



Council Moves To Establish "Urban Forester" Position

Village Council at its October meeting gave first reading to an ordinance creating the position of Urban Forester, in response to a list of recommendations formed by the Tree Board Advisory Committee, chaired by Bob Terwilliger. The position of Urban Forester would be established to manage the vegetation owned and maintained by the Village of Terrace Park. This individual would diagnose problems with Village trees and present solutions, and select tree species for planting in accordance with the Master Street Tree Plan which has been in use. All supervision of the planting and care of Village trees would fall under this job description.

The Tree Board Advisory Committee has recommended that the Mayor appoint Randy Haller, of the Village maintenance crew, to assume this new post in addition to his present role. Haller won ranking as a certified arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture in July. He currently serves as the maintenance crew's "specialist" in seeing to the Village street forest. Haller was encouraged in his efforts by Steve Sanford, Village tree consultant, whom he would replace in this new role.

In addition to proposing this new position, Building and Grounds Committee Chair, Barbara Howland, made additional recommendations concerning the tree program. Howland recommended that the Tree Board Advisory Committee continue as an ad hoc committee, reporting to the Council member in charge of Building and Grounds, and that Randy Haller will continue to maintain the inventory that the Tree Board Advisory group computerized this summer. She further advised that the Council continue to request money for a tree program through grants, and that it continue to maintain and plant new trees in the Village.

An opportunity to purchase land to provide additional parking spaces for the Community House has been presented to Council. In view of this development, Council asked Rusty Wilson to discuss with Ellis Rawnsley the purchase of his property, immediately adjacent to the Village Administration Building. Following discussions, Council will ask the solicitor to prepare a proposal to purchase the Rawnsley property. This proposal will then be reviewed by Rawnsley, his attorney, the Mayor and Council. Council members encourage residents to comment on the possible purchase of this property by the Village.

In other Council business: *Barbara Howland reminded Council to stop and enjoy the newly installed benches on the Village Green. She thanked the Terrace Park Garden Club for this donation.

*Howland has considered the Shade Tree Fund Budget and has decided to proceed with the planting of 20 trees this fall, most of them along Yale Avenue. This particular species was not available in the spring. She further reported that Asplungh, working with Cincinnati Gas and Electric, will remove some

trees located under power lines. These are trees marked by the Village for removal due to storm damage, and the removal is being done at no cost to the Village.

*Dan Startzman reported that the Public Works Committee met to discuss the marking of a crosswalk at Western Avenue and Wooster Pike, in response to the concerns of residents there. The Committee recommends that we request the State to paint a crosswalk, and the Village will purchase a "crosswalk" sign to suspend above the crosswalk. Council requested that the Committee proceed and present cost figures next month.

*The Public Works Committee has applied for Issue 2 matching road funds for work needed from the west Corporation Line on Given Road, across Wooster, over Elm to the south side of the bridge at Dennison Lane. The work would be done in 1994 as part of budgeted street repair.

*Startzman further reported that Middletown Composting will remove, at no cost, uncomposted leaves from our Environmental Service Center, saving the Village the expense of moving this material.

*Sally Gilchrist stated one resident has suggested the Village consider establishing a method to architecturally review the designs of new houses built in the Village. This issue was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review before presenting to Council. Gilchrist reported a question posed by another resident regarding placing a satellite dish on his property and the effect of F.C.C. regulations on his ability to do so. The solicitor pointed out that our Code of Ordinances prohibits all types of satellite dishes; and after the initial refusal of a building permit to erect one, the resident must ask the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance. At that

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Mariemont High School Homecoming spirit was displayed at a bonfire celebration October 7, 1993 at the log cabin in Terrace Park. Over a hundred fans came out to join MHS football players, cheerleaders, and band members as they promised to overcome the opponent, Indian Hill. (The MHS Warriors defeated Indian Hill 55-0.) The spirited crowd looks on as a Terrace Park Firefighter lights the bon fire to begin the celebration.

Concerned Citizens Form Street Watcher Group

Pleased at the results of the first such meeting, Police Chief Bob Bacon has plans for future forums at which residents can raise questions about police activities.

The first session was held at the Community House on September 21. About a dozen residents attended.

