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Presidents Message-



GOT TIME?

We all have the same amount of time every day— 24 hours. It's what we do with that time that makes a difference. We have our families, jobs, church, volunteer work, recreation, and a million other things pulling us in all directions. But here is one area of our lives that is often overlooked— our neighborhood. I hope you can find a little time every week to help improve Westwood. It's where we live, and it is only as good as we make it. You could volunteer at Westwood Town Hall Gardens (paperpeg@cinci.rr.com) or attend a Historical Society meeting. Don't forget the Westwood Civic Association and Westwood Concern. There is always litter to pick up, and graffiti to report. (591-6000) You could grab a friend and take a walk down a street you haven't visited in a while, or talk to a business owner you know about moving to Westwood.

The point is, we need to support and promote our neighborhood, along with everything else we do. We are fortunate to "own" such a great neighborhood, but with ownership comes responsibility.

Please see the article about the upcoming Citizens on Patrol training. This is a great way to support our neighborhood, and you won't find a finer group of folks to spend time with.

I want to remind you that the city is working on the 2009 budget, and we all need to contact city council and tell them in no uncertain terms that we need to take out blighted buildings as a top priority. There may never be a better opportunity to acquire these eyesores at such low prices. We have had made good progress

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Citizens on Patrol to Hold Training Sessions

The Cincinnati Police Department's Citizens on Patrol Program announced that there will be a volunteer training session beginning on November 6th. The training consists of three consecutive Thursday evening classes at the Cincinnati Police Academy, in Lower Price Hill. Once completed, volunteers may then join one of the many active COP units throughout the city. COP members patrol their neighborhoods, acting as the eyes and ears of the police by concentrating around problem areas and helping the police by increasing visibility. COP units deter crime by their mere presence and visibility to the general public. There is no cost to participate and all citizens are encouraged to apply. The deadline for application is October 31st. For more information, or to apply, please call 513-352-3533.

Candidates Night 2008

Thank you to everyone who attended, and everyone who produced the WCA 2008 Candidates Night. And thanks to the students of Mother of Mercy High School, who volunteered their time to the event. As this newsletter goes to press, the event hasn't happened yet, but if past Westwood events are any indication, I'm sure it was spirited and informational. The "Capital of The West Side" should be the place people go to find out what is happening, and I'm sure we weren't disappointed by the event.

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lately, but we need to "kick it up a notch". And finally, some not so good news... There have been several reports lately of street fights, and of people being accosted as they walk in the neighborhood. This will not be tolerated in our community. Remember, the community belongs to us, and we need to stake our claim on it. We absolutely cannot abandon the streets to a few thugs. They are cowards, and will move elsewhere if we stand our ground and assert our ownership of the streets. As I said earlier, grab a friend (or friends) and take a walk. If you like more structured activities, I suggest that you join citizens on Patrol, or our "Good Guy Loitering" group. Call the police (765-1212) every time you see suspicious activity such as drug dealing, or someone harassing passers by. Report large groups of people blocking the street or sidewalk every time. And don't forget the quality of life issues— junk cars, litter, graffiti, and "broken window" issues.



We are in charge of Westwood. WE will determine the future of our community. Get out and enjoy Westwood, and you will see the trouble-makers disappear. See you around the neighborhood—
-Jim McNulty



Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings

Upcoming Meetings—
October 21, 2008 **7:00** pm WW Town Hall

November meetings—
11/11- Steering Committee
11/18 - Regular meeting

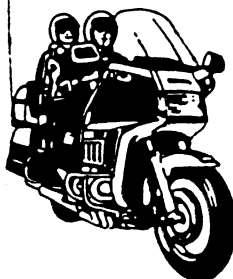
Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. **7:00 PM WTH**

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

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

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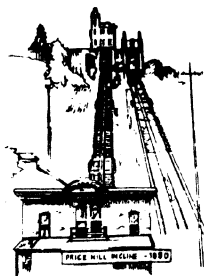
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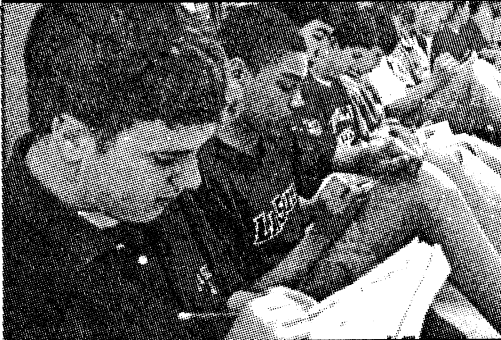
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☐ Open House is **Sunday, November 2, 2008** from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- ☐ Tuition Assistance Information Meeting on **Thursday, November 13, 2008** @ 7:30 pm in the gym.
- ☐ High School Placement Test for 8th Graders on **Saturday, November 22, 2008** @ 8:00 am at La Salle High School.
- ☐ Call Andre Gibson @ **513-741-2365** for information on the Lancer Day Shadow Program or for a personal tour of our campus.

