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From the President's Desk:

Greetings Westwood Residents! Happy July, and Happy 4th of July to all.

In this issue of the President's article, I will continue to outline some of Westwood Civic Association's many meetings, activities, events and projects going on this month.

Westwood Civic Association Meetings

Our next 4 meetings are on July 16th, August 13th, August 20th, and September 10, 2013. This issue will probably come out after the July 9th Steering Meeting is already over. Each meeting starts at 7:00 pm, is open to the public, and is a great way to learn about what is going on in your neighborhood. We would love to see you at an upcoming meeting. At the meetings you will learn about what projects and events are upcoming in the next month, when we need volunteers, and how you can help with a project, event or issue in the neighborhood. If you want to mark your calendars early, we meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm, inside the Westwood Town Hall, at 3017 Harrison Avenue.

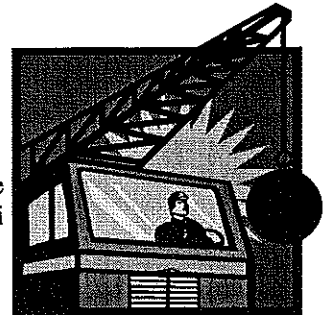
Westwood Giant Yard Sale

Saturday, July 20, 2013 is the big date for the Annual Westwood Giant Yard Sale. The Giant Yard Sale will be held on the grounds of the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue, starting early in the morning, and continuing throughout most of the afternoon. Spots may still be available. If you would like to reserve a spot, please contact Dina Hanks at Westwood Town Hall, at 513-662-6100. If you cannot set up your own booth or your own spot, please come up and walk around! This may be one of the largest "yard-sale" type events that you will ever see! Come out and support your neighbors and friends, and join us in the fun! Come out and buy something! There are good items to be found! We hope to see you all there!



Westwood Building Demolitions

If you drive down Harrison Avenue, you will be happy to see that 2280 Harrison Avenue has been demolished, and the site is being cleaned up! WCA set this demolition into motion, through working with the City of Cincinnati, attending the DBL Demolition Hearing, and testifying about how hazardous and dangerous this building was. We have many more blighted/ vacant/ condemned multi-family buildings to be demolished next. Join us at a WCA Meeting to learn more about how we are trying to make Westwood a safer and cleaner neighborhood by removing these bad buildings!



Westwood News!

We hope you all heard that the new Police District Three Headquarters Station will be built in Westwood, at 2400 Ferguson Road, near the Westwood/ Price Hill border, in front of the Wal-Mart/Pet's Mart/ Kroger Shopping Mall. This is great news for Westwood! More News about this later!

Westwood Coalition – Upcoming Public Meeting

The Westwood Coalition (of which WCA is a part of) is planning a public meeting to discuss the revitalization of the Westwood Business District on Saturday, July 27th, from 9:00 am – noon, at the Westwood United Methodist Church, located at 3460 Epworth Avenue. If you have questions, concerns, or just want to know what all the excitement is about, come to the meeting to find out. WCA Vice President Mary Jenkins, is the new facilitator of the Westwood Coalition. We expect to hear some great news about the planning process from her and the members of the Coalition in the upcoming months.

Have a great month, and a great Summer!

Sincerely, Joel J. Kimmert,
WCA President

Buildings, Properties and Development Committee Meeting Notes

We held a meeting of this committee on Tuesday June 25.
The topics of discussion were-

- Steps we need to take to get many more blighted, obsolete buildings into the hazard abatement process, and to get the ones already in the system moved along toward demolition.
- The idea of starting a long range planning process for the use and development of the Westwood Town Hall building and property. Our neighborhood needs to take a more hands-on approach to this, and not let this treasure continue to be a political tool, as we experience from time-to-time during the city budget process.
- Some cities have a rental licensing process, which regulates the residential rental process, as they would any other business. The owners would need to qualify to rent, and the units would need to pass regular inspections for safety and health issues. Could this help reduce the disorder and blight issues in Westwood?

We will be discussing and developing these ideas at upcoming meetings. Stay tuned.

Jim McNulty
Chairperson

Westwood Historical Society
Liz Kissel

Getting to the Top: The Story of the Cincinnati Inclines

The shortest distance to the top of the many hills of Cincinnati is straight up. Between 1874 and 1948, five different inclines operated to move people to top of various hills surrounding the city center. Phil Lind will present a program on this unique part of Cincinnati history at the Wednesday, July 10 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society. He will show images of the inclines from his collection of local historic photographs. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue). Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Westwood: You're invited!
The Westwood Coalition for the Revitalization
of the Business District*
is holding a community meeting on Saturday,
July 27, 2013
from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Westwood
United Methodist Church.

