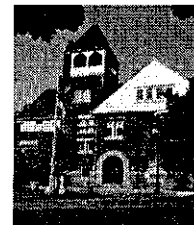




WESTWORDS

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

May, 2012

www.westwoodcivic.org

Volume 42, Issue 5

"From The President's Desk"

April was a busy month for the Westwood Civic Association (WCA). We elected three new Board Members and conducted the annual Officers Election.

First of all, I would like to publicly thank Mr. Jim McNulty and Sr. Ann Rene McConn for all their years of dedicated service to WCA. Jim and Sr. Ann both stepped off of the Board, hopefully for just a short "retirement"! I really appreciate all they have done for the Westwood Neighborhood and WCA. Jim McNulty spent years working to condemn and demolish blighted and problem properties along Harrison Avenue, as well as serving as the WCA President for several terms throughout the years. Sr. Ann has been instrumental in revitalizing the Westwood Business District, and has also served on the WestCURC Board for many years. Sr. Ann's new interests have revolved in bringing the Madcap Puppet Company to the Bell Building on Harrison Avenue. I heard that Jim's new assignment is several "home remodeling projects" at the McNulty residence! Good Luck, Sr. Ann and Jim! Don't be strangers!

Our three new Board members are Michelle Conda, Nick D'Angelo, and Tom Minor. Michelle, Nick and Tom are going to bring lots of energy, excitement, and dedication to our Board and I am looking forward to working with them on many new and upcoming projects around our Neighborhood!

I would especially like to thank our two out-going Vice Presidents, Melva Gweyn and Becky Weber for their outstanding service to WCA over the years. Melva and Becky have donated many countless hours of dedication and service to making our neighborhood a better place and I look forward to working with them a lot more during 2012 on our continuing projects and many new projects.

We have new WCA Officers for 2012. In addition to a new President, our two new Vice Presidents are Mary Kuhl and Mary Jenkins. Our new Recording Secretary is Karen Strasser. Our new Membership Secretary is Jill Minor. Returning as our Treasurer is a very hard-working and dedicated Valerie Baumann! I will be asking these five officers to assist and counsel me with continuing projects and new projects during the

upcoming 12 months.

As with any transition, we are all on a learning curve to learn everything that comes along with new positions! Please bear with us as we assume the duties of our new positions. I am very confident and optimistic that 2012 is going to be a fantastic year for the WCA! Look to this Newsletter for upcoming projects, events and ways to volunteer around the neighborhood. We need neighborhood and volunteer support on many of our upcoming projects.

Many projects that we focus on annually will continue unaffected by the change in officers. These projects include the WCA Booth at WestFest, the Westwood Community Gardens, the Westwood Art Show, supporting District 3 Resource Committee with the National Night Out Event, continuing to focus on reducing blighted/ problem apartment buildings and continuing to support the enforcement of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

Our Board will soon be compiling some "ideas and goals" for WCA for the upcoming year. I hope to publish this list of WCA goals and ideas in a future issue of this Newsletter. I will also focus on improving relations with other Westwood volunteer organizations, so that we all go forward in Westwood with common goals, common ideals, a spirit of cooperation, optimism and teamwork!

I will work hard, as your new President, to fill the shoes of those great Presidents such as Jim McNulty, John Sess and Melva Gweyn who came before me. The future of Westwood is important to me and I see that as a bright future! I will remain optimistic, professional, and will work towards consensus. Together, as a team, we can and will make our neighborhood a great place to live, inviting, exciting, and full of character. Please visit our website, www.westwoodcivic.org for news, events, and upcoming projects.

"Look to the West, for the Best!" (It's a Great Day in Westwood!)

Regards, Joel Kimmert
WCA President

MAY WCA MEETING

- You may have read a lot about our local Port Authority in the news recently but not sure who they are or what they do?? Well,

our May 15th Westwood Civic Association meeting WILL be the place to be!! We have Laura Brunner and Paula Boggs Muething, President and Chief Executive Officer and Director, respectively, of The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority who will be here to talk about this very powerful organization's plans and how Westwood can be a part of their exciting plans for Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

We also will have Todd Kinskey, from Hamilton County, who will also be in attendance to talk about the much needed and very exciting Landbank program.

As always this meeting is THE place to be in Westwood to hear about all the current, new, exciting, FUN and somewhat complex projects happening in Westwood and beyond!! Please join us on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.!!

