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A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

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## 2008 Westwood Home Tour



The Westwood Historical Society The **Westwood Historical Society**, along with Presenting Sponsor US Bank, is pleased to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> biennial **Westwood Home Tour** which takes place on **Sunday, April 27**.

The selection of homes being featured mirrors the delightful diversity of homes found in Westwood. They range in age from those built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to a vintage mid-century modern home whose kitchen remodel received design recognition. Explore homes with simple lines, to intriguing octagonal rooms, to creative rehabs in settings that range from a busy street corner to a woody retreat. Also on the tour will be Westwood's fire station, Engine Company #35. This favorite neighborhood landmark is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The self-guided tour runs from **1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The tour **starts at Mother of Mercy High School** (use new Epworth Avenue entrance).

Tickets are \$12 on the day of the tour and can be purchased at the High School.

Advance sale tickets are \$10, available from April 1 to April 26, at Henke Winery (3077 Harrison Avenue) and US Bank Westwood-Cheviot Office (3168 Harrison Avenue).

## Giant Yard Sale

The Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center will hold its yard sale Saturday July, 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## CPD3 Resource Committee Meeting

The next Cincinnati Police Department - District 3 (CPD3) Resource Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

The event will be located at CPD3 Annex Building at 3120 Warsaw Avenue - 45205 (across the street from CPD3 headquarters on Warsaw Avenue).

For further directions to this meeting, you may contact 513-263-8300. All are welcome!

We are in desperate need of **NEW MEMBERS** and **VOLUNTEERS** for upcoming events such as the Open House at CPD3 in May 2008 and the National Night Out at Westwood Town Hall in August 2008.

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## Westwood Library News

April is National Poetry month! Join us for a fun program: **LIBERRY**. **LIBERRY** is a wonderful library-inspired poetry chapbook by Barbara Bonney, a Campbell County librarian. Barbara will be reading from her book & signing copies on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Westwood Branch.

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## St. Catharine's Church Festival



The St. Catharine's Church festival will be held May 16-18 at the Harvest Home Park. Friday night is adults only with live music and great food. For more information visit [www.stcfestival.org](http://www.stcfestival.org).

## Westwood Civic Association Gateways Committee

Our vision is a Westwood free of litter, with beautiful green spaces, tree-lined streets and boulevards, and property owners who responsibly maintain their streetscapes.



We'll let you know when our upcoming clean up dates are. You can let us know what you are already doing to help fulfill the vision of a clean and beautiful Westwood. If you would like to be a part of our mailing list, please contact us at [westwoodgateways@hotmail.com](mailto:westwoodgateways@hotmail.com) Alternatively, you can leave a message for us at 513-807-0817.

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**CPD3**

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If you can donate food items or funding for National Night Out, please inform Sgt. Eric Franz.

For more information or questions, please contact Sgt. Eric Franz at [eric.franz@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:eric.franz@cincinnati-oh.gov) or 513-263-8366.

Thank you for your interest in Cincinnati Police Department - District 3 Resource Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Gateway Committee**

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Westwood Gateways' goal is to beautify the main gateways to the Westwood neighborhood, focusing on neat and clean sidewalks, well maintained greenways and litter control. We are a group of women and men who commit our time to these efforts, as well as to helping keep other streets in Westwood neat and clean. We sponsor regular clean up dates where groups of people come together to work on larger projects, particularly along Queen City, Harrison and Montana Avenues. We also communicate regularly with members of the Westwood community to offer assistance in obtaining appropriate action from City of Cincinnati service divisions.

Together, we believe we can have a greater positive impact on our neighborhood, achieve more consistent and improved results, and support the many individual efforts already underway.

**President's Message**

If you are reading this, thank Joe Patten. He has volunteered to take over editing Westwords. If you are not reading this, you might be one of the unfortunate people whose names were recently purged from our list due to non-renewal.

If you see one of those unfortunate people, give them an application- quick. You might see them wandering the streets of Westwood with no purpose, and looking hopelessly uninformed. They might be complaining about graffiti or litter, instead of calling 591-6000. They might be wondering when the next Westwood Civic Association meeting will be, or how to get a booth at the Giant Yard Sale. Don't give them a hard time, and don't give them your pity- give them a WCA application. They will be back in the swing of things in no time.

As usual, there is plenty going on in our neighborhood. Our \$1 million dollars for blight removal in Westwood has been approved by city council, and we hope to be spending it very soon. The condemned apartment building at 3100 McHenry has finally been cleared for demolition, so go by and take a last look at it. Don't forget- if you see blight, report it to 591-6000.

The NEP (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) rolls into Westwood May 15 and will continue for 3 months.

The Westwood School renovation is still in the planning stages, with the location of the new gym still to be determined.

We are still waiting for the city to come back to us with revised plans for the Montana Avenue improvement project.

