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**THE DECEMBER 9 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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**Presidents Message-**

Please notice that we cancelled our December 9 Steering committee meeting to free up more time for our members in this busy holiday season. The Regular December 16 meeting will be held as scheduled.

I want to thank you for another great year for WCA. Thank you to our members and to our board members, who have worked tirelessly for Westwood. WCA is really shaping up, and is staged to really take off next year.

Our membership continues to grow. Our board members are motivated.

WestCURC has new leadership, with Sister Ann Rene McConn becoming president, and we are looking forward to working with that organization in 2009.

We had so much fun and made so much money with our (borrowed) Mug Slide at Westfest, we have decided to build our own.

We still have our WCA Soap Box Derby car and plan to have a new driver trained and ready for the next race in the summer.

Our Town Hall gardens are looking great.

Our new Strategic Plan is nearing completion.

Westwood is on the move, and the future looks great.

Tell your friends and relatives that if they are considering buying in Westwood, they had better do it now before word gets out!

See you around the neighborhood-  
Jim McNulty



**ELECTION NOTICE**



The Westwood Civic Association annual Board of Directors election process has begun. Each year, five of our fifteen board members are elected.

Two nominating committees have been selected. Each committee will select five candidates.

The candidates names will be presented at the January meeting, and the ballots will be mailed to the membership in March.

If you are interested in serving on the WCA board, or would like to nominate another member, please call:

Mary Kuhl 481-2733 or

Melva Gweyn 481-0761

**NOTICE**

The Westwood Civic Association will be deciding on our 2009 Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) spending during the regular December 16 meeting. The NSP money is usually \$7000 per neighborhood per year, but that number could change during the city budget process. A vote will be taken at this meeting concerning Westwood NSP 2009 spending. All Westwood residents are eligible to vote on the way we use this money, within program guidelines, of course. More information on NSP can be found at-  
[www.investinneighborhoods.com/NSP.html](http://www.investinneighborhoods.com/NSP.html)

**Montana Avenue Improvement plans continue to be stalled.**

Several Westwood residents attended a November 18 hearing before the Economic Development committee concerning a motion by Councilmember Qualls to take a new look at the plans for Montana Ave. Incredibly, after more than 2 years of meetings, emails, design teams, etc. the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) came back with the same four-lane project that has been rejected by our neighborhood since the very first meeting. We have offered the DOTE an alternative called the "Road Diet", but they have stubbornly refused to put these plans into effect. We will continue to work with DOTE to come up with a plan that works for our neighborhood, and we are fortunate that we have the support of council. We need to win on this project. Winning means a safe, efficient, pedestrian-friendly residential road project. We deserve nothing less. Stay tuned...

# Westwood Branch Library

The recent economic crisis has everybody scrambling to find ways to save money. Your public library is the best value you can find. A recent economic benefit study found that public libraries provide nearly \$4.00 in benefit for every \$1.00 spent. How is this great benefit achieved? With your free Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County library card you can check out items from our collection of nearly 10 million books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs. Materials on every topic can be found for students at all educational levels, books to foster a love of reading and enhance literacy skills in children, best-sellers for avid readers, music CDs for all types of musical tastes from classical to rock, DVDs for both educational and entertainment, recorded books to listen to on the bus, in your car and while you exercise, and digital books that can be read or listened to on your handheld devices. Using an average book price of \$20.00 and a movie rental fee of \$3.00, if you check out two books every month and one movie each week instead of buying books and renting movies you would save \$636.00 a year!

Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs!

For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

**For Preschoolers:**  
Preschool Storytime  
Story fun with Ms. Nancy!  
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Ages 3-6

**Please note: We will not have Preschool Storytime on:**  
December 24 (Christmas Eve--Library is closed)  
December 31 (New Year's Eve--Library will be open 10-5).

**For School-Age Children**  
**Dance Dance Revolution for Tweens!**  
Join us after school for DDR and show us your best moves!  
Monday, December 8  
3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Ages 8-12

**BINGO for Kids**  
**\*\*SPECIAL DAY AND TIME\*\***  
Since we're closed on Christmas, join us on a special Tuesday evening and play for fabulous prizes!  
Tuesday, December 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Ages 6-12

**For Tweens and Teens**  
**Read to Reel Movie!**  
Third Wednesday every month at 3:30 p.m.  
Ages 9 and up  
December 17 feature:  
*A Christmas Story* (Rated PG)

**For Teens:**  
**Club Teen**  
Join us for ornament making for the holi-

days!  
Second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m.  
Ages 12-18

**Glass Etching**  
Create a unique item for yourself or give as a gift!  
Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
Ages 12-18  
Space is limited. Please call 369-4474 to register.

**Movie Magic for Teens**  
*"Elf"* starring Will Ferrell (Rated PG)  
Monday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m.  
Ages 12-18

**Happy Holidays!**

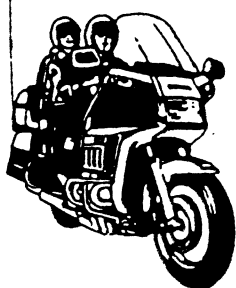
Programs made possible by the Charles H. Dater Foundation, The Friends of the Public Library, and the Kersten Fund. For more programs at other library locations, check out our program calendar: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/calendar.html>

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Mercy wishes all its Westwood neighbors a very 'True Blue' Christmas!



**Westwood Town Hall**  
 (Cincinnati Recreation Commission)  
**News:**

**MadCap Theater Production:** On Saturday, January 24th, -- Westwood's own Madcap Productions presents -- **"The Legend Of Little Wolf"** at the Westwood Town Hall at 2 pm.

