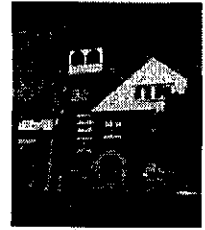




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President's Message:

I'd like to update you on some activities the Westwood Civic Association has been involved with in the past month. Many volunteer hours have been expended in efforts to make our neighborhood just a little nicer.

A committee led by Becky Weber and Chris Kearney has met with police and city officials to jump start the languishing Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. I have included the link at the bottom of this text for you to read the ordinance. As a result of their diligence, the Cincinnati Police stated that fines have gone out to some property owners. WCA will report which properties have received fines once CPD supplies us with the documentation.

Recently, a small group led by Mary Kuhl attended and spoke at the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) meeting. Of concern was the high number of calls for service at the housing units occupied by folks who receive subsidized rent from the taxpayers. CMHA officials were advised they too are subject to the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, but they feel they are exempt. We'll see about that!



Melva Gweyn and Sr. Ann Rene McConn attended a seminar in Nashville Tennessee relating to the Form Based Codes. This idea is a long term vision of how business districts should be designed for effectiveness and aesthetics.

On the housing front, Jim McNulty continues to persuade the City to eliminate blight by demolishing the dilapidated multi-unit apartment buildings in our neighborhood. On the other hand, WCA sent a letter to the City requesting they relax their approach to demolishing single family houses which may have hope in rehabilitation when the housing crisis eases.

Spring is just around the corner and as the weather turns favorable, I would like to ask the volunteers who have litter routes to again police their areas with great vigor. If you would like to get involved in the litter removal program, stop in the meeting on February 16th at the historic Westwood Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Remember, all first timer attendees get an *I Love Westwood* t-shirt! You won't get that at a City Council meeting!

John Sess, President
Westwood Civic Association

Link to chronic Nuisance Ordinance http://search.municode.com/html/19996/level2/TVII_C761.html

Westwood Historical Society Meeting Liz Kissel

Lifestyles Then and Now

Julie Carpenter, Executive Director of Betts House and Westwood resident, will speak at the February 10, Westwood Historical Society meeting. The Betts House in the Betts-Longworth Historic District was built in 1804 and is the oldest surviving brick building in Cincinnati. Julie will take us back to early 19th century Cincinnati and compare the lifestyles of the early settlers to our own including a look at eco-friendly behavior. Were they more "green" or are we? You might be surprised. She will also look at the notion of "progress" and how we now seek solutions to modern lifestyle problems by looking at how people lived in the past. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). All are welcome.

2010 WESTWOOD HOME TOUR Liz Kissel

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 25. You will not want to miss the 5th Westwood Home Tour when we will once again feature a selection of great homes.

The tour starts at Mother of Mercy High School (3036 Werk Road). Hours are 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Tickets are \$12 on the day of the tour. Presale ticket vouchers will be available for \$10 beginning April 1 at Henke Winery (3077 Harrison Avenue) and the Westwood-Cheviot US Bank branch (3168 Harrison Avenue).

If you'd like to volunteer, or be a sponsor, or have questions, call 662-1156.

**Update from WestCURC
Sr. Ann Rene McConn**



The housing market is beginning to turn up in Westwood. And your tax returns will help you with your down payment! If you or someone you know would like to purchase a home, a certificate of homebuyer training is often required by mortgage lenders.

You can earn this certificate from Working in Neighborhoods, Inc. located at 1814 Dreman Avenue, just a short drive from Westwood. There is no charge for the classes. The classes are led by professional loan staff, real estate agents, insurance providers, home inspection and others—everything you need to know about purchasing a home.

February classes are Tuesday, Feb. 2, 9, and 16 and Saturday, Feb. 6. March classes are Saturday March 6, and Tuesday March 2, 9, and 16.

Weekday classes are held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and all three classes are needed to complete the training. Saturday classes are offered all day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information and to schedule your classes, call 513-541-4109 X-112.

The Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation's (WestCURC) mission is to actively facilitate economic, social, and cultural development in our community. We work closely with residents, community leaders, business owners, and city officials to promote investment in Westwood. We focus on real estate development, beautification, promotion, and collaboration.

Check out our NEW website online at: <http://westcurc.com>
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Proposed Constitutional Amendment

The current constitutional language places the responsibility of excusing a board member of absences from meetings on the recording secretary. The amendment requires a majority vote of board members present to excuse an absent member for good cause.

