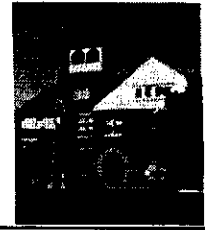




# WESTWORDS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION



The Westwood Civic Association Celebrated Our First Hundred Years 1911- 2011 and We're Still Going Strong!  
Join our email list by contacting- [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org)

March, 2012

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## This conversation is one you won't want to miss!!!

The City of Cincinnati is receiving in excess of \$25 MILLION in Federal dollars to use as blight removal! As all of you know Westwood just LOVES to use these sorts of dollars to remove outdated large apartment buildings and this is no exception! We have invited a representative from The Attorney General's office, Mike DeWine, as well as a representative from the City of Cincinnati to explain how these monies are going to be used and let them know which apartment buildings we want to be torn down.

Come to our next WCA general meeting on Tuesday, March 20, to hear this important conversation.

## President's Message:

We had a great meeting in February, discussing Westwood School. CPS Superintendent Mary Ronan seemed to like the idea of converting the school to a "School of Choice" or "Magnet School", or whatever you want to call it. But she did say that it would be challenging, and if we want to make it happen, our neighborhood will have to take the initiative. So what say you? Are you ready to make Westwood Elementary a public school that reflects the pride we have in Westwood? Email [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org) to get involved.

Speaking of email, WCA is in the process of developing a new email list, and we will soon have an electronic version of our newsletter. So watch your inbox, and don't forget about our web site- [westwoodcivic.org](http://westwoodcivic.org).

Another important issue is the new City of Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan. The city is in the final stages, and will be implementing it soon. We need to make sure that the Westwood Strategic Plan is included in it.

And then there is Harrison Avenue. We are starting an initiative to make our main street a more safe and welcoming environment. We are working with CPD Lt. Bauer, and will soon be reaching out to businesses, churches, and social service agencies to tackle some of the ongoing issues.

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

## Westwood Community Gardens News Mary Jenkins

The Gardens core team is pleased to announce the winner of the Westwood Community Gardens 2012 logo design contest. Hannah Donnellon, a student at Mother of Mercy High School in Westwood, submitted the winning design, to be printed on t-shirts and used as the Gardens' logo. We are grateful to the 16 students who participated in the contest and to the teachers who encouraged submissions. Once we've had the t-shirts produced, we will announce their availability for purchase. In the meantime, though, see a photo of Hannah's design on the Gardens' Facebook wall at <https://www.facebook.com/westwoodcommunitygardens>.

The application form for a 4'x8' raised bed at the Gardens (2163 Harrison Avenue) is available on the WCA website, the Gardens' Facebook page, and at <http://westwoodcommunitygardens.wikispaces.com/>. Watch the Facebook page for announcements regarding the start of the 2012 growing season and volunteer opportunities. We have some raised beds available now and 27 more to be built this spring. We will be starting a waiting list for those.



For more information about the Gardens and about organic gardening, visit us online at <http://westwoodcommunitygardens.wikispaces.com> or stop by the Gardens at the corner of Harrison and Talbot Avenues most Saturday mornings when you'll see gardeners working at the site. We expect to open the Gardens for planting in March. Get ready to get dirty!

## WCA ANNUAL DINNER Tuesday, April 17, 2012

6:30PM – SOCIAL TIME AND APPETIZERS  
7:00PM - DINNER  
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE  
6168 Glenway Ave.

Everyone's welcome  
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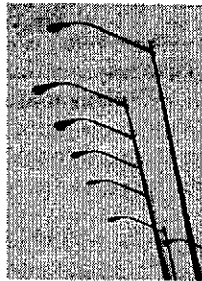
Come and join the fun!!!!

**The History of the Cincinnati Zoo**

The Zoo's history is the topic for the March 14 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society. Less than 5 miles from the heart of Westwood (the way the passenger pigeon flies), lies the second oldest zoo in the country. It officially opened its doors to the public in 1875 and has been drawing visitors ever since. It is widely recognized today as a leader in breeding animals in captivity. Learn how the zoo came to be and how the grounds and collection have evolved through the years. Hear about the quirky animals that have lived there and some of the more unusual things that have happened at the zoo like summer opera. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm *Note Location: Westwood Library Community Room (enter from lower level in the rear).*

**Who turned OFF the lights?**

One of the ways that everyone can make Westwood a safer neighborhood is to report street lights that are malfunctioning (flickering on and off) or burned out. In order to get it repaired, you will need to know the street address where the light is located and the pole number. Most telephone poles in Westwood have a metal plate with a pole number. Once you have the address and the pole number, you can either call Duke Energy at 1-800-544-6900 or fill out an online form at [www.duke-energy.com/north-carolina/outages/streetlight.asp](http://www.duke-energy.com/north-carolina/outages/streetlight.asp).



