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# **TP Residents Petition Council For More Input On Trees**

More than a score of residents urged village council at its July meeting to provide for more public input in the planting and care of village trees. Specifics are likely to develop at an open forum which Councilwoman Barbara Howland set for September 1 at 7 p.m. She said Mayor Randy Casteel, tree consultant Steve Sandfort, Randy Haller of village staff, and representatives of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., would be present.

Vice Mayor Rust Wilson, presiding at the council meeting, said that council was anxious "to do the right thing for Terrace Park." but conceded that tree care had been hampered by "a lack of continuity" when Terry Bernard called for "a responsible tree program."

Bernard submitted petitions bearing some 300 signatures which criticized recent tree work done for CG&E by Asplundh Tree Expert Co.; called for a citizen review board; and urged investigation into the possibility of putting power lines underground.

Bob Terwillegar called the village tree program a good one and deplored "second guessing," but supported creation of a review board, saying that "people feel powerless" when tree problems arise. Judy Bernard noted that residents are paying for planting, pruning and feeding of village trees and "need a voice" on what is done and how.

Pleas for what Ann Cherry called "a whole new mindset" emphasizing preservation rather than removal or heavy pruning was echoed by others, including Stan Brown, Al Nelson, Jim Rauth and Pat Henley.

Questions from Doug Cherry and Faye Corey as to the supervision of tree work brought word from Mrs. Howland that there is daily checking by Randy Haller and frequent review by Sandfort, herself, and CG&E forestry officials. ACG&E representative admitted that "there are going to be complaints" in handling an \$11 million-a-year program involving 400,000 trees. But he insisted that "we do have standards," and only trees marked by the village are taken down.

But where Patty Fehl saw a basic conflict between village and utility interests, Gisella Lock said the tree workers were "verv courte-

and electrical work so that Hamilton County would allow use of the longidle new maintenance building, but voiced outrage at being forced by regulations to spend \$4,400 on roughing-in a toilet room.

Police Chief Bob Bacon praised Patrolman Tim Chinn's handling of a case of an armed and intoxicated man threatening to shoot his brother-in-law at the Dairy Mart; Joe Winders' cocaine-possession arrest which resulted in seizure of a 1991 Jeep Cherokee, and Mike Wright's round-up of seven juveniles involved in egg-throwing and

\* Harth reported issuance of five building permits in June for a total of \$91,400.

that a county board of health permit is required for installation of underground lawn watering systems.

Councilwoman Sally Gilchrist announced a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on August 11 on a proposal to require annual inspection of mechanical sewage disposal systems, gave limited approval for the street and another at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 8 on the flood plain ordinance.

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Concerned residents, some carrying placards, aired their concerns about the village tree care program at the July 14 meeting of village council.

sign damage. They were put to washing village cars and other chores.

Building Inspector Tim Harth complained that his job was being made harder by village failure to follow its own rules, and called on council to establish "a definite, upto-date set of rules, and enforce them.'

### **Community House Stucco Repairs Prove Costly**

A \$6,000 painting job for the Community House turned instead into an emergency \$16,500 program to stabilize and coat the exterior wall of the building. To protect it, the 100-year old structure is being coated with a plastic substitute for stucco which Building Inspector Tim Harth said is more durable and seldom needs painting. What painting remains to be done will cost \$2,800.

The painting contractor reed, after pressure-cleaning the

Sgt. Gerald Hayhow **Bacon Names Hayhow** Second In Command

Sgt. Gerald Hayhow has been formally named the second in command of the Terrace Park police force. Police Chief Bob Bacon announced at the July council meeting that Hayhow will take over the police department's administrative duties and Sgt. Michael Wright will handle the operations end of the force. Both Hayhow and Wright began with Terrace Park's auxillary force before being hired full time, Hayhow in 1985 and Wright in 1983. Hayhow, who will deal with the department's 15 part time employees on a day-to-day basis, will also continue to manage the school and bike programs. Bacon said many of these public relations programs were initiated by Hayhow, whom he termed an "idea man". Chief Bacon explained that each position is an integral part of the force and everyone now has a more defined area to cover. The restructuring also enables the police officers to set personal goals with the opportunity for growth and advancement in rank.

# **Council Baffled By Missing Ordinance**

ning and Zoning Commission are still seeking a solution to the Mystery of the Missing Ordinance.

