

Speed humps on Park & Western scrutinized

By Katy Wood

A bird's eye view of Park and Western Avenues with speed humps added was revealed at the August Council meeting, the result of a hard-won consensus. The ultimate result has yet to be decided.

As reported in June's *Village Views*, the Planning and Safety Committee met on June 29 to resolve their position regarding installing speed humps on Park and Western Avenues. Terry Howe and other Park/Western residents had heavily lobbied this issue over the previous few months due to safety concerns.

At this committee meeting a consensus was reached by residents and committee members to request Savage Walker and Associates, the engineering firm used by the Village, to conduct a second traffic/speed study to investigate the viability of "traffic calming device" installation on the streets of concern. (Mr. Howe paid for the first study conducted by Roberts Engineering, which recommended installation of devices such as speed humps due to excessive speeding on the

streets in question).

At the Council meeting in July, there was considerable debate about the proposal, with Public Safety Chairwoman Julie Rugh advocating for a study to include all Village streets. Committee member Dan Keefe stressed cost concerns, as well as speeding patterns throughout the Village. "People speed within the Village," said Mr. Keefe, "then slow down once they get on Wooster Pike," referring to heavy patrolling of Route 50 by the Terrace Park police.

Mrs. Rugh referred to traffic-slowing elements already in place on Park and Western, including the severe turn in Park, and their short and narrow qualities. Mr. Howe and others have indicated these elements as actually increasing the danger there.

Committee member Jack Brown asserted that the motion as developed in the Committee meeting should be made, given "the process of two safety Committee meetings where a specific group of residents made a request and did a lot of work."

The motion to complete a second study just on Park and West-

ern was passed. Stephen Holmes emphasized the need for a study tailored to provide drawings detailing the appearance and placement of speed humps and associated signs and curbs.

"We need to see what this would look like in order to focus further discussions in Council," said Mr. Holmes.

Such drawings were viewed at Council on August 8. Village Engineer George Kipp presented two drawings, representing alternatives, "Plan A" and "Plan B", based upon a list of criteria culled from the street calming research.

Plan A proposes two humps on Park at a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000 each, including signage and curbing. Plan B would include 3 humps on Park and one on Western.

Mr. Kipp stressed the need for establishing local criteria that would determine which roads would qualify for street calming if requested. (One often stated objection to speed humps is that other residents will request them if Park/Western gets them). Criteria would also, for instance, designate spacing of humps and warning signs.

As reported by Mr. Kipp, criteria used by many communities rules out "arterial" or major roads, such as Wooster Pike, and "collector" or secondary roads, such as Elm Avenue, for street calming devices, but may find residential roads eligible based upon criteria regarding average volume and speed of traffic.

Based upon engineering standards, Park and Western could be defined as secondary roads given their access to Wooster, but also have qualities of residential streets. Mr. Kipp indicated that he consid-

ered the Park/Western "borderline" status a local issue that would have to be resolved by Council.

Following Mr. Kipp's presentation, Mayor Startzman concluded that Council members needed to review the information and drawings (available to the public at the Village office), make a decision regarding the viability of speed humps, and consider reasonable criteria if they plan on voting for speed humps.

Presumably, the issue will be resolved at September's Council meeting.

What would speed humps look like?

The speed humps being discussed for Terrace Park are gradual in nature, providing a 6-foot ramp on either side of a 10-foot flat area, or "table". The table is three inches higher than the road.

Generally, speed humps are placed at least 300 feet from traffic signs and 300-600 feet from each other. There are apparently many exceptions to the guidelines

made by other communities. Because Western Avenue is approximately 520 feet long, Plan B, with a hump placed in the middle of Western, would exceed the general spacing guideline.

Parking is not allowed 10 feet on either side of the hump. According to the drawings, the plans would prevent parking in front of at least 2 homes.

Memories of the dog days of autumn

By Shelley Cowan

Anyone new to Terrace Park might think of our Labor Day celebration as the day the children come home with goldfish from the festival on the Green. But long-time residents remember the annual event for another kind of animal celebration - the Labor Day Pet Parade.

Although no one interviewed for this article could remember how or when the Pet Parade began, Ellis Rawnsley, author of *A Place Called Terrace Park*, notes that the Layman's League of St. Thomas Church started the Labor Day Festival in 1943 - the first one was held on the Stanton Avenue athletic field. The Pet Parade, which faded in the early 90s, enjoyed a run of nearly 50 years. Residents recall that the parade was a Village fixture by the 40s.

"Dogs. Lots of dogs," remembers Marie Stoecklin, a Park resident since 1941. "The kids walked the dogs, but the parents had to stick close by to keep the dogs from getting tangled with one another," adds Flach Douglas, of Miami.