Research has shown that there is a correlation between street lighting and crime. Brandon Welsh, a criminology professor at Northeastern University, has found that street lights act as a "natural surveillance" and can reduce crime up to 20%. When the city of Oakland, California tried reducing the glare from street lights by using energy-efficient bulbs and capping new lamp posts to prevent light from flooding the skies, the homicide rate increased by 25%. If you want a safer Westwood, at night make sure that your street lights and porch light are ON!

Bruce Mcclung  
Administrative Coordinator  
Westwood Citizens on Patrol

**Westwood Yard of the Month coming in April  
Jill Minor**

The goal for the Yard of the Month program is to recognize the efforts of Westwood residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same. Each month from April through September, we will be looking for approximately 10 of the most beautiful landscapes that will be designated WCA Yard of the Month. Please submit nominations to [info@westwoodcivic.org](mailto:info@westwoodcivic.org).

**Yard trimmings drop-offs reopen March 31**

Hannah McCartney, Public Relations Intern, Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services

Look around your backyard. Your leaves, old shrubs, branches and brush aren't landfill material. They can be used to create valuable compost and recycle nutrients back into Hamilton County yards. To help you recycle your yard trimmings, the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's Yard Trimmings Drop-Off Sites will reopen on March 31, 2012. As always, this service is free to Hamilton County residents. Approximately 7,000 tons of yard trimmings were collected last year.

**Dates and Hours:**

March 31 — November 25, 2012      January 5 and January 12, 2013  
Saturdays and Sundays              Saturdays  
11:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.                  Noon — 3 p.m.

**All sites will be closed on April 8.**

**Locations:**

**WEST:**

Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Rd., Green Township

**NORTH:**

Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, 3800 Struble Rd., Colerain Township

**Guidelines:**

Landscapers and commercial establishments are NOT eligible to participate in this program!	heavier than 50 pounds.
No large trailers or trucks larger than pickups.	Bring yard trimmings to the locations in containers or bags—brown paper bags preferred.
Cut brush and tree branches into lengths of 4 feet or less—branches must not exceed 1 foot in diameter.	Containers and plastic bags will be returned.
Bundle brush and tree branches with a material such as twine—bundles must not be	No pallets, boards, nails, fence or wire accepted.
	Hamilton County residents only.
	All children must stay inside vehicles.

If you're unable to haul your yard trimmings to one of the locations, why not try backyard composting? Visit our website, [HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org), for details about how to get started with backyard composting and outlets where you can purchase bins. To learn even more about composting at home, check out our Confessions of a Composter blog at <http://confessionsofacomposter.blogspot.com>. For more information about the District's yard trimmings drop-off sites, call at 946-7766 or visit [HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org).

## Tom Minor

My wife Jill is a current member of the board, and as a result of discussions she and I have had about the exciting things the WCA has accomplished during her term, and the continuing opportunities to advocate on behalf of the people of Westwood, I decided I wanted to be a part of WCA and offer my service to Westwood. I feel I possess a combination of qualities that would not only provide effective service to Westwood, but would also be a "good fit" in the collaborative direction to which the WCA is headed.

### My background:

I lived in Westwood for 7 years. Due to geographic circumstances of work locations, Jill and I relocated to the "East side" suburbs. Upon spending time there, we realized how much we missed the genuine community spirit that Westwood provided

us. Thus, it was a "no brainer"...we had to find our way back. Luckily for us, our little white house fell into our laps, and we've thoroughly enjoyed the 1+ years we've been back (except for the SUV running into our house, but that's a different story).

Since moving back, I serve on the core group of the Westwood Community Gardens; I serve on our neighborhood block watch; I have served in Westwood "beautification" projects; and Jill and I coordinate and deliver Westwood's "Yard of the Month" signage.

In conclusion, my motivation to join WCA is grounded in my desire to give back to the community that literally welcomed Jill and I back. Sitting on the WCA board would not only provide opportunity to advocate for the people of Westwood, it will provide me the opportunity to participate in the myriad community-building opportunities that WCA encounters.

## Michelle Conda

"I came to Cincinnati in 1993 when I became a professor at CCM. I bought my first home in Cincinnati two years later—in Westwood. I have lived in Westwood ever since—I am now in my second Westwood home. Our son, Nicholas, was born here. He went to grade school at St. Catharine's and is now at Elder.