La Salle

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The Mayor's recycling challenge is going strong, and Westwood is winning!

Sign up for a bin!

Sign up a neighbor!

Lets get recycling!

Let's win the Mayor's challenge!

Sign-up sheet on the other side of this page.

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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I REMEMBER WHEN...

BY CARL GUCKENBERGER

I remember when there was a small Kroger store at the corner just north of Harrison and Ratterman Avenues on the west side of Harrison Avenue. My friend, Walter and I were in the store "messing around" by the meat counter one day. On top of the counter there was one of those tall, glass containers where potato chips were displayed and sold. I don't really remember how it happened but Walter and I must have been "horsing around" when the glass container full of chips somehow was knocked to the floor and broken. Of course, the butcher was upset, to say the least demanding that someone pay for the damages.



Obviously, he meant me and Walter. Between the two of us, we could only scrape together 60 cents, so we paid and prepared to leave. Good old "Butch" said that we must clean up the mess which we did, separating the sawdust from the potato chips and glass, sweeping the chips into a cardboard box and leaving with it. Yes, it did take several days until we consumed our ill-gotten snacks. To this day, Walt and I do still like potato chips, "in a way".





City of Cincinnati Recycling Sign-up Form

1.) Does the City of Cincinnati service your trash at the curb or porch?

YES Please go to question 2.

NO Sorry, you are not eligible for curbside recycling. Please visit the permanent drop box locations instead.

2.) Are you a single family home?

YES Skip to the sign-up questions.

NO Go on to question 3.

3.) How many units are in your building? _____

FOUR OR LESS / Please write unit or apartment number - _____

FOUR OR LESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS ATTACHED Please call 242-4600 for recycling options.

FIVE OR MORE Please have your apartment management group or owner contact 242-4600 for information on apartment recycling options.

RECYCLING SIGN-UP

To be filled out if above questions have been answered.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Unit: _____ If your unit is not labeled 1, 2, 3, 4 or A, B, C, D please explain how your units are identified.

Phone Number: _____ **Trash Pick-up Day:** _____

Have you ever had a bin at this address before? (Please check the appropriate line.)

_____ **Yes, but it's damaged.**

_____ **Yes, but it's missing.**

_____ **No, I've never had a bin at this location.**

Bin Received Today? Yes _____ **No** _____

Neighborhood: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for signing up to recycle. Please fax this form to Anne at Rumpke Recycling, 242-4459 or mail it to 5535 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45217. Questions call 242-4401 X 7164.



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BRINKMANSHIP!

Ring. Ring. Ring. Ring. Ring.
Ring. Ring. Ring. Ring. Ring.

Click. I guess no one is home. For those of you who don't know what just happened here, this is how phone calls used to go if no one was home. You let the phone ring 10 times to give the people you were calling a chance to answer. It is a sign of the changes we live in that very few invest 10 rings worth of time waiting for you to answer. I notice that I start thinking about hanging up after 4 rings. Our social customs reflect the quickened pace of life.

Faster is not necessarily bad. Whether we think it bad or good is unimportant. It IS! We can do little about much of the change that is constantly evolving around us. There are still old Westwood customs some live by. Giving 110%

effort, helping and looking out for your neighbors are 2 of the kinds of things America used to do everywhere. Communities like Westwood and cities like Cincinnati are the exception, not the rule, these days.

One unpleasant part of caring, working harder and being involved, is that the cost is high. There is always more to do. This fall we will be asked to help again, this time with one of the bedrocks of our society: Education.

I can hear you from here, "See Gertrude, I told you not to answer the phone. He wants something again." Well, that's true, but being a young German from the old school, I think you want it too: High School graduates who can read, write, spell and send us money on our birthdays. Without sound education, America will fail. The question is how is our Cincinnati Public School System doing? "I'm glad you asked.", he said with a smirk. It is absolutely perfect. Every child is at school every day getting quality instruction from perfect teachers, led by flawless administrators at absolutely no cost to anyone. Now about that bridge. . .

The real truth is that the results are less than perfection. But the WCA team who is putting 110% effort into running and monitoring our schools find many success stories. Unfortunately, the good news about our schools, like most good news, doesn't make flashy headlines. That fact makes those who find out about schools in the newspapers, television, or radio, feel things are worse than they really are.

Here's the good news about that bridge I mentioned earlier. It's not for sale, not yet anyway. Your decision on America and education doesn't have to be made yet either. Keep your ears, and opinions, open. You have front line troops like Bill Seitz, Virginia Griffin, Peggy Hochstetler, Ray Finke, Joyce McCabe, Pam Warmuth, Amy Heintz, Carol Burrus, and a host of others, watching our schools with an eagle eye. They are doing it because the future of America is in our schools. Hopefully, this November, we will be there to back them up with our votes for a school tax levy. It looks like it will be an important time to join the team, "Working for an Outstanding Community".

(Reprinted from the August 1990 edition of the WCA Newsletter in memory of Wayne Brinkman, who passed away last month. Wayne was a longtime member of WCA, and former editor of Westwords.)



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