Form Based Codes - City Wide Workshop Sr. Ann Rene McConn, Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation

I've spent a few hours at the Saturday and Sunday meetings (April 28 and 29) and I learned a few things I'd like to share.

1. There are two large populations in the United States right now. The largest is the "millennials" the group between 18 and 32 years old at this time. There are 170 million millennials and the future of cities and their neighborhoods will be influenced by their preferences. The other large group is the "baby boomers" 140 million of them and many approaching retirement. Research is showing that the young group is trending toward city living. They like to be with people, to gather in a community, and to walk rather than drive. They enjoy the company of others, and actually, do not care for TV very much. I happened to meet 2 millenials this past week. One couple has just purchased the large white house at the corner of Harrison and Ravogli. The other has recently purchased the house next door to the Harrison Ave. Walgreens. He noted that some (many?) younger folks have purchased well built Westwood homes and are renovating them. One of the team leaders at the meeting happened to grow up in Westwood. Her comments had to do with how to attract and keep new homeowners -- the trick

is to develop the kinds of new retail and commercial buildings that will meet their needs and desires -- and one of them is a safe, walkable neighborhood. I hope that you get an opportunity to join in the Form Based Code process as it progresses.

2. One of the team leaders is working on the relationship between existing zoning and form based codes. He notes that the "sideways" apartment buildings on Harrison are approved in Cincinnati's current code and so is the clutter of parking - as long as it is 20ft. off the right of way. So, as it now stands, any builder can rebuild the clutter on Harrison. A good form-based code can enact regulations that preserve and restore less dense single family housing -- just by describing what the building and development must look like.

I'd like to have a say on that - because Westwood was and could be again the best laid out neighborhood in the entire City and Harrison could again be a beautiful street to drive through and live on.

P.S. The entire team recommends that "thru" streets have 25 mile per hour driving rules. Cheviot does, on Harrison.

Henke Winery Wins Again!!!

2 years in a row at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition Henke winery entered 6 wines and received 6 awards.

Our home town favorite **Cellar Blush** was honored as a **double gold medal winner**.

The Missing Chapter Liz Kissel

When it comes to Cincinnati history, people usually know about its connection to beer, pork, and soap. They know there were inclines and can list some well known community leaders, but few are familiar with Cincinnati's literary history. Dale Patrick Brown decided to fill in some of the gaps with her recently published book, *Literary Cincinnati: The Missing Chapter*. Dale will speak at the Westwood Historical Society meeting on Wednesday, May 9. She will discuss some of the famous, infamous, and just plain interesting literary personalities who lived in Cincinnati at some point, like Samuel Clemens and Sinclair Lewis. Learn how they were influenced by their experiences in Cincinnati and how they, in turn, left their mark on the Queen City. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Citizens on Patrol Seen Any Broken Windows?

One of the guiding theories for Westwood Citizens on Patrol is the "Broken Windows Theory." Developed by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling in 1982, the "Broken Windows Theory" describes a downward spiral created by just a few panes of broken glass:

"Consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break a few more windows. Eventually, they may even break into the building, and if it's unoccupied, perhaps become squatters or light fires inside. Or consider a sidewalk. Some litter accumulates. Soon, more litter accumulates. Eventually, people even start leaving bags of trash from take-out restaurants there or breaking into cars."

This theory was put to the test in 1993 after Rudy Giuliani, newly elected mayor of New York City, allowed the police commissioner to adopt this approach under the rubrics of "zero tolerance" and "quality of life." The rest, as they say, is history, and New York crime rates plummeted for the next ten years.

Here in Westwood, Citizens on Patrol adopted the "Broken Windows Theory" when we first formed as a unit in 2001. In addition to radioing in crime, we tackle such quality-of-life issues as abandoned cars, graffiti, litter, illegally posted signs, and burned-out streetlights.

How effective have we been? Well, in 2001, we would typically write-up anywhere from one-to-four abandoned cars on every patrol. Today, we are hard pressed to find even one. In 2001, our first "long-walk litter pick-up" on Harrison Ave. between Hansford and Epworth yielded eighteen large trash bags. Our pick-up on Sunday, 29 April netted six. And when crime happens, such as the shooting on Queen City Avenue on Thursday, 12 April, Westwood Citizens on Patrol's radio call enabled the Police Department to make two arrests. Captain Neville of District 3 presented each member of that patrol with an official commendation for their quick thinking and excellent radio skills.

