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Zoning Leader Resigns

After seven years of service to the community, Paul "Spike" Gerwin has resigned from the village Planning & Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jack Schmidt an-Mayor nounced that Chris Smith, who last year served as village engineer, had accepted appointment to the Board of Appeals.

Former Mayor Les Overway, already a member of the appeals board, was named to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Gerwin has been chairman of the appeals board and Schmidt said he had agreed to remain until some current zoning problems are resolved. Overway will succeed him in that chairmanship.

During a zoning discussion at the April meeting of village council, Councilman Rich Gilchrist called Village Administrator Ron Pottorf "a real asset" to the community for his conciliatory ability. Pottorf is an instructor in community relations at the county Police Academy.

Village Help Sought For Life Squad

Village council at its April meeting endorsed a proposal to set up an organization to support the village Life Squad, principally by encouraging volunteer recruiting.

Councilman Russell Wilson, who made the suggestion as chairman of council's safety committee, said the squad again is in a staffing crisis. Mayor Jack Schmidt commented that the situation involved a community decision on whether to keep the Life Squad, and what would happen if the squad should be forced to abandon operations for lack of membership.

Village administrator Ron Pottorf and Squad Chief Shirley Mittendorf were instructed to develop organization plans.

Street Work Is Scheduled

Paving work is planned on 11 streets in the village this summer, Councilman Tim Gleeson disclosed at the April meeting of village council. He said the cost is expected to fall within the \$10,000 budget appropriation.

Work is to be done on: Red Bird Lane, Cambridge Avenue, Oxford from Miami to Yale, Amherst, Myrtle from Stanton to Marietta, Terrace Place between the Post Office and Elm Avenue, Elm from Wooster to the bridge, Miami from Svcamore to 91 Miami, and from Harvard to 402 Miami, the deadend of Yale, and Douglas from the dead-end to 811.



Helping Out Overseas

Blayne R. Smith (left), a senior at DePauw University from Terrace Park, works at the construction site for the Early Learning and Nutrition Center on Pangan-an Island in the Philippines during the Winter Term in Mission program sponsored by the university. DePauw's Winter Term in Mission program, now in its 12th year, allows students from the university to serve people in Third World countries with construction and medical projects.

Smith is the son of Jack and Barbara Smith, 625 Elm Ave. In addition to his work in the mission team, Smith is president of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity and a member of the DePauw football and baseball teams. He is a 1984 graduate of Mariemont High School.

Milford Backs Down In Document Suit

Attorneys representing a coalitively promoted the development. Bottom hundred pages" of "several documents obtained from Milford ber on May 1. under threat of legal action. The study may lead to further steps to block the link-up.

after Little Miami, Inc. filed suit demanding public access called for under state law. The suit was withdrawn after Milford officials agreed to provide proper ac-

LMI acted in behalf of a coalition which includes the Terrace Park Property Owners Committee, Cincinnati Nature Center, Terrace Park Coutry Club and several other environmental and potentially-affected groups.

Meantime, Ted Swennson, for the Terrace Park group, announced a meeting May 9 at 7:30 p.m., to inform more village residents concerning the issue. The meeting will be held at the home of Bo and Tina Hesser, 722 Miami Ave.

Another development was the announcement that James Buckner, Milford city manager who has ac-

tion opposing linking a proposed has been named vice president for Milford development to Round economic development of the Road are studying Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He will join the Cham-

Village Proposes **New Fence Law**

Village council at its April meeting gave first reading to a zoning change which its sponsors said they hoped would provide a final solution to long-standing and nagging fence problems.

The principal change would allow solid fences along rear and side-yard lot lines, and require 30% see-through only in front-yard fencing. Current zoning regulations require 30% see-through in all fences.

In introducing the ordinance, Councilman Rich Gilchrist said he expected early final approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission, and called for a public hearing on the measure at 7 p.m. on June 7, before the June meeting of village council at which final action may be taken.

The new ordinance would limit rear and side-yard fences to six feet in height, although "that portion of any fence that is not substantially parallel to the nearest side lot line may not exceed four feet in height and must be at least 30% open.'

Front-yard fences would be limited to four feet in height, with 30% open.

