the development as it is currently positioned. Discussion ensued regarding the steps moving forward. The developer intends to come back with a revised plan to address these concerns. It was requested that as many people remain active through this project to ensure alignment with the community's interests.	
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.	

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, and October Treasurer's Report

**THE NEXT EWHA ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 7:00 P.M.** This will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

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# **EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

**December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria**

1. City Department Presentations
  - a. Cincinnati Fire Department
  - b. Cincinnati Police Department *Officer Perry Locke*
  - c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC *Center Coordinator Vanessa Henderson*
2. Approval of Minutes from the Assembly Meeting on November 1, 2023
3. Treasurer's Report *Vince Accorinti*
4. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*
5. Other Business

Adjournment

**Next regular meeting**

**East Walnut Hills Assembly**

**January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

**St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria**

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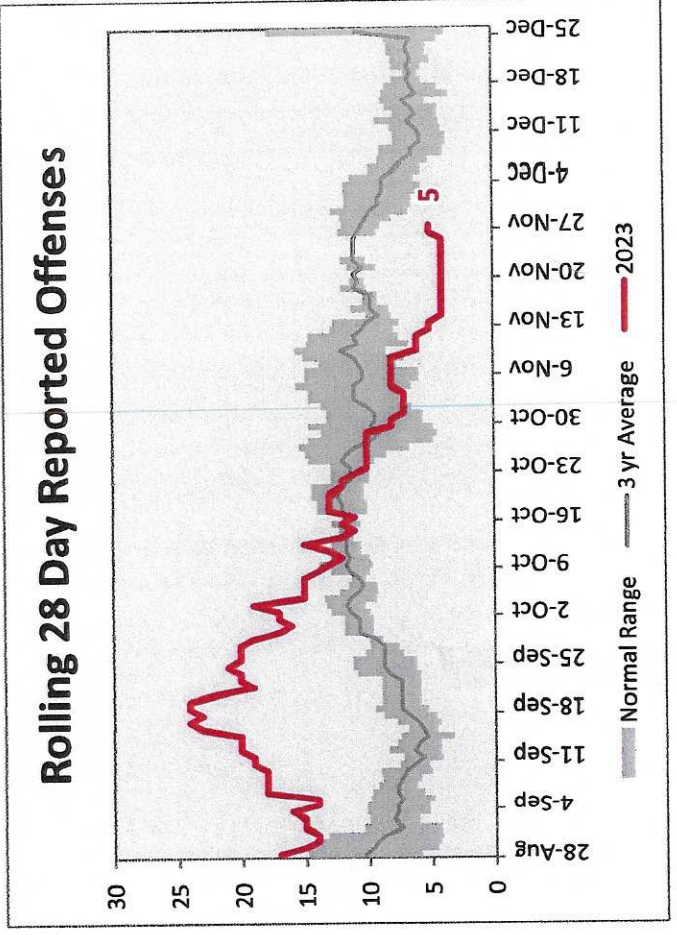
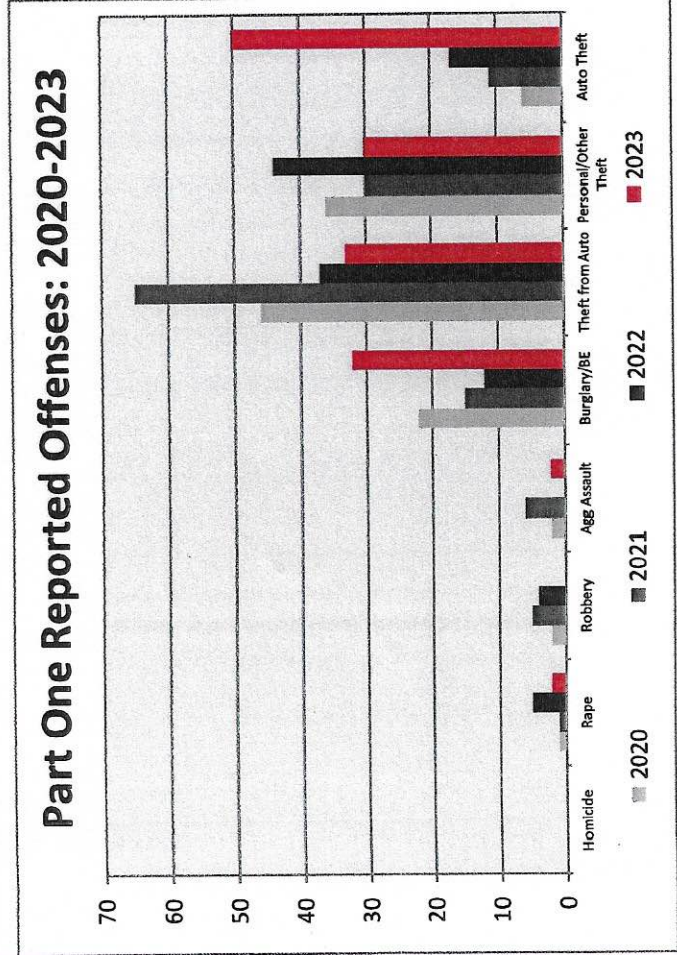
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# East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

