

VILLAGE VIEWS

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Happy New Year!

By Jenny Whitaker

What a night it was! From the starlit heavens on New Year's Eve, Bolton S. Drackett was surely smiling down at the

sight below. Families and friends gathered at the field named in his family's honor, several parked along the road, and some had the best seats in the house perched on the fence rail of the horse pasture. A perfect night—crisp, cold and clear.

Precisely at eight o'clock a fountain of white lights shot high into the air. "Ooohs" and "aahhs" could be heard as the show continued featuring many unusual and spectacular fireworks. (Our group's favorite was the cascading gold and white waterfall - wow!) The field and the hillside surrounding it were illuminated as fireworks in every color lit the night sky. The show lasted for about twenty minutes with a continuous explosion of fireworks as the grand finale.

"A tremendous event," said Chief Bacon. "We had a lot of cars to move in and out in a short period of time...I was extremely impressed with how my staff and residents handled themselves." Chief Bacon estimates there were at least one thousand people attending the fireworks.

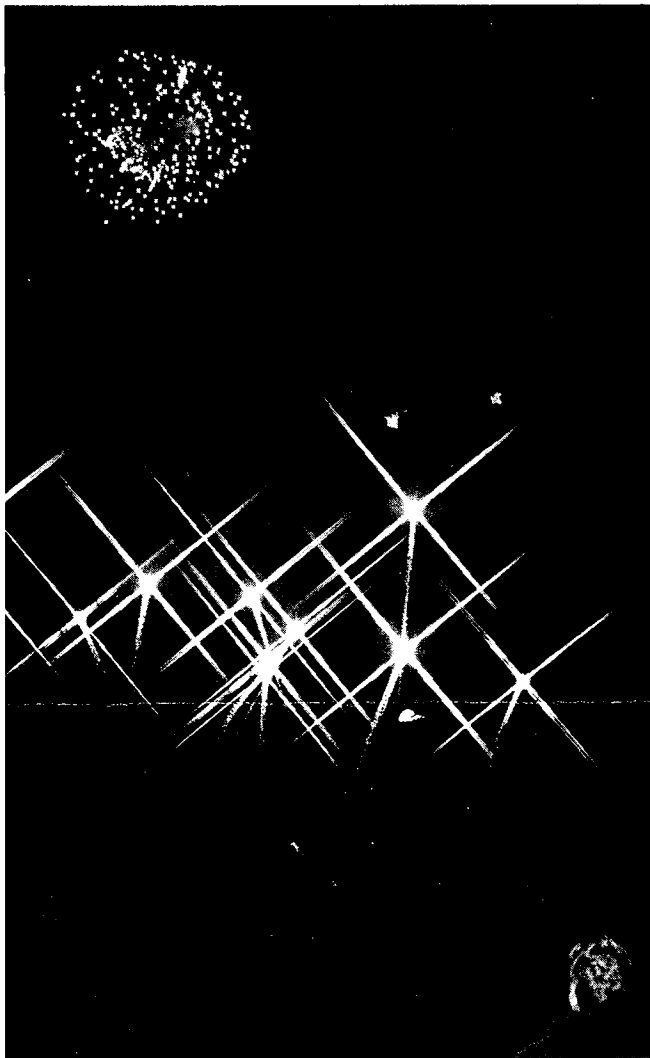
It's amazing to realize that few people living now will live to see 2100, much less the next millennium. And when our children are asked twenty years from now what was the highlight of their millen-

nium celebration, my guess is that it will be standing in a field surrounded by family and friends watching a magnificent fireworks show featuring booming bursts of color you could almost touch. Thanks again to the Drackett family for creating such a memorable evening for us all.



Photos above and below: Ellie Pohlman

Photos left: Terry Sexmith



Council focuses on firearms and their usage

By Katy Wood

Shooting BB and paint ball guns is no longer allowed in Terrace Park. But trap shooting will continue at Stumps Boat Club. These are a few of the implications of a new "Discharging Firearms Ordinance" passed at the January Council meeting.

Discussion of this ordinance was initiated at the May 1999 Council meeting by Jack Brown. Keith Groppe had approached Mr. Brown with concerns related to trap shooting at Stumps during soccer games at nearby Drackett Field. Mr. Groppe's concerns centered on "the risk inherent when shots are fired in a populated area and in the direction of other people."

