

# WESTWORDS

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THE WESTWOOD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 5 5-8 PM WESTWOOD TOWN HALL

June– July 2008

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## Presidents Message-

We are so busy in Westwood that the newsletter keeps getting further behind. I decided to combine the June and July issues and try to get as much news in as possible.

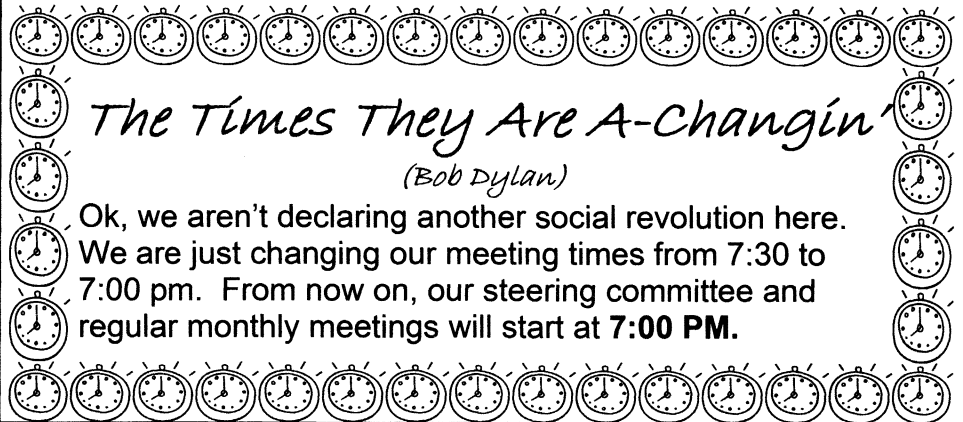
Thanks to **Joe Patten**, who has been editing our newsletter for the last two months, and doing a fine job. We decided that I should take back the job, due to the confusion caused by sending the content to Joe third hand, and never having a clear cut-off date for the publication.

Don't forget that all of our scheduled meetings will start at **7:00** as of July.

The NEP (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) is in full swing, and will continue through August 15. To get a small picture of the activity, go to- <http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/permits/community.aspx> then select "community" (Westwood) and select "last 60 days". You will be amazed at the recent code enforcement activity. Plus there is additional police activity, a beautification project, and much more. There will be help available to neighbors who are struggling to keep their properties up. Have you seen a troubled property? You can report it to 591-6000.

The Soap Box Derby and the WCA Westfest booth are just two examples of the increased community involvement in Westwood. Add the various beautification projects going on around the neighborhood, and things are really hopping. Have you noticed the Gaines triangle at the

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## The Times They Are A-Changin'

*(Bob Dylan)*

Ok, we aren't declaring another social revolution here.

We are just changing our meeting times from 7:30 to 7:00 pm. From now on, our steering committee and regular monthly meetings will start at **7:00 PM**.

## Mercy Me! Is Mercy Moving?

**Lynn Farrar**, Senior VP of Mercy Health Partners, is confirmed for the **July 15** WCA meeting to discuss the changes at Mercy Hospital. This will be your opportunity to ask questions, and find out what is in store for our neighborhood hospital. Remember that our meetings now start at **7:00** at Westwood Town Hall. Tell your friends that the Westwood Civic Association meeting is the place to be if they want to learn about this big change in our neighborhood.

## Team Westwood ties for Third Place in Cincinnati Cup!

June 21, 2008

**Zach Koopman** steered the red Soap Box Derby



car down Gilbert Avenue many times and made it through several brackets in the double-elimination race. Many family members and neighbors were on hand to cheer on our driver, and everyone had a great time. This was the first effort for Team Westwood, and we plan to try again next year. Zach will move up to the next age group, and we plan to have a new car

for him, and a new driver for Zach's old car. Thanks to Zach and his dad, Norb, for all the time and effort they put into this race. They are great representatives of our neighborhood. Our first time out, and Team Westwood was a serious contender! We would also like to thank the sponsors of Team Westwood for their generous support-

