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President's message:

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some cool weather. Summer has its purpose, but I'll take low humidity and lower temperatures any day.

September in Westwood means it's time for the Westwood Art Show. It will be Sept. 13 this year- and this year it will be bigger than ever.

As usual, there's plenty going on in Westwood:

- * As you probably know, our Westwood Town Hall is rather unique. In 1896, when Westwood was annexed into the city, James N. Gamble negotiated an agreement that called for the city to maintain the building. Mayor Cranley recently reaffirmed that commitment during a speech inside WTH. Some of the current issues involve siding and foundation, water intrusion, and rotted wood in the bell tower. Most of the interior is in great shape, having had a major rehab just a few years ago. We have been working with the city to make sure that all necessary maintenance and repairs will be done, and that our iconic neighborhood gathering place is not forgotten come budget time. We will be discussing siding options and repair progress at upcoming meetings.
- * Speaking of WTH, during the August meeting we had a presentation of several options for renovations in the Historic Harrison Ave business district. Whichever way we go, the WTH is the center of it all, and should be our focal point for the district. Let's stay involved in making something good happen.
- * Two amendments have been proposed for the WCA Constitution. We haven't had an amendment since 2002. Please see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter. Constitutional amendments are voted on by the general membership at the regular meeting. Most other business is voted on by board members only.
- * Also, there is a committee working on a total rewrite of the Constitution. Various issues have come up over the years, and it's time to just start from scratch and fix the problems. It's challenging, but fun. If you want to be involved in the process, email info@westwoodcivic.org or call 662-8560.
- * Have you cruised the Boulevard lately? WNW Boulevard has been rehabbed all the way down the hill to Hopple Street. It's a smooth ride now. When the Hopple/I-75 interchange is finished, hopefully some of the Montana Ave. traffic will use that route to get on and off the expressway. Save some time, help ease backups on Montana, and maybe pick up some Camp Washington Chili on the way to work! Sounds like a plan!

Did someone say Plan? Westwood has a Strategic Plan. The city is working on a new Land Development Code. We have an opportunity to work our plan into the new code. Want to get involved in the process? We are putting a rezoning committee together. Email info@westwoodcivic.org or call 513-662-8560 for more info.

Several of our neighbors have reported break-ins and drug dealing in many areas around Westwood. Some folks have been very satisfied with the response from the police, and others less so. We need to know that we are doing everything possible to effectively report crime, and follow through until the problem is resolved. We will have training at an upcoming meeting. When should you call 911? When should you call your neighborhood officer? When to call District 3 (usually calling the district is the least effective thing you can do)?

And finally, during the September 16 meeting we will have Jerry Wilkerson, Superintendent Neighborhood Operations Division, Department of Public Services, together with our neighbor Helen Russo to give us information on how to deal with illegal signs that clutter our streets.

I'll see you around the neighborhood-
Jim McNulty

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.

September Recipients

3118 Macarthur Ct
2948 Feltz
2901 Urwiler
2831 McKinley
3494 Craig
3214 Manning
3327 Renfro
2811 Werk



These people have all worked really hard to make Westwood beautiful and it is so nice to acknowledge them!

WCA Constitution Amendment Notice

There are two proposed amendments to the WCA Constitution. Amendments to the Constitution require a 2/3 vote of the membership present at a regular meeting after a one week notice has been given. We intend to vote on the following proposals during the September 16, 2014 regular monthly meeting

Proposal 1– To add our neighborhood boundaries to the Constitution-

Physical boundaries of Westwood

Westwood, the largest neighborhood in the City of Cincinnati, is located in the Northwest portion of the city and is bounded as follows: Traveling northwest on Harrison Avenue, Westwood begins at Hansford place and extends south through the wooded area to Queen City Avenue. Westwood includes the streets of Carnes, Champlaign, High and Tille which run north off Queen City. The boundary includes the north side of Queen City Avenue and extends west on Queen City Avenue to Sunset Avenue. The border then runs south on Sunset Avenue, including the west side of the B & O Railway (since removed) and extends south and west to include the Dunham Recreation Complex. As the B & O Railway crosses Boudinot, the Westwood boundary extends south on Crookshank Avenue, and includes the west side of Crookshank Avenue to the city limit boundary with Green Township. Westwood borders Green Township and the city of Cheviot on its western extremity. Westwood's northern border continues from the city limit, through Mt. Airy Forest, to the west fork of the Mill Creek, where it is separated from the neighborhoods of Mount Airy and Northside, on the "north side" of the creek. From the intersection of Montana and the west fork of the Mill Creek, Westwood encompasses the west side of Montana Avenue then extends due south through the wooded area toward the intersection of Westwood Northern Boulevard and McHenry Avenue. The eastern border of Westwood extends from McHenry and Westwood Northern Boulevard in a southern direction to include the streets of Cavanaugh, Atlin, Costello, Ruberg, Baker, Robert, Pickmeyer, St. Leo Place and North & South Teralta. From Baker and Harrison, the boundary then joins Harrison and Hansford to complete the border.

