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Presidents Message-



Here we go— another new year, and another opportunity to make Westwood better than ever. We have the Neighborhood Enhancement

Program to look forward to. (May 15-August15) We also have a commitment from city council to help us eliminate some of our blighted buildings. Where is your (least) favorite run-down building? Have you been calling 591-6000 to report problem properties? If you have, you have been helping to get these owners to either bring their properties into compliance, or have them torn down.

How does this sound?-

"Westwood-Cincinnati's largest neighborhood, and the Capital of the West Side"



That is how I have been introducing our neighborhood at city council meetings lately.

Q: Are we the largest neighborhood?

A: Yes, by far. 10% of all Cincinnatians live in Westwood.

Q: Are we the "Capital" of the West Side?

A: That is up to us. We should believe that our neighborhood is the best. If we don't, we should be working to *make* it the best.

Irene and I recently took a trip to visit relatives in Georgia. The most prestigious neighborhood near our relatives is Dunwoody. *Everybody* wants to have a Dunwoody address. But on this trip we were amused by the tiny new "Dunwoody" signs on top of many of the street signs far beyond the boundaries that we would have considered Dunwoody. You might have noticed the same thing here. *Everybody* wants to have a Hyde Park address, and the boundaries seem to expand. Now it has spread to Oakley. *Everybody* wants to live in Oakley. Now Madisonville wants to capitalize on it's proximity to those neighborhoods.



I believe that **Westwood** can and should be the premier west side neighborhood that *everybody* wants to claim as theirs. Can you imagine a day when a real estate ad for a Green Township home boasts "Near Westwood"? I can.

We just need to keep a positive outlook, and keep working to improve our neighborhood.

As it stands, there is no "Dunwoody" or "Hyde Park" on the west side. No booming hub that radiates prosperity.

I believe that Westwood can and should be that hub. We have the advantage of being part of "Western Hills", while being in the City. We have an incredible

amount of city resources available to us. We need to take full advantage of those resources to improve our neighborhood. It has taken a while, but the city leaders are now focusing on one of our biggest needs— removing blight. The latest budget has more money for blight removal.

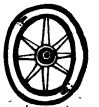
We need to move quickly to access that funding, and remove a significant number of run-down buildings.

We need to create a "bank" of vacant properties ready for future development. We need to plan for that future development.

We need you to come to meetings, and participate in the revival of Westwood.

But most of all, we need to believe that Westwood can be the "Capital of the West Side"

Let's make it happen.



-Jim McNulty

The City of Cincinnati will implement the **Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)** for the second year in 2008 in the communities of Clifton Heights/ University Heights/ Fairview (CUF), **Westwood**, and Evans-ton.

The program, begun in 2007, brings together city staff and neighborhood partners for 90 days to focus and integrate services and community redevelopment efforts to jumpstart improvements to the quality of life for residents and businesses. For 2008, the program is also launching a volunteer and donation component to help increase the program's effectiveness.

In 2008 the City will partner with U.S. Bank for people to donate money and time to help the quality of life in the city. The partnership recognizes that

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Upcoming WCA General Membership Meetings

- January Regular Meeting-
January 15, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall
- February Steering Committee-
February 12, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall
- February Regular Meeting-
February 19, 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

All meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome.



Join us at the
**Westwood Branch
 Library for these ex-
 citing, FREE programs! All
 programs are FREE and open
 to the public. For information
 on any of our programs,
 please contact us at 369-4474.**

****The library will be OPEN on Dr. Mar-
 tin Luther King Jr. Day (1/21/08)
 and President's Day (2/18/08)****

Children's Programs:

Preschool Storytime (Ages
 3-6)

Bring in your little one for
 stories and songs!

Weekly—Wednesdays
 10:30 a.m.

Join us for special guest
 storyteller, Martha McLeod on 2/20/08!



Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) for
 Tweens! (Ages 9-12)

Monday, 1/21/08
 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Scooby's Winter Wonderland

Join us for "That's Snow Ghost" and other
 winter episodes of *Scooby Doo*.

Monday, 2/16/08
 2:00 p.m.

BINGO for Kids (Ages 6-10)

Thursdays, 1/24/08, 2/28/08
 3:00 p.m.

Teen Programs:

Teens Got Talent: Show off
 your talent and compete for
 prizes! Singing, Dancing, 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)

Last Wednesday of every month, 1/23/08,
 2/27/08 6:30 p.m.

Pillowpalooza: Make a comfy pillow with no
 sewing! (Ages 11-18)

Wednesday, 2/6/08
 3:00 p.m.

Unvalentine's Day Party (Ages 11-18)

Thursday, 2/14/08
 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.



GED Practice Test: Earn a
 FREE waiver to save the \$55
 charge to take the official GED
 test.

