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President's Message:

I'm sure you have heard that WestCURC was successful in getting a grant to secure the Bell Building for Madcap Puppets. An historic building was saved, a business is staying and growing in Westwood, and thousands of people will visit our business district. This is an all around positive development for our neighborhood. Congratulations to Sr. Ann Rene McConn and the WestCURC organization.

Irene and I attended a block watch organizing meeting on Epworth Ave. recently, and the house was packed. It was good to see so many motivated neighbors willing to give their time to keep our neighborhood safe. Thanks to Karen Strasser, John Sess, and Police Officer Rich Minella and all the neighborhood volunteers for making the Westwood Blockwatch program bigger and better.

A group of Westwood residents have taken on a very large task. We have been working with State Senators Bill Seitz and Eric Kearney, and State Representative Denise Driehaus to see what

we can do at the state level to get a handle on the subsidized housing problems in our city. This has led to a plan to change the selection process for the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) board. But whether we change the board or not, we need to realize that CMHA is a state agency, and our state government should help us defend our neighborhoods from the excesses of some of the housing programs, such as the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8).. Let's see if we can make some progress, and if some more of our local officials will join in.

Please start thinking about renewing your membership (it expires at the end of the year above your name on this newsletter). And please attend meetings- you never know what will happen, and we would appreciate your participation. There is always plenty going on.

Don't forget to "like" Westwood Civic Association on Facebook!

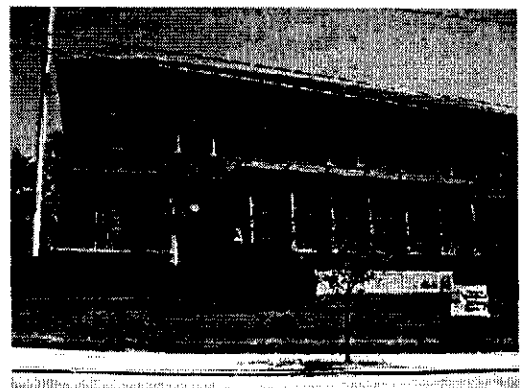
I'll see you around the neighborhood...
Jim McNulty

COMING SOON - WE HOPE

Sr. Ann Rene McConn

In 2009, the Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (WestCURC) sent an application to the Neighborhood Business District Support Program (NBDIP), a program sponsored by the City of Cincinnati. Its purpose is to help neighborhood organization improve their businesses.. WestCURC wanted funding to purchase the Bell Building at 3064 Harrison - at the intersection of Harrison, Urwiler, and Epworth. The building is now owned by the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, but no longer needed by the Library. The building stood empty for over five years.

In late 2010, John Eby, one of WestCURC's board members met a board member of MadCAP Puppets, whose offices have been on Glenmore Ave. for a number of years. "We are out of space," she said; "we really need to move." Something clicked. To make this story quick - MadCap Puppets and WestCURC combined in 2011 to develop a proposal for a grant to purchase the Bell Building and to convey the Bell Building to MadCap Puppets to use for all their activities.



In October, 2011, WestCURC was awarded a grant of \$340,000 for the purchase of the Bell Building, subject to the approval of City Council at their December budget meeting. In December's newsletter we'll tell you how the building will be updated and what uses there will be.

New Chronic Nuisance Ordinance Chris Kearney

Several years ago Westwood Civic made chronic nuisance premises enforcement a high priority by ensuring that the Police Department was fully utilizing the city's chronic nuisance premises ordinance. The effort was prompted by the revelation that during Y2008 District 3 had sent no nuisance notification letters to any landlords, whereas District 4 had sent out nuisance notifications to thirty property owners. The disparity was alarming. Becky Weber from Westwood Civic volunteered to take the lead role on getting Westwood's chronic nuisance multi-unit rental properties identified with help from Westwood resident, Chris Kearney.

Together, Becky and Chris compiled the necessary evidence from police records and presented their case on behalf of the neighborhood to District 3's commander Kim Frey. Because of the efforts of Westwood, District 3 began billing some negligent property owners for their calls of service, which in turn, forced other Police Districts to do the same. However, CPD still was not achieving the desired goal of abating nuisances. The reason why was unclear, but likely was related to the ongoing litigation by the Greater Cincinnati Northern KY Apartment Association who sued the city over the nuisance ordinance in 2007; and a subsequent lawsuit filed by another large owner of apartment buildings, Downtown Property Management, in 2010.

