#### WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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#### From the President...

2011 marks the 100th anniversary of The Westwood Civic Association!

We held our election of officers during the annual dinner at the Westwood Cancun Restaurante in April, and here are the results-

President- Jim McNulty
Vice Presidents- Becky Weber and Melva Gweyn
Treasurer- Valerie Baumann
Recording Secretary- Mary Jenkins
Membership Secretary- Irene McNulty
As you can see from this list- Westwood Recycles!

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard for Westwood this past year; outgoing President John Sess, who is a tireless advocate for our neighborhood, and Mitch Neeld who served as Recording Secretary. And thank you to Mary Jenkins, who stepped up to serve as the new Recording Secretary.

Some of the projects we are working on-

- · Re-establishing our official neighborhood boundaries.
- A complete redrawing of our zoning designations, to increase and enlarge single family lots, and change much of the multi-family to single.
- The neighborhood garden project at Talbott and Harrison.
- Continuing and expanding our blight removal project.
   The latest eyesore removed was 2570 Harrison Avenue

   the 44 unit former Imperial House.

- The Montana Avenue re-design project is almost ready to roll. Next comes Harrison Ave.
- Changing our Metro bus routes to be more in line with the transportation needs of Westwood residents.
- The annual Westwood Art Show in September.
- Increasing membership. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to fill out a membership form.

Have you noticed that Western Hills Plaza has made a roaring comeback? The Ferguson Kroger is getting a complete makeover. Now we need to focus on the other business areas (including the McHenry Kroger shopping center), and see what we can do to keep this positive momentum moving East.

District 3 Police headquarters is reporting a 26.79% REDUCTION in overall crime from March 2010 to March 2011. District 3 Commander Captain Russell Neville has implemented a new sector-focused patrolling plan, and it looks promising so far. You can learn more about it at the WCA meetings.

I hope you can shave some time out of your schedule to attend a WCA meeting. They are on the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM at Westwood Town Hall. At the May 17 meeting we will honor the Westwood Students of the Year, so please try to attend and show your support for the future leaders of Westwood and bring your ideas for improving Westwood.

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

## Westwood Yard-of-the-Month Awards by Joan and Gil McLean

The Westwood Civic Association (WCA) is continuing its efforts to encourage residents and businesses to beautify the landscaping in yards of residences and the properties of offices, apartments and churches. Each month, from June through and including September, about 10 of the most beautiful landscapes will be designated with WCA Yard-of-the-Month signs posted on those properties nominated and chosen.

The association encourages residents to nominate yards and gardens that they feel are works of outstanding beauty. Nominations can be made by telephoning the chair persons for this award competition, Joan or Gil McLean, at 661-6017. Nominations must be of properties within the boundaries of Westwood.

## Westwood Civic Association Bylaw Change

At our next general meeting on Tuesday May 17 we will be voting for a change to the Westwood Civic Association bylaws. The bylaw change concerns the boundaries of Westwood. We invite everyone to come to this meeting to vote on this important issue.

#### My fellow Westwoodians,

Two years ago, then president, Jim McNulty, asked I carry the torch as president for the next term. Knowing his were large shoes to fill, I accepted. Jim had shown a sincere passion for wanting to reverse the trend of many detrimental years by reducing the number of rental units in Westwood as well as reducing the crime associated with them. I am happy to say that Jim has once again stepped into the role of President of the Westwood Civic Association. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me while I was president. I will continue to work to have

a state-of-the-art fire house to replace our 100 + year old, single bay firehouse to better serve our neighborhood. I will also continue to work toward defining and getting our borders accepted by city government. Ours is a vibrant, passionate and dynamic civic board. I look forward to assisting Jim McNulty in the next two years to realize even more progress toward making Westwood a great place to live and raise a family.

Sincerely, John Sess, Past President, Westwood Civic Asociation

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Historical Society:

Liz Kissel

## William Henry Harrison: His Life and Legacy in Ohio and Beyond

The topic for the May 11 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society will be the ninth president of the United States who was a resident of North Bend, Ohio and is buried there. Keith Norris, author of Goodbye, Old Tippecanoe: William Henry Harrison and His One Month Presidency, will discuss how William Henry Harrison changed this land he settled in, and how it changed him. Though Harrison was the President of the United States for only 32 days, he was a public servant for a half century, and had a major influence in nineteenth century America, and specifically, Ohio. The meeting will take place at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue), at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

### Congratulations Henke Winery

On Tuesday April 12, winemaker Joe Henke was invited to the House of Representatives floor to be awarded a resolution for winemaking excellence.

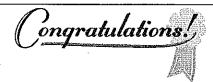
Also Henke winery goes 6 for 6 at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition.

Double gold for Vendange A Trois

Gold for Riesling

Silver for Cellar Blush and Vin de Rouge Bronze for Chardonnay and

Merlot



#### Westwood Citizens on Patrol

Westwood COPP has been ramping up this spring. These cold wet days don't stop us from keeping the pulse of Westwood our number one priority. There are plenty of things to do from the vantage point of our car, and walking in the rain never killed anyone!