(This amendment was scheduled last month, but the newsletter did not arrive in homes in time to vote at the last meeting)

Proposal 2– To create term limits for board members-

TITLE VIII: TERM LIMITS

Any member of the Board of Directors, including Officers, who has served on the Board for two consecutive terms or more, i.e. six years or more, is not eligible to run for reelection or to be reappointed to the board for a period of at least three years. This provision shall apply immediately and retroactively.

Procedures for the newsletter

Becky Weber, Editor

Since there has been a lot of misinformation about myself and the newsletter in social media, I feel that I should explain how the newsletter process works:

I have been the editor of Westwords for the past 5½ years. While serving as the editor, I have established a deadline for all contributing articles, to be sent to me by 9 a.m. on the first of the month. This deadline was established for consistency purposes. I changed the deadline only a couple of times. I have moved the deadline up a couple of days so I could prepare, edit and proofread the newsletter before leaving for vacation.

After I receive everyone's information, I prepare and edit the newsletter. If you have never prepared a publication, this may require moving articles, information around on pages so that everything fits. Depending on the amount of information and whether it is a workday or a weekend I may be able to complete the publication that same day. My husband then proof-

reads the newsletter with me to check for any errors.

I then send a pdf of the newsletter to the printer, who sends me a proof and if it's all okay, I give the go-ahead to print. The printer then prints, prepares the membership labels and takes it to the post office for mailing. Since the newsletter is mailed at bulk rate the post office can take **7 to 14 days to deliver**. Most times it takes only 4-7 days however; the post office makes that decision based on the volume of mail and destination.

I take the responsibility as the editor of this newsletter seriously and have spent many unpaid volunteer hours (including weekends and holidays) getting the important information to all of our members every month. As the editor I have also attained all of the advertisements for these publications.. These advertisements help defray the cost of the newsletter.

Since this is a volunteer position, I have to be able to volunteer around my other responsibilities which include my regular daytime job, my family (including vacation time) and all the other responsibilities that go along with owning a home.

The Sale of Engine 35

The city of Cincinnati has received 4 offers for the Engine 35 Firehouse on Junietta. A committee of neighborhood residents and city representatives will meet during September to review the proposals and the city will make the final decision. The decision is not based strictly on the highest price, but is based on criteria established by the city. For more information, contact Gerald Fortson, Sr. Development Officer, City of Cincinnati 513-352-1926.



Gamble Montessori High School Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Tuesday, September 30 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
The community is invited!



Pole Signs have got to go! Helen Russo

One morning, the number of signs on poles along Glenway Ave. jumped out at me like never before. I called Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to get the correct codes and started to gather the signs in my garage with the help of Citizens on Patrol and John Sess.

I decided to call about 20 people and got varying responses from “fub” to astonishment that there was even an ordinance. Some “hard-core” offenders, knowing that there is no enforcement of the code, laughed at my efforts and said they were doing great business. My response was that perhaps they should include advertising in their business budget instead of marring the neighborhood scenery.

I met with Jerry Wilkerson, Supt. Of Neighborhood Operations, who will speak at our Sept. meeting and with Linda Holterhoff of KCB. I outlined the need for a) delineating the city boundaries b) extensive education of this issue as well as some other quality of life issues c) rigorous enforcement and consequences of hefty fines for offenders. If this component of fines and enforcement are not dealt with, I believe we are wasting our time!

Be sure you attend to get your questions answered.



Letter to the editor and to fellow residents of Westwood:

50 Westwood residents and prominent business owners officially made the proposal to put term limits in place for the Westwood Civic Association (WCA) board. The proposal would limit board members to two consecutive 3-year terms. Board members reaching the limit would still be able to finish out their current term. They simply couldn't run for reelection at that point, for a period of 3 years. The WCA constitution requires a vote on this at the 9/16 general meeting. It also requires that WCA members are notified of this at least a week before that meeting.

Term limits are a very common practice for non-profit boards, including the majority of the community councils we spoke to in Cincinnati. These community councils have found term limits to be healthy in a number of ways. They have found that term limits enable and encourage more residents to get involved and take on leadership roles. They have also found that term limits provide a well-deserved breather for existing board members who can still choose to stay involved, get refreshed and, if they desire, run for reelection again in the future. They also found that there's a danger that board members who serve for too long can grow jaded or out of touch over time, starting to feel that they personally know what's best for a community without actually asking the community.