Bacon said most questions concerned a recent case of child molestation in Terrace Park. Some parents said they felt that a police warning should have been issued after the incident. Bacon said that, as a parent himself, he sympathized with that view. But, he said, spreading word would have warned the perpetrator, where a quiet investigation brought about his arrest and subsequent conviction.

Arrested downtown, the man was sentenced to six months imprisonment with 30 days suspended, put on probation for five years, fined \$1,000, ordered into counseling, and ordered to move from Terrace Park. Village Views is not identifying him

out of consideration for his family.

As an outgrowth of this incident, a group of concerned citizens has gathered to form a "network" of "Street Watchers", individuals who are willing to help pass along any necessary information to their neighbors. Chief Bacon will inform a "liaison" from the group of pertinent police information. The liaison will notify the "Street Watchers", who will then pass along the information to everyone on their street.

The citizens are asking for a resident from each street to act as a "Street Watcher". To volunteer, contact Susan Amis, 248-2906, Sara Osborn, 831-1136, or Julie Ward, 831-6838.

"While Terrace Park is still one of the safest neighborhoods in which to live," states one organizer, Julie Ward, "there are still cases of child abuse, drug trafficking, theft and vandalism. A "Street Watch" system will keep us more informed and safe."

Write-In Candidates Turn Election Into A Real Race

Terrace Park's upcoming election took an abrupt turn as two residents declared their write-in candidacies for seats on Village Council. Where there were three candidates for the four seats to be filled on November 2, there are now five.

The write-in candidates are Harry C. "Tim" Brown, 807 Yale Avenue, and Harry Hodges, 99 Marion Lane.

Brown, a resident of Terrace Park since 1978, is a self-employed entrepreneur. He and his wife, Linda, have five children. Harry Hodges has lived here for 19 years, with his wife, Vera Helen. Hodges was formerly Milford's city manager and is a retired attorney.

Their names will not appear on the November ballot, however. A voter must write in the names of either or both candidates on the INSIDE of the ballot envelope, and those votes for these write-in candidates alone will be counted. Ohio law requires write-in candidates to declare themselves to the county board of elections, eliminating the time-wasting handling of trivial votes.

Previously declared candidates whose names will appear on the ballots are incumbents, Dan Startzman, Jr. and Rusty Wilson, and newcomer, Dan Keefe, 406 Cornell Avenue.

Al Roberts, 914 Stanton, is run-

ning unopposed for Village treasurer. Connie Wilson is an incumbent running for one of three openings of the Mariemont Board of Education.

TRICK OR TREAT!

The Village of Terrace Park will observe the annual Halloween Trick or Treat festivities on Sunday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fire siren will signal both the beginning and ending of this time period.

All residents are reminded to be mindful of the safety of the children during these festivities. Those who are participating are asked to turn on porch and yard lights. All are asked to drive with extreme caution during the hours that the Village is observing Halloween. Parents can enhance the safety of their children by checking costumes to ensure that their children can see and be seen in them, and by inspecting Halloween treats before allowing them to be eaten.

Police Lt. Jerry Hayhow stated that any small children who become lost may go or be taken to the police station, and use the telephone in the lobby to call an officer to assist them. Terrace Park police officers will be patrolling the streets during this busy event.

Volunteers Set Date For Annual Pancake Supper

The 34th annual Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services Pancake Supper is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Park Elementary School Cafeteria. Ticket sales began Sunday, October 24, at a cost of \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

The goal of this event is to raise money to pay for equipment to be used by your volunteer fire and EMS departments. For example, in 1993, a new ambulance was purchased at a cost of over \$50,000 with the proceeds of past pancake suppers and residents' donations.

Our Volunteer Emergency Services personnel remind residents to use the time in October when we "fall back" to normal Eastern Standard Time to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors at home. Settling one time each year to replace those batteries will help to ensure that detectors are in good working order.

Police Schedule Second Forum

Police Chief Bob Bacon has scheduled a second forum for residents who wish to meet with police officers and raise questions about police activities in Terrace Park. The meeting is set for Tues., December 7, at 7 p.m., at the Community House. All residents are welcome to attend.

Police Reach Goal On Video Cameras

Donations received from Bunny and Stewart Proctor, Sr., and Laura and Kevin Dunworth, as well as gifts from a group of residents headed by Stephanie Shiels, have resulted in the purchase of yet a third video camera for Terrace Park police cruisers.

