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President's Message:



We promised better meetings, and we have a great February meeting lined up for you. The renovation of Westwood School will be complete soon, and the students will be moving back from their temporary location at Gamble. Westwood is a failing school, passing only two of 15 state indicators last year. Our neighborhood deserves better public education choices, and that's what this meeting will be about. The confirmed guests at our regular meeting February 21 will be:

Mary Ronan, CPS Superintendent

Michael Burson, CPS Facilities Director

Monica Battle, Westwood Elementary Principal

We will discuss the newly rehabbed facility, of course. But a school is much more than a building. We should have a school where parents would want to spend a freezing weekend lined up outdoors, just so they can enroll their children. Let's find a way to make Westwood a school of choice for our neighborhood. It's the least Westwood deserves.

We will have plenty more topics on the agenda, and your questions and ideas are important. So don't miss this meeting.

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

Gamble House Update

Liz Kissel

In January, Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Robert Winkler finally rendered his decision from the September 22 hearing. He ruled in favor of Greenacres Foundation saying that the City had no right to deny their demolition permit request for the Gamble house. The word is that the City will appeal. This has not yet been confirmed.

Earlier in January, Cincinnati Preservation Association approached Greenacres with their third offer to purchase the house along with a small parcel of land. It was rejected.

SPEAK YOUR PIECE: FORM BASED CODES! Sr. Ann Rene McConn

The City of Cincinnati is beginning a process called "Form Based Codes. Here's the story. For a long time land use has been regulated by zoning. Form-based codes provide a way to describe what we want to see. They preserve the culture of a community and require that development adhere to the design criteria of the community.

Beginning this spring, residents, business and residential owners, and developers in Westwood are invited to participate in a process of form-based codes for the entire City and specifically for Westwood.

You and your neighbors are all invited to a preview meeting to be held on the evening of March 6, beginning at 6:00 PM to learn how Form Base Codes can promote future business and housing development in Westwood. Save the date! More information will be coming!

Here's the place: 805 Central Avenue. 2 Centennial Plaza. 4th floor.

First, toward the end of March, there will be a 3 day City-wide Charette to develop the basic principles of Form Based Codes for the entire City. Later, in the Fall, four neighborhoods have been selected to have another Charette, in which the principles of the City-wide code can be modified to meet the needs and desires of the respective communities. Those four neighborhoods are Madisonville, Walnut Hills, College Hill, and WESTWOOD! The main street of Westwood – Harrison Avenue from Hansford to the Cheviot line has been selected for the first Form-Based Code plan for Westwood. The main question to answer will be:

"What do you want the street and the buildings to look like?"

Some participants will be more interested in the business district (Kling to the Cheviot line.) Others will focus on the residential district from Hansford to Kling. No doubt that some will be very interested in the area near McHenry.

Your presence is needed on March 6, so please save the date! We'd like to see 100-200 people from Westwood at that meeting. In the meantime, if you are curious – just google Form Based Codes and take a look at what other cities have done to transform their communities using Form Based Codes. More later in the March and April newsletters.

**COME TO WCA'S - ACTION PACKED MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2012
WESTWOOD TOWN HALL**

THE FUTURE OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MICHAEL BURSON - DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, WILL GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE SCHOOL.

MARY RONAN - SUPERINTENDANT OF CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILL DISCUSS MAKING WESTWOOD SCHOOL A MAGNET SCHOOL

MONICA BATTLE - CURRENT WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.



**LOCAL WINERY PICKED
AMONG TOP 10 IN U.S.A.**

Henke Winery in Westwood has been chosen as one of the top 10 urban wineries in America by Food Republic.com, a website that focuses on food, drink, and entertainment throughout the country.

Noting "Cincinnati may be the last place you'd expect to find a winery," the editors at Food Republic selected Henke Winery as its only choice in the entire Midwest. The rest of the top 10 urban wineries are

located in more likely places, including two in the Bay Area of California, two in New York City and two in Portland, Oregon. Urban wineries in Dallas, Seattle and Albuquerque round out the list.

"I'm honored that we've been acknowledged among the best in the country," says Henke. "That's quite a tribute."

Henke is no stranger to awards, having won Ohio's top wine award three times in the past five years, and he has won numerous medals at state, national and international competitions. He bottles 15 varieties and more than 2,500 cases each year, using grapes from Northern Ohio, Upstate New York and California.

Henke Winery, which includes a restaurant that is open Monday through Saturday, is located in the heart of Westwood at 3077 Harrison Avenue, next to iconic Westwood Town Hall.

For more information or to arrange an interview, contact Henke Winery at 513-662-9463 or info@henkewine.com.