Interested in learning more? George L. Kelling and Catharine Cole's book is titled *Fixing Broken Windows: Restoring Order and Reducing Crime in Our Communities*. You can request a copy at the Westwood Public Library (call number 364.40973 K29 1996) or purchase a paperback copy for less than \$10 at your favorite bookstore or online provider.

Interested in getting involved with Westwood Citizens on Patrol? Email or call our unit and leave your name and address, and we'll mail you a brochure and application: WestwoodCOP@aol.com or (513) 352-3533.

Bruce McClung
Administrative Coordinator
Westwood Citizens on Patrol

Great American Clean Up - WTH Peg Rhein

The bad weather predictions keep a lot of our usual student volunteers away but thankfully we did have a few regulars and new folks show up who were excellent workers in spite of the cold and misty drizzling rain.

When you drive by the Westwood Town Hall grounds next time and see how beautifully it looks be thankful for the efforts of the following volunteers-

Jan, Don and Dan Peak, Gerald & Christine Yearout, Andrea Regner, Emonie Blye, Laura Farr,

Yasmeen Khan, Jonique Springer, Tylan Calloway, Ben Green, Angela Hill, Erin Fay, Carolyn Rost,

Heather Williams, Angela Sheehan, Ken Tarvin, Valerie Baumann, Aaron Golder, John Raines,

DaVaughn R. Blue, Jim Hoog, Melva Gweyn, Peg Rhein

Westwood Yard of the Month Jill and Tom Minor

As we are walking or driving through Westwood, we see many yards that stand out because they possess some of the following components: beautiful trees and flowers, interesting landscaping, imaginative design - something that makes you want to stop, smile, and admire. Please help us to recognize the outstanding yards of our neighborhood.

Nominate your yard or someone else's for Yard of the Month! Help keep Westwood beautiful and recognize those who work hard to keep the community attractive. Each month up to 10 yards are chosen as representative of attractive, well-maintained residential or business properties in Westwood. Interested neighbors, volunteers, and the Yard of the Month nominating committee choose the houses for Yards of the Month. Please email westwoodyards@gmail.com or info@westwoodcivic.org.

**April Yard of the Month Recipients
2910 Lischer
3148 Epworth**

Westwood Branch Library

Kathy Bach

The **Gold Star Chilimobile** rolls into the Westwood Library this coming Saturday, May 5! Stop over here at Westwood Library between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 that day and sign up for **Summer Reading**; **Gold Star Chili** will reward you with a **free cheese coney!**



Adult Book Club– Thursday May 24 at 7:00 p.m.
This month's selection is The Tortilla Curtain by T. Coraghessan Boyle
A rich and deeply moving story of the good and not so good.

Check out these other programs at Westwood Library for children, teens, and adults.

We now offer free homework help Mon-Thurs afternoons throughout the school year!

Gold Star Chilimobile – Saturday May 5 at 2:00 p.m. – Families/All Ages

Gold Star Chili is rewarding you for getting an early start on Summer Reading! Visit us on Saturday, May 5th to register for the Summer Reading Program, then visit the Chilimobile for a free coney!

Wii Party – Saturday May 12 at 2:00 p.m. – Teens

Bring your games and your friends, and play with us!

Library Babies – Tuesday May 15 at 6:30 p.m. – Babies Ages 6-18 mo.

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

Westwood Works Art Show -- Saturday May 19 All Day – All Ages

Join us for the reception and awards presentation of the "My Westwood" Photo Contest. The exhibit will consist of entries selected by the judges. Non-exhibited entries will also be on site for viewing.

Make a Milk Carton Bird Feeder! – Tuesday May 22 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6-12 *Registration Required*

Save a paper half-gallon milk carton from the landfill by turning it into a cool bird feeder.

Homework Help – Mondays-Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Kids and Teens

Drop in for homework help and tutoring!

