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# Westwood Civic Association

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### **From The President's Desk**

Greetings Westwood Residents! Happy Spring, and Happy April! April means we are starting a new year for Westwood Civic Association, and Moving Westwood Forward is our Top Priority! I hope you will come and join us at some of our upcoming April and May meetings and events.

### **Election Results are in!**

Thanks to all our residents who voted in the recent WCA Board of Directors Election. The results set a new record for Westwood. A grand total of 626 members out of approximately 800 voted last month! That is over 80%! Congratulations to all the winners. And thanks to all for volunteering to serve and to run for a Board Member position. A report from Elections Supervisor Joe Corso is included in this Newsletter. I would like to congratulate and welcome back to the Board, members Mary Jenkins, Karen Strasser, and Becky Weber, and also welcome our newest Board Member Jason Hodge. We are looking forward to working hard to serve the residents of Westwood for the next year.

### **Farewell to Jill Minor**

I would like to thank outgoing Board Member Jill Minor for her three years of service to the WCA Board. Jill has taken on additional teaching and instructing responsibilities at her school and college, and did not run for re-election to the Board. For the past three years, Jill took care of the Westwood Yard of The Month program, where we recognize outstanding Westwood yards and landscaping throughout the Spring through Fall months. Jill was also very active in helping to start the Westwood Community Gardens. Thanks Jill, for all your hard work, and you will be missed! Don't be a stranger!

### **Westwood Community Gardens**

The Westwood Community Gardens is gearing up for Spring! The Gardens are open for business and are accepting applications for new Gardeners. We now have 10 new Raised Beds that have just been built in the last month, and a total of 12 Raised Beds are now available for rental. For just \$25, you will have one 8 foot by 4 foot Raised Bed, as your own, to grow as much fruits and vegetables as you can from April through November! The Gardens are located at 2163 Harrison Avenue, at the corner of Talbott Avenue. Stop by any time for a tour, or to just walk around and see what your neighbors are growing! There are work parties scheduled each Saturday, from April through November, from 9 AM – Noon, so stop by, check out the Gardens, and we will put you to work! Volunteering in the Gardens is fun!

### **April General Meeting at Outback Steakhouse**

Each year, the Westwood Civic Association celebrates our new year with the April General Meeting held at a local Westwood Restaurant. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, instead of meeting at the Westwood Town Hall, we will meet at Outback Steakhouse, 6168 Glenway Avenue, in Westwood, in the Target shopping mall. The phone number is 513-662-4900 if you need directions. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have "Happy Hour" from 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM, with the Meeting starting at 7:00 PM. The Board will conduct its election of Officers at that time. Hope to see all of you there. We are reserving one side of the restaurant for WCA members.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Here is a list of our upcoming Meetings for April and May. Please come out and join us! All the Meetings are open to the public, and are at the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue (except April 15<sup>th</sup>)

April 8, 2014 – Steering Meeting.

April 15, 2014- General Meeting at Outback Steakhouse.

May 13, 2014 – Steering Meeting. May 20, 2014 – May General Meeting.

Sincerely, Joel Kimmet, WCA President

## **Annual Westwood Civic Association Election Dinner & Meeting**

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Outback Restaurant

6168 Glenway Avenue

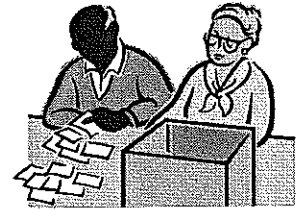
Happy Hour: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner & Meeting: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
(A special section will be reserved for WCA members)

This will be in place of the regular General Meeting at the Westwood Town Hall.

## WCA Election Report

Thank you to all the candidates who volunteered to serve as Board of Director members. Thanks for stepping up and being willing to serve and represent Westwood. Please find the WCA Election results listed below. 626 out of approximately 800 members voted! That is over 80% of our membership! That was a great voter turnout. It's encouraging that so many of our members and neighbors were passionate enough to enroll and vote.