The commission, in May, ap-\* Harth also cautioned villagers proved Jim Porter's plans to build four houses on a private drive on the former motel property on Wooster Pike, and indicated approval of Jack Brendamour's plan for four houses on a private drive off a dedicated street off Elm near Wooster at the west end of the village. Council at a subsequent special session.

Action on both was based on section of the zoning code passed

# Mark Calendar For Centennial Celebration

Make plans now to stay in town Memorial Day weekend, 1993, for the Terrace Park Centennial Celebration. Some preliminary suggestions for the 100year anniversary of the Park include: installing engraved paver stones on the village green; and staging a circus show, an art show, a photo contest, and an ice cream social. Other ideas are welcome. If you are interested in helping to get the show on the road, please call one of the event co-chairs, Sandy Wittman-Shell, 831-6090, or Linda Naylor, 831-1055. Village Views will bring you monthly updates.

## T.P. Alumni Plan Summer Reunion

The Terrace Park School Alumni Association will induct three new members into the Hall of Fame at the reunion, Sunday afternoon, 1:00-4:00 p.m., August 9. Alumni will also dedicate a new display case.

The Classes of 1937 will hold a reunion dinner at the Eastgate Holiday Inn on Saturday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. The class of 1942 and 1952 are also planning reunions.

Virginia Marquette said Jack Bickett, Helen Miller Hill and Lester Patterson would be inducted in ceremonies in the school library. Bickett was a member of the graduating class of 1947, while Hill was a Terrace Park student who returned to at the school. Patterson taught physical education for 1st through 12th grades for years before serving in World War II. He left the military and returned to teach in Terrace Park in 1944.

Village council and the Plan- in 1979. But a check of village records shows that council repealed that section in March of 1983-and there is no official copy of the ordinance in the village ordinance book.

Neither project is hampered by the repeal since they meet frontage requirements. But, said Village Solicitor Bob Malloy, the village now has no control over private drives.

In repealing the 1979 ordinance and banning any further "private drives," Malloy noted, council eliminated the early definition of such a drive, but failed to define just what it was prohibiting.

It is, though, he said, "fundamental real estate law that property owners may provide crossover easements to each other." That, he said, raised doubts as to the constitutionality of the repeals, but meantime "we have no minimum regulations such as driveway width or width of the easement area."

The situation came to light after the council special session when Building Inspector Tim Harth and Ellis Rawnsley found that both felt there had been some council action on private drives later than 1979. Village Clerk Jan Popelka and Rawnsley found the next day that, in the place where the 1983 ordinance should have been, there was only a blurred and barely-readable paper marked "first reading."

A check of council minutes disclosed that the ordinance was presented by Roger Miller in January of 1983, given second reading in February and passed in March by a 5-0 vote after a public hearing at which no one appeared.

### **July Storms Cause** Damage To Trees

Village trees took a beating in storms the weekend of July 11-13, but village officers said the damage was far less than in the past because of the tree program.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported that the department responded to 13 calls involving trees and houses, with damage he estimated at \$1,500. Milford responded to a call involving a fallen wire.

Police Chief Bob Bacon said the village maintenance crew cleared away 50 loads of trash and cut up one fallen tree and 30 large lin In past years, Matthews said, the firemen have dealt with an average of 25 fallen or broken trees in a year, while last year the number was only 14.

ous" and did "an excellent job."

Admitting to a possible heresy, Pat Henley suggested that perhaps Terrace Park has too many trees. A former member of village council. Mrs. Henley is a former village street commissioner. She said the tornado of 1969 "was the best thing that happened to Terrace Park" in removing hundreds of old and dying trees and arousing village interest in a long neglected street forest. She, too, called on the village to "protect its investment" and questioned the worth of its consultant.

A recent survey showed that Terrace Park has 240 trees per mile of street, as against 50 in Cincinnati and 140 in Mariemont. On other matters:

a six-tenths of a mill tree assessment for the coming year.

of \$5,335 for plumbing, concreting disuse.

building, that he could not guarantee his work for more that a year because of the condition of the stucco. Village officials were fearful that holes and cracks in the coating could let in water which would cause serious damage.

