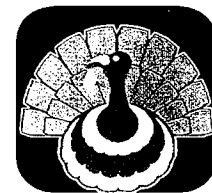


## Happy Thanksgiving



### Garden club home tour

By Jenny Whitaker

Five of Terrace Park's most elegant homes will be on tour December 3<sup>rd</sup> with a unique representation of old and new architecture. "We have quite a variety of homes this year", says Annette Askam, co-chairperson of the event, "everything from historic renovation to modern building construction".

The oldest home on the tour is the current home of Greg and Shannon DeCamp (715 Park Ave.). The home was originally built in 1890 for the Cory family who lived there until 1994. The home has undergone a renovation and an addition since that time with much of the original architecture still intact. A home that was originally built as a two story cottage in 1935 is Jeff and Valerie Arington's home (811 Myrtle), which has also seen many changes over the years; the most recent being a second floor addition in the 1980's. The elegant French Norman style home of Richard and Charla Thomas (611 Lexington) was built in 1940. A pool house and pool were added in 1995 and the main house was totally re-decorated in 1999 with attractive designer touches. The traditional



Garden Club Home Tour Co-chairs Beth Smith, Annette Askam and Sara Osborn.

home of Jeff and Tammy Koreman (212 Cambridge), built in 1971, features a redesigned kitchen, an expanded family room and many interesting creative design elements. The home and carriage house of Bill and Mamie Drackett (101 Michigan) is majestically set on a branch of the Little Miami River. The home,

built in 1981 and added to in 1997, features a Bluestone terrace, an outdoor fireplace, and the latest in modern building techniques.

The Garden Club Home Tour will be held Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance from any garden club member. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the tour at the Community Building which will open at 12:00 noon. The Community Building will also house the Garden Club Holiday Fair which will feature the wares of several local artists, craft items, assorted greens and bulbs, and a bake sale.

Ticket sale proceeds will be used to fund many of the Garden Club neighborhood projects including seasonal plantings for the Community Building, the Memorial bed, and most recently, the new garden at Wooster and Elm Roads.

Spend an enjoyable afternoon touring the five attractive homes whose owners have so graciously opened their doors to us. For additional information, please contact co-chairs Annette Askam (831-7102), Sara Osborn (831-1136) or Beth Smith (831-8687).

### Council begins with a bang!

By Camilla Warrick

It's a safe bet that no Terrace Park Council meeting has ever begun like November's, with police Sgt. Tim Chin shooting a co-worker.

True, it was a staged event. But nevertheless, Officer Jared Cox took 50,000 volts of electricity in the chest. He began in a sitting position and ended up crumpled on the floor.

No, he wasn't being disciplined. Mr. Cox volunteered to be part of a demonstration to show council members the incapacitating effects of a Taser shooting. Sometimes called a "stun gun," a Taser produces an electrical charge that short-circuits the brain and causes a person to go limp. However, according to Sgt.

Chin, the high-volt assault will not damage the heart or ruin pacemakers.

"This is a means to keep the officer from coming into hand-to-hand contact with a citizen," Mr. Chin explained. A Taser would be used in a dangerous situation when an unruly citizen might be armed, but not with a gun.

Police Chief Bob Bacon said he does not supply any of his officers with cans of mace because he thinks they are too easy to use, when talking would suffice. For that reason, he's been slow to warm to the use of stun guns. But now he's convinced that Tasers would be useful in situations that are definitely heading

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### The job's worth love, not money

By Camilla Warrick

Take this job and you will become the smartest person in Terrace Park.

Well, maybe. The job is the editor's position of Village Views. It will consume many hours a month and generate no income. But it's guaranteed to bring you the satisfaction that comes with keeping 2,000 other residents and former residents informed as well as (mildly) entertained.

"I learned so much," said outgoing editor Gillian Littlehale. "It's certainly work, but also wonderful fun. You laugh, you cry, you become a better person."

Three years ago, Gillian took over the job when the paper was in crisis, its future uncertain. Knowing that she was a seasoned volunteer, a veteran of 15 years of Junior League service, Village View's non-profit board asked her to give it a try. She did, not only stabilizing the operation, but also broadening its base of support.

"The paper is very organized now. Anyone who steps in will be able to adopt the pattern and adjust it any way they see fit."

Be assured, she said: Editors sell no ads, lay out no pages and aren't required to write stories. The latter is an option that can be exercised at will. The two other tasks—ad sales and design—are ably performed by Gerri Kennedy and Amy Dillman.

Gillian came to Village Views with a professional background in social work. Her undergraduate degree (from Bowdoin College) was in history and sociology; her graduate degree (from U.Mass, Amherst) was in sociology. She had no journalism experience and claims she was a computer dummy. (Thanks to Village Views she is now "as computer literate as the average 6th grader.")

"But writing did not intimidate

me. I was comfortable with words," she said. "As anyone knows who's spent five minutes with me, I can talk you out the door."

She discovered that she could also shake the chaff out of stories. Extra "that's," "buts" and "ands," which sometimes burden other peoples' copy, she learned to excise in short order.

