



# WESTWORDS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

Upcoming WCA General Membership Meeting May 20, 2008.

7:30 p.m. at the Westwood Town Hall

**May 2008**

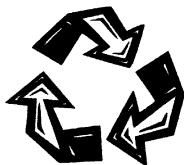
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## Aluminum Can Recycling

Would you like to help out our Children and Senior Programs by simply disposing your aluminum cans? Have you been looking for a place to take your recyclable cans without having to drive all over town?

Look no more! Aluminum can recycling **will begin in mid May** at the Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center.



The Westwood Civic Association has partnered with the Rumpke Corporation. An aluminum can recycling container will be located at the Recreation Center, in mid-May.

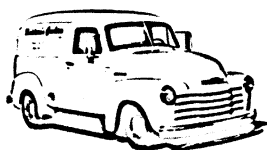
Please help our community by disposing your aluminum cans in our bin. The container will be located on the edge of the parking lot and all are welcomed and encouraged to use it. **This bin is for Aluminum Cans Only.**

The Recreation Center will use any and all money earned for the **benefit of the Children and Senior Programs.**

Please help to discourage bees from gathering around the bin by rinsing your cans before disposal. This is a community effort that will help promote our "Going Green" them this summer.

Note: Plastic bags, cardboard, glass, newspapers, and plastic bottles are not allowed in the container.

## Montana Ave. Meeting



Don Rosemeyer and Joe Vogel from **Cincinnati Transportation and Engineering** will be at our **May 20<sup>th</sup>** meeting to discuss the progress of the Montana Avenue improvement project. Please try to make this meeting to hear the latest on this important project for our community.

## The Race Is On!

The Westwood Civic Association has answered Mayor Mallory's challenge to enter the Mayor's Cup on **June 21<sup>st</sup>**.  
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## St. Catharine's Church Festival

The St. Catharine's Church festival will be held **May 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Harvest Home Park. Friday night is adults only with live music and great food. For more information visit [www.stcfestival.org](http://www.stcfestival.org).  
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## WCA Students of the Year

The Westwood Civic Association **honored students** from Westwood schools. The students were selected by their school principals for this award. The ceremony took place during the Westwood Civic Association's **April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting**.  
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## NEP Is Here

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) will begin on **May 15<sup>th</sup>** in Westwood. Please help our Police officers by reporting any problems you see in and around the targeted areas.

The target area is defined by a triangle roughly bordered by Harrison Ave, Robert/Cavanaugh, and Bracken Woods/Gobel. This program **will run for the next 90 days**. We have plenty to do and will need your help and assistance.

## Westwood Library News

Spring is here! Stop in and say, "hi." Check out our wedding display in the glass display case. Also, check out some books, magazines, DVDs, or audiobooks while you are here.  
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## Illegal Pit Bulls

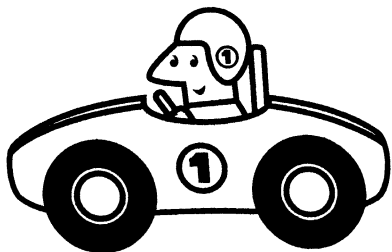
Pit Bulls are illegal in Cincinnati. If you see a Pit Bull, please report it to the Police by calling the **non-emergency number (765-1212)**. Take note of the nearest house address or intersection, and try to give a detailed description of the owner. This is a way to take a bite out of crime in our neighborhood.



For more information on the laws governing animal ownership visit [www.cincinnati.com](http://www.cincinnati.com) and type the word "Pit Bull" in the search bar.

**The Mayor's Cup**  
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The Challenge: Sponsor a Soap Box Derby team and enter it into the Cincinnati Cup competition on **June 21<sup>st</sup>**.



The winning neighborhood will be awarded the \$5000 prize to spend as they wish. Money has been raised, a car has been built, and we are ready to race. We are in it to win it!

## Upcoming WCA Meetings

May Regular Meeting-  
May 20, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall  
June Steering Committee-  
June 10, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall  
June Regular Meeting-  
June 17, 2008 7:30 pm WW Town Hall

**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.*

## President's Message

Another month, another very busy month.