- ◆ Kuhl Tile and Marble
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- ◆ Steve Chabot for Congress 2008
- ◆ Babes Tap Room
- ◆ Queen City Electric
- ◆ Tom Bonhaus Auto Service
- ◆ Gregory Nolan, Attorney
- ◆ Chris Monzel for Council

# The Westwood Historical Society

## Westwood Home Tour

WHAT A SUCCESS!!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped including:

- Eight very gracious homeowners and the Cincinnati Fire Department
- US Bank and all the other sponsors
- Over 100 volunteers
- The home tour committee
- Mother of Mercy High School
- The community groups (WestCURC, WCA, Westwood Concern, Westwood COPS)
- [And everyone who came to the tour or took the extra time to spruce up their yards and the neighborhood.

About 660 people from all over Greater Cincinnati took to the

streets of Westwood on a beautiful spring day as we showcased some of the wonderful homes we have in our neighborhood. It was our best tour yet. Based on the surveys, people loved the variety and the friendly people, and are ready to come back for the next one. See you in 2010!

## Westwood Historical Society July Meeting

The Westwood YMCA will be the topic of the **July 9** meeting which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA (plenty of parking in the rear). The YMCA has a long history in the community – 135 years! The location and the programming offered has changed over the years, for example, the popular rifle

team is a thing of the past. Everyone is invited to attend. We would especially enjoy having people attend who have memories of earlier days of the Y. If you can't come but have some stories to share, please contact, Liz Kissel (662-1156).

## Westwood School Birthday

The Westwood School building will be 100 years old in 2009. Anyone interested in being involved in helping to plan a celebration can contact Liz Kissel (662-1156). We are also collecting memories people have of their time at Westwood School. We'll take your memories in writing or verbally. Contact Liz or you can send information to the Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211.

*Presidents message  
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intersection of Harrison and Epworth? Debi Johnson and Teri Seippel have volunteered to maintain the corner, and Peters Nursery will continue to provide the materials. The WTH volunteers continue to keep the Town Hall grounds looking great.

The blight removal program is moving along, and we now have a purchase contract on another blighted building on Harrison Ave. We are asking the city to continue to fund this worthwhile project, and to work on creating a formal "Land Banking" policy. In the meantime, we will continue to "land bank" some of the worst properties. Every blighted apartment building we remove reduces the number of police and fire calls by several hundred per year. Let's keep reporting problem properties, and clearing them out.

The enthusiasm in Westwood is growing. Please encourage your neighbors to join, so we can multiply the results. As usual, there is an application inside this newsletter to share.

Don't forget about the recycling bin competition. The Mayor Mallory has challenged all Cincinnati neighborhoods to sign up new recyclers. Even if you have the old style bin, you should sign up for one of the new larger ones.

Please look through this newsletter, and you will see that there is a lot going on in Westwood. Try to make a meeting, or go to National Night Out August 5. But whatever you do, please get out and enjoy our great neighborhood.

Jim McNulty

## Westwood Invades Cheviot



WCA had a booth at this year's WestFest on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Our booth was located at the corner of Glenmore and Harrison Avenues.

We had a Split-the-Pot Mug slide, and sold the highly coveted "I Love Westwood!" t-shirts. This was a prime opportunity for us to show the West Side that exciting things are happening in Westwood. We made more than \$700 for WCA, and had fun doing it. WCA board member **Kathy Bach** valiantly represented Westwood in the Maury's Tiny Cove Annual Pickle-Eating Contest.

Thanks to WCA board member **Rick Boyd**, who organized and operated the booth. Thank you to all of our volunteers, and thank you to **Queen City Electric** for sponsoring us. Also, thanks to the Westfest committee for admitting us to the event at the last minute, and helping us with our oversized booth needs, and for giving us such a great location on Glenmore Ave.

We are already looking forward to next year...

**WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT**  
April 2008

**INCOME:**

N.S.P.:	\$1454.70
Membership	130.00
Advertising	50.00
Donations (KCB)	1000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$2634.70</b>

**EXPENSES:**

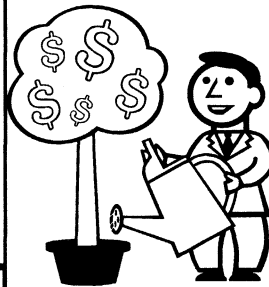
Newsletter	\$355.32
Postage/mailings	77.21
Neighborhood development (signs)	616.43
Misc. (quilt and soap box derby)	633.64
Misc. (student plaques)	101.71
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$1814.31</b>

Checking Account Balance:	\$3890.25
Savings Account Balance:	2457.65
CD Balance:	\$7261.48

Submitted by: *James D. Huhn, Treasurer*



There are still a few "I Love Westwood" T-shirts available from our second printing. They will be available at meetings for \$10. Hurry while we still have a selection of sizes.



**WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT**  
May 2008

**INCOME:**

N.S.P.:	
Membership	\$125.00
Invest in Neighborhoods	861.00
Donations (Soap Box Derby)	1150.00

**TOTAL INCOME: \$2136.00**

**EXPENSES:**

Newsletter	\$250.28
Misc.	68.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$318.28**

Checking Account Balance:	\$5707.97
Savings Account Balance:	2457.65
CD Balance:	\$7261.48

Submitted by:  
*James D. Huhn, Treasurer*

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**Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings**

July Steering Committee meeting  
July 8, 2008 **7:00** pm WW Town Hall

July Regular Meeting-  
July 15, 2008 **7:00** pm WW Town Hall

August meetings-- 8/12-- Steering  
8/19 - Regular meeting

**Regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM Westwood Town Hall.**

**Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. 7:00 PM WTH**

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

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# Westwood Branch Library

## Check out our latest exhibit, GRAPHITE ON PAPER: PEN- CIL RENDERINGS BY JAMES

**JAY ILIFF IV.** *The artist you see sitting along the avenue drawing, may be Jim Iliff. It takes many hours of concentrated effort to capture these interesting subjects. The people in the neighborhood know him and watch him while he works. We are fortunate to have 15 of Mr. Iliff's original pieces on display in the branch. Many are landmark Westwood buildings, such as Westwood School, Engine Company 35, Habigs, the Westwood Library, and homes on Urwiler and Orland. These original pieces are for sale, but Mr. Iliff will also commission a drawing of your very own. A percentage of the sale of any commissions brought in from the Library exhibit will go directly to the Westwood Branch Library. Stop in and check out these beautiful works of art!*

Children and Teens will have the opportunity to "Entertain Your Brain" this summer during ReadQuest 2008! Listed below are upcoming programs at Westwood Library for kids and teens! We have programs on a variety of days and times during June, July, and August; on weekdays and some weeknights! Groups are welcome to attend any program that does not require registration.

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

### READQUEST PROGRAMS FOR KIDS!

*All ages unless otherwise noted.*

#### **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6  
*Don't miss these very special guests:*  
June 11: "SHHHH! Noisy Tales Far and Wide" with Aretta Baumgartner of *ImagineNation*  
July 16: "Fiddlin Your Favorites" with Emily Hogeback  
August 6: *Stories & Poems* with Sabina Barron

#### **TWEEN DDR DAYS**

*Join your friends and get a great workout!*  
Mondays, July 14, August 4  
3-4 p.m. Ages 8-12

#### **READ to REEL MOVIES**

3rd Wednesday each month at 3:30 p.m.  
July 16-*The Parent Trap* (Rated G)

(128 min)  
August 20-*Mary Poppins* (Rated G) (139 min)

#### **BINGO FOR KIDS**

4th Thursday each month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Ages 6-12  
Upcoming BINGOS on July 24, and August 28

#### **CARTOON FILM FESTS!**

*Two hours of animated classics*  
Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
July 29-*The Flintstones*

#### **TALES TO TAILS**

*Read aloud to Annie, a certified therapy dog.*  
Wednesdays, July 9, August 13; 2:00-3:00 p.m. Ages 6-12  
*Space is limited; Registration required.*

#### **HANDS-ON BRAIN CHEMISTRY**

*Fun with Crystal Clear Science*  
Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12  
*Space is limited; Registration required.*

#### **PERSONAL SAFETY FOR KIDS**

*With Cincinnati Police Officer Richard Smith.*  
Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12.