In response, Council drafted a new ordinance. The old ordinance allowed the discharge of a firearm or a compressed air pellet gun "within a proper and safe enclosure upon [one's] own premises so as to prevent the flight of the projectile...beyond the limits of the owner's property."

The new ordinance disallows

the discharge of a firearm or compressed air pellet gun (including BB and paint ball guns) within the Village excepting discharge under military or police authority or in the "proper exercise" of self-defense. Firearms may be used on an approved firing range, after safety inspection by the Chief of Police and the issuance of a permit.

Since discussion of this ordinance began, Council has worked closely with the Police Department and with members of Stumps to determine if the club could meet the safety standards required to receive a permit. Members of Stumps have taken part in organized trap shooting with no incident for about 50 years. They wish to continue their outings, which take place approximately 6 to 15 times per year.

At the second reading of the ordinance in December, eight citizens spoke on the issue. In opposition to Stumps trap shooting, Mr. Groppe (408 Yale) cited his 30 years experience in law enforcement. Even though the shot (#7.5) used by Stumps members is unlikely to travel as far as Drackett Field, or

through the brush line onto the County Park property which separates the Boat Club from Drackett, Mr. Groppe feels strongly that any such risk is unnecessary.

He offered two other concerns as well. "Someone could mislead a weapon. A shotgun can be loaded with different ammunition and function differently, doing more damage." He also fears the possibility of someone walking into the woods into danger if shooting were taking place. "When things can go wrong," Mr. Groppe went on, "they often will."

He is not alone in these opinions. Of 101 residents with whom Mr. Groppe discussed these issues, 88% had signed a petition, opposing any discharge of firearms in the Village, except by the military, the police or in self-defense.

Three members of Stumps also addressed Council in December. Ken Bassett (715 Miami) emphasized no one at Stumps wishes to take undue risk. "Any serious injury is so remote, it would be almost impossible to occur," he said.

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Council Highlights for December and January

By Katy Wood

Business conducted at the December and January Council meetings included the following items:

- Council member Julie Rugh, as senior member of Council, was elected President Pro Tem by her peers
- Resolutions regarding budget and salary increases were introduced by Finance Chair Jack Brown and passed by Council. These included various increases for employees of the police and maintenance departments. Also increased were the Treasurer's salary, from \$200 to \$1,200 per year, the Mayor's salary, from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per year, and Council members' salaries, from \$10 to \$25 per regular meeting. Current (as of December 1999) Council members and the Treasurer will not receive this increase for the balance of their term
- Phase 1 of the water main project was completed in December as planned. Work to repair the streets will be done

in June, during the summer vacation. Work on Lexington, Yale, Marietta, Park and Elm will begin in April, to be completed by June

- Resident Greg Malone (945 Elm Court) addressed Council regarding an ongoing problem with water drainage in the area of Elm Court and on Elm Avenue near the tunnel. The Village Engineer, George Kipp, responded that sediment built up near the lower flapgate of the water detention system would be cleared away. The new flapgate, which has recently been installed, also needs some work. Additionally, he reported Building Inspector William Fiedler has been notified that the water detention system for the new home on Elm Court does not appear to be effective
- The EMS contract with Miami Township was passed
- Resident Becky Carman (104 Michigan) read a letter to Council member John Finnigan thanking him for his service to the community. December's Council meeting was Mr. Finnigan's last

Letters to the Editor

January 11, 2000

Dear Friends,

Over the holidays, we had unexpected guests, the evil sisters Influenza and Pneumonia. As a result it was our turn to bask in the warmth of the Terrace Park extended family, as numerous kind souls cooked the meals, tended the children, emptied the dishwasher and even wrapped the presents. We send our heartfelt thanks and good wishes to everyone who went out of their way to bring us this happy, healthy New Year.

Cheers,

John, Gillian, Douglas and Rachel Littlehale
2 Denison Lane

December 28, 1999

Dear fellow Terrace Park citizens,

I'm mad. I have to start with that. Two days after the fire of the Garfield Cafe in Milford, I've woken up mad.

I'll start with the facts, and I'll start with my own vested interest in the situation.

