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CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

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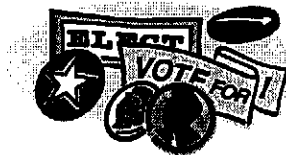
Price Hill Civic Club

Thursday, October 22

7:00 PM

Midway Elementary School

3156 Glenmore Ave.



Arrive at 6:30 to mingle with the candidates for city council and the school board.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear from the current council members running for re-election as well as new candidates who are running for the first time.

It's an important election year, who do you want as your elected officials.

WESTWOOD CIVIC FLAG DRAWING CONTEST

Westwood Civic Association is sponsoring a flag drawing contest.

WCA would like for our neighbors in Westwood to show their pride in our neighborhood. A great way to show our pride is to fly a flag showing the spirit of Westwood in front of our homes.

We would like our neighbors to participate in our contest. You only need to live in Westwood to be eligible.

Not only can you take pride in your artwork used to create the flag, you can take pride in seeing your work flying in front of homes all over Westwood. Awards will be given to the first and second place winners.

AWARDS
1ST PLACE - \$400
2ND PLACE - \$100

Contest Rules

Who can participate?

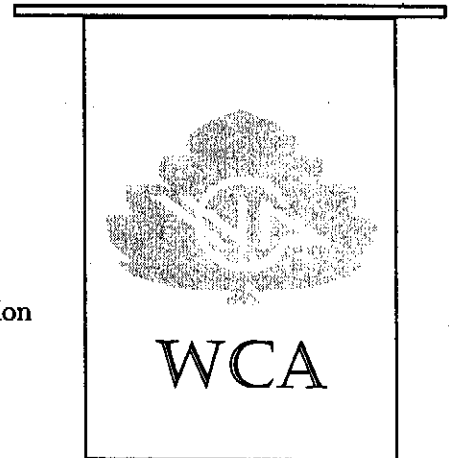
Anyone who lives in the community of Westwood.

Theme:

Our theme for this contest: "Westwood Pride"

Contest Rules:

- ◆ All contestants must address the theme.
- ◆ Entries must be free-hand drawings, using pen, pencil, paint or any combination of these media
- ◆ A straight edge may be used to aid in drawing a straight line.
- ◆ Gluing materials to the surface is not permitted.
- ◆ Use of stencils or tracing is not permitted.
- ◆ Entries must be 9" x 12" using poster board.
- ◆ Members of the judging committee and their families are not eligible to enter.
- ◆ Contest will begin on Monday, October 12. Contest will end at midnight on Friday, November 20. **Late entries will not be accepted.**



Criteria for judging of drawings:

- ◆ Artist ability
- ◆ Adherence to the theme

When your entry is completed, please contact us info@westwoodcivic.org. We will make arrangements for a member of Westwood Civic Association to pick up your entry.

All entries become property of the Westwood Civic Association.

The winner will be announced at the Westwood Civic Association Meeting on December 8 at 7 p.m., Westwood Town Hall.

President's Message:

By the time you read this issue of WESTWORDS, the first annual Westwood Art show will be history. However, as I write this message, finishing touches are being made to ensure a successful event. Special thanks go out to Westwood resident Amanda Carlisle for coordinating this significant exhibition.

Remember to mark your calendar for Thursday, October 22nd. Westwood and Price Hill will jointly host a candidates forum at Midway Elementary School, inviting all candidates for Cincinnati City Council, the school board and the mayoral race. Don't miss this one.



At the September Westwood Concern meeting, Mary Kuhl spoke on the tremendous amount of delinquent real estate taxes in Hamilton County. Since several blighted, multi-unit buildings in Westwood fall into this category, Mary tried to contact our Hamilton County Treasurer Robert Goering for some answers. With no response from several calls and emails, she sent out the BAT SIGNAL for all of us to call Mr. Goering's office. Well, it worked! Mr. Goering and a real estate prosecutor will attend the November 17th Westwood Civic Association meeting to explain the process for collecting delinquent property taxes. This should be an informative meeting.

Once again, autumn is turning our neighborhood into a masterpiece of beautiful colors and textures. The Urban Forestry Department has done a beautiful job of planning and planting the right trees in the best locations for our enjoyment. This fall, I encourage you to invite your neighbors over for an evening around the fire pit and make some smores. Getting to know your neighbors is the best way to feel safe and look out for each other.

I  Westwood,

John Sess, President



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Historical Society
Liz Kisse

The Revitalization of Cincinnati's Local Brewing Heritage

Many of the old Cincinnati breweries have been razed or are standing empty but local brewing tradition is not just a thing of the past. The Wednesday, October 14 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society will feature Greg Hardman, CEO of Christian Moerlein Brewing Co. and Heidepohl-Schoenling Brewing Co. He will tell the story of the revitalization of some of Cincinnati's heritage brews. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm at Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). All are welcome to attend.