"It was always our goal to have three cameras in operation, and we have reached this goal through the generosity of these citizens and the Terrace Park Players and Margaret Jones, who donated the other two cameras," states Chief Bob Bacon. "As Police Chief, I am overwhelmed at this response. As a person, I am proud to be a part of this community!"

Terrace Park police officers appreciate the trust that residents have put in them by responding to this request for additional equipment to help them do their job more effectively.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup season began officially on October 15 and is expected to continue through November. Police Chief Bob Bacon said there would be no free branch pickup during the leaf season. The Village is hiring a part-time worker to help with this extra work.

Bacon urged residents to make sure that piles contain nothing but leaves. Sticks and stones in the piles can damage the vacuum machinery which could seriously delay the program.

Terrace Park Welcomes AFS Student Ingvild Hjortdahl From Norway

The American Field Service Program (A.F.S.) has promoted cultural exchange among 80 countries internationally since 1947. Over 95,000 youth from abroad have experienced life in America through A.F.S. Ingvild Hjortdahl is presently living at the Terrace Park home of Terry and Jean Snider. Ingvild is attending Mariemont High School along with her American brother, Brian Snider, 16.

Coming from Solfeusjoen, Norway (population 400), located on an island between north and south Norway, too small to even be called a village, Ingvild describes her island, Donna, as "a miniature Norway, with woods, lakes, mountains, and fields (but not fjords)." She says, "It has everything. Everybody knows everybody."

Life in America is very different for Ingvild. School in Norway is less strict and does not offer the extra-curricular activities that Mariemont offers. Ingvild says, "It's not so 'fun,'" but admits that school and friends are what she misses most.

Ingvild has been surprised by the conservatism of America and Cincinnati. She concedes that it is not like she thought it would be. She

continues by saying, "In Europe, we think that you can do whatever you want in America...it is the 'country of freedom'."

Other contrasts Ingvild makes are related to prices, food, and TV. She says most things are less ex-

with observations concerning TV. It is a big change going from two channels to 60. TV is, therefore, less important in Norway. She admits, "I try not to watch too much TV."

Ingvild loves languages, traveling and singing. (She is a member



Mariemont High School AFS Students are pictured here, from left to right: Ivana Vaghi, Italy, Michael Strabo, Denmark, Claudia Muhlemann, Switzerland, and Ingvild Hjortdahl, Norway. Ricardo Gonzalez of Bolivia is not pictured.

pensive here in America. For example, a pair of Levis will cost \$100 in Norway. And eating habits are healthier in Norway because they do not have as many fast food places. She comments, "I don't eat fast food often." Then she continues

(of MHS Breakfast Club.) She also plays volleyball. She recently enjoyed working on the AFS Homecoming float and being in the parade. She likes the spirit MHS students display at Homecoming because it is such a "big deal" here.

Terrace Park suits Ingvild perfectly. She says, "I'm glad it's so green here, with trees and cute squirrels running all over." Residents have received Ingvild warmly, especially her American family, the Sniders. She says that family life is pretty similar here. She has a teen-age brother here and in Norway, and she quips, "I like them both a lot," but she says she never fights with either of them! She goes on to admit that her housekeeping responsibilities here are less demanding than in Norway.

Ingvild is very thankful for the chance to come to America. She states, "Knowledge about other cultures is important and makes you open-minded. A year like this is a wonderful experience and I encourage everyone to do the same."

This year Ingvild is one of five AFS students attending Mariemont. The others are Ricardo Gonzalez from Bolivia, Claudia Muhlemann from Switzerland, Michael Strabo from Denmark, and Ivana Vaghi from Italy.

The AFS Citrus Sale (please see the flyer inserted in this issue of *Village Views*) helps to promote this international program. Terrace Park residents are encouraged to support AFS by purchasing this top-quality fruit.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As residents of Terrace Park for nearly 20 years, we were distressed to read Paul Power's letter in the September *Village Views*.

Village celebrations "on the green" have been a time-honored tradition in the United States since colonial times. Mr. Powers criticizes the T.P. Recreation Commission as a private organization using the public Green. In point of fact, the funds raised at this event are used to provide recreation opportunities for all the children of Terrace Park; certainly this constitutes a "public" service.

