

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 1ST, 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 7:03 p.m. Approximately 27 people attended the meeting in person, and another 14 attended the meeting on Zoom.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for January 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted auto theft, breaking and entering, criminal damaging, domestic violence, violation of a protection order, and personal thefts. The police department is awaiting fingerprints from the break-ins along Woodburn Avenue. A request was made to add the shot spotter activity to crime report. Parking on Woodburn and East McMillian discussed as well. Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov ; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson presented. They are hiring for the upcoming season, with positions posted for Pool Monitors and Summer programs. With 15 different pools available, the Recreation Commission is accepting applications for recreation specialists and Life Guards. Friday at 11AM has pickle ball, with a pickle ball tournament coming up with a date to be posted.	None
3. Springer School Development Project & Variance Support Request	Kristin Eismin, Brett Marcoux (Executive Director), and Brian Oldiges (SHP architects/engineers) presented. The school representatives provided a brief overview of the school, which has about 200 special needs students in 1 st – 9 th grade school. They then described their plan to raze an outdated single story building and add an addition to the current school building. With the removal of the old building, their vision is to consolidate school staff into a single building, as well as providing an opportunity to alleviate traffic pattern congestion and modernize the school campus. SHP Architects reported some variances as being necessary to accomplish the proposed project: (1) The campus is held in an SF20 residential zone, which would require a conditional approval for the building of a non-residential structure. (2) A slight variance for building height, from 35ft to 40 ft, stepped up from building further back to the interior portion of the structure minimizing street view height changes. (3) Small sign on south face for logo, with a variance for height and size of sign (65 ft) necessary as well. They're hoping to break ground this summer. They requested a letter of support from the Assembly. They indicated that they have not yet approached the Hyde Park Community Council or the O'Bryonville Business Association. Freeman indicated that any request for a letter of support would need to go through our Development Committee, and recommended that they first obtain support from Hyde Park and O'Bryonville.	None
4. Treasurer's Report.	Vince Accorinti, Treasurer, presented. He noted November and December Treasurer's Reports. November saw no significant expenses or income to note with normal operating expenses seen. December saw membership drive for 2023, with dues payments hitting the accounting books. DCDC's renovations of the community garden, 1620 DeSales Lane, saw repayment of funds loaned to the organization from the EWH Assembly. DCDC was using grant funds that were paid back to the Assembly. The Assembly received approximately \$5,000 in repayment. Payout costs for membership mailers went out and we've reached the end of the expense period for the Neighborhood Activation Fund.	None
5. Events	President Freeman presented. Next neighborhood cleanup, Saturday February 4 th , at 9am at the Evanston Recreation Center, 3402 Woodburn. The festivals of Evanston have been renamed "Festivals of Neighbors," to reflect the	None

	intercommunity relationships being formed in Owl's Nest Park and across Evanston and East Walnut Hills. Meetings with Cincinnati Symphony and Cincinnati Parks have begun to iron out event specific details. Concerts are scheduled on May 13 th , for the Cincinnati Pops, July 15 th full CSO and a band named Push Play, National Night Out on August 1 st , and Evanston Fest on September 2 nd at Evanston Park, and on October 7 th , the Community Jazzfest.	
6. Farmer's Market / Infrastructure	Deb Dereshkevich presented. Farmer's Market will be starting the last Friday in May and continue through October. The market is currently looking for additional vendors. Hours now run from 330pm – 7pm.	None
7. Parking	Rick Boydston presented. The Assembly owns a 40-space lot on Woodburn Avenue with another 80 spots contained in a lease with the City of Cincinnati next to the French Building on Madison Road. Negotiations continue with the City regarding the lease for the 80-spot agreement. The city is seeking to limit permit parking in the lot. The City has communicated a willingness to discuss alternatives. Requested use is in line with traditional use, for events such as Pottery Fair and Winterfest, despite being excluded in current lease language.	None
8. Business Association	Sara Siefring presented. Walk on Woodburn for February 10 th is teaming up with the Sisters of Mercy for donation boxes looking for cleaning supplies to be then be consolidated and donated.	None
9. Community Garden & Development	Drew Gores presented. Dave Osborne, Manager – Rusk Kitchen, reported specifically on the opening of Rusk Kitchen on Woodburn Avenue. The kitchen is opening for Lunch on weekdays and Brunch served each Saturday & Sunday. Their vision is be a neighborhood bar and restaurant providing American eclectic cuisine and boutique event space with a rooftop bar. March 1 st is projected as their current tentative opening date. Supply chain issues continue to plague Solstice from opening on the corner of Woodburn and Madison. Branch restaurant has closed and the owners are looking for a new tenant for that space. Originaltees has closed their brick and mortar location while continuing online. Woodburn Exchange is aiming at a March opening, with leasing currently open. No updates on the first floor commercial space at this time. The Woodburn Exchange met with the community to ensure alignment with perceived community needs being taken under advisement, with hard hat tours available. Purcell Marian built the beginning wall for the stadium, continuing their construction pace moving towards completion. Community garden manager has been found, boxes created and ready for spring, and the chain link fence to be completed in March/April following the necessary temperatures for installation. In response to a question about the Walnut Hills Kroger site, Samantha Reeves of the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation reported that 42 units of low-income affordable are being built on McMillian, with People's Apartments providing 56 units mixed affordability being developed as well.	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report and Flier, and November & December Treasurer's Report

