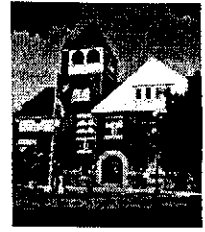




# WESTWORDS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION



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## Gamble House Update

Liz Kissel

This is a critical time in the effort to save the James N. Gamble house. The two most important things the community can do now are: 1) raise money, and 2) keep the fight on the public radar screen.

Hopefully by the time you read this, Greenacres Foundation will have responded favorably to Cincinnati Preservation Association's (CPA) offer to buy the house for fair market value. ***IF*** the house is important to the community, and ***IF*** the community can acquire it through CPA, then the money to buy, restore and maintain it will have to be raised or the house will likely be razed.

Given its historic significance, there is a good chance that some of the money can come from grants and foundations but often that money is restricted for specific uses, and generally can not be used toward an endowment. Realistically over time, we need to raise a total of \$2 million dollars from all sources (to include an endowment), but \$500,000 is needed fairly soon to purchase and stabilize the house, and begin restoration work.

An endowment is needed to generate income for routine expenses (utilities, security, etc.), ongoing repair and maintenance, and for infrastructure replacement in the future (new roof, etc.). Generally for every \$1 million dollars in an endowment, at 5% interest, \$50,000 would be generated annually. Ideally the capital would never be touched and would actually be added to over time.

Is it doable? It is up to the community.

It is difficult to convince people to donate when the house's future is still in limbo. But if the Greater Cincinnati community truly wants to save the house, it needs to demonstrate to Greenacres its willingness to raise the funds to acquire and maintain the house long term. To that end, pledges would help demonstrate that we are committed to saving the house (payable only if CPA buys the house).

Raising \$500,000 could be as simple as gifts from a few very generous people (5 donations of \$100,000), or a lot of people contributing modest amounts (20,000 people giving \$25 or 5000 giving \$100) or, more likely, a mix of contributions. Stock donations can also raise a significant amount of money and provide tax benefits to the donor (extra P&G shares anyone?). In addition, a wide variety of fundraising efforts can generate money with help from lots of volunteers.

Ready? Willing? Able?

Contact the Westwood Historical Society or CPA (see below) if you would like to make a pledge or donation. Also contact us if you have fundraising ideas or are willing to help with fund raising.

### Westwood Historical Society

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Cincinnati, OH 45211

[Info@westwoodhistorical.org](mailto:Info@westwoodhistorical.org)  
Liz Kissel (513) 662-1156

### Cincinnati Preservation Association

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[www.CincinnatiPreservation.org](http://www.CincinnatiPreservation.org)

2nd Annual  
**Westwood Art Show**  
 Saturday, September 18  
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Westwood Town Hall grounds  
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2. Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the right-of-way or visible from the street. Planting between the street and sidewalk and in backyards is not acceptable.
3. Plant the right tree in the right place. Please consider the mature size of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities, or other structures.

A high priority is given to planting trees on private property along streets the Park Board cannot plant due to narrow right-of-ways. The Park Board encourages such streets to coordinate delivery and planting for interested property owners.

Other priority areas include community focal points such as entranceways, street triangles, areas near street intersections, and public frontages along major streets.

Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests, and will inspect locations after planting to ensure guidelines are followed. For more information go to [www.cincyparks.com](http://www.cincyparks.com)

Gamble Nippert YMCA  
 Karen Strasser YMCA Board Chairperson


The Gamble Nippert YMCA is building a Kaboom Playground on August 28th. This will be a one day project with 200 volunteers making this dream a reality. This is a community initiative and will be open to our community, everyday, for members and non members, alike, to enjoy. We are looking for volunteers to make this playground a reality. For more information, and to obtain a volunteer information sheet, please contact Karen Strasser at 604-1167



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Westwood Civic  
 Association

2nd Annual End of the Summer Picnic  
 Tuesday, September 21  
 at Westwood Town Hall  
 5:30 - 7:00 pm



The general meeting will immediately follow the picnic.



**Update from WestCURC** by Sr. Ann Rene McConn, Kathy Bach & Sara Sheets

As you may know, WestCURC recently completed the total renovation of **3655 Boudinot Ave.** This 3-bedroom, 2-bath home is now listed at the bargain price of **\$99,900.** Many of the features were chosen with **energy efficiency** in mind. There is a high-efficiency furnace, new Low-E replacement windows, and Energy Star refrigerator and much more. For more information on the home, check out [www.westcurc.com](http://www.westcurc.com).

