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A Message from the President

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

Welcome to a new year with Westwood Civic Association! I say “new year” because new board members’ and officers’ terms just started late last month. Officers are listed later in this issue. We welcome Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman, and Larry Eiser to the board. Ken Tarvin decided to step off the board after a year’s term. We have appreciated Ken’s service and good nature and have that gap in the board to fill. Your community council representatives look forward to continuing Westwood Civic’s good work and asking you for input on the year ahead. In the coming month, you will receive a survey requesting your sense of priorities and your suggestions. That seems like the right way to reflect, plan, and act.

The board continues to address public safety, zoning, building, and chronic nuisance issues on behalf of Westwood. I expect that we will work collaboratively with other Westwood organizations and with city officials on community priorities like the revitalization of the historic business district, increasing public safety in multi-faceted ways, planning for Westwood’s future, sharing information about neighborhood news and events, and inviting more Westwoodians into civic life. In terms of the way WCA conducts its business and communicates with its members, I anticipate several developments: a digital newsletter as an option for those who prefer online to print, solution-oriented public safety reports, a membership campaign, and meetings that end just a little earlier. Generally, we will work from Westwood Civic’s identified strengths and from the membership’s identified priorities.

It’s my pleasure to serve as Westwood Civic Association’s president for the coming year as we move Westwood forward together.

Mary Jenkins

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WESTWOOD CIVIC MEETINGS

- *Steering Committee Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **second Tuesday of each month**.
- *General Membership Meetings* are held at Westwood Town Hall, **7:00pm**, on the **third Tuesday of each month**.
- ALL meetings are open to the public. EVERYONE is welcome!



PAINT THE TOWN: JUNE

Give Back Cincinnati is bringing the 14th annual Paint The Town event to Westwood on June 13. Paint the Town is one of the largest, single-day volunteer activities in the Tri-State. Because of their sponsors and volunteers, this event has resulted in 423 homes painted, accumulating nearly 75,000 volunteer hours! A local company sponsors each house, and not only provides a monetary donation, but also staffs each house with volunteers.

The resident who are selected to have their homes painted must own and live in their own home and be physically or financially unable to complete the work themselves.

The house must be located in Westwood or East Westwood, and must be in need of painting to improve its appearance and value. Each applicant is vetted by the Paint The Town committee. This year over 250 homeowners applied for painting. If you would like to volunteer please visit www.paintthetown.org or you can email sparky45211@gmail.com

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill*



TALL GRASS REPORT CATHERINE ROSS

In 2014, the Westwood Civic Association undertook an initiative to monitor and make mowing a higher priority for properties that violated the tall grass and weed laws. We also pledged to start earlier in 2015 to remind our citizens of the complaint process and to encourage enforcement by city officials.

Here is your reminder! Also, please know that the City of Cincinnati has promised to make these changes in the Tall Grass and Weeds laws and enforcement for the better.

- Fines to be increased to encourage offenders to mow sooner.
- The first complaint is still taken at 10 inches high; subsequent complaints may be made at 6 inches.
- A program to allow volunteer organizations to make cash by officially adopting problem properties and cutting the grass. If your organization is interested in participating please contact WWCivicTallGrass@fastservice.com. We are still learning about this program but our volunteer will fill you in on the details as soon as we know them.

To speed up the complaint process and eventual mowing:

- Make your 1st complaint as soon as the errant property approaches 10 inches of tall grass/weeds.
- Make complaints for a 2nd violation at the same address at 6 inches e.g. complaint turned in at 10 inches, property owner cited, the grass gets mowed, grass grows to 6 inches, complain again, property owner gets new citation....
- Please try to properly designate the property type (Public or Private). Improper identification slows the citation process down.

Thank you for your diligence in reporting these violations.



Kimberly Hill, Westwood resident

Hello neighbors.

May we strive for more truthful discourse going forward? Once again, I was angered upon reading McNulty's message in March. His opinion regarding Form Based Codes (FBC) is a blatant misrepresentation, an uneducated viewpoint weighed down by suspicion and mistrust. I know this as a professional in the realm of land planning/development and architecture. FBC is NOT the evil some have been making it out to be. So what is it then?

Yes, Westwood's roots are suburban, but our historic business district is URBAN, an ugly eyesore at that with seriously dated facades and very poor street quality. Who among us wants to hang out there now, as it exists? Furthermore, the neighborhood devastation that Westwood suffered from the 1970s has been due to public policy making enabled by the very poor zoning code that the foes of FBC fought to defend and cry woe, and 'beware', because those horrible, outdated codes are not still in place. High Density Zoning is cited as the 'bad guy' culprit but that is not a fair statement of the facts in relation to FBC. True, Westwood has more than its fair share of high-density low-income housing developments and it is in our best interest to work to reduce the number of problem properties and prohibit further development of more such housing. One of the common 'lies' floating about is that FBC would allow such development and it DOES NOT. Educate yourself if you do not trust my words.