In 2009, the City Solicitor, who serves as the city's chief legal counsel, sought to resolve the lawsuits by negotiating

a settlement agreement with the plaintiffs. The settlement would take the teeth out of the nuisance ordinance, thereby "neutering" an otherwise strong ordinance. Westwood, along with several other neighborhoods, petitioned City Council to reject the settlement agreement and won that battle. But it did not take long for the City Solicitor to try again. In 2011, yet another proposed revision to the chronic nuisance ordinance was attempted by the Solicitor, but this time there would be a competing proposed revision submitted by Councilmember Charlie Winburn. The Winburn revision was inspired by the community's petition for greater penalties, greater accountability and greater visibility in nuisance enforcement. Enforcement of the ordinance would become the primary responsibility of the City Law Department utilizing a cross-departmental, code enforcement response team approach.

In a public hearing held in the City Council Public Safety Committee on September 7th, 2011, Becky, Chris and neighborhood reps from North Avondale and West End presented a strong case for Winburn's proposed revisions. On October 18th a vote was taken by City Council in the Public Safety Committee passing the Winburn chronic nuisance ordinance 5:1. The following day the full City Council met and voted 8:1 to pass the Winburn chronic nuisance ordinance into law.

The next step is for the City Law Department to draft the enforcement procedure that will stipulate how the law is to be enforced. The immediate focus will be on the city's Top-50 chronic nuisance apartment buildings. We will provide an update in a few months.

Westwood COPP

Michelle Conda

As the year winds down, so does the eleventh year of Westwood COPP! We are proud to say we have at least five members remaining from the very first years, as well as a lot of wonderful and eager members who have joined since.

As a reminder, please try to get descriptions of vehicles and people when you see something happening that results in a police call. Here is the short and sweet:
"CLEGS"

Clothing; License plate; Exceptional characteristics, Gender, Shoes!

Two of these need explaining! Exceptional characteristics include tattoos, missing teeth, race, stickers on a car – anything that you can't help but notice. Why shoes? Because it is difficult for a running person to change shoes!

Westwood COPPS Motto: "Get involved. Stay involved. Make a difference."

Dining for Dollars Liz Kissel

There is another opportunity to raise money for the Bell Fund while dining! **LaRosa's on Boudinot Avenue** will donate 20% of the sales generated by diners who present the fund-raising flyer throughout the day on **Thursday, November 17**. Flyers are available at:

www.westwoodhistorical.org and the Westwood Library. Feel free to make copies to share with your family, friends, and neighbors. This offer applies to dine in, carry out, and delivery (limited to deliveries in the Boudinot restaurant territory – so check before you order). **Spread the word (and the flyers - without the donation!)**

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS
Fundraising Flyer
November 17, 2011

Piece of the Pie.
Fundraising Dinner Event
Westwood Historical Society Fundraiser
November 17, 2011

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Restaurant & Bar
Check in 15-20 minutes
App. must be presented to server, outdoor only.

Raising money for Westwood Historical Society.
November 17, 2011
From Open to Close
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Apr. must be presented to server, outdoor only.
We love to help the neighborhoods we serve!

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL CLEANUP REPORT

We lucked out on the weather- cool, clear skies and a sunny day for a change. **We had over 30 volunteers-** 26 of them Mercy High School students who made the effort to get up early and dedicate a few hours to making a positive difference in their community. Check out the link to photos following my report.

There were two big piles of mulch that had to be loaded into wheel barrows and buckets and carried all over the grounds to put a layer of mulch on all of the flower gardens, trees and shrubs. Groups of students were weeding the gardens first, deadheading the spent flowers, raking out leaves, picking up sticks and garbage prior to mulching. A couple of students also helped me plant some donated day lilies which we should see blooming next season.

Thanks to the following students from Mercy - **Amanda Wullenweber, Emma Bley, Emily Ramsey, Emily Biery, Michaela Smith, Meggie Hartmann, Bailey Kurtz, Katie Koch, Lauren Briede, Katelyn Harrell, Danielle Diersing, Rachel Huhn, Becca Rhein, Julie Key, Julia Kennedy, Stephanie Cline, Becca Kaiser, Katie Spurlock, Erica Brewer, Olivia Hart, Alexis Von Holle, Tricia Eberle, Ashley Wittrock, Emily House, Liz Kenkel, Amara Snyder.**

We did have one young man from Elder who also volunteered but I did not get his name. He and my husband Stuart Golder were a bit outnumbered but everyone worked hard and we got a tremendous amount accomplished.

Thanks also to **Valerie Baumann, Mary Fichter, Melva Gweyn and Maria Kreimer** who helped guide the students to maximize their efforts. Their were a couple of other new volunteers who did not sign in but I wanted to thank them as well for their efforts.