We will engage in information-sharing and dialogue about the future of the business district. The coalition is a group of representatives from Westwood Civic Association, WestCURC, Westwood Works, Westwood Historical Society, business owners, and residents. We seek to gather community input in an effort that will generate foot traffic, improve safety, and business opportunity in Westwood's historic business district to transform and stimulate this neighborhood while retaining that which is special and valued by the community.

Plan to attend? Please email revitalizewestwood@gmail.com to help us get a count.

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Mary Jenkins
Facilitator

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Summertime...and the robberies are easy

We all know that crime does not take a holiday and usually spikes during the summertime. Here in Westwood, home robberies are on the rise. It is no coincidence that in a season where many of us open windows at night for relief from the heat and take summer vacations to cooler destinations, home robberies increase. Here are a few tips to keep your home and its contents safe this summer:

Make sure that your back door has just as secure a lock as the front door. Most home robberies occur at side or back entrances rather than from the front. Westwood homes typically have better locks and dead bolts on the front door, than on side and back doors.

Ensure that your kitchen door has a keyed deadbolt. These doors often have panes of glass to bring light into the kitchen. If your door has panes of glass but does not have a keyed deadbolt, a robber can simply break the lower right pane of glass, reach in, and let himself in.



Confirm that a walkout basement door has a keyed deadbolt. Often basement doors are the least secure and the easiest from which a robber to gain entry.

Shut and lock all first-floor windows if you are not at home. With the warm weather, we often open windows in the evening to cool down, but neglect to close and lock them the next morning. If left open during the day with no one home, these provide an easy access point.

Shut and lock all second-floor windows if you are not at home. Many Westwood homeowners make the mistake of shutting and locking first floor windows, but leaving second-floor windows open during the day. Last summer a robber used a ladder to gain easy access through a second-floor window.



Make sure that windows are not just shut, but locked when you are away. An unlocked window provides the same point of entry as an open one. If your windows are missing locks, replace them. Window locks are a relatively inexpensive investment compared to what you might lose in a robbery.

Don't assume that a home security system absolves you from closing and locking windows when you are away or have keyed deadbolts on all exterior doors. Many robbers arrive in vehicles and can do a "snatch and grab" and be gone before the monitoring company notifies the police.

The best home security systems have an alarm that can be heard outside the home. In the case of a robbery, neighbors often can respond faster than the monitoring company. Outside alarms are more of a deterrent than inside ones, since the alarm draws attention to the house.

Install timers so that lights, and a television or radio are on during the day. Anything that can give the impression that someone is home can help dissuade a potential robber.

Vary your routine. Oftentimes robbers watch a home to see what time family members leave and return. Varying routines can help convince robbers that your home is too risky to rob.

Interested in making Westwood safer this summer both while you are home *and* away? Joining Citizens on Patrol is a best way to make Westwood safer and to decrease home robberies. Email our unit and leave your name and address, and we'll mail you a brochure and application: WestwoodCOP@aol.com; or call Police Officer Princess Davis at (513) 352-3533.

Bruce McChung
Westwood Citizens on Patrol



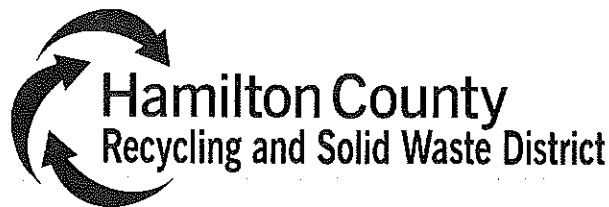
Cincinnati Recreation Commission
Dina Hanks
Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center

With the city's budget deficit, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission took a 10% reduction for the budget year 2014. Due to the size of the reduction, three centers were going to close. Fortunately, city council restored funding for Westwood Town Hall. This means Westwood will continue operations and will serve the citizens of Westwood and Cincinnati. We are happy to offer a wide range of programs and events. Coming up for July...

Join us for the **Giant Westwood Yard Sale, Saturday, July 20th from 9am - 2pm**. Come find some great treasures, gifts and so much more. Spaces are available for rent for \$15 or larger spaces are \$25. All proceeds from the booth space benefit the programs at the center.