PREREGISTRATION IS RE-

QUIRED. 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:

January title: *My Sister's Keeper*

Thursday, 1/24/08
 7:00 p.m.

February title: *Kindred*

Thursday, 2/28/08
 7:00 p.m.



Yoga Demo

Are fitness & flexibility part of
 your New Year's resolution?

Come to Patricia Sheerin's
 introductory class, with a mat

and comfy clothes.

Saturday, 1/26/08
 10:30 a.m.

Cool Winter Nights: Warm up with a hot
 new movie!

Popcorn provided.

Thursday, 2/7/08
 6:00 p.m.

Family Programs:

"Read to Reel" Movie: Join us to watch
 your favorite books on the big screen!

Popcorn provided! (Recommended for
 ages 9 and up)

High School Musical (Rated G)

Wednesday, 1/16/08

3:30-5 p.m.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cin-
derella (Rated PG)

(Recommended for ages 9 and
 up)

Wednesday, 2/20/07

3:30-5 p.m.

Family Movie and Ice Cream Social

See Walt Disney's *Bambi* (Rated G) and
 enjoy an ice cream treat!

Tuesday, 2/26/08

6:30 p.m.

*Funds for programs provided by Friends of
 the Public Library and/or the Dater Founda-
 tion

Westwood Branch Library

3345 Epworth Avenue

513-369-4474

Hours of Operation:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8

Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6

www.cincinnati.library.org

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when we successfully address issues in neighborhoods in need,
 the entire city and the entire region benefits.

U.S. Bank is providing \$3,000 seed money to each of the
 neighborhoods to help in their community enhancement efforts
 and as a call for others to also support the program. U.S. Bank is
 stepping up to the plate to help the City of Cincinnati and its
 community partners on behalf of the 3,000 US Bank employees
 who live, work, give and play in Cincinnati. U.S. Bank applauds
 the City for the focused, coordinated effort, and challenge other
 businesses and residents who give their time, talent and treasure
 to the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Partnering with
 the City on this project will further U.S. Bank's goal of helping to
 revitalize communities in the Cincinnati market.
 Donations may be made at any U.S. Bank branch

www.usbank.com/usbanklocations/search.jsp in the Cincinnati
 area and *may be designated to a particular neighborhood* or to
 the Neighborhood Enhancement Program overall. Each commu-
 nity will help to identify what the funds are most needed for in
 their neighborhood such as paint, ladders, flowers, trash cans,
 litter sticks, etc. that will help improve the cleanliness, beauty,
 safety and quality of their neighborhood. Keep Cincinnati
 Beautiful (KCB) will administer the funds to each neighborhood.
 KCB is coordinating volunteers and donations. KCB can be
 reached at (513) 352-4380 or
www.KeepCincinnatiBeautiful.org to make a donation or to
 sign up to volunteer.

* Note— The dates for the Westwood NEP will be May 15
 to August 15. The planning will begin this month. Please
 come to WCA meetings to participate.

WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT
November 2007

INCOME:

N.S.P.: \$747.59
 Membership 280.00
 Invest in Neighborhoods

TOTAL INCOME: \$1027.59

EXPENSES:

Newsletter/ Directory \$314.18
 Postage/Mailings \$66.62
 Neighborhood Dev. 208.91
 Misc. (plaque) \$87.33

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$677.04

Checking Account Balance: \$3085.58
 Savings Account Balance: 2457.65
 CD Balance: \$7261.48

Submitted by:
James D. Huhn, Treasurer

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Westwood Historical Society

Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

7:00 p.m.

Westwood First Presbyterian Church



Wake up and smell the coffee!

The old gas station has been demolished at the corner on Glenway and Werk to make room for the new Dunkin Donuts store.

Movie Time!

Family Video has opened for business at Werk and Glenmore.



Miracle League of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Formed

A new 501c.3. Organization, the Miracle League of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, has been formed to leverage earlier efforts by the Reds Community Fund, the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission in their efforts to build **Miracle League fields in Cincinnati.**



For more than 20 years, CRC has fielded an Adapted Baseball League for children with disabilities. The new organization's mission is to raise funds so that these children can play on a facility appropriate for their disabilities. More than 60 such complexes exist throughout the country right now and **Cincinnati's first is planned for the Oskamp Recreation Area on Glenway Avenue.** Fundraising efforts are underway through both a traditional fundraising campaign and a commemorative brick program. To see renditions of the new field, learn more about Miracle League, and see how you can help towards the fundraising goal, please visit

<http://www.miracleleaguegreatercincinnati.org>

"QUOTE" OF THE MONTH

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.
 -Bernard Meltzer

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\$100.00.....Full Page
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 \$50.00.....Insert

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For information on placing an ad, contact: mrmcnulty@fuse.net or-

Westwood Civic Association
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 Cincinnati, OH 45211

**Westwood Town Hall News/
Activities**

Things are getting busy at the Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center for the New Year. Here is just a sampling of classes and activities available beginning in January. We have something for all ages from Pre-school through Seniors.