Her favorite task for the paper was writing stories based on an e-mail correspondence with Englishman Jon Waterman. He was directed to Gillian through an inquiry placed on <http://www.terracepark.com>. His interest was to re-establish a connection with Terrace Park residents that he met when he lived here for 18 months as a boy.

Gillian discovered that they were not only the same age, but both she and he were born in England, had fathers who worked for Procter & Gamble and possibly were business colleagues. Her father, Bill Ittmann, died in 1982.

"Writing Jon was like old home week," she said. "People from here actually got in touch with him after the story."

Gillian plans to spend more time in her garden and with husband, John, and children, Douglas and Rachel. Her byline may appear in Village Views and she may even pursue a dream of starting an essay contest for children under the paper's sponsorship. But don't expect anything out of her until she gets to enjoy a holiday season without newspaper deadlines.

"Everybody was so enthusiastic about the paper. They really appreciate having it here," she said. "It makes you want to sit there and do it."

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Cyndy Finnigan, 831-5121, will serve as interim editor. Stories or photos may be dropped off at her house, 128 Winding Brook, or at the home of Leslie Jones, 625 Myrtle.

### How we voted in Terrace Park

By Cyndy Finnigan

On Election Day, residents voted overwhelmingly to support continuation of the 3.5 mill tax levy in Terrace Park by a 72.99% margin. There were 908 votes for and 336 against passage. The levy is for general operating expenses.

Terrace Park is divided into three precincts: A, B, and C. Precinct A had 74.18% of registered voters cast ballots in this election, Precinct B recorded 75.61% of the registered voters voting and 79.48% of Precinct C's registered voters came to the polls.

Terrace Park resident Rob Portman was re-elected to a fifth term in the U.S. House from the second district, defeating opponent Democrat Charles Sanders. Portman captured 74% of the vote in the district. In Terrace Park Portman

received 382 votes in Precinct A as opposed to Sander's 37. In Precinct B Portman scored 395 votes; Sanders, 36. Precinct C recorded 443 votes for Portman and 26 for Sanders.

In the general election Terrace Park favored Republican candidate George Bush. Precinct A awarded him 337 votes, Gore got 71 votes, Nader 11, 1 for Buchanan and 3 for

the Libertarian Browne. Precinct B gave 285 votes to Bush, 106 for Gore, Nader took 7 and Browne 1; Buchanan got 0 votes. In Precinct C Bush captured 378 votes, Gore got 96, Nader 9, 1 for Browne, 0 for Buchanan, and 1 for Hagelin.

According to poll workers, there was no confusion over the voting ballot and/or process!



Catherine Ryall and Libby Folan show off their ballots as poll workers. Connie Wilson and Fred Deuschie check in voters.

Photo: Cyndy Finnigan

**Letters to the Editor**



Dear Editor,  
We hope this letter will serve as a kind reminder to all Terrace Park coaches, parents and sports spectators.

Our son's (kindergarten, first and second grade) soccer team was playing another Terrace Park team this past weekend. We were very discouraged to hear that when both teams were getting their cleats checked prior to the game that a coach/parent from the other team walked onto the field and made some inappropriate comments directly intimidating and berating our team in front of his team, saying for example, "Are you guys the Terrace Park Pussycats or the Terrace Park Pansies?"

We spent a good deal of time prior to this game, as did many of the parents from both teams, making sure our children understood the importance of good sportsmanship. Not only did this coach/parent show poor sportsmanship before the game even started, he has done a disservice to each of the boys and their parents on these teams. Our players were upset and confused as a result of this coach/parent's comments and his team has learned that it's "OK" to berate and intimidate others with words.

We sincerely appreciate all of the coaches and parents that volunteer countless hours on behalf of all of our children. We simply hope this reminds each of us what's most important in life — winning a game or showing our children by example how to play, win and lose with grace at all times.

Sincerely,  
Denise and Dave Walter  
102 Fieldstone Drive

October 25, 2000

Dear Editor:  
Our son Mark and a friend were recently involved in an auto accident on Wooster Pike on a rainy, dark Wednesday evening. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the T.P. Police Department and personnel from the T.P. EMS who assisted that night for their care and professionalism. I believe that divine intervention was at hand. Officer Jared Cox witnessed the accident; neighbor Katrina Debbink on Elm Court and her son drove by the accident, and notified us and a number of EMS staff were at the station in a training session! John Maggard said a few kind words to me before I left in the ambulance. Connie Wilson kept me calm on the way to the ER, and Rob Sexmith called me the next night to see how Mark was doing. In addition, our neighbor, Don Venderbush, drove Amy to pick up my car that I left parked on the shoulder of the road.

We are grateful that Mark came home early the next morning with only aches and pains. Mark's friend was also given great care by T.P. EMS.

Thanks to everyone involved that night, as well as for those other times when you perform your great service!

Regards,  
Bill & Amy Evans  
113 Robinwood

**Announcements**

**Oops...Old news is better than no news**

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation the bridge on Wooster Pike near New Street was slated for an upgrade. There was nothing structurally wrong with it, but its time was up; it had not been significantly altered since being built in the 1930s. State funds were used for the project.

