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Presidents Message-

As you look through this newsletter, please notice some of the many accomplishments of our membership. There isn't enough room to tell you everything that is going on. Please try to attend meetings to keep up with the activity, and bring your ideas- we always have an open forum. I've said this before- It's an exciting time to live in Westwood. I wonder what people will say in 50 years about the 2000's in Westwood!

Not that we are without problems. There have been several pedestrians attacked and robbed lately. We are working on a plan to put a stop to it- and I'm sure we will prevail. Thanks to Becky Weber, who has volunteered to take over as editor of Westwords. See you around the neighborhood-
Jim McNulty

WCA WINS \$1,250 TOP PRIZE IN THE MAYORS RECYCLING CHALLENGE

More on page two...



Montana Avenue Project back in The Fast Lane

Roxanne Qualls introduced a motion that was passed by city council which should pave the way for the "Road Diet" concept to be applied to Montana Avenue. **Curtis Hines from the Department of Traffic and Engineering will attend our January 20 meeting to talk about moving forward with this important project.**



WCA Receives Anonymous \$500 Donation For Student Awards

WCA recently re-named our student award program "The *Westwood Civic Association* /Wayne Brinkman Student of The Year Award". This money will be used to start a fund to reward the leading students in each school in Westwood, as selected by their principals.

1/12/09 - Cincinnati Public School Board Rules Against WCA by voting to Build Westwood School addition on Harrison Avenue side.

1/13/09—WCA board votes to ask CPS to reconsider. We will ask them to hear our side of the issue. Stay tuned.



Are you interested in learning about Ohio's concealed carry law?

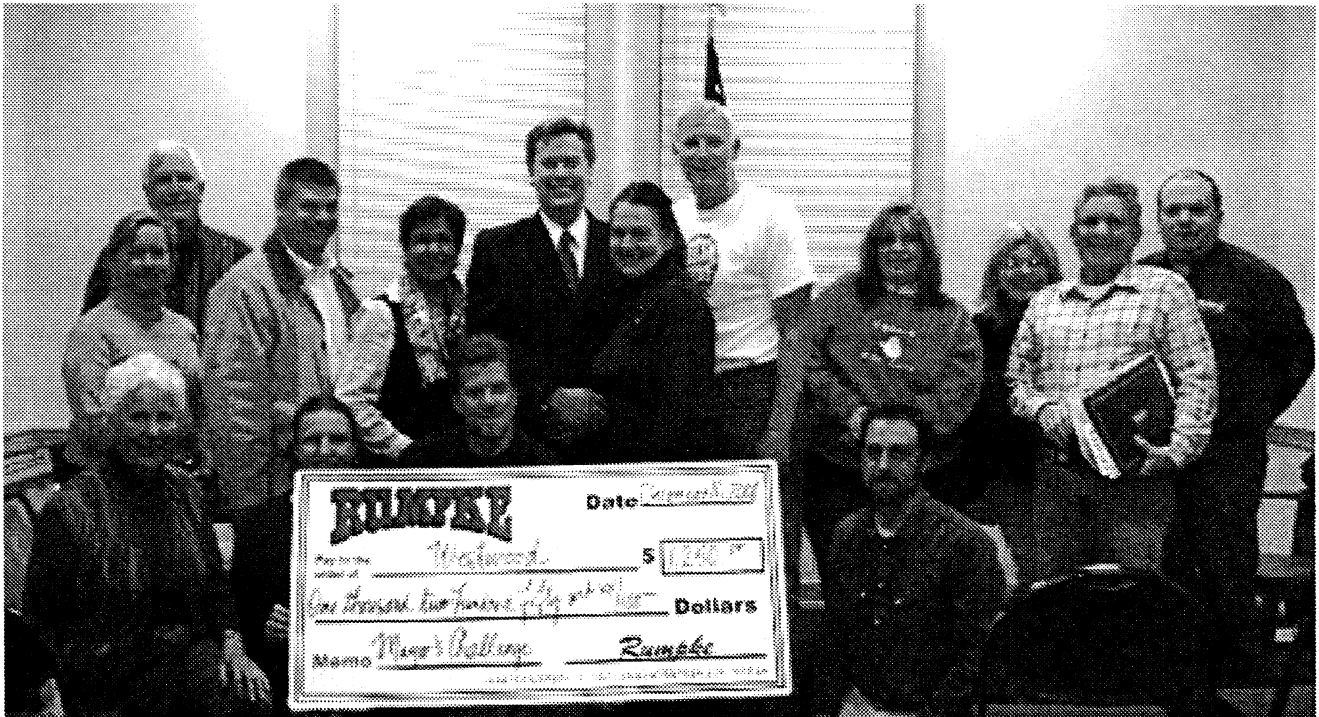
Have you ever thought about purchasing a handgun for your protection?

