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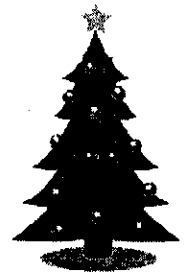
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You're Invited



Westwood Civic Association

Christmas Party
Friday, December 11, 2009
7:45 p.m.
Palomino's Restaurant
Fountain Place, 505 Vine St.



Join us for Happy Hour
Palomino's
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Check out their menu at www.palomino.com

RSVP by Dec. 1 to Mary Kuhl at 481-2733 or
email Becky Weber at bmimmy@aol.com

President's Message

John Sess

Summer has flown by again, but what an excellent summer it was! Along with the mild temperatures and an abundance of rainfall, almost every yard looked great all season. One yard in particular, the Westwood Town Hall grounds, has never looked better thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers headed by Peg Rhein. Over thirty people, young and old assembled on a brisk Saturday morning in October to rake leaves, spread mulch, pull weeds, plant trees, pick up litter and eat some pizza. Our Town Hall looks beautiful.

I'm pleased to announce our first annual Westwood Art Show was a huge success. We had over thirty talented artists, good food, festive music, award-winning wine, and great weather. Everyone involved is looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year. Congratulations to Westwood's own Amanda Carlisle for pulling the event together. Thanks also to the staff of the Westwood Town Hall for their assistance in making the event enjoyable for all.

Westwood Civic Association has a board of fifteen dedicated, talented members who volunteer their time to make our neighborhood a safer, cleaner and more livable place to reside. I invite you to get to know these folks. Attend a meeting on the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall and give some of your time to assist in the effort. It's rewarding and you'll have fun too!

I ♥ WESTWOOD.

WESTWOOD CIVIC FLAG CONTEST

Hope you've been busy creating your design for the Westwood Civic Flag Contest.

1st Prize is \$400 and second prize is \$100.

If you didn't see the contest information in last month's newsletter, please check out our website www.westwoodcivic.org

Wouldn't it be great to see your design of Westwood's flag hanging over houses all over the neighborhood!!!!

WINNER'S DESIGN

Don't forget entries are due by November 20th. If you have an entry ready to be picked up, please contact us info@westwoodcivic.org We look forward to hearing from you.

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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!

REFLECTIONS ON MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY AT THE WESTWOOD TOWN HALL

Looking around the grounds of the Westwood Town Hall this afternoon, with the sun coming out lighting up the glowing fall leaves and the now beautifully cared for gardens freshly covered with rich black mulch we can be pleased with the efforts of our terrific volunteers on this Make a Difference Day in our country and in our community.

It was very cold and windy but thankfully the rain held off as we had 7 piles of mulch to distribute. In addition we had 2 Dogwood trees, 1 Red Maple and 1 Yoshino Cherry tree to plant, plus put in a new garden with 3 Knock Out Roses. We also raked leaves and weeded all the gardens, around all the trees and shrubs filling over 25 large bags with debris.

Thanks to the efforts of 5 students from La Salle High School, 25 students from Mother of Mercy High School and my steadfast core of volunteers we got it all done.

We also appreciated Marlene Trapp from Recreation arranging to have staff on hand for us to access the Town Hall for facilities.

Thanks to **Becky and Gary Weber** for organizing a great group of guys from LaSalle who worked very hard with moving the mulch around to top dress the playground area and in weeding and covering an entire new bed area over by the storage shed that we eventually will plant with Lirope to extend the existing bed. These young men were: C.J. Davis, James Hill, Greg Walden, Matthew Henkes and Nick Metzner.

Sandy Gordon, a parent volunteer from Mercy helped in keeping the students busy. With 25 student volunteers it is great to have more assistance in pointing out jobs that needed to be done.

Thanks to the following students for their efforts:

Arynn Znergel, Katelyn Stapleton, Erin Glankler, Sydney Gordon, Alesea Ronnebaum, Marisa Schwartz, Katherine Ledermeier, Allie Binder, Sam Hines, Sydney Otis, Abby Scherin, Morgan Sideris, Sarah Bailey, Laura Burkart, Kristen Weber, Sarah Wenke, Laura Raphael, Katie Brossart, Jamie Heidel, Nicole Stephan, Chelsea Jansen, Liz Kenkel, Ashely Sizemore, Hannah Donnellon, Megan Sheehan

Without the help of my core group of volunteers, events like this would not be possible. Thanks to **Valerie Baumann, Mary Fichter, Marlene and Ken Tarvin, John Sess, Melva Gweyn and my husband Stuart Golder**. What is great about them is that many times through the year they have answered my email calls for help and I think this year the grounds have looked the best ever. This is due in large part to the hundreds of hours that my nomination for Volunteer of the Year - **Jim Hoog** dedicated to coming up a few times a week on his own time to weed, water, and prune off the spent flowers this year. To him we owe a special thanks.

