

# TRACKER

*Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future*

## SAVE THE DATE



### Visit us

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On Sunday, April 30, 2023, The Terrace Park Historical Society will be hosting a members-only event at the Stumps Boat Club. We hope you can join us for refreshments and two presentations: Stumps member Steve Holmes will describe the background of this historic organization, and Terrace Park art dealer, David Bowen will discuss his memories of artist John Ruthven, who was also a Stumps member.

This is an event you don't want to miss! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Stumps Boat Club.

RSVP to [tphistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:tphistoricalociety@gmail.com) or leave a message at (513) 248-1777.

If you are not a member yet, you can join using the form on the back page, or join online at our website, [tphistoricalociety.org](http://tphistoricalociety.org).

## TERRACE PARK HONOR ROLL

The 'Honor Roll' was a memorial on the Village Green honoring Terrace Park residents who served in WWII. It was designed by Carl Lindell and featured 144 wooden plaques. During the 1970's it was removed.

As far as we know, only one plaque remains, which honors G. Stewart Proctor and it is displayed in our museum. We would like to know what happened to the rest. If you have one of these plaques, please let us know.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring 2023

What an amazing year we have had at The Terrace Park Historical Society. The annual meeting/program on the Community House was so much fun to research and present. How many times have I driven by the Community House and never realized the intense history of the building? Thank you to all those who attended and those who helped present and research. Teamwork is thriving at TPHS.

As we look forward to springtime and warmer weather, we continue to work on more programs of interest to the history buff. We hope to see many of you at Stumps for a presentation in late April to learn about the space down by the river.

We also continue to build and grow our museum and gallery as well as our archives. If any part of this sounds interesting to you, consider joining us. We would love to have more researchers and team members working on the history surrounding Terrace Park. Hope to see many of you at the Stumps program!

Laurie Baird, President  
Terrace Park Historical Society

## SCOUT VISIT



We were pleased to welcome members of the Terrace Park second grade Wolf Den to our Museum on January 30th. The scouts learned about both the ancient and more recent history of the village. They were invited to hold a seven thousand year old Native American axe head and President Laurie Baird kept their attention with stories about the Robinson Circus.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Terrace Park has grown a lot since 1900, and the price of a home has grown a lot, too!

### Terrace Park Census Data

*Number of residents/year*

1900 - 290  
1910 - 448  
1920 - 410  
1930 - 713  
1940 - 858  
1950 - 1265  
1960 - 2023  
1970 - 2266  
1990 - 2133  
2020 - 2355  
2022 - 2385

### Home sales

*Number sold and average price/year*

1973 - 51 \$40,000  
2015 - 42 \$465,255  
2018 - 44 \$487,803  
2020 - 57 \$49,652  
2022 - 35 \$685,043

## ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our 2023 Annual Meeting on January 29. The accomplishments of the previous year were reviewed, plans for the upcoming year were discussed and there was an election for board members. After the business meeting, President Laurie Baird presented a program on the history of the Community Building.



Board Members (back row, l-r) Sylvia Stirsman, Sandy Koehler, Susan Rodgers, Katy Chisom (Secretary) (front row, l-r) Marcia Moyer (Treasurer), Ogle Annett, Laurie Baird (President), Susie Gray, Suzi Ricketts

## A HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING



(From a program given by Laurie Baird at the 2023 Terrace Park Historical Society Annual Meeting - the full article appears on our website)

The building we are in has worn many “hats” over the years.

It was originally designed as a Baptist church by Terrace Park resident and builder, George Washington Corey, who drew up the plans in 1889. His wife, Rachel, taught a Sunday school class in her home and with the rapid growth of that class, there seemed to be a need for a church building. An undated newspaper article states it was the Coreys, “who are mostly responsible for the building of the church. They started the movement, gave all their time freely, paid half of the expense and donated the lot on which it stands.”