Further, we are proud that the Memorial Day and Labor Day gatherings are opened with a prayer. Such is also the custom for the opening of a new session of Congress. Public acknowledgement of a Supreme Being has been a part of our national conscience since the first U.S. coins were minted with "In God We Trust."

Sincerely,
Zoe T. Moore
John W. Moore

Dear Editor:

The annual Pumpkin Festival on October 22, 1993, was a huge success. The parents, students, teachers, principal, and the entire community were responsible for not only a fun filled evening but also a huge money raiser for the Terrace Park PTA. I want to thank everyone who donated their time and energy to making the Pumpkin Festival sensational. Terrace Park once again demonstrated why this is a wonderful place to live.

Special thanks go to the Pumpkin Festival committee which did a superb job. Chris Bumheimer and Judy Deeter, Bid "N Buy"; Karen Aicklen and Buffie Rixey, Games; Kelly Schmidt, Haunted House; Sue Keffler, Pumpkin Patch Cafe; Susan Amis and Erin Rosson, Boutique; Janet Hill Smith and JoAnne Cotter, Pumpkin sales; Fiona Ehrnschwender and Erin Rosson, Bake Sale; Jane Egasti and Debbie Fletcher, Cake Walk; Dians Govert, Lollipop and Pocket Lady; Kathy Schneider, cotton candy; Nancy Seward, Tattoos; Anne Woolsey, Tickets; Tina Hesser, Fortune Teller;

Lauren Graf, Grizzlefritz; Debbie Oliver, Decorations; David Moyer, Clean Up; Marcia Moyer, Pumpkin Festival Treasurer. There were many, many, many more volunteers who gave of their time to help make the evening possible and a heartfelt thanks to you all.

The Pumpkin Festival proceeds report to PTA will be made at the November meeting and we look forward to that final tally.

Sincerely,
Melanie Hynden
Lane Merten
Pumpkin Festival Co-Chairs



Lane Merten and Melanie Hynden, co-chairs of Terrace Park School's Pumpkin Festival, "tip-toe among the pumpkins" at the annual PTA Pumpkin Sale held in the school yard, October 5,6,7.

Dear Editor:

As I rode my bicycle around the Village recently, I noticed many piles of loose gravel left from the tar and chip resurfacing work done more than a month ago. I was reminded of the serious injuries sustained by my wife and son several years ago in a bicycle accident caused by loose gravel left from tar and chipping. I think it would be a good idea to remove the excess road resurfacing gravel chips in a more timely fashion than is currently being done, doing it more than once, if necessary.

Sincerely,
Richard M. Wachterman



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Terrace Park Candidates For Nov. 2 Election



Tim Brown, Council



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Dan Keefe, Council



Dan Startman, Jr., Council



Rusty Wilson, Council

Tree Committee Update

by Bob Terwilligar

The tree committee met October 14 to discuss the completion of the survey and the recommendations to council for the ongoing tree program in Terrace Park. In September, the committee sent recommendations to Barbara Howland for consideration by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. One of the recommendations was the establishment of the position of Urban Forester, which is now in the process of being done (see the council story in this issue of *Village Views*). Holand met with the committee and discussed the implementation of some of our other recommendations.

John Bowers reported that over 900 trees are now typed in the computer survey. This should be about one-third of our trees. We still have a couple of streets not turned in, but the survey is virtually complete. Thanks to all who helped.

We also discussed the necessary removal of several trees this winter. Randy Haller has notified residents whose trees are included, and members of the tree committee have looked over the trees slated for removal. They are not the only ones that are in bad shape, but they are the worst ones. If you have trees that you think need attention, removal or pruning, please put the information in writing and drop it off at the village office to Randy's attention. We will try to look at them and do what we can when we can.



Al Roberts, Treasurer



Connie Wilson, School Board

Summer Memories

by Polly Bassett

After the death of our cat, Chester, two years ago, the yard seems to have been taken over by other animals. Imagine my surprise to see a woodchuck actually sitting up on its hind legs at the end of our deck wall, viewing the surrounding territory. Occasionally one pops out from under the deck where perhaps it has a back door.

