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President's Message

During this time of Thanksgiving, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who work to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Undoubtedly I'll omit someone, but please know your actions are appreciated. I will attempt to touch on a few of the activities these volunteers are involved in.

Becky Weber, one of our newer members of the WCA board serves on the Membership and Promotions committee. She has enthusiastically formulated new ideas and plans for fundraising and increasing membership. She is also working with City Officials to put some teeth into the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

Along with raising two small children, **Brian Lee** finds time to organize and host Good Guy Loitering events throughout Westwood. These "sit-ins" deter criminal activity and are much appreciated by the neighbors of the troubled locations.

Liz Kissell has worked many long hours to compile the Westwood Strategic Plan, which will serve as a guideline in Westwood for years to come.

Jim McNulty co-chairs the Problem Properties committee with **Joel Kimmett**. Their main focus is identifying blighted, multi-family apartment buildings and directing the city to acquire and demolish them before speculators can re-hab and perpetuate the problem of the low-income housing glut in Westwood.

WCA was front and center at the annual WESTFEST celebration held in Cheviot with the Mug-Slide booth chaired by **Rick Boyd** and **Kathy Bach**. Along with making hundreds of dollars for WCA, the booth was a fun and successful endeavor. Kathy and Rick also took on the YOU 52 Challenge of making a video of Westwood's key attractions. The winning video (hopefully ours) will be shown on TV and the Fountain Square Jumbo-Tron!

Valerie Bauman volunteered to take over as treasurer at a difficult time. She has not only kept impeccable financial records, she also helped to gain non-profit status for our organization. She volunteers for most every activity WCA sponsors.

Mevla Gwen and **Mary Kuhl**, co-founders of Westwood Concern, take much time from their jobs to attend meetings and speak on behalf of Westwood. They take a lot of grief for being outspoken in their beliefs, but this has not diminished their resolve. Mary and Melva volunteer for many committees and events all year long.

Trent and Sharon Lewis attend every meeting of the WCA and are involved with the Westwood School Renovation project as well as the Montana Avenue widening project. They also chair the District Three Resource committee and the Neighborhood Support Program funds.

Nicholas Hollan, former candidate for Cincinnati City Council, chairs the School Enhancement committee and was the emcee at the annual student awards event in May.

Dick Finn is involved with the Yard of the Month program which rewards deserving homeowners for going above and beyond in keeping their property beautiful.

WESTCURC (Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation) is chaired by **Sr. Ann Rene McConn**. She is working to acquire specific properties for refurbishing in the core of Westwood. Her long term goals include acquiring a vacant building to be transformed into a Westwood event center and the implementation of Form Based Codes.

Randy Hammann has been the point person for coordinating with the Cincinnati Public Schools in the rehabilitation of our Westwood School. Along with keeping up with his children's activities, he also chairs the Neighborhood Business committee.

These and many more volunteers work to make our corner of the city just a little bit nicer. We'd love to have more help because there's always something to do. See you at the meeting on December 15th!

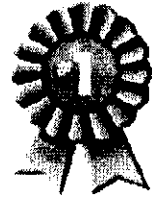
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John Sess

AND THE WINNER IS....

