#### WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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#### A MONTHLY PUBLICATION



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#### President's Message-

Should Westwood get involved in projects outside of our boundaries?

WCA has a plan and process to turn back the blight, and we are now reaching out to surrounding neighborhoods to do the same.

There are two projects that come to mind-

- There is a pending zoning request on McHenry Avenue in East Westwood to convert more single family land to multi-family. This is very close to our neighborhood boundary, and adding more multi-family zoning would go against our strategic plan, and would be detrimental to the entire Westside.
- 2) The Lick Run Combined Sewer project can have dramatic consequences for all Westside neighborhoods. We need to be involved in this from the beginning. This project is now in the public input phase.

The Westwood Civic Association Articles of Incorporation begin, as our purpose—"1. To improve the quality of living for residents of the suburb of Cincinnati known as Westwood, to work with all agencies of government to accomplish this purpose and to join with other Cincinnati suburban communities to make the entire Cincinnati metropolitan area a place of quality living."

It has become evident that we need to start some formal organization to bring Westside neighborhoods together for common goals. We will be discussing that in the next few months. But in the meantime, we need to continue to further our goals within Westwood, and join with our neighbors to "improve the quality of living" for everyone. We can do it.

Enjoy the summer! We will still be meeting every third Tuesday at 7:00. I hope to see you at <u>YOUR</u> WCA meetings. Or-I'll see you around the neighborhood,

Jim McNulty

## Westwood Community Gardens Receives Grant Mary Jenkins

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful recently awarded the Westwood Community Gardens a Safe and Clean grant in the amount of \$10,000, the maximum grant amount awarded. This grant is a significant demonstration of support for the Gardens, a community project of Westwood Civic Association located at 2163 Harrison Avenue (at the corner of Harrison Ave and Talbott Ave). The grant will be used for perimeter fencing and a roof for a donated tool shed.

The Westwood Community Gardens are taking shape and will be ready for crop planting later this summer. When you drive by, you will notice that the site is level and clean. We will be building raised beds soon. The Gardens are located on a site formerly known for its blighted property. At the urging of Westwood Civic Association and on the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, City Council passed an ordinance in 2005 ordering the demolition of the building, referring to it as having "required an inordinate number of police calls as a result of a variety of criminal problems", "a financial drain on the surrounding neighborhoods", "present[ing] health and safety risks", and "meeting the criteria for "blight". The building was demolished in 2007. Fast forward to today: We have a multi-year plan with partner organizations to develop the lot for garden plots. Phase 1 (2011) includes site preparation, perimeter fencing, a tool shed. 30 raised beds (4'x8'), rain collection barrels, composting area, park benches, and a gazebo. Phase 2 will bring 560 linear feet of farm rows, also in 2011. Later phases will result in at least 20 more raised beds, flower gardens, berry bushes, a greenhouse or hoop house, and a fruit tree orchard. People will be able to apply for a plot and maintain their own garden beds or farm row. Rules, rates, and the application will be available soon on the Gardens' Facebook page.

According to its website, "the City of Cincinnati's Safe and Clean Neighborhood Fund is designed to support and encourage community-based efforts to improve safety, eliminate blight, and increase livability through neighborhood-level problem solving approaches and projects." Westwood Community Gardens is grateful for this support and the confidence that it shows in the project. To learn more about the Safe and Clean Grants, see <a href="http://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/index.php/main/show/424">http://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/index.php/main/show/424</a>

To follow the Westwood Community Gardens' progress and to look for volunteer and gardening opportunities, please visit the Gardens' website on Facebook at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/westwoodcommunitygardens">http://www.facebook.com/westwoodcommunitygardens</a>. You can also contact Westwood Civic Association board members Joel Kimmet (garden coordinator), Jerry Hildebrand, or Mary Jenkins, all members of the Gardens Committee and core team.

#### Student of the Year -2011

Thank you to the students, teachers, parents, and principals for your participation in the annual Westwood Civic Association Student of the Year Ceremony, May 17 2011. The award winners were Front Row left to right: Maddie Spetz from St. Catharine of Siena, Portia Gaines from Westwood School, Taylor Patton from Dater Montessori, Frank Metzmeier from Dater Montessori. Back row left to right: Allie Hart from Mother of Mercy, Claudia Vollman from Our Lady of Lourdes, Sydney Cummins from Gamble Montessori, Jim McNulty President of Westwood Civic Association

Thank you to WCA board member Karen Strasser for coordinating the event and for a great job presenting the awards.