Joel Kimmet	322 Elected	Ken Tarvin	290	
Mary Jenkins	317 Elected	Emily Miller	249	Thanks for a great election season!
Karen Strasser	317 Elected	Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm	208	Sincerely,
Jason Hodge	316 Elected	Trinette Zawadzki	173	Joe Corso, WCA Election Supervisor
Becky Weber	301 Elected			

### Westwood Citizens on Patrol

#### Seen Any Broken Windows?

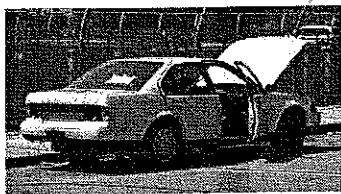
One of the guiding theories for Westwood Citizens on Patrol is the "Broken Windows Theory." Developed by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling in 1982, the "Broken Windows Theory" describes a downward spiral created by just a few panes of broken glass:

"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" fourteen years ago when we first formed as a unit. 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 patrol pick-ups are lucky to get six large trash bags. And when crime happens, Westwood Citizens on Patrol members are trained how to describe subjects and radio it in.

Interested in learning more or fixing some broken windows on your street? 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 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 Cincinnati Police Officer Princess Davis at 352-3533.

Bruce McClung  
Administrative Coordinator



**Come Join**

**Westwood Historical Society**

**For Spirit Night!**

**Chick-Fil-A at Western Hills**

**6495 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211**

**Date: Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 5PM-8PM**

*You must present flyer when making a purchase at Chick-fil-a in order to benefit Westwood Historical*

**Purchase Amount: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Historical Society**

**Liz Kissel**

**Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear all about the History of the Cincinnati Enquirer**


It is sometimes hard to remember that everyone depended on printed newspapers for their news before the age of television and the internet. The first issue of Cincinnati's sole surviving daily paper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, was printed 173 years ago on April 10, 1841. At the April 9 meeting of the Westwood Historical Society, Jeff Suess of the Cincinnati Enquirer will take us through the history of the paper. Along the way we will learn how the story of Cincinnati newspapers overlaps with the history of the city of Cincinnati. Jeff, whose articles on local history often appear in the Cincinnati Enquirer, is the Enquirer librarian. He will also discuss resources available for doing research. The meeting begins at 7 pm at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church, 3011 Harrison Avenue. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

**Historical Marker**

The Westwood Historical Society will have a fundraiser on **Thursday, April 10, at Chick-fil-A** (6495 Glenway Avenue). **Dinner time only, from 5-8 pm.**

Westwood Historical will receive 15% of all sales accompanied by coupons. Proceeds will go toward the cost and installation of an Ohio historical marker commemorating the life of James N. Gamble. The marker will be installed on the grounds of Town Hall. Coupons must be presented at time of purchase. Please spread the word and share the coupons with everyone you know who would like to see the historical marker be installed.

**Westwood Citizens on Patrol**  
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**Upcoming  
Westwood Civic Association  
Meetings & Events**

4/8/14 Steering Meeting      5/13/14 Steering Meeting  
 4/15/14 Dinner & General Meeting    5/20/14 General Mtg.  
 (Outback Steakhouse)

*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.*



## Hamilton County's Yard Trimmings Drop-off Sites Open Saturday, March 29

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's free yard trimmings drop-off sites will open on Saturday, March 29.

This program is for Hamilton County residents only. Residents who drop-off yard trimmings must bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill. Landscapers and commercial establishments are **NOT** eligible to participate in this program.

### Locations:

**West:** Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Road in Green Township

**North:** Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, 3800 Struble Road (and Colerain Avenue) in Colerain Township

### Hours:

All sites will be open March 29 – November 23, 2014, on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All sites will be closed on Sunday, April 20.

<b>Guidelines:</b>	Landscapers and commercial establishments are <b>NOT</b> eligible to participate in this program	Bring yard trimmings to the locations in containers or bags—brown paper bags preferred
	Hamilton County residents only	Containers and plastic bags will be returned
	No large trailers or trucks larger than pickups	No pallets, boards, nails, fence or wire accepted
	Cut brush and tree branches into lengths of 4 feet or less—must not exceed 1 foot in diameter	No bricks, stones or soil accepted
	Bundle brush and tree branches with a material such as twine—must not be heavier than 50 pounds	All children must stay inside vehicles

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

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### Letter to the Editor:

As a 13-year resident of Westwood and new member of the WCA, I was excited to hear about all of the progress Westwood is making toward becoming a thriving, progressive, family-friendly place to live and play. Unfortunately, my enthusiasm was dampened after attending a meeting in November, and watching the events of this past election unfold. I didn't want to write this letter, but I feel I must, as I am sure I am not alone in my frustration and disgust.

