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## **Council Seeks To Extend Wooster Speed Zone**

Village council is launching a campaign to get the state to reduce the 50 mile-an-hour speed limit prevailing at the west end of Wooster Pike within the village limits.

The 50-mile zone exists because of state law which relates highway speed to housing density. But village council contends that pedestrian and other traffic to and from Drackett Field and the Swim Club--particularly that involving children--makes the higher speed "unrealistic." Incidents involving deer in that area were cited as an additional hazard.

With John Wenstrup as chairman, members of council will work as a committee to circulate petitions among village residents in support of a resolution asking the state director of transportation to review and act upon an engineering and traffic study.

Council acted after a closed meeting discussion of the traffic study, copies of which were not made available.

#### **EPA Backs Down**

Councilman Randy Casteel reported at November's council meeting that the Ohio EPA has reduced its demands for sanitary facilities for the still-idle new village maintenance **building**. Completion of the building has been stalled for over six months because of disputed EPA require-

Action followed a conference Casteel and Police Chief Bob Bacon (acting as street commissioner) had with a deputy state attorney general last month. New plans will be drawn for EPA approval.

Casteel said the EPA agreed to a reduction in size of the sanitary system and elimination of a holding tank requirement.



### Police Receive Deer Alert **Safety Award**

Terrace Park Police Chief Bob Bacon proudly displays the award given to the department by the National Child Safety Council for "outstanding and dedicated service to the safety of children." The award was made in recognition of a safety program, developed last year in conjunction with the Terrace Park Elementary School, aimed at giving elementary-aged youngsters information about how to stay safe. Another goal of this effort is to help children recognize police officers as friends, not adversaries. Community businesses donated money for safety teaching materials.

#### **Up To Owners**

Ending some years of discussion, council passed back to property owners the finding of a solution to storm water problems affecting Red Bird Lane, Indian Hill and Old Indian Hill Roads, and Fieldstone

Calls for village action, said Councilman John Wenstrup, seem to be "trying to solve personal problems with village money."

Residents of Red Bird appeared before council last month, seeking relief from storm water on their properties. Councilman Casteel submitted a resolution calling for a \$1,900 engineering study to determine the cause of the problem and possible solutions. That resolution was voted

#### **Club Gives Aid**

The Terrace Park Garden Club

Lynn Nelson and Jeanette November council meeting. The

Improvement on the Green will include better lighting of the Christmas tree, lighting of the flag pole, and a microphone connection at the pole. Pruning, fertilizing and spraying plantings along Terrace Place will include cutting back encroach-

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has voted to finance improvement of electric service on the Village Green, the pruning of trees and shrubs along Terrace Place and running of a water line to the memorial garden near the Elm Road over-

Pruiss reported the action to the work will cost \$5,000.

## Tree-Lighting Ceremony, Luminaria Dates Set

Terrace Park's tree-lighting ceremony at the Village Green is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th, when Santa's designated helper arrives to help the mayor open this festive annual event. The Sometime Marching Band will be there in force to play Christmas carols, with everyone invited to sing along.

Many homes in the Village will be lit on the same evening with luminaria supplied by Kindervelt #76.

The Village siren will sound at 6 p.m. to signal the lighting of the Luminaria. Residents may call Ann Pardue, 831-7932, to order additional supplies.

Free wagon rides to view the lights will start right after the ceremony and run until 9:30. This year's wagon, provided by the Eppa Rixey Insurance Agency, will accommodate up to 30 people at a time. Rides will start at the corner of Elm & Amherst.

A special feature will be an opportunity for children to be photographed with Santa on the gazebo after the tree lighting. There is no fee, but donations will be accepted. Please note that there is a limit of one photo per child or family.

Linda Naylor and Carol Cobb of Coldwell Banker are buying new lights for the tree, while Comey & Shepherd's Polly Duplace, Sandy Koehler, Pat Lipka and Sandy Lowery are picking up the tab for the major job of putting up and taking down the tree lights. The old lights that could be salvaged will be used to light the Community Building.

Decorations for the gazebo are being supplied by the Phloxy Ladies Garden Club, whose members include residents of Terrace Park and surrounding communities.

Coordinating the event is Grace Holmes, who was responsible for expanding the traditional ceremony four years ago. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Terrace Park Village Tree Fund may send it to Grace at 607 Home Street.

### Bicycle Registration Offered

council, the police department is setting up a bicycle registration sys-

The aim, said Police Chief Bob Bacon, is to assist the police in

Given authorization by village dealing with lost or stolen bicycles.