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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The Dec. deadline for *Village Views* is **Dec. 4**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday Dec. 4, 2000. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Cyndy Finnigan 128 Winding Brook Lane. Thanks



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Dear friends,

After I said yes, I began to wonder, did I bite off more than I could chew when I agreed to chair this year's Pumpkin Festival? Then, as the event unfolded, I looked around the gym filled with the majority of our community. I saw our children laughing and our friends chatting. I thought about all that we were teaching our children - to take the time to be generous, kind and share. Before one dollar was counted I knew we had a success.

I had a lot of help with the planning, preparation, and execution of this year's Pumpkin Festival and it is only proper for me to acknowledge some of those that worked very hard to make this year's festival so successful.

Julie Smith, was both my right and left hand and must have felt that she should have a phone permanently implanted to her head, between my daily calls and the ones I asked her to make, which she always did with a happy voice. I don't know how she does it!

Sharon Bollman, Rachel Butler, Jenny Jackson, Sandy Wittman-Shell, and Jan and Jerry Koszycki all took on huge jobs and made them look easy.

Kim Walk, Tammy and Jeff Koreman who went above and beyond what they had signed up for.

Mary Hyer got me into this but I had my own little payback for her. When we were in need of a set-up/clean-up person I told Mary she was just the one for the job, which she took on and did beautifully. Really thank you, Mary, for believing that I could get the job done. It was so much fun!

Jerry Sasson said yes and with a smile to everything I asked for (and that was a lot). He was always there with a pat on the back and ready to help.

To my neighbors and friends, Linda Swensson, Laura Guggenheim, Jim and Patsy Kaschaek, who came and helped even though they don't have children at our school. Where else besides Terrace Park would that happen?

To everyone who baked a cake, worked a game, served in the cafe or volunteered in some other way, thank you for showing our children how to share and care.

Last but not least I must thank my family. My children, Chelsea and Kain, who lived without a Mom in the weeks leading up to the Pumpkin Festival, and my husband, who became my message taker, delivery and pickup person, and took over lots of balls I dropped and never complained.

When people ask me if I am glad "it's over"? I say, "it's like Christmas, it's a lot of work but the results are well worth it. I loved it, I had so much fun, many great memories and I look forward to next year!"

To all of you that participated, a huge thank you!

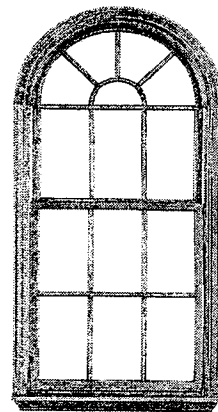
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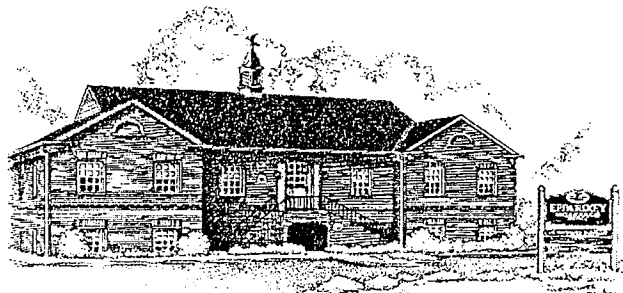
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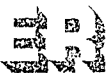
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## Terrace Park Village crime and police activity

Police Reports	Sept/Oct	Oct/Nov	YTD
Help Runs	7	16	156
Mutual Aid Runs	7	14	138
Alarm Drops	8	5	60
Property Found Unsecured	2	1	51
Animal Complaints	1	1	33
Domestic Disputes or Violence	0	1	11
Accident Reports	4	4	29
Traffic Arrests or Citations	44	92	763
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	27	55	319
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrants)	8	1	105
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	3	9	98

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into a fight.

According to Chief Bacon, if Tasers had been used recently in Cincinnati, the two men killed by police would still be alive. Although the Cincinnati Police Division does own Tasers, only supervisors have them, and by the time they reach the scene, it's too late.

Chief Bacon is recommending the purchase of two \$400 Tasers, so one could be placed in each of the two squad cars.

As for Officer Cox, he confirmed that the charge "really hurt," but he left the meeting smiling. One

of the requirements for becoming certified in the use of a Taser is to undergo a shooting. That way, Sgt. Chin said, a police officer is less likely of being accused of using one sadistically.

In other business:

- Council members Dan Keefe and Stephen Holmes reported that they've received complaints from citizens about people improperly using land in their front or side yards that's really on the village right-of-way. According to code, it's necessary to get a permit in order to install paving stones, gravel, a sprinkling system or anything in the right-of-way. It's also illegal to do anything

to alter the natural course of water off of a property. Maps in the village office show the depth of the right-of-way on each street.

- Chief Bacon, who also serves as street commissioner, said leaf pickup will continue through the end of November and may extend into the first week of December. Once again, the village will pick up used Christmas trees, starting after New Years. They will be taken to the dump and run through a chipper to produce mulch.