NEW ZÖNING PLAN

Gilchrist also offered a whollyrevised proposal setting up public facility zoning, covering schools, churches, assembly halls, libraries, clubs and recreational facilities. The ordinance sets up minimum lot sizes, parking requirements and minimum setbacks among planning factors.

The two proposals were incorporated in a rewritten section of the zoning code which makes no other changes.

Proposals for setting aside a portion of estate tax revenues for improvement projects and a possible property tax roll-back developed during discussion of a long-range sidewalk program outline by Councilman Tim Gleeson. Village Clerk Judy Elliott has reported receipt of \$63,000 in estate taxes thus far this year, with more in prospect.

Councilman Bob Payne sug-

gested set-aside of estate taxes, while Gilchrist urged consideration of a tax roll-back.

While there was general support of the set-aside idea, some doubts were voiced concerning a tax roll-back. Mayor Jack Schmidt noted that the estate tax yield varies from year to year, and doubted the wisdom of a roll-back in one year that might have to be followed by a request for an extra levy in the the next.

Meeting Changed

Village council's June meeting will be held on June 7, the first Tuesday of the month, instead of the regular second Tuesday, because of a business conflict affecting Mayor Jack Schmidt.

The meeting will be preceded by two public hearings, beginning at 7 p.m. One concerns the tentative village budget for 1989, the other a proposed new fence ordinance.

SIDEWALK PROJECT

In his sidewalk plans, Gleeson said he proposed going block-byblock to first deal with walks deemed unsafe or unusable. With cost estimates running \$4 per square foot for sidewalk work, Gleeson said the long-range program could run to \$165,000.

A hint as to a possible aid to village finances came as Village Solicitor Bob Malloy reported that the Court of Appeals had remanded a common pleas court ruling against the village and Crosby Township protests of Hamilton County Communication Center billings.

Calling the situation "a political hot potato," Malloy said there was "some basis for hope" in that the appeals court opinion said there was evidence that the billing system was unreasonable.

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Named to National Honor Society

Seventeen residents of Terrace Park were among 34 Mariemont High School students named to the National Honor Society for the 1987-88 school year. Those from the village are, from left, front row, Betsy Woods, Nicki Thompson, Naomi Fischer, Sally Stollmaier, Megan Oberle; second row, Jennifer McConkey, Nikki Vearil, Holly McClelland, Jennifer Mileham, Cindy Pope; back row, Andrew Gilchrist, Matt Seik, Dan Krachon, Brent Ballard, Jack Armstrong and Jim Postler.

Spring Sights, Sounds Fill Little Miami Valley

By Polly Bassett

The crystal clear water of the Little Miami River disappears after several spring rains and becomes a brownish cafe au lait color until next winter. Now the lower banks are covered with water which meets the greet bushes and swishes through the underbrush. Peepers and other toads and frogs sing their evening chorus.

Several pairs of jays scream and quarrel among the trees. Goldfinches are turning yellow. spritely Carolina wrens call loudly and cardinals are pairing off. Three crows noisily arrive to feed on a large dead fish which has washed up on the rocks.

Migratory birds return. Song sparrows and robins sing. Grackles fly back and forth across the water. A kingbird and a flock of cedar waxwings stop for a day or two. Catbirds chatter below us.

An event this spring is the appearance of two hooded mergansers along the river, waterfowl rarely seen in this region. Coots are funny dark diving ducks that appear in spring. They have a habit of swimming upstream against a fairly strong current appearing to stand still. They look like partly submerged sticks until they dive, coming up to "stand still" again.

We are surprised one May morning when the river is lower than usual to hear loud splashing up and down the shores. Through field glasses, we discover fish sprawning in the shallow water bass and channel catfish someone tells us. I am amazed how large some of them are. The splashing continues for days, gradually diminishing.

A red fox makes an unexpected appearance at dusk as he hunts along the opposite shore, accompanied by a warning racket as a

On Council

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OTHER ACTIONS In other actions, council:

- Authorized employment of two new auxiliary police officers, in partial replacement of three who to take full-time left positions.
- Authorized purchase of a new maintenance department truck for \$13,437.
- · Called for construction of a new ramp to the side door of the Community House to provide handicapped access for the May 3 primary elections.
- Heard from Fire Chief Pierce mattnews a report that for a second 30-day period the fire department has had no fire
- · Heard from Matthews also the promotion of Ken Maddux, 718 Lexington, to the rank of department engineer.