Benefits of Recycling

Hannah McCartney, Public Affairs Intern, Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District

Looking for a way to improve yourself this year? Think about trying out a non-traditional resolution. This new year, make the promise to start recycling or become a more frequent recycler.

Recycling benefits both the environment and the economy. The next time you recycle your plastic bottle, aluminum can, or newspaper, remember how you are part of the solution.

Don't believe recycling matters? Check out the statistics.

Recycling Conserves Energy

Using recycled materials as feedstock to make new products saves a significant amount of energy. Here's how much these materials save compared to their virgin counterparts.

- Recycled newspaper uses 40% less energy.
- Recycled glass uses 40% less energy.
- Recycled steel uses 60% less energy.
- Recycled plastic uses 70% less energy.
- Recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy.

Recycling Saves Natural Resources

Using recycled materials means we can log fewer forests, mine fewer metals, and drill for less oil.

- Every ton of newspaper or mixed paper recycled saves the equivalent of 12 trees.
- Every ton of office paper recycled saves the equivalent of 24 trees.
- Every ton of steel recycled conserves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone.

Recycling Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The national recycling rate of 30% reduces greenhouse gas emissions by as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.

In 2010, Hamilton County residents recycled 39,885 tons of metal, glass, plastic, and paper.

The recycling efforts in Hamilton County:

- Conserved enough energy to power 7,080 homes (more than all the homes in Blue Ash and St. Bernard combined!).
- Reduced greenhouse gas pollution equal to every household in Hamilton County not driving their car for a month.
- Saved 344,467 trees from being harvested (almost one for every resident in the city of Cincinnati!).

Recycling Benefits the Economy

Many residents understand the environmental benefits of recycling, but did you know recycling also has economic benefits?

- The recycling industry has a total economic impact of 169,000 jobs and \$6 billion in annual wages, *just in the state of Ohio.*
- Recycling supplies valuable materials to industry.
- The recycling industry accounts for \$7.3 billion in annual sales, *just in the state of Ohio.*

As a reminder, the following materials are accepted for recycling in the curbside recycling program in the city of Cincinnati:

- all plastic bottles & jugs (remove lids)
- glass bottles & jars, aluminum cans
- steel cans, empty aerosol cans (remove tips)
- newspapers, magazines, and phone books
- brown paper grocery bags
- junk mail, office paper and envelopes
- cardboard (please flatten to conserve space)
- paperboard (i.e., cereal boxes)
- clean pizza boxes (please remove food)



The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District is here to make recycling simple and effective for you. For more information about recycling in your community, visit HamiltonCountyRecycles.org, interact with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or call the Recycling Hotline at 946-7766.

Mother of Mercy Jenny Kroner

Mother of Mercy High School invites the Westwood community to their annual fundraising event Hooray for MERCYWOOD! This elegant dinner-auction benefit supports our students, and is essential to sustaining the many academic, religious and extracurricular programs Mercy offers. This year's auction is sure to be one-of-a-kind! For more details and to make your reservation please visit www.motherofmercy.org/Mercywood.

DISPLAYS:

Check out our 1937 Flood Remembrance display at the branch in honor of the 75th anniversary of the 1937 Flood. Also, we have a fun "History of Fashion" display in our case.

Speaking of our display case, do you have a special collection you would like to exhibit at our library? We are looking for people to showcase their collection (it could be baseball cards, origami, art, photographs, Barbie dolls, etc). Contact me if you're interested: 513.665.2871 or kathy.bach@cincinnati.library.org

PROGRAMS:

Westwood Library also now offers Homework Help every Tuesday from 3-5 p.m! We have two volunteers each week from the Cincinnati Museum Center who will help your children and teens with their assignments.

Now here's our February program schedule! For more programs systemwide for kids, teens, and adults, please visit <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/>

Book Club – Thursday February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

This month's selection is *The Submission* by Amy Waldman (OTSP 2012 Selection)

Cool, eloquent, raising two fatherless children, Claire has emerged as the most visible of the widows who became a potent political force in the aftermath of the 9/11 catastrophe. She longs for her husband, but she has found her mission: she sits on a jury charged with selecting a fitting memorial for the victims of the attack.

