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President's Message:

Spring is in the air. The cold air is still with us, but the warm-up is coming. It was a sign of the changing season when I looked in my Home Depot cart last week, and realized I had salt for the icy sidewalk, and fertilizer for the greening grass.

There is always something going on at WCA. The Montana Avenue project is close to becoming a reality. There is a new-found spirit of communication and cooperation with the Transportation and Engineering department. We are making progress in getting rid of blight. There are several sources of funding being used in Westwood to make many of those broken-down, worn-out apartment buildings just a sad memory. We will soon be seeing progress on the Westwood School remodel. Where will the new addition be- on the Harrison Ave. side, or the Epworth side? We are working with CPS and the city to preserve the look of our historic Town Hall district, and still design an addition that works.

I'm sure you have heard about a series of robberies and attacks around Town Hall lately. There is good news. When District 3 Commander Capt. Frey heard about the problem, she took it very seriously and initiated a massive investigation. As a result, there have been many arrests, and there will be a continuing effort to stamp out this problem. Westwood is a community that faces up to problems, and does what is needed to "Accentuate the positive, and eliminate the negative". Please attend WCA meetings, and report graffiti, trash, and blight. Westwood is winning. We need everyone to take part in the victory.



See you around the neighborhood,

Jim McNulty

Westwood will not put up with gangs!!!

Captain Frey from District Three headquarters, reported at the Westwood Civic and Westwood Concern meetings about gang activity in our neighborhood. This gang has been engaged in violent beatings and robberies in Westwood.

The ages of these gang members range from 12 to 15 years old and this gang is known to be very violent.

These thugs told the police they would only attack white people. They stated, white people only call the police while African-Americans might return with their friends and retaliate. They have a point system that rewards it's members. One point for an assault all the way up to six points for shooting someone.

The police have arrested 7 of the gang members, thus far. The seven that have been arrested will face gang charges, as well as rioting and ethnic intimidation.

The police will continue to face this problem head on to rid Westwood of this menacing problem. They are addressing the issue and there will be more arrest to follow.

It's very important to remember, we must be proactive to help the police rid our neighborhood of these horrible individuals. We must all help. If you see individuals hanging around in your area with nothing better to do than cause trouble?

REPORT IT!!!

When these thugs go to trial, go to the courthouse. Let these thugs, the judge and prosecutor know Westwood will not put up with gangs in our neighborhood!!!

Westwood Town Hall Center
Marlene Trapp, Service Area Coordinator



ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING--DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE YOUR CANS IN THE BIG BLUE BIN IN THE CENTER PARKING LOT. (ADULT BEVERAGE CANS ACCEPTED, TOO.)

Family Fun Nights: 6:30 – 8:30 pm every other Friday at the Center (3017 Harrison Avenue) Games, Crafts, Corn Hole—Free with membership—Jewelry Making (slight charge for materials.) Every other Friday—call for dates.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN REGISTRATION: March 16th – begins at noon and remains open until camps are full.

Summer Camp (Ages 6-12), Sports Camp (Ages 8-11), Outdoor Adventure Camp (Ages 10-12), June 10th -Aug 14th --7 am -6 pm Mon-Fri -- \$865 + \$8 center Membership and \$5 Pool Token) and Teen Camp (Ages 13 & 14 only) 9 am - 5 pm -- Tu, Wed, & Th. Two 4 week sessions -- \$450/session or \$850 for both (Plus \$8 Center Membership & \$5 Pool Token). \$275 DUE AT REGISTRATION FOR ANY CAMP.

Teen Open House: Tuesday, March 24th, 2-5 pm (During Spring Break) (Ages 13 to 17) Snacks, Wii Play, & Computers! Help plan a year of fun!

BUNNY RUN – Saturday, April 4th at 2 pm—Rain or Shine \$2/child Bring a basket or bag! Ages 12 & under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Night Outdoor Movies: Fridays, April 24th (Milo & Otis) and May 22 (Toy Story). 7:30 pm Bring the family & a blanket and an appropriate toy to represent the movie. (children must be accompanied by an adult.) Free. Refreshments available for a reasonable charge. Weather permitting.