On a voluntary basis, residents will be able to register bicycles with the police department, for a \$1 lifetime fee. The bicycles, said Bacon, will be tagged.

Three deer were killed within an hour on a quarter mile stretch of Wooster Pike just west of the Village limits on the night of October 16 with one of the incidents resulting in \$1,400 damage to Terrace Park's newest police cruiser.

Patrolman Dennis Wells was responding to a report of a deer being hit when his cruiser hit an eight-point buck, injuring it so badly that he had to shoot it. A passing motorist hit and killed another deer in the same area while Wells was on

The body the first deer struck had been so mangled by being struck by other cars that is was removed by

a county road crew, Police Chief Bob Bacon said. One was claimed by the motorist involved and the third by a passing driver, as the law now permits.

The incidents brought to seven the number of deer killed along Wooster Pike so far this year.

Bacon said there have been increasing numbers of deer sighted in the area just west of the village in recent years, and urged motorists to be wary especially at night in spring and fall.

Statewide, 19,502 deer were killed along Ohio highways in 1990, up 21.5 percent over roadkills the year before.

second run for village leadership. His election as mayor results in his vacating his council seat, and village council took steps at its November meeting to fill the vacancy when the new administration takes

Chosen as mayor in the No-

Casteel won by 524 votes to

vember election, Randy Casteel

plans to tighten control over village

finances and to seek closer interac-

tion with community residents when

412 over Barbara Howland in his

he assumes office January 1.

over. Mayor Rusty Wilson called on Rich Gilchrist, Dan Startsman and John Prues to act as a search committee, consulting with Sally Gilchrist and Julie Rugh who won election unopposed to the new council. Gilchrist tallied 807 votes, Rugh 604.

Also unopposed, Village Clerk Jan

Popelka had 862 votes. Mrs. Howland was appointed to council in October of 1988 to succeed Bob Payne. Her term expires December 31, 1991, as does the term of Councilman John Wenstrup.

**November Election Brings** 

**New Faces To Council** 

Terrace Park voters supported incumbents Leonard Weakley and Marie Huenefeld for re-election to the Mariemont Board of Education. Weakley is currently president of the board, and Mrs. Huenefeld vicepresident. The Terrace Park member is Connie Wilson, whose term expires in 1993. The Terrace Park 3.85 mill levy was passed, with 579 voting for and 362 against the levy.

The village also supported two Hamilton County levies on the ballet. Votes were 623 to 313 for the children's services levy, and 608 to 323 for the hospital levy.

## TPRC Institutes **New Family Fee**

In response to higher program costs and lower fund-raising profits, the Terrace Park Recreation Commission has implemented an annual fee of \$100 per family for participation in TPRC activities effective January 1, 1992.

After many months of review, the board voted unanimously to meet its obligations in this manner. A letter notifying family heads of their decision is being distributed this

TPRC provides athletic and recreational opportunities to the children of Terrace Park. Its programs include soccer, basketball, baseball, softball and Summer Fun. In addition, the private, non-profit organization, is responsible for the maintenance and insurance of Drackett Field.

Unlike most communities whose children's recreational programs are supplemented either wholly or partially with tax dollars, TPRC receives no such financial support. It is funded by the fees charged for individual activities and with funds raised through the Labor Day Festival and Memorial Day raffle. The fees basically cover the administrative cost of each sport league, referee and tournament tees, and most equipment and uniform replacement.

"Proper maintenance of the fields is expensive and the cost is increasingly rapidly," the letter states. "The main reason for this increase in cost is that the child population is Terrace Park is growing at a rapid rate and participation in our program is growing. We have experienced a growth rate of almost 50 percent over the past four years. The additional children mean more wear and tear on the facilities, as well as additional uniforms and equipment.

"We also have on-going expenses, such as road and bridge repairs, new dugouts, a soccer kick board and fencing, to name a few. The total of these expenses averages about \$20,000 a year."

In 1991, TPRC's net profit from the Labor Day Festival was \$6,500; net profit from the Memorial Day raffle was \$2,500.

Only one fee per family is required, regardless of the children participating. The family fee must be paid prior to February 15 to ensure placement on a TPRC team. Fees paid after the February 15 deadline must include an additional \$25 administrative fee; however, paying the late fee does not guarantee team placement. This fee will be refunded if all teams are full after payment is received.