But dogs weren't the only stars. Children carried goldfish in bowls and snakes in cages. There were also cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and ducks - some carried in their owners' arms and others pulled in wagons. And not all of the animals were small. Bob Martin, who has lived here since 1957, remembers a goat, a sheep, and even a pony.

Bill Swensson, grew up on Floral, clearly remembers his family's 1958 entry. "It was the year after the Sputnik was launched, and we were pretty caught up in the whole idea of space travel. We had two rabbits, Wee Wiggle Nose and Peter Rabbit, so we turned their cage into the Rapid Rabbit Rocket. Our prize was

a shiny silver dollar from the Terrace Park Building and Loan - located where UDF sits today."

Many of the animals wore costumes too, which were often in tatters by the time the pets and their owners reached the Village Green. "I remember dressing my dog up like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz," says, Shannon Luhn of Lexington, now a sophomore at Clemson University. Mr. Swensson's favorite dog costume was a dachshund dressed like tube of Crest toothpaste. "I don't remember who owned that dog, but I'm pretty sure I know where the owner worked."

"To understand why dogs in costume were such a big deal," explains Mr. Swensson, "you have to remember that those were the days before leash laws. And just like we all knew each other's kids, we also knew each other's dogs. Everyone got a big kick out of seeing them in costume."

Julie Overway Morgan, of Fieldstone, grew up on Circus Place. "I don't know if the other streets did this, but everyone on Circus Place and Robinwood participated as a group. We'd start planning our costumes weeks before. My favorite was the year we picked 'The Death of Dr. Doolittle' as our theme."

Flach Douglas picks up the story: "I think it was in 1968. We borrowed a hearse from a high school kid who used it to haul around his band equipment. The kids covered me up and made it look like I was in a casket, but they left my feet hanging out the back. The kids all dressed in black, like they were in mourning. They walked behind the hearse, but by the end of the parade I think all of the cats were in the hearse with me."

"Back then," says Mr. Douglas, "the pets weren't just part of the Labor Day parade, the pets WERE the parade."

Other Council business from July and August meetings:

Kent Circle/Wrenwood Lane Easement - Jack Gambetta (1 Kent Circle) addressed Council in July regarding the easement that crosses his property. He expressed concern about the use of motor vehicles on the easement and use of the easement during evening hours. He stressed the issue of liability, questioning if property owners could be liable for accidents occurring on the path. Mr. Gambetta used an example of a parent blaming him when her son had a cycling accident on the path, due to Mr. Gambetta leaving grass clippings there. He referred also to the "No Motor Vehicles" signs posted on the path and emphasized the need for enforcement.

Mr. Gambetta (as well as neighbor Llewellyn Fay, of 123 Wrenwood) requested information regarding liability, but he also mentioned the option of closing the path. As a result of his objections, 16 Wrenwood residents attended the August meeting. Gerri Kennedy (152 Wrenwood) spoke for the group, noting that the path, in existence since 1959, is heavily traveled by children and a group of elderly residents who should not be expected to use the crumbling sidewalks on Wooster Pike.

Councilman Dan Keefe agreed, emphasizing that Council has not proposed closing the path. Village Solicitor Robert Malloy stated that the easement could be considered

just any other sidewalk in the community, with the same liability issues. Al Duplace suggested that contiguous property owners might give the easement to the Village, making it Village property just as sidewalks are Village property, thus easing liability concerns.

Village Green - At the July meeting, residents Ray Normile (609 Amherst Ave.), Doug Cherry (402 Yale Ave.) and Al Nelson (735 Franklin Ave.) addressed Council, reiterating their concerns about the Village Green including the presence of dead trees, deterioration of the gazebo and flagpole, and need

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Recreation Committee Plans Labor Day Festival

The Labor Day Festival, sponsored by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee, is in its final planning stages, according to John Srofe, coordinator of this year's events. The festivities begin Saturday, September 2 with the Garage Sale at the Log Cabin from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening will be the picnic/concert at the Village Green. On Monday, September 4, the Labor Day Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Carnival on the Village Green, which will run until 1:30 p.m.

The Labor Day proceeds finance Terrace Park Recreation Committee activities for both boys and girls. Since we receive no money from the community, this event is very important in raising funds to maintain the fields and pay for new uniforms and equipment.

The Garage Sale is again in the capable hands of John Srofe, Kelly Schmidt and Grace Holmes. Please make your "treasures" available to others. The money made from the garage sale is the largest contributor to our youth's activities. Drop off items at the Log Cabin on Friday, August 25—Friday, September 1 (except Sunday, August 27) when you see the "Drop Off" sign posted outside the Cabin. **Call Grace @ 248-2512 for more information.**

Saturday night, please join us at the Village Green for a picnic/concert. For those who have not attended this event in the past, the food, camaraderie and entertainment is a tremendous family experience.