It is not so cute to see my parsley disappear twice and my columbine leaves and Japanese painted fern nibbled half way to the ground!

Beyond the deck and under the family room crawl space, a raccoon raises a family for probably the second year. Furtive around their den, they have been spotted only a few times, but we hear chirping sounds in spring and rustling against the furnace pipes buried there. What could be better than air conditioning in summer and heat in winter?

The terribly hot dry spell has caused many of our oak leaves to fall early. However, beneath a clump of leaves, far out on a small branch and safe from any predators, is last year's oriole's nest. I wait to see this carefully constructed cradle which

sways in every breeze. I hear the male's sweet song in our yard again this year but have yet to find the nest of '93.

A great blue heron is a stately dignified bird. Aside from a loud squawk, both by day and night, it appears generally unperturbed. It stands like a statue while waiting for a fish and wades slowly with an odd yet graceful gait. Folding itself into a tree or flying with leisurely wing beats, it surprises me how fast it can snatch a fish. What a chuckle I have the day the fish gets away! Wiggling out of the heron's beak with a flash of silver, it is free. The heron runs after it, wings flapping and legs akimbo in pursuit before giving up and flying away in resignation.

My mother used to say that summer was half over by the 4th of July. To me, summer isn't really here until the August days and nights are filled with buzzing, clicking, chirping, droning and humming. My summer mood is set by these small creatures.

Now it is September. The light is changing, the night air is cooler and soon it will be quiet again until next summer.

Terrace Parkers Welcome Additional Newcomers To Area

by Susan Austin

With Indian summer days and cool evenings upon us, many Terrace Park residents are taking to the streets for leisurely strolls. When you do, please take a moment to extend a warm welcome to those newcomers who are anxious to be a part of the Terrace Park Community!

Valarie and Jeff Arington and their children, Zachary (3), and Elizabeth (4 mo) to 811 Myrtle - possibly our newest residents - just two weeks ago! Valarie is a temporarily retired physical therapist and Jeff is Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Duramed Pharmaceuticals. Valarie is anxious to meet other "at home" moms and potential playmates.

Donald and Lydia Benz and their children Shannon (22), and Tony Jones (16) to 955 Elm Court. Don and Lydia were very interested in building a home and were the first residents of Terrace Park's newest development. They were living in Milford and found Terrace Park convenient to Don's business, Real Estate and home rental property in the Eastgate area, and to Lydia's employment as an executive secretary for a surgical supply company in Fairfax.

Biff and Janet Black and their three children Christie, Biff and Andy to 211 Terrace Place. They moved from Mariemont because they really loved the area. Biff works for the Trust and Investment division of 5th 3rd Bank. Janet works in consumer research for Proctor and Gamble. Biff Jr. and Andy are currently at Mariemont High School and Christie is a sophomore at Miami University.

When asked "Why Terrace Park?" Kris and John Burbank enthusiastically replied "Why...the only thing missing from this quaint little New England style village is the OCEAN!!!!" Kris and John were transferred to Cincinnati from the suburban Chicago area, and after a brief hiatus in the West Chester area, settled into 600 Myrtle with their ferocious little puppy. Both are employed by Proctor and Gamble - Kris in Public Affairs and John in Finance.

Suzanne and Bob Doran and their 3 1/2 year old son Jonathan to

504 Yale. The moved from Oxford, Ohio. Bob is the architect/owner of The Architecture Studio. Suzanne is also an architect, although currently taking a sabbatical to raise little Jonathan. They chose Terrace Park because of the excellent school system.

Monica and Geoff Morgan and their delightful dalmatian Ksaibab to 103 Redbird Lane. Geoff is a CPA with Coopers and Lybrand. Monica is a product manager for Hillshire Farms and Kahn's. Geoff grew up in Terrace Park (with parents on Lexington Avenue) and wanted to return home. They are avid outdoor enthusiasts with interests in hiking, camping, and golf.

Jeff and Janet Nelson so enjoyed the differences between Wyoming and Terrace Park that they bought their new home here at 618 Lexington. Jeff is a Program Coordinator for Seniors with The Jewish Vocational Services. He also helps mentally handicapped adults to access community services. Janet is an Office Manager with Charles F. Shields and Company.