Questions regarding the participation fee are welcome and may be addressed to TPRC president John Gislason or any TPRC commissioner.

### Mayor-Elect Casteel Sets Goal for Term

Dear Village Residents:

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in Village Council as demonstrated by your passage November 5 of the tax levy. I thank you as well for your vote of confidence in me as your mayor.

I am excited and looking forward to working with all the residents of Terrace Park during the next four years.

My goal for village government is very simple: Back to the basics: \*The basics of finance. Ana-

lyze every dollar spent and look at

\*The basics of communication.

Tell us how we're doing and what you'd like us to do. Without this sort of communication, it's like going to the grocery store, giving the clerk your money and letting the grocer guess what food to put in your bags. Please let us know your concerns.

ways to spend it more economi-

Again, thank you for your vote of confidence. And remember, this is your village.

Randy Casteel

## **Bob Terwillegar Responds To The Call of the Wild**

By Camilla Warrick

Once, long ago someone suggested to Bob Terwillegar that he ought to be selling insurance. Perhaps the person had noticed his drive, his friendliness, his commitment to work.

But the offer didn't take. Terwillegar had heard the call of the wild, and he believed that he could make others hear it too.

If you're imagining huge mountains and roving game, you've gone too far. The wild that Terwillegar was drawn to surrounds Terrace Park. It's the world of woods and creekbeds, of the creatures that inhabit them and the molecules that constitute them.

Terwillegar wanted nothing more than to teach basic science to the youngest kids. But what he did with that assignment is practically legend.

For 35 years at Indian Hill Schools, he was "Mr. T," a kind of Mr. Wizard roving from one elementary class to another demonstrating the wonderful relationships of things in this world. Long before anyone invented the term "hands-on" he was getting children outside to explore and touch and manipulate materials.

He realized that if you keep kids outside for an extended period of time, you could present lessons with lasting intensity. So he pioneered school camping--at a place near Yellow Springs, at his own farm in Adams County and at nearby Camp Kern. One popular workshop for teachers was called 101 Things to Do on Monday.

Now in his first months of retirement, Terwillegar has received the highest honor for science teachers. In October, he and his wife, Ruanne,



of 723 Floral Ave., went to Washington, D.C., to receive the 1991 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

As part of the award, he will receive \$7500 to spend in the Indian Hill district and a computer and modem so that he can continue to swap ideas with the 107 other winners. The were urged by President Bush to do whatever they can to make the United States tops in math and science teaching by the year 2000.

"I was in such awe of my colleagues," Terwillegar said. "I stood there with my mouth hanging open."

This was only the second year that the national competition has included elementary teachers. "We're the forgotten people in science and math education," he said. "Yet this is where to stimulate the interest. If all they have in kindergarten, first and second grade is

read and talk about the subject, we're never going to build a scientist."

## TPRC Accepts Resignations

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission has accepted the resignations of two commissioners: Tom Ader, who has served the program since 1981; and Gregg MacMillan, who has served since 1989

As field commissioner, Tom helped make Drackett Field one of the area's premier recreational facilities. During the growing season, he could be found at the fields almost every day. He not only oversawfield maintenance, but was also responsible for equipment and building maintenance.

His dedication was a labor of love, as evidenced by the huge flower bed Tom and his wife, Sandy, created and maintained.

Gregg served as Labor Day Festival commissioner and the first adult recreation commissioner. Under his leadership, the TPRC treasury posted record-breaking profits at Labor Day. Gregg also coordinated softball games for Terrace Park adults and families and put the framework into place for other adult recreational opportunities.

Local AARP

**Holds Elections** 

annual Christmas party.

Vera Hodges of Marion Lane is unopposed for election as president

of the Terrace Park Chapter, Ameri-

can Association of Retired Persons,

at its meeting December 9 in the

undercroft of St. Thomas Church.

The affair will also be the chapter's

include Terrace Park residents Ruth

Oberle, treasurer; Dr. Ray Stoecklin, assistant-treasurer and Agnes Ritz,

corresponding secretary. Marge

Allison, formerly of Terrace Park, is

slated to be vice-president.

Kathy Startsman

Others on the unopposed slate

## To The Editor-

Dear Editor,

I have been adamantly opposed to the bike trail, in the past, for three main reasons:

- It would allow more strangers to go through the park.
- 2. It would go by Drackett Field where our youngsters play.
- 3. New Street, the only place in Terrace Park to get on or off the bike trail, could pose a problem of parking at St. Thomas parking lot and the adjacent streets.