The Parade, organized by Lon and Sylvia Stirrsman, will feature floats, bikes, antique cars, bands, fire trucks, local celebrities and police. All participants should meet be-

hind Terrace Park elementary school at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:00 start down Myrtle, up Stanton, across Yale, and down Amherst to the Village Green.

After the Parade, the Carnival will run until approximately 1:30 p.m. All of the favorite games, rides and Bingo will be back. Beth Srofe and Katy Barnhill are coordinating game booths and prizes. Should you get hungry, stop by the food tent run by the Boy Scouts. They will be serving hotdogs, hamburgers, brats and sodas.

Not everyone has the time to be a coach. This is a project where everyone's time, energy and donations are needed to support our children's program. We need items for the Bingo tent and volunteers for the Garage Sale and game booths. **Please call John @ 831-6844 if you can help.**

Letters to the Editor

5 August 2000

To the Editor:

I am writing you concerning the expansion of St. Thomas Church. I know that the expansion is inevitable. I am not proposing that it be stopped, because I realize that is not within my power. However, I do not believe enough of an effort is being made to expand the Church in a manner that has the least amount of effect on the surrounding neighborhood. Miami Avenue and Terrace Place are both lined with cars because of the inadequate parking facilities provided by the Church. Recently I was told that a parking study had been done at the behest of the committee planning the Church expansion. It concluded there is no parking problem. The people doing the study had contacted nobody I queried residing in the houses near the Church. I am confused as to how one can do a study and not discuss the perspectives of those people most affected by the lack of parking. I hope that the explanation is not one concerning statistics. I would like to think that we are more than that.

This is a relatively tight-knit community and as such I would like to think of the Church as one of my neighbors. I feel the neighborly thing to do would be to discuss this proposal with those of us living near the Church. I believe that the passing on of information in an atmosphere of open dialogue would go a long way to ameliorate the fears and concerns of many of us in the neighborhood. A 55,000 square foot addition is a *huge* project. It is one that will not only have an impact during the construction phase but will alter this area of the community forever.

Finally, I wonder if the expansion will end up having an ironic effect on the rising membership of the Church. I know several parishioners who come from areas other than Terrace Park. I have been told that a good deal of the Church community is from outside our Village. I asked them why they chose to drive all the way here when they could easily attend a Church of the same denomination in their area. Was it the congregation that attracted them? They replied that they knew little of the congregation when they began attending the Church. Their decision to initially attend St. Thomas was based on how "charming" they perceived the Church to be, and how quaint the building looked. I am willing to bet that the appearance of the Church was an attraction to many people who decided to give the Church a try. I realize that the look of the Church is not what made my friends decide to continue their attendance there. However, they may not have given it a try without the lure of the ambience. It would be truly ironic if such a large expansion made to accommodate a growing congregation would end up keeping people away.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey E. Koreman
212 Cambridge Avenue

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There is a green, self-addressed envelope attached to this edition. Please feel free to submit suggestions, comments, etc. along with your tax-deductible donation. We always welcome new volunteers, too.

Many thanks,
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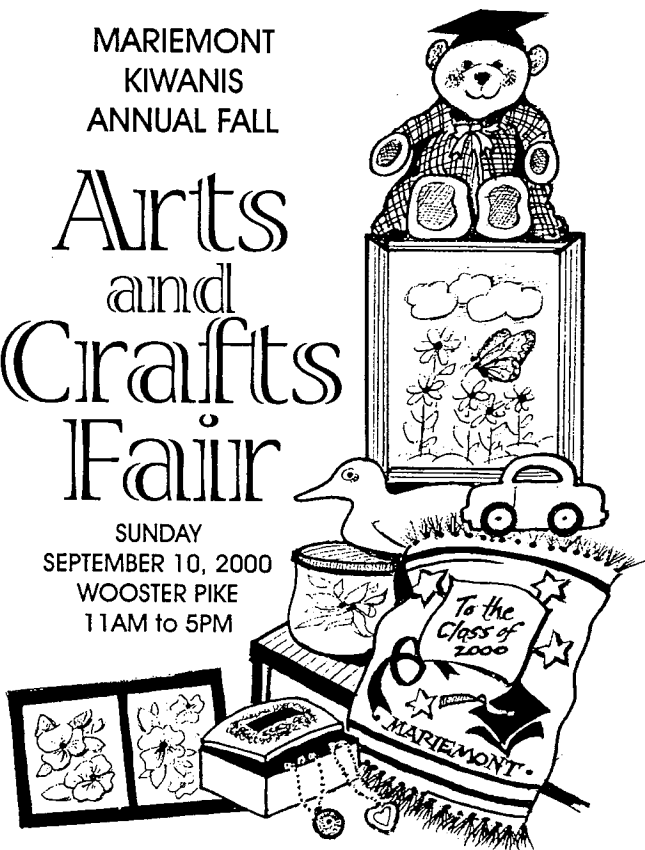
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A New Look For TP Website

By Shelley Cowan

Want to find out who is on the Planning and Zoning Committee, or how to join the Garden Club? Check out the Terrace Park website at www.terracepark.com. If you haven't taken a look at the site lately, you're in for a surprise. The original site, developed several years ago by Gregg MacMillan, of MacMillan Graphics, and his daughter, Stephanie, had basic information about the Park, but few links to other sites.