Restoration plans originally called for expenditure of \$22,000 to bond styrofoam sheeting to the walls as a base for the new plastic coating. Before work began, however, it was decided that the styrofoam would cause drainage problems where it butted against the trim, and would change the appearance of the building. The new coating is being bonded directly to the existing walls.

The Community House is a Council gave final approval to former Baptist church, built in 1890 through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Corey, and bought by \* Council authorized spending the village in 1922 after it fell into

Bacon concluded the restructuring helps us "get a better handle on things and work better as a team."

# A Reminder About Recycling

One hundred and fifty Terrace Park homeowners have signed up for curbside recycling, and more are welcome to subscribe.

The voluntary program, which costs each participating household \$2 a month, began in June. Some residents have been confused about why they haven't received a red bin. In most cases, the reason is they haven't requested one or paid \$8 in advance to cover the first four months.

Requests must be made to Rumpke, attn. Mary, 10795 Hughes Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45251. Processing may take a couple of weeks, but soon you will be issued a bin to be put out next to your regular trash on Tuesdays.

The pickup of reuseable materials (glass, aluminum, bi-metal and steel cans, newspapers and plastic milk jugs or bottles with the numbers 1 or 2 on the bottom) is done by a separate truck, sometimes much later in the day.

# **Rakel Rebuilds Business After Fire**

Many consider it a gift to be able to recognize that there are positive outcomes in adversity. That gift is one that David Rakel of Anderson Township possesses; he has rebuilt his business after a fire destroyed it last May.

Rakel is the owner of Stanley E. Doe Kitchen and Baths, 5200 Beechmont Avenue. His wife is Anne Konold Rakel, daughter of long- time Terrace Park residents, Carolyn and Bill Konold, of Harvard Avenue.

On the afternoon of May 16,1991, Rakel and Carol Troidel. an employee, were working during a thunderstorm, when the building lost electricity. They heard popping noises, so Rakel investigated with a flashlight in the meter room. He found a bad odor and smokey haze.

"I called Cincinnati Gas and Electric and they sent a guy over right away," said Rakel. "He surveyed the meter room and said that everything was all right."

Rakel and his employee continued to hear popping noises, so they ran outside to see if kids were throwing rocks on the roof. No one was there. When they came back inside, the ceiling was smoking and they called 911.

Later Rakel was to learn that the fire was caused by lightening striking a transformer on a utility



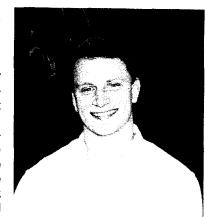
State Competition Leading the Mariemont High School tennis team for 3 years, Brian MacMillan has recently led the team to the Sectional tennis tournament at which he became champion, missing State competition by one place. Brian has completed his junior year at Mariemont with an 18-7 record. He has hopes of attending a small liberal arts college where he can play tennis, perhaps carrying on a family tradition at The College of Wooster after graduation in 1993.

Brian is the son of Gregg and Linda MacMillan of Michigan Drive,

pole nearby. It followed the wires mess away. They cleaned up smoke into his meter box, catching the building's wiring on fire.

The store was gutted, except for one set of cabinets which did not burn. "They held up under all that heat and smoke! We cleaned them up and display them now in our new showroom as an example of what our product can take," declares Rakel.

Following this devastating loss, Rakel was bolstered by the support of his family-especially wife, Anne- and of his friends. One Saturday after the fire, 15 friends came to help clean up. "They tore out damaged areas and hauled the



## Jay Taylor Kenyon Graduate Visits Russia As Football All-Star

Jay Taylor, 1992 graduate of Kenyon College, recently returned from Moscow, Russia where he spent 10 days representing the North Coast Athletic Conference All-Star Football Team in competition against the Russian National All-Star Team. This trip culminated a four year college football career during which Jay earned a Varsity letter each year even while overcoming a knee injury.

The son of Frank and Betty Lou Taylor of Princeton Ave., Jay graduated from Mariemont in 1988. His college major was Psychology but he hopes to enter Pre-Med after a year back home in Terrace Park. Jay will be attending classes at U.C. this fall and volunteering his time in E.M.S. training and service.

Jay completed an internship in Sports Psychology as a college junior as well as working in a physical therapy clinic. He led the Men's Volleyball team to the Nationals and was recognized for his leadership role in the F.C.A. (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) at Kenyon.

