

# VILLAGE VIEWS

## TERRACE PARK, OHIO

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### Building citation issued by Fiedler

By Katy Wood

New Building Official William Fiedler has issued his first citation for zoning violations. Council discussed the incident at its October meeting at length, asking questions of Fiedler and Village Solicitor Robert Malloy, due to the circumstances of the case.

The citation, given to Randy Phillips of 603 Marietta, was issued because Mr. Phillips constructed a

fence despite being denied a permit to do so. The fence is out of variance due to its height. The Phillips live on a corner lot. In effect, their side yard, where the fence was constructed, is considered a "front" yard in terms of the building code.

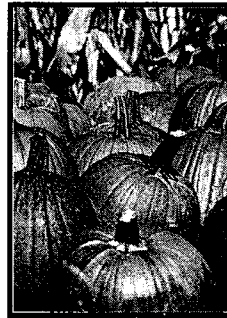
The citation required Mr. Phillips to make an appearance at Mayor's Court. He requested a variance hearing and received continu-

ances of his court dates, so that he might attend October 18's Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

Initial questions from Council members had to do with the granting of the court date continuances.

"A resident flagrantly chose to proceed without a permit?" asked Councilman Al Duplace, for clarification. Mr. Malloy concurred that

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### HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Trick or Treat October 31  
Village siren sounds at 6:00 p.m.  
to indicate the start of trick or  
treating. Ends at 8 p.m.

Photo: Ellie Pohlman

### Mariemont City School Board Candidates

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

According to the Ohio State Boards Association, the purpose of the School Board is to improve public education. To that end, the



Marie Huenefeld



Sue Keffer



Rick Koehler

members primarily establish effective Board policies, delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent and staff, and establish a system of regular and impartial evaluations of all staff. Village Views canvassed residents for questions for the candidates Marie Huenefeld, Sue Keffer and Rick Koehler. All the candidates think there should be at least one member from each of the three communities, and after that, the proportion is not important. Each candidate knows and receives calls from people in all the communities and not just the one in which they live, and all believe they would represent everyone. **Please remember to vote.**

#### 1. Tell us about your decision to run for School Board.

HUENEFELD: In 1985 I co-chaired the school levy campaign and be-

came so wrapped up in it that I decided to run for School Board. Before that, I had been on the PTA Board for elementary and high school. I am a graduate of Mariemont High School and so are my children. I am an advocate for children.

KEFFER: I wanted experience at all levels before I ran for School Board. I got involved in PTA when (my high schooler son) Chad was in kindergarten. My children are still in the school system. I have been TP PTA president, Junior High PTO secretary (where I also volunteer in the computer lab), and MHS PTO

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### "Summer Migration" moves through town

Mark Eberhard has been selected to participate for the third consecutive year in the "Birds in Art" exhibition at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau, Wisconsin. His painting, "Summer Migration," was a crowd favorite. It was one of 92 works selected worldwide to be included in this year's show. The travelling exhibition will be shown at three other American museums throughout the next year: The Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw, Michigan; Wendell Gilley Museum, Southwest Harbor, Maine; and Michelson Museum of Art, Marshall, Texas.

Eberhard is also represented in the current Society of Animal Artists' "Art and the Animal," a juried show of international wildlife artists. Presently on exhibit at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, his painting of a Northern Oriole and fledgling was selected to be part of the Society's Year 2000 National Tour of four museums: The Burpee Museum of Natural History, Rockford, Illinois; Utah Mu-



Mark Eberhard (right) and Kathy Foley, director of the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, smile at his show-stopping painting.

seum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah; Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, Wisconsin; and The R.W. Norton Art Gallery, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Locally Eberhard's work can be viewed beginning November 13 at The Great American Artists' Show

and Exhibition at the WCET gallery downtown and November 20 at Row House Gallery's "Treasures in Miniature" show in Milford. Holding an MFA from Yale University, he paints from his home in Terrace Park.

### Local candidates speak out to Terrace Park

November 2, 1999 is election day. Polls open at the Community Building at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. The following questions were submitted to and returned by the Council and Mayoral candidates in writing. On pages 1, 2 and 3 of this issue are interviews with three Terrace Park residents who are running for Mariemont City School Board. **Please remember to vote!**



John Finnigan  
for Mayor



Dan Startzman  
for Mayor



Jim Peterkin  
for Council



Randy Phillips  
for Council



Julie Rugh  
for Council

#### 1. What, in your judgment, are the most pressing issues facing Terrace Park?

##### For Mayor:

- ❖ FINNIGAN
- ❖ Maintain and improve our current level of government services without increasing taxes
- ❖ Keep the Village infrastructure in good operating condition
- ❖ Support the activity of the volunteer organizations that help defray Village expenditures, i.e., Life Squad, Fire Department, and Recreation Commission

STARTSMAN: I do not see any one

or two "pressing issues" except to maintain services and manage Village funds responsibly. We are faced with the usual problems of any small Village that has a limited budget. We have to be responsible to the people as far as money being well spent. I do not see any drastic changes, just grappling with the recurring issues of how do we pay for this project or that piece of equipment, or to watch development to make sure it is done properly, or to deal with state and federal government restrictions.

##### For Council:

PETERKIN: All communities face

budgetary restrictions as a pressing issue, and Terrace Park is no exception. We must always be mindful of how our tax funds are spent. Another issue I feel is important is safety. While there are many avenues from which to pursue them, having well constructed sidewalks and properly implemented water mains are two areas that are currently before us, and I would like to see them done suitably and correctly. A third issue is a controversial one. The Ohio DNR bike trail's progress through the Village must be dealt with proactively, rather than put off because of differing views and potential heated debate. I be-

lieve we can address this issue so that all parties involved realize a positive outcome. One final issue continues to occupy us: building and zoning. Although the Village appears, on the surface, to have settled this issue, I think there are still underlying matters about the process that we must reexamine. All of these issues require interaction and communication for appropriate outcomes

PHILLIPS: The most important and difficult tasks are to maintain our current standard of excellence and our culture. We need to preserve those qualities that make Terrace Park unique. We all chose Terrace Park as the place to raise our families for different reasons. However, we all share concerns about preserving Village safety, its green

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#### 40th Annual Pancake Supper November 6

The annual pancake supper for the benefit of the Terrace Park Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services will be held at the Terrace Park Elementary School on November 6, 1999, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Ticket sales will begin on Sunday, October 25. The price is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 10 years of age.

**This is the 40th year for the event. Hope to see you there!**

#### LEAVES

The maintenance crew began picking up leaves mid-October, and will continue through the end of November. They ask Village residents to rake leaves to the curb, not into the street. There will be no brush pick-up during leaf season; brush mixed with the leaves clogs up the system. **PLEASE, NO BRUSH OR STONE MIXED WITH LEAVES!** Also, watch for toys, tricycles, etc. under your piles.

## Letters to the Editor

To the City of Terrace Park:

How do we even begin to thank you? Each and every person who lives in Terrace Park is an incredible person with a huge heart.

Kylie had the time of her life, being the Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade. She talks daily about how fun it was to throw candy to the children and to ride in "a car without a top." Kylie has been proudly showing off her scrapbook of the week long events, paying particular attention to the pictures of the parade. We are sure that this is a trip she will never forget.

We owe a special thank you to all of the children who made signs for Kylie to see along the parade route. Kylie now has those signs, and they are in her room for her to show her friends.

The cards, gifts and well wishes from Terrace Park have been overwhelming. We have started telling people that if they are looking for an incredible community to live in, it is in Terrace Park.

As you know, Kylie has had a very difficult year. She has already been through a great deal and has a long road of continued rehabilitation and life-long medical monitoring ahead. She has come through her trials with flying colors, due to hard work on her part, prayers and the support from individuals like you. Even though we do not know what lies ahead, we are confident that Kylie will continue to go through life with a smile, enjoying every moment.

From the bottoms of our hearts, we thank you. Your kindness and outpouring of love has not gone unappreciated.

Best wishes and God Bless!  
Mac and Rachel Harris  
Conyers, Georgia

[Editor's note: *Village Views* regrets mistakenly naming Mr. Harris "Mike" in the September issue.]

Many, Many Thanks,

To all of those who signed our petition requesting that parole be denied to the man who was involved in the murder of our son, Greg. The California Parole Board meeting at Corcoran State Prison denied his parole. He will be in prison for another three years. Thank you all very much.

Bill and Gisela Lock  
816 Yale

Dear Terrace Park,

Bob Schwab has been our loyal Terrace Park *Enquirer* carrier for over twenty years. Through the worst weather conditions we have all ways received the paper.

