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# Westwood Civic Association

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### From the President's Desk:

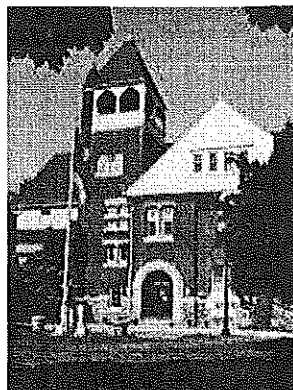
Greetings Westwood Residents! Happy June, as we welcome in another "Summer" in Westwood! Summer is the perfect time to get outdoors in your neighborhood, get involved with some outdoor events, and participate with your neighbors and friends. I will continue to highlight some of Westwood Civic Association's upcoming events below, so you can mark your calendars, and come out and join us!

### Upcoming Meetings

Our next four meetings are: June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and August 13<sup>th</sup>. Our June 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Meeting may already be over by the printing of this Newsletter. The Westwood Civic Association always meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, from 7pm to 9pm, at the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue, in the conference room. All meetings are open to the public. We encourage everyone to come out and join us at the meetings where you will hear about many important issues happening in the neighborhood, how we can solve the issues, upcoming events, and a call for volunteers. We need you!

### Westwood Town Hall

One critical issue occurring right now is the fact that in the Mayor's New Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2014, our own Westwood Town Hall and Recreation Center (3017 Harrison Avenue) was listed on the "chopping block" to be shut down and closed. This is a travesty! The Westwood Civic Association has already written numerous letters and emails, has attended many meetings, and has contacted many city officials letting our voices be heard about keeping our 123 year old Town Hall open. If you want your voice heard, please send an email or a let-



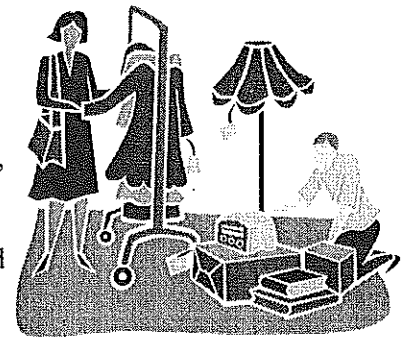
ter of support to City Council and the City Manager. You can "Google" Cincinnati City Council, and all the email addresses will come up, as well as a mailing address.

### Westwood Community Gardens

Our Community Gardens at 2163 Harrison is alive and in full bloom! All 40 beds are now rented out! Our Gardens Coordinator, Vice President Mary Jenkins has a column in this issue of the Newsletter with all the news, events, and activities in the Gardens. You don't have to be a Gardener to enjoy the Gardens! Stop by anytime, the Gardens are always open. Walk around and see what has been planted and what is growing! Each bed is like a little farm plot! It's a peaceful place to spend some time and relax!

### Westwood Giant Yard Sale

The Westwood Giant Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now! If you have never been to the Giant Yard Sale before, you are missing out! Lots of your Westwood Neighbors and friends stake out a spot, bring their "yard sale" items, and everything is for sale! It is literally a huge, outdoor sale! I am sure there are spots still available. If you are interested in a spot, please call Town Hall Coordinator Dina Hanks at 513-662-6100, and she will sign you up. Otherwise, just come to the Town Hall on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and walk around the Giant Yard Sale for a one-of-a-kind fun experience!

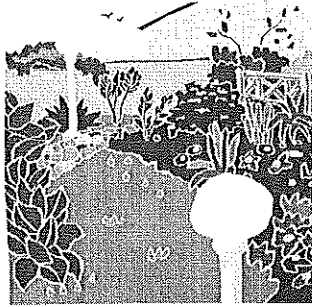


That's all for now. It's a busy month. I hope to see all of you at an upcoming meeting, event, or at the Community Gardens! Get involved in your neighborhood this Summer! Have a great June!

Sincerely, Joel J. Kimmet, WCA President

## Yard of the Month

Westwood is proud of the gardening expertise of its residents. Many years ago the Yard of the Month program was created to reward the homeowner(s) who have expended their time and energy creating a beautiful front yard.



The Yard of the Month Committee is composed of WCA Board Members and residents of Westwood. Each month they drive around the neighborhood and select the yards they consider the most attractive from many nominations. If you have any suggestions for recipients of this award email [westwood-yards@gmail.com](mailto:westwood-yards@gmail.com).

