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From the president...

By Jim McNulty

Well, we had an election in April, and I wound up president.

The other officers are-

Vice Presidents- Melva Gweyn and Randy Hammann

Recording Secretary- Joel Kimmel

Treasurer- Jim Huhn

New Board Members-Dave Cook, Dick Finn, and John Sess.

How do you see Westwood?

Do you think Westwood is *Improving* or *Declining*? *Safe* or *Scary*? *Beautiful* or *Blighted*? *Hip* or *Dull*? Is our housing market *depressed*, or a *fantastic opportunity*?

When you think about it, at different times or locations, you might use all of those descriptions for our neighborhood.



How do you see Westwood Civic Association?

Vital or *Obsolete*? *Help* or *Hindrance*? *Your bridge to city government* or *Out of the loop*?

The answer to all of the questions above is simple. Westwood and Westwood Civic Association will be what the residents make them- nothing more, and nothing less.

We can drive along Harrison Avenue, spot some new graffiti, and choose to be discouraged or we can call 591-6000 to get it removed.

We can walk through our business districts and worry about the vacancies, or we can patronize our new and old businesses and talk them up.

We can complain that there is nothing to do in Westwood, or we could start doing things.

Have you been to Ryan Park lately? Do you know about the Westwood Historical Society meetings? Do you help out with the Town Hall gardens? How about Westwood Concern meetings? Henke Winery? Rondos? Did you know that we have the city's most active and best organized Citizens on Patrol group? Do you know about WESTcurc? Have you seen a play at the Drama Workshop?

BIG MEETING THIS MONTH!

May 15, 2007 7:30 PM

Westwood Town Hall



- ♦ **Chris Bortz**, City Council Member and Chair of the Economic Development Committee, will talk about how we can use our TIF districts. (If you don't know what a TIF district is, you are not alone- come to the meeting and find out. We have two of them in Westwood.)
- ♦ **Curtis Hines**, from the Department of Transportation and Engineering, will tell us about planned improvements to Harrison Ave.
- ♦ Police and Fire reports
- ♦ Committee Reports
- ♦ More!

What's your favorite thing about Westwood? What needs to be fixed? To me, even though we are the largest neighborhood in Cincinnati with plenty of things to do and enjoy, and challenges too, making ours the best neighborhood in town is as easy as the Johnny Mercer song below-

Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive

*You've got to accentuate the positive,
Eliminate the negative,
Latch on to the affirmative,
Don't mess with Mr. Inbetween.*

I look forward to the coming year with Westwood Civic Association. The first priority will be building our membership. Please make copies of the application form and give them to your friends and neighbors. Invite them to a meeting. It will be time well spent.

See you at the next meeting!

Jim McNulty

WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT
March 2007

INCOME:

N.S.P.:	
Membership:	\$110.00
Invest:	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$110.00

EXPENSES:

Newsletter/ Directory	\$137.60
Postage/Mailings:	141.96
Election	375.95
Legal	262.50
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$918.01

Checking Account Balance:	\$4006.15
Savings Account Balance:	\$2457.87
CD Balance:	\$7261.48

Submitted by:

James D. Huhn, Treasurer

WCA OFFICERS

Term: April 2007- April 2008

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Some issues for this issue of Westwords

- ♦ *Membership*- We will be discussing membership promotion at the next meeting. In the meantime, ask your friends and neighbors to join.
- ♦ *Montana Avenue*- The city is still pushing plans to widen Montana Avenue to four lanes from Boudinot to Quante despite overwhelming opposition from the community, including WCA.
- ♦ *Strategic Plan*- Did you know that we have a strategic plan for Westwood? It was done several years ago, and is inaccurate and outdated. We are forming a committee to put together a new plan that reflects the needs of our neighborhood as we move forward. If you would like be a part of the new plan, come to a WCA meeting- we will be discussing it every month. You can view the old plan at- <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cdap/pages/-3658-/>
- ♦ *Ryan Commons* - New parking lots, new tennis courts, and the Gazebo is up and nearing completion.
- ♦ *WCA Committees*- We still have openings on some committees. (Grant/Award Committee, Education Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee. See if there is one you would like to join.
- ♦ *3100 McHenry*- Buildings and Inspections held a public hearing on March 30, and officially declared it a public nuisance on April 11. Unless there is an appeal, it should be torn down very soon.
- ♦ *Court Watch*- Did you know that we have an up-and - running Court Watch program? They track cases of criminals in our neighborhood and follow them through the court system. They need you to help.
- ♦ *Student Achievement Awards*- Were presented at the April meeting. We will list the recipients next month.