Over the past year Gregg worked with Peter McClelland, a graphic designer who grew up in Terrace Park, to give the site a new look, more information, and a higher level of functionality. In "web talk," functionality refers to the number and variety of things a viewer can do on a site. The redesigned site gives visitors the opportunity to link to related websites and to become part of TPlist, a free, email-based discussion group. The purpose of TPlist is to promote discussion of community issues of interest to Park residents.

But like any good website, terracepark.com is always changing. Recently a group interested in developing the site got together to plan for the future. According to volunteer Tim Mackey, "We built the framework. Now people have to supply us with the news and information to make this a truly robust site."

"This thing can be as big or as little as the Terrace Park residents want it to be," Mackey continues. "In the past, when you needed volunteers for a project, or if you were looking for basic information, you had to make dozens of phone calls. We have the capability to put all of this on our site. We just need people to supply us with information about their organizations. We are trying to build a closer, more connected community using the latest technology. And the more people who are part of it, the better."

The site allows visitors to submit information about organizations and clubs. Anyone interested in attending the next planning session or helping develop the site can contact **Gregg MacMillan @ 248-2121**. Those signing up to become part of TPlist will be notified of the meetings.

Look for TP Site at Labor Day Festival

Several organizers of www.terracepark.com will sponsor a "Guide to the Internet" at the Labor Day Festival. Volunteers will have computers set up to introduce Park residents to the Terrace Park website and give guided tours of the Web. They will also be looking for suggestions as to what kind of information or features residents would like to see on the Terrace Park site.

Village Calendar 2000

September

2 Labor Day Garage Sale, Log Cabin, 9 a.m. For information call **Grace Holmes @ 248-2512**

4 Labor Day Festivities. Parade begins at 10 a.m. Participants meet behind TPES at 9:30 a.m. Pet Parade participants and contestants meet in front of school at 9:30 a.m. Festival on the Village Green is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

5 Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, Community Building, noon

5 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, every Tuesday morning at 7:30a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!

5 Terrace Park Elementary PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents encouraged to attend

10 Mariemont Kiwanis Fourteenth Arts & Crafts

Festival, Mariemont Strand median, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7 p.m.

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

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

14 Terrace Park Newcomers general meeting, Community Building. Anyone interested, **contact Melanie Stutenroth @ 576-9824**

19 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m. Public welcome

30 Terrace Park Newcomers' "Harvest Moon Hoe-down", Community Building, 8:00 p.m. \$25 per couple, \$12.50 per individual. For information call **Amy Timmers @ 831-1167**

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

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for improvements of the public address system, lighting and the drinking fountain. Mr. Nelson particularly stressed the need for a better maintenance delivery system.

At the August meeting, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair Al Duplace reported on improvements made or in process, including removal of dead trees, replacement and painting of gazebo panels, possibly with vinyl lattice, and a platform around the water fountain. Other projects are pending.

Police Chief Bob Bacon thanked residents who have utilized complaint forms to report maintenance needs. The maintenance and police departments have found this feedback helpful, and forms will be made more accessible outside the Village office door.

Zoning Issues - Planning and Zoning Chair Dan Keefe emphasized at both meetings that the water retention ordinance will be enforced with any new construction involving a "significant addition". As well, Council passed an ordinance assessing fees for a zoning certificate, at 1 %

cost with a \$75 minimum, \$50 maximum, for non-residential properties. Hamilton County issues the building permit for properties considered non-residential, but the Village Building Inspector is required to determine compliance with local codes, until now at no cost.

Water Main Project - As of August 23, the first day of school, the water main project, including street leveling, was projected to be complete at below estimated costs.

Rawnsley Property - Council continues to refer to the need to determine a plan for the "Rawnsley property", currently the property of the Village. In the mean time, they have approved part of an Eagle Scout project proposed by resident Andrew Knox that will involve "heavy clean-up". His proposal to re-landscape the property has been put on hold pending establishment of long-term plans by Council.