Support Local Theater as Spotlight Theater Presents -"**Into the Woods**" **July 19, 20, and 21** Please call 702-3910 for more information and tickets.

Adult and Senior King and Queen Card club meets Mondays from 6:00-9:00pm. Join your friends and learn a new card game or join a group for spades, bid whist or euchre. The program is free to all who have a CRC Membership.



Recycling is one thing we can all do to help our community

Would you like to help our environment, economy and entire community? You can, by recycling! Recycling not only keeps material out of landfills. It is one thing we can all do to better our community.

Recycling is easy and we can all do it. When we all recycle, we create jobs, conserve resources and protect our community.

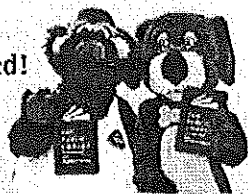
When gathering all the acceptable recyclables from your home, there is no need to sort items or collect them in a plastic bag. Simply put your recyclables into your bin/cart and take it out to your collection spot. There are several free community recycling drop-off locations available. Visit HamiltonCountyRecycles.org for locations.

The following items are accepted in curbside and drop-off recycling:

- plastic bottles and jugs (lids are OK if left on empty bottle)
- glass bottles and jars
- aluminum and steel cans
- empty aerosol cans (remove tips)
- newspapers, magazines, phone books
- brown paper grocery bags
- junk mail and envelopes
- office paper
- cardboard (please flatten to conserve space)
- paperboard (i.e., cereal boxes)
- clean pizza boxes (please remove food)

Join your friends and neighbors all over Hamilton County who are recycling. To request your free recycling guide, call 946-7766 or visit HamiltonCountyRecycles.org to download a copy.

Get Carded!



The Library and Cincinnati Reds are offering a "double play" this summer with two ways to score tickets to a game. Summer Readers can read and earn chances to win grand prize tickets to a game at Great American Ball Park for Reds Reading Night on August 19 (courtesy of the Cincinnati Reds). As an added bonus, winners can also participate in a pre-game parade on the field. Plus, to celebrate the success of all summer readers, the Reds are offering discounts to two games: August 19 (during our special Summer Reading Night) and September 10 (during Red Card Night). Join us for all the fun and show your support for the Reds and the Library. For your Reds ticket discount, visit the Reds' special website and use the code *READ13*. Don't miss Redlegs Reading Week, July 22-27, as Reds mascots and the Reds Rover visit libraries around Hamilton County—watch for details on CincinnatiLibrary.org and stay tuned for more on Red Card Night, too.

Adult Book Club— Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

This month's selection is I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman by Nora Ephron

With her disarming, intimate, completely accessible voice, and dry sense of humor, Nora Ephron shares with us her ups and downs in *I Feel Bad About My Neck*, a candid, hilarious look at women who are getting older and dealing with the tribulations of maintenance, menopause, empty nests, and life itself.

Sign Your teen Up For Financial literacy Program- Friday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m.



Tired of struggling with your teenagers on the subject of allowance? Wish they could learn to save their money instead of spending it? Then sign them up for one of eight financial literacy workshops being offered this summer by the Library. Thanks to a generous grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Foundation, Teen Services staff members will conduct Smart Investing @ Your Library workshops at selected branches this June through August. The programs are designed to engage teens with hands on activities, games, and materials for better understanding of personal finance topics. A related website will offer a booklist for teens, money tips, games, web comics and video blogs about the importance of saving money. Teens who attend a program will receive a prize pack of great stuff, including books.

Movers & Shakers – Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 1-4
You and your child shake it together for music, movement, and fun.

Summer Brain Camp—Tuesday, July 2 at 1:00 p.m.—Children
G'day mate and all things Australian. Come travel with us to the land down under and learn some fascinating facts about Australia. Did you know a koala bear is not a bear? Do toilets really flush backwards? Find out on our journey from coast to coast and make some amazing aboriginal crafts along the way. Recommended for grades 3-5.

Yu-Gi-Oh!—Wednesday, July 3 at 3:00 p.m.—Teens
Attention all players of card games! Want to hang out with friends after school and play Yu-Gi-oh, Magic the Gathering, Bakugan, or any other card game? Come play at the Westwood Library the first Wednesday of every month!

National Zombie Day—Saturday, July 6 at 2:00 p.m.—Teens and Adults

Are you ready for a zombie apocalypse? Come join us for a National Zombie Day Celebration!