Movers & Shakers – Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4

You and your toddler shake it together for music, movement, and fun

MEMORIAL DAY



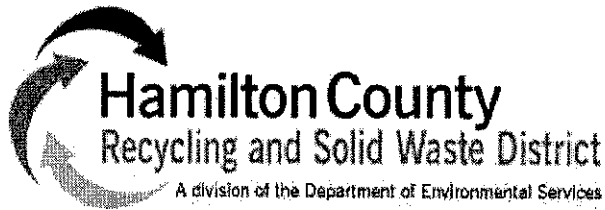
The Main Library and all Branches will be closed on **Monday, May 28, 2012** in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. We thank all of our fallen soldiers for their dedication to this country.

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
3345 Epworth Avenue
513-369-4474

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

www.cincinnati.library.org



Computer and TV Recycling Drop-Off Opens Tomorrow
Free program for residents open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

HAMILTON COUNTY, Ohio – The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District’s free computer and TV recycling event opens May 1.

Hamilton County residents can drop-off their obsolete computer equipment and televisions from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until October 31 at the CSI/Republic Transfer Station located at 10751 Evendale Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241. The program is operated by GES (Global Environmental Solutions).

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District program allows residents to safely recycle unwanted electronics rather than landfilling. Last year, Hamilton County residents unloaded 408,000 pounds of unwanted computer equipment/TVs.

Special weekend collection times are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- * May 12
- * June 9
- * July 14
- * August 11
- * September 8
- * October 13

The program will be closed on May 28, July 4 and September 3.

Residents must bring proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or utility bill, in order to participate. This program prohibits the acceptance of computer equipment/TVs from businesses, churches, schools and non-profit organizations.

Acceptable Items Include: CPUs, hard drives, personal copiers, docking stations, monitors, scanners, printers, cellular telephones, televisions, hard drives, tape and disk drives, VCR and DVD players, VHS tapes, circuit boards, cables, main frames, servers, terminals, fax machines, PDAs, back up batteries, chips, keyboards, mice, modems, computer speakers, CD Rom drives and laptops.

For more information, please call the Recycling Hotline at 946-7766, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org, or interact with us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/HamCoRecycling) (@HamCoRecycling) and [Facebook](https://www.Facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling) (www.Facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling).

HENKE
EST. 1994
WINERY

Tastings • Tours • Meals • and More

3077 Harrison Ave.
Cinc., OH 45211
(513) 662-4463
henkewinery.com

Gary's Westsider

3351 Glenmore Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45211

Westside tavern at the corner of Glenmore and Applegate for 17 years.

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

Revenue	
Westwood Community Gardens	\$3142.00
Donation	380.00
Membership	90.00
Miscellaneous	1.38
Total Revenue	\$3,613.38
Expenses	
Newsletter	\$356.60
Westfest Booth Fee 2012	275.00
P.O. Box Fee	86.00
WCA Election Dinner	67.02
Total Expenses	\$784.62
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$11,101.69
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$8,943.49

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

5/8 Steering Meeting	6/12 Steering Meeting
5/15 General Meeting	6/19 General Meeting

6/23 - 6/24 Westfest

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.

Madcamp!

Are you looking for a new and totally unique summer camp for your child? Sign them up for Madcamp 2012!

Your child will work with professional puppeteers and puppet-builders throughout this fun-filled week to create a unique puppet or mask that they will learn to manipulate. In addition to building this creation, your child will also learn some basic acting skills, how to create voices for their character and storytelling techniques that they can use to put on a puppet show of their very own.

On the last day, your child will have the opportunity to show off their new skills (and their Madcap masterpiece!) to family and friends at our exciting, culminating event!

When: Monday-Thursday, June 25-28: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm Friday, June 29: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm (final event will begin at 6:00 p.m.)


Where: Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue

How Much: \$150 (includes daily snack, Madcamp t-shirt and pizza party on Friday)

Registration and Additional Information:
www.madcappuppets.com/madcamp

Questions? Contact Mel Hatch Douglas at m.hatch@madcappuppets.com or (513) 921-5965, ext. 21.

Westwood Citizens on Patrol
A COMMUNITY BASED DIVISION OF THE CINCINNATI POLICE



For a membership application
or to report issues of concern

WestwoodCOP@aol.com
OR
Call: 513-352-3533

Monthly Ad Rates

\$100.00.....	Full Page
\$50.00.....	Half Page
\$25.00.....	Quarter Page
\$10.00.....	Business Card
\$50.00.....	Insert

Published 12 (more or less) times a year by WCA, with funds supplied by the Neighborhood Support Program, local advertisers, and membership dues.

