

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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Presidents Message-

As I type this, the city budget hearings are in full swing. Three issues that are very important to Westwood are on the table-

- 1) **Funding for blight removal.** We need the city to help us get rid of run-down buildings. We have been asking them to help us, and they have said that they hear us. Let's see if they put our money where their mouths are.
- 2) **Crime reduction.** All of our neighborhoods are concerned about crime. We continue to ask that the city to do whatever it takes to take back the streets.
- 3) **Buildings and Inspections.** There is a huge backlog of blighted buildings in Westwood

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NEWS FLASH!

The Cincinnati Public Schools facilities department has listened to the community, and has re-decided to renovate rather than demolish Westwood School. After a strong response from the community and another look at the figures, it was decided that renovation would be a better fit for our neighborhood. This is a victory, and you should be proud of your efforts, whether you wrote letters, emails, made phone calls, attended the school board meetings, or meetings in our neighborhood. They got the message that we care about our community, and that we are determined. Thank you.

You can still be a part of the process as the redesign team goes to work.

Westwood Civic Association Annual Christmas Dinner/ Meeting

Tuesday December 18 2007

Henke Winery 3077 Harrison Ave

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner/ Brief Meeting

Food will be provided, or you may order full meals from the regular menu. Come enjoy the evening at Henke Winery with your Westwood neighbors.

For more information call Jim Huhn at: 481-6545

Please note- this will also be our official monthly meeting The meeting part will be brief, and the party part won't.



Upcoming WCA General Membership Meetings

PLEASE NOTE PLACE AND TIME CHANGE FOR DECEMBER

December 18, 7:00 pm (Christmas meeting at Henke Winery)

January Steering Committee- January 8, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall

January Regular Meeting- January 15, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall

Regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM Westwood Town Hall. Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM WTH



WCA will be holding an election for 5 of the 15 members of the Board of Directors.



Each year, two nominating committees are assembled. One committee is selected by the president, and the other is selected by a vote of the membership. We will be holding that vote at the December 18 meeting, 7:00 pm at Henke Winery. The meeting will be short, but you are encouraged to stay for our annual Christmas dinner.

The two committees will each select 5 candidates and present them at the January meeting, so that we will have 10 candidates for 5 open positions. The ballots will be mailed in time for the winners to be announced at the March meeting.

This is an opportunity for you to get more involved in your community council. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors, call or email, and let us know-

662-8560 info@westwoodcivic.org

See page 2 for a list of our current Board of Directors

**WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT
October 2007**

INCOME:

N.S.P.:	\$1106.29
Membership	\$150.00
Invest in Neighborhoods	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1256.29

EXPENSES:

Newsletter/ Directory	\$319.50
Postage/Mailings	\$64.84
Office Expenses	
Misc. (candidates night)	\$407.63
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$791.97

Checking Account Balance:	\$2735.03
Savings Account Balance:	2457.65
CD Balance:	\$7261.48

*Submitted by:
James D. Huhn, Treasurer*

WCA OFFICERS

Term: April 2007- April 2008

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*Jim McNulty.....662-8560

VICE PRESIDENT-

*Melva Gweyn.....481-0761

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*Joel Kimmet.....389-0858

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*Scott Gehring.....675-3005

TREASURER-

*Jim Huhn.....481-6545

***WCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Mike Brestel	*Sr. Ann Rene McConn
*Dave Cook	*Adam Sanregret
*Dick Finn	*Eric Schmitt
*Mary Kuhl	*John Sess
*Trent Lewis	

*Presidents message
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and other neighborhoods. This department hasn't been able to keep up with inspections, and has not been effective at following through on the terribly bad properties. The city is talking about eliminating the department, and splitting the inspection duties between the planning department, and the community development department. We need to have a functioning inspection process, and will be following this issue closely.

Dunkin Donuts is planning to open a store at 5991 Glenway Ave. (at the corner of Werk, next to Trottas). They are asking the city for some zoning variances for signage and landscaping. We look forward to these issues being resolved and having another new business on Glenway. Have you thought about how much that stretch of road has changed in the last few years? The formerly forlorn Western Hills Plaza is now growing, with big name stores, and we are anticipating the new Target store to fill the middle of the property. Western Village, across the street from the Plaza, was barely hanging on, and now, with the "new" Kroger and all the new buildings, it is booming!

WCA/ Mother of Mercy Candidates Forum We had a very successful candidates forum on October 15. 23 of 25 council candidates participated, along with judi-

cial and school board hopefuls. Candidates were all mailed generic questions relating to Westwood, and a committee was formed to write individual questions based on each candidates response.. Mother of Mercy high School hosted the event, and students presented the questions to the candidates, with WCA board member Scott Gehring organizing and officiating.