### June Yard of the Month Recipients

2906 Fischer  
 3340 Wunder  
 2189 Harrison  
 2656 Queen City  
 3234 Day  
 2823 Harrison  
 3029 Urwiler  
 3237 Daytona  
 3271 Pickbury

## Growth of and at the Westwood Community Gardens

Mary Jenkins

The forty plots at the Westwood Community Gardens, an initiative of Westwood Civic Association, are fully rented, planted, and looking green and great. Recent rain and enthusiastic gardeners have created a space that is lush and lovely. Because gardeners choose what to grow in their plots, the visitor will notice a great diversity of plants bed to bed, including chard, eggplant, tomatoes, beans, peas, spinach, lettuces, potatoes, okra, squashes, and so much more. In addition to the plants, we're growing our infrastructure, thanks to generous contributors. We completed the fence along the side facing Harrison Pavilion nursing home and we will be erecting the tool shed, the latter made possible through support from the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, Hilltop Concrete, and a supporter of the Gardens.

You don't have to rent a plot to stop by and see what we're up to and what's growing. Stop by anytime during daylight hours and take a stroll through the gardens at 2163 Harrison Avenue at the intersection with Talbott Avenue. You will see a border of herbs along Talbott Avenue, available to all our gardeners. Wondering what to do with particular herbs? We have a list of herbs and how to use them at <http://westwoodcommunitygardens.wikispaces.com/Organic+gardening+tips>. Just inside the fence along Talbott is a garden of edibles, including daylilies (yes, the flowers are edible, as are the tubers), blueberries, lovage, an old herb that's like a cross between celery and anise, and lemon grass, to name a few. The garden also offers microgreens, grown in standing height raised beds built by Westwood resident Dave Stockton. Other features include hills in which we've just started squash and other cucurbits that we're growing for My Neighbors' Place, a food pantry in Westwood. Finally, you will see a number of small trees and shrubs along Harrison Avenue, just inside the fence, including pecans and service berries.

We welcome contributions of time, talent, and money. We have work days most Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon and would be happy for helping hands as we water, weed, mulch, and build. We plan to build gates and additional raised beds later this year which will require funding that we don't have right now. And we're looking for volunteers to help us with grant writing, promotion, and programming. Please contact WCG coordinator Mary Jenkins for more information at 513.746.5385.

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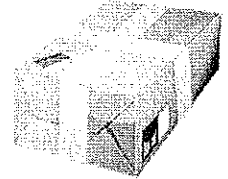
## Heading Out of Dodge? 10 Things To Do Before Leaving for Vacation

It's summer and a time when many of us take vacations. Before leaving Westwood, take note of the following reminders, which will ensure that you have peace-of-mind while on vacation:

A sure sign that no one is home is a pile of newspapers in your driveway. Make sure to call or arrange online to have your papers stopped. Don't forget weekly ones, such as the *Western Hills Press*.

Mail sticking out a box mail slot day-after-day is like putting out the welcome mat for burglars. Make sure to put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.

Ask a neighbor to look for UPS or FedEx packages, or weekly shopping newsletters on your step. Even with the mail stopped, these will still be delivered.



Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed while you are away. Tall grass is a magnet for copper thieves. There is copper in your air-conditioning unit, and maybe more in your furnace, basement, and walls.

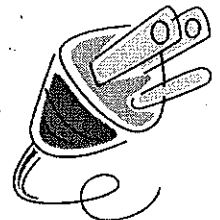
Install timers so that lights come on at different times of the evening and in different rooms. Timers are a relatively inexpensive investment compared to what you might lose in a robbery.

Ask a trusted neighbor or relative to periodically check both inside and outside your home. Consider turning off your water heater—you might save some cash while you are away!

If you have a spare key hidden outside for emergencies, now is the time to remove it.

Double check that all doors and windows are locked. Burglars own ladders, so that means every window.

Unplug your toaster, computer, TV, coffeemaker, and all appliances. A severe thunderstorm here in Cincinnati can cause power surges that can burn up your appliances in the flash of a lightning strike.



Contact District 3 (263-8300) and Westwood Citizens on Patrol ([WestwoodCOP@aol.com](mailto:WestwoodCOP@aol.com)) and let them know you'll be away.

Interested in making Westwood safer both while you are in town or getting out of Dodge? Joining Citizens on Patrol is a surefire way to make the neighborhood safer for everyone. Email our unit and leave your name and address, and we'll mail you a brochure and application: [WestwoodCOP@aol.com](mailto:WestwoodCOP@aol.com); or call P.O. Princess Davis at (513) 352-3533.