This board appears to be completely dysfunctional. I do believe there are individuals who are doing an excellent job moving the community forward, but are being bullied by those who are afraid of change. I'd like to offer a few suggestions to the group:

- Stop arguing during meetings. I trust that as adults, you can all work together during closed meetings to find common ground that those who elected you support.
- Put down your smartphones during the meetings, and actively listen to and participate in the conversation. It is rude, disrespectful and unprofessional.
- Board members/officers publishing letters to the editor in the newsletter during open elections in an attempt to sway votes without concrete data to support the statements made is not only in poor taste, but should be grounds for immediate dismissal. Please refrain from this type of behavior in the future. Voting members will remember these missteps.

- Please update your website and publish notes from general meetings in a timely manner. Not all interested residents can attend the evening meetings due to family commitments, but we are still interested in what is going on.

- Form-based codes has passed. Get over the anger and power trips. Educate yourselves on what this CAN mean in terms of positive direction for this community, and put all the energy you have into enabling the Business District and surrounding neighborhood to live up to its full potential.

We chose to stay in Westwood because we love the history, the affordable, solid and diverse architecture, the tree-lined streets, the welcoming residents and proximity to downtown and access to shopping. We have often found ourselves driving through the Business District uttering a wistful, "If only they would do something really cool here, like Hyde Park Square." We want to raise our daughter here, and hope in the near future we can attend a performance at Madcap, then grab ice cream at a Graeter's nearby. We'd love to have a date night at a great restaurant and grab a coffee within walking distance of home. The new businesses are terrific additions, let's continue with more. Make this a destination like OTR and the Banks, with our own distinct equity and vibe.

All of this is possible with the focused, collaborative efforts of this board and sister organizations. Now is the time—let's make the West Side again the Best Side!

Sincerely, Julie Joseph

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April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:00 PM-BETWEEN The Pages	2 10:30 AM-Movers and Shakers 4:00 PM-Random Acts of Poetry	3 2:00 PM-Yay Team! 4:00 PM-Teen Take- over	4	5 2:00 PM-Game On!
6	7	8 4:00 PM-BETWEEN The Pages	9 10:30 AM-Movers and Shakers 3:30 PM-After School Awesome!	10 4:00 PM-Anime Club	11	12
13	14 2:30 PM-We're Game!	15 4:00 PM-BETWEEN The Pages	16 10:30 AM-Movers and Shakers 3:00 PM-Read to Reel Movie!	17 4:00 PM-Teen Take- over	18	19
20 All Day-All Library Locations Closed	21	22 4:00 PM-BETWEEN The Pages	23 10:30 AM-Movers and Shakers 3:30 PM-After School Awesome!	24 7:00 PM-Book Club	25	26
27	28 3:00 PM-LEGO Time @ Westwood	29 4:00 PM-BETWEEN The Pages	30 10:30 AM-Movers and Shakers			

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly  
Statement February, 2014**

**Revenue**

Membership	\$2,340.00
Community Gardens	225.00
Advertsing	150.00
Donation	5.00
Miscellaneous	.45
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,720.43</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletter	\$526.60
Election	271.09
Westwood Community Gardens	262.88
Postage	81.60
Bureau of Worker's Comp	50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,192.17</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$10,607.19

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,945.02

**Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer**

**Westwood Civic Association Monthly  
Statement March, 2014**

**Revenue**

Invest In Neighborhoods	\$407.12
Memberships	390.00
Community Gardens	150.00
Donation	140.00
Miscellaneous	.37
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,087.49</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletter	\$642.12
Westwood Community Gardens	575.20
Election	50.03
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,267.35</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$10,427.33

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,945.15

**Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer**

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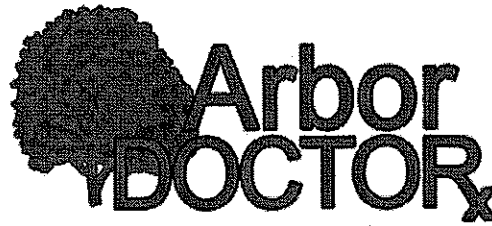
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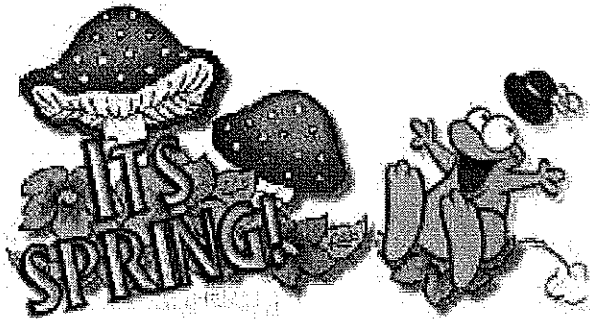
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