Westwood Civic Association Website:

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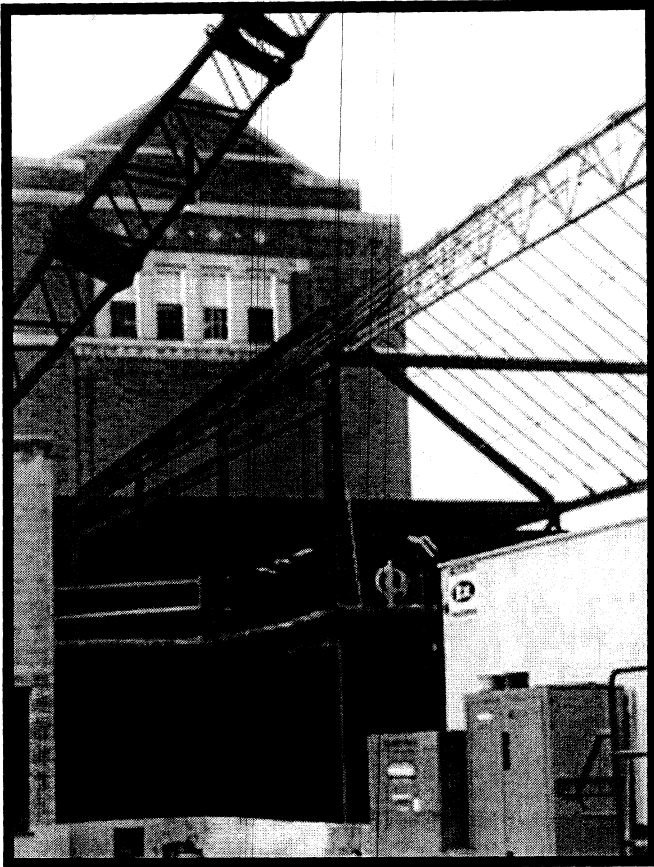
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News From...

Mother of Mercy High School

There's lots of activity at the corner of Epworth Avenue and Werk Road, in the heart of Westwood. Hard-hat workers come and go, a crane lifts structural steel into place and cement trucks deliver their loads as Mother of Mercy High School's new Technology Center takes shape. This new wing will house the library/media center, state-of-the-art computer labs and TV studio and expanded art department.

The entire Mercy family is watching the construction with great anticipation, looking forward to Labor Day when the new wing and other renovations will be completed. Mercy will welcome its 600-plus student body to a new school year and new building. Mercy serves students from all over western Cincinnati, stretching from Westwood to Harrison, Delhi to White Oak. Its newest freshmen class represents over 15 different elementary schools. Mercy has a rich tradition of academics, fine arts, athletics and co-curricular activities. Mother of Mercy is proud to be part of the Westwood community for over 90 years.

The Drama Workshop Presents... Defying Gravity

Friday, May 4, 2007 8:00 PM
Saturday, May 5, 2007 8:00 PM
Sunday, May 6, 2007 3:00 PM

Thursday, May 10, 2007 8:00 PM
Friday, May 11, 2007 8:00 PM
Saturday, May 12, 2007 8:00 PM

Ticket prices: \$14--preferred seating \$12 open seating **24 hour ticket line: 598-8303**

This free-structured look at the 1986 Challenger disaster focuses on the teacher who died with six others as they hurtled into space. Placing her at the center of an exploration of our need to reach beyond ourselves and dare the universe, Defying Gravity artfully interweaves the past with the present, commingling the lives of participants and bystanders. It draws parallels among painter Claude Monet's artistic quest; the zest of the teacher selected as the first civilian astronaut; the perspectives of her grieving daughter; the aspirations of elderly tourists who drive their Winnebago to Florida to watch the space shot and dream of hotels in space; the guilt felt by a NASA mechanic; and his girlfriend's fear of heights. This inspiring fantasy looks to the sky to map out the heavens as well as the heart.

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WestCURC would like to report that the Habig's demo is now complete and final paving and sealing of the lot will begin in May. For now the space will be used for parking. Active marketing of the site for a new business will begin in May as well.