Now he is no longer able to deliver our papers because of his ill health, and he needs our help. A card to cheer him up while he waits at home for heart surgery would be so welcome. Let's let him know how much we appreciate him and his work. His address is Robert Schwab, 6939 Ragland Road, Newtown, OH 45244.

Thanks,  
Dot Sperry  
905 Stanton

Dear residents of Terrace Park:

On November 2, you will be asked to vote to approve a renewal of our current 9.5 mill tax levy. Your vote to approve will not increase your real estate taxes but will keep them at the same rate as first approved by voters in 1993.

As we are all painfully aware, the Hamilton County Auditor's Office completed its reappraisal of Village property this year and increased the appraised value of that property by 35%. However, by voting to renew the tax levy the Village will receive no additional benefit due to the increase in property values. Because of the reduction factor applied by the county auditor to renewal levies, the levy will generate the same amount of revenue for the Village as it did before the re-evaluation.

Council has decided to request that taxes remain the same for several reasons. Over the years, Terrace Park has been fortunate to be able to maintain an adequate cash reserve. This reserve will be reduced by up to half at the completion of the water line replacement project that will begin this fall. If we are to maintain Village services at their current level and consider future infrastructure projects, such as sidewalks on Wooster Pike, equipment purchases and major maintenance projects, we need to maintain a cash reserve. To maintain the level of reserve remaining after payment of the water line project will require the funds generated by the renewal of this levy.

The cash reserve funds are kept at a prudent level to protect the Village and its residents in the event of emergencies or unanticipated expenditures. These reserves are now adequate, but they should be kept close to the level anticipated to be on hand at the end of this year.

To maintain the level of service consistent with Terrace Park's quality of life, your approval of this renewal levy is critical. Your Council, safety and operational departments are working hard to provide the best service at the lowest cost. We ask for your support and urge you to vote **YES** for the renewal of the 9.5 mill levy on November 2.

Jack Brown                      Stephen Holmes

Al Duplace                      Dan Keefe

John Finnigan                  Julie Rugh

Mayor Dan Startzman, Jr.

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#### **December Deadline Change:**

In order to accommodate holiday advertisements, *Village Views* is changing the deadline for the December, 1999 issue to Monday, **Dec. 6** All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday Dec. 6, 1999. **The November, 1999 deadline remains the second Monday, November 8 at 9:00 p.m. Thank you for your attention to these details.**

#### **LEAVING THE VILLAGE?**

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president. Also, being an employee of the district gave me added perspective. At TP I worked as an aide with computers, in the office and in the library. I was a librarian at Fairfax Elementary. Parents often don't know why a decision was made, but with my own eyes I saw other considerations that have to be taken into account.

KOEHLER: When I first ran I felt it was important to have a Board member who had children in the system. It gives you an immediate vested interest. I feel that way now—that I'm working for all children and mine as well. It's a driving force.

**2. Proficiencies aside, how are we developing academic excellence? For example, at the end of the 1997 school year, 13% of the Terrace Park Class of 2005 left the Mariemont school system, in conversation most citing the lack of academic challenges and services. Two more left the next year and three more are slated to transfer. What is your response, your ideas?**

HUENEFELD: The quality of our staff is important. Staff is 80% of our budget. Academic excellence is measured through feedback from parents. The more parental involvement, the better the academic excellence is. Parental involvement is important if students are to decide to attend a first tier college. Results from the proficiencies resulted in the infusion of citizenship into the curriculum. We have a new science curriculum. Academic excellence is also measured in reports to the Board about test scores.

KEFFER: We rotate through the curriculum of all the subjects for curriculum review. We no longer have a curriculum director so Dr. Harris does the curriculum. The problem is funding for staff for enrichment programs. My children have been challenged, and the parents I know whose children are in Honors have been challenged if they took it seriously. We need an exit poll. We could learn something. I have no problems with parents choosing another school if that is best for them. I don't want to see us lose good families based on rumors that the high school and junior high are nothing but trouble. A lot goes back to communication, if you're doing a wonderful job but no one is hearing about it. We need more opportunities for parents to get involved with the staff.

KOEHLER: Superintendent Gary Harris is an academician, and academics are high on my list. We've added AP science, language and art and are looking into adding others. In the state of Ohio, we're in the top 15 (public) schools. I don't know how our SAT's compare. If you measure teacher salaries, athletic or academic programs with the other districts (Indian Hill, Madeira, Sycamore, Wyoming), we're with them.

**3. The new jobs for the new millennium are in math and science. How does our school track and reflect that reality?**

HUENEFELD: You have to keep up with the times. I am fascinated with computers. The high school has new science labs. The bond issue has to do with updating and with computers in the lab. We have updated the elementary school science curriculum, and we look at test scores.

KEFFER: We have a strong math and science curriculum challenging even the more advanced student with a variety of AP courses. Our curriculum is reviewed on a rotating basis with math being reviewed this year and science next year. I

believe parental input is important and encourage parents to express their views.

KOEHLER: Technology is at the forefront. We're spending quite a bit on computers and Internet access. This is the key to our children's future. The superintendent, principals, math and science chairs keep track of this. Also, Dr. Harris still teaches at Miami University and stays updated on what is current at the collegiate level and knows colleges' expectations.

**4. How is the Special Education program evaluated, and how is the Learning Disability program evaluated. What are your ideas for improvement?**

HUENEFELD: Our Special Education program is one of the most outstanding in the city. We have excellent teachers. I want to keep the excellent staff and keep learning new ways and methods of teaching. We need more computers and more software to be developed and personalized for each child. I have a particular, though not overshadowing, interest in the Special Education program because my son became disabled and went through the Mariemont Special Education program. I am not sure how the programs are evaluated.

KEFFER: The school district takes a very conservative approach because we are financially responsible. We meet the state minimums. I am not sure how these programs are evaluated.

KOEHLER: Dr. Sasson heads these programs and he works with the county in supplying services to students in these areas. We have students from Indian Hill and Madeira in LD programs because of the services we offer. I am not sure how these programs are evaluated.

**5. What about teenagers using drugs and alcohol when not on school property. As an adult and a community leader, what would you do if you witnessed usage?**

HUENEFELD: Usage is illegal for teenagers. It is important to work on our curriculum about these issues, sponsor motivational speakers. The Board has been asked to research a drug-testing program, of which I am not yet for or against. Depending on the situation, if I saw a student I would talk to the parent if I knew the parent, or report it to school. We have a responsibility to intervene.

KEFFER: Using underage is illegal. I don't approve of it or of parents allowing them at parties. The students have signed a contract, whether they're on school time or off. I would feel obliged to report it. KOEHLER: If I knew of a student or saw one using alcohol, I would explain to the parents what I saw and help them handle the situation. If parents want to take it to the next level, that's their choice.

**6. How does the Fine Arts program compare to comparable schools and what are your ideas?**

HUENEFELD: We have an outstanding Fine Arts program. The wonderful Fine Arts Committee works on grants for a computer in art class. We do as much as other schools. If there is a bond issue, that would involve fine arts for kilns, storage for costumes and props, space for the strings, enhanced classroom for visual art.

KEFFER: The Fine Arts organization is creating a committee that will be doing extensive review and comparison with other schools. The "Pod People" is a wonderful way to get students, parents and community into the school.

KOEHLER: Between athletics and

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fine arts, over 80% of students are involved in extracurricular activities, though a large chunk of that is in athletics. We have as many plays, concerts, fine arts performances as any school. We as a Board, with Dr. Harris, look for the right personnel to lead these programs, and the students seem enthused by the changes.

**7. Anything more about your candidacy for School Board?**

HUENEFELD: I am dedicated to children. I am an independent thinker, not afraid to make decisions, with no personal agenda. I have done a good job on the Board and have the time and energy to enjoy the challenge. My children and I attended the Mariemont Schools. Safety and security—it's important to educate children in a safe environment, teaching them to respect each other, to work as a team. I want to continue what we're doing and do it better, that is, top test scores and technology, more in-services on how to deal with

troubled children. I am a child advocate.

KEFFER: I have had extensive involvement in four of the schools in a variety of leadership roles, and I have a unique perspective. The students know me and asked for my help in getting the Spirit Club approved by the Board. I am a good communicator, and I think the Board needs to do a better job communicating. I would like to see people with school age children get more involved in the Board. I am excited about the changes: school spirit, students supporting each other and going to each others' events, teachers being supportive.