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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!

**Mother of Mercy News
Lisa Mahon Fluegeman**

Mother of Mercy High School invites all sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their families for Open House on Sunday, October 25 from 11:30 am until 2 pm. Come and see the great things waiting for you at Mercy!

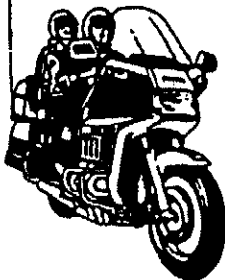
Mercy is very proud to announce that six Mercy seniors have been honored in the National Merit competition for 2009-2010 -- two semi-finalists: Elaine Simpson and Mallory Workman, and four commended students: Adrienne Bussard, Chelsea Rosfeld, Alison Stevens and Hannah Zimmerman. This program picks the top 50,000 nationwide as commended or semi-finalist students. Mercy has once again demonstrated academic excellence and the strong search for knowledge of Mercy students!



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Newsletter \$419.39
 Keep Cincinnati Beautiful 71.27

Total Expenses

\$490.66

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Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer



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**Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and Community Driven Crime Control – Tools We are using to reduce crime in Westwood
Becky Weber**

Violent Crime (murder, robbery, felonious assault and rape) have risen 31% in Westwood since 2007. We can trace this to particular streets in our neighborhood and show the cause and effect between bad property management and the crime rate.

In January 2009, Westwood joined the Community Driven Crime Control coalition. You may ask what is Community-Driven Crime Control (CDCC)? It is a different way of thinking about crime fighting.

Neighborhoods Have (Crime) Problems

People, as with neighborhoods, have problems, including crime and disorder. Problems of, and arising from crime, need to be solved by *the people* with resources from: police; community prosecution; probation officers; judges; property owners; public housing authority; and a myriad of non-profits ranging from human services to community development.

Since problem solving can only be accomplished by identifying and mobilizing resources, the neighborhood/community must have the authority and capacity to control resources, including those resources provided by local government.

Empowered neighborhoods are those that have a greater sense of control over crime and disorder than their peers. These are neighborhoods whose challenges are achieving diversity, stability and economic growth which can only be achieved by a community-driven approach.

Chris Kearney, a resident of Westwood, is our contact with the CDCC coalition. Chris and I have been working together on the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance (Chapter 761 of the city of Cincinnati Municipal Code). The purpose of this ordinance is:

To assist victims of crime and penalize those who commit crimes or those who permit conditions to exist that give rise to crime or excessive calls for service to police.

To establish rules, procedures and penalties to address the owners of multi-family premises that have chronic nuisance issues and fail to take corrective measures. These nuisances include activities related to drugs, disorder, and violence.

Captain Frey, Commander of District 3, and the District 3 crime analyst Robin White, receive a monthly nuisance report from CPD HQ of properties that could be deemed as chronic nuisances. Chris Kearney receives similar data that he analyzes and sends me a copy of the properties that have become potential nuisances. The chronic nuisance ordinance stipulates a monthly threshold for calls of service (3 or more nuisance incidents have occurred at the premises on separate dates during a 30 day period). There is also an annual threshold that differs depending on the number of rental units.

As of September 2009, Westwood has identified 23 properties that have potentially met their total yearly threshold for calls of service. These reports are considered potential nuisance properties until confirmation is made by the police department as to whether the calls are valid and to be held against the property owner.

Recently, at a WCA meeting, I asked Captain Frey if District 3 has sent out any Chronic Nuisance notification letters. Her reply, "We have a whole drawer full of letters that have been sent." I then asked, "Have you requested and received any abatement letters from the property owners?" The owner must reply to the chronic nuisance letter in 10 days with a nuisance abatement plan that is acceptable to the Police Chief or her designee. Captain Frey stated she has received several abatement letters from the property owners.

Chris and I met with Captain Frey on September 2nd. In this meeting we discussed our desire to apply the chronic nuisance ordinance to properties within Westwood. We also discussed our expectations regarding outcomes for properties that are determined to be in violation of Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. After our meeting with Captain Frey, we submitted a letter summarizing agreements made in the meeting and requested additional information. In particular, Westwood Civic Association seeks an explanation of District 3's policy for enforcing the chronic nuisance ordinance. Westwood Civic Association understands the chronic nuisance ordinance as written, and the Cincinnati Police Department procedure to enforce the ordinance, but does not understand the underlying policy for pursuing enforcement. Therefore, we requested a clarification of the enforcement policy within District 3. Additionally, we requested a copy of the chronic nuisance initial notice letters that have been sent thus far by District 3, along with the nuisance abatement plans that District 3 has received in response.