Bruce McClung  
Administrative Coordinator  
Westwood Citizens on Patrol

## WCA - WAYNE BRINKMAN STUDENT OF THE YEAR CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Westwood Civic Association presented the Wayne Brinkman Student of the Year Civic Leadership Awards to seven distinguished Westwood students at the Westwood Civic Association general meeting on May 21, 7p.m., at Westwood Town Hall. Recipients from Westwood schools were those students who have exhibited exemplary civic spirit and leadership, through community involvement and/or volunteerism in civic minded endeavors. The awards were presented by Cincinnati City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld.



Pictured left to right in photo:  
Emily Corso - St. Catharine of Siena School, Hannah Dowrey - Gamble Montessori, City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld, Darius Lampkin - Midway School, Joel Kimmet - President Westwood Civic Association, Ethan Mattingly - Our Lady of Lourdes, Laura Burkhart - Mother of Mercy, Jani Sowder - Dater Montessori, Drake Butler - Westwood School

## Westwood Town Hall Gardens: Peg Rhein

A BIG THANKS to John Raines, Jim Hoog and Stuart Golder who joined me for a few hours on Sunday morning, June 2.

With all of our efforts we got the 70 plants given to us by the Parks, who oversee the care of the grounds of the WTH, in the ground, watered, and the beds weeded in 5 of the garden beds.

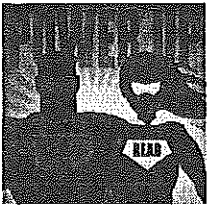
Would you be interested in adopting a flower bed on the grounds? Most everything is planted so the main need is to keep it weeded and dead head the spent blooms so the plants will continue to bloom all summer.

These are the gardens needing to be adopted. Email me if you are interested - [paperpeg@cinci.rr.com](mailto:paperpeg@cinci.rr.com)

1. Garden by the library- both sides of the sign
2. Garden in front of sign by Heinke Winery
3. Garden by sign at intersection of Montana and Harrison
4. Gardens by Harrison on both sides of the sidewalk leading from the main entrance
5. Gardens by the sign by the front entrance and the circle garden of Knockout Red Roses and now Coreopsis and Gaillardia  
Daisies
6. Gardens of Lirope ground cover back by the shed
7. Gardens on either side of the main parking lot entrance
8. Gardens of Coneflowers, Black Eyed Susans, Lilacs, Lillies, Russian Sage across from Fire House.
9. Gardens in front of the building
10. Weeding around all of the trees and shrubs and keeping the mulch raked and loosened up
11. Picking up litter, candy wrappers, paper towels, gum ball seeds, sticks

These are the main concerns but there are many other areas that need care as well.  
If you feel like you can't commit to adoption then please try and come and help out when you can.

**A special thanks to Lyn Lutz and the Cincinnati Zoo for donating flats of annuals for use  
at Town Hall.**



**Power Up: READ!** Children, teens, and adults can have a Super time reading and earning prizes! It's time to "power up" your reading skills and earn prizes for participating in the 40th annual Summer Reading Program at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. This year's theme, Power Up: Read!, offers all sorts of excitement by spotlighting "superheroes." It's easy to re-activate your Summer Reading account and register for this year's program! Just visit <http://evanced.cincinnati.library.org/evanced/sr/homepage.asp>, choose your age group from the drop-down menu, click on "Sign Me Up," then click on "Signed Up Before?" and enter your username and PIN from last year.

Then on June 1, start tracking your reading to win "super" prizes and chances to win grand prizes such as Reds tickets courtesy of the Cincinnati Reds, a \$25 Gold Star gift card courtesy of Gold Star Chili, a LeapFrog LeapPad1 Explorer tablet courtesy of PNC Bank, a Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 7.0 courtesy of Newman's Own Foundation, or a \$100 Kroger gift card courtesy of The Kroger Co. Visit [www.cincinnati.library.org/summerread](http://www.cincinnati.library.org/summerread) for more details.