A few months ago, someone on Yale Avenue was razing a house and offered it to the Fire Department so they could practice operating in a "real" fire. A few nights ago, the Milford Fire Department called our Fire Department at midnight to help them fight the Garfield Cafe fire and to help save that entire block of historical buildings from going up in flames. And all the Fire Departments together succeeded.

Now for my vested interest—I'm the wife of the fire chief, I've lived here for twenty three years, I taught first grade here when we first moved here, we've raised our own family here, and I have many acquaintances, treasured friends and loved ones here.

And now for why I'm upset. I'm not angry because the house in Terrace Park was not used for practicing fire fighting. I am angry that the people in Terrace Park didn't TRUST the Fire Department, with the help of the Life Squad, the Police Department and the Village Council, to make that decision.

I know it was a complicated situation. I know there were mitigating circumstances. I know that no one called here to express concerns over the use of this house for fire practicing. I know only that my husband, quite unexpectedly, was presented with a petition not to burn it down. Couldn't this process have begun with trusting the Fire Department enough to ask questions? And this fuels my anger—if your house caught on fire in any way, big or small, whom would you call? Who would you TRUST to come and do their best to save your house? Would you hesitate very long to call for their help? No, of course not. That's why we have them, that's what they're trained for, that's what they volunteer to do. That's what they want you to do.

So first of all, I am upset over that contradiction. We trust them enough to call them for help, but we don't trust them enough to inquire about what they're evaluating about a house in Terrace Park. In fact, we don't trust them enough to use their expertise, knowledge and experience to make decisions around safety for the neighbors, smoke inhalation, etc. and weigh all that out with their need to practice in "real" fire situations. We trust them with our personal safety, but we don't trust them with our communal safety.

And secondly, I'm frustrated that while we slept on Christmas night, our husbands, our children's fathers unhesitatingly went out to help Milford try to save their buildings without "real" practice at fire fighting. Milford Fire Department trusted them.

We don't have many fires here, thank God. But every few years we do have one. And our firemen don't have many chances to practice in real burning fires. And they do their best, and yes, they make mistakes.

And we do our best to make our decisions, to express our concerns and to stand up for our community. I understand that. That's what I am doing now.

There are lots of good stories about the firemen of Terrace Park. There is the Christmas morning the Department was called out and ended up in a semi-circle singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to the family.

Then there's the story where a woman's refrigerator wires were smoking, and some of the firemen went back later and fixed it for her.

Then there is the story of the fireman who took the burning cheeseburger out into the street and stepped on it before the other firemen even got there.

Then there is the story of the fireman who went to the fire station in his underwear because it was his neighbor's garage burning, and he was in such a hurry.

There's the story of how, during a practice fire several years ago, my husband burned his neck and hair and had blisters all over the tops of his ears, because he forgot to put his flaps down when he went in to practice.

Thank goodness, our firemen didn't forget anything life threatening when they fought the Garfield Café fire Christmas night while we were all sleeping.

I think we owe the Fire Department an apology for not trusting them to make good, evaluative decisions about the whole of Terrace Park. And I think we owe them many thanks for risking their lives, if need be, to protect us.

So here is my thanks to the Fire Department, both retired members, new recruits, and everyone in between. I invite you to add your thanks in some way, too.

Deb Carle
710 Franklin

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February Deadline :

The Feb. deadline for *Village Views* is **Feb. 14**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday Feb. 14, 2000. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Gillian Littlehale at 2 Denison Lane.

LEAVING THE VILLAGE?

Subscriptions are available for only \$18.50 per year. To subscribe call **Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388**.

From the Editor:

Due to my recent illness, compounded by holiday clutter, I regret to admit a few *Village Views* items were mislaid. If anyone submitted something for the January issue, and it did not appear, please let me know. We will be sure to run it next month.

Thank you for understanding,

Gillian Littlehale
Managing Editor

Jon Waterman lost his addresses!

It wasn't a Y2K bug, nor was it a flu bug. It was his very own young son who, doing the kid thing at the home computer with his CD games, managed to kill his dad's hard drive in some unknown fashion. Thus, our old Terrace Park neighbor (see April 1999 *Village Views*) has lost all his e-mail addresses. Any TP pen pal is invited to write Jon at his new address JWater007@cs.com to help him recreate his contact list. He sends many thanks in advance!