Finally I want to thank Mary Dorn, Park Horticulturalist for bringing us her knowledge and skills and the two Dogwood trees and the roses. Thanks also to her boss Larry Parker and his crew of guys who take care of the mowing all year and bring us the mulch to use for our gardens.

We will do one final cleanup of the annuals after we have a hard frost in a few weeks. Hope to see you there.

Peg Rhein

Westwood Town Hall

Garden Volunteer Coordinator



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The U.S. Census Is Less Than 5 Months Away

The U.S. Census will be conducted on April 1st, 2010. It's a one day snap shot of everyone living in the U.S. on that day, including non-citizens. The count is conducted once every ten years.

Mayor Mark Mallory has formed a Complete Count Committee to ensure that the count for Cincinnati will be as accurate as possible.

He believes that Cincinnati was undercounted by 46K in the last census and



estimates that the city has lost \$104 million of census-based, allocated funds over the past ten years. An accurate count also affects the city's image since indices that measure crime and poverty use the census population as a base.

The only way to be included in the census is to complete and return the census form (it's available in six different languages) that will be sent out next year. The U.S. Census Bureau does not extract data from any other database. It also treats any returned information in complete confidence.

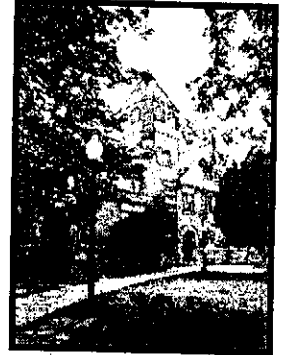
The Complete Count Committee is organizing a number of ways to get the word out to the entire population that they need to complete the census. It's also developing ways to help people who need it and to follow up with non-responders. More information about the Committee activities and general census information will be sent out in the future. You can also check out the website, www.cincinnati-counts.org for more specifics. In the meantime, please tell everyone to get counted.

Goals and Strategies to Guide Westwood's Future Liz Kissel

A task force has been working on a revised Strategic Plan for Westwood. After much thought and discussion, a draft has been prepared and will go to the Steering Committee on November 10 for their comments. It will then be made available to the community for final input (that includes you!).

You may remember in early 2008, a survey was distributed in WestWords as well as at the library and at various community events asking what you thought were Westwood's strengths and weaknesses, as well as opportunities and any threats to the community.

Your responses helped to guide the direction of the plan.



Watch for the draft of the Strategic Plan to be posted on the Westwood Civic Website by November 15. Copies will also be available at the Westwood Library and at the Westwood Civic Association meeting on November 17. Comments can be made online, or turned in at the library, or sent to the Westwood Civic Association PO Box by December 6.

After responses have been received and any changes made, the plan will go to the city for review, with the final goal of having City Council adopt the plan. Elements of our plan can then be incorporated into the Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan as it is written in the near future.

Historical Society Meeting Liz Kissel

Nathanael Greene Pays a Visit



Nathanael Greene, major general in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, will pay a visit to the Westwood Historical Society meeting on Wednesday, November 11, at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). Greene was

one of the most respected generals in the army and became a trusted friend and quartermaster for General Washington. Due to his reputation, many communities were named after him, including Green Township. Nathanael will be portrayed by Skip Jackson, Westwood resident, in a costumed presentation. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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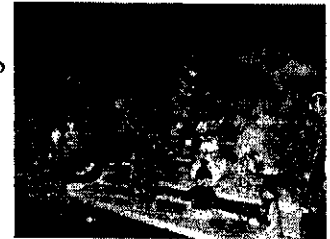
Thanks to all the families who attended our Halloween Howl on October 23rd. It was our biggest Halloween event ever. Everyone had a great time and we received many compliments. And a BIG thanks to our neighbors, Madcap Puppets--specifically, Mel Hatch, for her wonderful storytelling/puppetry talents. They were really appreciated.