For information on placing an ad, contact:
Becky Weber, Editor
bmimmy@aol.com or

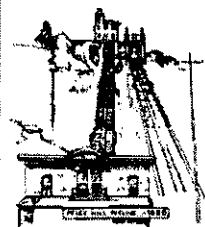
Westwood Civic Association
P.O. Box 11466
Cincinnati, OH 45211

WCA OFFICERS
Term: April 2012 - April 2013

- PRESIDENT-**
*Joel Kimmet.....200-4235
- VICE PRESIDENT-**
*Mary Kuhl..... 678-5119
- VICE PRESIDENT-**
*Mary Jenkins.....746-5385
- RECORDING SECRETARY-**
*Karen Strasser.....604-1167
- TREASURER-**
*Valerie Baumann.....
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY-**
*Jill Minor.....

***WCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| *Michelle Conda | *Irene McNulty |
| *Nick D'Angelo | *Tom Minor |
| *Melva Gweyn | *John Sess |
| *Joe Henke | *Becky Weber |
| *Jerry Hildebrand | |



Price Hill Chili
4920 Glenway Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45238
Phone: 471-9507

Golden Fleece Lounge
Phone: 471-8434

Price Hill Chili
RESTAURANT



www.ArborDoctor.com
Arbor Doctor, LLC
Ronald E. Rothhaas Jr.
513-661-2673

Call the Arbor Doctor for:

- Quality tree and shrub care
- Insect and Disease Management
- Root Health Management
- Environmentally sensitive treatments and recommendations
- Tree Risk Assessment
- Landscape evaluation
- Tree painting, landscaping
- Unbiased recommendations for care, additions, pruning and removals.
- Preservation of trees during construction
- Site preservation and restoration
- Speaking to your garden club or other group meeting

Ash trees on your property?

Ask the Arbor Doctor on how to keep them healthy and safe from the Emerald Ash Borer! We provide two treatment options that help ward off this tree killing insect.

Call Arbor Doctor Before Your Tree Gets Too Sick to Curb the Problem!



Print Works

- ◆ Printing
- ◆ Typesetting
- ◆ Copies

Service Is Our #1 Goal

6500 Glenway Avenue
Bldg D-4
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211
Phone: 922-5233
Fax: 922-8720

Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00
(behind Thornton's Gas Station)

**WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP CODE _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (VOTING MEMBERS): _____

CALL ME FOR: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ___ FUND RAISERS ___

Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Make your check payable to "Westwood Civic Association" and mail to:
WCA, P.O. Box 11466, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Or you could save a stamp and bring this with you to the next meeting- we'd be happy to see you!

Angelo's Automotive

40 YEARS EXPERIENCE

3091 Glenmore Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45238

(513) 861-1414



RICK and HOLLY FINN

(513) 533-8081 Office
(513) 842-3732 Fax
www.rickandhollyfinn.com

Circle of Excellence 1999-2009
Licensed in Ohio & Kentucky
Relocation Specialists

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

WEST SHELL

Direct: 513-533-8081
rick.finn@cbws.com
cbws.com/rick.finn

Equal Housing Lender



Direct: 513-560-6513
holly.finn@cbws.com
cbws.com/holly.finn

2721 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208

GREATER CINCINNATI CREDIT UNION

LISA WILLIAMS-TERRY
BRANCH MANAGER



Westwood Branch
3287 Werk Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Phone: 513-559-1234 Ext. 1212
Fax: 513-661-1116
Email: lterry@gocul.org

Herschel Benkert
owner

Bus: (513) 662-7759
Fax: (513) 662-7912

WESTERN HILLS HONDA - YAMAHA

New • Pre-owned • Accessories • Vintage

3110 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45211

E-mail: owner@westernhillshonda.net

www.westernhillshondayamaha.com



Westwood Civic Association
P.O. Box 11466
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Return Service Requested

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
CINCINNATI, OH
PERMIT NO 4513



Save the Date for WestFest

Westwood Civic Association will once again participate in Cheviot-Westwood Community Association's WestFest with our famous and fun Mug Slide with chances to win cash. Mark your calendar: Saturday, June 23 from 1 p.m. to midnight and Sunday, June 24 from 1 - 10 p.m.

Taste the West Side!

DownTown Cheviot, Ohio