THE NEXT EWHA ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 1st AT 7:00 P.M. This will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

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EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA
February 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales School Cafeteria

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. Springer School Building Project
 4. Approval of Minutes from Assembly Meeting on November 2, 2022 and December 7, 2022
 5. Treasurer's Report *Vince Accorinti*
 6. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*
 7. Other Business
- Adjournment

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Cincinnati Recreation Commission

MACA, EWAC, and WHAC Month – February 2023
Bush Recreation Center 2640 Kemper Lane – 281-1286

Report Topics –

CRC is currently hiring for part time positions. Recreation Specialist, Pool Managers, Lifeguards and Municipal Workers. Please visit our website cincyrec.org

Bush hours 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Monday – Friday.
Center will be closed on President's Day 2/20/2023.

Upcoming programs:

- **Heart Health Tuesday, February 21, 2023, from 6:00p – 7:30p. Fitness demonstration & healthy snack preparation. Contact Closing the Health Gap at 513-585-9879 to register.**
- **Summer Day Camp registration – priority February 8th – 13th. Participants must be between the ages of 5 -12 years (5 years old must have completed all-day kindergarten are eligible). SDC will run 10 weeks 6/5 – 8/11/23. The hours are 7:00a – 6:00p. Fee 10 week summer \$1,700 for non-voucher sites and \$201 per week for voucher sites. CRC accepts ODJFS vouchers at the following centers: Bond Hill, Bush, Corryville, Evanston, Hirsch, Lincoln, McKie, Madisonville, Millvale, Price Hill, Saylor Park, and Winton Hills. Please complete online registration <https://web1.vermontsystems.com/cincinnati.html>**
- **Friday morning Pickleball at Bush Recreation Center 11:30aa – 1:30p. All levels of play. Must have a valid membership.**
- **Snowball Pickleball Tournament February 11th & 12th at Mt. Washington 1715 Beacon St. All levels, fee is \$55 per player – includes 2 events and t-shirt. Registration closes at 11pm on 2/7/23. For more information, please contact Melanie at 513-446-4981.**
- **Valentine Day Line Dance Luncheon. Tuesday, February 14th at Evanston Recreation Center located at 3204 Woodburn Ave. Fee is \$15.00 per person – includes lunch and beverages. For more information, please contact Karen at 513-281-1286.**
- **Queen City Swish – partnership with CPD & CFD youth basketball program ages 12 – 17-year-old. Deadline to register is March 10, 2023. For more information, please contact Athletic Division a513-352-4020.**

CRC Center Membership Information – cards are valid at all CRC centers (additional fees for fitness rooms).

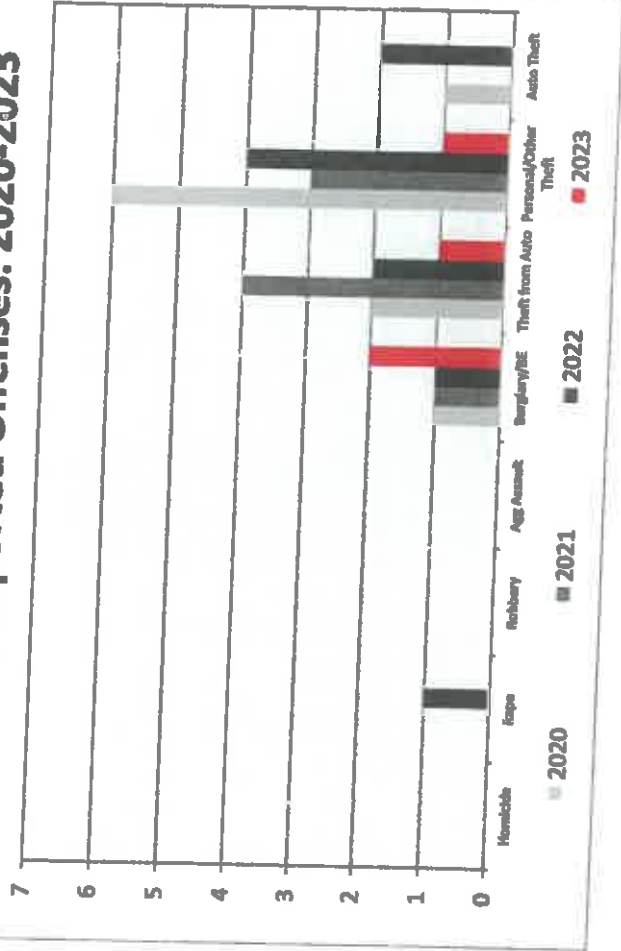
Seniors \$10.00 (50 plus)
Adults \$25.00 (25 – 49 yr)
Young Adults \$10.00 (18 – 24 yr)
Junior \$2.00 (5 – 17 yr)