More of the new "Welcome to Westwood" signs are going up every week- have you seen them? Thanks to Joel Kimmet and John Sess for installing them. Don't forget about the Great American Cleanup April 26th and the Westwood Historical Society Home Tour April 27.

We are including the Strategic Plan Survey again this month. Please complete one if you haven't already done so. It is a very important part of the planning process for the future of Westwood. You can mail them to the WCA PO Box printed on the form, or email them to [mrmcnulty@fuse.net](mailto:mrmcnulty@fuse.net).

Have a great month, and please try to attend the WCA meetings- we would really like to see you there.

Jim McNulty

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual 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!



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Saturday, May 3, 2008 8:00 PM  
Sunday, May 4, 2008 3:00 PM  
  
Thursday, May 8, 2008 8:00 PM  
Friday, May 9, 2008 8:00 PM  
Saturday, May 10, 2008 8:00 PM

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**Westwood Branch Library**  
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Check out our baseball memorabilia display currently in the glass display case. Taxes are due on April 15. Come get your tax forms at the Library. If you can't find the form your looking for ask us at the desk and we'll be happy to print a copy out for you at no charge.

All of the following programs are FREE and open to the public. For more information on any of the events listed, please contact us at 369-4474.

**Children's Programs:**

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

**Drawing for Tweens** (Ages 8-12)  
6-week course with professional artists Ken Henson and Matt Wright. Fridays, 6 consecutive weeks: April 25-May 30. 3:30-5 p.m. Sign up is required and limited space is left! Get them now!

**BINGO for Kids** (Ages 6-10)  
Thursdays, 4/24/08 3:00 p.m.

**Teen Programs:**

**Teen Spirit:** Come have your say in the Westwood Library! Pizza provided. (Ages 11-18) Last Wednesday of every month, 4/23/08 6:30 p.m.

**Ice Cream Craze!** (Ages 11-18)  
Tuesday, 4/15/08 6:30 p.m.

**Groovy Garden Pots** (Ages 11-18)  
Create your own flowerpot with plant. Makes a Great Gift!  
Tuesday, 5/6/08 4:00 p.m.

**Adult Programs:**

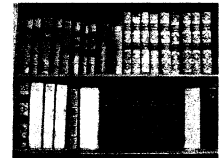
**Book Signing:** Meet Barbara Bonney, author of *Liberry*, a book of library related poetry. Thursday, 4/17/08 7 p.m.

**Evening Book Club:**  
February title: *Dared and Done: the Marriage of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning* Thursday, 4/24/08 7:00 p.m.

**Hot Summer Sounds:**  
Music programs the first Thursday of all summer months. John Simerlink and Matthew & Jessica Chan kick off season 5 with piano and violin selections  
Thursday, 5/1/08 6:30 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) *Madeline* (PG)  
Wednesday, 4/16/08  
3:30-5 p.m.

**Family Karaoke**

Be an "Idol" and sing your favorite tunes!  
Tuesday, 4/29/08  
6:30 p.m.

\*Funds for programs are provided by Friends of the Public Library and/or the Dater Foundation

**Westwood Branch Library**

3345 Epworth Avenue  
513-369-4474  
Hours of Operation:  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8  
Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6  
[www.cincinnatiilibrary.org](http://www.cincinnatiilibrary.org)

**WCA Monthly Statement  
February 2008**

Monthly Statement: February 2008

**INCOME:**

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| N.S.P.               | \$              |
| Membership:          | \$380.00        |
| Advertising:         | \$150.00        |
| Interest:            | \$              |
| Invest:              | \$              |
| Election Dinner:     | \$              |
| Donations:           | \$              |
| Other:               | \$              |
| <b>Total Income:</b> | <b>\$530.00</b> |

**Expenses:**

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| Newsletter:               | \$383.52        |
| Postage/Mailings:         | \$68.63         |
| Neighborhood Developmts:  | \$100.00        |
| banner:                   | \$212.15        |
| buckets:                  | \$312.15        |
| Election:                 | \$              |
| Office Expenses:          | \$              |
| Miscellaneous:            | \$15.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>    | <b>\$779.30</b> |
| Checking Account Balance: | \$3039.86       |
| Savings Account Balance:  | \$2457.65       |
| C.D. Account Balance:     | \$7261.48       |

Submitted by:

*James D. Huhn*  
Treasurer

**WCA OFFICERS**

Term: April 2007 – April 2008

**President**

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**Vice President**

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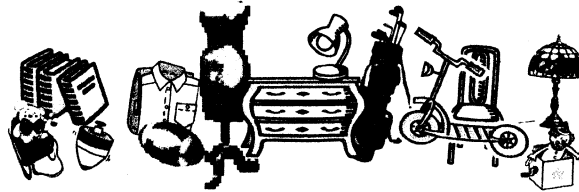
Dick Finn

John Sess

Jen Gehring

Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center

**Giant Yard Sale**



**Saturday, July 19th**

**10 am—3 pm**

**10' x 10' Spaces for rent: \$15**

(Cash or checks only. Correct change appreciated.  
Please make checks payable to "WTHAB" .)

