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President's Message:

"Slow down, and *Savor the Neighborhood*" That could be the slogan for WCA's efforts to calm traffic in Westwood. Instead of folks racing through Cincinnati's largest neighborhood, on their way to who knows where- let's start thinking of Westwood as a *destination*. When the utility work is finished on Montana Avenue, the repaving and restriping will begin. It will be an entirely different experience, with a single, wider, safer driving lane in each direction, and a dedicated center turn lane. The on-street parking will be eliminated, and it should be a much more pleasant drive than it has been. This will be accomplished with no curb widening, except at the intersection with Westwood Northern Boulevard, where extra turn lanes will be added to relieve that bottleneck.

And then there's Epworth and Lischer... We have been trying to get the city to install a four-way stop at that dangerous intersection for a long time. There have been many wrecks there, with the zooming Epworth traffic and the Lischer drivers trying to tempt fate, breezing by the stop sign. Then came the wreck this July which ended with a car on it's roof. This brought on another plea to the city, and a petition drive was in progress. But the Traffic and Engineering Department was still looking into it when, on Saturday September 24th, another crash ended with an SUV on it's side, leaning against the house at 3217 Epworth. This time, after plenty of news coverage, and even a You Tube video, the new stop signs were in place three days later. Case closed. But wait... this just in.... The neighbors are now energized by this victory, and want to apply for speed bumps on Lischer Ave. Here we go again...

Saturday the 24th was also the date of the 3rd Annual Westwood Art Show. The morning was a little drizzly, but shortly after the show opened, the skies cleared, and the event was bigger and better than ever. In addition to art, music, wine and food, it was a great opportunity to socialize with our neighbors. Thanks to Amanda Hogan Carlisle and many volunteers who make this major Westwood event better every year.

How do we know when we are doing *outreach*, which is crucial to dealing with some of the larger issues that affect an entire sector of the city, and when we are *butting in* to other people's business? Perhaps if we are *in favor* of something, like West-Fest in Cheviot, then it's outreach. Or if we are *against* some-

thing, like new apartment zoning in East Westwood or low income housing in South Fairmount, some might say we are *butting in*. We have neighborhood borders, but sometimes there are things going on nearby that are so important to all of us, that we should do our part to either support or change the situation, as needed. This question came up recently when we opposed a new multi-family zoning change for 7 acres of property at 3454 McHenry Ave in East Westwood. We have a plan for Westwood that calls for, among other things, a reversal of the 60/40 domination of multi-family over single family housing units. We need to reduce, not add, multi family housing in our area. We had a small victory when a City Council committee sent the zoning request back to the planning commission, and required them to work with both of our neighborhoods on a solution to this problem. We will need to stay in front of this issue. Construction should begin soon on our new firehouse on the site of the blighted apartment buildings that were demolished at 2487 Harrison Ave., near McHenry.

Traffic, zoning, crime, recreation, blight, special events, and FUN- these are some of the things that keep us buzzing along in our little slice of heaven. What a great time to be making history in the very historic Westwood, Ohio. I'll see you around the neighborhood...

Jim McNulty

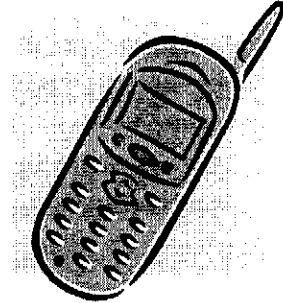
Green Township History Through Its Cemeteries Liz Kissel

The October 12 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society will feature Joe Flickinger, author of the recently published book, *A Bicentennial History of Green Township: Uncovering a Jewel in the Crown of the Queen City 1809-2009*. A number of years ago, Joe researched the history of the Bridgetown Cemetery, and while doing research for his book, also looked into several other cemeteries in Green Township. He will share information about those cemeteries and clues they reveal about the history of the Township which at one time included Cheviot and Westwood. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Westwood COPP Michelle Conda

We were honored to have Captain Neville come to one of our meetings this month. He offered two suggestions:

765-1212 should be a number you call with confidence. This is the non-emergency number that reaches the same dispatchers as 911. The dispatchers used to be police officers, but now they are city employees. Some dispatchers are fabulous, while others may need more training. If you are having an issue with one of the dispatchers, write down the time of your call (and dispatcher's name, if you get it). All calls are recorded! Contact Captain Neville at District 3 and tell him your problem. He will investigate.



Do not let a situation spin out of control. We had a member who was confronted by a drunken person outside of her home. Captain Neville says we can diffuse a situation like this simply by removing ourselves from the area. In her case, by going inside her house, the gentleman would probably go away. A call to dispatch was not necessary. He cautioned using common sense in these cases. If the gentleman had knocked on the door, calling 765-1212 may have been needed. The lesson learned is we can do our part to diffuse a situation by going inside our home, ducking into a place of business or by driving away.