East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

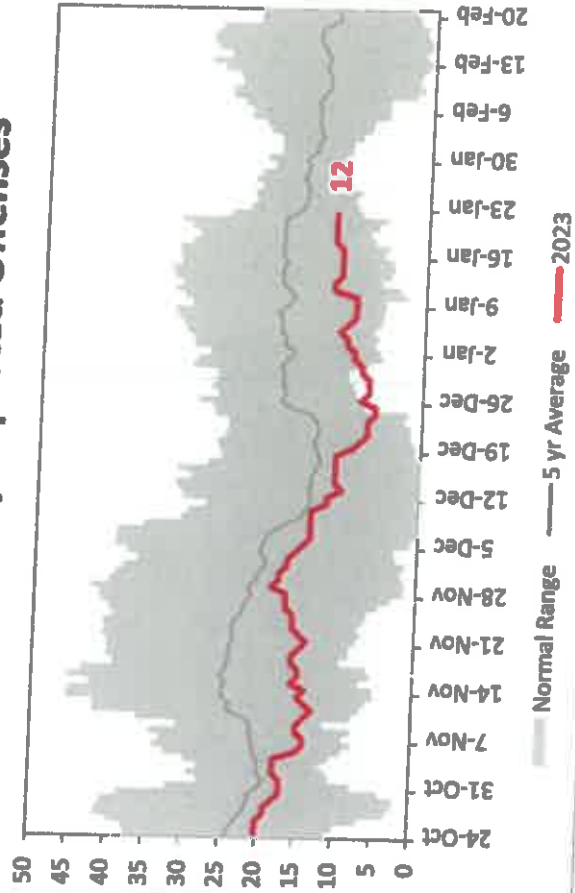
East Walnut Hills	Year-to-Date: 23-Jan			
	2020	2021	Avg: 2020-22	% Change: 2022 / 2023
Part 1 Crime				
Homicide	0	0	0.0	N/C
Rape	0	0	0.3	↓ 1
Robbery	0	0	0.0	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	0.0	N/C
Total P1 Violent Crime	0	0	0.3	↓ 1
Burglary/BE	1	1	1.0	100.0%
Theft from Auto	2	4	2.7	-50.0%
Personal/Other Theft	6	3	4.3	-75.0%
Auto Theft	1	0	1.0	↓ 2
Total P1 Property Crimes	10	8	9.0	-55.6%
Total P1 Crime	10	8	9.3	-57.1%

East Walnut Hills	Rolling 28 ending: 1/23/2023					% Change:
	Period 4 10/04/22 - 10/31/22	Period 3 11/01/22 - 11/28/22	Period 2 11/29/22 - 12/26/22	Period 1 12/27/22 - 1/23/23	P2-P1	
Part 1 Crime						
Homicide	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Rape	2	1	0	0	↓ 1	N/C
Robbery	0	1	0	0	↓ 1	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C
Total P1 Violent Crime	2	2	0	0	↓ 2	N/C
Burglary/BE	2	1	1	1	↓ 1	↓ 1
Theft from Auto	2	5	2	1	-80.0%	-50.0%
Personal/Other Theft	5	4	0	2	-50.0%	↑ 2
Auto Theft	1	0	0	1	↑ 1	↑ 1
Total P1 Property Crimes	10	10	3	4	-60.0%	33.3%
Total P1 Crime	12	12	3	4	-66.7%	33.3%

