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## From The President's Desk:

Greetings Westwood Residents! For the next few months, in this President's Column, I will be highlighting each of Westwood Civic Association's Committees. Last month, in the August Issue, I wrote about the Properties, Buildings and Development Committee, and interviewed Chairman Jim McNulty. A full list of all the 9 Committees of Westwood Civic Association is in the June, 2012 issue, on page 3.

This month, our "Committee Spotlight" is on the **School Enhancement Committee**. This Committee has two co-chairpersons, Karen Strasser and Jill Minor. I recently interviewed Karen and Jill about this important Committee, and I also visited a recent Committee meeting, where I learned that this Committee has been very busy and involved in our neighborhood.

The School Enhancement Committee members to date are Karen Strasser, Jill Minor, John Sess and Jim McNulty. This Committee is seeking additional new members at this time.

The Committee's responsibilities include: our Annual Westwood Student of the Year Awards Presentation, working with Westwood School and Midway School to encourage these schools to become premier schools, attending CPS School Board meetings to become active participants in decisions effecting Westwood, serving as the LSDMC for several Westwood schools, and supporting school fundraising efforts. The goals of this Committee are to expand on the responsibilities listed above, and to promote activities and events at our schools.

### The Annual Westwood Student of the Year Awards Presentation:

This awards presentation is held at the Westwood Town Hall each May for Westwood students in grades 1 thru 12. Nominations are accepted from counselors, teachers, principals and administrators for one student from each school who has shown exemplary school spirit, civic-mindedness, leadership, volunteerism, and community involvement in activities and events. Westwood Civic Association recognizes the students and their family members by hosting the annual awards presentation at the May General Membership Meeting at the Town Hall.

"Celebrate Westwood" Event, September 29, 2012: The Celebrate Westwood Event is a new event for 2012. On Saturday,

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm thru 4:00 pm, we will be celebrating the reopening of Westwood School after a long refurbishing and remodeling project. This event will feature an "Open House" at both Westwood School and the Westwood Town Hall. Events will include BBQ food from the grill, building tours every ½ hour, demonstrations of programs at Westwood Town Hall, visits by members of Cincinnati Police SWAT, mounted horse patrol, canine unit, Cincinnati Fire Department, Citizens On Patrol, and other events occurring on the grounds. Come out and take a tour of the School and Town Hall, visit with your neighbors, police and fire, and fellow Westwood Civic members! Westwood Civic Assn. along with Westwood Historical Society and the Cincinnati CRC Park Board, Town Hall Director Ms. Dina Hanks, are all partnering together to host this great event for your enjoyment.

Additional Goals: Some additional goals of the School Enhancement Committee include starting a Mentoring/Tutoring Program at our Westwood schools, increasing participation in the LSDMC committees at various Westwood schools, exploring ways to increase the "performance report card" rating at all Westwood schools in the upcoming years, and becoming more involved in CPS School Board meetings. If this sounds interesting to you, and you would like to become more involved as a volunteer for the Westwood schools, please attend a Westwood Civic Association meeting, and speak to Karen Strasser and Jill Minor about joining and getting involved in this important Committee. Congrats to the School Enhancement Committee for getting involved and proactive in helping our Westwood schools to become greater institutions of learning for the future of our neighborhood.

This is your invitation to come out and get involved in your Westwood Neighborhood during September! We'll see you at the Westwood Art Show on September 15<sup>th</sup>, also held at the Town Hall; our September Meetings on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and Sept 18<sup>th</sup>; and the "Celebrate Westwood" Open House Event on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. All of these great events will be at the historical Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue. We would love to see you! You are always welcome!

"Look to the West, for the Best"... It's a Great Day in Westwood!

Sincerely,  
Joel Kimmet  
President, Westwood Civic Association

# WESTWOOD ART SHOW

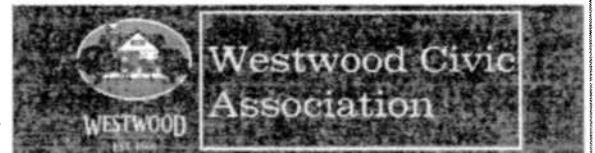
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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 | 11AM-5PM**  
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The Westwood Civic Association presents its 4th Annual Westwood Art Show on Saturday, September 15 from 11 am - 5 pm. This annual outdoor exhibition features local artist vendors, local food vendors (City Barbeque, Queen City Pizza, Zen & Now Coffee House), live acoustic music from Fast Sky, The Mitchells, and The Usual Suspects, Love Harvest face painting + henna tattoos, Henke Winery wine tasting and a Madcap Puppets performance! Free and open to the public. All ages. Rain or shine.

