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Presidents Message-



First, let me thank everyone who worked on the Hallapalooza project. After many meetings and a lot of footwork by too few people, the deadline just came too fast, and too many loose ends went untied, so we decided to cancel. It is still a great idea to showcase our neighborhood, and we learned a lot for the next time.

Meanwhile, there has been plenty going on in Westwood to keep us busy.



On August 7, We had the **Police National Night Out** at Westwood Town Hall. It was a great success despite the extreme temperature. There was a police horse, the new river patrol boat, a Segway scooter, the DARE-mobile, Accident investigation, the Police Museum, and the Citizens on Patrol Car. Tim Hedrick did a live weather broadcast at the event. There were plenty of elected officials (even the Mayor!) and some new candidates in attendance. Thanks to organizers Trent and Sharon Lewis, Jan Ludwig, Sgt. Franz, Melva Gweyn, and many volunteers. Donors included Kroger, Target, Skyline, LaRosa's, Pepsi, Keebler, Rondo's, Putz's. There was plenty of food, drinks, and even dessert from Rondos! You won't want to miss this event next year.



We are still working with the city department of Transportation and Engineering to put together an acceptable plan to fix some of the problems with the traffic flow on **Montana Avenue**. WCA is still officially against this road project as proposed, and city council has been supportive of our position. Our goal is to create a plan that improves safety and traffic flow at intersections without losing the pedestrian orientation of the road. We consider Westwood to be a destination; not a drive-by neighborhood. The plan proposed by the city pushes the sidewalks closer to the homes, and indiscriminately widens lanes along the entire length of the project. We feel that there is room for creativity, and demand that the final product be a genuine improvement to our neighborhood.

SATURDAY AUGUST 25

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL-APALOOZA!

Westwood Town Hall-apalooza 2007 has been cancelled. Please come to a WCA meeting for further information, or to volunteer for next year.

Let's dream a little! How would you like to see pavers (like the ones on Dirheim) in the roadway around Westwood Town Hall? How about a tree-lined median along parts of Montana? As soon as we finish with these negotiations, we will begin to look at the "improvements" the city has in store for **Harrison Ave**.

Ryan Commons keeps getting better. The stamped concrete floor has been installed in the new pavilion. Thanks to generous donors and many volunteer hours, Ryan Commons is really looking good! Look inside this issue for an interesting story about Ryan Commons.



City council recently approved a **TIF** (Tax Increment Financing) motion to acquire and demolish blighted buildings in Westwood. This is great news for our neighborhood.



I will be meeting with our City Manager, **Milton Dohoney** soon. I will ask him to consider additional dedicated funding for blight removal in Westwood. I will also be asking him to address the disconnect that exists between some of our city departments and the neighborhoods they serve.

Please make a commitment to bring a friend to a Westwood Civic Association meeting soon. The next one will be August 21 7:30—Westwood Town Hall. Hope to see you then!

-Jim McNulty

WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT
June 2007

INCOME:

N.S.P.:	
Membership	50.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$50.00

EXPENSES:

Newsletter/ Directory	\$303.53
Postage/Mailings	105.53
Legal	75.00
Office Expenses	63.25
Misc.	30.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$577.31

Checking Account Balance:	\$2755.15
Savings Account Balance:	2457.65
CD Balance:	\$7261.48

Submitted by:
James D. Huhn, Treasurer

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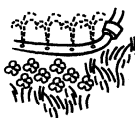
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Yard of the Month

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

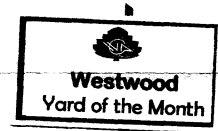


month, from June through and including September, about 10 of the most beautiful landscapes will be designated with WCA Yard-of-the-Month signs posted on those properties chosen.

August 2007 Yard of the Month Recipients

- ◆ **John and Beth Fischer— 3248 Glenmore Ave— Nominated by YOM Committee**
- ◆ **Linda Rigdon and sons, Mason and Mark— 2533 Homestead— Nominated by Mary Kuhl**
- ◆ **Caren Young— 3044 Lischer Ave— Nominated by Debra Johnson**
- ◆ **Kathy Dietrich- 2905 Montana Ave— Nominated by Citizens on Patrol**
- ◆ **William Meyer— 3250 Epworth Ave- Nominated by YOM Committee**
- ◆ **Our Lady of Lourdes Church grounds— 2832 Rosebud Dr- Nominated by Sharon and Trent Lewis**
- ◆ **Traci Brooks- 3075 Penrose Place— Nominated by YOM Committee**

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.



Handwritten signatures and initials.

Upcoming WCA

General Membership Meetings

August 21, 2007

September 18, 2007

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

Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM WTH

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

Westwood Civic Association Website:

www.westwoodcivic.org

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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:

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!

