



The March 4 2020 East Walnut Hills Assembly (EWHA) [Minutes](#) present a snapshot of a typical Assembly meeting, capturing what the EWHA Board and community attendees were discussing, just 10 days before the DeWine administration declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a portent of disruptions to come, the meeting ended abruptly, when the fire alarm went off in the school cafeteria.

Three months later, there is positive news to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUZZ

In April, the Queen City Pollinator Project installed two honeybee hives in the Urban Stead Cheese parking lot. While humans sheltered in place, the bees acclimated to their new home. Some bees may have made their way over to Mercy Montessori while foraging for food. There, they would have flown by the Farmessori hives, where students had been learning about bees and honey production.

You, too, can support the local bee populations by becoming a spotter of bees that you find in your yard and on your walks. BeeSpotter and the Cincinnati Zoo have partnered on a citizen-science project that can be done while socially distancing. Participants can learn more about bees in the Cincinnati area and help scientists to better understand the region's bee demographics by snapping a photo of a bee and [submitting it online](#).



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS (WITH PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCE)

You can bee spot (while socially distancing outside) while volunteering on the Beautification Committee or participating in the monthly EWHA Trash Walks. The Beautification Committee needs volunteers to help with the maintenance of our neighborhood traffic islands. Please [contact EWHA](#) to volunteer.

You can also volunteer for the monthly [Trash Walk](#) on the first Saturday of each month at 9am at rotating locations in EWH, Walnut Hills and Evanston. EWHA won the Golden Spade Award, presented by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, for organizing this recurring event.

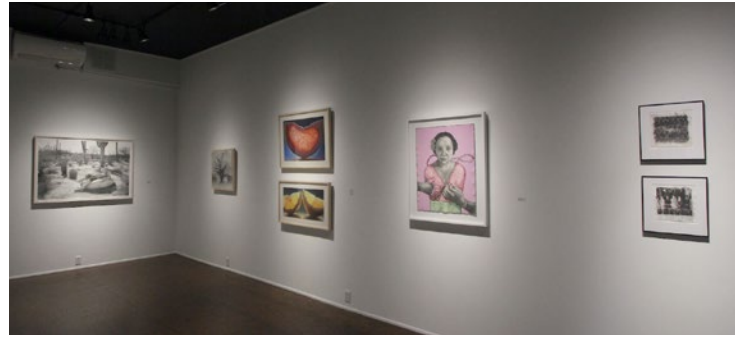
NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY ON WOODBURN

The businesses in East Walnut Hills are cautiously reopening or expanding services.

Manifest Gallery opened its doors to the public, with a new exhibit on May 29, after doing a great job providing a virtual tour of exhibitions via social media while it was closed to the public.

Originalitees, a locally owned and operated clothing line that specializes in state, city and neighborhood pride apparel, was scheduled to open on Woodburn Ave. in mid-March. Currently, it is doing a robust online business, including selling reusable, washable face masks.

Please continue to support the [independent businesses](#) in our community!



ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Assembly's Annual Meeting, when dues-paying members will vote to fill 6 Trustee slots, will take place electronically over Zoom on Wed July 1 at 7pm. The Annual Meeting will be followed immediately by the monthly Assembly meeting. Details [here](#). We hope to have police representatives present at the monthly meeting to present the crime stats and take questions about community safety.

Much of the charm of EWH plays out in those planned and chance encounters of neighbors which occur on the sidewalks and in the shops and restaurants in our neighborhood. Community information is regularly exchanged in those encounters. Now, because of the pandemic, these valued exchanges are rare.

Stay connected to EWH and find timely updates about what is going on in EWH and beyond by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and by logging onto the [EWH web site](#).

Community members have been using the [Contact link](#) on the web site to pass on information about crime hot spots; to volunteer; and to ask "what about," "when is this happening" and "why is the Board doing that?" We attempt to respond to emails within 48 hours.

Please don't forget to become a voting member of the EWH Assembly by [signing up and paying your dues online](#).



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