Some current board members might feel that term limits are scary or represent a personal attack. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is a very common and healthy practice for all involved. I would ask anyone who might feel threatened by such a change to make sure they stay focused on what's best for the organization and the community versus their own self-interests.

Fellow WCA members, please join me in voting for this positive change on 9/16 at 7:00 pm at Westwood Town Hall. Thank you!

Larry Eiser
34-year Westwood resident
WCA member
Board member of Westwood Works
Board member of Westwood Community Urban Development Corporation (WestCURC)



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Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings & Events

9/9/14	Steering Meeting	9/16/14	General Meeting
10/14/14	Steering Meeting	10/21/14	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 Citizens on Patrol

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For a membership application
or to report issues of concern

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Call: 513-352-3533

Making a Difference in Westwood

Citizens on Patrol is a volunteer organization of neighborhood residents who volunteer their time to make Westwood a safer place to live. We are a civilian branch of the Police Department and receive twelve hours of training at the Cincinnati Police Academy. Our patrols take various forms: some are stationary while others are by car, by bicycle, or on foot. We patrol in groups of two or three, carry police radios, and act as extra eyes and ears of the Police Department.

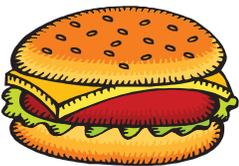
Although Westwood Citizens on Patrol is an active unit, attrition in a volunteer organization is always a challenge. The first way you could help Citizens on Patrol is to consider volunteering. There is an application, and a required background check. After training at the Cincinnati Police Academy, the minimum monthly commitment is one patrol and one patrol meeting. If you are curious, please 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. The next application deadline is October 1, and training will be later that month.

A second way you could help Westwood Citizens on Patrol is by eating at Willie's Sports Cafe at 6380 Glenway Ave. on Wednesday, September 24. If you present the coupon below, our unit will receive 20% of your receipt (alcohol excepted). We will use these funds to pay for equipment (flashlights, audio recorders, etc.) and annual activities (such as the Police Memorial Parade). Help Citizens on Patrol, and help strengthen Westwood!

Bruce McClung
Administrative Coordinator
Westwood Citizens on Patrol

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Statement August, 2014**

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Expenses

Westwood Community Gardens	\$1,721.31
Newsletter	633.66
LaRosa's Tribute	300.76
Westwood Art Show	254.00
Outreach	252.00
Bureau of Worker's Comp	50.00
Total Expenses	\$3,211.73

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$4,534.93

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$8,945.50

Submitted by Valerie Baumann, Treasurer

Westwood Historical Society News

Liz Kissel

Westwood's First Ohio Historical Marker

Thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate the dedication of the James Norris Gamble Ohio Historical Marker in front of Westwood Town Hall on August 9. A special thank you to those who helped out in any way. We had a wonderful turn out. If you have not yet checked it out, stop by some time to see the marker.

Westwood Historical Society Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! A fundraiser will be held on Monday, October 13 at the Boudinot Avenue La Rosa's from 11 am to 9 pm (dine in, carry out, and delivery from the Boudinot restaurant). Proceeds will help cover the cost of the James N. Gamble Historical Marker. You must present the event flyer at the restaurant. (Flyer is on page 4 of this newsletter)

September Westwood Historical Society Meeting:

September 10, 7 PM
Westwood First Presbyterian Church

"Our Cousins in Ohio"

Richard Jones will take us back to the 1840s to describe the domestic life of a family that lived in Price Hill on property called The Cedars, now home to Seton High School. He draws much of his information from a book called "Our Cousins in Ohio", written in England in 1866 by Mary Howitt. The book, based on letters sent to her by her sister over the course of a year, is a fascinating accounting of the daily comings and goings of her sister's family, mainly from the perspective of her children. She touches on various aspects of daily life common on the westside of Cincinnati at the time – physical surroundings, wildlife, entertainment, encounters with the Native Americans, neighbors, food, dress, etc. Come and find out how different life was back then...and how it is the same!

October Westwood Historical Society Meeting

October 8, 7 PM
Westwood First Presbyterian Church
Tentative topic: Bricca Murders by JT Townsend

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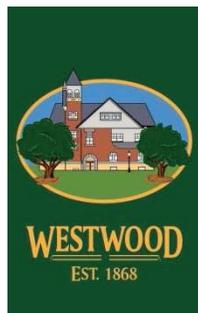
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