#### **SPACE PAINTER'S JUGGLING COMPANY**

*Join Tom Sparough for juggling fun!*  
Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

#### **SHIRTS TO "DYE" FOR!**

*Bring a clean, white cotton T-shirt and create a unique tie dye masterpiece.*  
Tuesday, August 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

#### **PAPER RECYCLING**

*Make your own recycled paper!*  
*Presented by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.*  
Tuesday, August 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Ages 6-10.  
*Space is limited. Registration required.*

### READQUEST PROGRAMS FOR TEENS!

*All Teen programs are for ages 12-18.*

#### **TEEN SPIRIT**

*Share ideas and help make the library a place where teens want to be!*  
Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 p.m.

#### **CLUB TEEN**

*BINGO Night!* Thursday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.

#### **SHADES SPECTACULAR**

Wednesday, July 30, 3:00 p.m.

*Space is limited. Registration required.*

*Summer programs made possible by the Charles H. Dater Foundation, The Friends of the Public Library, and the Kersten Fund. For more programs at other library locations, check out our program calendar: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/calendar.html>*

### Adult Programs:

Hot Summer Sounds is back! Music programs the first Thursday of all summer months.

Musical Memories: Joel Ebersole, baritone with pianist Janet Ebersole. Bernice Robinson, cello, with pianist Atarah Jablonsky.  
Thursday, 7/3/08  
6:30 p.m.

### **Westwood Branch Library**

**Hours of Operation:**

3345 Epworth Avenue  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday:  
12-8  
513-369-4474  
Wednesday/ Friday/  
Saturday: 10-6

## **Mother of Mercy High School News-**

On a beautiful May evening, 156 members of the Class of 2008 received their diplomas from Mother of Mercy High School in the heart of Westwood. Mercy is proud of each and every one of them. Mercy is pleased to announce that 100% of the class is pursuing further education in two-year and four-year colleges and universities and technical schools. In addition, 68% of the class was awarded over \$8.5 million in college scholarships, a superb achievement. Mother of Mercy wishes all new graduates many blessings as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

# Westwood's 2nd National Night Out (NNO)

**Tuesday, August 5, 2008**  
 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Westwood Town Hall  
 Corner of Harrison & Montana Avenues  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**  
**FREE FOOD AND**  
**DRINKS!!!**



## What is National Night Out?

It's America's Night Out Against Crime!

The "25th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) is an unique crime/drug prevention event scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in National Night Out 2007. Westwood had over 1,000 participants. It was a HUGE SUCCESS and lots of fun!



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is designed to:

Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;  
 Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;  
 Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and  
 Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods 'celebrate' NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from local police and sheriff departments, exhibits, flashlight walks, and youth programs.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating food or money for this event, please e-mail Trent and Sharon Lewis at [westwood.national.night.out@gmail.com](mailto:westwood.national.night.out@gmail.com) or call at 513-662-1190. Thank you very much in advance! The more participation we have, the better the event will be for the Westwood Com-

## Westwood Civic Association Yard of the Month June 2008 Winners

- |                          |                      |                                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| ◆ Mary Fichter           | 2752 Shaffer         | Nominated by Citizens on Patrol |
| ◆ Mitch and Kristy Neeld | 2919 Eggers Place    | Nominated by a friend           |
| ◆ Elaine Martina         | 3118 MacArthur Court | Nominated by Lisa Glover        |
| ◆ Larry Stern            | 3273 Montana Ave     | Nominated by John Thomas        |
| ◆ Anonymous              | 3210 Cavanaugh Ave   | Nominated by Citizens on Patrol |
| ◆ Jenny Mercer           | 2751 Westbrook Drive | Nominated by Kathie Mercer      |
| ◆ Nancy & Terry Hellman  | 3100 Daytona         | Nominated by YOM committee      |
| ◆ Roy Babst              | 3234 Manning Ave     | Nominated by YOM committee      |

Thank you to our nominating committee— Joan and Gil McLean. Call them with your nominations for yard of the month. 661-6017

Thanks to Kathy Bach for volunteering to deliver the signs this summer.



# CPS Responds to School Building Issues



Cincinnati Public Schools has a new phone number for residents who want to report vandalism, disrepair or other problems at empty Cincinnati Public Schools buildings.