KOEHLER: I'd like to see smaller class sizes, 18 and under. I want to push academics because I know how difficult it is to get into college today. I would like students to have a better sense of pride and dignity. At honors and athletics ceremonies I would like to see boys wearing shirts, tucked in, with ties and girls wearing skirts or dresses. Also, the Volunteering program needs to be more serious and professional.

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space and its present feeling of community. These are Village priorities which members of Council can actively protect. Among the issues facing members of Council in the future will be how to focus limited resources on Village services that reflect residents' priorities. However, council cannot work in a vacuum. I believe it is the responsibility of Council members to increase community input and to explore avenues to encourage connectivity between residents and Council. High quality Council members, who act in the best interests of their constituents, equals stewardship from your local government.

RUGH: I believe two are currently presenting challenges for Village Council and residents. As a Council we are responsible for reviewing and managing the Village budget. While I have been on Council the decisions made have been conservative and frugal. This has provided us with a reserve for the replacement of many inadequate water mains. Conservative spending has also allowed us to keep tax levies at the same, or in some instances lower, millage. Many surrounding communities need to increase tax dollars. It is important that Council continues to be conservative and frugal, while maintaining a high standard of community service. Secondly, I believe we need to be pro-active and informed on the progress of the Little Miami Rails to Trails program. This issue is very sensitive, and I do not want us to hide our heads in the sand and hope it will go away. I believe we need to approach the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and investigate what can be done to protect the privacy and concerns of Village residents, particularly those who live along the trail. I would like to see the Village control the number of entrances. I would like fencing,

as well as trees and bushes, to act as barriers without taking away from the beauty of Terrace Park. This can only be done effectively if we are working with the ODNR and not working against them.

**2. What are your top three priorities as a candidate?**

**For Mayor:**  
FINNIGAN

- ❖ Operate Village government within our means—no real property tax increases
- ❖ Subject to budgeting constraints, perform needed improvements: replace antiquated water mains (already budgeted); replace some of the sidewalks along Wooster Pike that are severely deteriorated; install safety railing along the portion of Elm leading to the Swim Club; clear the extreme overgrowth from the old railroad right-of-way
- ❖ Closely monitor and supervise the activities of Village employees

**STARTSMAN:**

- ❖ Fiscal Responsibility: Village Council has not placed a tax levy increase on the ballot for the past six years. I plan to continue to make efficient use of our financial resources so that we can keep Village services at their current level, yet do not need to keep asking residents for additional monies
- ❖ Communication: I plan to continue to keep lines of communication open between residents and their Village government, by being accessible and by seeking input
- ❖ Volunteerism: Volunteerism is essential to the fabric of life here. I plan to continue to foster the volunteer nature of our Village by supporting the outreach efforts of EMS, Fire Department, our schools, Recreation Commission, Scouting and Village government

## Village Calendar 1999

**OCTOBER**

**28** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 am. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is "History of Business in medieval Europe"

**31 HALLOWEEN!** Village siren sounds at 6:00 p.m. to indicate the start of trick or treating. Ends at 8:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER**

**1** Village curbside leaf collection continues through November 24. No large brush collection at this time

**2 ELECTION DAY.** Polls open in the Community Building at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

**2** TPE PTO meeting, cafeteria, 9:30 a.m.

**3** Terrace Park Newcomers "Girls Night Out", The Kiln, Hyde Park Square, 7:30 p.m.

**4** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 am. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is "The first 1000 years of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church"

**6** Annual Pancake Supper, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. TPES cafeteria

**8** Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

**8** Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

**8** AARP meeting, St. Thomas Church, speaker to be announced, catered lunch, 12:00 noon. For reservations call **Betty Smith @ 831-5434**

**9** Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

**9** Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, "Wild About Birds", 12:00 noon, Community Building

**11** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is "English Renaissance Literature and History"

**16** Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m., public welcome

**17** Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting, Community building, 7:00 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. meeting. For membership information contact **Louann Mauk @ 831-4655**

**18** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is the origin of money, trade, finance and commerce

**19** Mariemont High School fall play, "Henrietta the VIII", Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Please submit calendar information to **Jenny Whitaker @ 248-9268** at your earliest convenience.

ation Commission, Scouting and Village government

**For Council:**  
PETERKIN:

- ❖ Face the bike trail issue, looking at it with a holistic perspective
- ❖ Re-visit the Building and Zoning issue to come to a complete, rather than partial, resolution
- ❖ No surprise here for those who know me, but I think we can use technology to enhance Village functions. I'm not talking about indiscriminate exercise of computers for computing's sake, because the budget is one of my concerns. Instead, I'm referring to focused application of inexpensive and common tools. Whether it's automating processes or communicating topics, workflow or web pages, mail merge or electronic forms, the possibilities can be as varied and long lasting as the Village cares to accomplish. Small short-term investments for long-term gains in increased efficiency and better communication benefit everyone

PHILLIPS: My first priority is to improve communication between Council and all residents. My first suggestion would be to use *Village Views* to communicate issues. An "Ask Council" column could cover items of upcoming interest, resolutions on past issues and solicit residents' views. It could also answer common questions asked by residents, such as "Why do we chip our streets instead of pave them?" "How do I get a building permit?" (an item close to my heart), "When is my sidewalk being redone?" My second suggestion is to utilize our Village web site for communication to Council members. A listing of Council members' e-mail addresses and

their committee duties should be posted. Neighbors could receive e-mail from Council regarding upcoming Village events. Many residents are comfortable utilizing the convenience of e-mail, yet do not have the time to attend Council meetings. The ability for them to send a comment or respond to a message at their ease would be useful.

My second priority is to promote a Council composition that is more reflective of our community. In all likelihood, five of the six Council positions will be held by males in their 40s to 50s. The major groups not represented on Council proportionate to the resident base are women who work at home, women who work outside the home and seniors. How do we accomplish this? We need to enact term limits on Council seats to encourage involvement. We need to increase communication between the residents and Village government. We have a plethora of talent in Terrace Park. It is a Council member's responsibility to encourage others, especially women and seniors, to become involved in Council.

My third priority is to be a good steward of the responsibility and funds entrusted to me. The wise allocation of our dollars is vital to the long-term health of the Village. It is a Council member's responsibility to make the Village a better place to live at the end of their term. RUGH: If re-elected I intend to further my work on the Safety Committee by ensuring the Village continues to receive excellent and affordable Safety Services. I am currently reviewing our safety services agreement with the Eastern Emergency Joint Ambulance District, as well as working closely with surrounding community safety departments. This is an important project


affecting the future of emergency services in the Village. I would promote a continuance in volunteer commitments by personally contacting interested residents and working closely with the many volunteer groups in Terrace Park. I would also like to establish a Neighborhood Safety/Neighborhood Watch program. We are a very safe community, but it is important for every resident to be aware of the services available to them. An education program is needed, and improved communication is essential.

**3. Why do you feel you are qualified for this position?**

**For Mayor:**

FINNIGAN: I am qualified to be mayor based on my experiences in

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## 7 Hills Previews

On Saturday, November 20, the Seven Hills School is hosting Preview Day. Families with children entering pre-K through grade 5 are invited to Open Houses at the school's two elementary divisions from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Opportunities to tour and talk will be available at the Doherty Campus, 2726 Johnstone Place, and the Lotspeich Campus, 5400 Red Bank Road.

Parents and students interested in grades 6-12 are invited to "An Introduction to Seven Hills Middle and Upper Schools" at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Hillsdale Campus, 5400 Red Bank Road. **Call Marilyn Collins, Director of Admission, @ 272-5387** for more information.

## Commended Students

Two Mariemont High School seniors and Terrace Park residents have been named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship program. Alison Wenstrup and Sarah Borchers are among the top 50,000 of over one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 PSAT/NMSQT. Though Commended Students' scores are slightly below National Merit Semifinalists, they show exceptional academic promise.

## Upcoming performances of the Choir of Men and Boys

Terrace Park's own St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys will present the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure on Saturday November 6 at 7:00 P.m. at Christ Church Cathedral and Sunday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The performances will feature a chamber orchestra, baritone soloists Michael Mayes and Mark Woolsey and treble soloists Reed Seward and Carter Woolsey. The performances are free of charge and open to the public.

The choir, founded in 1996, has sung throughout the Cincinnati area. Their annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented at St. Thomas on the last Sunday before Christmas. In June 2000, the choir will travel to Washington National Cathedral for an Evensong service.