#### Westwood Citizens on Patrol Michelle Conda

We have so much good news to offer you! First, if you haven't heard, the pit-bull situation is improving greatly, thanks to Captain Neville and Officer Minella. We appreciate you both daily! Second, we are happy to say that many crimes have gone DOWN in Westwood. Finally, we welcome two new members as well as waiting for two more who are finishing their training.

Westwood COPP has been on the job this month, hitting the streets with information you furnished as well as using our "eyes and ears" for patrolling. We have pulled down sign after sign from the right of way (ROW), removed graffiti, and reported "hot spots". One thing we do is keep a list of license plates we see during suspicious activity. This can be of great help to the police, as sometimes they use the information to track situations.

We continue to receive information from local citizens, which helps us greatly for our patrols. We love hearing about these problems and address them as best as we can. You can be even a greater resource if you GET TIMES and descriptions. People often say, "It happens all day." But police presence cannot be there all day—give us four-hour "windows". You'd be surprised how much this helps!

Finally, high grass is a nuisance, especially with foreclosed properties and the abundant rain. My neighbor only now is able to address the grass problem. I must point out—he is addressing it. If you have neighbors or property that need a reminder, call 591-6000 or go to 591-6000.com. We personally love the web address, as there is a permanent "record" of your request. This said, you can report anonymously. Just report!

Let us know if there is anything that needs to be addressed. We are easily reached at <u>WestwoodCOP@aol.com</u>. As always, I remain a proud member of Westwood and Westwood COPP.

#### **Gamble House Saga**

Liz Kissel

The lawsuits that have been filed by Greenacres against the City as a reaction to having been denied a demolition permit have now found their way onto the docket of the Court of Common Pleas. While an initial hearing for two of the appeals was held on May 18, the magistrate (Judge Michael Bachman) did not render a decision. He will provide his opinion to Judge Winkle who is scheduled to hear a consolidation of all the cases in the Court of Common Pleas. That hearing is scheduled at the Courthouse on Monday, July 11, at 9:30 a.m.

In the meantime, Greenacres still does not have a Vacant Building Maintenance License (VBML), and the house is still not secured against the elements. Anyone who is interested in making a contribution toward legal expenses in the fight to save the James N. Gamble house can contribute to the legal fund (go to <a href="https://www.savethegamblehouse.org/legal-fund/">www.savethegamblehouse.org/legal-fund/</a>).



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Presented by The Chevict-Westwood Community Association **JUNE 25** 1 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

**JUNE 26** 1 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Come and visit Westwood Civic Association at the Split-the-Pot Mugslide Booth!

#### Yard of the Month Winners

For late May and June, 2011

June Banker
3132 Epworth Ave.,
Nominated by Yard of the Month Committee

Megan Hodge 3061 Verdin Ave., Nominated by a Walker

Peggy and David Hochstetter 3138 Penrose Ave., Nominated by YOM Committee

Terry and Nancy Hellman 3100 Daytona Ave., Nominated by YOM committee

Elaine St. Pierre 3118 MacArthur Nominated by a Walker

Jill and Tom Minor 3217 Epworth Ave., Nominated by Debra Johnson

Roger Gifferd 3266 Werk Road Nominated by YOM Committee

Larry Sterns
3273 Montana Ave.,
Nominated by YOM Committee

Rose and John Forbeck 3017 Sandra Place Nominated by YOM Committee

Vicki Schroot 3020 Wesbrook Ave., Nominated by YOM Committee

Please keep your nominations coming. 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.

#### Recycling your yardwaste and electronics

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

You can use your handy recycling bin or cart to recycle metal cans, paper, plastic bottles and glass bottles and jars at home, but it's important to remember that just because you can't toss it in your bin doesn't mean it's not recyclable. Did you know that your yardwaste can be broken down to create rich compost, and old electronics can often be remade into new materials? From leaves to laptops, the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District is providing programs this summer to help Hamilton County residents recycle their waste. (cont. in next column)

#### Update on MSD's Lick Run Alternative Project

Want to learn more about the Lick Run Alternative sewer improvement project?

On Tuesday, June 14, 2011, MaryLynn Lodor of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) will give a project presentation at the South Fairmount Community Council meeting. The council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Orion Academy, 1798 Queen City Avenue (45214) in South Fairmount.