Polly and John Parke and their two year old daughter Rafferty are really enjoying the new friends they have made since moving into 611 Home Street. They moved this summer from Annapolis, Maryland, when John was transferred in the Marketing Division of Gallo Wine. Polly is currently a homemaker and Mom to Rafferty.

Ted and Anne Swartz and their children, Nicole and Gabe, left the city life in Clifton for the quiet village atmosphere of Terrace Park, as they settled into 128 Wrenwood Lane. Ted is a Sales representative for a publishing company. Anne is a homemaker and Mom. Nicole is in medical school at NE Ohio State School of Medicine at Rootstown and Gabe started his freshman year at Wright State University in Dayton.

Joan and Jerry Swormstedt moved this summer to 2 Stoney Creek from Mariemont. They are enjoying the quiet secluded drive with the brook winding along Stoney Creek. After raising five children in Mariemont, they have loved this area for years, and one day fell in love with their new home and decided to make the change.

Rich and Wendy Woodruff and their one month old son Wesley to 149 Wrenwood. They were living in an apartment in Springdale and really liked Terrace Park. They are excited to make their first home "home" in the village. Rich manages the Signature Inn in Florence, KY. Wendy is on maternity leave this year from her teaching position in the Forest Hills School district.

Please welcome new neighbors and friends! As newcomers move onto your street, please notify Susan Austin at 831-8235.



Minor Honored

Amy Minor was recently honored at Sibcy Cline's 1993 Annual Awards ceremony for her outstanding sales performance over the past year. Amy achieved the prestigious Silver Award which represents one of Sibcy Cline's top sales levels. She has been an associate with Sibcy Cline for four years. Amy's Silver sales level status also qualifies her for membership in Sibcy Cline's *Top Club*, which includes the highest performers of the company's more than 700 Realtors.

Professionally, Amy is a member of the Cincinnati Board of Realtors as well as the Ohio and National Associations of Realtors.

Amy resides at 112 Robinwood Lane in Terrace Park with her two children, Heather and Will.



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T.P. Newcomers Plan Dinner Meeting

The newly-formed Terrace Park Newcomers Group will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, November 10, at 7 p.m., with a dinner to be served at the Millcroft, 203 Mill Road, in Old Milford. Reservations should be made before November 3, by calling Erin Rosson, 831-5259, or Marilynne Chapman, 248-4705.

Fifth Third Bank Donates To Society For The Preservation Of Music Hall



Joyce VanWye, President of the Society for the Preservation of Music Hall, is pictured above on the left, after she has accepted a grant of \$25,000 from the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts (Fifth Third Bank, Trustee) from Phillip Long, Fifth Third Bank, center, and Carolyn McCoy, Foundation Officer, right. The Society for the Preservation of Music Hall is an organization dedicated to the upkeep and preservation of the historic hall, built in 1878 and recognized as a National Historic Landmark. This grant covers one half of the \$50,000 SPMH hopes to raise for the purchase of new carpeting for Music Hall's North and South Corridors.

VanWye and her husband, Jack, have lived in Terrace Park for a number of years, currently on Wagon Road; and both have contributed greatly of their talents and love of music to this community. Anyone interested in the SPMH may contact VanWye or mail a donation to the Society for the Preservation of Music Hall, 1243 Elm Street, Cincinnati 45210 (621-1919).

Swim Club Announces Openings On Board, For Membership

Terrace Park Swim Club is pleased to announce that they have openings for membership for the 1993-94 season. Membership includes swimming, tennis and special events privileges. There is a one-time \$900 initiation fee, plus 5.5% tax, and annual dues of \$365, plus 5.5% tax. For an application or for additional information, contact Mickey Forbes, 831-1818.

Open positions on the Pool Board include the following: Secretary, Women's Tennis, Swim Team, Pool and Grounds, and Concession. Each carries a three year term. There is also an opening for a paid bookkeeper. Anyone interested in one of these positions may contact John Borchers, 831-1456.

Village Views Appoints Board

As we promised you in the May issue of *Village Views*, we have taken the steps necessary to become a non-profit corporation. For the past 27 years, *Village Views* has been published by a casually organized group of interested residents, each of whom was willing to give of their time and considerable talents toward keeping their neighbors informed of the *Village* news.