## **Westwood Civic Website Enhancements** **Mary Jenkins**

Take a look at <http://www.westwoodcivic.org> to see newly developed features. With the help of webmaster Brian Lee, Westwood Civic Association has timely updates in the upper right corner of the home page, informing viewers of upcoming events and developments in Westwood. In the center of the site, you will see a list of all of WCA's committees with links to information about the committees' charges, membership, and priorities. Committee chairs periodically post updates. WCA members are welcome to contact committee members and to join in committee work. The Westwood Strategic Plan is the driving force behind the committees, continuing to inform the work of the Association. You will also see an option in the upper left corner to sign up for the WCA email lists. Westwood Civic supplements Westwords with periodic email announcements of news and events. We hope that WCA members will use the website to stay informed about the work that Westwood Civic is engaged in on behalf of Westwood residents.



# CELEBRATE WESTWOOD!

## WESTWOOD TOWN HALL RECREATION CENTER TOURS

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## WESTWOOD SCHOOL TOURS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**

**1:00-4:00PM**

◦ Tours of the center and school on the half hour.

Please meet at the Westwood Town Hall flagpole.

◦ Demonstrations of programs at the center

1:30pm— Taekwondo      2:30pm — Zumba

3:30pm—Yoga

◦ Visits from Local Police and Fire Departments

◦ Concessions Available

◦ Info from Local Community Organizations

◦ Fall Program Information

◦ Face Painting

◦ Westwood Library

◦ Kids Crafts

For more information please call 513-662-9109



**Westwood Civic  
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### Fall into FUN at Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center

Girls on the Run is back for 2012! Girls in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> learn to be healthy and confident using a fun curriculum that creatively integrates running. Our goal is to help girls understand the power of their potential by setting a goal and working hard to achieve it. The season ends with a 5 K run on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call Andrea at 513-662-9109 to register.

Preschool Classes are filling up fast. Children ages 3-5 have a variety of classes that meet Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10 to Noon. Our 'Fun Friday' classes are offered twice a month for those kids who just want to have fun. Join us for a Monster Mash, Turkey Time, or Christmas is Coming.

We are now offering dance classes for Preschoolers and Youth up to ages 14. The classes are tap, ballet and the always popular hip hop. New Dance Classes begin every 5 weeks.

We haven't forgotten the adults! Westwood Town Hall offers Zumba and Yoga on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Thursdays we have Clogging from 6:30pm-9:30pm. All of these classes are a great form of exercise and a way to make new friends.

After school, from 2pm-6pm, we offer all kinds of activities for youth and teens ages 6-14. Everyday we offer a FREE Snack from 2-3pm and a games class from 3-4pm. At 4pm you can sign up for sewing, ceramics, jewelry making, homework help, science, chess masters and so much more. Sports Teams are forming for our Co-Rec Youth and Teen Leagues. Get in now for Flag Football (11 & under and 12-14yrs), Indoor Soccer (9-12yrs) and Ultimate Frisbee (8-14yrs).

For our Nature Lovers we have a great Friday class called Natural Wonders that gives the youth a chance to experience nature in a new way.

Class registration required so stop by and pick up a detailed schedule. Call us at 513-662-9109 or check us out on the web at [www.cincyrec.org](http://www.cincyrec.org)

**Dina S. Hanks**

**Service Area Coordinator**

**Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center**

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission**

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"The books the world calls immoral are the books that show the world its own shame." ~Oscar Wilde

September is *Banned Books Month* and the Westwood Branch invites you to pick up a banned book to read! Throughout the month we will have banned titles available to check out for all ages. The books are covered, so the title you pick out will be a mystery! Then, on September 28, join us for a book talk about what you read! Books and book talk are open to all ages.