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EMT Classes Scheduled for Next Month

Emergency Medical Technician Classes will begin February 8, 2000. There will be day and evening courses offered. For more information call **Maggie Tobergte @ 831-7166**.

David Todd, who does not reside in Terrace Park, but has children and grandchildren who do, said he is entirely comfortable with his four grandchildren playing soccer at Drackett. "I feel there are no risks to children in the neighborhood from trap shooting at Stumps."

Gary Beck, also a non-resident Stumps member, distributed a sample of the shot used in trap shooting, describing it as "similar to grains of sand." He noted, as well, the Stumps members are willing to follow the new ordinance's conditions for getting a police permit. These include:

- ❖ Notify Police prior to shooting
- ❖ Inspection of ammunition by Police at that time
- ❖ 2 signs to be posted when shooting in progress
- ❖ If above are violated, permit is revoked

Sergeant Tim Chin, who has researched the safety issues, acknowledged low risk, as long as permit guidelines are followed. Projectiles are unlikely to get through the 25 to 38 foot brush line between Stumps and Park property. "If pellets got through," Sergeant Chin said, "the velocity would be so low, it is unlikely it would cause harm."

Chief Bacon stated he believed Stumps maintains safety.

Several residents also spoke in December, protesting the potential loss of their right to shoot on their own property. In January, Councilwoman Julie Rugh reported to Council on other communities' restrictions. In Cincinnati, Mariemont and Madeira, ordinances are similar to or more restrictive than ours. Indian Hill's and Milford's ordinances are also similar, but those communities do allow shooting on one's own property if it includes 5 acres or 50 contiguous acres, respectively. Shooting on a small lot in a populated area is not allowed in any of these neighborhoods.

During the past two months, one question was not resolved. It is against Ohio state law to fire a weapon onto another's property. This is an acknowledged possibility in the case of shot traveling through the Stumps brush line onto the Hamilton County Park property. Council suggested Chief Bacon get, in writing, the Park Board's currently tacit approval of the Stumps activities before issuing the club a permit.

With this, despite new Councilman Jim Peterkin's motion to table the ordinance for another month, Council voted to pass the firearms ordinance at the January meeting.

Village Calendar 2000

FEBRUARY

- 1 Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, "Love in Bloom" table settings and luncheon, Community Building, 12:00 noon
- 1 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, MJHS cafeteria, every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. New members welcome
- 1 Terrace Park PTO meeting, cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting. For information call Louann Mauk @ 831-4655
- 10 "Lunch and Learn" senior lecture series, St. Thomas Undercroft, 10:00 a.m. Topic to be announced. Lunch optional. All seniors welcome!
- 12 Recreational baseball, softball, and t-ball sign-up, TPE cafeteria, 10 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- 12-13 The annual *Pod People* show, MHS Auditorium, Saturday show is at 7:30, Sunday show is at 2:00 p.m. For tickets call Peggy Landes @ 561-5568
- 14 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 *Village Views* deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads at 9:00 p.m.
- 15 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m.
- 24 "Lunch and Learn" senior lecture series, "Under Fire - Soviet Women Combat Veterans of World War II," St. Thomas Undercroft, 10:00 a.m. Lunch optional. Open to all seniors
- 27 St. Thomas concert series, "Vocal Chamber Music", 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Boy Scout Mulch Sale begins with final orders due March 12

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Due to events during the 1999 summer months in the Tri-County area, the Terrace Park Police Department is offering safety and awareness tips for our residents. Though we have not been affected as a community by those events, such as rape, it is important to remember that tragic events can take place anywhere. No community is completely safe or immune.

The following simple guidelines can increase your personal safety level:

- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS (HOME AND VEHICLE)
- Keep garage doors closed and locked
- Survey your garage before entering with your vehicle and again once inside your garage
- Break routine
- Always be aware of and avoid unfamiliar surroundings
- Carry a cell phone
- Be cautious and follow your gut instincts, especially in elevators and garages (if your little voice is telling you something just isn't right, it probably isn't)
- Always make and maintain eye contact
- Increase your personal space from three feet to thirty feet
- Avoid being out alone (safety in numbers)
- Ask for proper ID from any individual who arrives to make repairs at your home. Do not allow entry until you have verified their identification

Physical assault and rape lead to emotional, mental and physical trauma. When you prepare for such an event, you are preparing for a fight for your life. The Terrace Park Police Department is willing to arrange a Safety Awareness class, depending on interest shown by our residents. If interested, please complete and return the form provided below.