The Drama Workshop Production: "Messiah On The Frigidare"

May 1 through May 9th. Please call 513-598-8303 for show dates, times, and ticket information.
\$13 Advance Purchase, \$15 at the door.



MadCap Puppet Theater: Saturday, May 16th, 2:00 pm \$5/per person -- "Aesop's Fables" Using their world famous puppets, some of our most beloved tales are retold.

SPRING PROGRAM GUIDES WILL BE OUT IN THE MARCH 11th ISSUE OF WESTERN HILLS PRESS.

New classes to look for this spring: Aerobics, Open Artist Studio, Home School Art/Phys Ed, Clay Handbuilding, Jewelry Making, Cooking With Vikki and much, much more!

Please call 662-9109 for further information or for a full schedule of events.

Liquor Licenses

Richard Ketterer

The Civic Association has elected Richard Ketterer to be our new "Liquor Czar." He will be tracking the liquor license applications, transfers, and renewals in our neighborhood. He will also be collecting data on problem liquor establishments diminishing the quality of our neighborhood so that we can object to them at the proper time and attempt to get their license revoked. This is a difficult, time consuming process, and your help is crucial. If you have information on a problem liquor business in our community, email Rick at raketterer@aol.com or info@westwoodcivic.org.

Problems to be reported include litter, loitering, public drunkenness, selling alcohol to minors, drug activity, criminal activity by owners or managers, particularly alcohol or drug abuse, building code violations, and other problems affecting the quality of life in Westwood. Be as specific as possible and include dates, times, names of witnesses, photographs or video if possible, and your contact information. With your help we can stop problem liquor businesses!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Liz Kissel

George Remus – Bootlegger

Peg Schmidt will share the fascinating story of George Remus at the **Wednesday, March 11** meeting of the Westwood Historical Society. Mr. Remus was a notorious bootlegger operating out of the Westside who put Cincinnati on the map during the days of Prohibition. His life, with its tales of ambition, greed, lavish lifestyle, and murder, has been featured in books and will soon be included in a documentary about Prohibition by Ken Burns. The meeting starts at **7:00 pm** and will be held at **Westwood Library** (3345 Epworth Avenue). Everyone is welcome to attend.



- Names of former Westwood School students of note (the famous, the infamous, or otherwise interesting).
- The oldest living Westwood School graduates.
- Westwood School photos or memorabilia.
- Memories of school days at Westwood School.

Please forward information to Liz at 662-1156 or info@westwoodhistorical.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Steve Chabot, Attorney at Law

By: Brian Lee

If Steve Chabot remembers the rules for adverse possession from law school (and few of us do), he might well make a claim on the intersection of Montana and Harrison. He began his law practice on that corner, in the location that is now home to the Cincinnati Bass Center. After winning his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, you could usually spot him standing on that corner on Election Day, waving to his neighbors as they drove to work. Having served the First District for seven terms, he returned to Westwood and moved his law practice, about 120 feet, to its new location at 3030 Harrison Avenue.

After spending the last few months immersing himself in the changes in the law and its practice, he noted that the biggest transformation has been the amount of paperwork required to do what used to be simple things, especially in domestic relations work. "It used to be easier to handle these cases," he said. Dissolutions, a kind of divorce in which both sides basically agree on everything, have become unnecessarily complicated by all the forms now required "by different levels of government."

Steve has been an attorney since 1978. He has always been a neighborhood lawyer—helping individuals and families with domestic relations cases, wills and probate matters, some personal injury work, and occasional criminal and traffic cases. While he might have been able to parley his Congressional experience into a job at a big firm downtown, Steve is driven by his desire to help his neighbors. He likes to make a difference, helping those who find themselves facing difficult times. "This is the type of law I practice, right here in the middle of the community," he said. "I want to provide good legal services for the neighborhood." But he was quick to add "at least for the next two years."