- Council authorized purchase of a new backhoe for 2001. Cost of the equipment, after trade-in of the 1991 backhoe, will be \$57,978.

## An All Saints Day miracle

By Camilla Warrick

For Ted and Julie Northrop, November 1, 2000 will be remembered as a day of tragedy answered by a miracle.

About 12:45 p.m. Mr. Northrop was driving home alone to Terrace Park, had nearly reached the Elm Road entrance on Wooster Pike, when he inexplicably lost consciousness. As he was coming to, he heard the breaking of glass and noticed details of the roof of his car, but had no clue about what had happened. He later learned that his eastbound Toyota Camry had veered off the road, slammed into a utility pole, snapping out a 10-foot section. Then the car flipped and ignited.

If not for a selfless response by strangers — people Mr. Northrop calls "the good Samaritans" — he would have died in the fiery wreck. Police, physicians, witnesses concur on that point.

"I'm very, very lucky to be alive," said Mr. Northrop, a longtime Terrace Park resident. "My whole life is changed."

His wife and three grown children have been piecing together details of what occurred. "Fortunately, I don't remember most of it," the Yale Avenue resident said.

However, his plight that day was obvious to passing motorists, one of whom sped to the United Dairy Farmers store half a mile east and asked to use a phone. Power and phone lines were temporarily out—due to the accident—but someone produced a cell phone and made the 911 call, which alerted police Lt. Jerry Hayhow, as well as the Terrace Park life squad and fire department.

Meanwhile, at the scene of the crash, other people were gathering. Despite a fallen TV cable, drooping high-voltage lines and the burning engine, they tried to get Mr. Northrop out. But the car doors were locked, and they couldn't kick in the windows. Someone did produce a small fire extinguisher, although those chemicals seemed only to anger the fire, a witness said.

At that point, Ron Henry and his partner, Rick Barnett, crewmen from Seamless Gutter Co., were westbound on Wooster Pike on their way to a job. Mr. Henry stopped the truck in the high-speed lane, grabbed his hammer, ran over and began smashing out glass. First attempt was made on the driver's window. But the volunteer rescuers could not disengage the seat belt. Then they

smashed out other windows until they were able to open a door.

Mr. Henry reached in, released the belt, lowered the seat and pulled Mr. Northrop free, as flames and smoke burst out of the dashboard. "It kind of surprised me how hot and quick that car burned," he said.

Seconds later, when Lt. Hayhow arrived, the entire car was engulfed and "making small explosions," he said. The TV cable line was half burned, and above the car bare electrical wires were carrying 7,000 volts of power.

"Pick him up, let's go. We gotta go," Lt. Hayhow said to the men, and they carried him across Wooster to the sidewalk on the other side.

Traffic was stopped in both directions for nearly two hours. Police from Fairfax/Madison Place controlled the eastbound lanes, while Milford Police took charge of the westbound ones. A traffic unit from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department came in to investigate the accident, while the EMS unit rushed Mr. Northrop to Anderson Mercy Hospital, where he was a patient for 10 days.

"Amazingly, he's going to be okay," said Mrs. Northrop.

Although numerous tests were made, physicians have not been able to pinpoint the medical cause of the black-out. He emerged from the wreck with five rib fractures, many bruises and sore muscles, but no head, neck or spinal injuries. Deployment of an airbag undoubtedly helped, Mrs. Northrop said.

"We consider the whole thing a complete miracle, a total blessing," said the Northrops' son, Mark, of Blue Ash.

The Northrops say they've been "overwhelmed" by an outpouring of concern. Calls, letters, flowers, food and prayers have let them know how many friends they have in the village, St. Thomas Church and beyond. But Mr. Northrop shakes his head in wonderment when discussing the strangers — particularly the gutter contractors — who risked their lives to save his.

"If this isn't a wake-up call to a different road, I don't know what is," he said. "It's restored my faith in humanity. I'm so eternally grateful."

Mr. Henry, a 42-year-old Covington, Ky. resident, said the rescue was done on impulse. He was not afraid. "I can't tell you how glad it made me when his [Mr. Northrop's] son called to say he's going to be alright."

## Farewell to Katy Wood

By Gillian Littlehale

In the winter of 1997, the volunteers at Village Views faced a major transition. Board members put out requests throughout the community for help maintaining this Terrace Park tradition. From Shelley Cowan's book group came Katy Wood, with an offer to cover the monthly Council meetings.

The responsibility Katy undertook cannot be underestimated, for it was to provide a community-wide access to Council activities that the paper was founded thirty years ago. Katy had some news-letter experience, along with her M. Ed. in psychology, to guide her

through. But it was her calm fairness that made her monthly articles so special. Terrace Park owes her heartfelt thanks.

Katy is no longer on the staff at Village Views. Her job at two West Clermont elementary schools, Summerside and Willowvale, as their school psychologist, has grown more demanding. Responsibilities at work and at home no longer allow her to continue this volunteer endeavor. If there is another Village resident interested in an opportunity to serve the community in this unique way, he or she should contact Cyndy Finnigan @ 831-5121 or Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388.