Return to: Officer Kathy Webb
Terrace Park Police Department
428 Elm Avenue
Terrace Park, OH 45174

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

___ Male
___ Female

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___ Week Night ___ Weekend Afternoon ___ Weekend Evening

Neighbor to Neighbor

Congratulations to Beecher Eberhard

Mariemont High School freshman and Terrace Park resident Beecher Eberhard has been selected to join the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra (CYSO) and the Cincinnati College Conservatory (CCM) Music Youth Wind Ensemble. Beecher is a percussionist.

The CYSO, founded in 1964, consists of 95 student musicians representing more than 30 schools in the tri-state area. CYSO performs at the Fine Arts Sampler in February, the Corbett Auditorium in March and at Music Hall with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in March. The CCM Youth Wind Ensemble is comprised of approximately 40 members from area high schools. The Wind Ensemble will perform Sunday, January 12 and Sunday, May 14. Both concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in Emery Hall at CCM.

Membership to both groups is determined by audition.

Beecher is the son of Mark and Alice Eberhard.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

If you are one of the lucky ones who heads for a warmer climate in the wintertime, you may want to discontinue your water service while you are away. This could potentially save on minimum bills and disastrous damage from a water leak. For details, contact the **Indian Hill Water Works billing office @ 561-6679**.

PATRICIA LOWRY NAMED PARTNER

Patricia O. Lowry has been named partner in the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Lowry, a resident of Terrace Park, practices in the firm's Business and Finance Department where she focuses on securities law. She has served as company counsel and underwriters' counsel in public offerings of both debt and equity securities, including IPO's, secondary offerings and stock-for-stock acquisition transactions. Lowry graduated from Mount Holyoke College and the University of Virginia School of Law.

WINE AND BEER EXTRAVAGANZA

This February 19, come out of hibernation and join us Down Under. The third annual Kindervelt Wine and Beer extravaganza will feature libations from Australia and New Zealand, as well as food and the best silent auction since the launch of e-bay. Look for invitations and posters to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Questions? Contact **Alison Connor @ 965-0615** or **Holly Bortz @ 831-1652**. All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center.

St. Thomas Church hosts concerts

Two choral concerts are scheduled at St. Thomas in upcoming months. The first will be on February 20 at 5:00 p.m. and is entitled "Vocal Music Across the Centuries." It will feature guest vocalists and musicians as well as the parish choir. The second, on May 21, "A Choral Celebration", will be performed by the four choral ensembles of St. Thomas. The music director of the parish is Carlton Moore. For more information call **831-2052**.

National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

President Clinton has declared January 2000 National Volunteer Blood Donor Month to highlight the need for and to recognize the contributions of blood donors.

Each year, approximately eight million volunteer donors give about 12.6 million units of blood to those in need. In the Tristate, donors made approximately 74,125 blood donations during fiscal year 1999. Our community requires at least 399 volunteer donors daily to meet the needs of area patients.

Everyone depends on blood more than is realized. Every three seconds, someone needs blood. This year alone, as many as four million patients will require blood transfusions, as accident victims, people undergoing surgery and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer and other diseases, all utilize blood.

During January, and throughout the year, all healthy Tristate residents are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood; it's safe and easy. You must be at least 17 years old and in good health to donate blood, and there is no upper age limit. Men and women must weigh at least 100 pounds, and you must bring identification. The entire process takes approximately 45 minutes from the mini-physical to the cookies and juice.

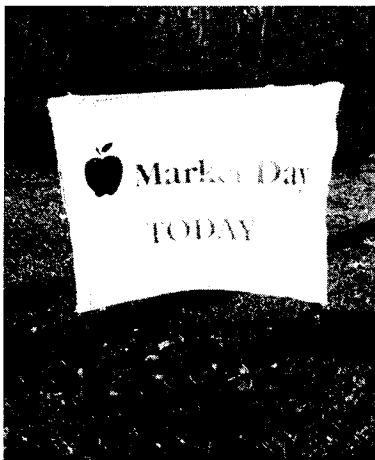
For more information about how and where you can share your good health during National Volunteer Blood Donor Month or to schedule an appointment, please call **Hoxworth @ 451-0910** or **1-800-830-1091**, or access our website at www.hoxworth.org.