By the time you read this, the NEP (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) will be in full effect.

This will bring every city department, plus lots of additional funding to a pre-defined area of Westwood.

There will be plenty of news coverage, and demolitions galore. There will also be a big focus on crime and blight removal, and that is what we have been asking the city to do.

At the same time, we need to highlight some of the great things about our neighborhood.

This is our opportunity to sell our neighborhood to potential new residents. As I always say, please come to the meetings. We will be discussing ways to make the most of this great program, and showcase the positive aspects of our neighborhood- they far outweigh the bad.

We are still working on the new Strategic Plan for Westwood, and have had quite a few surveys returned.

We will be using the survey responses to help guide the process. We hope to have the plan completed in the Fall.

We will be selecting our committees soon, and always need more people to volunteer for them.

Enjoy this month in Westwood, and don't forget to call 591-6000 for litter, tall grass, graffiti, or any other violation you see.

The "I Love Westwood" program has many volunteers out collecting litter on a regular basis. We're getting ahead of the blight.

Keep it up Westwood, you are on a roll...

Jim McNulty  
President

## WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 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!

**St. Catharine's Church Festival**  
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Are you ready for some Festival fun? Mark your calendar for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> as the Festival season gets going with the St. Chatharine Festival.



The Festival will be held at the Harvest Home Park in the heart of Cheviot (North Bend Road near Harrison).

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is Adults only.** Leave the kids at home and enjoy music performed by "The Remains." Make sure you get there early, as last year we had 1000's of people dancing the night away. Festival hours are from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The **family festival** runs Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 4 - 11 p.m. and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1 - 9 p.m.

Have the kids enjoy the rides while you sample the best festival food and our famous Rotisserie Chicken. Don't forget the best sausages in Cincinnati provided by the Hammann Butchers.

**The "Bengals Experience" raffle contest:** The winning ticket will receive a signed and framed Carson Palmer Jersey, 4 tickets to the game of their choice, and a tailgating party!

**Grand Raffle:** A reverse raffle will be held with the last ticket being worth \$5000. Other cash prizes along the way will also be rewarded until the final winning ticket is chosen. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 dollars each.

**Poker and Black Jack** will be available during Festival hours!

**St. Catharine's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Hold-em Tournament** will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in the Harvest Home Park Barn.

Sunday registration begins at 12:30 p.m. or you can PRE-REGISTER: by contacting [stcholdem@yahoo.com](mailto:stcholdem@yahoo.com)

\$60 Entry - No ReBuys - 60% Payout  
More information at [www.stcfestival.org](http://www.stcfestival.org)

## Westwood Town Hall

Cincinnati Recreation Commission 662-9109

**Giant Yard Sale:** Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center's Advisory Board's Annual Giant Yard Sale is Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: \$15/10' x10' space.

Register in person at Westwood Town Hall. (Correct change is appreciated. Make checks payable to "WTHAB".) This is a rain or shine event. If you don't want to sell things, then plan on shopping that day. Many bargains to be found.

**Adult Volunteers Needed** (18 years and older) : Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 4:30 p.m. Please call 662-9109 to help out.

**COSI On Wheels:** The Center of Science & Industry's Mobile Unit from Columbus, Ohio is visiting the Westwood Town Hall's Summer Day Camp and presenting the program Investigating Energy. There will be a 45 minute full group stage presentation then our camp will break into two groups for hands on activities at 10-12 booths. The other half will play outdoor games and have an ice cream social and vice versa. Volunteers for both booths needed.

**Pools:** Ryan Pool opens June 2<sup>nd</sup> and closes August 16<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Pool tokens are \$5 per person and good at all city pools except Dunham's Otto Armleder.

Dunham's Otto Armleder Aquatic Center opens May 31<sup>st</sup> and closes August 17<sup>th</sup>. Membership is \$40 for individuals of all ages or \$100 for a family of up to 6 (\$10/each additional member). This membership good at ALL city pools. Daily Admission: \$2 per youth or teen; \$5 per adult or senior.