In his working office, you see all the trappings of a law practice—computer, files, books, paperwork, etc. But, on the wall that Steve's desk faces, hangs a huge map of the First Congressional District. He sees it every day. He makes no secret of the fact that he will be asking voters to return him to Congress. But he sees the practice of law and his representation in Congress as part of a same desire—to serve his neighbors.

Steve has lived in Westwood since he was 9 years old. He has been a member of the Westwood Civic Association for 30 years. Now that he is back in the neighborhood, he hopes to start attending meetings of the WCA on a more regular basis.

If you have a legal question, you can contact Steve at 662-8000. But I wouldn't wait if I were you. At the time of this writing, there were only 611 days until the 2010 election.

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Five Questions with Steve Chabot:

Favorite movie: The Candidate

Favorite food: pizza

Favorite restaurant: LaRosa's

Person you would most like to meet: Pope Benedict XVI, whom he saw but did not meet at the funeral of Pope John Paul II

Favorite car that you owned: the 1956 Ford he owned in high school (not the iconic '93 Buick—the odds makers take a beating)

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Meetings**

3/10 Westwood Civic Annual Dinner
3/17 Regular Meeting
4/14 Steering Meeting

Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Westwood Town Hall

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

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

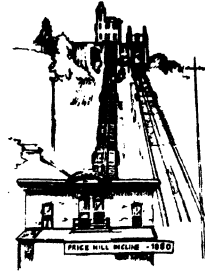


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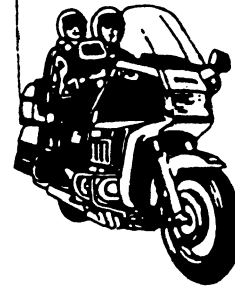
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Statement February, 2009

Revenue	
Membership	\$460.00
Advertising	50.00
Total Revenue	\$510.00
Expenses	
Newsletter	\$756.29
Election Dinner	92.34
Miscellaneous	25.00
Total Expenses	\$873.63
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$13,925.78
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Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

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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!

Westwood Branch Library

Tax season is here! We've got the information and resources you need. Tax forms are available in our lobby or we can print them for you from the IRS website.

Looking for something interesting to read now that the holidays are behind us and chilly weather has settled in? Our staff has selected a few of their favorite titles from last year--take a look! Librarians are not only avid readers; we love sharing our favorites! To help our customers find great titles they may have missed, we choose a few titles we liked best: not necessarily the prizewinners or the bestsellers, just whatever we particularly enjoyed. So here are a few of our favorite things from the year 2008. For more ideas, just ask at your neighborhood library, since no two of us would come up with the same list!

Future of Love by Shirley Abbott
The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga
The Hakawati by Rabih Alameddine
A Prisoner of Birth by Jeffrey Archer
Man in the Dark by Paul Auster
Pelican Road by Howard Bahr
The Whole Truth by David Baldacci
The Reserve by Russell Banks
Life Class by Pat Barker
The Somnambulist by Jonathan Barnes

In the Land of No Right Angles by Daphne Beal
Slumberland by Paul Beatty
City of Thieves by David Benioff
How Perfect is That by Sarah Bird
Orange Mint and Honey by Carleen Brice
People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
His Illegal Self by Peter Carey
Seen It All and Done the Rest by Pearl Cleage
Diary of a Bad Year by J. M. Coetzee
Chez Moi by Agnes Desarthe



Also, check out our historical photos of the old Westwood School in the display case. We need your help in identifying some of these students. These photos are on loan courtesy of the Westwood Historical Society.