It is a very interesting structure making use of Corey's innovative poured cement procedure also used for his Wooster Pike house and for all but one of his houses on Park Avenue. “The walls were poured a few feet at a time using handmade forms. It appears that the concrete was scored while still wet to give the buildings the impression of having been built of cut stone. This was a very early use of cement as a residential building material, probably



the first west of the Allegheny Mountains. ”

The cement had been brought over from Europe as ballast on sailing ships. The story goes that the owner of some barges suffered bankruptcy, enabling Corey to obtain the powdered cement at auction for very little. In 1889 practically no cement was made in the United States.

Over the years, the congregation dwindled, and the Baptists no longer needed the building. After the doors were closed and it sat vacant, there was a rumor that the Nazarenes were taking over. Three civic-minded Terrace Park gentlemen, Charles Meyer, Louis Breiling and Lewis Gatch, purchased the building from the Baptists with the idea of having the Village use it for a Town Hall.

Besides doing duty as the meeting place of the Village Council and other civic organizations including the Fire and Emergency Volunteer Services, it has served at one time or another as the meeting place for most other organizations in Terrace Park which means anyone who has lived in Terrace Park since 1922 probably has fond memories of time spent there.

The Community House has been repaired, updated, and expanded several times. Each time the building has been inspected it has been deemed worthy of such repairs. In 1992, after one “face lift” a newspaper article stated, “This building is an integral part of the community. It is well worth the expense.” Again in 2006-07 the building underwent extensive maintenance repairs and updating, bringing it up to modern code. It stands today as a serviceable building with an interesting construction and history!



## TIME CAPSULE



Something of interest for future generations is the Time Capsule. The Terrace Park Centennial Time Capsule was ceremoniously buried on Friday, July 2, 1993, at 12:30 pm in front of the Community House. Some of the contents of the Time Capsule include: the book, 'A Place Called Terrace Park', signed by Ellis Rawnsley, a dvd of the video 'Terrace Park With Love' by Susan Abernethy Frank, a Terrace Park Directory, some copies of the Village Views and many other Terrace Park items.

A 12 x 12 paving stone engraved by Schott Monument with the inscription, “Terrace Park Centennial Time Capsule – To be Opened in 2093,” marks the location.

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

*(Ordered by date)*

Stoddard and Rebecca Rowe  
\*Leland M. and Carol C. Cole  
\*Coleen M. Lowe and G. Franklin Lowe, MD  
\*Dorothy B. and \*Robert A. Haines, Sr.  
Susan Abernethy Frank and John J. Frank, Jr.  
Ray and Patti Normile  
Mary and William Drackett  
\*Eliza E. and \*Bruce D. Brown, Eliza, Patricia, Stephanie  
Leslie C. Jones  
\*Helen Christopher Barnett  
Dick and Lynne Mileham  
\*Ken and Polly Bassett  
\*Edna Heil Hay in Memory of Phil "Bud" Heil  
Jim and \*Ann Gilchrist  
\*Elizabeth A. Martin  
Jack and Barbara Smith  
Julie B. Northrop, in Memory of Ted Northrop  
John and Linda Rockaway  
\*William R. and Susan Weakley  
\*Nick and \*Rosie Shundich  
\*Barbara G. Self  
\*Eleanor S. Gallagher, in Memory of W. Graydon Gallagher  
Frances and Roger Stafford  
Mark F. and Beth Porst  
\*James H. and Susan J. Porter  
Michael and Kay Pope  
Joanne and Paul Kennedy  
\*Jeannette MacMillan Pruiss and \*Carl Pruiss  
\*Rita O. Leming, In Memory of Robert O. Leming  
\*Al and \*Lynn Nelson  
Donald E. Hughes and Sharon K. Collins  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Long  
Mary Helen and \*Tom Petry  
\*Jack and Rosemarie Brown  
\*Alan and Bette Griffith  
Keven Shell and Sandra Wittman-Shell  
\*Childress Rodgers  
\*In Memory of Shirley and Stan Brown  
Nate and Lynda Bachman  
John and Stephanie Jones  
\*John and Margaret Hodges  
In Honor of \*'Zip' and \*Kay Ferriell, by Kathleen, Dennis, and Roger Ferriell  
Jan Watkins in Memory of Dan Watkins  
\*William L. and Elizabeth A. Holloway  
The Baird Family  
Scott and Lorrie Hill and Family  
David E. and Sue Ferrell Troller  
\*Bill and \*Gwen Nunn  
Jerry and Diane Govert  
Robert and Lois Knox  
The Freshley Family  
\*Jane Harrier Master  
Honor of \*'Bro' and \*Edie Critchell  
In Memory of Ralph RJ Vilardo  
Jack and Mickey Forbes  
Adam, Holly, Connor, Janie, Braden, Caitlin Bortz  
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Kathy Gundlach  
Anne Cherry  
Trish and Rick Bryan  
Scott and Erin Rosson  
Steve and Christy Holmes  
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Judy Nunn Dettloff  
Dave and Sally Coffman  
Susan Rolih  
The Buchholz Family  
\*Mary and \*Ted Annett  
The Rick Bryan Family  
Mary G. and \*H. Samuel Cone  
\*Patricia Beglen  
Teri and Mike Shaughnessy  
\*Bob and \*Pat Henley  
Steve Smith  
Sallie K. Lyons  
Bunny Proctor, in memory of her husband, \*Stewart  
Noel Julnes-Dehner  
Libby Dunning Rost  
\*William and \*Deborah Gammons Pendl  
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The Ader Family, In Memory of Thomas Ader  
Robin Bente Murphy in memory of Adrienne J. Bente  
The Neville Family  
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David N. and Ann Early Foundation  
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Jennie and Roger Wade  
Jean Marie and Tiger Nelson  
Wiebold Studios, Inc.  
The Brittingham Family  
In Memory of Lee Nordloh  
Roger and Dinah Winters  
Mr. & Mrs. John Victor Robinson Luneborg  
Peter & Mary Ellen Chudyk  
Lon & Sylvia Stirsman  
Ford and Sandra Taylor