Most City Pools will offer Swim Lessons, Open Swims, Evening swims, Swim Team, Aquacize, and Guard Start Programs. Please call 357-POOL (7665) for more information about city pools.

## Westwood Elementary School

Imagine Westwood Elementary as a magnet school. Let's put our thinking caps on, and see how we can make that happen. Let's have our neighborhood school re-open as a showcase, reflecting the pride and performance of our great neighborhood.

The next **Westwood School planning meeting will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at a place to be determined. We should have more details at the next Westwood Civic Association meeting. A large part of the planning process involves the location and design of the new Gym/ Administrative building(s).

## Blighted Building Removals

We are still looking for blighted buildings that might be candidates for demolition. **We have funding** on hand, and just need to match it up with buildings as they become available. Please **be on the lookout for vacant, blighted buildings.**

Report blight to our Problem Properties chairman Joel Kimmet.

## Volunteer Opportunity

There are **many sources of funding and awards that can be won by our neighborhood.** In fact there are so many, it would take a Grants and Awards committee to keep up with and apply for them all. John Sess has been finding out about some of them, and has already applied for and received some grants for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. However, there are **many more opportunities**, and WCA could really use a committee to do this important job. If you would like to go treasure hunting and enjoy deadlines then serving on this committee would really help our neighborhood. **Please call me** or come to discuss this important new opportunity. 662-8560 Jim McNulty



### **WCA Students Of The Year**

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City Council Member Chris Monzel presented the Westwood Civic Association Student of the Year Awards. **Pictured above:** Chelsea O'Neal, Dater High School; Emerald Broach, Western Hills University High School; Kylie Leahy, Mother of Mercy High School; McCoy Lambing, Saint Catharine of Siena School; Jonathon Andrews, Westwood Elementary; Alexis Mitchell, Midway School; City Council Member, Chris Monzel; Jayme Scott, Western Hills Technology High School; Chloe LaCoe, Dater Montessori; and Cassy Woelfel, Our Lady of Lourdes.

### **Westwood Branch Library**

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#### **Children's Programs:**

##### **Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-6)**

Bring in your little one for stories and songs. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

##### **Celebrate Children's Book Week**

(Ages 3 and up) Meet Madeline Stories and crafts.

Tuesday, 5/13/08 6:30 p.m.

##### **BINGO for Kids (Ages 6-10)**

Thursday, 5/22/08 3:00 p.m.

##### **Tween Guitar Hero (Ages 9-12)**

Join us for the coolest riffs in town.

Thursday, 5/29/08 3:00 p.m.

##### **Readquest Kick-off Party**

(Ages 12 and under) Help us kick off our 2008 summer reading program and design your own backspace to carry your library books home in! Materials provided. Saturday, 5/31/08 2-4 p.m.

##### **Tween DDR (Ages 9-12)**

Tired of sitting still? Stop by and get a great workout! Monday, 6/9/08 3:00 p.m.

##### **Tales to Tails (Ages 6-12)**

Read aloud to Annie, a certified therapy dog from the Delta Society.

Advance registration required.

Wednesday, 6/11/08 2:00 p.m.

##### **Teen Programs:**

**Teen Spirit** Come have your say in the Westwood Library. Pizza provided.

(Ages 11-18) Last Wednesday of every month, 5/28/08 6:30 p.m.

##### **Duct Tape for Dad (Ages 11-18)**

Create a Father's Day gift from duct tape. Wednesday, 6/4/08 4:00 p.m.

##### **Readquest Kick-off for Teens (Ages 11-18)**

Friday, 6/6/08 4:00 p.m.

##### **Adult Programs:**

##### **Genealogy: Tips and Techniques**

Featuring Karen Everett, Education Director of the Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Co-sponsored by the Genealogy and Local History Department. Tuesday, 6/17/08 6:00 p.m.

##### **Book Signing:**

Local author and Westwood resident Robert G. Schroeder

will discuss his new book, John Paul II. Book signing will follow the discussion. Thursday, 5/15/08 7 p.m.

