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Presidents Message-



Are you getting to the point that you don't want to turn on the news anymore? Are you tired of hearing about the shootings, robberies, and other scary events around our city?

I've got some ideas for you. Turn off the TV. Get out in the neighborhood and look for something that needs improvement. Come to a Westwood Civic Association meeting. Join a committee. Sign up a new member. Call 591-6000 and report a problem property. Do something—*anything*—every day to make our neighborhood better. Get excited about Westwood and all the possibilities for the future. There are plenty of positive goings on in Westwood right now, and there can be many more if we continue to expand our membership.

We shouldn't be as concerned with *following* the news as we are with *making* the news.



It's budget time at city hall. We have been asking City Council for funding to tear down blighted buildings. We need you to get involved to make sure the funding is there for us. Contact your favorite Council member—or all of them. Tell them that we want to get rid of blighted buildings in Westwood.

I hope to see you at the **Candidates Forum on October 15**, and the **October 16 WCA Meeting**.

-Jim McNulty

Westwood Civic Association / Mother of Mercy High School Candidate's Forum

Monday October 15, 2007

**7-9 pm at Mother of Mercy High School auditorium.
3036 Werk Road.**



Join us to see where the candidates stand on Westwood issues.

As this newsletter goes to press, we have 21 city council candidates confirmed, along with judicial and school board candidates.



What Will Happen To The Westwood School? Renovate? Demolish/ Rebuild?



Join us at the **Tuesday October 16** meeting of the Westwood Civic Association. We will have representatives from the CPS facilities department on hand to answer your questions and listen to your comments.

The Long and Winding Road... that leads to a solution for



the Montana Avenue project has taken a turn in the right direction. A petition was circulated at the September WCA meeting, and 50+ signatures were collected in favor of the "Road Diet" concept. The road diet plan can improve traffic flow and make roads more safe and pedestrian-friendly, and is an alternative to making ever wider roads through our neighborhoods. At the same meeting, WCA board voted to ask the city to consider the concept for Montana Avenue. The petition was sent to City Council, along with the result of our vote. City Council is now addressing the issue in the Economic Development committee.



This is a great example of the community rallying for an important cause. If you want to learn more about the Road Diet plan please visit-

(www.walkable.org/download/rdiets.pdf)

If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. -Lewis Carroll

Upcoming WCA

General Membership Meetings

October 16, 2007

November 20, 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.

WCA MONTHLY STATEMENT
August 2007

INCOME:

N.S.P.:	\$817.11
Membership	40.00
Invest in Neighborhoods	747.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1604.11

EXPENSES:

Newsletter/ Directory	
Postage/Mailings	\$138.44
Misc. (Hallapalooza refund)	100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$238.44

Checking Account Balance:	\$2952.76
Savings Account Balance:	2457.65
CD Balance:	\$7261.48

Submitted by:
James D. Huhn, Treasurer

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Tumultuous Smog Season Draws to a Close

Nan Frient, Public Affairs Specialist



Keep your fingers crossed – smog season doesn't officially end until October 31st, so here's hoping the season will conclude quietly and without incident.

Unfortunately, smog season 2007 was one for the record books. The earliest Smog Alert ever issued took place on May 23rd and lasted for four days. The second Smog Alert of 2007 came quickly on the heels of the first – HCDOES issued the alert on May 30th.

June and July offered a false sense of security, with below-average temperatures helping ozone and particulate matter (PM) levels to stay in the good and moderate ranges on the Air Quality Index. But the start of August kicked off a month of record high temperatures, little rain and abundant sunshine. Two Smog Alerts lasting a total of nine days were called in August. During these Smog Alert days, the 8-hour ozone standard was exceeded six times and PM readings exceeded 40 ug/m³ ten times.

September provided little relief. HCDOES issued a four day long Smog Alert on September 4th. This September Smog Alert recorded six more exceedences of the 8-hour ozone standard and one reading of PM over 40 ug/m³.

To book end the summer, the latest Smog Alert ever issued began on September 20th and ended on September 24th. During that Smog Alert, two monitors registered PM readings over 40 ug/m³.



Although the weather is uncontrollable and aided in the formation of smog this past summer, there are still plenty of actions people can take to reduce the amount of air pollution they produce. Car-pooling, riding the bus and riding a bike decrease the number of cars on the road. Conserving electricity saves energy which in turn reduces the amount of coal burned to generate power.

Proper and regular maintenance of automobiles makes them run more efficiently and use less gas.

For more information on smog season 2008 or to learn more about clean air actions, please visit www.hcdoes.org or call Sarah Dowers at (513) 946-7748. To learn more about the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, please go to <http://epa.gov/air/criteria.html>.

“QUOTE” OF THE MONTH

It is not the function of our government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error.