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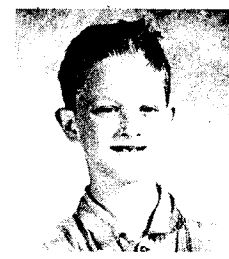
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Peaceful "Pond Walk"



By Jenny Whittaker

The tranquil splash of a waterfall fills the July night air as I sit next to the Freshleys' pond in their gorgeous backyard, as a hostess for the Terrace Park Garden Club's "Pond Walk". The crowds have thinned, so I thought I'd take a few minutes to work on my article about this annual event for *Village Views*. I find myself too relaxed to write—soothed by the gentle, rushing sound of water. What is it about that sound? Is it a reminder of bubbling brooks, lapping waves, or simply serenity?

The five ponds featured



on the "Pond Walk" are very different in size and scope, but all offered the peaceful sound of moving water, beautiful water plants and a quiet escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The Lewis family's pond is the largest and oldest pond, filled with goldfish and lily pads, surrounded by towering cosmos and cheery black-eyed susans. Nestled down in a nearby flower bed was a family of baby bunnies, to the delight of the sentimental. This is the second summer for the Freshleys' pond, complete with water hibiscus, ferns and hostas flanking the banks. The Ebels' and the Roberts' ponds are similar in size, with gurgling fountains and water plants. Their uniqueness was established by the varying ornamental features, which reflect each gardener's taste. The Maishs' tiny pond, with a water spouting turtle, was tucked into a corner of their cozy yard, right next to their patio.

Lots of space is not necessary for water gardening. Pick a spot, dig a hole, install a liner, add a recirculating pump and fountain, a few gold fish and some water plants. Tranquility can be yours for a weekend's work. Of course, consulting experts before you begin is always advisable!

Photos: Sandy Wittman-Shell

Terrace Park Newcomers'



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Pets will be judged by a representative from Milford Dog Grooming.



Prizes will be awarded for:

- Pet and owner who most look alike
- Best pet costume
- Most unusual pet

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A New Look For TP Website

By Shelley Cowan

Want to find out who is on the Planning and Zoning Committee, or how to join the Garden Club? Check out the Terrace Park website at www.terracepark.com. If you haven't taken a look at the site lately, you're in for a surprise. The original site, developed several years ago by Gregg MacMillan, of MacMillan Graphics, and his daughter, Stephanie, had basic information about the Park, but few links to other sites.

Over the past year Gregg worked with Peter McClelland, a graphic designer who grew up in Terrace Park, to give the site a new look, more information, and a higher level of functionality. In "web talk," functionality refers to the number and variety of things a viewer can do on a site. The redesigned site gives visitors the opportunity to link to related websites and to become part of TPlist, a free, email-based discussion group. The purpose of TPlist is to promote discussion of community issues of interest to Park residents.

But like any good website, terracepark.com is always changing. Recently a group interested in developing the site got together to plan for the future. According to volunteer Tim Mackey, "We built the framework. Now people have to supply us with the news and information to make this a truly robust site."

"This thing can be as big or as little as the Terrace Park residents want it to be," Mackey continues. "In the past, when you needed volunteers for a project, or if you were looking for basic information, you had to make dozens of phone calls. We have the capability to put all of this on our site. We just need people to supply us with information about their organizations. We are trying to build a closer, more connected community using the latest technology. And the more people who are part of it, the better."

The site allows visitors to submit information about organizations and clubs. Anyone interested in attending the next planning session or helping develop the site can contact **Gregg MacMillan @ 248-2121**. Those signing up to become part of TPlist will be notified of the meetings.

Look for TP Site at Labor Day Festival

Several organizers of www.terracepark.com will sponsor a "Guide to the Internet" at the Labor Day Festival. Volunteers will have computers set up to introduce Park residents to the Terrace Park website and give guided tours of the Web. They will also be looking for suggestions as to what kind of information or features residents would like to see on the Terrace Park site.

Village Calendar 2000

September

2 Labor Day Garage Sale, Log Cabin, 9 a.m. For information call **Grace Holmes @ 248-2512**

4 Labor Day Festivities. Parade begins at 10 a.m. Participants meet behind TPES at 9:30 a.m. Pet Parade participants and contestants meet in front of school at 9:30 a.m. Festival on the Village Green is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

5 Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, Community Building, noon

5 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, every Tuesday morning at 7:30a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!

5 Terrace Park Elementary PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents encouraged to attend

10 Mariemont Kiwanis Fourteenth Arts & Crafts

Festival, Mariemont Strand median, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7 p.m.

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

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

14 Terrace Park Newcomers general meeting, Community Building. Anyone interested, contact **Melanie Stutenroth @ 576-9824**

19 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m. Public welcome

30 Terrace Park Newcomers' "Harvest Moon Hoe-down", Community Building, 8:00 p.m. \$25 per couple, \$12.50 per individual. For information call **Amy Timmers @ 831-1167**

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

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for improvements of the public address system, lighting and the drinking fountain. Mr. Nelson particularly stressed the need for a better maintenance delivery system.