VILLAGE VIEWS STAFF Editor:

Ellis Rawnsley Associate Editor: Ricki Schmidt Business Manager: Jan McAllister Makeup: Jane Peterson

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Two handsome young woodchucks (one dark and one light) amble across the back hillside and crash into the bushes when I come out to look.

A dog trees a half-grown raccoon one evening and the fuzzy youngster sways back and forth at the top of the sapling until the dog tires of waiting and both disappear.

Raccoons wander through the yard often. They chatter down the drainpipe and saunter across the long sill of the family room. Sometimes at night we hear them growling and quarreling among themselves. The loud noises they make on an otherwise quiet night are almost frightening. Early one morning, clearly outlined in the moonlight, several race up and down the oak trees behind our bedroom. A large form appears at the open bedroom window, stands

It's Reversed

A typographical error in

last month's Village Views

reversed the meaning of a

statement by Mayor Jack

Schmidt concerning linkage

of Round Bottom Road with

Milford's proposed industrial

The mayor's should have

development.

I-275 represented."

Speeders

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on hind legs and peers in. At 2 a.m. this is a bit startling.

Golfers are now out in full force, but the soft yellow green of the trees begins to hide the edge of the golf course which is so open in winter. We now hear their laughter (and sometimes their frustration) rather than seeing their golf carts and the black "golf course dog" which follows them.

Canoes soon will be making a regular appearance, creating a weekend highway behind the house. These will soon be followed by "tubers". Often people are unaware of our presence at the top of the hill and sometimes their antics and remarks are a story in themselves.

At dusk a muskrat swims down the river, leaving a V-shaped trail. The water darkens - an owl hoots the sound of a small animal rustles in the underbrush. A soft splash is heard and all is still.



Garden Club Officers Chosen

Advertising the May 7 plant sale are the newly-elected Terrace Park Garden Club officers, from left, Bette Griffith, vice president; Kathy Startsman, recording secretary; Frances Stafford, treasurer; and Ogle Annett, president. Also serving on the board are Jane Harrier, corresponding secretary and members-at-large Marge Eberhard, Rita Leming, Faye Corey and Marcy McClelland.

Dogs Banned At Rec Field

Terrace Park Recreation Committee has opened the spring sport season with some improvements at Drackett Field.

New signs remind residents that dogs and golfing are prohibited on the fields. The dogs create unpleasant playing conditions and golf balls present a real danger to both athletes and mowing equipment.

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Cub Scouts Clean Up Some Village Areas

Terrace Park got a spring cleanup on March 26 as the Cub Scouts conducted their first annual trash-for-cash-a-thon.

The cub scouts secured pledges and then, led by new cubmaster Mike Pritz, cleaned up the railroad right-of-way, Denison Lane, Stumps Lane, and Elm Avenue, picking up 63 bags of

Top bag collector and moneyraiser was Jason Hader, followed by Ron Kautz. Other participants included Mike Petry, Tom Lewis, Brian Phillips, Scott Blomer, Brandon Snider, and George Kipp, assisted enthusiastically by his brother Jeffrey Kipp, age four.

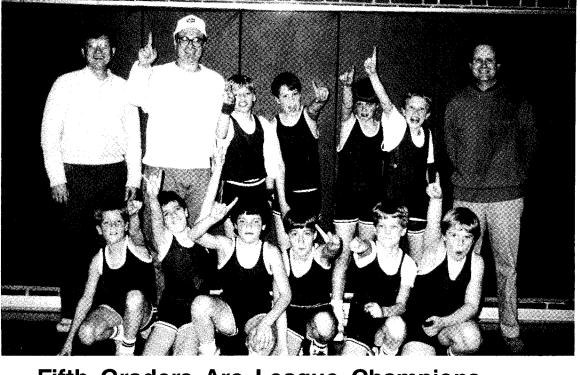
The boys of Pack 97 held their annual Pinewood Derby on April 6,

with several close races being judged by Mayor Jack Schmidt and Cubmaster Mike Pritz. Prize winners were: First, Hampton Taylor; second, Taylor Heilbronner; third, Les Mitchell; fourth, Brandon

Ben Ross won a prize for best design, and Brandon Ervin for best-looking racer.