Pre-school and youth class registration begins January 9, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and lasts until classes are full. Complete class listing at: www.cincyrec.org

To help you lose those Holiday calories and help keep your New Year's Resolutions, we offer many fitness options:

Fitness – Teens

Teen Girls Fitness:

Look for a new class to begin in February. Call the Center if you are interested.



Teen Girls (13-15 years old) Basketball League forming on January 10, 2008 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Fitness – *Teens/Adults/
Seniors/**Families (** indicates minimum age requirement)**

Bellydance Choreography classes start January 7, 2008 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

\$10/lesson or \$55 for each 6 week session. Membership required.

Beginner Bellydance classes begin on January 14, 2008 from 7:40-8:40 p.m.

\$10/lesson or \$55 for each 6 week session. Membership required.

****Corn Hole** begins January 25, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.-all ages- free with membership.

****Tae Kwon Do** (5 years and older)- Mondays & Wednesdays beginning January 2, 2008

Beginners start from 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Intermediates from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Adults/Families classes from 7:45-8:30 p.m. \$25/month – discount for more

than one family member. (Plus \$35/ uniform fee)

***Pilates (ages 16+) – Free Workshop on January 15, 2008 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Try it out for free.**

Classes begin January 23, 2008. \$7/class or \$65 for 10 classes.

***Ballroom Dance (ages 15+) – Jitterbug** – January 16 & 23, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cha Cha – February 6 & 13, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Classes cost \$10/person/class

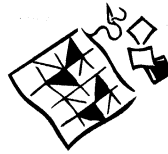
Walking Club – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:00a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free with membership.

**Arts- Adults/Families/Seniors/
Home-School**

Watercolors – Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. – HURRY ON THIS ONE! Will begin after first 10 students sign up. \$115/10 weeks. In order to bring the fantastic artist, Mary Helen Wallace, to the West-side, we only need two more students!

Historical Quilt – Community-wide

project. Consider entering a square for your family, business, church, school, civic association, or any organization. Please call for more information and specifications. Quilt squares are starting to come in and WOW! Are they wonderful! BUT... We need more. Please consider being a part of this community project. Call 662-9109 for more information.



wives Eating Bon Bons." Free with membership.

Home School Classes - Registration Begins January 10, 2008 and requires a Center Membership

Master of the Great Arts (7-10 years old) Wednesdays from Janu-

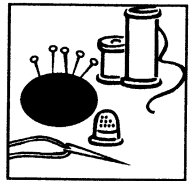
ary 15-March 18, 2008, 10:30-12:00 p.m. \$45/student. Some field trips.

Brain Games (including chess, checkers, and more) Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$25.

Tae Kwon Do (5 years and older) fulfills physical ed. fitness requirements. – Mondays & Wednesdays beginning January 2, 2008. Beginners 6:15-7:00 p.m. Intermediate 7:00-7:45 p.m. Adults/Families classes 7:45-8:30 p.m. \$25/month – discount for more than one family member. \$35 uniform fee.

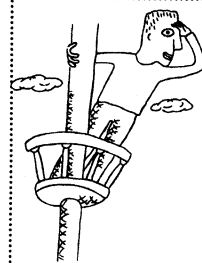
**YOUTH & TEEN SEWING
CLASSES:**

Somehow these were left out of the program guide. We are still continuing with (Youth) Beginner Sewing Classes on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm (\$15/quarter) and Intermediate Classes on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm (\$25/quarter). Teen Sewing Class—Thursdays—4:30-6 pm – (\$25/quarter)



For a complete listing of programs please go to cincyrec.org and click on Community Centers then Westwood Town Hall. Or stop in the center and pick up a full schedule. Program Guides were distributed in the Western Hills Press Newspaper in December, also. Please call 662-9109 for more class information.

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Service Area Coordinator
Westwood Town Hall
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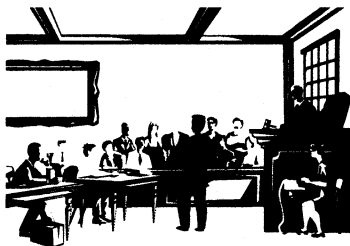
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What better New Year greeting than a Westwood Civic Association membership application? Go ahead—make copies for all of your friends and neighbors. They will be thrilled to receive the special "Happy new year 2008" edition of our application. (You 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: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

CALL ME FOR: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES _____ FUND RAISERS _____

2008 dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:

WCA, P.O. Box 11466, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting— we'd be happy to see you!