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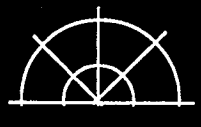
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# Artistic Attitudes

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

"I love painting and teaching," Erin Rosson exclaims with a smile. "I've always painted and when I was in a teaching program in high school, I worked for a gentle Vietnam veteran who sparked such creativity in his students. I knew what I wanted to do." After teaching in schools and being home for her sons, Erin decided to branch out and teach adults. Her partner, Susan Amis, who has worked in interior design and architecture, was also ready to put her artistic talents to new use.

Their business, Artistic Attitudes, combines their own artwork of painted furniture, ornaments and frames along with teaching others to do the same kind of art. Their colorful masterpieces became so popular that the well known Hyde Park gift store, Originalities, now showcases their work and classes. Milford's charming new teahouse,



Antique hand painted table by Artistic Attitudes.



Artistic Attitudes 'shows their stuff' at Lane's fall art show in Loveland. Left to right: Susan Amis, David Rosson, Erin Rosson and Grant Rosson.

Freeport Attractions, will offer the same. Local classes are also available at Erin Rosson's studio.

Both Erin and Susan are grateful for their families' and friends' enthusiasm for their business, noting that it is especially important for women to support each other in their success, in addition to being a wife and mother.

Many Terrace Park residents are wearing one of Artistic Attitude's first ventures, the croakies, which are long beaded necklaces for glasses. "Women come by for a beading class, they're uptight, but by the time they've left they are relaxed. There is something about the beads and the camaraderie that relaxes them," explains Susan.

Future artistic endeavors include classes for knitting and come spring, for the garden. Wanting to give back to the community, Susan and Erin have donated the proceeds of one of their classes to Breast Cancer Awareness and are organizing an event for a retirement home. In addition, they are "artists for hire." They recently finished painting a whimsical bedroom mural of a firefly, ladybug and bumblebee for a Terrace Park resident.

Artistic Attitudes will be displaying their work at the Community Building during the Garden Club's Holiday Home Tour, on December 3. For further information, contact Erin Rosson at 831-5259 or Susan Amis at 248-2906.

# Mariemont High School's Taming of the Shrew

By Angie Williams

Mariemont High School students took to the stage, November 17th, 18th and 19th, as characters from William Shakespeare's classic comedy *Taming of the Shrew*.

Terrace Park resident, Senior Katie Woolsey, in her fourth and final performance at the high school shone as Katharina Baptista, the cursed shrew of Verona. No man could tame this woman until Petruchio, portrayed by senior Matt Hampton, meets her and becomes absolutely determined to marry her and put her in her place.

Accompanying these two were many more fine thespians. Lauren Smith, a senior, beautifully portrayed sweet, calm and subdued Bianca. Sister to Katharina, Bianca has many suitors, played by junior Ryan Jennings, and sophomores Ben Cober and Kyle Hampton. She finally falls in love with, and secretly marries, Lucentio, who is played by senior Mike Hall.


Sophomore Kathleen House, who worked as the backstage

manager for the show, said the play "took a lot of hard work, and we struggled through sometimes, but everything turned out ok in the end."


Director, Ms. Carrie Dattilo agreed, saying "I'm incredibly proud of all the hard work the students have put [into the show], and doing William Shakespeare is not easy. But the students have risen to the challenge and have made the show an enjoyable experience for me and everyone involved. I think it was an excellent learning experience."

This is Mariemont High School's first shot at performing a work from one of our language's most cherished and noted authors, William Shakespeare, and in his very own words, "Better once than never, for never too late."

**Editors note: Angie is an MHS student and was a cast member. She based her review on a dress rehearsal, since the Village Views deadline preceded the public performances.**



## Operation Santa Claus



Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop #286 along with the Terrace Park Post Office will once again be collecting and wrapping new toys for needy area children.

Please help us by providing a new toy. Toys may be dropped off at the Post Office prior to December 9th or delivered to the Scout cabin on **Sunday, Decemeber 10th, between 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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## Career Moves

Tim Fening of Terrace Park has been named vice president-creative director of Bridge Integrated Communications of Cincinnati and will oversee the agency's creative department.

Fening was promoted to health care creative director earlier this year, leading the firm's creative for its health care clients. Prior to joining Bridge, Fening was creative director at Seta Appleman & Showell, a Cincinnati-based strategic design firm.

Mark Woolsey of Terrace Park has been named vice president, director of Account Services at Bridge Integrated Communications.

Woolsey will play a key role in the agency's account planning and new business efforts. He will be responsible for guiding account teams for the firm's mix of local, regional and national clients such as Procter & Gamble, Thomson/RCA, Copernus, the Audit Bureau of Circulation, and Lexus-Nexis.

## Nuts for Knowledge Campaign

Kiwanis Club members will be selling bags of delicious assorted nuts to benefit Mariemont High School student college scholarships. Bags of butter toffee peanuts, cashews and pecans will be available for purchase through Kiwanis Club members in November and December (call 831-1944) or stop in at a designated neighborhood bank: Fifth-Third, First National, PNC, Provident or Star in Fairfax, Mariemont, Plainville and Terrace Park.