-- *United States Supreme Court in American Communications Association v. Douds*

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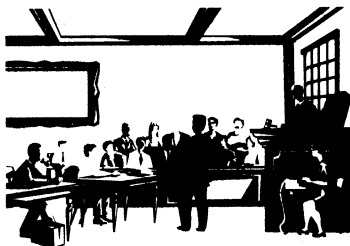
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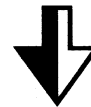
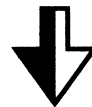
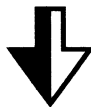
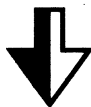
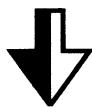
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CALL ME FOR: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES _____ FUND RAISERS _____

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
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WITH FALL CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

YOUTH/TEEN:



Sewing Classes: Beginning Sewing (\$15/qtr), Intermediate Sewing (\$25/qtr), & Teen Sewing Classes (\$25/qtr). Sewing with Cheryl

Guitar- by appointment Group Lesson: \$35/month/45 min weekly class
Private- \$50/month/30 min weekly class
(Adults, too)

ADULTS & SENIORS:



WATERCOLORS: Class will begin when registration reaches 8 students. We need 4 more students to bring this great instructor's talents to the WEST SIDE OF TOWN. A new lesson/skill taught each week. If you've ever wanted to learn how to paint or improve your technique, this is your chance.

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

UKRAINIAN EGG DYING—The ancient art of dying and waxing eggs! Join us as Oksana takes us step by step through the process. Impress your friends with your newfound talent. A really fun class. Not as hard as you might expect! Saturday, October 20th, 11 am-1 pm. \$10/members \$13/non-members Oksana Melnyk, Instructor



YOGA: Thursdays: 7:30-8:30pm \$6/class Steven Franzreb, Instructor Spaces remain for this rejuvenating exercise class.

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

CORNHOLE: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm Free! Enjoy an evening of fun and hone your Cornhole Skills!

JITTERBUG LESSONS: Wednesdays, November 7th&14th 7-8:30 pm \$20/person Sue Cavanaugh, Instructor. (Ages 15 and older.) Don't be left out of the Ballroom Dance Craze!



Other Ballroom & Latin dance classes to follow throughout the year: Waltz, Fox Trot, Cha Cha, Salsa, etc.

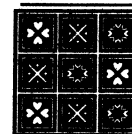
QUILTING: Tuesdays, 10 – noon. Free with membership. Learn to quilt before starting on your own projects.

We should have the Summer Day Camp 2007 "Where The Wild Things Are" quilt done this fall, if you want to stop in and see that sometime. The top is sewn together and we have begun the quilting process.

This summer, the children in each group designed the main blocks and we used this project and the newly donated Embroidery Sewing Machine (Thank you again, Kiwanis.) as a learning/training experience to figure out how to operate the new machine.

WOW! Is it ever nice beyond words. We can't wait until we really learn what all this new sewing machine can do!

HISTORICAL QUILT: We are still asking for quilt squares for our proposed Historical Quilt. Please call the center (662-9109) if you intend to make a block for this quilt. We will then mail out the specifications for each block. As soon as we collect 9 to 12 blocks, we will be able to start on the quilt for the Center.



Programs require current Center Membership. Please go to cincyrec.org for a complete schedule.

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Westwood Strategic Plan

We will be meeting soon to start on our new plan for Westwood. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of our neighborhood, call 662-8560.

I Remember When...

By Carl Guckenberger

I feel certain that there are many folks who still remember the disastrous 1937 Ohio River flood when the crest reached 79.75 feet, just a few feet below the Fourth Street level, in downtown Cincinnati. All bridges to Kentucky were closed, under water. For all practical purposes, Cincinnati was at a standstill. There was no electricity, no water, no public transportation, no water to drink. If you needed water badly enough, you could go to Norwood where they had artesian wells, fill up a few jugs and take them home. We

were lucky at 2886 Harrison Avenue, our home, where we had a cistern in the side yard and which had been covered for many years, not used. It still had about 35" of water in it, not potable but very clear and cold. Neighbors came in to fill jugs. We still had a few gas lights in the house. These fixtures used the mantles which glowed when they were lighted and received gas from the system. We had to go outside to get drinking water but had a coal-fired steam boiler furnace, which did not depend on electricity. We "got by" better than most of our neighbors. Do you remember how trying those days were?

The Westwood Historical Society

Being Privy to the Secrets of the Past.

Do you know what treasures are lurking in your backyard? The Wednesday, November 14, meeting of the Westwood Historical Society will feature Westwood resident, Jacob Zimmer, who will talk about his hobby of finding history in the humblest of places, old privies. Long before Rumpke was building mountains, people were throwing trash in their outhouses. One man's trash is another man's treasure. Jacob will talk about how he locates the sites of old outhouses, how he excavates them, and what he finds. While not all items unearthed have monetary value, they can give us wonderful clues



about everyday life in another time. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, at Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). Everyone is welcome.

Westwood Home Tour 2008



Planning is underway 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.



WestCURC Report

WestCURC

*This year's City of Cincinnati neighborhood business district support fund grant of \$4,100.00 will be given to the Westwood Historical Society for promotion expenses for the Westwood Home Tour.

*The Ruehlman Building at the corner of Montana and Harrison has sold. The new owner is from out of town. Apartments and business store fronts are al-

most completely occupied.

*Due to severe conditions this summer some of our flower pot annuals died out. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who helped water pots in the front of their establishments.

*Cincinnati Bass Cellars have finally received permits to finish the outside work on their building at the corner of Harrison and Montana next to Sontag's. New windows and siding will be installed soon.

-Mark Minges



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