Our Mistake

Village Views last month, in lastminute copy revision, inadvertently reported that the Mariemont Board of Education had decided to close the high school smoking room. The step was a proposal of a study committee, yet to be acted upon.



Fifth Graders Are League Champions

Champions of the Mill Creek Valley East League, Terrace Park's fifth grade basketball team members are, from front left, Joe McConkey, Frank Rinaldi, Tug Orr, Eric Maloney, Eric Koehler and Jason Hader; back row, Jim Dahlmeier, Dave Will, Ryan Will, Dave Bowers, Alex Ward, Dave Mason and Tom Mason. The team finished second in the East-West Post Season Tournament, losing the championship game 26-24.

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community's needs.

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The Stephen Ministry program

New Class Joins Stephen Ministry

St. Thomas Episcopal Church newest class of Stephen Ministers will commission on May 1 its

130 Youngsters Take Part In Easter Egg Hunt

Despite damp weather, 130 children took part in the annual Terrace Park Kindervelt Easter Egg Hunt on the village green April

Twenty-one prizes were awarded, and all taking part were given pinwheels supplied by Fine Gifts from 100 Main of Milford.

The event raised \$200 for Childrens Medical Center, with thanks going to the Village of Terrace Park, Linda Yokel of Fine Gifts, Kroger - Milford, and Johnny's Toys for providing prizes, Kroger - Madeira and Super-X -Milford for candy and Swallen's for

Players Plan Play, Concert —lay people who have been

The Terrace Park Players have two events scheduled for the village during May.

Some 85 Terrace Park children will be presented in a play at the school gymnasium on May 14 and 15. Watch village bulletin boards for further details as to times.

An exciting concert is planned for the village green on Memorial Day, May 30, at 5 p.m. Villagers are urged to prepare picnic dinners to eat while they enjoy the

Villagers Win School Honors

Hannah Payne, 629 Lexington Ave., was among 18 Ohio students named to the dean's list of Bowdoin College for scholastic achievement during the fall semester of the 1987-88 academic year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payne.

Mary Maxon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry R. Maxon III, made the dean's list in the second trimester of her sophomore year at Chatham Hall, a girl's college preparatory school in Chatham, VA.

Seven Honored at Country Day

Seven Terrace Park students were named to the third-quarter honor roll at Cincinnati Country Day School. They are:

Ninth grade honors: Jacob Scholl.

Tenth grade honors: Whitney McDonald.

Twelfth grade honors: Pat McAllister, Louise Myslik, Kerry Walsh, Dan Weston.

Twelfth grade high honors: Krista Myslik.

In School Musical

Terrace Park residents Damon Smith and Megan Oberle are featured in Mariemont High School's spring musical, "Carnival", April 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and May 1 at 2 p.m. Jim Postler is stage manager while Larry Madewell handles the lights. Cyndy Pope helped with set designs and advertising posters.

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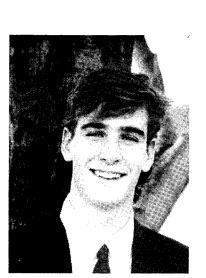


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Top Athlete

Ted Goewey, 17, a senior at Mariemont High School, was chosen basketball team All-League for the Cincinnati Hill League, and also named honorable mention for the All-Southwest Ohio Team. In addition, at the school's recent Winter Sports Award Night, Ted received awards for most valuable player, tricaptain, leading scorer, leading free throw percentage, and leading rebounder for the Mariemont Varsity Team

Ted has been accepted at Marietta College where he will play basketball next year.

He is the son of Art and Peggy Goewey, 114 Fieldstone.

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Opera, History Mark School's Fine Arts Week

recent Terrace Park Elementary PTA Fine Arts week featured Debbie and Mark Semrow of CINTROY, Cincinnati Introduction of Opera to Youth, under the leadership of Fine Arts PTA chairman Linda Wenstrup. With the help of the audience, a shortened version of "Carmen" was per-

Clarinetist Eugene Marquis entertained the students and Skip Merten presented each student with a poster featuring the Cincinnati Symphony's Eric Kunzel and the Cincinnati Red's Pete Rose.

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