East Walnut Hills	Year-to-Date: 27-Nov										
	2020		2021		2022		2023		Avg:	% Change:	% Change:
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020-22	2023	Avg / 23	2022 / 2023			
<b>Part 1 Crime</b>	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	N/C	N/C			
Homicide	1	1	5	2	2.3	2	-14.3%	-60.0%			
Rape	2	5	4	0	3.7	0	↓ 3.7	↓ 4			
Robbery	2	6	0	2	2.7	2	-25.0%	↑ 2			
Agg Assault	5	12	9	4	8.7	4	-53.8%	-55.6%			
<b>Total P1 Violent Crime</b>	22	15	12	32	16.3	32	95.9%	166.7%			
Burglary/BE	46	65	37	33	49.3	33	-33.1%	-10.8%			
Theft from Auto	36	30	44	30	36.7	30	-18.2%	-31.8%			
Personal/Other Theft	6	11	17	50	11.3	50	341.2%	194.1%			
Auto Theft	110	121	110	145	113.7	145	27.6%	31.8%			
<b>Total P1 Property Crime</b>	115	133	119	122.3	122.3	149	21.8%	25.2%			

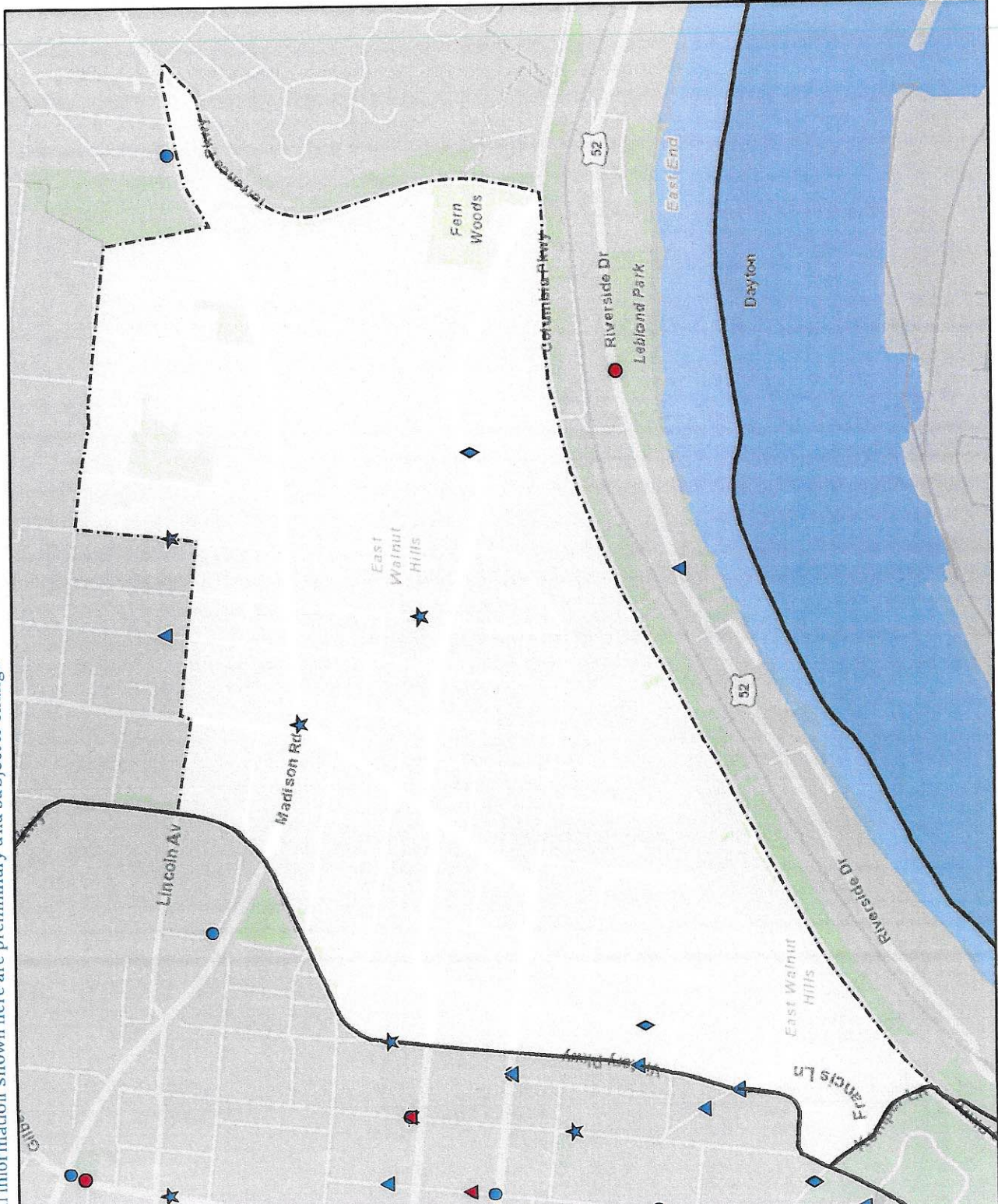
East Walnut Hills	Rolling 28 ending: 11/27/2023								
	Period 4		Period 3		Period 2		Period 1		% Change:
	08/08/23 - 9/4/23	10/2/23	09/05/23 - 10/2/23	10/30/23	10/03/23 - 10/31/23	11/27/23	P3-P1	P2-P1	
<b>Part 1 Crime</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	
Agg Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	
<b>Total P1 Violent Crime</b>	3	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	
Burglary/BE	2	3	8	4	1	1	-87.5%	-75.0%	
Theft from Auto	2	2	0	3	1	1	↑ 1	-66.7%	
Personal/Other Theft	6	2	2	1	1	1	-50.0%	N/C	
Auto Theft	13	6	4	0	2	2	-50.0%	↑ 2	
<b>Total P1 Property Crime</b>	14	14	14	8	5	5	-64.3%	-37.5%	
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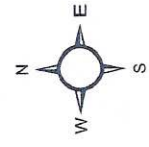