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If you desire more personalized giving, please call Justine Vraniak and get specific names and information about residents at Kenwood Terrace Nursing Home. Your gifts will warm the heart of the elderly at Christmas!

## Shall we dance?

By Cyndy Finnigan

Terrace Park fifth and sixth grade boys and girls were recently "all dressed up with somewhere to go" — the Community Building for the Social Dance Party, coordinated by resident Joy Glaser. The dance group had its first meeting Sunday, October 6 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. and will run for six weeks. Dance instructors Jeff and Tracy Bill led their young students through the fox-trot, swing and waltz. It was also a lesson in etiquette; the gentlemen introduced themselves to the ladies, invited them to dance and led them onto the dance floor. They even practiced pouring punch.

"We'll be offering a spring series of 6 lessons," says Joy. "It will be open to residents and interested children in neighboring communities. We want to include as many as we can but need to cap sign-ups at around 30 students." If you're interested call Joy at: 248-2579. Sign-ups have started. The cost of the program is \$60.00. Girls



Photo: Jane Yancey

Joy Glaser proudly poses with Social Dance attendees: son Jake Glaser(left) and Evan Seeley

wear a dress or skirt; boys need to wear a jacket and tie and nice trousers (no jeans).

## Cub Scouts gather around the campfire

By Craig Sattergren

Cub Scout Pack 97 kicked off its scouting year on October 25th with a rousing campfire and awards ceremony. After an opening flag ceremony numerous Bobcat badges were awarded. The Pack was then officially authorized to wear a "55" patch, commemorating fifty-five years of longevity. A large bonfire was then lit and a game of "capture the flag" ensued. Before the coals could reach perfection, marshmallows were toasted for S'mores (many blackened in the flames) and the Pack joined in for some patriotic and traditional scout songs. After a few Cubs shared

their favorite ghost stories around the fire, the U. S. flag was retired and the Pack meeting closed with the Scout Prayer.

Over the course of the next few weeks, the Cubs will meet periodically with their dens to work on various badge requirements. Their next Pack gathering will be the annual Space Derby to be held in January. For this event, Cubs will prepare rubber band powered, propeller-driven balsa wood rockets for racing down a monofilament line in a very fast race. For more information about Cub Scouts, contact the Cubmaster, Craig Sattergren at 248-2702.

## November Boy Scout update

By Randell Williams, Boy Scout

The Terrace Park Boy Scouts had an eventful October. Troop 286 went to Clifton Gorge, north of Terrace Park on the Little Miami River, for a 10-mile hike on October 21. The scouts walked along rock walls and the banks of the river, carrying full backpacks. Hiking all day was quite an experience, but not unusual for them. Then, the scouts returned to Terrace Park and set up camp behind the Log Cabin to spend the night. Everyone had a great time.

In the future, the scouts plan to go to Hocking Hills State Park,

which is famous for its beautiful waterfalls, caves, and rock formations. The troop will camp out and hike around the park. Later, they will go on an indoor rock-climbing trip to Rock Quest. Annie Bauer and Bruce Long, two of our local E.M.S. personnel, are also instructing the scouts in First Aid at the Sunday meetings.

The scouts have their annual holiday gift-wrapping for the needy on Sunday, December 10th. They are accepting donations of toys and games from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Log Cabin.

## Hectic holidays ahead

Do you want to get a jump-start on Christmas shopping without worrying about finding a baby sitter?

Or maybe just have a Saturday morning free?

Well, you're in luck! Girl Scout Troop 1634 is working on its childcare badge and wants to help you out.

On Saturday, December 2nd, we'll be providing baby-sitting services for children two to four years old at the Community Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Space is limited. Please call **Wendy Peterkin at 576-1235** if you'd like to help the scouts earn their badges.

## "The Fog The Womb"

by Buz Ecker

*It was the fog coming through the trees at dawn by the river,  
where the fast water hit the point.  
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
It was the thin strap over my wife's womb  
just before our son was born,  
when I walked in her room  
and the monitor of his heartbeat –  
beating, beating, beating.  
And He shall reign forever and ever.  
It was the tall pine by the Winisk River,  
igniting the forest around us,  
while we sat in the canoes, looking.  
Timpani Trumpets Organs Harpsichords.  
'til it was my father –  
liberating Carcassonne from the Germans,  
driving his jeep, looking for us in the rubble.  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords.  
The fog, the womb, forever and ever.*

**Staff note: Village Views is seeking poetry or short prose pieces by residents of Terrace Park. This "Literary Corner" is open to all ages. Please submit entries to Camilla Warrick at 610 Home.**

**This first selection is by Buz Ecker who is working on his masters in English at Xavier University. Buz has self-published two books of poetry (Pines on Hills and My Father's Train) and is working on a third. He's a 14-year resident and is chief umpire of the baseball program sponsored by Terrace Park Recreation Commission.**

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# Pumpkinfest a smashing success

By Cyndy Finnigan

Pumpkinfest Chair Paula Albrecht has something to cheer about: The annual Halloween fundraiser for T.P. Elementary held at the gym October 27 grossed over \$34,000 this year. "It went incredibly well!" she exclaims. Paula wishes to thank the countless volunteers whose tireless efforts helped make the event such a success, particularly her co-chair Julie Smith.