There is nothing more insulting to me than to see "We buy ugly houses" scattered throughout our beautiful community. We tear them down, along with "We buy houses without copper" and "We buy junk cars." We make it one of our jobs to tear down signs that make our community look cheap and ugly (and are in fact illegal).

The area between the sidewalk and the street is the Right of Way (ROW), and must be free of signs and posters. I know it is tempting to put your garage sale signs on poles you find there, but don't be surprised if they are occasionally torn down. Please help us by asking residents if you can post signs there—we will not remove signs from private property, of course.

Please don't make your car a casualty by leaving things in it. Did you know thugs break into cars for something as little as an old sweatshirt? "Put your junk in your trunk," lock your doors and roll up your windows.

Another report we are hearing is lawn ornaments are being removed. One neighbor heard someone outside, ran out and scared the people removing the ornaments. A small ornament taken by the thieves from elsewhere remained in their haste to get away. We have suggestions:

- Go to Harbor Freight Tools and get a cheap alarm that sounds when things are moved/ removed. From what I hear, it is loud and wonderfully obnoxious!
- 2. Light the area using motion detectors
- 3. Don't set out things of tremendous value
- 4. Be willing to take the loss. For me, some of the things I put out aren't very expensive, so if they are removed it is no big loss.
- 5. You can help by watching for people taking things out of yards (especially on "trash eve").

Are you ready yet to join us and be part of one of the finest groups in Westwood? Contact Princess Davis at **513-352-3533** or email us at WestwoodCOP@aol.com. If not, you can still contact us. We love to talk with Block Watch groups and are very pleased to help our neighbors find solutions to their problems.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Conda

#### **Town Hall Gardens**

### Peg Rhein

When you drive by the grounds of the Westwood Town Hall this week notice how lovely it looks. Saturday, April 16, as part



of the city wide efforts of the Cincinnati Park's Green Up Day and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, 26 volunteers gathered together and accomplished great things. In spite of the cold almost constant rain and wind, they persevered to pick up at least 25 bags of leaves, thorny gumballs, branches, litter and plant trimmings. The students from Mercy- Sara Freudiger, Allison Adams, Liz

Kenkel, Jasmine Hall-Lovette along with adults Jill & Tom Minor, Jim Hoog and Peg Rhein worked on this endeavor.

We also had two truckloads of mulch supplied by Cincinnati Parks that thanks to the efforts of Becky and Gary Weber who again guided the LaSalle High School guys — Sam, Nick and Ben Rees, Sam Herbers and Harry Moore, worked wonders.

Gene Nishiyama, Brandon Castillo Lopez, Luis Alfredo, Frank Metzmeier, Stuart Golder, Yasmeen Khan worked right along with them filling wheel barrows and buckets and moving them and then spreading them on all the gardens, trees and bushes. Everything was very wet, messy and difficult.

Valerie Baumann and Mary Dorn (Parks Horticulturalist) spend hours reworking the garden at the corner of Harrison and Montana and planted some colorful spring annuals which look so much better.

Maria Kreimer and her father Carl Kreimer along with Melva Gwyen, spent the morning picking up and bagging about 20 garbage bags of trash along Montana Ave. that people carelessly toss out their car windows.

We really appreciated being able to use the Westwood Town Hall building facilities thanks to Marlene Trapp from Recreation working an extra shift to assist us.

Thanks also to Papa Johns who donated delicious warm tasty pizza for all of our volunteers and Kroger who donated gift cards to help us purchase water, treats and garbage bags.

It is important to realize that with the drastic budget cuts in our city, the Parks work force has been severely cut and we all need to pitch in and help more to keep our lovely parks and green spaces in Cincinnati beautiful especially at the Westwood Town Hall that is the visual anchor of our community. We will have many more work sessions this year and I hope that you will join in our efforts and show up to work in the garden.

### Can you help us with the Town Hall Gardens???

Peg Rhein

This year we need your help in creating an area of beauty in the heart of Westwood. The Westwood Town Hall Garden Volunteer committee is looking for donations of gift cards from Lowes, Home Depot or any garden store to help us purchase flowers and trees for the grounds which has many gardens that need new flowers. Please send the gift cards to Westwood Civic, P.O. Box 114466, Cincinnati, OH 45211, with a note asking them to be used for beautifying Westwood Town Hall Gardens.

### Dog Park Offers Diversion for Canines, Owners By Paul Jenkins, Westwood resident

If you're looking for a fun way to exercise your dog, or a great place to meet people, why not visit the Mt Airy Dog Park? Located on Westwood Northern Boulevard between Montana and North Bend, the park provides dogs with two acres of fenced-in exercise space. Opened in 1999, the park was financed largely by a grant from PETsMART charities. A separate area for smaller breeds is included, and agility equipment was added this Spring.

The park was proposed in the mid-90s by West Side residents who wanted to give their pets the opportunity to play together off leash. The Mt Airy facility served as a pilot area for Cincinnati, and its success has led to the establishment of several such parks in other parts of the city.

Dogs are not the only beneficiaries of the project. Scores of human friendships have been established at the park. Taking their pets to the park and chatting with fellow dog owners has become a daily routine for dozens of West Siders.