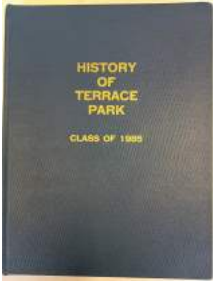
*\*Deceased*

## THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to acknowledge our newest Lifetime memberships: Sylvia and Lon Stirsman, Roger and Dinah Winters, Ford and Sandra Taylor, Lisa Nordloh, and Peter and Mary Ellen Chudyk.

Our sincere thanks go out to all our Lifetime members for their generous support of our mission to preserve Terrace Park History.

## SIXTH GRADE HISTORY



According to the Village Views, 'Terrace Park elementary school's graduating class of 1985 prepared its own history of Terrace Park and presented it to the school library as the legacy of its members' school days. Sixth grade teacher Mrs. Ann Kempczinski said the class started the project early in the year, after reviewing Village Views columns written by Stan Miller and extensive conversations with Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ruth Clayton and Bob

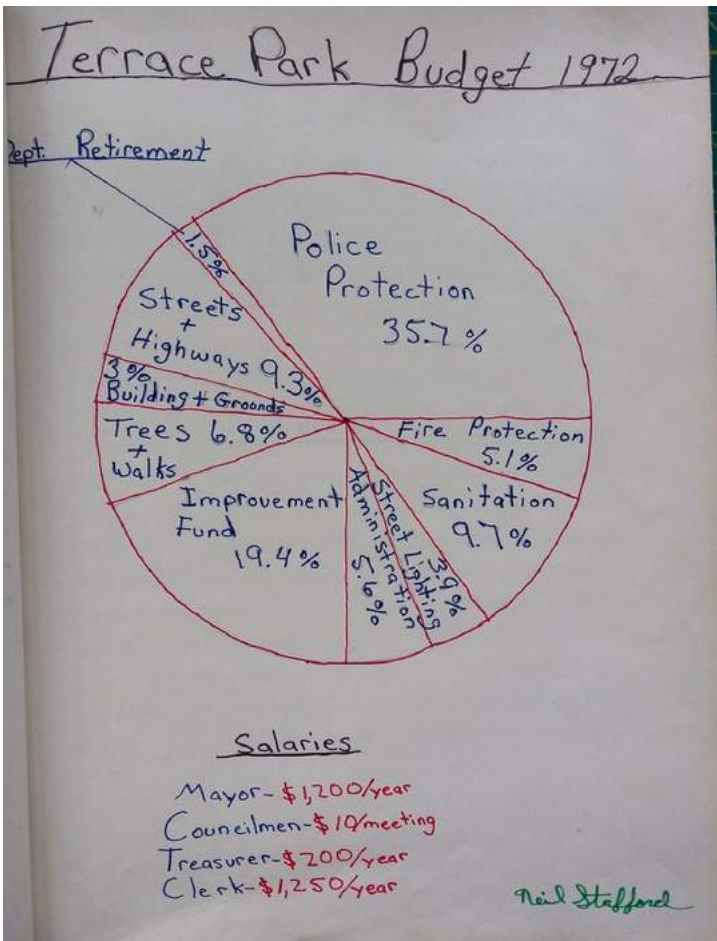
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'Dedicated to present and future students at the school, the history features pictures of the authors, photos of community buildings, and pictures of the village's oldest houses and of the memorial to Tillie the Elephant of John Robinson circus fame.'