Early Childhood event expands, moves to new location

The Early Childhood Showcase will be held at the Blue Ash Recreational Center, Sunday, February 6, 2000, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. More than 1000 families are expected to visit.

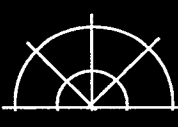
The event focuses on educational opportunities for preschoolers in Greater Cincinnati. Parents are introduced to the curriculum and the professionals from more than 40 early childhood programs as a way of helping them make the right decisions for their child. For more information about participating in or attending the Fair, call **Sally Brush @ 459-1188 (ext. 103)** or **Ellen Golub (ext. 117)**.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THIS SIGN MEANT?



For Village residents not involved in the Elementary School, this sign may be a mystery. The sign is a reminder to pick up Market Day orders that afternoon from 4:30-5:45 p.m.. What, you may ask, are Market Day orders? Terrace Park Elementary's PTO sells Market Day's restaurant quality foods like frozen meats, seafood, vegetables, desserts and prepared dishes. Many are packed in individual servings. You order the food

either by filling in a form or going online at www.Marketday.com. About 1-2 weeks later, you pick up your food at the Elementary School cafeteria. The PTO makes at least 10% on everything purchased. If you would like to order or get more information, please call **Clare Richart @ 576-6735**, **Reed Ebel @ 576-0734**, **Holly McCormack @ 576-0884**, or visit the web site, www.Marketday.com.



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David Todd, who does not reside in Terrace Park, but has children and grandchildren who do, said he is entirely comfortable with his four grandchildren playing soccer at Drackett. "I feel there are no risks to children in the neighborhood from trap shooting at Stumps."

Gary Beck, also a non-resident Stumps member, distributed a sample of the shot used in trap shooting, describing it as "similar to grains of sand." He noted, as well, the Stumps members are willing to follow the new ordinance's conditions for getting a police permit. These include:

- ❖ Notify Police prior to shooting
- ❖ Inspection of ammunition by Police at that time
- ❖ 2 signs to be posted when shooting in progress
- ❖ If above are violated, permit is revoked

Sergeant Tim Chin, who has researched the safety issues, acknowledged low risk, as long as permit guidelines are followed. Projectiles are unlikely to get through the 25 to 38 foot brush line between Stumps and Park property. "If pellets got through," Sergeant Chin said, "the velocity would be so low, it is unlikely it would cause harm."

Chief Bacon stated he believed Stumps maintains safety.

Several residents also spoke in December, protesting the potential loss of their right to shoot on their own property. In January, Councilwoman Julie Rugh reported to Council on other communities' restrictions. In Cincinnati, Mariemont and Madeira, ordinances are similar to or more restrictive than ours. Indian Hill's and Milford's ordinances are also similar, but those communities do allow shooting on one's own property if it includes 5 acres or 50 contiguous acres, respectively. Shooting on a small lot in a populated area is not allowed in any of these neighborhoods.

During the past two months, one question was not resolved. It is against Ohio state law to fire a weapon onto another's property. This is an acknowledged possibility in the case of shot traveling through the Stumps brush line onto the Hamilton County Park property. Council suggested Chief Bacon get, in writing, the Park Board's currently tacit approval of the Stumps activities before issuing the club a permit.

With this, despite new Councilman Jim Peterkin's motion to table the ordinance for another month, Council voted to pass the firearms ordinance at the January meeting.

Village Calendar 2000

FEBRUARY

- 1 Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, "Love in Bloom" table settings and luncheon, Community Building, 12:00 noon
- 1 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, MJHS cafeteria, every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. New members welcome
- 1 Terrace Park PTO meeting, cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting. For information call Louann Mauk @ 831-4655
- 10 "Lunch and Learn" senior lecture series, St. Thomas Undercroft, 10:00 a.m. Topic to be announced. Lunch optional. All seniors welcome!
- 12 Recreational baseball, softball, and t-ball signup, TPE cafeteria, 10 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- 12-13 The annual *Pod People* show, MHS Auditorium, Saturday show is at 7:30, Sunday show is at 2:00 p.m. For tickets call Peggy Landes @ 561-5568
- 14 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 *Village Views* deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads at 9:00 p.m.
- 15 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m.
- 24 "Lunch and Learn" senior lecture series, "Under Fire - Soviet Women Combat Veterans of World War II," St. Thomas Undercroft, 10:00 a.m. Lunch optional. Open to all seniors
- 27 St. Thomas concert series, "Vocal Chamber Music", 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Boy Scout Mulch Sale begins with final orders due March 12