A great way to learn more about the park and connect with fellow dog owners is to visit its Facebook page. From your Facebook account search for Mt Airy Dog Fark, or go directly to https://www.facebook.com/home.php#I/group.php? gid=43262378731

### Turn the Key, Be Idle Free! Hannah McCartney, Public Relations Intern

The flick of your fingers. That's about all the effort it takes to turn off or to start a car. Turning the ignition in your vehicle is probably one of the simplest tasks you perform all day. However, many people tend to believe that idling (leaving a car's engine running when it's parked or not in use) is somehow more convenient than

turning that key. Not only is it less convenient, it's much more harmful; idling negatively affects our wallets, health and our air by creating smog and wasting gasoline.

Some drivers think that it is more efficient to leave the car running, rather than turning it off and restarting the engine. If you're already feeling the pain at the pump, you know it's more important than ever to use gas wisely and conservatively. When a car is left idling, it



receives the worst mileage possible—0 miles per gallon! Contrary to popular belief, idling for more than 30 seconds actually uses more gasoline than turning off the engine and restarting it. Aside from wasting precious gasoline, idling also releases unnecessary pollutants into our air and can negatively affect our cars.

## Downloadable Music Coming Soon!

Having a Library card has never been more valuable. Cardholders will soon be able to download free music. All music will be free and you'll get to keep it forever. You'll be able to select from hundreds of thousands of songs. All songs will work with any MP3 player, iPod, iPhone, and can be loaded into iTunes. It will work with both PCs and Macs. The new service will begin in mid-May so make sure your Library card registration is current and your fines are under \$10.



#### **TOIN TEAM READ**

Starting June 1, everyone is invited to JOIN TEAM READ this summer and earn really cool prizes! You could win some awesome grand prizes, including Coney Island passes, Reds tickets, or maybe even a Nook Color! Adults, teens & kids can register early online at our website www.cincinnatilibrary.org!



Displays:

We also have fun displays of books, such as gardening, Mother's Day, and Spring titles.

**Programs:** 

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 Reader Party – Thursday May 26 at 7:00 p.m. – Adults. Please bring a favorite book to discuss! Bring your own favorite book and a treat or snack to share with others!

Computer Open Lab – Thursday May 5 at 10 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Adults Registration Required

Do you think a mouse is a furry rodent? Bring your computer questions, we have answers! We can help you with general computer basics, typing instruction, setting up a free e-mail account, Microsoft Office 2007, and online job applications and resumes. First

Thursday of each month, call (513) 369-4474 to register.

<u>Meet Arthur!</u> – Thursday May 5 at 6:30 p.m. All Ages Elwood City's favorite aardvark will be here to celebrate Children's Book Week with stories and have your picture taken with Arthur!

<u>Wii Party</u> - Saturday May 14 at 2:00 p.m. - Ages 12-18 Bring your games and your friends, and play with us!

Facebook for Beginners—Thursday May 19 at 6:30 p.m.— All Ages

In this general overview of Facebook, participants will learn how to set up a Facebook page, upload photos, network with friends, family and businesses and manage privacy settings.

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



The Library will be closed on May 30, 2011 in observance of Memorial Day



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: <a href="http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/programs/calendar.html">http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/programs/calendar.html</a>

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10-6

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THE POOLS ARE OPEN THIS SUMMER - Thanks to the hard work of many community representatives throughout the city, corporate donations, plus a little help from City Council, all 19 pools are scheduled to open in June. Ryan Pool will open June 6th for 8 weeks.

<u>LIFEGUARDS ARE NEEDED</u> - Ages 15 and older may apply for training by calling 357-POOL (7665). Or log onto: www.cincyrec.org or email: aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov.



YOGA - Michelle Ward, Instructor.

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#### GIANT YARD SALE REGISTRATION - Starts May 15th.

If you had a space last year, you should have received your papers by now.

YARD SALE: Saturday, July 16th 10 am - 3 pm. \$15 for a 10' x10' space or \$25 for a 15' x 20' space that is usually shadier. Correct change is appreciated. Please stop in after May 15th to choose your space.



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-	Revenue			
	NSP	\$747.38		
	Membership	40.00		
	Banners	40.00		
	Miscellaneous	1.00		
	Total Revenue	\$828.38		
	Expenses			
	Westwood Art Show	\$610.00		
	Newsletter	377.33		
-	P.O. Box Fee	70.00		
	District 3 Resource Committee	35.00		
_	Total Expenses	\$1,092.33		
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## Upcoming Westwood Civic Association **Meetings & Events**

5/10 Steering Meeting

General Meeting (Student Awards) 5/17

6/14 Steering Meeting

General Meeting 6/21

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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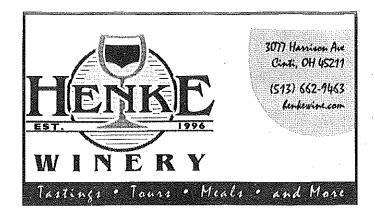
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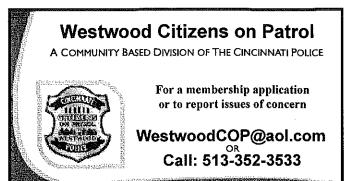
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