Provide your own table. Rain or shine. No refunds.  
Please stop in Westwood Town Hall to reserve your spot. Registration begins April 23rd.



Westwood Town Hall  
3017 Harrison Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211  
**513-662-9109**

**Giant Yard Sale**

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Saturday, July 19th

10 am - 3 pm 10' x10' spaces cost \$15/space

Registration begins April 23rd. You may register in person at the center and choose your space or by mail—we choose your location. (Mails are going out the 10th of April to those who participated last year.)

We accept cash or \*checks only.

Checks should be made out to "WTHAB" (Westwood Town Hall Advisory Board). Exact change is appreciated when paying in cash. We do not always have change in the building when someone stops in to register. Please try to plan ahead and have the correct amount of cash. This is less frustrating for both of us.

\*There is a \$30 fee for returned checks.

**HISTORICAL QUILT PROJECT:**

Quilt Blocks are due. We have amazing ones turned in already, but we know that more are out there! Please try to complete your entry by April 30th and get it to us so we may plan the layout of the quilt. We will begin actual construction of this quilt in the Fall. We need to take time off from this quilting project to operate our very busy summer schedule. Call us at 662-9109 if you are still going to participate in this project. Ask for Marlene or Cheryl.

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P.O. Box 11466  
Cincinnati, OH 45211

# Westwood Strategic Plan Survey 2008

The Westwood Civic Association is implementing a strategic planning process. A well-developed strategic plan will enable Westwood to communicate neighborhood priorities and goals to the city in order to access funding, resources, and the city services.

As a resident of Westwood, your participation in this SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) is key to the success of this planning process.

**Strengths: List the major strengths of Westwood as it faces the future.**

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**Weaknesses: List the major weaknesses of Westwood as it faces the future.**

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**Opportunities: List the opportunities you believe will face Westwood in the next five years that may significantly influence its success.**

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**Threats: List the threats you believe will face Westwood in the next five years that may significantly hinder its success.**

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Thank you for your time in completing this survey. We are confident that the results will prove to be fruitful as the planning process progresses.

Please send your survey to:  
Westwood Civic Association  
P.O. Box 11466  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

# Please Complete The Survey!

Inside this newsletter is a two page survey. Please take the time to complete it to help us with our strategic plan for Westwood. You can mail it to the address indicated on the form, or email to mrmcnulty@fuse.net. (note— if you previously emailed it to the WCA email, please re-send it to me— the WCA email might not have gone through.) Thanks, Jim McNulty



## Westwood Yard-of-the-Month Awards

The Westwood Civic Association (WCA) is continuing its efforts to encourage residents and businesses to beautify the landscaping in yards of residences and the properties of offices, apartments and churches. Each month, from June through and including September, about 10 of the most beautiful landscapes will be designated with WCA Yard-of-the-Month signs posted on those properties nominated and chosen.

The association encourages residents to nominate yards and gardens that they feel are works of outstanding beauty. Nominations can be made by telephoning the chair persons for this award competition, Joan or Gil McLean, at 661-6017. Nominations must be of properties within the boundaries of Westwood.



## Election Results

We elected 2008 WCA officers at the April 15th meeting.

Our new line-up will be-  
President- Jim McNulty  
V.P.- Melva Gweyn  
V.P.- John Sess  
Treasurer- Jim Huhn  
Recording Secretary- Joel Kimmet  
Membership Secretary- Irene McNulty

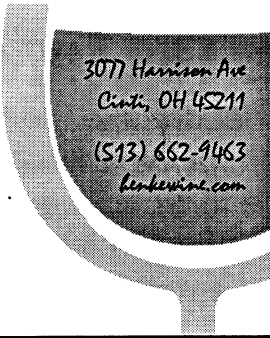


## Volunteer opportunity!

There are many sources of funding and awards that can be won by our neighborhood. In fact there are so many, it would take a **Grants and Awards committee** to keep up with, and apply for them all. John Sess has been finding out about some of them, and has already applied for and received some grants from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. But there are many more opportunities, and WCA could really use a committee to do this important job,

so that we do not miss any more opportunities. The committee would locate grants, and match them with planned neighborhood projects. We need to start getting ahead of this process, so we are not constantly rushing to find an appropriate project every time a deadline approaches. If you like to go treasure hunting, enjoy deadlines, then serving on this committee would really help our neighborhood. Please call me or come to a meeting to discuss this important new committee. 662-8560— Jim McNulty





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