Finally, we are proud to be well over 30 members strong, with an additional six people joining our ranks. Thank you, new members! And a continuing "thank you" to those in our group who have stuck with it over ten years!

Gamble House Hearing Update Liz Kissel

A hearing was finally held on September 22 in front of Judge Robert Winkler in the Court of Common Pleas regarding the consolidated appeals that Greenacres Foundation has filed. Greenacres argued that they are entitled to a demolition permit since they applied before the James N. Gamble house was given the historic landmark designation. The City argued that the current law does not require the official designation to be in place for a building to be historic and for the permit to be denied. Judge Winkler will render his decision within 60 days. Regardless of which way he rules, the other side can appeal.

See more information regarding the Gamble House on pg. 3.

Westwood Art Show Amanda Hogan Carlisle

The 3rd Annual Westwood Art Show was our best yet with 70 talented artists, 5 skilled food vendors, and 3 fantastic musical acts. Thank you so much Westwood - and the entire Westside - for showing up in big numbers to make it such a success!

Special thanks to the Westwood Civic Association for your continued support, to the LaSalle High School volunteers who were so helpful to the artists setting up, to Zen + Now Coffee for filling in last minute, to Nikki Pierson Mayhew for her inspired poster design, and to my husband Kevin Carlisle for booking the music and running sound during the show.

Gamble House Update

Bob Prokop



Cincinnati City Council Member Charlie Winburn is bringing a new motion before council in an attempt to spare the Historic James N. Gamble House from demolition.

"We need to send a strong message that we stand with the people of Westwood in their efforts to preserve the very heart of their community: the Historic James Norris Gamble House."

Cincinnati City Council Member Charlie Winburn

Bold Vision for Cincinnati:

Creating Jobs and Restoring Hope Through Historic Preservation

In part, Council Member Winburn's motion reads as follows:

"The restoration, preservation, and promotion of the house and James N. Gamble's life-work can play a major part in restoring the vitality of this part of our city by attracting tourists, new businesses, and creating jobs. It will instill hope into the heart of the Westwood community and educate future generations about a man of remarkable historical significance and a founder of our great city.



The owners, the Greenacres Foundation, have repeatedly said that the house is in such disrepair that it has lost all value and must be demolished. If they truly believe this, then they should be willing to donate or sell it to the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of restoration and preservation.

If the owners are unwilling to donate or sell the property, it is in the best interest of the City of Cincinnati to continue with eminent domain proceedings relative to the Historic James N. Gamble House."

Council Member Charlie Winburn's Motion Needs Your Support!

Please contact all members of Cincinnati City Council and urge them to support Charlie Winburn's latest motion to save the Gamble House. Email, phone, fax — all 3 methods if you prefer! We have set up an easy one-click web page to provide more information and allow you to send an email to all members of City Council with a single click. Please visit: <http://www.savethegamblehouse.org/one-click-campaigns/winburn-motion/>



The House That Built Ivory Deserves Better Than This

The Historic James N. Gamble House Legal Fund has been established to help defray the costs associated with defending our City's history. Your donation could mean the difference between *demolition today* or *restoration tomorrow*. Please visit: <http://www.savethegamblehouse.org/legal-fund/> and find out how you can help preserve an irreplaceable national treasure!

October is here and we've got everything you need to scare up a great Halloween! Check out some books on how to make Halloween costumes. Check out some spooky music CDs to play for your Halloween party. Check out some scary stories to share in the dark.

Programs:

Book Club – Thursday October 27 at 7:00 p.m. – Adults



**This month's selection is
Room by Emma Donoghue**

To five-year-old Jack, Room is the entire world. It is where he was born and grew up; it's where he lives with his Ma as they learn and read and eat and sleep and play. At night, his Ma shuts him safely in the wardrobe, where he is meant to be asleep when Old Nick visits. Room is home to Jack, but to Ma, it is the prison where Old Nick has held her captive for seven years. Through determination, ingenuity, and fierce motherly love, Ma has created a life for Jack. But she knows it's not enough...not for her or for him. She devises a bold escape plan, one that relies on her young son's bravery and a lot of luck.