##### **Evening Book Club:**

May title: Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift Thursday, 5/22/08 7:00 p.m.

##### **Hot Summer Sounds is back.**

Music programs the first Thursday of all summer months. Rosie Carson & Lucas Wozniak play traditional tunes & songs from the British Isles & early America on fiddle & harp. Thursday, 6/5/08 6:30 p.m.

##### **Family Programs:**

**"Read to Reel" Movie:** Join us to watch your favorite books on the big screen! Popcorn provided! (Recommended for ages 9 and up) Oliver! (G) Wednesday, 5/21/08 3:30-5 p.m.

##### **Looney Tunes Film Fest (All ages)**

Classic cartoons starring Bugs Bunny, Tweety, Road Runner, & more! Tuesday, 6/10/08 6:30 p.m.

**\*Funds for programs provided by Friends of the Public Library and/or the Dater Foundation.**

## WCA Monthly Statement

March 2008

Monthly Statement: March 2008

### INCOME:

N.S.P.	\$
Membership:	\$270.00
Advertising:	\$
Interest:	\$
Invest:	\$
Election Dinner:	\$
Donations:	\$
Other:	\$
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

### Expenses:

Newsletter:	\$382.44
Postage/Mailings:	\$50.44
Neighborhood Developmts:	\$
Election:	\$
Office Expenses:	\$
Miscellaneous:	
(T-shirts)	\$376.05
(Civic Dinner)	\$322.00

**Total Expenses: \$1130.93**

Checking Account Balance:	\$2178.93
Savings Account Balance:	\$2457.65
C.D. Account Balance:	\$7261.48

Submitted by:

*James D. Huhn*

Treasurer

### WCA OFFICERS

Term: April 2008 – April 2009

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## Westwood Yard-of-the-Month Awards

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 nominated and chosen.

The association encourages residents to nominate yards and gardens that they feel are works of outstanding beauty. **All nominations can be made by telephoning the chair persons for this award competition.**

Please call Joan or Gil McLean at 661-6017. Nominations must be of properties within the boundaries of Westwood.

## Westwood Historical Society

### Local Law Enforcement History

Date: **Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

Location: Westwood First Presbyterian Church, 3011 Harrison Avenue

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Come hear some interesting stories, and learn how fighting crime and keeping citizens safe has changed over the years.

Dick Gross, a 34 year veteran of the Cincinnati Police Department, will do a presentation and show and tell on the history of law enforcement in the Greater Cincinnati area.

He assisted with the establishment of The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society.

The mission of the Cincinnati Police Historical Society is to preserve the history of law enforcement in the area by collecting artifacts, and assembling archives and a library. They now have a museum which Dick also assisted in planning. It is located in a space adjacent to the Credit Union at the corner of West 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Freeman Avenue.

One of the curiosities you can see there is the **first police dog** in the Cincinnati Police Department (circa 1900) – and we aren't just talking about a photo of him.

### Newsletter Mailbox

**Do you have something interesting** to say about Westwood, our beautiful architecture, the progress we are making, our wonderful community services, or our terrific volunteers? Would you like to ask a question to your fellow WAC members about your thoughts or concerns? Do you have any beautiful photographs of Westwood that you would like to see gracing the cover of our amazing Newsletter?

Please send your entries to [patten@fuse.net](mailto:patten@fuse.net) and I will do my best to include them. Snail-Mail me at 3342 Wunder Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45211.

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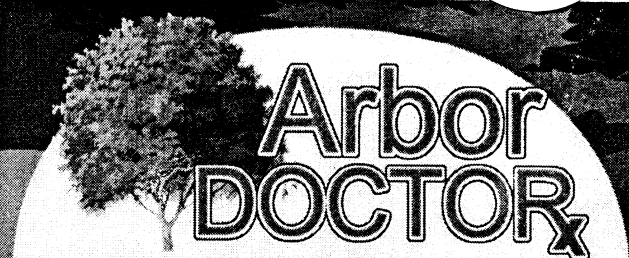


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