School is back in session. Remember the Library for all your study needs. We have millions of books for homework, 21 computers fully loaded with Internet access and Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Check out the display on loan from CF3. CF3 (Cincinnati Forms Follows Function), a modern architecture appreciation group in Cincinnati lent us their traveling exhibit focusing on mid-century architects, such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Woodie Garber.

The following display is available during the month of September only:

### CF3 Exhibit - Modern Retrospective

The Modern Show is where the CF3 idea was born three years ago. The 2008 special exhibit: *Cincinnati modern architecture - a retrospective* was a great success.

As the Queen City's first group devoted to the awareness, education and preservation of modern design - CF3 Cincinnati Form Follows Function - presents this look back at some of the city's outstanding 20th century architectural treasures for our 2008 Special Exhibit.

**Join us at the Westwood Branch Library for these exciting, FREE programs! All programs are FREE and open to the public. For information on any of our programs, please contact us at 369-4474.**

**Game On!** – Saturday, September 1 at 2:00 p.m. – Ages 8-12

Play games with friends at the library! (Sponsored by the Kersten Fund)

**Computer Open Lab** – Thursday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. *Adults Registration Required*

Bring your questions, we have some answers! We can help you with general computer basics, typing instruction, setting up a free e-mail account, Microsoft 2007, resumes, and online job applications.

**Bleach Pen Shirts** – Saturday, September 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Create hand drawn designs on your clothing by using a bleach pen! Shirts and pen will be provided.

**Storytelling in the Park** – Sunday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. – All Ages at **WASHINGTON PARK**

Want to hear a story? Then come join us for the Library's Storytelling in the Park! Set in the shady green spaces of the newly renovated Washington Park, professional and amateur Ohio storytellers will share stories for the whole family. Professional storytellers Eric Wolf, Omope Carter Daboiku, and Harold and Jonatha Wright will bring their talents to the stage. Amateur storytellers will have the opportunity to share their own story in a special session with festival partner Teilen.

**Anime Club** – Thursday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m. –

Teens *Registration Required*

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

**Library Babies** – Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. – Ages 6-18 months

Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories and movement!

**Family Movie and Ice Cream Social** – Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.) – All Ages

See *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax* and enjoy an ice cream treat! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and movie begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**Teen Spirit** – Wednesday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. – Teens

Join our teen librarian for Westwood's Teen Advisory Board.

Plan teen programs, make displays, and help out with your opinions!

**Blind Date with a Banned Book** – Friday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m. – All Ages

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**Celebrate Westwood** – Sat, September 29, 1:00 – 4:00 pm – **WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Visit our booth at "Celebrate Westwood" 1-4 pm at Westwood Elementary School

**Movers & Shakers** – Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. – Ages 1-4

*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.cincinnatiilibrary.org/programs/calendar.html>*

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Mon./Tues./Thurs.: 12-8  
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## 12 Popular Misconceptions about Westwood Citizens on Patrol (COP)

### 1. *Westwood Citizens on Patrol puts its members in danger.*

Since the inception of Westwood COP in 2001, no one has been hurt or been put in danger. We patrol in groups of three, always with a police radio. Members patrol only where they feel safe.

### 2. *Members of Westwood Citizens on Patrol are vigilantes, taking justice into their own hands.*

COP members never get involved or confront anyone. We are extra eyes and ears for the Cincinnati Police Dept.

### 3. *Citizens on Patrol members are naive about what is really going on in Westwood.*

Members of COP go through a background check and twelve hours of training at the Cincinnati Police Academy. At our patrol meetings we receive regular updates from the Cincinnati Police Dept.

### 4. *While patrolling members of Westwood Citizens on Patrol are armed and carry weapons.*

No COP member is packing heat or carrying a concealed weapon while on patrol.

### 5. *The Citizens on Patrol program has not been that effective in reducing crime in Westwood.*

COP has been very successful at both deterring crime from happening and reporting crimes in process. We also address quality of life issues, stolen vehicles, missing children, and clean-up projects.

### 6. *There is a certain type of person who joins Westwood Citizens on Patrol.*

COP members come from all walks of life. Our youngest member was 19, our oldest member is 82. Our diversity represents a cross-section of the neighborhood.