Her presentation will kick off a series of public design workshops to be held over the next year to explore and define the project with the community. The workshops will cover proposed projects across the entire Lick Run watershed, but will focus in particular on the proposed stormwater conveyance project in South Fairmount (between Queen City and Westwood avenues east of White Street).

The first workshop is anticipated in July 2011. The two other workshops are anticipated in October 2011 and February 2012. You will receive invitations to participate by mail or in this newsletter.

The outcome of the public workshops will be a Master Plan for the Lick Run watershed, which will be presented for consideration by elected officials and local authorities.

For more information about the project, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and a watershed map showing the location of the proposed projects, please visit the newly launched Lick Run website at <a href="https://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun">www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun</a>.

(cont. from previous column)

Both programs are free and available to Hamilton County residents only. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or a utility bill.

#### Yardwaste Drop-Off Program:

#### Locations:

Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Rd. Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, 3800 Struble Rd.

Dates: March 26 - November 20, 2011. Saturdays and Sundays.
11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. January 7 and January 14, 2012. Saturdays only. 12:00 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kuliga Park will be closed July 2 and July 3, 2011.

Computer and TV Recycling Drop-Off Program: Location: 2trg-11085 Kenwood Rd., Blue Ash, OH 45242

Dates: Monday – Friday. May 2 – Oct. 31, 2011. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Open ONLY two Saturdays. June 18 and October 15. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Details: Items from businesses, churches and non-profits will not be accepted. Items accepted free of charge include CPUs, monitors, printers, televisions, fax machines, main frames, laptops, mice, keyboards, speakers, scanners, personal copiers, cables, printers, chips, circuit boards, back up batteries, cell phones and PDAs.

For more information about these programs, please visit the District website at HamiltonCountyRecycles.org. For questions about our yardwaste drop-off sites, please call our yardwaste hotline at 513-946-7755. For questions about our computer and TV recycling drop-off program, please call our recycling hotline at 513-946-7766.

#### JOIN TEAM READ!

Whether you're 3 or 103, you are invited to join a winning team by being part of the Library's exciting Summer Reading Program. Players will enjoy two fun-filled months of reading while earning great prizes, including books, toys, and flash drives. Plus, the more you read, the more chances you have to win one of 164 sets of four tickets to a baseball game courtesy of the Cincinnati Reds and 164 sets of four Pool & Ride combo tickets courtesy of Coney Island. You could also win a Nook Color e-reader thanks to an anonymous donor. One Nook Color will be awarded to the child, teen, and adult at all 41 Library locations who reads the most between June 1-July 31! Register now at http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/summerread/2011/

#### DOWNLOAD FREE MUSIC NOW

Music lovers take note of an exciting new service being offered by your Library. "Download music" allows you, a card-carrying Library user, to download three songs a week for free from Sony's extensive catalog of music. You can keep this music forever on a variety of portable media players, cell phones and more. You can search by Artist, Genre or What's New and you can preview songs before downloading. Visit www.cincinnatilibrary.org to start downloading music today!

#### 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 - Thursday June 24 at 7:00 pm - Adults

This month's selection is Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosna. In the summer of 1942, the French police arrested thousands of Jewish families and held them outside of Paris before shipping them off to Auschwitz. On the 60th anniversary of the roundups, an expatriate American journalist covering the atrocities discovers a personal connection—her apartment was formerly occupied by one such family. She resolves to find out what happened to Sarah, the 10-year-old daughter, who was the only family member to survive.

Computer Open Lab -- Thursday June 2 at 10:00 am-11:00 am --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.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party - Saturday June 4 at 2:00 pm -Ages 11 and under

> Join Team Read and start your summer reading at The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Visit any Library location to decorate a team pennant, enjoy refreshments and get signed up for the Summer Reading Program!

Amazing Library Race - Friday June 10 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm -Ages 12-18 Registration Required

> An after hours event to kickoff the Summer Reading Program for teens. You'll have the library to yourselves as your team competes in activities to win the race. Refreshments provided.

Wii and More – Monday June 13 at 2:00 pm Ages 8-12\_\_\_Stop by and play your favorite video games!