I am committed to Westwood. I feel strongly that deep involvement in a community reaps great benefits. With this in mind, I have participated in The Great American Cleanup and the Western Corridor Project, which cleaned the areas coming up the hill into Westwood on Harrison Avenue. I participated twice in the Westwood Treasure Quest. I attended numerous "Good Guy Loitering" events. My husband and son participate alongside me in many of these programs. We went to the opening of the Civic Gardens together. We believe civic pride is important to instill in our son.

I spent the last ten years as a member of Westwood's Citizens on Patrol. I patrolled on average once a week, and wrote the news column for Westwoods. I attended and presented at neighborhood watch programs. I served as a COPP coordinator for several years as well. At present I am on a leave of absence from the organization as I help my son adjust to Elder. I miss my involvement with COPPs. However, this affords me the opportunity to become more involved with Westwood Civic. I believe in the leadership of this organization."

## Gamble Appeal Liz Kissel

Thanks to lots of phone calls, e-mails, and face to face meetings with council members and anyone else who would help, a motion was made at the City Council meeting on February 15 by Charlie Winburn to have the City appeal the decision by Judge Robert Winkler. Judge Winkler said the City should issue the demolition permit because the request had been filed before the historic designation for the Gamble House was in place. At the eleven hour, the needed support came through and the motion was passed. The City will have an outside law firm (Wood and Lamping) handle the case.

## WELCOME WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

(term begins April 2012)

### Nicholas D'Angelo

Nicholas is a current resident and grew up in Westwood, attending St. Catherine for 8 years, graduated from LaSalle High School, and has a degree in business. Strong work ethic has always been a trait. Having a full time job since 17 years old. Has 3 years experience managing big box retailers and 5 years managing a national bank. All the years measured on a profit and loss statement, ranking in the top 10%. The recent 2 years finishing in the top 1% and 2%. I would love to bring my work ethic, knowledge, and passion to the Westwood Civic Association board. Assisting in building up the community to live up to its potential.

### Mercy Madness & Monte Carlo - Sponsorship Opportunities Available Jenny Kroner - Jackson '00

The Dads Club of Mother of Mercy High School will host their 2nd Annual Mercy Madness & Monte Carlo event on Saturday, March 24 from 6 p.m. - midnight in the school's gymnasium. Watch NCAA Elite 8 Basketball Tournament action live on multiple hi-definition TVs, take your chances at Monte Carlo games including poker tables and Black Jack and enter the Grand Prize Reverse Raffle for your shot at \$10,000! Admission is \$10 and tickets are on sale now for both the event and the reverse raffle at [www.motherofmercy.org/MercyMadness](http://www.motherofmercy.org/MercyMadness). Sponsorship opportunities at all levels are also available. For more information please contact Nancy Conway Jamison '85 at 513-661-2740 ext. 402.

Tax season is here! We've got the information and resources you need. Tax forms are available in our lobby or we can print them for you from the IRS website.

**Displays:**

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Our display case holds an homage to Dr. Seuss who would be 108 if he was still with us today. *Read Across America Day* is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2—Dr. Seuss's birthday!



**Laughter: The Drug of Choice –Nick Hoesl**



What if pharmaceutical companies could patent a drug called "laughter"? It would be priceless, the proverbial "silver bullet". Author of *The First Humorously Medical Dictionary*, Hoesl is at it again. Enjoy medicaleze that you've never heard before. And if you happen to laugh your head off, it's a great way to go.

Join us on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm for a laugh! Westwood's own Nick Hoesl will present an evening of laughter and fun. Nick is a community pharmacist, toastmaster, columnist, author, and Certified Laughter Leader. He will entertain us and sign copies of his book!

Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting programs! For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.

**Book Club – Thursday March 22 7:00 p.m.**

*This month's selection is Shanghai Girls by Lisa See.*

In 1937 Shanghai—the Paris of Asia—twenty-one-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are having the time of their lives. Both are beautiful, modern, and carefree—until the day their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth. To repay his debts, he must sell the girls as wives to suitors who have traveled from Los Angeles to find Chinese brides. As Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, Pearl and May set out on the journey of a lifetime, from the Chinese countryside to the shores of America.

**Chicks with Sticks** –Monday, March 5 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.

**The Ohio Primary** – Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please be aware that the library is a polling place and our parking lot will be busier than usual.

**Musikgarten with Lori Sams** – Tuesday March 7 at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4

A special Movers & Shakers with Lori Sams.

**Chocolate Trivia Night** – Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. –

Teens *Registration Required*  
Test your chocolate knowledge, and then enjoy some tasty treats!

**Family Movie & Ice Cream Social** – Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. – All Ages

See *The Lion King* (G) and enjoy an ice cream treat  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., movie begins promptly at 6:30p.m.