Tom Wood, a retired Cincinnati Police officer and SWAT team member will give a brief presentation at our January 20th regular membership meeting about how you can obtain a concealed carry license. His company, WOODHILL INSTRUCTION is located in Miamitown and offers a two-day training session in gun safety, gun familiarization, shoot/don't shoot scenarios, federal, state and local law, care and cleaning of a firearm and much more. His knowledge and years of experience qualify him to be an outstanding instructor. Be sure to mark your calendar for the **third Tuesday in January at 7:00 PM** for this informative presentation.



Westwood Civic Association wins top award of \$1250.00 in Mayor Mallory's Recycling Challenge!

(Pictured Below: WCA Board of directors with a very big check from Rumpke)



Winning this contest was another great success for Westwood, along with East and West Price Hill and Northside, who also won \$1250 each. The contest lasted several months and Westwood signed up more than 600 new recyclers. Thanks to Kathy Bach, who lead the effort; Collette Thompson, who got us started, and all of our neighbors who pitched in and put us in the winners circle! If you need a bin, call 591-6000. *WCA also won an Honorable Mention from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for our Gateway Enhancement program. We are just getting started.*

Westwood Historical Society

Westwood Historical Society Membership

Starting this year, all Westwood Historical Society memberships will run from January to January. **Current members will receive a notice in January regarding their dues.**

Anyone else interested in joining can send \$15 to:
Westwood Historical Society
PO Box 11095

Cincinnati, OH 45211

Please include a list of members in your household and your address and phone number.

February Meeting

The February Meeting will feature **Phil Lind** who will talk about the **Cincinnati Street Railway** and share photos from his collection. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 11**. It starts at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church.

Activists try to take bite out of Pit Bull laws, but are muzzled by City Council

Since the Summer of 2007, City Council has been dealing with the issue of how to enforce the pit bull laws. A task force was formed, then another, until we had a task force who was trying to go back to the days of Pit Bull registration. (Pit Bull registration ended in 2003, and now there are only 3 legal Pit Bulls in the city.)

In addition to returning to registering Pit Bulls, the task force recommended new laws that would make it illegal to breed, sell, or fight vicious dogs.

City Council voted to make breeding, fighting, and selling Pit Bulls illegal, but did not agree to make Pit Bulls legal again.

So we made a little progress, but still have not been able to get the Pit Bull ban enforced.

We'll keep working on that— but in the meantime, if you see a Pit Bull or a Pit Bull mix call the police at 765-1212. Pit Bulls are still illegal in Cincinnati.

Westwood Branch Library

Happy New Year! January 1 marks the debut of our new year-long "Featured Book of the Month" program. The featured title for the month of January is *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, Bill Bryson's delightful memoir of his childhood in Iowa in the 1950s.

In conjunction with the program, we've launched our Featured Book of the Month blog. The blog—which is updated every week with new content—includes background information about each month's featured title and the author, some discussion questions, and related reading lists. And of course, since it's a blog, this gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions about the book with other blog readers. So what are you waiting for? Jump into the conversation by visiting: <http://cincinnati.librarybooks.blogspot.com/> Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs!

For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

For Adults:

Evening Book Club: An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England by Brock Clarke
Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.



Brock Clarke is the author of *The Ordinary White Boy*, *What We Won't Do*, and *Carrying the Torch*. He has twice been a finalist for a National

Magazine Award in Fiction. His work has appeared in the *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *OneStory*, the *Believer*, the *Georgia Review*, and the *Southern Review*; in the *Pushcart Prize* and *New Stories* from the *South* anthologies; and on NPR's *Selected Shorts*. He teaches creative writing at the University of Cincinnati. **AND HE WILL BE HERE AT THE WESTWOOD LIBRARY FOR OUR BOOK CLUB!**

For Preschoolers:

Preschool Storytime
Story fun with Ms. Nancy!
every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-6

Family Storytime Winter Wonderland
Special EVENING storytime
Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Ages 3-7

For School-Age Children:

DDR for Tweens!