Finally, we also requested a chronic nuisance review of 19 specific properties that have met, or exceeded, the 12-month calendar year threshold as of July. We have yet to receive a response to my email.

I have sent an email to City Council's Law and Safety committee requesting they look into the usage of the ordinance and find out why the police seem hesitant to enforce this ordinance. It's intent is to coerce bad property managers into becoming good ones so that we realize significantly less crime and disorder.

The last city council election was two years ago. Are we better off as a neighborhood since then? Which city council members are serious about our property management concerns? Our neighborhood needs and deserves the support of our elected officials. Tuesday, November 3 is right around the corner!

Be sure to check out our "Great Cincinnati Families" Exhibit on display during the month of October. The second half of this extensive exhibit on loan from the Betts House Research Center features the following prominent families from Cincinnati's rich history:

- Werk-Oskamp-Gamble
- Emery
- Longworth
- Maxweel-Schmidlapp-Graydon

Thank you to the Betts House for loaning us this beautiful and informative exhibit. And don't miss our very own, Joyce Baer, retired Branch Manager! Joyce returns on Monday, 10/5 at 7 pm for one of her famous "History Alive" programs. Joyce will be portraying Maria Longworth in this costumed interpretation about Maria Longworth and the Rookwood pottery.

Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs during the month of October! For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

MARIA LONGWORTH AND THE ROOKWOOD POTTERY

Cincinnati history comes alive in this costumed interpretation with Joyce Baer.

Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Adults

RIVER MUSIC & STORIES

Russ and Barb Childers, aka Bear Foot, share fiddle and banjo music of 19th century America while they tell humorous stories of what life was like for a child along the banks of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. These light-hearted tall tales, games, songs, and dances will appeal to the child in everyone!

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

All ages

Presented as part of "The Big Read" celebration! The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of citizens. The Library, in partnership with the Cincinnati Park Board and Joseph-Beth Booksellers, is pleased to bring The Big Read to Hamilton County throughout the month of October. Our featured book will be *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. Stop by the branch and pick up your copy of this classic today!

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS FOR TEENS

Bring your digital camera and its instruction book and let Dale Volker guide you through the basics.

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Ages 12-18

Registration is recommended.

Get ready for the Teen Photography Contest, which runs from October 1-31. Click below for more details:

<http://www.cincinnati.org/news/2009/teenphotocontest.html>

GHOST STORIES FOR GROWNUPS--TEENS, TOO!

Storyteller Rick Carson will scare you (but not too much) with some spooky pre-Halloween tales.

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and up



BINGO for KIDS

Join us and play for fabulous prizes!

Thursday, October 22, 3:00 p.m. Ages 6-12

EVENING BOOKCLUB (Adults)

This month's book: *The Crucible*

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.

Adults 18 and over

Copies available for checkout at the Westwood Library.

IT'S IN THE BAG! HALLOWEEN FUN FOR KIDS

Get ready for Halloween at the Westwood Library! Stop by and design your own Trick-or-Treat Bag! Materials and snacks provided.

Tuesday, October 27

6:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join Ms. Nancy for stories and fun every Wednesday morning!

10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-6

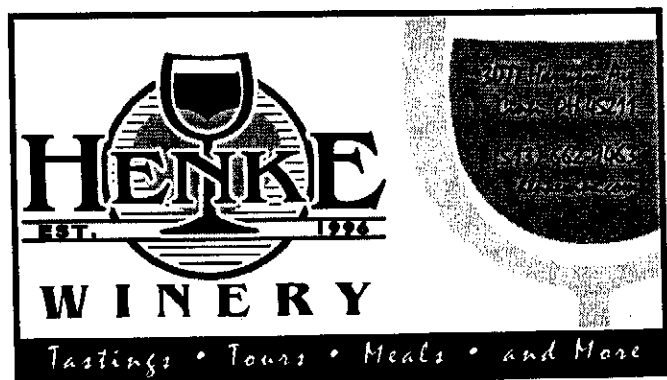
Groups are welcome! Please give Ms. Nancy a call or e-mail to let her know your group will be coming!

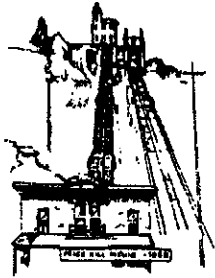
Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 369-4406 (TTY 369-4409).

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.org/programs/calendar.html>

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Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings & Events

- 10/12 WCA Flag Contest Begins
- 10/13 Steering Meeting
- 10/20 Regular Meeting
- 10/22 Candidate's Night

Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Westwood Town Hall

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

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

Happy Halloween