- * **Chicks with Sticks** – Monday February 6 and Thursday February 9 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. –Adults and teens
 - Learn to Knit! Material list: Please bring US size 10 knitting needles, a ball of Super Saver Read Heart yarn (light color is best), and scissors. If you already know how to knit, join our fun, informal group of knitwits.
- * **Hearts and Flowers** – Tuesday February 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Teens Registration Required
 - Decorate heart shaped cookies and make flowers from colorful napkins for Valentine fun!
- * **Wii and More for Tweens** – Friday February 17 at 2:00 p.m. – Ages 8-12
 - Are you off school today? Join your friends and come play with us!
- * **Wii Party** – Saturday February 18 at 2:00 p.m. – Teens
 - Bring your games and your friends, and play with us!
- * **John Simerlink Plays Beethoven** – Monday February 20 at 12:00 p.m. – All Ages
 - John returns with a program of Beethoven on his keyboard.
- * **Read to Reel Movie** -- Monday February 20 at 2:00 p.m. – All Ages
 - Watch *How to Train Your Dragon* (PG) with us.
- * **Library Bables** – Tuesday February 21 at 6:30 p.m. – Babies Ages 6-18 mo.
 - Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories and movement!
- * **Practice GED Test** – Friday February 24 at 10:00 a.m. – Adults Registration Required
 - Please call (513) 369-4570 to take the test that determines if you are ready to take the official GED test.
- * **Homework Help** – Every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Kids and Teens
 - Drop in for homework help and tutoring every Tuesday!
- * **Movers & Shakers** – Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4

**Westwood Branch will be open our
normal hours (12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
on Presidents' Day Monday, February
20, 2012**

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

WESTWOOD TOWN
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POT LUCK LUNCH & MOVIE - every 4th Friday -- **February 24th** at noon. FREE with membership. Bring a dish to share, your own drink and we will show the Movie "Marley & Me".

STEPPIN' OUT - starts **Wednesday, February 1st** for "Tweens" (9-15 year olds) 4-5:30 pm FREE with membership.

LOLLIPOP BINGO - **Wednesdays—4:30- 5:30 pm** ages 6 & older Free with membership

****New** ZUMBA CLASS** - begins **Tuesday, Feb 14th** with a FREE class that night. 6:30- 7:30 pm Beginning on February 21. Classes cost \$5 each or a pass of 10 classes for \$40. Center membership required. Barb Donnellon, Instructor. Please pre-register by calling 662-9109.

PAJAMA PIZZA PARTY - **Friday, Feb 21st, 12:30-4:30 pm** (a CPS & St. Catherine's school off day) for ages 6-12 years. \$5 per person

BUNNY RUN EGG HUNT - **Saturday, March 31st at 2 pm** -- rain or shine -- indoors in inclement weather. \$3.00 per person..

TDW presents "TALLEY & SON" Matinees: 3 pm March 4th & March 10th
Evening Shows: 8 pm March 2nd, March, 3rd, March 8th, March 9th & March 10th
513-598-8303 for ticket information

CAMP REGISTRATIONS - **SDC Open Registration:** Starts March 5th at 10 am till 7:30 pm M-W and until 6 pm on TH & FRI. Remains open until camp is full.

PRESCHOOL SPRING REGISTRATION - Begins Tuesday, March 13th at 10 am.

CAMP PEE WEE -- A Preschool Summer Camp Experience is coming this summer. Call for registration date and information. For 3-5 year olds.

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Westwood Historical Society News
Liz Kissel

Westwood School Update

If all goes well, the teachers are moving back the first week in June. If all goes well, the restored Westwood School bell and clockworks will move in before then! Based on what we have raised so far (close to \$21,000) and what the options are, we are finalizing how the display will look and the final cost estimate so we know where we stand.

Westwood Home Tour

Plans are underway for the 6th home tour on Sunday, April 29, from 1 until 6 pm, complete with the ever popular trolley. Tickets will again be \$12 the day of the tour (\$10 if bought in advance).

Next meetings

February 8, *Fascinating Health Ailments of the Presidents*
 Westwood First Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
 March 14, *History of the Cincinnati Zoo*, Westwood Library
 (note different location), 7 pm.

Membership

It is a good time to join! Dues are \$15 per household. Send check to:

The Westwood Historical Society
 PO Box 11095
 Cincinnati, OH 45211

Make payable to the *Westwood Historical Society*. Please provide your name (and the names of other people in your household), address, phone number, and e-mail address if available.

**Upcoming
 Westwood Civic Association
 Meetings & Events**

2/14 Steering Meeting 3/6 Steering Meeting
 2/21 General Meeting 3/13 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.

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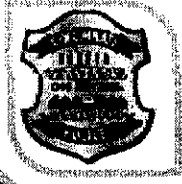
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Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:
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Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting- we'd be happy to see you!



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ELECTION NOTICE

The Westwood Civic Association's annual Board of Directors election process has begun. Each year, five of our fifteen board positions are up for election.

A nominating committee has been selected. The candidates names will be announced at the FEBRUARY 21, 2012 General Membership meeting, and the ballots will be mailed to the membership in March. Officers will be selected by the new board in April. If you wish to join the WCA board of directors, email info@westwoodcivic.org or drop a note to WCA-PO BOX 11466 WESTWOOD OH 45211.