### 7. *Members of Westwood Citizens on Patrol are a tight-knit group and have known each other for years.*

Every year COP loses members. Some leave the

neighborhood, others resign to take care of an elderly parent or to battle a life-threatening illness. Each year new members are welcomed into Westwood COP.

### 8. *You must be physically fit to endure the long walking patrols in Westwood.*

We have stationary, walking, and vehicle patrols. We tailor patrols to the physical capabilities of the members. Some patrols are brief, others are long.

### 9. *Westwood Citizens on Patrol share extreme political beliefs.*

The COP program is not political, and we do not discuss politics. Our members hold diverse political beliefs.

### 10. *To join Citizens on Patrol takes a large commitment of cash and time.*

There are no dues or training fees to join the unit. The minimum commitment is one patrol per month.

### 11. *Joining Westwood Citizens on Patrol will involve a lot of meetings.*


We have a weekly patrol meeting that lasts less than an hour. Members are required to attend one meeting a month. The emphasis is on doing—not talking.

### 12. *Westwood Citizens on Patrol is already active and doesn't need my participation.*

Our effectiveness is based on how often we patrol. Westwood is Cincinnati's largest neighborhood with over 30,000 residents. For every 1,000 residents, only 1 is a member of COP.

Interested in joining Westwood Citizens on Patrol and making the neighborhood a safer and better place to live? Email our unit and leave your name and address, and we'll mail you a brochure and application: WestwoodCOP@aol.com; or call P.O. Princess Davis at (513) 352-3533.

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## 4-H Club at the Community Gardens

Karen Strasser

The Westwood 4-H Club, tiny yet mighty, volunteered at the Westwood Community Gardens on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our assignment was to mulch the perimeter walking paths. This included an opportunity for the kids to do the unthinkable - to climb on top of the big pile of mulch!! Everyone had a great time and the 4-H's learned valuable lessons which included the importance and value of community service and involvement.



### Upcoming Westwood Civic Association Meetings & Events

9/11 Steering Meeting	10/9 Steering Meeting
9/18 General Meeting	10/16 General Meeting
9/15 Art Show	
9/29 Westwood School Open House	

*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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**Week One: Recycling 101**

Date: October 3, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Topic: Introduction to curbside and community drop-off recycling

Location: Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services  
250 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219

**Week Two: Recycling 102**

Date: October 10, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Topic: Recycling items not accepted in curbside or drop-off recycling programs

Location: Building Value, 4040 Spring Grove Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45223

**Week Three: Reduce and Reuse**

Date: October 17, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Topic: How to keep from producing waste in the first place

Location: Crayons to Computers, 1350 Tennessee Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229

**Week Four: Composting**

Date: October 24, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Topic: ABCs of small-scale and large-scale composting

Location: Civic Garden Center, 2715 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45206

**Registration fee for all four classes: \$10 if received by September 5; \$15 if received after September 5. Check or money order only. To become a Master Recycler, you must attend all classes.**

The deadline to register is September 19. Space is limited, so register early! To register, please contact Susan Schumacher at 946-7734 or [susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org](mailto:susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org)

### Westwood Citizens on Patrol

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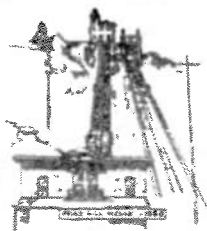
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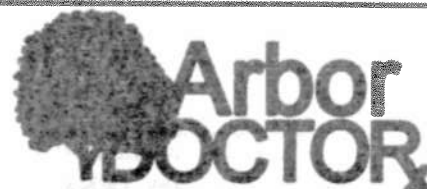
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## WHO HAS THE BEST DECORATED YARD FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!!

The Westwood Civic Association (WCA) encourages residents and businesses to decorate their properties for the holidays. Each week, from Sunday, November 18 through Saturday, December 29, 10 of the best decorated will be designated with WCA Yard-of-the-Week signs posted on those properties nominated and chosen.



We encourage residents to nominate who they feel have the best decorated property. Nominations can be made by emailing [bmimmy@aol.com](mailto:bmimmy@aol.com). Nominations must be properties within the boundaries of Westwood.



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