Jay feels that his education at M.H.S. prepared him well for college, especially in the area of science. Congratulations and best wishes for a brilliant future are due this young graduate.

damage and helped ready the shell for reconstruction," recollects David. "My son, Greg, did all the installations in the new showroom. "

The support of family and friends and his strong faith made David Rakel see that there was a purpose in this adversity. He reopened his business in May. "Our offices and displays are all bigger and better now. We had to begin some marketing after the fire because we did not want people to think we were out of business, and now our marketing manager is helping to increase our business. Now," said Rakel, "we are better than ever!"

#### **Schmithorst Places** In Piano Competition

Vincent Schmithorst of Terrace Park tied for sixth place in the World Piano competition of the American Music Scholarship Association held in Cincinnati early this month.

The grueling week of competition, which brought pianists from 20 countries, was won by Aleksander Sedar of Yugoslavia.

Schmithorst tied for sixth with Zoltan Marczi, an Hungarian student at the College-Conservatory of Music.



#### Sandra Bowen **Bowen Selected As** Information Clerk

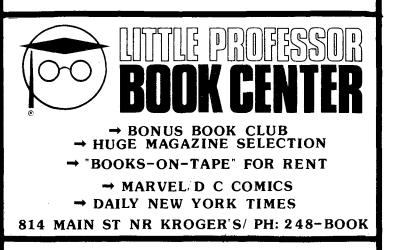
Sandra Bowen, of Princeton Ave., Terrace Park, was recently selected and trained to serve as an information clerk at the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitor's Bureau's fourth Visitor and Information Center. The center was officially opened on June 24 at the Museum Center at Union Terminal.

The clerks will provide information on hotels, restaurants, tourism attractions, and events occurring in greater Cincinnati, as an aid to visitors. More than 350,000 visitors are expected to use the Museum Center Information Center. Last year, greater Cincinnati served as host to more than 3 million visitors, which accounted for more than \$1.5 billion in direct economic impact. Bowen and her fellow information clerks will benefit this tourism industry, because they will serve as the first "ambassadors" of our city. Village Views Staff Editor: Kathy Startsman Contributing Editors: Ellis Rawnsley SKYLIGHTS Sue Porter **Camilla Warrick** Contributing Photographers: Dianne Donnelly **Bob Donnelly Business/Advertising Manager:** Maggie Tobergte Makeup: Jane Peterson Mailing: Pat Henley Village Views Deadline for the next issue is the

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who have helped to promote his interest and skills in tennis. Mariemont Tennis Coach Neil Turner and Terrace Park Swim Club Tennis Coach Jerry Howard have also been very influential.

At M.H.S., Brian is an active member of Key Club, Environmental Club, and was a Camp Kern counselor. He hopes to be an important part of the school newspaper (Warpath) staff next year.

Brian will be assisting with tennis clinics at the T.P.S.C. this summer under Jerry Howard. He will also be completing his third summer of work in his Dad's business, MacMillan Graphics.

Sportsmanship honors have stowed upon this promising young

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To the Editor

At last night's July 14 council meeting several citizens voiced their concerns about our tree maintenance program. Council buildings and grounds chairperson, Barbara Howland has scheduled a meeting on September 1 to review in depth the program and to discuss possible changes and improvements. One suggestion is to have a review committee to help oversee proposed tree removal or major surgery. I been awarded to Brian for the past would hope that the meeting would two years. In 1990, the Greater Cin- be well attended. If we are really cinnati Tennis Association Sports- concerned about all our trees and manship Award and in 1991 the not just the ones in front of our Ohio Valley Tennis Association houses, now is the time to give this Sportsmanship Award were be- important program a new direction. Sincerely,



# "Wordwinds" To Perform At St. Thomas

A very special evening of family Crane" (Japanese), while Amy woodwind specialist, from Michigan entertainment is scheduled at St. Thomas for Sunday, August 9th, when the WordWinds duo-Barbara Britsch and Amy Dennison-Tansey-will offer storytelling with music in the church undercroft at 7:30 p.m.