- ◆ **Cincinnati's Cookin' with Joy M. Pierson!** – Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. – Adults
Joy loves to share food with family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers. She's recently published her own cookbook, *Cincinnati's Cookin'* with more than 100 recipes from Cincinnati kitchens. Come hear her culinary adventures, enjoy her cooking demonstration, & savor some sample dishes from her new cookbook, *Cincinnati's Cookin'*.
- ◆ **College Information Series**—Tuesday October 4, October 18, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Teens & Families
Registration Recommended
Are you planning for college but not quite sure where to start? Then this series of four programs designed to help school students successfully navigate the path toward college is what you're looking for. Topics include researching and visiting colleges; completing the application process; financial aid and scholarships, and preparing for college entrance exams. Each program will highlight applicable Library resources for teens and parents and include hands on experiences with the Library's Learning Express Library databases. Programs are free but registration is encouraged.
- ◆ **Computer Open Lab** – Thursday October 6 at 10:00 a.m. – Adults *Registration Required*
Bring your questions, we have some answers! We can help you with general computer basics, typing instruction, setting up a free e-mail account, Microsoft 2007, and resumes and online job applications.
- ◆ **Local Chocolate Tasting** – Thursday October 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Adults *Registration Required*
Try some delicious local chocolates just in time for Halloween!
- ◆ **Wii Party** – Saturday October 15 at 2:00 p.m. – Teens
Bring your games and your friends, and play with us.
- ◆ **Library Babies** – Tuesday October 18 at 6:30 p.m. – Babies ages 6-18 mo.
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories and movement! We will be meeting upstairs in the Castle Corner this month.
- ◆ **Teen On the Same Page Discussion** – Wednesday October 19 at 4:00 p.m. – Teens
Read *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher and discuss the novel with other teens.
- ◆ **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.cincinnatiilibrary.org/programs/calendar.html>

Westwood Branch Library	Hours of Operation:	
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513-369-4474	Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday:	10-6

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New Zumba/Body Sculpting Instructor:

Zumba and Body Sculpting -- Thursdays - Zumba at 6:30-7:15 pm and Body Sculpting from 7:30-8:15 pm Amy Ostenkamp, Instructor. Cost \$6/pp or passes of \$30/6 classes or \$54/10 classes. Burn the calories with Zumba and sculpt your body with the next class.

AFTERSCHOOL DAY CAMP - Monday--Friday 2-6 pm \$185/month/child. Must arrange transportation from child's school to WTH.

DRAMA CLUB FOR KIDS - Tuesdays thru 12/13, ages 7 +, 6-7:30 pm, \$45/quarter. Production on December 16th at 7 pm. Learn to script, act, create sets, apply make up and make costumes.

SEWING WITH CHERYL - returns starting Tuesdays at 3:30 to 5 pm for ages 6 and older. \$40 every 6 weeks. A few spaces remain.

FRIDAY FAMILY SEWING/CROCHET CLASS - 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your own machine or use one of ours. \$25 a month. Or learn how to crochet.

AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT -- (Regularly \$30/6 weeks) classes are "pick 2 - pay \$50 for both". Some classes have begun and some can/will start later. Nature Art, Edible Art, Recycled Art, Fiber Art, Clay Hand-building, Photo Club, & Jewelry Making, Girly Girlz. www.cincyrec.org for individual class information.

TIE DYE HALLOWEEN SHIRT CLASS IN OCTOBER - Youth & Teens, \$3/pp with membership and you have to bring a washed and dried white cotton t-shirt. Call if interested. Limited enrollment.


WATERCOLORS --Tina Wenke -- Teen Homeschool Watercolors on Wednesdays, 10- noon. \$60/6 weeks. Tina will start an adult class in the evening when registration reaches 6. \$80/session, call if interested.

OLD FAVORITES - Homeschool Drawing, Fun With Art, Harmonica, Guitar, TaeKwonDo, Belly Dancing, Clog-ging, Yoga, and all the fun kid's classes: Volleyball, Double Dutch, Chess Club, Wii Just Dance, Ultimate Fris-bee, Games including Dodge Ball, and many more. Many of these are free or nearly so and the others have modest fees.


FOR SENIORS - We have Mondays at The Presbyterian Church 9am - 3 pm. And at the Center, we have Quilt-ing, Wii Play, Exercise, Line Dance, Crochet, and more in the works.

HALLOWEEN HOWL -- Friday, October 21st -6:30-8 pm, tricks & treats, Madcap Puppet & Story Telling, games, crafts. For families. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. AGES TO 11 + ADULTS \$3/PP


FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, 10/14 - 7 pm until end of movie. Refreshments and a movie--\$5/family of 4/\$1 each additional member.



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Statement September, 2011**

Revenue

Miscellaneous \$1.18
Total Revenue \$1.18

Expenses

Newsletter \$404.23
 Art Show 140.00
 Westwood Community Gardens 58.03
 Web-Site Renewal 43.95
Total Expenses \$646.21

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$9,484.16
 SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$3,943.23
 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT \$5,000.00

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

**Westwood School
Liz Kissel**

In the last few weeks a lot of bricks have gone up on the addition to Westwood School. If all goes well, the students will return to the school after their spring break in March 2012. The Westwood Historical Society is still raising funds to restore the school bell and clockworks that date back to the original school building with a goal to have them installed in time for the reopening. We are part way there but could use your help in spreading the word. Tax deductible donations can be made to Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211. Consider a donation in memory of someone or in honor of someone.

**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

10/11 Steering Meeting 11/8 Steering Meeting
 10/18 General Meeting 11/15 General Meeting

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

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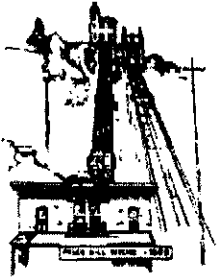
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