Part One Reported Offenses: 2020-2023

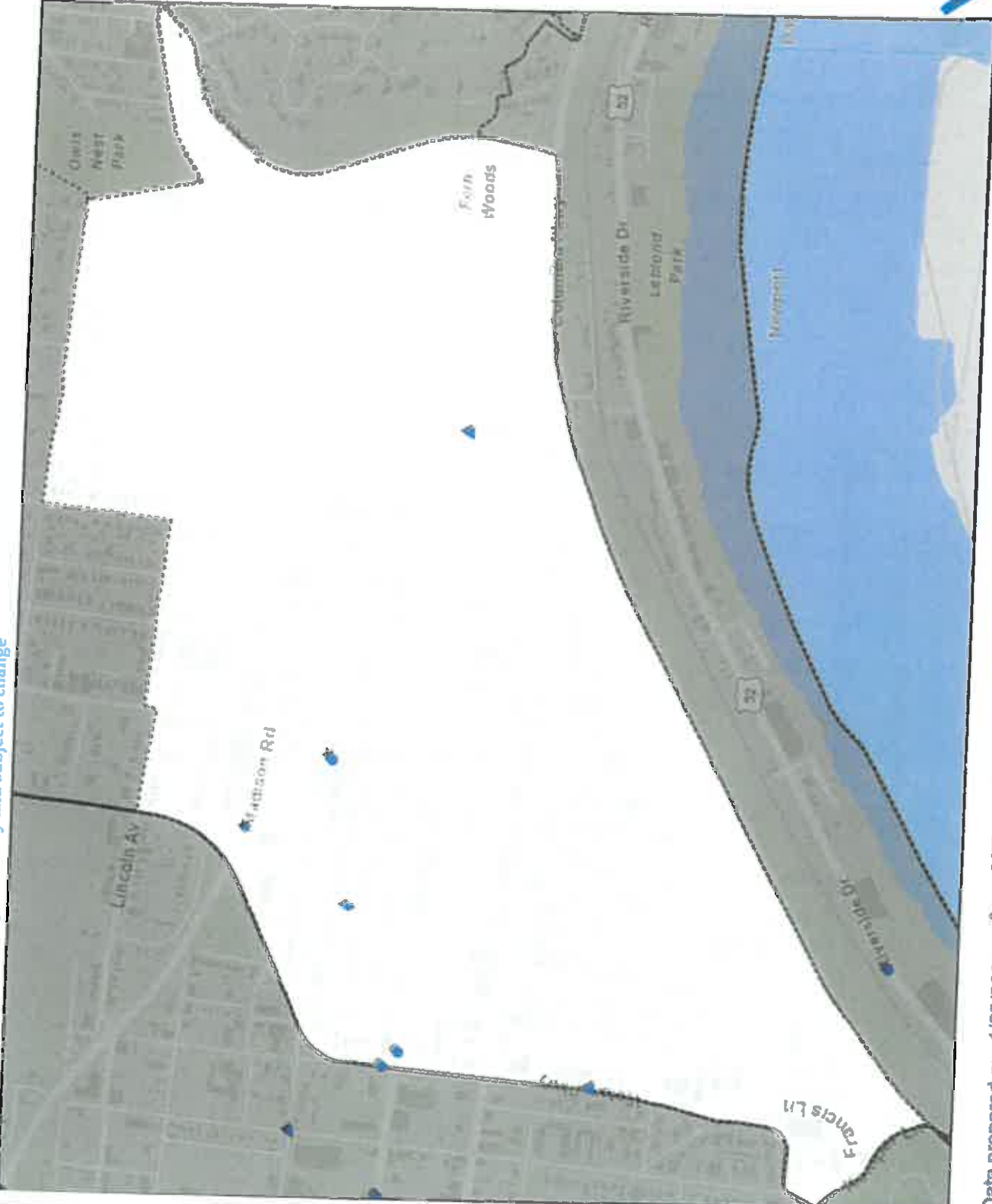


Rolling 28 Day Reported Offenses

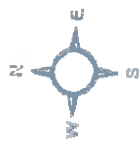


EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

*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



Neighborhood Block Report

EAST WALNUT HILLS

1/23/2023

9:20



Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229034221	Theft	12/27/2022 7:25:00 AM	18XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Burglary/BE

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239000249	Breaking and Entering	1/3/2023 10:45:00 AM	15XX MADISON RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239001555	Breaking and Entering	1/18/2023 6:46:00 AM	27XX WOODBURN AV

Part 2 Offense

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239000056	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	1/1/2023 11:14:00 AM	15XX MADISON RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239000489	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	1/5/2023 3:38:00 PM	15XX MADISON RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239000971	Domestic Violence	1/11/2023 11:57:00 AM	13XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239000952	Taking the Identity of Another	1/11/2023 10:05:00 AM	4XX COLLINS AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229034184	Telephone Harassment	12/26/2022 3:00:00 PM	14XX E MCMILLAN ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229034186	Violate Protection Order/Consent Agreement	12/26/2022 4:13:16 PM	24XX GRANDVIEW AV

Personal/Other Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229034540	Theft	12/30/2022 4:08:00 PM	27XX WOODBURN AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
239000980	Theft	1/11/2023 2:45:00 PM	12XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Theft from Auto

Incident No
239C000042

Offense
Theft

Date of Offense
1/11/2023 12:23:52 PM

Street Block
13XX BURDETT AV