By using lessons learned in many Native American Tales, Little Wolf and his friend, Woodpecker, attempt to free their nation of the evil doings of a Giant who has terrified their homeland for years. Audience Participation. Cost is only \$5/per person. What a bargain!

**Winter Camp** Ages 5-12 years old. December 22-January 2nd Monday - Friday; 7 AM - 6 PM \$175 per child. (No camp on December 25th & Camp closes at 4 pm on December 24th.) Limited spaces available.

Look for our **Winter Program Guides** in the Western Hills Press around December 17th. Winter Programs begin in January. Many reasonably priced activities & classes for ages preschool through seniors. For Example: Tae Kwon Do meets twice weekly for only \$30/month per person. Ages 5 through Seniors. A family class is available and a small discount is given for more than one family member. Look also for Pilates, Seniors programs at the Presbyterian Church on Mondays and Wednesdays, Aerobics, Jewelry Making and Quilting; and for our many Youth, Teen and Preschool programs. Program registration date is January 8, 2009 beginning at 10 am.

**HISTORICAL QUILT UP-DATE:** LAST AND FINAL CALL for squares--we got a little behind

due to unforeseen circumstances. We will begin assembling the quilt soon. Call for more details. We hope you all had a chance to see the Program for Harvest Home Fair which featured many of our squares for the quilt on its cover. The photographer did such a wonderful job with the prints, it looks like the quilt is done. Trust me, IT IS NOT EVEN BEGUN! We have a lot of work to do. Call if you are able to help us. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 am - 1 pm.

**Marlene Trapp**  
 Service Area Coordinator  
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 Westwood Town Hall  
 3017 Harrison Avenue  
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 FAX: 513.662.9761




- The Westwood Civic Association Email list is Back!**
- If you have been receiving emails lately from **WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION**, then you
- have been getting the latest updates and fast-breaking action alerts. If you haven't, you can
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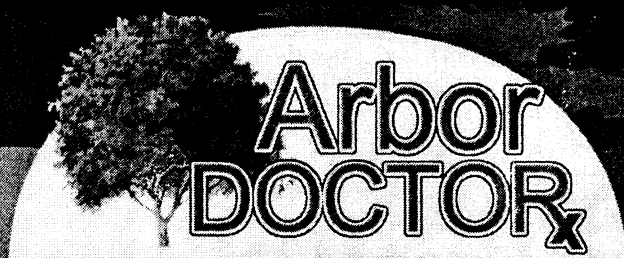
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**Membership renewals have started coming in. Don't miss out on all the fun!  
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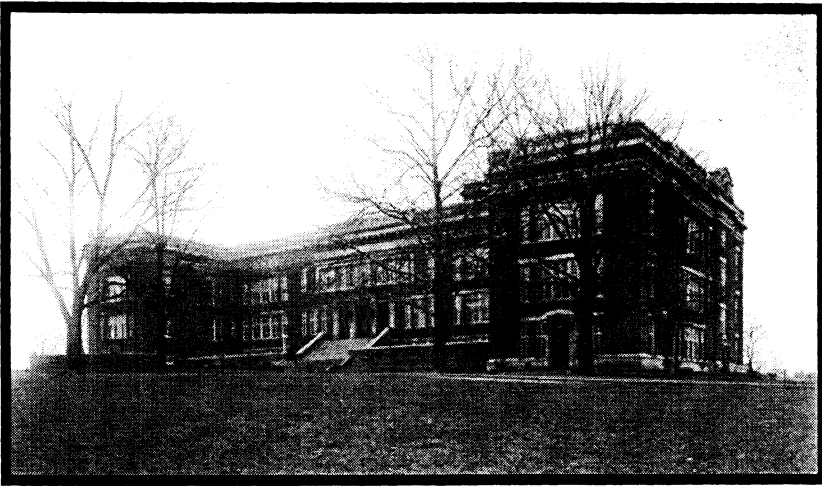
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Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:

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!



**Westwood School Alumni**

What are your memories of your days at Westwood School? Do you remember your teachers? Projects and assignments? Adventures walking to and from school? What about special events? Do you have interesting pictures or memorabilia from your school days? Do you know of alumni who went on to do something unique, outstanding, or who became famous (or infamous)?

A committee is starting to make plans to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westwood School building in 2009 and would be interested in using your memories and memorabilia in their planning and possible displays. Contact Liz Kissel (662-1156) if you have something to share.

**New Board Member Selected for WCA**

During the November WCA meeting, the board of directors voted to appoint Irene McNulty to complete the term of Jim Huhn, who resigned. We now have a full complement of 15 board members.



*Quote of the Month*

I've always been in the right place and time. Of course, I steered myself there.  
Bob Hope



**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings**

December meetings—  
12/9- Steering Committee **CANCELLED**  
12/16 - Regular meeting

January Meetings-  
1/13 Steering Committee  
1/20 Regular Meeting

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

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

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



**WCA OFFICERS**

Term: April 2008- April 2009



**PRESIDENT-**

\*Jim McNulty.....662-8560

**VICE PRESIDENT-**

\*Melva Gweyn.....481-0761

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\*John Sess.....481-1957

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**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY-**

\*Irene McNulty.....662-8560

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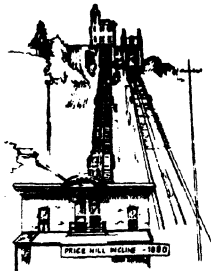


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