**Library Babies** – Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. – Babies Ages 6 -18 mo.

Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories and movement!

**LOL Youth Circus** - Sat., March 24 at 2:00 p.m. – All Ages

Everyone will enjoy the antics of this talented bunch of kids!

**Bingo for Kids** – Thursday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. – Ages 6-12

Play bingo for some fabulous prizes!

**Laughter: The Drug of Choice** – Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

– Adults

Westwood's own Nick Hoesl is a community pharmacist, toastmaster, columnist, author, and Certified Laughter Leader. Join us for a fun program & book signing

**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

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*Programs made possible by 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>*

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**POT LUCK LUNCH & MOVIE FOR GROWN-UPS** - every 4th Friday -- Next movies is March 23rd at noon. **FREE** with membership. Bring a dish to share, your own drink and we will show a Movie yet to be decided upon.

**STEPPIN' OUT** - Wednesdays for "Tweens" (9-15 year olds) 4-5:30 pm. **FREE** with membership.

**ZUMBA CLASS** - Tuesdays, 6:30- 7:30 pm. Classes cost \$5 each or a pass of 10 for \$40. Center membership required. Barb Donnellon, Instructor.

**BUNNY RUN EGG HUNT** - Sat., March 31st at 2 pm – rain or shine. Indoors in inclement weather. \$3/ pp Children to age 10 accompanied by an adult. Lots of goodies to be "found"! Please bring a basket or a bag.

**Preschool Spring & Summer Registration** - Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Call Andrea for further details.


**SUMMER DAY CAMP - (CUSTODIAL CARE) OPEN REGISTRATION begins at 10 am on March 5<sup>th</sup>** - Cost for the 10 week camp is \$1000 for the summer AND \$40 pool fee lessons and pool membership + \$10 Center membership (\$1050). Camp runs from June 11<sup>th</sup> thru August 17 from 7 am until 6 pm Monday thru Fridays. That's ONLY \$100 a week for full custodial day camp! Cost includes: field trips, Madcap Puppet show and puppet workshop, special events, arts & crafts, cooking, sports, drama, picnics, swim lessons and swimming, and so much more. We strive to keep them safe and busy and send them home tired and wanting more!

**TDW** - presents "Talley & Sons" March 4<sup>th</sup> thru March 10<sup>th</sup> & "The Crucible" April 29 thru May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call 513-589-8083 for times and ticket information.

So many classes for youth after school, that we cannot list them all here. Many free or very low cost classes available. And don't forget our evening classes of Tae Kwon Do, Yoga, Clogging, Guitar, Zumba, Belly Dancing and Family Sewing/Needlework class. Please visit our website at: [www.cincyrec.org](http://www.cincyrec.org) for a complete listing.

Some new & continuing youth classes - Paper craft, nature club, origami, ultimate frisbee, drawing, photography, cooking, edible art, simple science, jewelry making, clay handbuilding, girlie girtz, double dutch, Lots of games classes, golf for girls (ages 8-17), chess club, corn hole and so much more.


Stop in and pick up a program guide or for a full schedule of our programs, please visit us at [www.cincyrec.org](http://www.cincyrec.org)



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Statement January, 2012**

**Revenue**

W.W. Community Gardens - KCB	\$2,950.00
Membership	490.00
Westwood Gardens	150.00
Banners	20.00
Miscellaneous	1.60
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,611.60</b>

**Expenses**

W.W. Community Gardens	\$2,950.00
Newsletter	404.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,354.95</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$10,118.50

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,943.35

**Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer**

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly  
Statement February, 2012**

**Revenue**

W.W. Community Gardens	\$700.00
Membership	570.00
Donations	180.00
Advertising	60.00
Banners	20.00
Miscellaneous	1.52
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,531.52</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletter	\$401.43
Membership	126.00
Bureau Worker's Comp	50.00
W.W. Community Gardens	24.30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$601.73</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$11,048.29

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,943.42

**Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer**

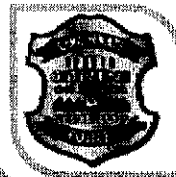
**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings & Events**

3/13 Steering Meeting	4/10 Steering Meeting
3/20 General Meeting	4/17 General Meeting - Election Dinner at Outback
	4/29 Westwood Home Tour

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

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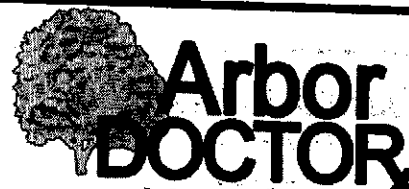
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