NSP stands for Neighborhood Support Program. The city gives \$7,000 to each neighborhood for local projects. We have closed out the 2007 program, and have made plans for 2008. In addition to this newsletter, NSP has funded Town Hall gardening projects, and soon you will see new flags along Harrison Avenue. Also, all of our welcome to Westwood signs are being refurbished or replaced. Thanks to Joel Kimmet and Trent Lewis for taking the training and managing our NSP program.

TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing. It is another funding source for our neighborhood. We will be discussing some ideas for our TIF districts at the next few meetings.

I hope that you are thinking about being more involved with WCA, and inviting a friend to join. I can't think of a better bunch of people to spend time with.

See you around the neighborhood!
-Jim McNulty

"QUOTE" OF THE MONTH

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.
James Baldwin 1924-1987, American Author

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Children's Programs:

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Bring in your little one for stories and songs!
Weekly—Wednesdays
10:30 a.m.

BINGO for Kids (Ages 6-10)
Thursday, 12/27/07
3:00 p.m.

Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) for Tweens! (Ages 9-12)
Monday, 1/21/08
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Teen Programs:

Ornament Making (Ages 11-18)
Thursday, 12/13/07
6:30 p.m.

Glass Etching (Ages 11-18)
Tuesday, 12/18/07
6:30 p.m.

Teen Spirit: Come have your say in the Westwood Library!
Pizza provided. (Ages 11-18)
Wednesday, 12/26/07
6:30 p.m.

Anime Night (Ages 11-18)
Thursday, 1/10/08
6:30 p.m.

Teens Got Talent: Show off your talent
and compete for prizes! Singing, Danc-
ing, Art and more. Sign up to register your act. (Ages 11-
18)
Tuesday, 1/17/08
6:30 p.m.

Teen Spirit: Come have your say in the
Westwood Library! Pizza provided. (Ages
11-18)
Wednesday, 1/23/08
6:30 p.m.



Adult Programs:

Westwood Threads
Bring your needlework projects and join us!
Monthly—First Tuesday of Winter months
6:30 p.m.

Cool Winter Nights: Warm up with a hot new movie!
Popcorn provided.
Thursday, 1/3/08
6:00 p.m.

GED Practice Test: Earn a **FREE** waiver to save the \$55
charge to take the official GED test.
PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call 369-4570
Testers must be at least 18 years of age and show proof of
identity to be admitted to the testing session.
The test takes approximately 4-5 hours to complete and
must be completed in one testing session.
Wednesday, 1/23/08
12-5 p.m.

Evening Book Club: *My Sister's Keeper*
Thursday, 1/24/08
7:00 p.m.

Family Programs:

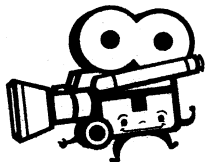
"Read to Reel" Movie: *Christmas with the
Kranks* (Rated PG) (Recommended for
ages 9 and up)
Join us to watch your favorite books on
the big screen! Popcorn provided!
Wednesday, 12/19/07
3:30-5 p.m.

"Read to Reel" Movie: *High School Musical* (Rated G)
(Recommended for ages 9 and up)
Join us to watch your favorite books on the big screen!
Popcorn provided!
Wednesday, 1/16/08
3:30-5 p.m.

*Funds for programs provided by Friends of the Public Li-
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Cincinnati Recreation Commission

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL RECREATION CENTER

Westwood Town Hall News

Here are the Nuts & Bolts of what is coming to the Town Hall Recreation Center in January;

PILATES: FREE CLASS – Tuesday, January 15th–6:30-7:30 pm
Classes begin Tuesday, January 22nd and cost \$7/class or \$65 for a block of 10.

BOOK WORMS: Last Friday of every month (Jan. 25th) at 10:30 am-noon. Book discussion group starting with the novel "Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons". Read the book and join others as you discuss the ins and outs of the plot. FREE with membership.



HISTORICAL QUILT: Don't be left out of this community wide project. We are still in need of quilt squares to make a complete quilt. Please consider entering a square for your family, business, church, school, civic association, or other organization. Please call the center for more information and specifications.



BALLROOM DANCE:
Jitterbug – Jan 16 & 23
Cha-Cha – February 6 & 13
\$20/both classes/session (\$10/class) 6:30-8:30 pm
Sue Cavanaugh, Instructor.



WATERCOLORS: We are still in need of a couple more interested students to bring Mary Helen Wallace, Instructor, to the West Side! This talented artist will teach on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 pm when class meets her minimum requirement of 10 students. Cost \$115 for 10 weeks of classes. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.