McNulty claims our FBC code will usher in high-density, multi-family development as the "flavor of the day" in our City Planning Department. First, Westwood's adopted FBC code is NOT the city's agenda; our residents customized it in a lengthy public process. Second, our code was structured to reflect the kind of neighborhood we want to see, to strengthen the best of what we have, love, and desire in Westwood. Adopting FBC provides 'us' a legal way to promote the development we want to see. Old codes allowed for the 'mistakes of the past' to happen in the first place because they were open ended with little control.

I write this because I'm tired of hearing the slander, which is not to the betterment of our community. Self-appointed public leaders who talk trash and promote 'doom & gloom' dissention through their highly opinionated and narrow, uneducated viewpoints should not be the only voices people hear, but they are typically the loudest. FBC support leaders in our community, of which there are many, chose the high road throughout the long embattled public process and did not engage in the gutter talk. But FBC opponents STILL continue to cry foul and promote falsehoods, thereby preventing our community from moving FORWARD with positive vision and trust in the process so many spent their time and efforts to realize. McNulty encourages you all to get involved, and I agree! However, I disagree on his sentiment as to why because I truly believe Westwood will be better off in 50 years for the decisions made today, and that those who have been crying 'foul' will be seen to have cried 'wolf.'

The WCA Editorial Team asks that letters should preferably be 150 to 175 words, should refer to an article that has appeared within the last month, and must include the writer's address and phone numbers. No attachments, please. Letters may be edited and shortened for space. To send a letter to the editor: zawadzki22@gmail.com



YARD OF THE MONTH

Westwood Residents are noticeable experts in gardening. To highlight & reward those endeavors, WCA crowns monthly "Yards of the Month."

April 2015 Winners

- 2740 Eugenie Ln.
- 2815 Werk Rd.
- 2828 Werk Rd.
- 3148 Epworth Ave.
- 3344 Meyer Pl.
- 2820 Montana Ave.
- 2896 McKinley Ave.
- 3254 Montana Ave.

If you know of a yard that is so beautiful it should be considered, send a note

to snstallworth@cincinnati.state.edu.



Hours of Operation : 1/2/2015 - 6/1/2015

Monday:	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday:	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday:	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Thursday:	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday:	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday:	Closed
Sunday:	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

We are open on weekends for rentals only.

2015 Annual Membership Fees

Juniors (17 & younger)	\$2 All Centers
Adults (18-49)	\$25 All Centers
Seniors (50+)	\$10 All Centers

*All-CRC Pools Memberships and the Dunham Regional Aquatic Center Memberships are Sold Separately.

WESTWOOD HISTORICAL SHOW AND TELL

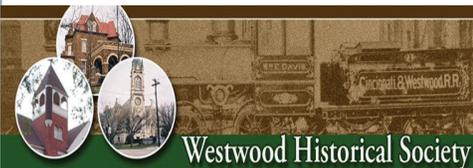
Wednesday, May 13 ~ 7:00 pm
**Westwood First Presbyterian
Church**

**3011 Harrison Avenue (rear en-
trance off of Koenig Ave)**

The Westwood Historical Society will feature a historical "show and tell" at their meeting on Wednesday, May 13. All who are interested are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring an item of historical significance. It can be a family heirloom, or an old toy, or memorabilia with an interesting story. It might be clothing or a book or a document or household object or tool.

The items can be of general historic interest but items with a Westwood tie are of particular interest. In addition to items brought by attendees, there will be items available for viewing from the Westwood Historical Society archives and from the James N. Gamble house auction.

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church (3011 Harrison Avenue, rear entrance).



A GIFT TO THE WESTWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS FROM KIWANIS

During his April 21 presentation about the Harvest Home Fair and Kiwanis of Cheviot-Westwood, Tom Baumann announced a donation of \$1,000 from our local Kiwanis club to the Westwood Community Gardens, an initiative of Westwood Civic Association.

Thank you very much to Kiwanis and to all of our neighbors who attend the Fair! (The Harvest Home Fair is September 10-13 this year.)

The Westwood Community Gardens is creating an area with a compacted, crushed stone pad and raised beds (initially large pots) just outside the gate facing the Harrison Pavilion nursing

home to invite residents to garden in an accessible area.

Other Gardens projects for 2015 include a more permanent composting station and ten new raised beds. For more information about the Gardens, see <http://westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/westwood-community-gardens/>.



GOOD DOG, GOOD NEIGHBOR

We all have neighborhood dog stories: dogs left out in foul weather without shelter, dogs that bark incessantly, dog owners who don't pick up their dogs' excrement on walks, and dogs off leash. Vicious dog attacks get the press coverage but we live with daily dog troubles, too. Wondering what the laws are? See [Cincinnati Municipal Code section 701](#) and its subsections for all the issues listed here.



What can be done about these dog-related matters? Often, a neighborly, solution-oriented discussion does the trick. This should be your first approach. You might also try a mediated approach with your block watch captain or another neighbor. But if a

friendly attempt to address the issue face to face doesn't work, you may need to report the offending neighbor. Start with the SPCA (513-541-6100) to make an animal complaint. The SPCA works in conjunction with law enforcement agencies. Be patient but persistent; complaints are prioritized and can require investigation. Call 513-765-1212 (not 911) to report a chronic barking dog to the police. Unresolved issues? Let us know. We could arrange an information session on this topic or get additional assistance.