Join us afterschool and get moving with *Dance Dance Revolution*!
Now on the second Monday each month!
Monday 2/9/09
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Ages 8-12



Paint Party for Kids!

School is out, but we are open on MLK day. Join us for this fun program.

Monday, January 19
2:00 p.m.
Ages 6-12
Sign up required

BINGO for Kids

Play for fun and fabulous prizes!
Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12

For Tweens and Teens:

Read to Reel Movie!

Third Wednesday every month at 3:30 p.m.
Ages 9 and up
January 21 feature: *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* (Rated G)

Programs made possible by the Charles H. Dater Foundation, The Friends of the Public Library, and the Kersten Fund. For more programs at other library locations, check out our program calendar: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/calendar.html>

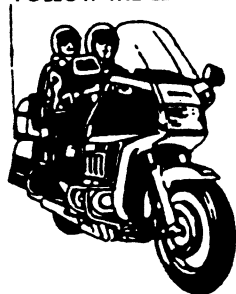
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Mother of Mercy High School

Mother of Mercy High School students ended 2008 with the true giving spirit of Christmas - they filled a truck with canned goods and other non-perishables for a local food pantry, raised almost \$1000, in just one week, for Mercy's 'Water Project' to provide a well for a poor village in Nicaragua, sent holiday greetings to many elderly residents of westside nursing homes and decorated for the season at Mountaincrest Nursing Home. The students now look to 2009 first to exams and then to the academic challenges of the second semester. Mercy invites the community to the Performing Arts Dept. magical production of 'Peter Pan', February 27-March 1, with a special preview performance for youth groups/scouting troops/grade school children on February 26. Call the school at 661-2740 for more information. Happy True Blue New Year!



Westwood Civic Association Monthly Statement November 2008

Revenue

Neighborhood Support Program	\$1,490.00
Cinti Recreation Commission	794.91
Membership	180.00
WW Town Hall Garage Sale	85.00
Advertising	60.00

Total Revenue **\$2609.91**

Expenses

Keep Cinti Beautiful	\$826.00
WW Town Hall grounds clean-up	231.38
Newsletter	141.84
WCA Christmas Dinner	87.21

Total Expenses **\$1,286.43**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$12,539.80

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$1,471.16

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT \$7,000.00



Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

1/20 Regular Meeting
2/10 Steering Committee
2/17 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.



WCA OFFICERS
Term: April 2008- April 2009



PRESIDENT-

*Jim McNulty.....662-8560

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*Kathy Bach

*Rick Boyd

*Dick Finn

*Randy Hammann

*Mary Kuhl

*Brian Lee

*Trent Lewis

*Sr. Ann Rene McConn

*Becky Weber



ELECTION NOTICE



The Westwood Civic Association annual Board of Directors election process has begun. Each year, five of our fifteen board members are elected.

Two nominating committees have been selected. Each committee will select five candidates.

The candidates names will be announced at the January meeting, and the ballots will be mailed to the membership in March. Officers will be selected by the new board in April.

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Westwood Town Hall (Cincinnati Recreation Commission) **News:**

MadCap Puppet Theater Production: On **Saturday, January 24th**, -- Westwood's own Madcap Productions presents -- **"The Legend Of Little Wolf"** at the Westwood Town Hall at 2 pm.

By using lessons learned in many Native American Tales, Little Wolf and his friend, Woodpecker, attempt to free their nation of the evil doings of a Giant who has terrified their homeland for years. Audience Participation.

Cost is only \$5/per person. What a bargain!

WELCOME to JOE GOELDNER. Our newest staff member. Joe is well versed in the all the arts, including Handbuilding Ceramics, painting, quilting and more. Joe will be quite an addition to our staff. He also has applied

for and maintained The entire Recreation Department's "Hooked On Fishing" Grant program from the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources for many years now. He oversees and maintains the \$10,000 grant budget each year that the Department is allotted.