Now, however, we felt it prudent to institute more of a "corporate structure" to respond to a variety of needs as we continue to grow with the community. One need was to gain a federal identification number, which is required for our account at the bank. By officially becoming a non-profit corporation, we gained the advantage of being able to qualify for a "bulk rate" postal permit, and we can thus now mail the *Village Views* to all residents.

Part of the process for gaining non-profit status was appointing a volunteer Board of Directors for the *Village Views*. We are pleased to introduce them to you. Serving as President of the Board is Edward B. Annett. Ed has been a resident of Terrace Park off and on since 1953. He and his wife, Ogle, are agents with West Shell Realtors, and Ed has served for many years as a volunteer fireman.

Shelley Cowan has been elected Vice President of the Board. She and her husband, Wes, moved to Terrace Park two and a half years ago. Shelley is a copywriter and advertising consultant.

Secretary/Treasurer of the Board is Patricia Henley. Pat and her husband, Bob, have been residents for 42 years. A former member of *Village* council, Henley has been involved with *Village Views* in some

capacity since it began in 1969, serving off and on as editor and writer of council news.

Robert O. Leming, a retired attorney, is a Board member. He and his wife, Rita, have called Terrace Park "home" for 42 years. Bob has served on council and was city solicitor for 20 years. Rita and Bob have been involved for the past few years in organizing the many volunteers needed to "stuff and fold" the *Village Views* for mailing.

Rounding out the Board of five members is Ellis Rawnsley. A retired newspaperman, Ellis and his late wife, Bonita, were known to almost everyone, having lived in the *Village* for 52 years. Ellis served as *Village Views* editor for 15 years, until he stepped down in 1991, and he has continued to cover council news. He was one of the founders of the volunteer fire department and life squad, where he served 25 years, including eight as chief.

Kathy Startzman will continue as Editor, and Maggie Tobergte will maintain her position as Business Manager.

Women And Heart Disease Brochure

The latest studies show a surprising picture: heart attack is the number one killer of American women. To increase awareness of women's risk for heart disease, the American Heart Association has developed a brochure called "Silent Epidemic: The Truth About Women and Heart Disease". For a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to American Heart Association, 2936 Vernon Place, Cincinnati 45219.

On Council

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time, consideration must be given to how federal statutes can control our zoning codes and how we can consistently regulate the placement of such devices. The federal code does not prohibit our regulation of such devices, but must be considered in our decision.

*A resolution honoring Bob Leming for his many years of service to the *Village* will be presented to him at the November 4 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

*Gilchrist reminded Council that Planning and Zoning Commission meetings, as well as those of the Zoning Board of Appeals, are open to the public, and visitors are welcome.

*Julie Rugh reported that I.C.R.C. and Warner Cable will meet in November to negotiate.

*Rugh reminded Council members that as of December 1, 1993, Rumpke will not take any yard wastes with regular garbage collection.

*Life Squad Chief Connie Wilson reported 17 EMS runs in September. Two residents are currently enrolled in a new EMS training class.

*Fire Chief Phil Schneider reported two fire runs in September.

*Street Commissioner Bob Bacon announced that a Surface Water Distribution System was replaced at Stanton and Yale Avenues.

*Building Commissioner Tim Harth reported a total of 13 permits issued in September, for a total of \$282,159. Harth also informed Council that new permit fees have been put into effect, because, by ordinance, Terrace Park fees must match those of Hamilton County and County fees were recently raised.

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**Bob Gerhard Reflects Upon 25 Years
As Rector of St. Thomas Church**

by Camilla Warrick

When he was a young seminarian, Bob Gerhard had one prayer for his future: "Oh Lord, never send me to suburbia."

He tells the story while seated in his bright, second-floor office at St. Thomas Episcopal Church whose windows look out on the quiet streets of Terrace Park and the quieter woods behind the church. He's at least 30 minutes from Cincinnati's demanding core.

How do you explain this, a visitor asks.

His face crinkles with pleasure. "The Lord has a sense of humor," he said. "You think you want to do certain things and He pats you on the head and sends you in another direction."

Gerhard not only shuddered at the thought of suburbia, but he also had no intention of doing his ministry in the United States. His plan was to teach at a seminary in Asia.