WestCURC is also sponsoring a business district get together on **May 30th** 8am at Westwood Town Hall. Anyone interested in learning more about WestCURC and helping out in the business district is encouraged to attend. Any questions please contact Sara Sheets at 604-6458.

Mark Minges

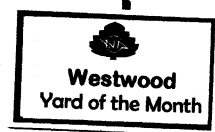


WestCURC

Yard of the Month is Back!

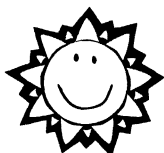
The Westwood Civic Association is continuing its efforts to encourage residents and businesses to beautify the landscaping in yards of residences and the properties of offices, apartments and churches. Each month, from June through and including September, about 10 of the most beautiful landscapes will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



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WESTWOOD TOWN HALL RECREATION CENTER SUMMER PROGRAMS



ADULTS/SENIORS:

Clogging: Thursdays-6:30-9:30 pm -- ongoing classes \$5.00/class
Senior Ceramics: Mondays—10 am- 1 pm ongoing classes \$5.00/class
Tae Kwon Do: Tuesdays & Thursdays -- \$25/month/person

Youth Beginners 5:30-6:15 pm
Youth Intermediate 6:30-7:15 pm
Adults 7:30-8:30 pm

Quilting: Tuesdays - 10 am – noon beginning June 12th Free with Center Membership

Historical Quilt Project: Please don't forget to call (662-9109) and register with the Center if you are planning to join this project. Squares should be 14 by 14 inches square with the design area NO LARGER than 10 x 10 inches. We hope to have completed squares for the quilt by the Thanksgiving holidays. Please call for further information.

GIANT YARD SALE: Saturday, July 21st -- 10 am until 3 pm. Space reservations now being accepted at the center. Just stop in and reserve your 10 x10" space for \$10.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Tae Kwon Do: Beginner & Intermediate Classes (see above)

Summer Day Camp: Custodial Care Day Camp – June 11th –August 17th M-F
7 am-6 pm ages 6-11 \$708/summer Very few spaces remain.



RYAN PARK MINI CAMPS: Programs located at the Gazebo in Ryan Park.

Camp Ryan Pee Wee: A program for *4 & 5 year olds. Three, two week sessions running from 10 am – 1 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Each session includes crafts, games, special events, and a t-shirt. (*Must be potty trained.) \$60/ two week session & \$8.00 membership.

Session I -- June 19th—June 28th -- Creepy Crawlers
Session II -- July 10th—July 19th -- Under The Sea
Session III -- August 7th --August 16th -- Wild Wild West

Camp Ryan: A program for 6-11 year olds. Three, two week sessions meeting from 10am -3pm Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Each session may include crafts, games, special events and a t-shirt. Children must be prepared to be physically active. \$100 per two week session & \$8.00 membership

Session I -- June 19th—June 28th -- Outdoor Adventures
Session II -- July 9th – July 20th -- Crazy Crafts
Session III -- August 6th—August 17th -- Wacky Sports

Fee does not include additional small group field trips or spending money.

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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"

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"QUOTE" OF THE MONTH

Action is a great restorer and builder of confidence. Inaction is not only the result, but the cause, of fear. Perhaps the action you take will be successful; perhaps different action or adjustments will have to follow. But any action is better than no action at all.

-Norman Vincent Peale

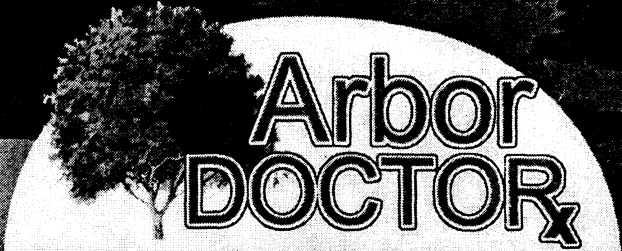


WCA MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at Westwood Town Hall

Steering Committee: Tuesday, May 8, 2007

General Membership meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2007




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Westwood Court Watch-
Your help is needed.
Call 481-0761 to get started.



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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Thank you Melva!

Thanks to Melva Gweyn for her professional and welcoming reign as president of WCA for the past two years. But don't worry, she didn't go far— She is now Vice President.