Sometime in February, Joe will also head up the **"Wii PLAY"** evening for those ages 12 and older. Cost \$1.00/person/evening. More on that when we work out the details. Wait until you see what "Wii" have!

Winter Classes Program Guides are in the Center. Winter Programs begin in January. Many reasonably priced activities & classes for ages preschool through seniors. For Example: Tae Kwon Do meets twice weekly for only \$30/month per person. Ages 5 through Seniors. A family class is available and a small discount is given for more than one family member. Look also for Pilates, Belly dancing, Ceramics, Yoga, Seniors pro-

grams at the Presbyterian Church on Mondays and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Center. Wednesdays: Aerobics, Jewelry Making and on Tuesdays: Quilting. Wii Fit will be added to the Center Program one morning, too. There are too many Youth, Teen and Preschool programs to mention--please consult the Program guide. Program guides may be picked up during open hours daily.

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Want to Help?

Tutors are needed at the Grace Lutheran Church at 3628 Boudinot Ave through the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati.

The Center will be open on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM each week school is in session. If you are interested, or know of others who would be interested and would like to participate; the contact person at Grace Lutheran Church is Sherry Smith at 661-5166 or email ssmith@gracemin.org

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CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

**Come learn more about the
Cincinnati Police Department!**

**Applications are now being accepted for the next Citizens
Police Academy.**

Upcoming Academies for 2009:

WHEN: Wednesday evenings for 8 weeks

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

**Where: Cincinnati Police Academy
Spinney Field Complex
800 Evans Street**

**For more information or an application, call 357-7554
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51st Academy
52nd Academy
53rd Academy**

**January 21 to March 11
April 8 to May 27
June 17 to August 5
September 9 to October 28**

Cincinnati Police Academy Citizens Police Academy (CPA) Program

History

The concept of a Citizens Police Academy originated in England in 1974. The first known Citizens Police Academy in the United States was held in Orlando, Florida in 1985. The Cincinnati Police Department began offering a Citizens' Police Academy in 1994.

Since that time, the Cincinnati Police Academy has held 41 CPA programs and currently offers a CPA four times each year. Some special CPA programs have been offered as well. The Police Academy has organized a CPA program for a Mental Health Consumers organization, provided CPAs targeted at Mental Health Professionals, provided Student Police Academy's for young people, and in 2003, the Police Academy organized its first Hispanic Citizen Police Academy with over 90 people in attendance.

About the Program

The Cincinnati Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is eight weeks in length, with each session lasting about three hours. Topics covered include an Organization Overview, Internal Investigations, Cincinnati SWAT Team, Terrorism Early Warning Group, Laws of Arrest, Criminal Investigation Process, Mental Health Response Team, Gangs, Domestic Violence, Drug Awareness, Traffic Contacts, Use of Force, and Personal Safety. Participants will also have a chance to experience the role of a police officer through the Firearms Simulator.

Participants are offered the opportunity to do a police ride-a-long and/or spend some time in the Police Communications Center as a part of the program.

Program Structure

The CPA meets once each week for eight weeks. Each evening's program last approximately three hours. Light snacks and drinks are available. Participants with good attendance records will receive a certification of completion.

The CPA will expose citizens to a number of current law enforcement issues. It is not our intention to train citizens to take police action or perform law enforcement duties, but to provide them with an overview of the training received and functions performed by our officers. Training is provided by Cincinnati Police Officers who have experience in the related subject areas. The interaction that takes place during the Citizens' Police Academy benefits both the citizens of the Cincinnati community and the Cincinnati Police Department.

Questions may be directed to Captain Paul F. Broxterman, Jr., Training Section Commander, at 352-3562.

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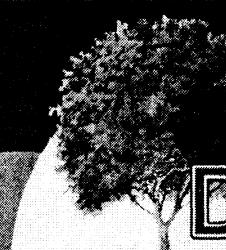
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Please remember to renew your membership (or pass this on to a close friend)

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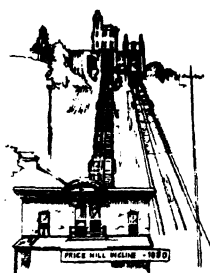
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