## HELP WANTED

The Board of Zoning Appeals is looking for a person to fill a vacancy. The Board consists of five members who hear and decide appeals to grant variations to the Village's zoning regulations. Members must be residents of the Village and are appointed by the Mayor for a five-year term. If interested please contact Mayor Dan Startzman @ 831-1948 or Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Barbara Howland @ 831-0721.

## Latin Teacher Named President

Mariemont High School Latin teacher Mark Torlone has been elected the president of the Cincinnati Association of Classics Teachers for 1999-2000. The CACT is the professional organization for local classicists, including area high school Latin teachers and university professors in classical studies.

## MHS Teacher Attends Workshop

Mariemont High School science teacher Rene Dierker was one of ten local teachers to attend a summer workshop supported by the National Foundation of Science. Ms. Dierker attended a three-day workshop at the Drake Planetarium on "Hands On Universe," a software program developed at the University of California, Berkeley. As a workshop participant, Ms. Dierker received free software for Mariemont High School.

Ms. Dierker plans to use the software mainly in her astronomy class but will use some elements in Earth Science. The software provides an entire curriculum based on astronomy and it is suggested that class start by incorporating two to three activities into the curriculum and build on that.

"Hands-On is a program where kids DO astronomy," Ms. Dierker said. "They can search for Super Nova and different solar systems."

There are 500 U.S. teachers that are presently piloting "Hands-On." Mariemont is one of the few schools in this part of the country to have access to the program. Ms. Dierker will be in contact with UC Berkeley to discuss Mariemont's students' progress.

## Summer School success story

Jill Gislason, a graduate of Mariemont High School, has completed her summer term at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where she earned a 4.0. She has pledged Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Jill is the daughter of John and Jan Gislason and the sister of Bill Gislason and Amy Timmers, all of Terrace Park.

## 12 Baskets M.D. for 2000

The collection ministry for medications and medical supplies, based at St. Thomas Church, plans to resume operation next April. There will be publicity to inform and remind our community prior to the dates. Meanwhile, please save unexpired medications and supplies. Our collections are sent to Third World countries, where the need is great.

We thank all those who have responded on the four collection dates this past summer.

## Winter Water Works concerns

Water main breaks and pressure disruptions occur throughout the year, but the likelihood increases during cold weather. The Indian Hill Water Works would like to know if there are any special water needs in the community, such as continual pressure for prolonged periods during kidney dialysis. If so, please contact Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent, @ 576-8460. This knowledge can assist the Water Works in providing better service for those in need of special attention.

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## Mariemont Teacher Named To Fitton Center Board

Mariemont High School Fine Arts Chair and teacher Larry Austin has been inducted to the Board of Directors for The Fitton Center for Creative Arts. The Fitton Center, located in Hamilton, is a contemporary structure with a performance auditorium, galleries, meeting rooms, classrooms and art studios. Programming emphasizes the community and the arts. Education programs work with schools and include outreach programs for people who cannot come to the center. Gallery shows feature artists works. This year, the Center's busy schedule includes a poet-in-residence series where three nationally known poets provide workshops, school visits, and readings for the public. A monthly Music Café invites musicians to hear and present live performances. The gallery displays feature painters, sculptors, quilt artists, an annual art competition, artist apprentice program and a full slate of art classes for all ages.

## "Treasures in Miniature" comes to Milford

Row House Gallery announces its annual show of diminutive art to be held in November. Enchanting and affordable, miniatures are original art everyone can enjoy and own. The opening reception will be held from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on November 20. Those in attendance are invited to enjoy complementary refreshments and conversation with many of the contributing artists. The exhibit will continue on Sunday, November 21, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Row House Gallery is located at 211 Main Street in Old Milford. Participating artists from Terrace Park are John McFaul and Mark Eberhard.

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# Travels with Ted's Toys & Trains

Ted's Toys & Trains, a family-owned store in Terrace Park, has just relocated in order to house more inventory and accommodate more shoppers. The move to 614 Wooster Pike, just a few doors down from the previous location, allows for the same convenient off-street parking. According to owner Ted Gardner, "The extra square footage allows us to feature even more unique items and gives patrons

more room to try out the toys, puzzles and games. We're excited about entering the holiday season with the additional space." The store is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays until 5:00 p.m. **Call Ted @ 248-1999** for gift suggestions or to place an order. The shop offers free gift-wrapping and will happily ship anywhere.

# On Top of Her Game



Erika Howland, a senior at Mariemont High School, is the daughter of Clark and Barbara at 308 Marietta Ave.

She has started her Senior year at Mariemont High School in high gear. Erika maintains a 3.8 GPA, with honors courses in English and Math and ranks 24th in her class. She has been Vice President of her class for four years, is a

member of the National Honor Society, and active in the World Affairs, Masque+Mime and AFS Clubs. She has been a Camp Kern counselor for two years.

She has played 4 years of varsity MHS soccer and is team captain this year. She currently ranks sixth among all players in Cincinnati. She also plays with the Beechmont Club soccer programs in the winter and spring. Last year she was a Cincinnati Post Scholar-Athlete, received the All - Southwest Ohio Academic Award and named to the 1st Team All - Metro Cincinnati. She has received CHL Academic Sports awards and been named to post season CHL teams for 3 years.

On the track team she has qualified for the Ohio State tournament for the past 3 years. Her 1600-meter relay team placed fifth in the state in 1998. She holds school records in the 400-meter dash, and the 400-, 800- and 1600-meter relays.

Next year she plans to attend college in Ohio and continue to play soccer.

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fine arts, over 80% of students are involved in extracurricular activities, though a large chunk of that is in athletics. We have as many plays, concerts, fine arts performances as any school. We as a Board, with Dr. Harris, look for the right personnel to lead these programs, and the students seem enthused by the changes.

**7. Anything more about your candidacy for School Board?**

HUENEFELD: I am dedicated to children. I am an independent thinker, not afraid to make decisions, with no personal agenda. I have done a good job on the Board and have the time and energy to enjoy the challenge. My children and I attended the Mariemont Schools. Safety and security—it's important to educate children in a safe environment, teaching them to respect each other, to work as a team. I want to continue what we're doing and do it better, that is, top test scores and technology, more in-services on how to deal with

troubled children. I am a child advocate.  
KEFFER: I have had extensive involvement in four of the schools in a variety of leadership roles, and I have a unique perspective. The students know me and asked for my help in getting the Spirit Club approved by the Board. I am a good communicator, and I think the Board needs to do a better job communicating. I would like to see people with school age children get more involved in the Board. I am excited about the changes: school spirit, students supporting each other and going to each others' events, teachers being supportive.  
KOEHLER: I'd like to see smaller class sizes, 18 and under. I want to push academics because I know how difficult it is to get into college today. I would like students to have a better sense of pride and dignity. At honors and athletics ceremonies I would like to see boys wearing shirts, tucked in, with ties and girls wearing skirts or dresses. Also, the Volunteering program needs to be more serious and professional.

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space and its present feeling of community. These are Village priorities which members of Council can actively protect. Among the issues facing members of Council in the future will be how to focus limited resources on Village services that reflect residents' priorities. However, council cannot work in a vacuum. I believe it is the responsibility of Council members to increase community input and to explore avenues to encourage connectivity between residents and Council. High quality Council members, who act in the best interests of their constituents, equals stewardship from your local government.

RUGH: I believe two are currently presenting challenges for Village Council and residents. As a Council we are responsible for reviewing and managing the Village budget. While I have been on Council the decisions made have been conservative and frugal. This has provided us with a reserve for the replacement of many inadequate water mains. Conservative spending has also allowed us to keep tax levies at the same, or in some instances lower, millage. Many surrounding communities need to increase tax dollars. It is important that Council continues to be conservative and frugal, while maintaining a high standard of community service. Secondly, I believe we need to be pro-active and informed on the progress of the Little Miami Rails to Trails program. This issue is very sensitive, and I do not want us to hide our heads in the sand and hope it will go away. I believe we need to approach the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and investigate what can be done to protect the privacy and concerns of Village residents, particularly those who live along the trail. I would like to see the Village control the number of entrances. I would like fencing,

as well as trees and bushes, to act as barriers without taking away from the beauty of Terrace Park. This can only be done effectively if we are working with the ODNR and not working against them.