We're currently working on renovating **3738 Boudinot** and **3326 Renfro Avenues**

**What Can You Do to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint?**

Based on **David Gershon's** work, WestCURC would like to challenge Westwood residents and others (anyone reading this) to reduce the carbon footprint of your life. Every few days, we'll post some ideas for you to start implementing at home. That way, by the time you join an Eco-Team, you'll have a head start. Ready?

- **Recycle and reduce the amount of solid waste your household throws into the garbage. The City of Cincinnati provides this list of items that can be placed in your recycling bin. Familiarize yourself and educate your family on what you can recycle. Spend some time setting up a recycling system in your home. See if you can reduce your amount of weekly waste by one garbage can size.**

Below is the current list of recyclable items for the City of Cincinnati's recycling program. Please call 591-6000 with any questions.

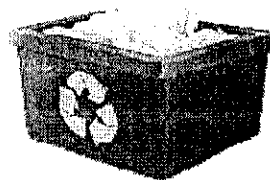
**Acceptable Items**

- **NOW Accepting** all plastic bottles and jugs (no lids)
- Glass jars and bottles of any color
- Aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans
- Empty aerosol cans with lids and tips removed
- Brown grocery bags
- Computer paper, and other mixed office paper
- Corrugated cardboard, broken down to 3' X 3'
- Envelopes, with or without windows
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers with inserts
- Paperboard, such as cereal boxes
- Telephone books
- **NOW Accepting** pizza boxes (free of food residue)



**Unacceptable Items**

- Plastic that are not bottles or jugs, such as whipped topping containers, butter tubs, yogurt cups or food trays
- Plastic bags
- Motor oil jugs or other chemical containers
- Styrofoam
- Lids/caps
- Window or drinking glass
- Light bulbs
- Coat hangers or steel scrap
- Paint cans



*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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**Yard of the Month Recipients  
August, 2010**

Paula Gandol  
3103 Macarthur Court  
Nominated by Tramanh Pastorello & Jo Fleck

Tony Morell  
3146 Ramona  
Nominated by Anonymous

Paul Francis  
2977 Lischer Ave.  
Nominated by Pat Malik

Anonymous  
3657 Boudinot Ave.  
Nominated by Yard of Month Committee

Jane Wallace  
3246 Glenmore Ave.  
Nominated by Yard of Month Committee

Kathy Chaille  
3140 Daytona Ave.  
Nominated by Yard of Month Committee

Anonymous  
3070 Veazey Ave.  
Nominated by Yard of Month Committee

Judy Cooper Scarlato  
2938 Lafeuille Ave.  
Nominated by Yard of Month Committee

Stephanie & Dennis Little  
3026 Sandra Place  
Nominated by Walter Meirose

Julie Hennessey (July winner)  
2759 Eugenie Lane  
Nominated by Sean Leonard

**Urgent Casting Call**

Do you have a  
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Spring 2010: DIY's Desperate Landscapes returns to Cincinnati!



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[vmiller1101@yahoo.com](mailto:vmiller1101@yahoo.com)

If you're ready to be on TV,  
go to [jayTV.net](http://jayTV.net)



The DIY Network's Jason Cameron is coming back to Cincinnati and he's looking for more Desperate Landscapes.

**Westwood Historical Society Meeting**

**Liz Kissel**

There is no August meeting but mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 8, when we will have a program on the Verdin Bell Company. The company has a Westwood tie and has recently been doing research on the Verdin family and the history of the company. Nicholas Verdin (think Verdin Avenue) was an early Westwood resident. It should be an interesting presentation. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church.



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Statement July, 2010**

**Revenue**

INN Interest	\$780.57
WTH Yard Sale	304.25
Soapbox Derby Advertising	300.00
Westfest	204.00
WCA Banners	140.00
WCA T-Shirts	90.00
Membership	50.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,868.82</b>

**Expenses**

Flags Harrison Ave.	\$1,063.93
Newsletter	411.68
WTH Art Show	317.00
Westfest	50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,842.61</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$13,202.25

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$3,940.90

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT \$5,000.00

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

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Thanks to the generosity of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, our very own Westwood Library has 21 new computers! The Gates Foundation has long been a supporter of computer access in public libraries. This Opportunity Online Hardware Grant was designed to help libraries enhance and add public computer workstations for customers in communities where a library's computers are at risk of becoming outdated with limited capacity for users.

The grant-funded computers offer several new features, including sound, video, USB ports, and Microsoft Office 2007 software (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel). There are also scanners and a touch screen print release station, as well as the ability to print in color.

We are grateful to the Gates Foundation for enabling the Library to improve the quality of free computer access used by our community. This enhanced technology provides a critical resource for our customers to find important information, search and apply for jobs online, and benefit from online tools they are unable to access elsewhere.