Thanks to **Melva Gweyn** for ordering and picking up pizza

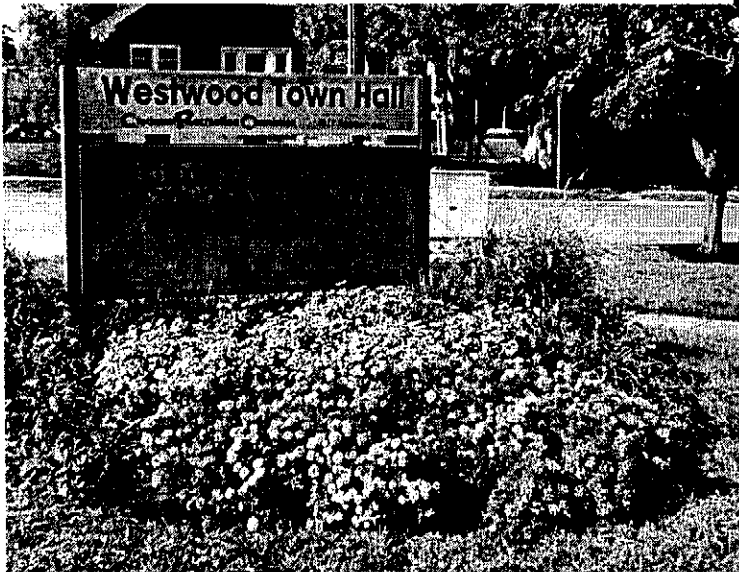
for us all and to **Keep Cincinnati Beautiful** for water and trash bags.

Thanks to **Westwood Civic** for contributing the money needed to pay for staffing for the town hall so we could access the building for restrooms for our volunteers.

Thanks to **Larry Parker** for finding us quality mulch from the **Cincinnati Parks Dept.** late in the season with budget restraints. His staff does an excellent job mowing the grass all year and taking down dead trees on the property. We all take for granted the work done in our Parks to create areas of beauty for us all.

We will do one more fall cleanup after a few hard frosts. Until then enjoy the beauty of the grounds surrounding Westwood Town Hall. Know that once again our community came together to make a difference in the best way- to show that we really care about our surroundings and that by taking care of our community assets, it reflects well on us all.

Peg Rhein
Westwood Town Hall Gardens
Volunteer Coordinator



Westwood Branch Library
TRAVELING EXHIBIT TELLS THE STORY OF THE PANORAMA & CINCINNATI

by Kathy Bach

The Westwood library will host a traveling display of the historic panorama of Cincinnati's Riverfront in 1848. The display will be at the branch the month of November.

On September 24, 1848 Charles Fontayne and William S. Porter set up a daguerrean camera on a rooftop in Newport, Kentucky and panned a two-mile span of the nation's sixth largest city, Cincinnati. The resulting eight-plate Cincinnati Panorama of 1848 is revered worldwide as one of the finest examples of early photography and survives as the oldest comprehensive photograph of an American city. Earlier this year, the Cincinnati Panorama of 1848, a worldwide treasure, returned to permanent public display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library.



The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848 captures thousands of stories of mid-nineteenth century America. Experience these stories through an engaging traveling exhibit, joining Panorama images with illustrations, advertisements, documents, and newspaper accounts from the time. The exhibit highlights stories of immigrants, free blacks, transportation magnates and civic and cultural achievement. It also tells the history of the daguerreotype panorama itself, from its launch as an internationally acclaimed marvel of early photography, then through long obscurity, to an encounter with 21st century technology and public rediscovery.

Programs:

Book Club – Thursday November 17 at 7:00 p.m. – Adults
November's selection is

***The Handmaid and the Carpenter* by Elizabeth Berg**

Berg's sweetly understated dramatization of the Nativity story casts Mary and Joseph as provincial teenagers who try to honor family tradition in spite of challenging circumstances. Alternating between the voices of the holy couple, Berg relates a romance that blossoms at the wedding of relatives between the 16-year-old carpenter from Nazareth and the comely 13-year-old girl originally from Sepphoris. This is the final book club meeting for 2011. We start up again in January 2012!

Branch Holiday Hours:
The Library will be closed on **Thursday, November 24th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wii Party – Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. -- Teens
Bring your games and your friends and play Wii with us!

Election Day – Tuesday November 8
Westwood Branch Library is a polling place. We expect that the parking lot behind the library will be busy on that day.

Computer Open Lab – Thursday November 3 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.

National Gaming Day – Saturday November 12 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Twins ages 10-14 can show some Westwood pride and help us smash the Cheviot Branch in a live Super Smash Brothers tournament! Games will be set out in the meeting room and throughout the children's room for kids of all ages!