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TERRACE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS SAFETY AND AWARENESS TIPS

Due to events during the 1999 summer months in the Tri-County area, the Terrace Park Police Department is offering safety and awareness tips for our residents. Though we have not been affected as a community by those events, such as rape, it is important to remember that tragic events can take place anywhere. No community is completely safe or immune.

The following simple guidelines can increase your personal safety level:

- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS (HOME AND VEHICLE)
- Keep garage doors closed and locked
- Survey your garage before entering with your vehicle and again once inside your garage
- Break routine
- Always be aware of and avoid unfamiliar surroundings
- Carry a cell phone
- Be cautious and follow your gut instincts, especially in elevators and garages (if your little voice is telling you something just isn't right, it probably isn't)
- Always make and maintain eye contact
- Increase your personal space from three feet to thirty feet
- Avoid being out alone (safety in numbers)
- Ask for proper ID from any individual who arrives to make repairs at your home. Do not allow entry until you have verified their identification

Physical assault and rape lead to emotional, mental and physical trauma. When you prepare for such an event, you are preparing for a fight for your life. The Terrace Park Police Department is willing to arrange a Safety Awareness class, depending on interest shown by our residents. If interested, please complete and return the form provided below.

Return to: Officer Kathy Webb
Terrace Park Police Department
428 Elm Avenue
Terrace Park, OH 45174

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

___ Male
___ Female

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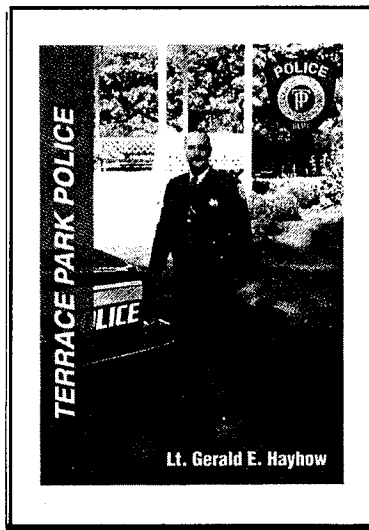
TERRACE PARK VILLAGE CRIME and POLICE ACTIVITY

Police Reports	NOV/DEC	DEC/JAN	YTD
Help Runs	21	34	225
Mutual Aid Runs	19	23	205
Alarm Drops	2	4	74
Property Found Unsecured	12	8	83
Animal Complaints	2	5	13(as of 8-99)
Domestic Disputes or Violence	0	0	11
Accident Reports	3	3	28
Traffic Arrests or Citations	78	29	736
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	48	21	325
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrant)	12	5	150
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	7	10	191

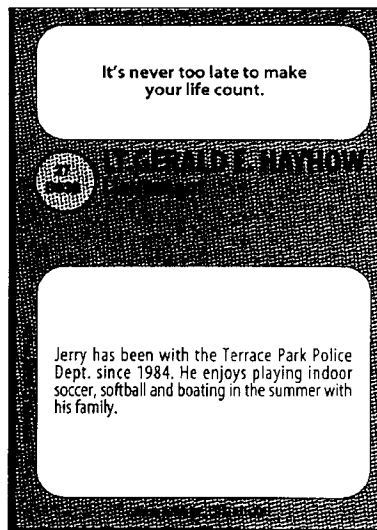
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Chief Bacon reported that juvenile crime has decreased since the extra police officer was added to the force.

Residents and staff are to be commended for their part in helping fireworks traffic move so well.