Storyteller Barbara Britsch will relate such favorites as "The Bremen in Terrace Park with her family until Town Musicians" and "The Paper

Dennison-Tansey integrates the words with music on flute, oboe and other instruments. WordWinds' goal is to educate as well as entertain by performing stories and music of different cultures (e.g., American Indian and folk, African, Asian). Amy Dennison-Tansey, who lived

recently, holds a Master of Music,





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State and was involved in creative music education at the Toledo Museum of Art for 10 years. Currently, she is assistant director of the Arts and Humanities Resource Center for the Elderly in Cincinnati. She sings with the St. Thomas Senior Choir and often accompanies the church choirs on oboe or flute.

Dr. Britsch is on the faculty at Lourdes College, Sylvania, Ohio, and has over 30 years' teaching experience in literature, creative drama, and storvtelling.

Both are also teaching artists for Arts Unlimited, an aesthetic education program based at Bowling Green State University. They have been together as WordWinds since1988 and are currently collaborating on their first book.

WordWinds has performed extensively in schools throughout northwest Ohio, as well as on public radio, in parks, nursing homes, and for Ohio Bell, and has presented workshops in Ohio and New England.

The community is invited to this hour of unique entertainment, with refreshments to follow. A free will offering will be taken.

#### Pope Named As **First Recipient Of New Scholarship**

Cynthia Pope, a rising junior at the University of South Carolina, is the first recipient of a new, \$1000 renewable scholarship named in honor of Chester W. Bain, a former USC professor and administrator.

Pope is a Latin American Studies and Spanish major with a 4.0 grade point average (straight As). The daughter of Michael and Kay Pope of Circus Place, she is a graduate of Mariemont High School.

She has been accepted by the National Student Exchange Program to study at the University of Puerto Rico during her junior year and will return to USC to complete her degree.



Cynthia Pope



### The New Kid On The Block

Have you been curious about the changes occurring in the building at 222 Wooster? Jackie Niesen of Anderson has transformed the structure into an English floral shop called Everlasting Designs which opened May 6. Having studied interior decorating, Jackie specializes in custom floral designs to complement the decor of any home. Her shop is brimming with charm, a potpourri of wonderful things including baskets, porcelain, antiques, dinnerware, books, pictures, herb oils and vinegars, and dried floral arrangements. Jackie displays Goodwin weaving, Battenberg lace and original pottery by a local artist. She designs wedding florals, unique gifts, and centerpieces for any special occasion. Jackie promises five uniquely decorated Christmas trees and pewter Christmas ornaments. Stop by, meet Jackie, and enjoy a special experience.



Jackie Niesen

#### **Resident Featured** In MPI's "Snoopy"

Terrace Park resident, Shari Stewart, of Lexington Ave., is currently appearing in Mariemont Players, Inc. summer musical, "Snoopy". Ms. Stewart portrays tomboy, Peppermint Patty, in this lively musical version of Charles M. Shultz "Peanuts" comic strip. The production is being staged at the Walton Creek Theater, Walton Creek and Muchmore Roads.

Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang will delight kids of all ages through August 2. For reservation information, call 232-6593.

## Area Children Graduate From Springer School

Terrace Park residents Price McLane, Phillip Mitchell and Katie Teichman were among 50 students who graduated from the Springer School, June 3.

While at Springer, these students accomplished the difficult task of acquiring unique skills used to deal with their learning disability. The school is designed for early intervention in helping children "learn how to learn" so that they can later attend community schools.

Phillip, son of Mark and Katie Mitchell of Wooster Pike, and Katie, daughter of Charles and Darlene Teichman, of Franklin Ave., will be students in the sixth grade at Terrace Park Elementary; and Price, son of Tim and Sally McLane of Lexington Ave., will attend Indian Hill Elementary next fall.

## Xavier Graduate

James H. Atwater, son of Herbert and Pat Atwater, formerly of Terrace Park, was among the 1,471 men and women to receive a degree at the 154th commencement ceremony of Xavier University in May, 1992. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Economics. The Atwaters now reside in Overland, Kansas.