Recently I have started to use the bike trail and have found it a most exhilarating experience--a wide asphalt path without any steep grades, beautiful wooded countryside and gorgeous views of the Little Miami River.

I now have second thoughts about the bike path going through our village. I have been impressed the calibre of the people I have observed using it. After walking over the old railway throughway, I found that it is a suitable distance

away from Drackett Field, with so much undergrowth and young trees as to make it difficult to traverse to the baseball and soccer fields. The village police force believes it would be easier to patrol a bike trail and keep tabs on any nefarious conduct which they cannot do now.

While access to the bike path at New Street could pose some parking problems (these could be controlled partially by use of signs), it would be more than offset by giving our kids and adults a safer way of gaining access to the bike trail--as opposed to the dangerous way now used of going down Wooster Pike to the Milford bridge.

The purpose of this letter to the editor is two fold. First, to urge people who have been opposed, as I was, to try the bike path and walk the old railway through the Park and then form an objective opinion. The second is the urge people to use the bike trail--it's fun.

**Boots Duesing** 

## Police Officer Investigates Shots Fired

Terrace Park Police Sergeant Mike Wright found himself under fire the afternoon of October 24 when he went to investigate shots in the vicinity of Stumps Boat Club along the river at the west end of Terrace Park.

He found two men on the opposite bank firing at cans they were throwing in the river, totally oblivious to the fact that bullets were ricocheting off the surface of the water and barely submerged stones.

Wright said he shouted to the men to stop as he approached the riverbank and then "hit the dirt" as bullets whistled by him. The men

were wearing ear protectors and evidently did not hear him and continued shooting despite his shouts and whistle blasts. Only when he fired three pistol shots of his own into the ground did he get their attention.

Wright held them at gunpoint until Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies, called by radio, reached the scene and placed the men under arrest

The men, identified only as Jones and Landise, were found to have been firing a Springfield rifle and two heavy hand guns.

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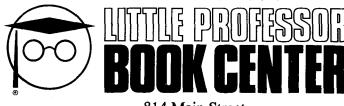
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St. Nicholas is coming to St. Thomas on Sunday, December 8th, for the annual 4:30 p.m. celebration. Fifth and sixth grade classes, directed by Pam Bell, present an entertaining play about the saint and bishop of the church written by Tom Long (of Friends of the Groom fame), while the Junior Choir sings Pat Matchette's "Song of St. Nicholas." Children and others attending are asked to bring a new toy with separate wrappings, to be distributed to underprivileged children through

Inter Parish Ministry.

Also on December 8th, selections from Messiah will be sung by a special choir at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. church services.

A second event created primarily for the children is the 4:30 p.m. creche service and Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve--Tuesday, December 24th; children bring their favorite stuffed animals to be blessed.

There are two other Christmas Eve services--at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.;

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831-5961

the latter is preceded by a half hour choral festival. A 10 a.m. service on Christmas Day completes the church's schedule. The community is invited to any or all of these services.

Anyone wishing to donate holiday food may bring nonperishable items to the box at the patio entrance to the church; Inter Parish Ministry will see that they are distributed to needy families.

## Co-op Announces Holiday Meeting

The Terrace Park Babysitting Coop will hold a Holiday Meeting and Party on Thursday, December 5th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community House.

All current members and any interested residents are invited to attend with their children. Each child should bring a canned item to "decorate" for donation to the Food Bank

Call Annie Rice 831-1054 or Julie Smith 831-0091 for additional information.

#### T P Players Set Dinner Show Dates

Terrace Park Players annual Dinner Show is slated for February 21, 22, 28, 29 and March 6 and 7. Rehearsals have already begun on the musical comedy, "Nunsense," under the direction of Mark Woods.

Opening night, Friday, February 21, is the annual Gala, featuring free champagne and hors d'oeuvres. The remainder of the Friday performances are Cabaret Nights, with set ups and snacks available. Dinner will be served with the Saturday evening shows.

## EMS Raises Equipment Funds Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services personnel prepared over

Ferrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services personnel prepared over 45 gallons of pancake batter, 160 pounds of sausage, and 350 cups of coffee at the annual Pancake Supper held Nov. 2 at Terrace Park School. Over 600 people attended the fund-raiser which netted the E.M.S.\$2000, according to chairman and event organizer Dennis Elliott. The proceeds are used to update the equipment and vehicles used to protect Terrace Park residents. Thanks go to those who supported the event.