At the August meeting, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair Al Duplace reported on improvements made or in process, including removal of dead trees, replacement and painting of gazebo panels, possibly with vinyl lattice, and a platform around the water fountain. Other projects are pending.

Police Chief Bob Bacon thanked residents who have utilized complaint forms to report maintenance needs. The maintenance and police departments have found this feedback helpful, and forms will be made more accessible outside the Village office door.

Zoning Issues - Planning and Zoning Chair Dan Keefe emphasized at both meetings that the water retention ordinance will be enforced with any new construction involving a "significant addition". As well, Council passed an ordinance assessing fees for a zoning certificate, at 1 %

cost with a \$75 minimum, \$500 maximum, for non-residential properties. Hamilton County issues the building permit for properties considered non-residential, but the Village Building Inspector is required to determine compliance with local codes, until now at no cost.

Water Main Project - As of August 23, the first day of school, the water main project, including street leveling, was projected to be complete at below estimated costs.

Rawnsley Property - Council continues to refer to the need to determine a plan for the "Rawnsley property", currently the property of the Village. In the mean time, they have approved part of an Eagle Scout project proposed by resident Andrew Knox that will involve "heavy clean-up". His proposal to re-landscape the property has been put on hold pending establishment of long-term plans by Council.



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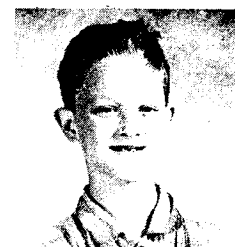
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Neighbor to Neighbor

Choir of Men and Boys perform in Washington, DC

The St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys finished their spring with a spectacular performance in Washington National Cathedral on June 11. The choir, 15 boys and 10 men, had been preparing for the trip for 5 months, culminating with their voices soaring through the huge Gothic arches. Clergy from the Cathedral commented on the beauty of the performance.

In addition to sightseeing, a highlight of the trip was getting locked in the cathedral on Saturday evening following rehearsal. The choir plans future trips to New York and to Europe.

They lifted their voices and sang

Twenty-seven members of the centuries old Christ's College Choir from Cambridge, England toured the US this summer and gave a breathtaking performance of choral anthems at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Monday, July 17.

Dating back to 1505, Christ's Church has a rich tradition of music, and the evening included works by Byrd, Gibbons, Howells, Purcell, Faure and Verdi. World-class choral harmonies and solo performances captivated the audience: it was a spiritually uplifting evening of rare musical quality.

Eleven generous and friendly Terrace Park families, who each deserve a big thank you for opening their homes, hosted choir members. Thanks are also due Dr. Carlton Monroe for making St. Thomas the perfect setting for this memorable choral event.



David Bowers receives his commission in the US Army.

ROTC scholar is commissioned officer

David Frame Bowers, son of John and Judy Bowers of 106 Fieldstone Drive, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the US Army upon graduation from Southern Methodist University in Dallas this spring. David graduated with majors in history and political science. Upon completion of his training in Arizona, David will be permanently assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado.

A 1995 graduate of Mariemont High School, David attended SMU on a full ROTC scholarship. Following his four-year commitment to the Army, he plans to attend law school.

Kiwanis Club seeks new members

The Mariemont Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday morning from 7:30-9:00 in the Mariemont Junior High School Cafeteria. Nine of the 70 members are from Terrace Park. Community-minded men and women are invited to join. Please call Peter Stites @ 831-1944 for information on this worthwhile service organization and its activities.

Happy Birthday!

Dorothy Aichholz celebrated her 90th birthday on July 30, 2000. She and her late husband, Mel, moved to Terrace Park in 1940. She has one daughter, 2 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The "Happy Birthday" girl with her floral tributes.



EMS pediatric drill

On August 7, the Terrace Park EMS held a pediatric drill, sharpening their skills on the willing volunteers.

Top left: Carolyn Frey and Clare Williams check the blood pressure of Christian Frey.

Middle left: Steve Wilson listens to A.J. Walter's heart. A.J. is the son of EMT Dave Walters.

Bottom left: Aaron Routt lets his mom, Janie Routt, check his pulse, as big brother Bryan watches.

Essentials Salon and Day Spa welcomes friends old and new

On Wednesday, August 30, 4-7:00 p.m., a Customer Appreciation/Open House will be held at Essentials Salon on Wooster Pike. Door prizes, free gifts, product demonstrations and refreshments are being offered. In addition, a raffle to benefit the Kelly O'Leary Center for Pervasive Developmental Disorders will be held. The raffle prize is "A Day Affair", featuring facial, massage, manicure, pedicure, scalp treatment and blow dry, valued at \$175. The raffle tickets may be purchased for a donation of \$1 or more to the O'Leary Center. In addition, Ted's Trains & Toys will be holding an Open House and coloring contest at the same time.