The book has chapters on 'Origin', 'Government', 'Houses', 'People', 'Transportation', 'Business', 'Clubs', 'Circus', 'Church', 'Services', 'War', and 'Education', and includes some colorful stories:

- John Robinson paid a circus couple \$500 to get married in a tiger cage at the John Robinson Opera House
- the original membership fee at the Terrace Park Country Club was \$15/year
- there are several village houses that were part of the Underground Railroad - they used fake ceilings and secret rooms as hiding places

There is even a chart of Village Expenses in 1972:



## FIFTH GRADE QUILT

Not to be outdone, the 1989 fifth grade class created a large, colorful quilt of handmade squares with names like 'Goose Tracks' and 'Indian Hatchets'. Two students were responsible for each square, and the boys did as much stitching as the girls.

We would like to know more about the project. Let us know if you were involved, or if you remember this quilt.



1. *Goose Tracks*: Michael Picton, Kareem Swaringer
2. *Union Squares*: Bobby Bodnar, Alex Ward
3. *Clays Choice*: Angela Hiatt, Sara Early
4. *Rail Fence*: Jennifer Stiens, Amy Williamson
5. *Bear Paw*: Melissa Wachterman, Maren Schmidt, Amy Carle
6. *Road to the White House*: Stephanie Smith, Alyssa Krachon
7. *Union Square*: Amy Carle, Maren Schmidt
8. *Indian Hatchets*: Ben Ross, Antoni Gambetta
9. *Dutchman's Windmill*: Linnea Anderson, Tisha Minchhofer
10. *Ohio Star*: Aaron McClurg, Leslie Pope
11. *Churn Dash*: Betsy Overbey, Margery Howe
12. *Road to Oklahoma*: Poe Heilbronner, Erin Keefe
13. *Arkansas Traveler*: Andy Maddux, George Kipp
14. *Crossed Canoes*: Kristin Jones, Jennifer Teichman
15. *White House Steps*: Michael Bowen, Michael Petry
16. *Smokehouse*: Stacy Hillman
17. *Martha Washington*: Maggie Kain, Amanda Campo
18. *Amish Diamond*: Dan Artopoeus, Jessie Mullins
19. *George Washington*: Jamie Bushong, Dawn Artopoeus
20. *Anvil*: Branden Irvin, Scott Blomer

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## MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support.

To our Lifetime members - Thank you for your very generous contributions - you have already donated substantially to our organization.

To our non-Lifetime members - We hope that you will continue to find our work worthwhile. You can use the following form or renew online at [tphistoricalsociety.org/membership](http://tphistoricalsociety.org/membership).

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### Membership Renewal Form

Yes! We want to continue to support the Terrace Park Historical Society by extending our membership through 2023. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership:

Corporate/Patron(\$100)  Heritage(\$50)  Family(\$25)  Individual (\$15)  Lifetime (\$1000 Payable over 4 years)  Donation

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (As you would like it to appear in our records)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ (We send very few, and only important email notices)

Thank you - we appreciate your help!

The Terrace Park Historical Society is recognized as a nonprofit organization by the IRS, IRS Code: Section 501(c)(3), Tax Identification Number: 51093908