Read to Reel Movie - Wednesday June 15 at 2:00 pm - All Ages Tangled (PG)

Tween Ice Cream Tasteoff—Thursday June 16 at 6:00 pm— Ages 9-12 Registration Required

Sample a variety of brands of vanilla ice cream and tell us which one is your favorite. Now the fun part: you won't know what brand you're tasting!

Wii Party - Saturday, June 18 at 2:00 pm - Ages 12-18 Bring your games and your friends, and play with us.

#### **Student Summer Showcase**

Saturday June 11 at 11:30 am: John Simerlink on Key board

Friday June 17 at 2:00 pm: Rye Heckerman on Banjo Tuesday June 21 at 2:00 pm: Autumn Bowers on Piano and Violin

Bingo for Kids – Thursday June 23 at 2:00 pm ages 6-12 Join your friends and play for fabulous prizes!

Books Alive for Kids -- Saturday June 25 at 1:00 pm Ages 5-9 Books - and food come alive through sight, sound and touch! Join us for a story, take-home craft and a live per formance featuring Books Alive!

Bookin' With Ronald McDonald -- Tuesday June 28 at 2:00 pm -All Ages

> An exciting show that highlights how much fun reading and the library can be. Ronald® visits the "McLibrary" and finds some wonderful adventures waiting to be discovered, including magic tricks, science experiments, a talking dictionary and even a bookworm that loves to read! Ronald teaches children how books can take them anywhere in the world with the help of their imagination and helps them learn the steps to make reading an adventure.

NEW! Preschool Storytime -- Every Friday at 10:30 am: Ages 3-

Movers & Shakers - Every Wednesday at 10:30 am - Ages 1-4

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.cincinnatilibrary.org/programs/ calendar.html

**Hours of Operation: Westwood Branch Library** 3345 Epworth Avenue Mon./Tues./Thurs.: 12-8 513-369-4474 www.cincinnatilibrary.org

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WESTWOOD TOWN HALL RECREATION CENTER 3017 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45211 662-9109

THE POOLS ARE OPEN THIS SUMMER! - Ryan Pool will open June 6th for 8 weeks. Please call 357-7665 for their schedule and to register for swim lessons, swim team, open swim hours, etc.

CRC Memberships, which include pool memberships, can only be purchased at Westwood Town Hall between the hours of Noon to 6 pm Monday through Friday. The pool does not sell pool memberships.

Junior & Senior Memberships are \$10 and Adult Memberships (ages 18-49) are \$25. Memberships include entrance to all CRC centers and pools, except The Dunham Complex—which has a separate fee structure. They are good for one year from date of purchase.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM - Meals will be served at 1:05 pm at Ryan Park. Children 17 and under who want a free lunch must arrive at least 15 minutes early to get in line for a lunch ticket.

Lifequards still needed - 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.

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 3 pm.GIANT YARD SALE \$15 / 10' x10' space or \$25 for a 15' x 20' space that is usually shadier. Correct change is appreciated. Registration remains open until all spaces are sold.

Have a safe & fun filled summer and remember to hydrate regularly and wear your sunscreen!

WTH is a Center of Character

The Character Trait for June is: JOYFULNESS--Maintaining a good attitude even when faced with unpleasant conditions. CHECK www.cincyrec.org for a complete list of programs.

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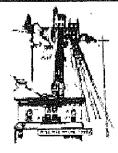


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Statement May, 2011				
	Revenue			
	Advertising	\$155.00		
	Membership	50.00		
	Banners	40.00		
	T-shirts	20.00		
	Miscellaneous	1.42		
	Total Revenue	\$266.42		
	Expenses			
	Newsletter	\$403.26		
	Westfest	275.00		
	WTH Gardens	122.72		
	WCA Student Awards	80.50		
	Welcome to WW signs	58.15		
	Welcome to EWW signs	55.34		
	WTH Yard Sale	30.00		
	Total Expenses	\$1,024.97		
	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$8,194.98		
	SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$3,943.11		
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# Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings & Events

6/14 Steering Meeting 6/21 General Meeting 6/25 & 6/26 WESTFEST 7/19 Steering 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.

All meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.



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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!				

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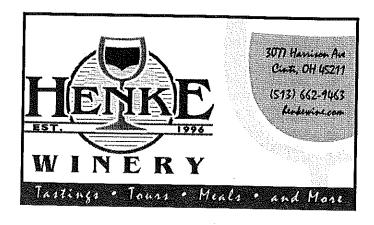
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