Whereas attendance at Westwood Civic Association meetings by its elected board members is an important responsibility, and

Whereas criteria for an excused absence is rather vague and arbitrary, and

Whereas the responsibility for determining an excused absence rests solely with the Recording Secretary, and

Whereas matters of this importance should be shared equally by the board members present at a regular membership meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that Title IV, Article VI, Section 2 be amended to include the following first sentence, "Board members will be deemed absent unless excused by a majority vote of the board members present at the regular monthly membership meeting" and deleting the phrase "without adequate excuse presented to the Recording Secretary prior to each meeting"

The new Title IV, Article VI, Section 2 will read as follows:

Section 2. Board members will be deemed absent unless excused by a majority vote of the board members present at the regular monthly membership meeting.

Absence of a Director for three consecutive meetings shall be cause for the Board of Directors to declare the position held by such member to be vacant.

Submitted by John Sess

CONCERT IN WESTWOOD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 3:00 PM

More than 100 voices to lift us out of the winter doldrums with a rousing concert of the Miami University Men's Glee Club! It promises to be an entertaining event with a variety of music to be held in beautiful Westwood First Presbyterian Church, 3011 Harrison Ave.

Remaining Concerts: Gypsy Jazz with the Faux Frenchmen, Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 PM and The Powerful Organ with Heather MacPhail & Bryan Mock, Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 PM

Any questions, please call Marlene Tarvin - 662-1759

Meet WCA New Board Members

Mitch Neeld

I have been given an opportunity to serve on the Westwood Civic Association Board of Directors and would like to introduce myself...

I have lived in Ohio for all of my life and in the Cincinnati area for past thirty years. My wife Kristi and I moved from Blue Ash to Westwood in 2006 in order to be closer to the city. We chose Westwood after falling in love with the beautiful homes and tree-lined streets. We now live, along with our three dogs, in one of those beautiful homes on one of those tree-lined streets along with a wonderful group of neighbors. We were immediately made to feel very welcome and "at home" here - not only on our street, but in the neighborhood in general. We quickly became convinced that we made the right decision and have come to really love and appreciate Westwood.

I have been given small opportunities to be involved in the community: working the WCA's Mug Slide at Westfest, as part of the pit crew for Westwood's entry in the Soap Box Derby, and as a Chickendale at St. Catherine's Festival. I value the community spirit and enjoy being involved. I am concerned about the issues that face our neighborhood and have respect for those that are dealing with them. I am honored to have been asked to serve the community and look forward to discovering the ways in which I can help to keep Westwood a wonderful place to live.

Student Performers Wanted

Are you a vocal or instrumental musician, dancer, actor, stand-up comic, or member of a band? Do you have talented kids or grandkids who like to perform?

Are you a music or dance teacher seeking recital space? The Westwood Branch Library is looking for STUDENTS, from the youngest through college age, for a summer concert series. Times and dates (May -Sept.) are negotiable. Acts should be about 15-30 minutes (may be combined to make a total performance of 30-60 minutes). Must be family friendly. Piano is available, but bring your own accompanist. Bring your own audience, too. Interested? Contact me and let's work something out. Deadline: March 20. Please feel free to forward this to anyone who might be interested.

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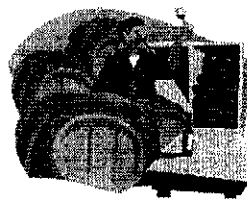
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Joe Henke

I am a Cincinnati native & grew up in Groesbeck. Early years attending St. Ann's & La Salle High School. Married Joan (Wooley) (Amelia) in 1971 and we moved to Westwood in 1978 & have been here for over 30 years. I worked for Cincinnati Milacron as a programmer & Machinist for 27 years. Started a hobby of making wine in 1974 and in 1996 opened our first winery in Winton Place at the old Christo - Drivacos (strangely on east Epworth). We were there for 5 years. It was a great place but would only seat 40. In 2001 we bought the old Window Garden and move the winery to Westwood. Our small Urban Westwood Winery has won the best wine in the state for 3 years & have received many National honors.

Our Chef Scott brings to your table the same passion as I have for our wines. So as the sign says "Sit, Sip & Savor".



SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY SUMMIT

Sr. Ann Rene

Denise Driehaus and the Price Hill Merchants



Association are sponsoring an energy summit aimed at small business in West Price Hill, East Price Hill, Westwood and Cheviot. It is being modeled after our home energy summit in Westwood. It will be held at Elder's Shaeper Center on Feb 18 at 5:30 PM. The Panel will include Quentin Harris, Director, S.W. Ohio Region; Ohio Department of Development, Denise Driehaus, State Representative; Ohio House District 31, Matt Kolbinsky, Seco Electric; Green Contractors Coalition and someone from Duke Energy.

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly
Statement January, 2010**

Revenue

Membership \$380.00
Advertising 120.00

Total Revenue \$500.00

Expenses

Newsletter 409.99
Membership Postcards 80.30
WEC 2010 Membership 50.00

Total Expenses \$540.29

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$12,219.01

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Submitted by: Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

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MADCAP PUPPETS: "Marco Polo & The Silk Road"

Saturday, March 20 at 2 pm.