**2. What are your top three priorities as a candidate?**

**For Mayor:**  
FINNIGAN

- ❖ Operate Village government within our means—no real property tax increases
- ❖ Subject to budgeting constraints, perform needed improvements: replace antiquated water mains (already budgeted); replace some of the sidewalks along Wooster Pike that are severely deteriorated; install safety railing along the portion of Elm leading to the Swim Club; clear the extreme overgrowth from the old railroad right-of-way
- ❖ Closely monitor and supervise the activities of Village employees

**STARTSMAN:**

- ❖ Fiscal Responsibility: Village Council has not placed a tax levy increase on the ballot for the past six years. I plan to continue to make efficient use of our financial resources so that we can keep Village services at their current level, yet do not need to keep asking residents for additional monies
- ❖ Communication: I plan to continue to keep lines of communication open between residents and their Village government, by being accessible and by seeking input
- ❖ Volunteerism: Volunteerism is essential to the fabric of life here. I plan to continue to foster the volunteer nature of our Village by supporting the outreach efforts of EMS, Fire Department, our schools, Recre-

**OCTOBER**

**28** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 am. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is "History of Business in medieval Europe"

**31 HALLOWEEN!** Village siren sounds at 6:00 p.m. to indicate the start of trick or treating. Ends at 8:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER**

**1** Village curbside leaf collection continues through November 24. No large brush collection at this time

**2 ELECTION DAY.** Polls open in the Community Building at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

**2** TPE PTO meeting, cafeteria, 9:30 a.m.

**3** Terrace Park Newcomers "Girls Night Out", The Kiln, Hyde Park Square, 7:30 p.m.

**4** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 am. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is "The first 1000 years of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church"

**6** Annual Pancake Supper, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. TPES cafeteria

**8** Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

**8** Village Views deadline for articles, photos and

camera ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

**8** AARP meeting, St. Thomas Church, speaker to be announced, catered lunch, 12:00 noon. For reservations call **Betty Smith @ 831-5434**

**9** Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

**9** Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, "Wild About Birds", 12:00 noon, Community Building

**11** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is "English Renaissance Literature and History"

**16** Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m., public welcome

**17** Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting, Community building, 7:00 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. meeting. For membership information contact **Louann Mauk @ 831-4655**

**18** "Learn and Lunch" at St. Thomas Church, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Open to Village residents over 55 years. Topic is the origin of money, trade, finance and commerce

**19** Mariemont High School fall play, "Henrietta the VIII", Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Please submit calendar information to **Jenny Whitaker @ 248-9268** at your earliest convenience.

ation Commission, Scouting and Village government

**For Council:**  
PETERKIN:

- ❖ Face the bike trail issue, looking at it with a holistic perspective
- ❖ Re-visit the Building and Zoning issue to come to a complete, rather than partial, resolution
- ❖ No surprise here for those who know me, but I think we can use technology to enhance Village functions. I'm not talking about indiscriminate exercise of computers for computing's sake, because the budget is one of my concerns. Instead, I'm referring to focused application of inexpensive and common tools. Whether it's automating processes or communicating topics, workflow or web pages, mail merge or electronic forms, the possibilities can be as varied and long lasting as the Village cares to accomplish. Small short-term investments for long-term gains in increased efficiency and better communication benefit everyone

PHILLIPS: My first priority is to improve communication between Council and all residents. My first suggestion would be to use *Village Views* to communicate issues. An "Ask Council" column could cover items of upcoming interest, resolutions on past issues and solicit residents' views. It could also answer common questions asked by residents, such as "Why do we chip our streets instead of pave them?" "How do I get a building permit?" (an item close to my heart), "When is my sidewalk being redone?" My second suggestion is to utilize our Village web site for communication to Council members. A listing of Council members' e-mail addresses and

their committee duties should be posted. Neighbors could receive e-mail from Council regarding upcoming Village events. Many residents are comfortable utilizing the convenience of e-mail, yet do not have the time to attend Council meetings. The ability for them to send a comment or respond to a message at their ease would be useful.

My second priority is to promote a Council composition that is more reflective of our community. In all likelihood, five of the six Council positions will be held by males in their 40s to 50s. The major groups not represented on Council proportionate to the resident base are women who work at home, women who work outside the home and seniors. How do we accomplish this? We need to enact term limits on Council seats to encourage involvement. We need to increase communication between the residents and Village government. We have a plethora of talent in Terrace Park. It is a Council member's responsibility to encourage others, especially women and seniors, to become involved in Council.

My third priority is to be a good steward of the responsibility and funds entrusted to me. The wise allocation of our dollars is vital to the long-term health of the Village. It is a Council member's responsibility to make the Village a better place to live at the end of their term.  
RUGH: If re-elected I intend to further my work on the Safety Committee by ensuring the Village continues to receive excellent and affordable Safety Services. I am currently reviewing our safety services agreement with the Eastern Emergency Joint Ambulance District, as well as working closely with surrounding community safety departments. This is an important project

affecting the future of emergency services in the Village. I would promote a continuance in volunteer commitments by personally contacting interested residents and working closely with the many volunteer groups in Terrace Park. I would also like to establish a Neighborhood Safety/Neighborhood Watch program. We are a very safe community, but it is important for every resident to be aware of the services available to them. An education program is needed, and improved communication is essential.

**3. Why do you feel you are qualified for this position?**

**For Mayor:**

FINNIGAN: I am qualified to be mayor based on my experiences in

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Help Runs	17	21	147
Mutual Aid Runs	13	16	144
Alarm Drops	06	04	61
Property Found Unsecured	05	08	60
Animal Complaints	03	04	08 (as of 8-99)
Domestic Disputes or Violence	00	00	10
Accident Reports	01	01	22
Traffic Arrests or Citations	109	94	562
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	49	35	225
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrants)	18	09	121
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	19	10	157

### Noted

On two occasions, two children under the age of three were found by residents a considerable distance from their home. The police responded and the children were returned unharmed. Watch out for your toddlers!

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Village government, as a long-time resident, in Village volunteer activities and in my profession as an attorney. I have served on Terrace Park Village Council for the past four years and I have developed a sense of the issues confronting our Village and the best methods to solve them. I have been a Village resident for 14 years. I have held several volunteer posts such as Terrace Park Recreation Commission, Committee Chairman of Cub Scout Pack 97 and several years coaching youth sports teams. I have also learned from my wife's volunteer experiences with Life Squad, *Village Views* and at Terrace Park Elementary School. I have had 20 years of professional experience as an attorney, including experience representing various municipalities and elected officials.

**STARTSMAN:** I have served on Village Council since 1989 and was recently appointed Mayor in August 1999. During my tenure, I have chaired two committees of Council— Building and Grounds, two years, and Public Works, eight years. As Building and Grounds chairman, I oversaw the completion of the service building in the Environmental Service Area and most recently have managed with the Village Engineer the planning and bidding of the water main project. These two committees have the two largest budgets, other than the police, in the Village. I have been an attorney in private practice for 26 years and have served in various capacities with non-profit corporations and service organizations in Cincinnati. I served as Trustee, Treasurer, President and Chairman of the Board of Stepping Stone Cen-

ter; Director and Vice President of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati; and President of the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati. I also served as president of a non-profit housing corporation for the elderly during a \$1.2 million expansion. I coached boys' soccer for nine years and boys baseball for 11 years in Terrace Park, as well as serving on the Mariemont Warriors Booster Board and the Boy Scout Troop Committee. I feel that these activities show that I have the dedication and responsibility to carry out the duties of Mayor of Terrace Park.

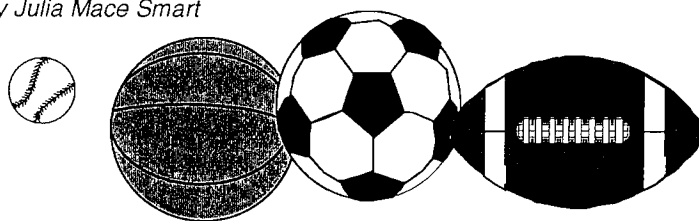
### For Council:

**PETERKIN:** My overall goals are to work with other Council members to address residents' needs and help ensure the smooth operation

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# Seven honored by Mariemont Boosters

By Julia Mace Smart



The Mariemont Boosters inducted seven new members into the Doc Kusel Hall of Fame, Friday, August 27.

Tom Crosby, former Mariemont High School football coach and athletic director, has been with the district 20 years. Crosby's head coaching record was 166 wins, 77 losses and one tie for a winning percentage of 69%. He has produced seven state playoff teams, four league champions, seven small school city champions as well as having two teams that finished second in the state. He has also had a team finish first in the AP coach's poll.

Crosby's accomplishments include being named league coach of the year five times, city coach of the year six times, and State of Ohio coach of the year once. He has also been named The Doc Collins Man of the Year and was the first National League Bill Walsh Coach of the Year in 1996. He has served as head coach of the Cincinnati East-West Team twice and the Ohio North-South Team once. In the past, he has been a scout for the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders.