1st Place

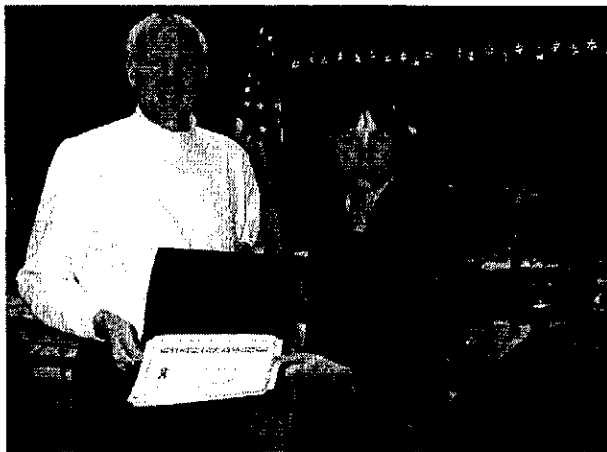
ZOE ZESZUT



2nd Place

MOTHER OF MERCY H. S. - CERAMICS & 3-D CLASS A - 1

WESTWOOD CIVIC FLAG DESIGN CONTEST



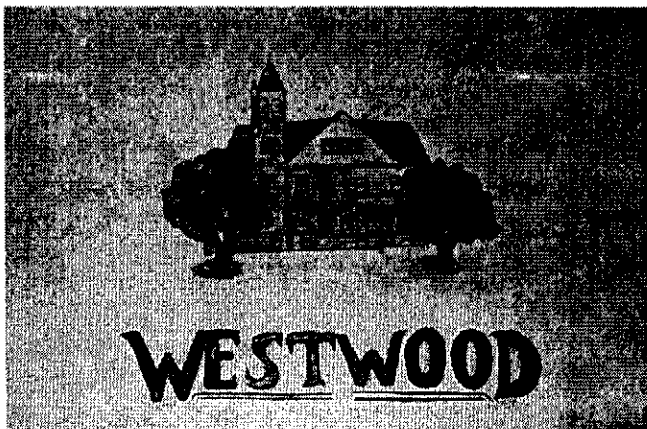
Zoe accepts award from John Sess
WCA President

It was a very difficult decision however, we now have our winner of the WCA Flag Design Contest. WCA would like to thank all who participated in our contest. Our winner, Zoe Zeszut, receives a \$400 check for her 1st place finish. Mother of Mercy will receive a \$100 check for 2nd place.

We would like to give a special thank you to all the Westwood area school teachers, who helped enter their students in the contest.

Participants:

Juwaun Tye - Dater Montessori
Dater Montessori - Room 224
Inayah Rodgers - Dater Montessori
Ben Miller - Dater Montessori
Dater Montessori - Room 227
Emily Stein - Dater Montessori
Ryan Frees - Westwood School
Car'Dale Jackson - Westwood School
Cooper Tavarez - Westwood School
Zoe Zeszut
Lu Ann Zeszut
Jan Conversano
Vicky Viginis
Mary Herbers



Zoe's Winning Design!!!!

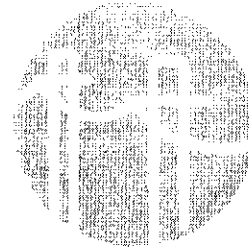
Flags will be available for purchase in early spring of next year. Look for further information in future newsletters.

DID YOU KNOW IT'S ILLEGAL

Did you notice all the ugly signs that keep popping up on the utility poles? Did you know it is illegal? The Cincinnati Municipal Code states in section 911-17 - Posting Bills on Streets: no person shall post or affix to any pole or other structure on any street, avenue, alley, park or public ground of the city, any handbill, card, circular or other printed material.

Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of posting bills on streets, a minor misdemeanor.

Unfortunately, a police officer must witness the offense taking place to prosecute. Therefore, if we all take them down as soon as they go up, call the number on the sign and tell them to not place signs in our neighborhood and call the police if you see someone in the process of putting them up, we can nip it in the bud. So if you are out and about help by taking them down.



Home Tour

Liz Kissel

As the winter chill and gray settles over Westwood, get out your 2010 calendars and flip to the spring.

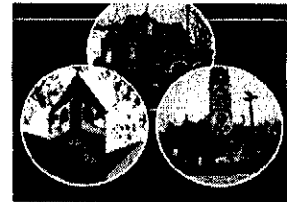


Circle **Sunday, April 25** and write in

"WESTWOOD HOME TOUR." You won't want to miss it! We are still looking for possible homes to feature. If you know of one we should know about, call Liz at 662-1156

Join the Westwood Historical Society *Liz Kissel*

Current Westwood Historical Society members will be receiving renewal notices in the mail in the next few weeks. If you aren't a member, consider joining. Meetings are held nine months out of the year on the second Wednesday and feature programs on a variety of topics (even if you aren't a member, you are welcome to attend meetings). You will also receive 5 newsletters a year.



To join, send a check for \$15 made payable to the Westwood Historical Society to
Westwood Historical Society
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Include the names of members of your household, address, phone, and e-mail address.