Camp Pee Wee Preschool summer sessions:

- Session 1/1 day a week, June 10th - July 2nd
- Session 2/2 days a week July 15th - August 6th.

Summer camp experience for children ages 3 to 6. Must be potty trained.

Summer Day Camp Ages 6-12 yrs.

- Operates from June 1 - August 14, Monday through Friday
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- Extended care is an additional \$210.

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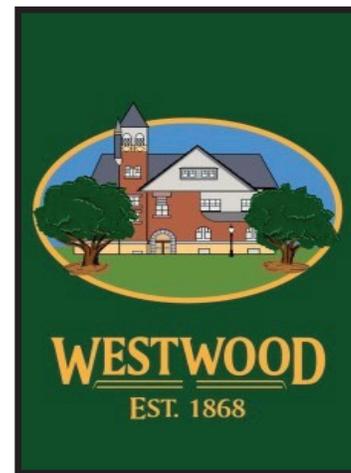
Parents enjoy a night out while your children ages 3-12 can come and enjoy an evening at the center. Kids can wear their favorite pajamas! We will have dinner, play games and have fun.

662.-9109 to pre-register. We fill up fast!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

- Friday, May 15, 2015
- Time 6PM-11PM
- \$25 per family

Space is limited. Please call Katie at



Blight Abatement

WCA is looking for the worst of the worst properties. If you see a seriously blighted property in Westwood, report it to 591-6000 or 5916000.com. Let us know at info@westwoodcivic.org.



We will compile a list to submit to the City.

Westwood Flags are Back!

\$25

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Also available for purchase at the

“Volunteers don’t necessarily have time, they just have the heart.”

Elizabeth Andrews

WCA ADOPT-A- POT

Westwood is home to a collection of big planters, and we need your help to make them beautiful! This year, we have pots ready to be adopted! Plant what you like, and take care of it through the growing season.

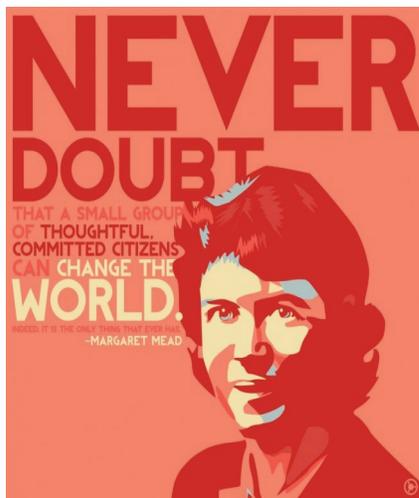
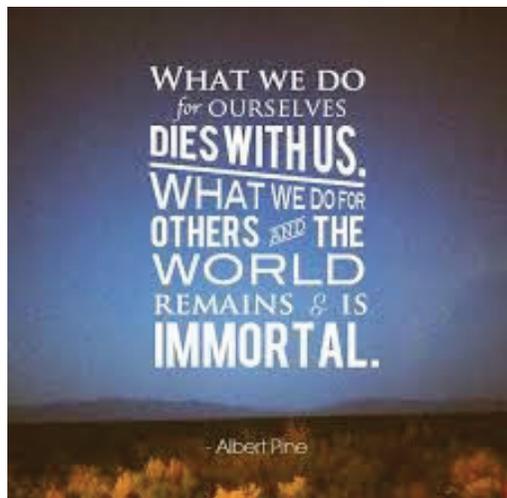


Here’s how it works:

1. Pick a pot (we have a list!)
2. Plant it by June 1
3. Water it, weed it, keep it looking great through the growing season. Winterize it when things start to fade.
4. Whimsy is appreciated and encouraged but please don’t paint your pot.

Want to join in?

Fill out the form on our website: <http://westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/adopt-a-pot/>



May 2015

Monday
Slow Flow Yoga 6:30-7:40

Tuesday
Vinyasa & Yin Yoga 6-7:15

Wednesday
Ashtanga Yoga 6-7:15

Thursday
Yoga for Beginners 5:30-6:30
Yin Yoga 7-8:15

Friday
Restorative Yoga 6-7:15

Saturday
Vinyasa Yoga 9:30-10:45

Sunday
Slow Flow Yoga 10-11:10
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David, Carol, Melissa, Taylor and Michael Pickerei

REVITALIZE WESTWOOD WESTWOOD COALITION REPORT

The Westwood Coalition, to which WCA has two representatives, continues its effort on the redevelopment of the historic business district along Harrison Avenue from Kling to the Cheviot line.

Its minutes and news are available online at revitalizewestwood.com and via monthly reports at WCA meetings.



WestCURC, Westwood's redevelopment corporation, is taking the lead on seeking funds for the significant work of planning the specifics of redevelopment

of the business district area around Westwood Town Hall.

In a recent Coalition session called **Implementing the Vision**, presented to business owners with slides available online, WestCURC's executive director outlined the work involved in the detailed planning for just that particular area.

It will be a long process but we are seeing short term developments in the area including new businesses and an assertive schedule for the Bowtie development at Town Hall and the intersection of Harrison, Epworth, and Urwiler.

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