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 Adults:

Cozy Winter Nights Movie: Join us for a new release!
Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

Evening Book Club: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

For Kids:

Preschool Storytime
Story fun with Ms. Nancy!
every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-6



BINGO for Kids
Play for fun and fabulous prizes!
Tuesday, March 26 at 3 p.m.
Ages 6-12

Really Cool Cupcakes! Try some really neat decorating ideas! Cupcakes and all the trimmings are provided!
Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12 (Advanced Registration required)



Read to Reel Movie!
Third Wednesday every month at 3:30 p.m.
Ages 9 and up
March 18 feature: *Stuart Little* (Rated PG)

For Teens:

Club Teen
Movie and Munchies!
Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Ages 12-18



Pizza Tasteoff
Saturday, March 17 4:00 p.m.
Ages 12-18

On the Same Page Book Discussion. Have a snack & discuss *Fire From the Rock* by Sharon Draper with friends.
Monday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m.
Ages 12-18

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.org/programs/calendar.html>

Westwood Branch Library
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Hours of Operation:
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8
Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6

Mr. Mallory, Are you Listening?

Recently, a Westwood Civic board member and myself, attended a city council meeting to speak to our Mayor and City Council about an important issue in our neighborhood.

Currently, in Westwood, we are dealing with some crucial issues that plague a lot of the neighborhoods in our city, such as; blight, high concentration of section 8 housing and crime. Therefore, it was surprising to me to hear in a news report, at the state of the city address, the issue our Mayor deems as pertinent to our city is STREET CARS. You have got to be kidding me. How can the Mayor even begin to think about bringing street cars to our city? How can he begin to even think about street cars until we begin to address the problems in our neighborhoods, in particular, CRIME? We are struggling with real issues and the Mayor wants street cars! The city has a serious crime problem and does he think that street cars will miraculously be exempted from this problem?

The people of Westwood would like to have a safe, vibrant neighborhood. We would like our vital issues addressed. We want the gangs and crime out our neighborhood, we want the deluge of section 8 housing being brought to our neighborhood to stop. We want unsightly, broken down, crime infested buildings torn down.

I have an idea, instead of using tax dollars or stimulus money for street cars, wouldn't it better serve the neighborhoods of our city to utilize this money to increase police patrols in our neighborhoods, demolish blighted buildings, or perhaps even build a jail.

Mayor Mallory, should consider actually listening to the voters when they come to a council meeting to speak. If he were listening maybe he would hear, "we don't need street cars!" What we need and want is a safe, vibrant neighborhood.

Westwood Resident,
Becky Weber

Get your waste ready: Hamilton County drop-off programs begin this month

-Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services

With spring on the way, now's the time to start cleaning up around the house and in the yard. To help you dispose of all that **extra** waste responsibly, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) will start up its free annual Household Hazardous Waste and Yardwaste drop-off programs later this month.

Hamilton County residents can drop off qualifying household hazardous waste (pesticides, solvents, prescription medication, etc.) at the District's

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.
4600 Spring Grove Ave.

Tue: 2 – 6 p.m. Sat.: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection **Program**

March 14 - November 14, 2009

Sites closed 4/11, 5/23, 7/4, 9/5

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10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road

Wednesdays: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

two collection sites. Proof of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill is required, and residents are encouraged to review the list acceptable items prior to visiting the drop-off site. Commercial waste is prohibited.

Yardwaste Drop-off Program

March 28 - November 22, 2009

Locations

North (Colerain Twp.): Rumpke Landfill, Struble Road and Colerain Ave.

East (Anderson Twp.): Bzak Landscaping, 3295 Turpin Lane

West (Green Twp.): Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Road

Hours and Dates:

Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bzak Landscaping is also open weekdays, from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sites closed 4/12, 5/25, 7/4, 9/7.



Hamilton County residents can drop off bundled yardwaste of the appropriate length and weight at any of the District's three collection sites. Proof of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill is required. Yardwaste in commercial vehicles or from commercial establishments is prohibited. Residents are encouraged to view the yardwaste drop-off guidelines before visiting the site. For more information please visit our website at: www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org.

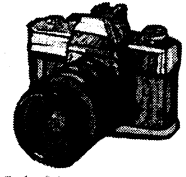


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