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL RECREATION CENTER

3017 Harrison Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

513-662-9109

WITH CLASSES/ACTIVITIES COMING THIS FALL:



PRESCHOOL/YOUTH/TEEN:

PRESCHOOL CLASS REGISTRATION --- September 6th at 10 am.

Afterschool Day Camp Registration: July 23rd 10 am (ages 5-12 years)

Transportation provided from Midway, Covedale, Dater, & Westwood Schools. \$40/week/paid monthly.

Sewing Classes: Beginning Sewing (\$15/qtr), Intermediate Sewing (\$25/qtr), & Teen Sewing Classes (\$25/qtr). Sewing with Cheryl Begins September 18th or 20th.

Drama Classes, Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, Clay Hand-building, Flag Football, & Guitar—by appointment

Group Lesson: \$35/month/45 min weekly class

Private: \$50/month/30 min weekly class Rodney Simpson, Instructor

ADULTS & SENIORS: (Beginning this fall)

MUST register in advance

BELLYDANCING—Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm \$10 a class—NO experience needed. Lisa Thornbury, Instructor Starts 9/17/07 (18 or older)

WATERCOLORS: Tuesdays 1:30-3:30 PM. \$115 for 10 week session. Beginning or Intermediate students. Mary Helen Wallace, Inst. Begins 9/18/07

UKRAINIAN EGG DYING— Saturday, October 20th, 11 am-1 pm. \$10

Oksana Melnyk, Instructor

YOGA: Thursdays: starting 9/20/07 Steven Franzreb, Instructor

7:30-8:30pm \$6/class

CERAMICS: Mondays, 10 am – 1 pm. \$5/class.

*QUILTING: Tuesdays, 10 – noon. Free with membership. Learn to quilt before starting on your own projects.

*CORNHOLE: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm *WALKING CLUB—Wednesdays 10:30-noon

Programs require current Center Membership. Minimum registration for some classes to take place.

*FREE with current membership NEW Memberships now ½ price!

Marlene Trapp

Service Area Coordinator

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I Remember When...

By Carl Guckenberger



In the summer of 1927, when standing in the garden of the family home at 2886 Harrison Avenue, I was startled by the sound of a very low-flying airplane. Airplanes were not too common in areas not near airports in those times, so we paid particular attention, people coming out of their houses, pointing into the air and shouting "airplane". It appeared that the plane was looking for a place to land; it was just overhead, very low. Much to our surprise, it did land at the Westwood Commons. It was piloted by one of the Waltz brothers of the family who subsequently operated the Waltz bowling lanes which were next to the present Westwood post office.

"QUOTE" OF THE MONTH

Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment.

-Robert Benchley

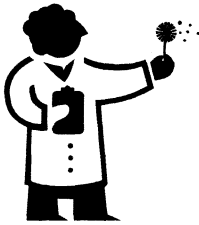
Ragweed Season Begins

Submitted by Karol Osinski, Public Affairs Intern
Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services

August marks the start of ragweed season, which means sneezing, watery eyes and runny noses for a lot of people in the Cincinnati area. Ragweed is the most allergenic plant in North America and, unfortunately, is quite dominant in the Midwest. The plants produce billions of pollen grains which are easily picked up by the wind and spread throughout the region. In fact, there are few plants that are as efficient as ragweed in their pollen dispersion.



Ragweed blooms from August to the first week in October, with September being the peak month of its season.



The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services monitors and tracks pollen levels during the growing season, which lasts from March to October. If you ever find a thin layer of yellow dust on your car on a spring morning, chances are pollen levels are high.

These levels can range from 21 – 1,000 grains per cubic meter, with 1,000 considered “very high”.

The results of each day's tests can be found the following day on the Department's website at www.hcdoes.org.

Although there is no cure for ragweed allergies, here are a few tips to help ease related symptoms:

- avoid areas with freshly cut grass
- minimize outdoor activity between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. – when pollen levels are highest
- close windows and use an air conditioner to reduce the amount of allergens entering your home or car
- use an air filter and change the filter often
- bathe outdoor pets often and wipe them down when they come inside

- don't dry your clothes on an outside line, use a vented dryer

avoid activities such as raking leaves, mowing the lawn and working with compost or wear a pollen mask while working outdoors and change clothes and shower as soon as you finish



To request a copy of the Department's “Living with Allergies” brochures or to hear the pollen and mold count for the day, call the Pollen and Mold Hotline at 513-946-7753 or visit us online at www.hcdoes.org.



The Westwood Historical Society

Sears Kit Homes

The September Westwood Historical Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm at Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). Learn about Sears Kit homes. Jim Bodle will talk about when and what kinds of kits were available as well as focus on some local connections and Westwood homes.



Westwood Home Tour 2008

Planning will begin shortly for the 2008 Westwood Historical Society Westwood Home Tour. Contact Liz Kissel (662-1156) if you are interested in helping to plan the tour, are interested in being a sponsor, or have suggestions for homes to feature.



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