Crosby was a teacher and athletic director at Mariemont High School before becoming the assistant principal in 1991. He is now the school's principal. He lives in Terrace Park with his wife, Marcy, and has two daughters, Emily and Sarah.

Brad Dahlmeier, class of 1994, received seven varsity letters in three sports; three in basketball, three in baseball and one in football. In basketball he was on the all-league team and was a member of the East-West basketball All-Stars. He also went to the district finals in basketball. In baseball he was first team all-league and all-city. He played in the state finals, the North-South All-Stars and the East-West All-Stars. In football he was named to first team all-league and all-city team. Dahlmeier was also recognized with Mariemont's Doc Kusel Award.

Dahlmeier was a member of National Honor Society and on the Merit Roll at Mariemont. He was also Homecoming King. He is a graduate of John Carroll University where he graduated Magna cum Laude. He lives in Cincinnati and works as a CPA.

Mike Duckwall, class of 1994, received seven varsity letters, four in football and three in track. In football he was first team all league, all southwest Ohio and all city. He played in the East-West All-Star Game. During his senior year, he was voted MVP. He was the team captain of both the football and track teams. Duckwall was a member of National Honor Society and National Latin Honor Society. He was also president of student council and key club.

A graduate of Furman Univer-

sity, Mike earned a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology. He played football during his four years of college and was president of his fraternity. He is presently a logistics consultant with Hillsboro Transportation Company.

Scott Naticchioni, class of 1982, earned two varsity letters in football. He led his team to the state finals and was chosen as best offensive back during the 1980-81 school year. He was named most valuable player, offensive player of the year and selected to all-league and all-city. In a single game, he rushed 217 yards, making for a season total of 1,704 yards and a total of 96 points.

Naticchioni graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in business. He is presently employed at Queen City Vending. He and his wife, Tracy Hodge, also a Mariemont graduate, reside in Fairfax.

R.J. Orr, class of 1992, received seven varsity letters in two sports, three in football and four in track. In football, Orr was first team all-conference and all-city. In track, he was named all-state once and all-regional twice. Twice, he was first in the long jump at regionals and was also second in the state. Orr is a graduate of Arizona State University. He is the vice president of Golf Tournament Group in Scottsdale, Arizona.

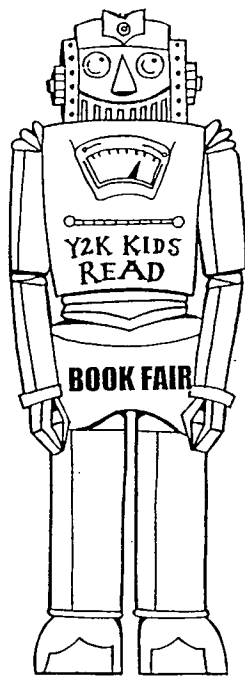
Dustin Siegel, class of 1987, earned two varsity letters in track, one in football and one in basketball. In track, Siegel was named all-league, all-city and all-state twice. As a senior, he won the state title in the long jump and finished sixth in the 100-yard dash.

He resides in Cincinnati and is the owner of a tavern.

Brian Vianello, class of 1993, earned eight varsity letters in his four years at Mariemont. He received three in football, two in basketball, two in baseball and one in tennis. He was a team captain in football, basketball and baseball. His football team attended the playoffs in 1991 and 1992. In basketball he was a city leader in the free throw percentage, and his team won the sectionals twice and district once. Vianello was selected to play on the Ohio Tourney Team for baseball in 1993. As a senior, he was honored with Mariemont's Doc Kusel Award. Vianello was both student council and senior class president at Mariemont. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club.

Vianello is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where he was on the Dean's List for four years. He also earned the title Intramural Athlete of the Year. He is currently employed by Lawncscapers, Inc. and is a partner in Vianello Properties.

## Book Fair at Terrace Park Elementary School



By Jane Egasti

The Terrace Park Elementary PTO, along with Scholastic Books, is proud to launch this year's Book Fair: "Y2K Kids Read!" The Book Shelf of Madeira will complement this year's book selection with additional books for adults. Also, look for holiday books and thousands of the most popular books and software titles suitable for ages pre-school to adult. This provides a great opportunity to acquire gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Please note the times and

days on your calendar! The Book Fair will be held at Terrace Park Elementary School in the teachers' lounge located in the primary wing of the school. The dates are Tuesday, November 9 (3:00-7:00 p.m.); and Wednesday and Thursday, November 10 and 11 (8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.). Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors are welcome to shop and enjoy this occasion to get new books for themselves, their family and friends.

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of the Village's functions. I've been a business consultant for a number of years in the information technology industry. A significant part of the job is soliciting and evaluating as many viewpoints as possible, many of which can be conflicting. Then you look at the big picture, facilitating and communicating a resolution, trying to do what's right for the client. As a Council member, my client is the community, and the process would be the same. In addition, I don't think we can afford to be outdated. My background in information technology and my MBA can be well served as we apply the types of solutions that help us move into the future.

PHILLIPS: I learned early in my political career to never trust a candidate who says they are qualified for a position. Because if you are qualified for the position, that means you have been in politics too long. However, I will share with you my work history and community involvement where skills would be transferable to a council position. I am a Director/Portfolio Manager at Gradison-McDonald Asset Management. I work with a team that manages over \$6 billion for individuals, institutions and retirement plans. I am a member and head of the Local Mission Committee at Armstrong Chapel Methodist Church. I just completed my fifth year as a board member for the Cincinnati Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I served as Tennis Chairman for the Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club. Like all

of us with children, I have been a volunteer with Terrace Park Recreation Commission. I do promise to be accountable to the residents of Terrace Park. I promise to work in their best interest and be a good steward for their funds and confidence entrusted to me.

RUGH: In addition to seven years on Village Council, serving there as Chair of the Safety Committee, as member and past Chair of the Buildings and Grounds and member of the Rules and Law Committee, my activities include past Board-membership of the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club and an appointment, by Hamilton County Commissioner Guy Guttenberger, to the Advisory Board of Housing Opportunities Made Equal. I have extensive community volunteer experience, particularly in environmental issues and in fund-raising. Locally, I founded the Terrace Park Recycling Awareness Committee, negotiated a 5-year renewal contract with Rumpke for solid waste removal and represented Terrace Park on the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Committee. While on Council, I oversaw the remodeling of the Community Building and was custodian for 2,800 Village-owned trees. A current project while leading the Safety Committee has been to improve communication with and morale within the Terrace Park Police Department. I hope all Village residents feel comfortable to call me directly and express their needs and concerns. It is only through communication that I can represent your interests fully.

# Terrace Park Tree Program announces fall and winter plans

By Jenny Whitaker

Sometimes I think I take the beauty of the trees in our neighborhood for granted. Daily, I zip through our streets not noticing the shade they provide or the colors they display. Come October, I'm usually cursing the sycamore in my yard for littering my lawn with billions of leaves. I'm embarrassed to admit that when my Brownie Girl Scout asked me a question from her tree unit, I couldn't answer her. A tree person, I am not.

And then I talked to Randy Haller, Village Arborist and urban

forester, who explained the Terrace Park Tree Program to me. The program has been in existence since 1983. It's purpose is to maintain our trees' health for the sake of beautifying our neighborhood, for the safety of those traversing our streets and sidewalks, and for the benefit of future generations. It is an ongoing, comprehensive program that involves you, me, volunteers and tree experts. Randy organizes the Terrace Park Ad Hoc Tree Committee, a group of neighbors who, after attending several training sessions, prune trees

hanging over the sidewalks. This dedicated group of volunteers put in 60 hours this summer.

This fall, work will continue. Steve Holmes announced, at the October Council meeting, resolutions for the planting, fertilizing and pruning of the Village's trees. This month, 187 trees will be fertilized on selected streets. In January, Village trees up to six inches in diameter will be pruned to promote strong structural integrity. This final pruning will be the last in a five-year series. Also in January a tentative list of trees to be removed will be developed. Targeted trees are mature trees, planted at the turn of the century, exhibiting dangerous characteristics, such as a large cavity, that could cause the tree to break. The work is regularly contracted, with quotes going out soon.

If you are concerned about the Village trees in your yard, questions can be directed to Randy through the Village Office. If you are not sure whether a tree belongs to you or the Village, realize this varies from street to street. Check the right-of-way map in the Village Office. Don't forget to give that tree some water, maybe hang a bird house from its branches and admire it as the seasons pass. With care Terrace Park will continue to be "Tree City USA" well into the millenium.