Computer Help -- Tuesday November 15 at 4:00 p.m. All Ages
Students from Western Hills University will be on hand to help you with your computer questions!

Library Babies – Tuesday November 15 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.

Read to Reel Movie – Wednesday November 23 at 2:00 p.m. – All Ages
Watch *Nanny McPhee Returns* (PG) with us.

Mary Draper Ingles: A True Story of Courage & Family – Tuesday November 29 at 3:30 p.m. – Ages 9-12
Learn more about Mrs. Ingles who was captured by the Shawnee Indians in 1755 and managed to escape, making a courageous 300-mile journey home. This is a program geared for children in grades 3-6.

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

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>

Westwood Branch Library
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Hours of Operation:
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 12-8
Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday: 10-6

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

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SANTAFEST - is coming. Friday, December 9th - 6:30- 8 pm. This is a family event, eleven & under must be accompanied by an adult. Lots to see and do including: games, crafts, refreshments and a Special visitor is anticipated, plenty of photo opportunities for everyone. Seniors, it's fun for you, too. It's a regular Winter Wonderland. A sight to behold, and all indoors, too!

MADCAP PUPPETS IN JANUARY - save the date - Saturday, January 28th at 2 pm. \$5/pp Children must be accompanied by an adult. "JACK AND THE GENTLE GIANT" A sequel to the famous fairy tale where in each episode the giant is bigger than the last. Stories include: "The Stone Giant"; "The Heartless Giant"; and "The Brave Little Tailor". Fun for the whole family!

ZUMBA INSTRUCTOR NEEDED - Westwood Town Hall is in need of a Zumba instructor or Aerobic's, Pilates, or other type of exercise instructor. Tuesday evenings are open in the big basement or Thursdays, upstairs in the ballet room.

AFTERSCHOOL DAY CAMP - Monday - Friday 2-6 pm \$185/month/child.

DRAMA CLUB FOR KIDS - Tuesdays thru Dec. 13 ages 7 plus, 6-7:30 pm, \$45/quarter, with drama production on December 16th at 7 pm. Learn to script, act, create sets, apply make up and make costumes. You can join anytime. There is a small production in December.

SEWING WITH CHERYL - returned on Tuesday, September 11th Classes are at 3:30 to 5 pm for ages 6 and older. \$40 for 6 weeks and they are continuous throughout the school year.



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

OLD FAVORITES - Homeschool Art, Fun With Art, Harmonica, Guitar, TaeKwonDo, Belly Dancing, Clogging and all the fun kid's classes: Volleyball, Double Dutch, Chess Club, Wii Just Dance, Ultimate Frisbee, Games including Dodge Ball, and many more. Many of these are free or nearly so.

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

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - Please check the web site below for our Holiday Break activities. There are too many to list here. Call and reserve your spot before we fill up.

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Statement October, 2011**

Revenue	
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful	\$6000.00
Advertising	600.00
WCA Art Show Pizza Sales	334.00
Donation	255.00
Membership	90.00
Banners	40.00
Westwood Community Gardens	25.00
Miscellaneous	1.18

Total Revenue **\$7,345.40**

Expenses	
Westwood Community Gardens	\$6000.00
Newsletter	404.23
Westwood Town Hall Gardens	221.83
Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis Dues	200.00
Total Expenses	\$6,826.06

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$10,003.50

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$3,943.26

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT \$5,000.00

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

Matching Grant **Liz Kissel**

Fund raising continues for the Westwood School Bell and Clockworks. An anonymous donor is offering a generous challenge to encourage people to donate. He will donate up to \$5,000 in the form of a matching dollar-for-dollar grant. The matching grant is a great opportunity for people to leverage and extend their generosity. Anyone making a donation between now and the end of the year doubles the benefit of their gift if they specify they want their money to apply toward the matching grant. Gifts are tax deductible. Checks made payable to *Westwood Historical Society*, should be sent to the Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 11095, Cincinnati, OH 45211. (Indicate it is for the bell fund and applies to the matching grant.) See www.westwoodhistorical.org for information about the project, the match, and a donation form.

**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

11/8 Steering Meeting
11/15 General Meeting

Steering Committee Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Westwood Town Hall.

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**1848 Cincinnati Panorama Daguerreotype
Liz Kissel**

Jim Manger of the Genealogy and Local History Department at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County will discuss the 1848 panorama daguerreotypes of the Cincinnati riverfront at the Wednesday, November 9 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society. These fragile photographs taken by Charles Fontayne and William S. Porter were undergoing conservation due to deterioration when modern technology revealed some amazing detail never before seen. Jim will show some of those details and what they can tell us about life in mid-19th century Cincinnati. 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.