#### **PTA Thanks Supporters**

Hats off to over 150 volunteers who helped to make Terrace Park Elementary School's Pumpkin Festival (Oct. 25) a huge success. The Bid and Buy netted \$11,557, while the food and activities earned \$3,814.

A note of sincere thanks is extended to residents who supported this event by attending. All earnings will directly enhance the education of Terrace Park children.

#### Men's Volleyball

Starts Wednesday, November 13, at 9 p.m., at the Terrace Park School gym. Questions, call Dave Moyer at 831-4322.

# Crime Prevention Unit Urges Residents to Act

Patrolmen John R. Keuffer III, Crime Prevention Officer, and Dennis Wells, Crime Prevention Coordinator, suggest the following crime prevention tactics to assist residents in reducing the likelihood of criminal

The most difficult obstacle to an effective crime prevention program is apathy. In order to better understand efforts to minimize criminal activity, we must clarify some misconceptions.

The term 'crime prevention' in itself is misleading. It can more clearly be defined as the minimization of criminal opportunity. The primary goal is to avoid being victim-

ized. By limiting the criminal's opportunity, we minimize the chance of becoming a victim.

Recent statistics have shown that most burglars can be discouraged in approximately four minutes. If entry cannot be gained in a short period of time, they will move to an easier target.

Crime prevention techniques are simple. The primary defenses against burglary are sufficient lighting and adequate locks.

When crime is not profitable, criminals become discouraged. Crime prevention is a realistic goal that can be achieved, but it must start with YOU, the concerned citizen.

#### Fires Damage Area Homes

Damage was estimated at \$25,000 in a fire at the home of Helen Campbell, 108 Michigan Ave. on October 21.

Fire Chief Pierce Mathews said the cause was "definitely electrical."

He listed as \$800 the damage in a fire Nov. 7 at the home of Ken Burkman, 715 Myrtle Ave., caused by a candle in a lavatory.

Mathews said the fire in the one-story brick-veneer Campbell home was started by a short-circuit in a dishwasher, with fire then creeping into a wall. Actual fire damage, he said, was confined to the kitchen, but smoke damage was heavy in the rest of the house.

#### Soccer Enjoys Banner Season

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission's soccer program served 245 youngsters this fall and was made possible thanks to the dedication of 32 volunteer coaches and soccer commissioner Jill Croswell.

The coaches, who were responsible for 15 teams and the instructional soccer program for kindergarteners, included:

Jill Smith, Glenn Lindahl, Gary Machles, Scott Croswell, Roger Winters, Janet Sarran, Mary Arkeilpane, Ed Buban, Steve Gillen, Steve Wilson, Fred Albrecht, Rick Clukey, Chris Malotke, David Lewis, Jamie McClurg, Dan Keefe, Pete Borden, Clark Howland, Dawn Hawk, Mark Watson, Rick Cowan, Linda Shortridgae, Brian Johnson, Mike Ross, Bill Sarran, Kathy Mitchell, Anne Rinaldi, Jeff Carle, Charlie Doan, Skip Merten, Dave Deeter and Dan Startsman.

Five teams qualified for the SAY tournament and another team played in the Grothaus tournament in Milford.

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ing growth from the old railroad rightof-way.

#### In Other Matters:

- Building Inspector Tim Harth reported issuance of six permits for work to cost \$83,197.
- Village Solicitor Bob Molloy reported Supreme Court dismissal of a village appeal in a dispute over Hamilton County Communications service payments.
- Council agreed to state plans to rebuild the Wooster Pike Bridge over a creek near New Street.
- Assistant Life Squad Chief Sally Gilchrist reported nine squad runs during October, with one fire response also.
- Police Chief Bob Bacon reported the maintenance crew had picked up 106 loads of leaves to that date, and said pick-up would continue until early December because of the heavy fall.
- Council authorized appointment of Timothy Chin as a full-time police officer succeeding Dennis Wells who resigned to join the Montgomery department. Chin was the senior police auxiliary. Jeffrey Bronson was appointed as an auxiliary.
- Councilman Dan Startsman reported that 25 ash trees and six oaks, costing \$3,525, will be planted later this year.
- Bacon reported receipt of \$200 more in sharing returns on confiscated drug items. He said bids would be opened November 22 on a Mazda the police are holding.
- Council decided to leave unchanged the \$300 a year charged the Board of Education for mowing Stanton Field. Dan Startsman had asked whether the fee should be raised, but council left it unchanged as a contribution to child recreation.

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