MHS 1999 royalty are beaming at Homecoming. David Badanes and Terrace Park resident Erika Howland were crowned king and queen on September 24.

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the situation had been described to him in this way, Mr. Duplace expressed concern about the message others might get from this example. "I have concern that a resident would be allowed to navigate through the system this way," said Mr. Duplace.

Mr. Malloy reassured Council that the continuance was granted in accordance with the law and was not given due to special circumstance. "The outcome of Mayor's Court is not in the hands of the BZA," he emphasized.

Councilman Jack Brown questioned Mr. Fiedler regarding the amount of time spent on the citation (3.5 hours) given that the Village was billed for this. Mr. Fiedler explained the time billed involved processing paperwork and filing the citation, as well as drive-bys to determine if the fence were still there. As the ordinance reads Mr. Phillips could be fined for every day the fence remains following receiving the citation. Fines would be determined by the magistrate in Mayor's Court.

Complaints about zoning requirements and permit procedures were discussed publicly by Mr. Phillips at the August 1999 Council meeting. At that time, he took issue in particular with the requirement of having to produce a site plan for two relatively simple building projects (i.e., building the fence and enclosing a screened porch), and was frustrated with the length of time it was taking to obtain permits. (Both construction projects were begun before permits were granted or, in the case of the fence, denied).

Fiedler responded then that the process was delayed due to the lack of compliance with information requested of Mr. Phillips. When interviewed for this article, Mr. Phillips

maintained that the process is not clear for residents doing their own work, who are not registered contractors.

Other Council business:

- ❖ Councilman Stephen Holmes reported that the Village storage lot is full, and that there is a waiting list for residents who wish to use it. Mailers will be going out to those who presently or who plan to use the lot, to make sure that the use is necessary
- ❖ Resolutions were passed to fund the annual tree program and to extend Terrace Park's contract with Indian Hill to provide our water
- ❖ Bids submitted to provide the new water mains varied widely in cost, "from \$605,429.71 to \$1,240,982." Savage-Walker has requested additional time to investigate the qualifications of the lowest bidder, who is located out of Cincinnati. A special Council meeting will be held on October 19 to award the "lowest and best" bid
- ❖ Councilwoman Julie Rugh is continuing to investigate the timing of ODNR projects in relation to the Little Miami Bike Trail
- ❖ Charles Rockel (300 Miami) has resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals, as he is frequently out of town. Mayor Startman thanked Mr. Rockel, who has also served Terrace Park on Council on the Planning Zoning Committee and as Mayor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The BZA denied Mr. Phillip's request for a variance. He will lower his fence accordingly. He reiterated his concern for the timeliness of official response to his requests for permits and a variance hearing. Mr. Phillips is running for council in November.

# Old Thyme Herbs makes uncommonly good scents

By Cyndy Finnigan

Not sure what fall smells like? Step into Old Thyme Herbs, the cottage-like building at 222 Wooster Pike, and your olfactory senses will tell you you've hit paydirt. The tantalizing odor wafts through the room; candles and soaps feature yummy names such as "Awesome Apple, Cinnamon Swirl and Rainshower."

Proprietors Melinda Wolf and Beverly Varney opened shop in T.P. last May. Real "earth mothers," they grow the herbs that they stir into their home-made soaps and candles. "Everything we use is natural," stresses Melinda. "We use a high grade of wax and triple scent in our candles, so you get the full scent from top to bottom as they burn." The two women make all the soap and candle products themselves at their Batavia plant. They have several employees who help staff the Terrace Park store. Admittedly, the process of soap and candle-making is labor-intensive and time-consuming (the soap takes 6-8 weeks to cure), but as they both emphasize, "We love what we do. We have a passion for it!"

Their passion has not gone unnoticed. In the October issue of

## Old Thyme Herbs



Photo: Cyndy Finnigan

Old Thyme Herbs proprietors are, from left, Melinda Wolf and Beverly Varney.

*Cincinnati Magazine*, their shop received recognition as "Best of Milford" for their "delicious, herb-scented bath products." Old Thyme Herbs also offers an assortment of cards, potted herbs and bird houses, all at affordable prices. Also featured are self-pampering spa and therapy products and essential oils. Gift baskets can be made to order, and "home shows" where guests can sample an array of products are available. Come spring and summer, the ladies

teach classes for kids and adults on herbs and candle and soap-making.

Old Thyme Herbs will have a booth at the Garden Market and Antiques Show, November 19, 20 and 21 at the Cincinnati Convention Center. The shop will hold a Holiday Open House with refreshments November 25, 26 and 27.

For more information, call @ 248-HERB or visit their website at HYPERLINK <http://www.oldthymeherbs.com>.

## Arts Foundation Gala

The Mariemont School Foundation has announced the unveiling of John Ruthven's second painting, "Bluebirds." The painting is the second in a series of four created exclusively for the Foundation. A Gala will be held 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Terrace Park Country Club in Milford. Tickets are \$150 (only one ticket needed per couple) and include a print, beverages and hor d'oeuvres. To purchase, call Val Garber @ 271-6917. All proceeds benefit the Mariemont School Foundation.

All prints will be signed by Ruthven. The original painting, prints and the original pencil sketch will be auctioned during the event. The Foundation provides funds for the arts, technology and facilities in the Mariemont City Schools.

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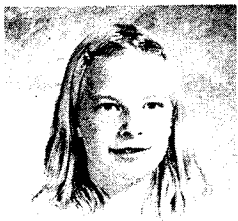
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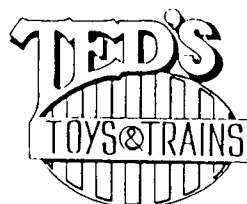
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# Buzz from Buz

By Buz Ecker

Readers may remember from my last column (at least, those of you who actually read it—I'm pretty sure my wife, my parents and my godfather do anyway) that I took a two week canoe trip in Manitoba this summer. Here's what I learned:

1. I'm 41, not 21
2. I can still carry a canoe, just more slowly
  - a. Actually quite a bit more slowly
  - b. In reality, even more slowly than quite a bit
3. I can still speak German fluently, but only at the end of a full-day canoe trip when I can no longer remember my name.

The trip leader was a militaristic type of guy who petrified everyone—that would be except me, of course. I would collect a few of the mess kit spoons at odd times and return them at

random. This was too much for the trip leader. He spent most of his time at campsites counting spoons and shaking his head. It was all I could do not to crack up. He did indicate that he liked having me on the trip. When we got back to the US, he was last seen calling his therapist.

Yes, I am thrilled the house next to us is finished. They will be wonderful neighbors (not the least like me), and I no longer will be asked, "What do you think about that house being built next door?" I was asked this at least 175 times and heard it in my dreams. And speaking of neighbors and their houses, did you hear about... [deleted by editor].

I am truly grateful for the editor of *Village Views*. She gives me total freedom about what I write about. I'll give you an example. Surely, everyone knows the current Terrace Park controversy with... [once again deleted by editor].

# Pokemon

By Ben Nickum  
MJHS 7th grade

Pokemon is a fun but educational card game that fascinates kids of all ages. Parents have been wondering what is so fascinating about this strange card game kids are going crazy over. Well, for you parents that don't have a clue what's going on in your child's head, then here's the scoop, Pokemon as I said is a rather educational and fun math card game. It teaches how to add, subtract, multiply and divide big numbers. There are tons of names that are unknown to the human itself like machamp, charizard, chansey, and wartotle. Most parents out there are puzzled, what's so interesting about a card you might say, what ever happened to baseball cards? We don't know all the answers, but we do know that if kids like them, and it keeps them out of trouble, and keeps them occupied, it's better than foul shows like *South Park*. Pokemon is one way to keep kids active and learn new math skills along the way. Matt



## Arcanine

Arcanine's beauty has been admired for centuries. It runs so quickly and easily it looks like it is flying. Arcanine makes a loyal pet, but be sure to train it well or it may bite any friends or family members who get too close to you.

**Pronunciation:** AR-KUH-NINE  
**Element:** fire  
**Type:** legendary  
**Techniques:** roar, ember, leer, take down  
**Good against:** grass, ice, bug  
**Bad against:** fire, water, rock, dragon  
**Evolution:** fire stone

Wilson says, "They're fun and cool, especially the holographic ones". Michael Gastrich says he thinks Pokemon "are fun to trade and

have". I hope this article helps parents better understand the purpose of Pokemon cards, and why kids of all ages collect them.