Still a real bargain at ONLY \$5/pp. Advance tickets available in March.

BUNNY RUN EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, March 27th 2 pm \$3/child. "Rain or shine"
Ages 10 & under. Lots of loot for the youngsters! Please bring a basket or bag.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Drama Workshop returns in March with the play "Comic Potential".

Tickets can be purchased on line by going to www.thedramaworkshop.org or by calling:
598-8303. Show dates are March 5, 6, 11, 12, & 13 at 8 PM and March 3 & 13 at 3 PM.

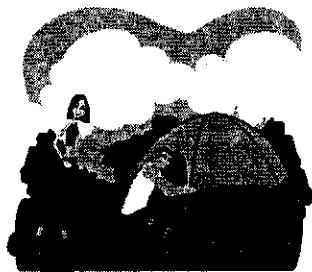
Pilates returns Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm. \$8/person/class.

STEP AEROBICS has begun and is held Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 -7:15 pm and is only \$4/class. Will run through March 25. On Thursdays—ramp up with Step or Zumba and cool down with YOGA at 7:30 pm. (Yoga—7:30- 8:30 pm—\$6/class/person.)

ZUMBA CLASS STARTS: Monday, March 29 from 6:30-7:15 pm and still only costs \$4/class/person.

SUMMER DAY CAMP -

Open Registration begins March 9th. \$200 + \$10 membership/pool pass/child is due at Registration. Camp starts Wed., June 9 and runs thru Friday, August 13. Camp Hours: 7am-6pm. A bargain at about \$100/week/child.




CROCHETING: Wednesdays, beginning January 20 at 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Only \$2/class. Learn how to crochet or work on your projects while chatting with friends.

COPPER ENAMELING CLASS: 6:30-8:30 pm \$8/class. Class is held on a Monday night—please call for the schedule before arriving. Selected Mondays only. Teens –Seniors

All Supplies provided for initial class. A unique class. Joe Goeldner, Instructor.

Check out our full program guide at www.cincyrec.org. New classes have been added for youth and teens. Don't forget about our standards either: Sewing, Magic, Afterschool Camp, Homeschool Art, Double Dutch, various Arts & Crafts, and Passport to Fishing.





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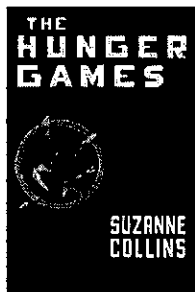
Kathy Bach

Library open on President's Day, Monday, 2/15.

Happy February! Although this is a short month, there's A LOT going on! Groundhog Day, President's Day, Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and did you know this Chinese New Year is the year of the Tiger?

Displays:

Stop in and see our beautiful display of Notgeld courtesy of Ms. Jean Dye in our display case. Notgeld (German for "emergency money" or "necessity money") was special money issued primarily in Germany and Austria to deal with economic crisis situations such as a shortage of small change or hyperinflation. Thanks to Ms. Dye for lending us her personal collection. The images are truly stunning!



Read together—On the Same Page 2010

In an effort to foster a sense of community through reading, the Library joined in partnership with area cultural organizations in 2002 to establish On the Same Page, a community-wide reading program. Since then, thousands of people from around Greater Cincinnati have come together each year in February and March to read and discuss great books.

To encourage intergenerational reading and discussion, the On the Same Page Selection Committee chose one title for both adults and teens, a first in the program's nine-year history. This year's selection, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, is an award-winning teen science fiction novel. The Westwood Library is discussing *Hunger Games* on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Stop in and pick up a copy today!

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 & Teens

Save Energy, Save Green!

Join environmental scientists and educators for this workshop full of games and fun learning exploring home energy usage, the cost to consumers, and to our natural environment. Learn about the impact of your personal consumption, the science of climate change, and steps to take for reducing your energy bills and impact with Susan VonderHaar from SaveEnergyCincy. Interesting and enjoyable for homeowners, renters, and their families. Prizes and refreshments

Ages 12 & up

Saturday, March 6

2:00 p.m.

Evening Book Club: *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.

For Children & Tweens:

Toddler "Movers & Shakers"

Music and movement for toddlers
every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 12-36 months

Wii & More for Tweens

School is out, but we are open on President's day. Join us for more of your favorite video games!

Monday, February 15

2:00 p.m.

Ages 6-12



Signing Safari Sampler

Bring your toddlers for a fun storytime with Jeanne Bloemer from Signing Safari, and learn about the benefits of using sign language to communicate with your young children.

Ages 1-3

Wednesday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

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>

Family Movie & Ice Cream Social

Feature Presentation: Up (PG)

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

All ages

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**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

- 2/9 Steering Meeting
- 2/16 Regular Meeting
- 3/9 Steering Meeting
- 3/16 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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