TPES Fine Arts Committee is compiling a list of music instructors within the Village. If you provide lessons and wish to be on the list, please call Jane Yancey @ 831-1246

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Police Reports	June/July	July/Aug	YTD
Help Runs	18	16	115
Mutual Aid Runs	17	16	101
Alarm Drops	5	4	41
Property Found Unsecured	4	8	38
Animal Complaints	1	3	28
Domestic Disputes or Violence	0	0	9
Accident Reports	1	3	16
Traffic Arrests or Citations	62	57	555
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	30	27	184
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrants)	17	16	88
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	15	6	72

Noted

Chief Bacon commended Lt. Jerry Hayhow for the success of the police trading card program. He also commended Sgts. Joe Winders and Tim Chin for their professionalism in helping to handle the "suicide by cop" case in Newtown, when a distraught man repeatedly lunged at officers with a knife.

TP Police Chief relishes reputation

By Camilla Warrick

Terrace Park Police Chief Bob Bacon knows that many outsiders think this Village is just a speed trap waiting to snare them.

"I love that reputation," he said. "It does half my job for me."

Police see drivers blinking their headlights at each other, signaling that a cruiser lies in wait. And while it's illegal (because it involves improper use of a vehicle), it's tolerated without complaint by officers.

Bacon's job, as he describes it, is to keep the streets safe — primarily for the well-being of children. If that mobilizes citizens in any way, he's for it. "The effort has always been about slowing down and being safe," he said. "It's not about issuing citations."

But issue them they do. From mid-July to mid-August, for instance, local police wrote 57 citations and another 27 warnings. A citation isn't necessarily for driving

faster than the speed limit. It could also be for improper equipment or not having an operator's license.

How many of the arrests for speeding occur on Wooster Pike?

"This is a guess," said Bacon, "but 80 to 90 percent. If we're hitting a particular area, like Elm Road from the bridge up, then the percentage could change."

What about speeding within the Village, where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour — does that occur?

"Yes, not a lot. But yes," said the chief.

Do officers cut people slack if they are Village residents?

"Absolutely not," he said. "Anyone who knows me, knows that. But are there times when people are given the benefit of the doubt because they're residents? I can't say it doesn't happen. It does, but not enough to make it an issue."

Do citizens have arrest power when they witness other drivers speeding?

"No," said Bacon, "but you can get the license plate number and complain to me. I'll call the person and say 'was that you? Was that someone else driving your car? Don't do it any more.' I've done that at least 400 times in my career."

Local police also deliver verbal warnings to speeding motorists. If a person is polite and acknowledges culpability, he or she is more likely to be sent off with a verbal warning. If the person argues with the officer, then a ticket is the more probable outcome.

Police do log the times they issue verbal warnings. But these logged entries are not tallied, said Bacon. Although he feels comfortable with verbal warnings, he is trying to get out of the practice and wants other officers to do the same. "I'm moving to put them in writing," he said. "It shows that the officer was comfortable enough [with his or her action] to document it."

Bacon knows that some Terrace Park residents believe that speeding is on the increase within the Village. He, however, is not one of them. "We are tough on speeders," he said, "and we make sure that message is delivered."

Mariemont Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Fair is local tradition

The 14th annual Arts & Crafts fair, a fundraiser which benefits Mariemont High School students, is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Wooster Pike median just west of Mariemont Square.

"The Fair will have at least 88 exhibitors' booths filled with original arts and crafts of all sorts. We prohibit exhibitors who simply buy at wholesale and resell," says Matt Nickum of Terrace Park, the event co-chairman and Mariemont

Kiwanis Club President. The profits from the Fair will be used to award scholarships to deserving MHS seniors.

The Mariemont Chamber of Commerce will sell pizza, snacks and soft drinks at the event. Also, Outer Banks Seafood Market will host its second annual Mariemont Crab Festival on West Street that same afternoon.

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The 1999 Arts and Crafts Fair was an exemplary one, with blue skies, busy vendors and many customers.

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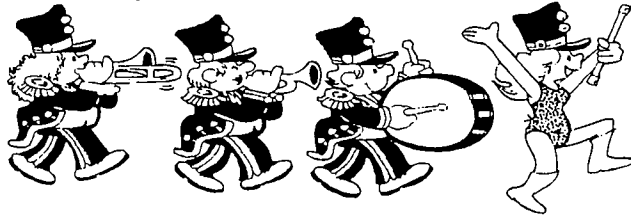
Winners of the Police Department trading card competition were selected earlier this month. Winning a \$200 savings bond was Hunter Phillips, second row left; a \$100 savings bond was won by Arthur Wood, second row right; and a \$50 savings bond each went to Sean Stirsman, second row center and Michael Lord, front row. In the back row is Lt. Hayhow, the coordinator of the contest. Not pictured is \$50 savings bond winner Zach Smith.