Then, while working with graduate students at Northwestern University, he met a young social worker whose charms changed his plans. Bob and Ernestine Gerhard married and followed calls to churches in

Rockford, Ill., Three Rivers, Mich., and Barrington, Ill., before they and their four children were lured here in 1968.

Although a call to an Episcopal parish is for life, Gerhard came knowing that "if you're in a place for 10 years, you better know why. It could be a sign of spiritual atrophy." But the Gerhards have been here for 25, and the sampler of events that friends at the church put together attests to a series of challenges and accomplishments. He describes his experience here as "lively."

The Gerhards' gifts to St. Thomas were celebrated over the weekend of Oct. 1-3 with a surprise dinner Friday night at the Platt Park Center in Cincinnati, a Saturday afternoon reception and special Sunday church services, with Bishop Thompson celebrating the eucharist at the second service and a former assistant, the Rev. Fred LaCrone (now of W. Palm Beach, Fla.) delivering the sermon.

Gerhard said he knew something was in the works ("I was expecting pickled chicken in the Undercroft with a sheet cake"), but was utterly

surprised and delighted by the scope of the celebration. "It was very gratifying," he said.

During Gerhard's "first 25 years" at St. Thomas, as parishioners put it, the church sponsored a Cambodian family, started its healing ministry (with the leadership of Emily Gardner Neal), deepened its involvement in the Inter Parish Ministry, helped start two other congregations and built 100 units of low-cost housing in Clermont County. Gerhard is particularly proud of the congregation for this accomplishment.

He'll never forget the day that someone stood up at a meeting and asked, "What are we doing with all that money in our endowment?" Sitting on the sidelines, Gerhard was silently shouting "Hooray!" The vestry considered the issue and decided to apply one-year's income from the endowment to start the housing mission. Gerhard says that gifts of time and professional talent knocked at least \$1.5 million from the cost of the project. Each unit was constructed for \$52,000.

"The rector's role is that of a roof," he said. "Half the time I'm getting out of peoples' way when the Lord calls and the other half I'm enabling them to act."

St. Thomas' congregation, of nearly 1,200 members, are involved in a number of ministries and outreach projects. Many are also active in community life. According to Gerhard, the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, the Memorial and Labor Day events, the village newspaper, Terrace Park Players were all begun at the church.

"I think St. Thomas is the soul of Terrace Park," he said. "We're always pounding the drum, getting people face to face with other people."

So what did he have against suburbia?

He was afraid it would be bland and monochromatic. "My greatest fear was that this nice enclave could easily zip itself up and let the rest of the world go by," he said. But he believes parishioners have resisted that temptation.

"We're very blessed. We've made friends and it's been a very nourishing place for us," Gerhard said. "And we've tried to keep the doorway open to the broader community."



Mayor Randy Casteel congratulates Rev. Gerhard on behalf of the Village at a reception held at the Community House. (Photo Courtesy Jeff Willis)



Rev. Bob Gerhard, with his wife, Ernestine, enjoy a lavish, surprise dinner given in honor of Gerhard's 25th anniversary as rector of St. Thomas Church. (Photo Courtesy Jeff Willis)

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**Mariemont Church
Forms Group For
Preschool Moms**

Tuesday mornings will be busy ones for area women at the Mariemont Community Church this fall. An active group, "Mothers of Preschoolers", has formed. They meet from 9 to 9:30 am for a casual coffee, with programs following offered by Women's Ministries. This fall, the MOPS group will be reading "Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right" for 12 weeks, meeting from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Child care will be provided, and church affiliation is not required.

All community women are invited to attend. Additional electives and Bible studies are also available. For more information concerning these programs, call Mary Emery, 248-4742 (evenings), Susan Austin, 831-8235, or the Church office, 271-4376.

**Garden Club Plans
Program At Civic
Garden Center**

Terrace Park Garden Club President, Faye Corey, invites Village residents to be guests of Club members at the Tuesday, October 5 program at the Civic Garden Center. Angelo Romdaci, Director of Horticulture at the CGC will talk about "How to Prepare For Fall", offering tips on perennials, fall color and how to put your garden to bed. Dessert will be served at noon, and the program will follow. Carpools are being arranged by Garden Club members. For directions or further information, please call Lanie Grever, 831-3335.

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