# Neighborhood Crime Report: EAST WALNUT HILLS 8 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

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





12/1/2023

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# Neighborhood Block Report

## EAST WALNUT HILLS

### District 2



#### Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239034762	2913-02 (240) -THEFT -(Motor Vehicle)	11/26/2023 9:41:00 PM	26XX ASHLAND AV

#### Burglary/BE

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239032973	2911-13 (220) -BREAKING AND ENTERING	11/8/2023 2:47:00 PM	24XX GRANDVIEW AV

#### Part 2 Offense

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239032629	2913-31 (250) -FORGERY	11/5/2023 2:41:45 PM	12XX EDGECLIFF PL
239033497	2903-13 (13B) -ASSAULT -(Simple Assault)	11/13/2023 6:17:00 PM	23XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239033622	2903-13 (13B) -ASSAULT -(Simple Assault)	11/14/2023 7:30:00 PM	26XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239034886	2917-21 (90Z) - TELECOMMUNICATIONS HARASSMENT	11/27/2023 4:30:00 PM	15XX MADISON RD

### Personal/Other Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239C000627	2913-02 (23D) -THEFT -(Theft From Building)	11/4/2023 10:27:45 AM	24XX GRANDVIEW AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239034923	2913-02 (23H) -THEFT -(All Other Larceny)	11/28/2023 4:08:00 PM	26XX VICTORY PY

### Theft from Auto

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239033539	2913-02 (23F) -THEFT -(From Motor Vehicle)	11/14/2023 4:04:00 AM	18XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD





# TIPS TO PREVENT DELIVERY PACKAGE THEFT

- Have packages delivered to where you are, not to where you aren't. Consider having packages delivered to your office or place of employment instead of your home.
- Use tracking numbers and delivery notifications. Most major shipping companies offer this free service, and can send you a text or email when your package arrives.
- Ask family members, trusted neighbors and friends to accept deliveries on your behalf or to pick-up your packages.
- Request packages to be placed in a less conspicuous spot, such as a side door or behind a planter or garbage can. Or invest in a parcel locker/lock box
- Many shipping companies now allow you to request delivery time or time frame— schedule packages for when someone is home.
- Install a smart security camera at your front door.
- Request signature on delivery if possible.
- Some companies and shippers offer locker service or for packages to be held at the delivery distribution center for pick-up.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood and report suspicious activity to the University City Police Department (314) 725-2211.

Additionally, residents should be aware of a secondary scam where identity thieves will order items and have shipped to unaware third parties and use their front door as a drop location. If you receive a package you did not order, please call the shipping company ASAP and report the incident.



**EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY**

Monthly Report

10/1/2023 -- 10/31/2023

Category	Annual Budget	Month	Year to Date
	7/1/2023 6/30/2024	10/1/2023 10/31/2023	7/1/2022 10/31/2023
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Dues	10,150.00	198.11	358.11
Grants	14,472.00	0.00	9,872.00
Other Contributions	29,750.00	7,662.50	14,495.00
Parking Revenue	115,500.00	156.00	16,909.67
Event Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>169,872.00</b>	<b>8,016.61</b>	<b>41,634.78</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Outreach	9,565.00	500.00	2,410.00
Administration	1,429.00	2.64	383.26
Business Association	33,100.00	0.00	2,735.00
Beautification	15,700.00	1,088.00	4,181.78
Event Committee	9,000.00	371.77	4,924.65
Woodburn Parking Lot	42,490.00	391.65	8,678.26
Madison Parking Lot	54,000.00	143.17	4,970.71
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>165,284.00</b>	<b>2,497.23</b>	<b>28,283.66</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>4,588.00</b>	<b>5,519.38</b>	<b>13,351.12</b>

**BALANCE SHEET (Month)**

	9/30/2023	10/31/2023	Net Change
Operating Account	25,276.14	24,337.94	-938.20
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	8,999.22	8,856.05	-143.17
Woodburn Lot Acct	50,965.63	50,729.98	-235.65
Business Association Acct	4,887.29	11,637.90	6,750.61
Business Association PayPal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	625.32	711.11	85.79
Rainbow Building Promissory Note	23,940.00	23,940.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>114,693.60</b>	<b>120,212.98</b>	<b>5,519.38</b>

**BALANCE SHEET (Year to Date)**

	6/30/2022	10/31/2023	Net Change
Operating Account	25,098.29	24,337.94	-760.35
Madison Parking Lot Acct (Restricted)	6,991.40	8,856.05	1,864.65
Woodburn Lot Acct	49,333.93	50,729.98	1,396.05
Business Association Acct	905.29	11,637.90	10,732.61
Business Association PayPal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance to DCDC	592.95	711.11	118.16
Rainbow Building Promissory Note	23,940.00	23,940.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>106,861.86</b>	<b>120,212.98</b>	<b>13,351.12</b>

## BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

November 24, 2023

With the help of many volunteers, the wreaths were hung in the business district during the Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to all who helped. The task was not easy as the weather was cold and windy. I have a couple ideas regarding this task. Possibly, we could aim to hang the wreaths before the Thanksgiving holiday on one of those 70-degree days. Also, the possibility of hiring a company to do this work might be a good idea. Lately, I have been trying to attract new younger volunteers who would be willing to climb ladders and hang the wreaths. I have not had much luck. While the "old guard" are ready and willing to hang the wreaths, it may be a safer option to pay a fee and have the work done by a company. If you could mention this at the Board meeting on Wednesday and have a discussion, I would appreciate it. If there is interest, I could collect a few estimates. It may be that the cost would be exorbitant and not possible. I do think the idea is worth investigating.

I am attaching an email that I received from the City Parks regarding an increase in the cost of participating in the pot program. Freeman and Vince are aware of this cost increase and the topic has been included in your agenda for the Board meeting. In summary, the cost per pot will be increased to \$330.00 from \$200.00. We currently have 22 pots along our business district. This would translate to an increase of \$2860.00. The current total cost is \$4400 for the 22 pots. The new cost, should we agree to this increase, will be \$7260.00. The possibility exists that we could reduce the number of pots that we currently have to reduce our cost.

The pots are located along Woodburn Ave from William Howard Taft (south) to Madison Road (north), both sides of the street. Also, there are 2 pots on Madison Rd., one located at the corner of Madison and Moorman and the other located at the side of Bank Bldg (formerly Branch) along Madison Road. Additionally, there are two pots at the border of East Walnut Hills and Walnut Hills across from McDonalds.

The 4 new traffic islands (William Howard Taft and Woodburn, 2 islands along East McMillan near St. Ursula and the Greenspace in front of Palette Studios) which were developed one year ago are all progressing beautifully. Soon the beds will be winterized with the cutting back of plants appropriately. During the winter, I will be planning maintenance for these 4 new islands as well as our gateway island at the intersection of Madison, Victory Pkwy, and MLK. The city replanted this space in September. In the Spring, the city has agreed to water, while our responsibility will be to keep the space maintained.

Submitted by

Suzanne Fischer

11-24-2023