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For information on placing an ad, contact:
Becky Weber, Editor
bmimmy@aol.com or

Westwood Civic Association
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Cincinnati, OH 45211

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly
Statement November, 2009**

Revenue	
Donation	\$505.00
Membership	190.00
Advertising	60.00
Misc.	20.00
Total Revenue	\$775.00
Expenses	
Newsletter	\$409.57
Kiwanis Dues	200.00
Garden Expenses	152.51
Christmas Dinner	140.78
Total Expenses	\$902.86
 CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	 \$12,729.60
 SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	 \$3,933.54
 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	 \$5,000.00

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

WCA OFFICERS
Term: April 2009 - April 2010

- PRESIDENT-**
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- *Brian Lee.....379-9208
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Do you want to get more involved in your community?
Are you a potential "Community Organizer"? How about
running for a *Board of Directors position* with Westwood
Civic Association? Who knows where it could lead?



Any WCA member in good standing can be nominated at the January meeting. Two nominating committees have been selected, chaired by Kathy Bach and Mary Kuhl. To contact Mary Kuhl, please call 678-5119, email mkuhl@cinci.rr.com. Kathy Bach can be reached at 470-5019, email bibliohead@yahoo.com. You could also get more information at our December general meeting. We have 15 directors, and 5 are elected each year. See the rules at Westwoodcivic.org and click on the link "Westwood Civic Elections".

CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION

**Marlene Trapp
Service Area Coordinator**

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL NEWS

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 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 3 & 13 at 3 pm. For ticket information contact: 598-8303 or www.thedramaworkshop.org.

New, In January, **Spanish Classes** for little ones (3-10 years old). Half hour classes beginning Monday, January 26. One day a week is \$4/pp and 2 days a week (Wednesdays) is \$7/pp. Classes for preschool, 5 & 6 year olds, & 7-10 year olds. Great for homeschool students. Call for more information and to register. Center Membership is required.



Need to work off those HOLIDAY POUNDS? Don't forget we have **Pilates, Yoga, TaeKwonDo, Clogging and SALSA WEDNESDAYS**. Specifically, for Seniors, we have Wii Play on Wednesday mornings and chair exercises. Please call to register and for more information on any of these classes.

Preschool Registration is at 10 am on January 7th. Don't miss out on a space for your 3-5 year old in this popular program. Check your program guide for a complete list of preschool programs offered in the winter session.

For a complete listing of Westwood Town Hall's Recreation Programs, please visit Cincinnati Recreation Commission's web page at: cincyrec.org - Click on Community Centers, then Westwood Town Hall.

Westwood Branch Library
Kathy Bach

Thank you to the residents of Westwood and Hamilton County for your overwhelming support of the Library!

With the passage of Issue 7, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton will be able to continue providing much needed services to the children, seniors, families and communities across the County.

With Library use at an all time high, Issue 7 will allow the Library to keep neighborhood branches open, providing computer access for workers and residents, and purchasing new books and materials that people need.

Even with this victory, the Library will continue to implement efficiencies in order to save taxpayer dollars.

In addition, through the work of our library foundation, we will continue to look for other ways to locate additional sources of funding through private fundraising. We understand that our work has just begun and we will strive every day to provide the highest standard of service to the citizens of Hamilton County.

Thank you again for your support!

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

DECEMBER PROGRAMS for FAMILIES:

CELTIC CHRISTMAS

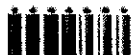
Join Tom and Kimberly for uplifting holiday music for all ages from the British Isles.
Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 pm
All ages

CELEBRATE KWANZAA

Learn more about the African American celebration of Kwanzaa with Charles Braddock.
Saturday, December 26 at 10:00 am
All ages



DECEMBER PROGRAMS for KIDS & TEENS:



MAKE A "YARN BOWL"

Turn simple materials into a beautiful bowl for a holiday gift or to hold your own stuff.
Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm
Ages 12-18
advance registration required

WII & MORE FOR TWEENS!

Looking for fun during winter break? Join us here for your favorite video games!
Monday, December 28 at 2:00 pm
Ages 8-12



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
3345 Epworth Avenue
513-369-4474
www.cincinnatiilibrary.org

Hours of Operation:
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8
Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6
<http://www.westwoodcivic.org/library/index.php>

**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

- 12/11 Christmas Party, Palomino
- 12/15 Regular Meeting
- 1/12 Steering Meeting
- 1/19 Regular Meeting

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.

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Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:
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