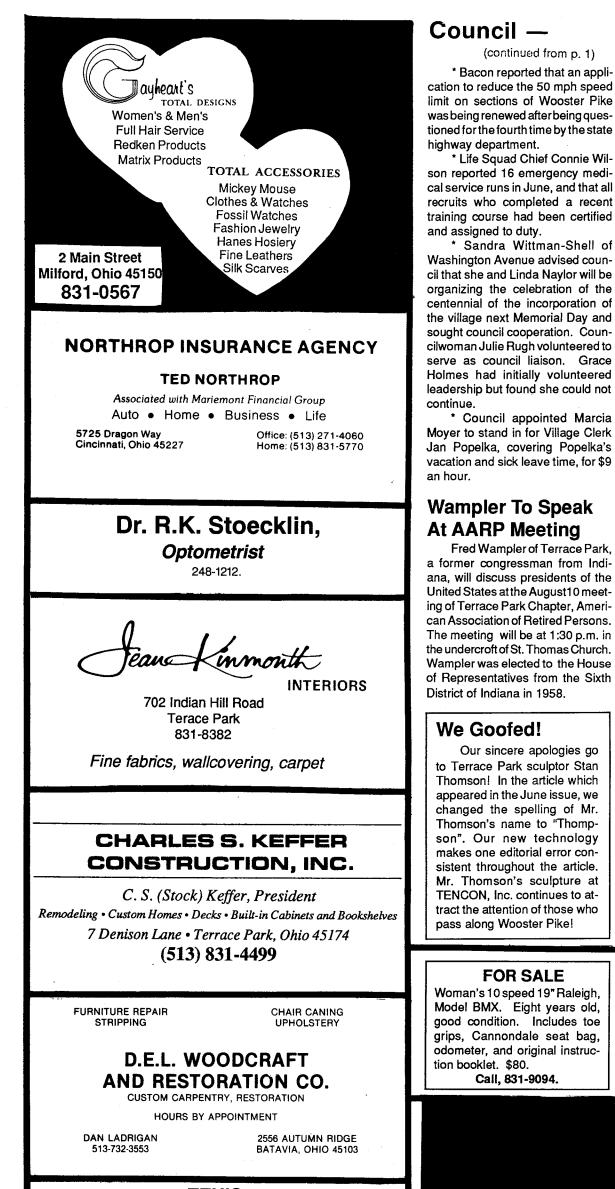


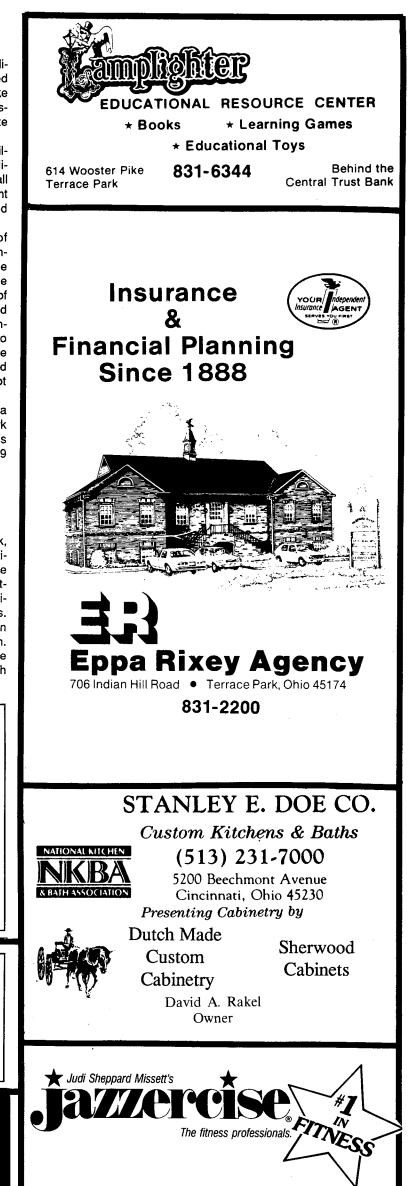
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#### **Residents' Work Benefits Art Museum**

Lucy Maish and Elizabeth Bieser, both residents of Park Ave. in Terrace Park, are serving as committee chairs of a larger group of volunteers who are planning the Cincinnati Art Museum's second annual "Carnival of Art," 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, August 28. Family-fun activities, all set in a Mardi Gras theme, are designed to allow parents and children to rediscover art in a variety of hands-on project stations and in opportunities to become aware of the styles of specific artists. Other residents who are assisting with this project are Sally McLane, of Lexington Ave., and Charlotte Hogue, of Winding Brook. Tickets for the "Carnival of Art " a fundraisor which bonofits the Museum's appual operation





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