Sharon Bollman, who headed the VW Beetle raffle, reports that although they didn't accomplish their goal of selling 800 raffle tickets, 207 were sold and \$3,500 was

earned for the school. Three prizes were awarded: \$5,000 went to the winner Ray House, an Indiana resident and a 1974 Mariemont High graduate, \$1,000 was awarded to second prize winner "K.T." Overbey, a T.P. resident, and the third prize winner was resident Diane Donley who received \$500.



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

Above: Pumpkin Fest chair Paula Albrecht (left) and co-chair Julie Smith enjoy the night's festivities.

Left: Sylvia Stirsman shows Gusty Pohlman how to sign up for Bid-n-Buy.

Below: Nick Sylvest concentrates on perfecting his ring toss as Colin Bindas and Evan Kokoruda watch carefully.



## Village Calendar 2000

### DECEMBER

1 Mariemont High School Holiday Fair, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

3 Terrace Park Garden Club Home Tour and Holiday Fair. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any garden club member. For information call Annette Askam at 831-7102.

3 Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Village Green. Luminaries to be lit when siren sounds at 6:00 p.m. Festivities on the Green begin at 6:15 p.m.

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

5 Terrace Park Garden Club's Christmas luncheon, Terrace Park Country Club, 12:00 noon.

5 Kindervelt Christmas Party and ornament exchange, the Fenings, 7:30 p.m. For membership information call Louann Mauk at 831-4655.

9 Terrace Park Recreation Commission Lacrosse sign-up, Community Building, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; equipment sale from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. For information call Steve Peterson at 248-4119.

10 Boy Scout gift collection and wrapping, log cabin 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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

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

13 Mariemont High School Holiday concert, MHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

13 Terrace Park Elementary 4-6 grade Holiday concert, TPE, 7:00 p.m.

18 Terrace Park Elementary K-3 Holiday concert, TPE, 7:00 p.m.

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

20 Mariemont Schools Christmas break begins. Classes resume January 2<sup>nd</sup>

22 HAPPY HANUKKAH

24 St. Thomas Church Christmas Eve services, 4:00, 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. Service Christmas Day is at 10:00 a.m.

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

## Ever wonder what the Pied-Piper does in her spare time?

By Pat Wirthlin

You can't help but notice her. Julie Smith is the absolutely charming wisp of a woman you see around Terrace Park who has children hanging from each and every limb, more velcroed to her body, and still more tagging along. The funny thing is that Julie walks, talks

and breathes like a regular human being. You will be having a nice, pleasant conversation with her, and then you just can no longer keep from blurting out, "JULIE, YOU HAVE CHILDREN HANGING FROM YOUR HAIR!"

She is just delightful. She has six children of her own. The other

528 just like to hang out with her. The little ones adore her.

I don't know everything Julie does for our community, but I do know some of them. For the past two years, she and Sandra Taylor have been Kindervelt's head luminaria ladies (lots of sand shoveling and a major source of the funds Terrace Park contributes to Children's Hospital — \$6,000 last year). She and Paula Albrecht were Co-chairs this year of the Terrace Park Elementary School Pumpkinfest (lots of stress and PTO's biggest fundraiser — grossing over \$34,000 this year). For the past six years, she has been involved in Terrace Park Recreation Commission's Summer Fun Camp (lots of children, lots of fun). She handles the Swim Club's lost-n-found laundry and resale (lots of old, soggy towels). She coaches several different sports (I've seen her at UDF, enjoying ice-cream with the future Olympians). Julie also heads up the PTO's grocery certificate program (lots of busy work for a good cause — over \$12,000 last year).

This is how the grocery certificate program works: You write a check to the PTO. Julie drives around in her big, bad, blue Suburban, picks up your check and leaves a grocery certificate for Kroger or Meijer (you choose) for the same amount. You spend the certificate at the store as if it is cash. It doesn't "cost" you a thing, and the PTO gets a percentage from each certificate. Anyone and everyone in the Village is encouraged to use this valuable program. Fellow Terrace Parkers who are mere mortals, all I can say is this: Call her to sign up for grocery certificates. You will make her c'ay.

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Junior High students carry a banner and balloons in their march to "strike out ALS". Left to right 8th graders Megan Peterkin, Lauren Cain, Hannah Martin, Christie DeWert

## District wide walk fosters ALS awareness

By Katie Carman  
Jr. High Student

Saturday, October 28th was Make a Difference Day. This year the Mariemont City Schools held a district wide event which was organized by Cindy Grove. All five schools participated in the walk to raise money and awareness for the disease ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. The walk was inspired by the principal of the Junior High School, Judy Schmitz. Mrs. Schmitz's husband was diagnosed with ALS last September. She is currently on a leave of absence to stay home with him. ALS attacks nerve endings and causes messages to and from the brain to be stopped, which ultimately causes loss of movement and muscle de-

terioration. When a person has ALS, the brain is still fully aware but organs such as the larynx, heart and, lungs slowly shut down. Unfortunately there is no famous spokesperson to bring attention to the disease, since the maximum life span of a person once diagnosed with ALS is only five years. The schools sold cardboard baseballs to raise money for research. Each school also walked through Mariemont wearing red clothing and carrying red balloons and banners to raise awareness. All in all, the walk was a great success and the district raised over \$9,000 for research and development. A big thank you to all the students who participated in the walk from Mrs. Schmitz and her husband.