August programs

**Book Club – Thursday August 26 at 7:00 pm – Adults**

*This month's selection is Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult*

*In nineteen minutes, you can mow the front lawn, color your hair, watch a third of a hockey game. In nineteen minutes, you can bake scones or get a tooth filled by a dentist; you can fold laundry for a family of five....In nineteen minutes, you can stop the world, or you can just jump off it. In nineteen minutes, you can get revenge. Sterling is a small, ordinary New Hampshire town where nothing ever happens – until the day its complacency is shattered by a shocking act of violence.*

**Student Summer Showcase - All Ages**

Thurs., Aug. 5 at 7:00 p.m.: LOL Circus Troop

Thurs., Aug. 12 at 7:00 p.m.: Magician Richard Lowenberg

Thurs., Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.: Iain Skaggs on Celtic Harp

Get A Clue! - Wednesday August 4 at 2:00 p.m. - Ages 12-18 Registration Required

Watch Clue, the movie. Then play Clue, the game. Refreshments, prizes and mysterious fun!

Wii & more for Tweens - Mon. Aug. 9 at 2:00 p.m. - Ages 8-12  
Back to School BINGO-Thursday August 12 at 2:00 p.m. - Ages 6-12  
Get ready for the new school year! Play for fabulous prizes!

Family Movie & Ice Cream Social-Tuesday August 24 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.)  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)

Sign 'N Play! For Toddlers - Fridays in August at 10:30 a.m.- Ages 18-36 mo. Registration Required

Movers & Shakers - Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. - Ages 12 - 36 months

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*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/libraries/programs/calendar.html>*

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[www.cincinnati.org/libraries](http://www.cincinnati.org/libraries)

**WESTWOOD TOWN HALL NEWS**

Marlene Trapp

**DON'T FORGET: WESTWOOD TOWN HALL RECREATION CENTER (3017 HARRISON AVE.) IS STILL AN ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING SITE—PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CANS IN THE BIG BLUE BIN IN THE CENTER'S PARKING LOT. (ADULT BEVERAGE CANS ACCEPTED, TOO.)**

**SUMMER DAY CAMP:** It's been a busy summer and the children are having fun whether they are at day camp or drop-ins. Fishing, hiking, creeking, swimming, cooking, movies, special events, field trips, parties, games, sports, and much, much more have them exhausted when they go home and wanting to come back for more the next day.

**GIANT YARD SALE:** Was a huge success despite the extreme heat. Thanks for selling and/or buying. I heard from most vendors that sales were good. Lot's of water, popcorn and sno- cones were sold in the sweltering heat.

**TAEKWONDO** Classes for beginners through adults. Monday and Wednesday evenings-- \$30/month, with a discount for more than one family member attending. You can start at any time. \$40 uniform fee. Master Mark Stacey, 6<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt, Instructor

**RYAN POOL'S** hours have been extended to August 14<sup>th</sup> thanks to Stan Chesley's fund raising efforts.

**YOUTH/TEEN SEWING CLASSES:** will now have 2 afternoons each week—Tuesday and Thursday. Cost will be \$40/8 weeks sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call now to be put on a list to save a spot. More details to come. Check website in early August for actual start date. Tuesdays: 3:30 – 5:30 pm and Thursdays: 4–6 pm.

**AFTERSCHOOL DAY CAMP**—starts August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is only \$185/month. Transportation to Westwood Town Hall must be arranged through your child's school.

We are in the process of setting up our Fall Program Schedule. Please check the website in early August for more information about Preschool Programs, more youth classes and drop-in activities, and adult classes.

Please call 662-9109 or [www.cincyrec.org](http://www.cincyrec.org) for further information or for a full schedule of events.

**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings & Events**

- 8/10 Steering Meeting
- 8/17 General Meeting
- 9/14 Steering Meeting
- 9/18 Westwood Art Show
- 9/21 2nd Annual End of Summer Picnic  
and general 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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Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting- we'd be happy to see you!

# Gary's Westsider



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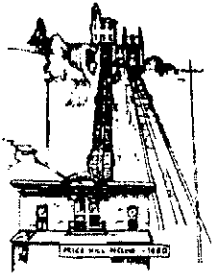
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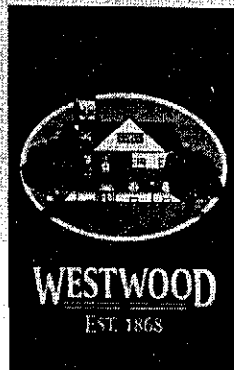
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The banners are now available from our contest held this past winter.

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Or come to our next general meeting on August 17 and make your purchase.



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