Complaints can be called in at **513-363-CARE (2273)**. The creation of the 24-hour hotline comes after Westwood residents recently complained about overgrown grass and broken windows at Westwood Elementary, which has been vacant awaiting renovations since last summer.



Please call this number whenever you see a problem at one of our public schools.



## NEP NEWS

**The first 30 day report is out for the Westwood NEP. Here are some excerpts. The full report will be available at our July 15 7:00 pm WCA meeting.**

### Buildings and Inspections

Community Development, Code Enforcement Division inspected 162 buildings and issued order against 42 of these buildings to correct 114 code violations. The Hazard Abatement Program has demolished 2 buildings and has another 22, in the hazard abatement program, 5 are under contract, and 4 are out to bid, 12 buildings have been through the hearing process and are declared public nuisances. **There is a demolition public nuisance hearing scheduled for July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Westwood Town Hall.** This hearing has been moved from downtown to Westwood to encourage citizen participation. Case planning has been conducted and inspections made on another 72 vacant buildings in Westwood.

**Police** - Beginning May 15, 2008, District Three began a combined code enforcement project in the Westwood area. The project focused on Reporting areas: 280 and 281.

Attributes of District Three, Central Vice Control, VORTEX and Youth Services have begun concentrated enforcement actions in the targeted area.

During the period beginning May 15, 2008 and ending June 15, 2008 enforcement included:

Search Warrants		
Adult Felony Arrests	18	
Adult Misdemeanor Arrests	31	
Adult Warrant	15	
Juvenile Felony Arrests		03
Juvenile Misd Arrests	17	
Juvenile Warrant	0	
Total Arrests	84	
Traffic Violations	66	
Parking Violations	45	



### Budget Time in Cincinnati

It is already time to tell City council what you think they should be doing with your money. The budget process has begun, and you need to be a part of it.

Most Council members have stated that blight removal is a top priority. We all need to remind them of that as often as possible between now and December. Don't let all the money fly away from our neighborhoods.

## Westwood Citizens on Patrol

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



**Our Motto-**

*"Get involved, stay involved, make a difference"*

**A Community-based Division of the Cincinnati Police**

# GIANT YARD SALE



The Westwood Town Hall Giant Yard Sale will be on Saturday July 19 from 10am to 3pm. The Westwood Civic Association will have a booth again this year. We will be selling donated items, signing neighbors up for recycling bins, selling t-shirts, and generally having a great time. If you have items that you want to donate to WCA for this sale, or if you want to work the booth, please call Mary Kuhl at 481-2733. Please be prepared to bring the donated items to WTH the morning of the sale.

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(behind Thornton's Gas  
Station)



The 2008 Westwood Strategic Plan is moving right along. When completed this fall, the document will reflect our vision of Westwood's future and communicate it to the city government.

If you want to be a part of the planning process, drop us an email, or call 662-8560. The next planning meeting will be July 7, 7:00 pm at Westwood Town Hall.

Please share a copy of this application with your neighbor— We are on the move! Let's multiply the success by bringing in more members.



## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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:

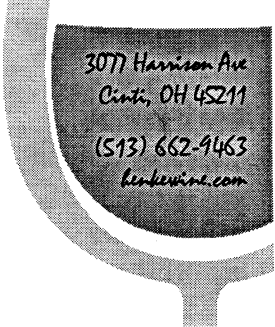
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Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting- we'd be happy to see you!



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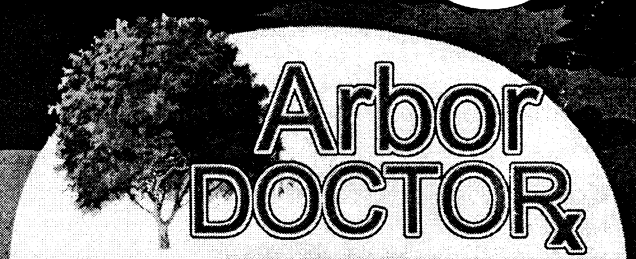


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## Meeting Times Have Changed!



Our steering committee and regular membership meetings will now start at 7:00 pm!!!