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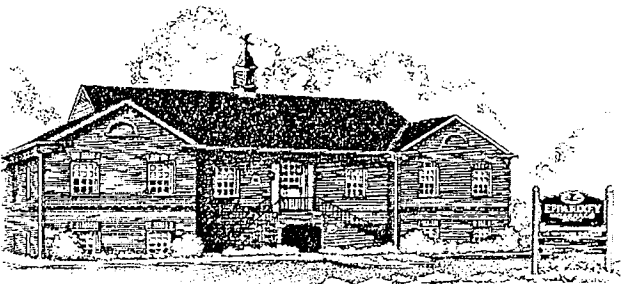
Pokemon trading went on at the Village Green many summer days. Chris Egasti, Bo Uhle and Peter Muennich look over their cards before another person stops by to trade.



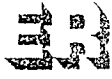
Trading also went on at the Terrace Park Swim Club. Gavin Donley and Bradley Kaeser examine one another's cards.

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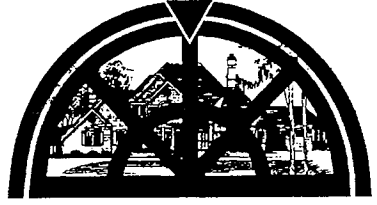
  
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# TPEMS wants you!

By Connie Wilson

Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services needs volunteers, a need that residents can understand and support. Each fall a training class is held in the Village for the convenience of the students. The 1998 fall class produced 3 new EMS members, who are available for evening shifts. EMS recruiters have made hundreds of phone calls, but the hoped-for 1999 fall class has not materialized.

Volunteerism is alive and well in Terrace Park. Coaches and their charges are seen at Drackett and Stanton Fields regularly, and our schools enjoy the help of almost all parents. Residents spend many hours on tree care and Village beautification. EMS members manage many volunteer responsibilities, and, in addition, provide emergency medical care for their neighbors.

Replenishing the ranks is crucial to the survival of your EMS.

Nineteen active EMS members serve Terrace Park 24 hours a day, but more volunteers, especially those with daytime availability, are necessary to keep your EMS viable. Flexible scheduling allows anyone to participate. Terrace Parkers have always risen to the occasion when the appeal has been made.

All the members of EMS are your neighbors and friends. Please call any EMS officer, **Connie Wilson @ 831-8288, Candy Wachterman @ 248-1184, Bruce Long @ 831-8726, John Maggard @ 831-1896, Maggie Tobergte @ 831-7166, Laura Colston @ 831-6321 or recruiter Julie Gislason @ 831-6952**, with questions. The need for volunteers for all shifts has become critical. A volunteer EMS is part of the character of our Village...your help is needed now to continue this valuable service.



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Tamyra Fisher	1 Gallon
Sandy Koehler	1 Gallon
Sarah Lewis	1 Gallon
Katherine Schneider	1 Gallon
Kathleen Thoman	1 Gallon

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Swimmers excel at State and Zone Finals



The Junior Olympians (l-r): Dan Austin, Wren Dupre, Alex Ehrnschwender, Laura Carrigan. Not pictured: John Austin, Nick Thoman.

Six Terrace Park residents braved the scorching heat and competition to place near the top at the Ohio Junior Olympic swim meet held at Miami University July 29-August 1. Swimmers needed to achieve times equivalent to the 32<sup>nd</sup> fastest in the state to qualify. In the 9-10 year old girls category Laura Carrigan of 710 Miami finished 5<sup>th</sup>

in the 200-meter freestyle and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100-free. In 9-10 year old boys, Alex Ehrnschwender of 6 Denison finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50-meter breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-breast, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 50-free, and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 50-backstroke. John Austin of 825 Princeton finished 18<sup>th</sup> in the 50-meter butterfly. In the 11-12 boys category Dan Austin of 825 Princeton finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100-

butterfly, 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200m and 400m freestyle, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 50-fly, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100-free, and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 100-breast. Wren Dupre of 153 Wrenwood finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50-butterfly, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 50-free, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100-fly, 12<sup>th</sup> in the 50-breast, and 14<sup>th</sup> in the 100-free. In the 13-14 boys category Nick Thoman of 823 Douglas finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 1500-freestyle and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 200-butterfly.

The following weekend, also at Miami University, were the Zone finals, which included the top swimmers from over twelve midwestern states. In 9-10 girls, Laura Carrigan finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the 200-meter freestyle. In 9-10 boys, Alex Ehrnschwender finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-meter breaststroke and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 50-free. In the 11-12 boys Dan Austin finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the 400m freestyle and 6<sup>th</sup> in the open water mile competition. Wren Dupre finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 50-fly and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 50-free.

Laura, Alex and Nick swim for the Cincinnati Aquatic Club, while Dan, John, and Wren swim for the Anderson Barracudas. Each took about eight weeks off in late summer and then began preparation for the winter season starting in late September.

## Terrace Park Swimmers Receive National Awards



MHS graduate Forrest Kennedy.

By Paul Pendery

Mariemont High School graduate Forrest Kennedy was recently named a First Team All-American Swimmer for the 1998-99 school year. Forrest is the son of Bob Kennedy and Anne Broussard, who live at 915 Elm Avenue in Terrace Park. The prestigious first team award was presented to Forrest for his participation in the 100-yard

butterfly, recording a 51.05 season best and placing ninth overall in the state of Ohio. He recorded the best 100-yard butterfly in school history, shattering a mark previously held for nearly 30 years. He also participated in several relay events for both Mariemont High School and the Cincinnati Marlins and on two separate occasions, Forrest was part of a record setting relay team for the Marlins.

Forrest not only excelled in the pool, he was also an outstanding student. By earning recognition on both the Mariemont High School Honor Roll and the National Honor Society, Forrest was a true high school student athlete. He is currently studying and swimming as a freshman at Cornell.

Terrace Park had another All-American swimmer from the 1998-99 school year. Leah Ross was selected for the third year in row. Like Forrest Kennedy, she was recognized for her performance in the 100-yard butterfly. Leah had a great year in school as well, serving as senior class vice-president and making Mariemont's Honor Roll along with selection to the National Honor Society. She is currently on scholarship at Penn State University.

## Who is that Ref anyway?

By Paul Pendery

Terrace Park Soccer Commissioner Rich Beyersdorfer said it best when asked to highlight the young soccer season thus far. He said, "why don't you feature the Refs? They certainly deserve mention. And besides, there are some great stories about what they do out there." When you take a closer look at it, you might just find Rich is onto something.

The two most compelling stories are about the father/daughter team of Randy and Molly Phillips and the father/son team of John and Patrick Finnigan. Even though these two men do not always pair up with their kids on the field, they began this season as referees for much the same reason. As John Finnigan says, "It's a great father and son activity where we can spend time together and work at something we both enjoy. An added bonus is to get outside and enjoy some much-needed exercise while we participate in a great youth program. Besides, I get to watch my son make decisions in a fast paced game and he's doing a great job!" According to Randy Phillips, he sees it much the same way. "Molly's schedule is so busy with club soccer and other



Father-son referee team John Finnigan, left, and Patrick Finnigan.

activities that we hardly see each other. She doesn't even have time to make a few bucks baby-sitting anymore, so we decided to work the games together. It has truly been great watching her improve each week. What is really interesting is working together as peers. It has just been great."

There are twelve referees who officiate the soccer games for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, including five grownups and seven young adults. Headed by Soccer Coordinator Mike Ross, who is one of the adult referees, every

member of this group has been through a training and testing program. Mike says, "It is very unusual to have this many adult referees working in one community. I am sure we have the most in this area with five. A great example is M o R e z a y a t . He used to play soccer but has a bum knee and can't really play much anymore. But

he really enjoys working with the kids. But mostly I am proud of the job all of the Terrace Park referees are doing."

While they make between \$12 and \$16 per game, the work is both challenging and fun, at least until those rare occasions when a parent or coach cannot maintain control over his or her emotions. However, if you talk to any of these black clad whistlers, you will find there are far more rewards than uncontrollable situations. But make no mistake, it still happens. A classic example occurred when Molly Phillips was overheard responding to an overzealous coach with, "Hey coach, I don't yell at you when you make a mistake, do I?" According to observers, that effectively ended the matter.

The other Terrace Park soccer referees include Camilla Warrick, Colin Burnheimer, Witt Howland, Robby Brown, Alex Castator, and C.J. Humler.

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