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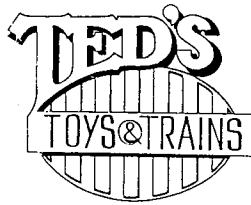
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Terrace Park Sports

Swimmers host championship event



Sam, Patty and Matt Amis - the swing set. Photo: Jim Amis

The 2000 Amis Open

By Paul Pendery
That's about what it seemed like at many of the area golf tournaments this summer. The Amis Open. Sam, Patty, and Matthew Amis all competed in several golf tournaments, and all three placed at or near the top in their respective age groups. Between the three of them they garnered two first place finishes, two seconds, a fourth, and an eighth in these local stroke play competitions. Sam, who is the youngest Amis, competed with the 13 year-olds and placed eighth in the Cincinnati City Junior Open and fourth in the Hamilton County Public Park District Championships.

threw, who will be a senior at Mariemont this year, also finished first in the Junior Open and second in the Park District Championships. So far in his high school career, Matthew has been named first team All-City, City Player of the Year, and Regional Player of the Year.
The proud parents, Jim and Susan Amis, are very encouraging and supportive of their tournament play. As Jim says, "I really think it has helped develop their ability to deal with a lot of things. In tournament play, there are no gimmies or mulligans. The score you post is a true score. Plus, the kids learn to deal with adversity when things don't go their way. Later in the season, or in anything they choose to do, there is a sense of understanding that comes with having competed in that fashion. In the end, I am very proud of what these three have accomplished".

Two sets of girls, two sets of trophies

By Buz Ecker
In her last year as softball commissioner, when Tammy Fisher decided to make two 5th and 6th grade softball teams, little did anyone know both girls' teams would end the sea-

son as co-champs. It sure speaks a lot for the talent and hard work of the girls in the 2000 spring season. For each of the years these sixth graders have played, at least one of their teams has achieved first place. And this year, two teams did! Congratulations girls and hats off to Tammy for finishing her term off in such style!



Members of the two championship teams pose with their trophies at a season end pool party! Front row, l-r: Emma Castator, Julia Wilson, Emily Murphy, Naners Fisher. Middle row, l-r: Steph Brosch, Annie McCormack, Allo Perry, Julie McCormack, Hayley Porst, Kari Bollman. Top: Annie Ecker, Katie Morgan. Missing: Jenna Koors, Maeve McGoff, Maryam Rezayat, Laura Carrigan, Alyssa Frey, Lynley Chapman, Cate Ebel, Julie Keys, Grace Merten, Jane Lindahl, Panny Cowan.



Coaches Tina Luey, back row, and Forrest Kennedy (far right) with three of their high point girls, l-r, Laura Carrigan, Emma Castator and Katie Morgan.

Terrace Park Swim Club hosted the 7 Hills Swim Championship Meet on July 12 & 13. Over 700 area swimmers participated. Our local team did very well, with the 9-10 boys and the 11-12 year old girls finishing as high point winners. Just as importantly, many swimmers posted improved times at the meet. KT



Photos: Julie Morgan

T-shirt saleswomen Holly McCormack and Betsy Porst enjoy working the meet.

Overbey was the Meet Director, with Tina Luey and Forrest Kennedy serving as TP team Coaches this season. The event t-shirt was designed by Tim Fening. Many thanks for all the participants, volunteers, neighbors and fine weather, which combined to make the event run smoothly.

Rosson cards ace!



Erin has plenty to smile about this summer.

By Paul Pendery
On a sunny Wednesday in late June, the Terrace Park Country Club became the personal stage for Erin Rosson, as she carded her first ever hole-in-one. In one of the most exciting moments any individual can have in sports, the hole-in-one provides the golfer with an incredible feeling. For that one swing of the golf club, there is no better golfer in the world. Not Tiger Woods. Not Nancy Lopez. Not Jack Nicklaus or Betsy King. Not a single one of the greatest golfers in the world could possibly do any better than a "1" on their scorecard.
Erin's huge shot was a 115 yard five wood on the par three 13th. Several players in the Wednesday morning nine-hole league witnessed the shot, including Lynette

Overbey of Terrace Park. However, as happens with many great golf shots, they were not sure where the ball went. Erin put it this way. "At first, I thought it went over the green because I lost sight of it. Then as we got closer to the green and I didn't see my ball behind the green, I started to think the unthinkable. But at the time I hit it, a hole-in-one was the furthest thing from my mind. When we all realized it went in, there was a little roar that erupted around us and spread all over the golf course. It was the greatest!"
One of the truly wonderful things about a hole-in-one, besides the lasting memory, is the custom of preserving the moment in some form or another. In this case, Erin Rosson's score card and ball will be preserved in a shadow box, and her name will remain on a plaque in the Grill Room at Terrace Park Country Club for all time. Congratulations Erin!

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