**Photography 101:  
An Intro for Beginners**  
*Topics include: Focus, Framing, Focal Length*

**Presented by Jonathan Burkhardt**  
Thursday, June 6, 6:30 pm

**HALF A MILLION CARDHOLDERS!**

Shortly after being recognized as one of only five libraries in the U.S. to receive the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the Library hit another huge milestone. On **May 21**, we registered our 500,000th cardholder! This number represents about two-thirds of Hamilton County's total population. Additionally, more than 80% of households in Hamilton County have at least one Library card. Since 2009 the number of Library cardholders has increased by 84% rising from 271,646 to 500,481. Thanks for helping us achieve this milestone!

**Check out these programs coming to Westwood Library in June for children, teens, and adults!**

**Summer Reading Teen Kickoff**—Friday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m.  
Teens

Superhero Jeopardy and Superhero Bingo

**After-school Awesome!**—Monday, June 10, 24 at 3:00 p.m.—  
Ages 8-14

Westwood Library is partnering up with Heartprints to build, inspire, empower, and engage tweens ages 8-14 to explore a world of learning fun. After-School Awesome is meeting this summer, too!

**Smash Bros Tournament!**—Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.  
It's a library throw down with Westwood Branch vs. Blue Ash Branch in a Smash Bros. Tournament! Sign up today!

**Anime Club**—Thursday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m. — Teens *Registration Required*

Come watch Anime with fellow otaku, draw and have some fun!

**Super Hero Matinee!**—Thursday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12 *Registration Required*

Superheroes inspire innovation and creativity. Learn about superheroes past and present, how authors and illustrators protect their work, and create your own superhero. For ages 6-12.

**GED Practice Test @ Westwood**—Friday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.—Adults, Ages 55+ *Registration Required*

Determine if you are ready to take the Official GED test. Call (513) 369-4570 to register.

**Wii and More for Tweens**—Monday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m.—  
Ages 8-12

Join your friends and come play with us!

**Book Time With Ronald McDonald**—Tuesday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m.—Ages 6-10

Ronald entertains with a creative mix of music, magic, and games which reinforce the idea that reading is fun! Ages 6-10

**K-9 Hero Dog**—Wednesday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12

Meet Faxon and his handler, Anthony Leidenbor! Faxon is a German Shepherd from the Greenhills Fire Department who does

search and rescue! Learn about Faxon and Tony and their heroic deeds! Ages 6-12

**Bingo For Kids**—Thursday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12  
Join your friends this summer and play for fabulous prizes! Ages 6-12.

**All Kids Ready: Disaster Preparedness**—Tuesday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m.—Ages 6 to 10

Presented by Katie Jones of the American Red Cross, "All Kids Ready" is an interactive presentation that teaches children about making a family disaster plan and building a family disaster kit! They will be prepared for everything from a tornado to a fire. Ages 6-10.

**Super Summer Movie**—Wednesday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m.—All Ages

"Power Up" with your friends and enjoy our feature presentation! *Megamind* (PG)

**Music With David Kisor**—Thursday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m.—All Ages

Come and enjoy music with award winning musician David Kisor!

**Westwood Book Club**—Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. — Adults

This month's selection is *Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach. Meets Fourth Thursday of each month. Newcomers welcome!

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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.cincinnati.library.org/programs/calendar.html>*

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**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings & Events**

6/11/2013 Steering Meeting      6/18/2013 General Meeting  
7/9/2013 Steering Meeting      7/16/2013 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.*

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

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly  
Statement May 2013**

**Revenue**

Invest in Neighborhoods	\$612.48
Advertising	550.00
Westwood Community Gardens	525.00
Membership	60.00
Banner	20.00
Miscellaneous	.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1768.43</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletter	\$401.60
Wayne Brinkman Student Awards	80.50
Election Dinner	75.00
Westwood Gardens	22.93
Westwood Town Hall Clean Up	22.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$602.53</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$12,307.68
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$8,944.46

**Westwood Citizens on Patrol**

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For a membership application  
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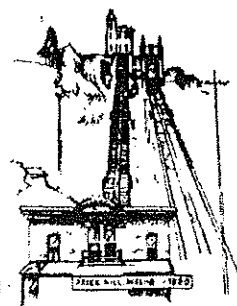
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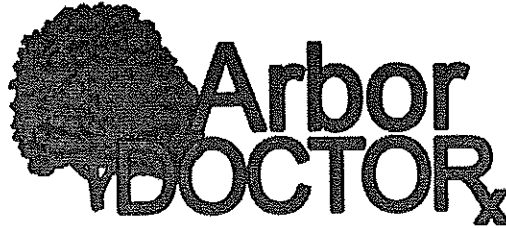
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