Super Awesome Pets—Tuesday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m.—Ages 6-12
Kelly Burke from SPCA Cincinnati will be here to talk about safety around animals and responsible pet ownership. Plus she will bring with her some four-legged "special guests." Ages 6-12

Anime Club – Thursday, July 11 at 4:00 p.m. – Teens
Registration Required

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

Wii and More for Tween—Monday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m.—Ages 8-12

Join your friends and come play with us!

Super Summer Movie—Wednesday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m.

All Ages
"Power Up" with your friends and enjoy our feature presentation! The Incredibles (PG)

Scooby Doo and Super Heroes, Too!—Thursday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.—Children

Watch Scooby videos (including one with Batman and Robin!). Do Scooby activities. Enjoy Scooby snacks! Ages 6-12

Wild About Bats—Thursday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m.—Children
Bats are super heroes, too! Learn exciting information about bats, with hands on activities and interactive components. Afterwards, meet a live big brown bat. Presented by EchoBats, Inc.

Westwood Book Club—Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. — Adults

I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman by Nora Ephron. Meets Fourth Thursday of each month. Newcomers welcome!

Wump Mucket Puppets—Monday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m.— Children

Join Terrence Burke as he brings his Wump Mucket Puppets to Westwood Library!

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.org/programs/calendar.html>

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**Upcoming
Westwood Civic Association
Meetings & Events**

7/9/2013 Steering Meeting 7/16/2013 General Meeting
8/13/2013 Steering Meeting 8/20/2013 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.

Smog Reduction Tips

As summer weather quickly approaches, so does the potential of smog. The warm weather and increase in sunlight can bake certain chemicals forming ozone—one of the primary pollutants in smog.

By making small changes in our daily habits, we can all help improve air quality. Consider taking the following actions to reduce smog formation:

- Take the bus (METRO: 513-621-4455 or TANK: 859-331-8265)
- Carpool or vanpool (RideShare: 513-241-RIDE)
- Ride a bike, in-line skate or walk instead of driving
- Combine trips or eliminate unnecessary vehicle trips
- Refuel your vehicle after 8 p.m.; do not top off when refueling and tighten the gas cap
- Do not idle your vehicle
- Avoid quick accelerations and sudden stops as they increase fuel consumption
- Keep your vehicle maintained with properly inflated tires and timely oil changes
- Avoid use of gasoline-powered lawn equipment
- Avoid use of oil-based paints and stains
- Conserve electricity
- Spread the word

Smog can be harmful to many sensitive groups such as children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions, and so it is important to know the air quality forecast. You can receive air quality notifications by email by registering at www.EnviroFlash.info.

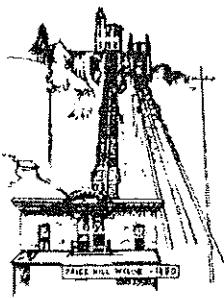
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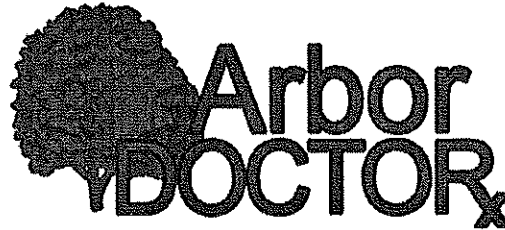
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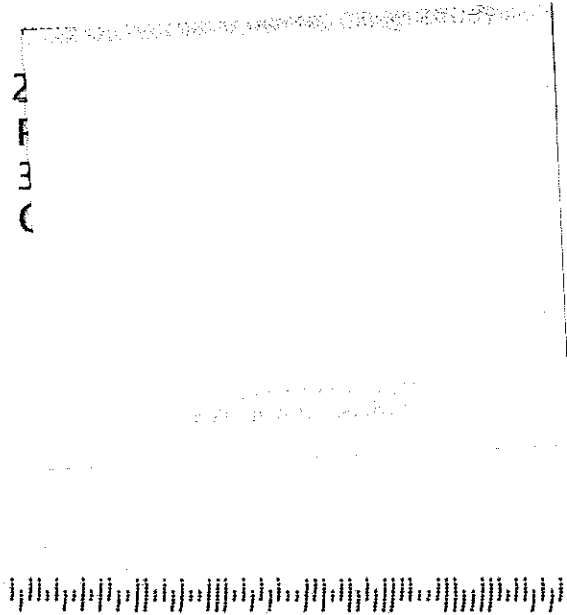
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