WALKING CLUB: First and third Wednesdays 10 am -1 :30 pm
Free with membership.



TEEN FITNESS: Tuesdays & Thursdays–Jan. 15-March 6 –5:30-8:30 pm FREE with center membership. A partnership with Children's Hospital. Teens learn about fitness and nutrition. Off site program–time includes travel time to and from the class.

CORN HOLE is moving to every other Friday beginning January 25 at 6:30-8:30 pm. It is open to families and there is no fee for members.

TAE KWON DO is growing by leaps and bounds and is moving to Monday & Wednesdays to accommodate larger classes. Beginners start at 6:15 -7 pm; Intermediates: 7:00-7:45 pm; Adults/Family Class--7:45-8:30 pm. Cost is \$25/month. Slight discount for more than one family member.



Preschool & Youth Class Registration is January 9th from 10 am-6 pm.

HOME SCHOOL CLASSES: Brain Games – January 15 thru March 18. \$25/child 10:30 am-noon Chess, checkers, Mancala, Dominos, etc.



MASTER OF THE GREAT ARTS: January 16-March 18 (For 8-10 year olds.) \$45/child 10:30 am- noon. Learn the Master's techniques and apply them to your own artwork. Some Field Trips.

As always we offer a complete line of classes for preschool and youth. Our regular adult/Senior classes including, Quilting, Clogging, Belly dancing, Yoga, Lunch With the Ladies, and Ceramics, and more are always offered year round. Call for registration information.
A complete listing of our Programs will be included in the December 19th Suburban Newspapers and will be available at the center after that.

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"Ohio Valley Goodwill Opens New Program!"

In the early Spring of 2008, the old Walgreen's building located at Harrison and Montana Avenues, will have a brand new look. Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries will be opening its newest work training center in the former Walgreen's site. The newly renovated location will feature a fresh, updated exterior appearance as well as a complete remodeling of the interior space. The refurbished location will serve as the organization's latest service offering in response to Westwood area resident requests for a work program to help individuals with disabilities to obtain job skills. All interested community members will be cordially invited to attend a series of Open House events to celebrate the opening of the new satellite program.

Ohio Valley Goodwill has been meeting the vocational needs of individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment in the Greater Cincinnati area for more than 90 years. In 2006, the organization served more than 2600 people including many of our nation's veterans and helped 742 to get jobs in the community. An award-winning work training program, Ohio Valley Goodwill is a United Way agency and is accredited by the Greater Cincinnati Better Business Bureau. For more information about Ohio Valley Goodwill, please visit their website at www.cincinnati-goodwill.org
The new Westwood program will be designed to serve individuals sponsored by the Hamilton County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and the Rehabilitation Services Commission and will offer work training, evaluation and job placement services. The Westwood location will feature a van shuttle service and will offer personal care assistance as appropriate. For more information, please contact Sharon Hannon, Marketing Specialist 771-4800, ext. 6364 or email: shannon@cincigoodwill.org

Goodwill is delighted to help in the economic development of the Westwood community and looks forward to meeting its new neighbors.

Westwood Citizens on Patrol

For a membership application, or to report issues of concern-
Call (513) 218-5286

Our Motto-

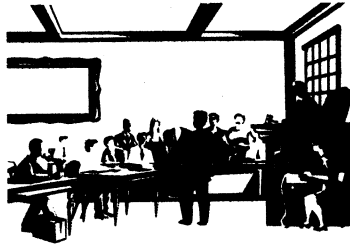
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What better holiday greeting than a Westwood Civic Association membership application? Go ahead- make copies for all of your friends and neighbors. They will be thrilled to receive the special "Seasons Greetings" edition of our application. (You may also use this "special edition" form to renew, if you haven't already done so.)



WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (VOTING MEMBERS): _____

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Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:

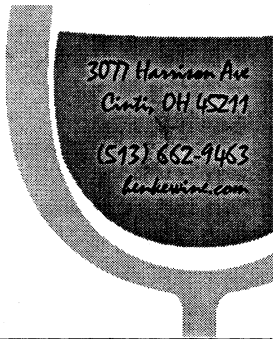
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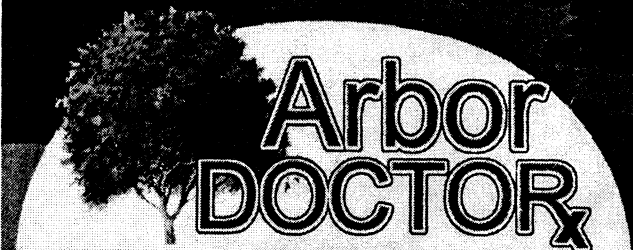


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