Madcap Puppets will return to Westwood Town Hall for a full show--"Look Out Galileo" on Saturday, January 23rd at 2 pm. Cost is only \$5.00 per person. (Best ticket prices in the City for this nationally famous puppet troupe, we believe). Please mark your calendars.

The Drama Workshop's showing of "Lend Me A Tenor" also had a large audience for their last show. Ray Persing, TDW President, tells me their attendance has been growing the last few productions. If you haven't caught one of their performances, maybe the Winter one will get your attention: "COMIC POTENTIAL" showing March 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13 at 8 pm and March 9 & 13 at 3 pm. For ticket information contact: 598-8303 or www.thedramaworkshop.org.

And last, but definitely not least, please mark your calendars for:

SANTAFEST--Friday, December 4 from 6:30- 8 pm. This is a family event that you have to see to believe. Games, Crafts, Refreshments, A visit from a special guest (Hint: He wears a lot of red and sneaks down chimneys on Christmas Eve). AND, many photo ops. Mom & Dad, Gram & Gramps, remember the downtown decorated store windows? Well, the auditorium is an unbelievable wonderland. It's the perfect place for family Holiday photos. Don't forget your camera. And best of all, it's only \$2 per person.



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

- 11/10 Steering Meeting
- 11/17 Regular Meeting
- 11/20 Flag Contest Ends
- 12/8 Steering Meeting Flag Contest Winner Announced
- 12/11 Christmas Party, Palomino

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.

Homes for the Home Tour

The Westwood Historical Society is planning the 2010 Westwood Home Tour for next spring. As in the past we are looking for a variety of homes to feature...large, small, older, newer, and a variety of styles. If you know of a home (your own or someone else's) that you'd like us to consider, contact us at info@WestwoodHistorical.org or call Liz at 662-1156.



This is a great way to show off Westwood's homes and the fact that Westwood residents are investing in their homes and their neighborhood.

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Statement October, 2009**

Revenue

Advertising \$250.00
Membership 10.00

Total Revenue \$260.00

Expenses

Newsletter \$408.39
Citizens on Patrol 299.73
WVTH Cookout 146.26
WVTH Art Show 132.06
Keep Cinti Beautiful 104.00
Gateways Clean-up 99.76
Misc. 23.21

Total Expenses \$1,213.41

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$12,857.46

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Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

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11/1/09 As I write this, just two days before the election, we do not know whether or not Issue 7 has passed. If it has, then let me just say thank you to the voters for supporting your Library! Our patrons are also supporting the Library by utilizing our services and programs. The Library is busier than ever!

This fall the Library is seeing sky-high usage. Program attendance in September increased nearly 33% over the same month last year and the number of active library cards was at the highest total for the year. Books and materials are flying out the doors with area residents borrowing over 720,000 more items to date than in the same period in 2008. Thus far in 2009, in excess of 7.1 million books and print items alone have been borrowed. With this month's increase, the Library has now realized 24 straight months of overall increases in borrowing.

This enormous demand for Library services is occurring at a time when our Library is facing a 28% reduction in state funding—a \$16 million deficit. As a result of these cuts, the Library has already had to eliminate 200 staff positions, cut 241 hours a week, and cancel or postpone all capital projects. Westwood branch lost a librarian position this summer. The Library provides services to preschool children, students, and seniors, among many others. The Library is a community asset that provides free services to the whole community. But without new funding the Library will be forced to make more cuts that will result in closing of up to 20 branches, further reduced hours, additional staff cuts, and purchase of fewer books and materials.

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

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS for ADULTS:

BOOK CLUB

The Blood of Flowers, by Anita Amirrezvani
Thursday, November 19
7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS for KIDS:

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-6

EVENING BINGO for KIDS

Thursday, November 24 6:30 p.m.
Join us and play for fabulous prizes!

MAGIC SHOW

Take a break from the holiday shopping hubbub with Terry Francis, Purveyor of Mystery & Magic!
Saturday, November 29 at 2 p.m.
All ages

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS for TEENS:

DECORATE A HOLIDAY GIFT BAG!

You'll need gift bags for your Thanksgiving weekend bargains. Westwood's own Teresa will share some creative tips.
Ages 12-18
advance registration required
Wednesday, November 25
4:00 p.m.
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 are sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and the Dater Fund.

Westwood Branch Library
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