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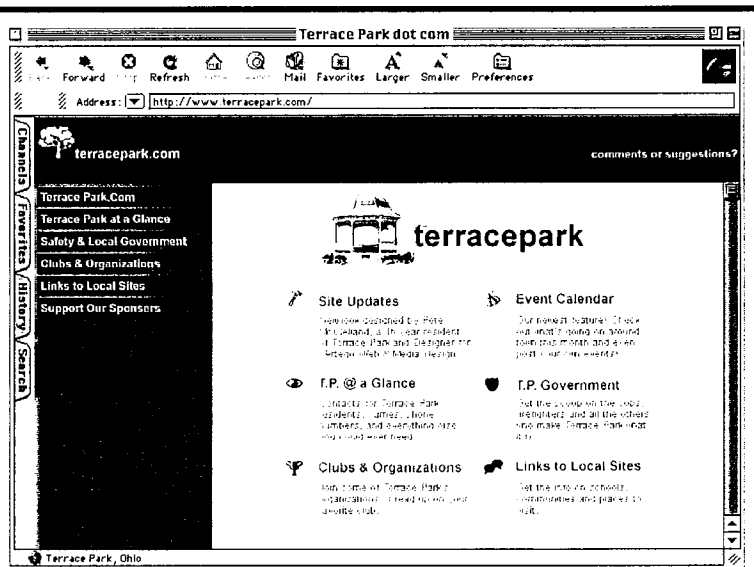
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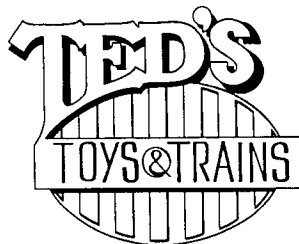
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Mariemont Junior High Sculptors of History

On Sculptors of History Day at Mariemont Junior High School, Vincent Van Gogh, Albert Einstein or Maya Angelou might have been seen walking down the hall. Mariemont eighth graders transformed themselves into historical figures for the Sculptors assignment.

Each student was assigned a figure from history from one of six categories - science, math and philosophy, music, art, writers and poets and political figures. The historical characters dated as far back as 2000 BC, while some are still living.

"The students have to become the person, including their personality and dress," teacher Dan Aden said. "One of the big goals is to reinforce research skills on the computer and other library research."

Each eighth grader prepared a

question and answer sheet and was interviewed by a parent or community member. The students were required to stay in first person during the interview. Mr. Aden said volunteers are vital for this part of the assignment.

"We use about 45 adults to pull this off," Mr. Aden said. "It's an intimate, one-on-one situation. I think it's good to have the parents come in and participate and see what goes on in the big picture."

Eighth grader Katy Keffer had a unique experience with the project - she communicated with her historical figure via email! Katy did her project on quilt artist and University of California Professor Faith Ringgold.

"I asked her what I should wear and she said a bright smile, big earrings and bright clothes," Katy said.

By Katie Carman
7th grade correspondent

Last summer Mirella Ruschel, "Lella," came to live with Betty and Marshall Formby of Terrace Park and their daughter, Alison, who is in seventh grade at MJHS. Lella is an AFS exchange student from Brazil and is attending Mariemont High School. I interviewed Lella and Alison about what it is like to be an AFS student and a host.

Katie: What compelled you to become an AFS student?

Lella: I had friends who had done it and they shared their experiences with me. I became interested. Also, I thought it would be good for my future to know about a different culture.

Katie: Why did you choose the U.S.?

Lella: I wanted to learn English.

Katie: What was your first impression when you arrived?

Lella: I liked the place and the Formbys, but everything was so different. One difference is having a curfew. In Brazil we don't have curfews. Also, in Brazil I could go home for lunch, but not at Mariemont High School. In Brazil you could walk to the mall, the grocery store, everywhere, but in America you have to drive.

Katie: Tell me about your family in Brazil.

Lella: I live with my mom, my dad and my older sister. We go to my grandmother's, to our beach house and we like to travel.

Katie: What do you enjoy here?

Lella: I like going to Texas, Columbus and to church.

Katie: Tell me about school at Mariemont.

Lella: Mariemont's academics are easier, but since everything is in English I find it a challenge. In Brazil we have different classes every day, but here we take the same classes every day. I play basketball and volleyball at school.

Katie: Alison, what do you and Lella enjoy doing together?

Alison: We play basketball, vol-

leyball, jump on the trampoline and go to the mall. We communicate pretty easily. I'd like to be an AFS student.

Lella enjoys meeting people, and would enjoy being invited into more Terrace Park homes, especially those with students. She loves children, has great references and is available for babysitting. To reach her, call the Formby residence @ 576-1663.

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