# Inter Parish Ministry

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

"To make it in Cincinnati, to live in a basic 2-bedroom apartment, you need to be making at least \$10.50 an hour. There are also utility, car and gas payments. Our people, the working poor, make only \$6. -7.00 an hour," explains Annette Krochmalny, executive director of

Inter Parish Ministry (IPM).

IPM is located at 3509 Debolt Road in Newtown. This ministry began 35 years ago when four churches from three denominations —St. Thomas Episcopal, St. Timothy Episcopal, Indian Hill Episcopal -Presbyterian, and Methodist Armstrong Chapel—joined forces


to help people overcome poverty. Today over 20 churches take part in IPM's mission, which is to recruit and develop servant leaders, provide access to services that care for peoples' bodies, minds and spirits, and to nurture community ministries. As their brochure describes: "Pockets of poverty dot Cincinnati's eastern suburbs and Clermont County, but who'd ever guess? The decaying houses, battered apartments, and aged mobile homes are far from the main roads. The people who live in these neighborhoods struggle to get by in an economy that has not been kind to them."

Their mission translates into a variety of programs such as: Emergency Assistance, The Food Pantry, GED programs, The Nearly New Store, Positive Values for Kids, Access to Nurses, Disaster Relief, After-School Programs, Summer Enrichment for Kids, Learning for Adults, Referrals to Social Services, Ministry to the Elderly and Christmas Presents.

According to Ms. Krochmalny, "On Monday, October 2, my first day of work, we began the month with \$1,200 from our only government funding source. By Wednesday, the money had all been allocated for working people in need." Ms. Krochmalny, with her background in Business, Psychology, and Child Development, understands how difficult and traumatizing it is to ask for help, know whom to call, and take time off from work for phone calls and paperwork, which all result in lost wages. For that reason, the atmosphere at IPM is supportive as well as empowering. "We are servants, treating people with respect and dignity. We are not the solver of everyone's problems, we collaborate." IPM has specific holiday needs:

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# Lifesquad members key contributors to the community

By Cyndy Finnigan

John Maggard became a volunteer fireman in Terrace Park in 1992; two years later he became an EMT in the Village. He still wears both hats; John feels it's valuable to him to have learned these skills and enhances his confidence in both areas. "I enjoy it. Illustrators are an independent lot and this is a means for me to involve myself in the community as a volunteer. I feel I can make a difference. The team experience is great; you really bond with people when you share something this intense with them," says John.

John became interested in Lifesquad when he himself had need of their services. "I had a kidney stone and the T.P. EMS came to my aid and took me to the hospital. The experience made an impression on me. I later talked with EMS Recruiter Sally Gilchrist who encouraged me to take the training. I signed up and it clicked. These are skills I use in my everyday life; not just while I'm on duty. I encourage people to join up, you'll never regret it." John works out of his home studio which allows him to take a day shift during the week. "There is a mix of people with different time availability and schedules—it all works out," he concludes.

EMT Bruce Long recalls going to pick up his twin boys from sledding at Red Bird Hollow when

a parent's worst nightmare happened: A call of "watch dad!" followed by the whoosh of a toboggan and the thud of it hitting a tree stump. In horror he looked down to see one of his sons sprawled upside down on the snowy ground in front of him. He didn't know what to do. (This was in the pre-cell phone days.) Luckily, his son was not seriously injured, but Bruce became determined to enhance his first aid skills. Encouraged by Sally Gilchrist he began EMT training, a step he has never regretted. "I enjoy doing a lot of outdoor activities with my boys such as skiing, mountain climbing and canoeing and I feel more confident having EMS skills under my belt," says Bruce. He has, in fact, taken his skills one step further; combining his love of skiing with his knowledge of first aid and has become a member of the Ski Patrol at Perfect North. "I have seen more trauma on the slopes which has helped me build up my skills here," he comments.

Working from home has allowed him to take day-time duty. "I have found a volunteer niche for myself with Lifesquad," asserts Bruce. "It's something I glean a lot of personal satisfaction from and feel I give back something of importance to the Village. Don't be scared off if you don't see yourself as an expert in caregiving; you'll develop strengths you didn't realize you had," he says.



## 41st annual pancake supper



By Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Elliott pancake supper coordinator

The pancake supper is an annual event usually held on the second Saturday of November. This event is used as a fund raiser for money that is other than provided by the village. The fire department and EMS are village owned and operated. We are the staff that operates the service. We are incorporated in an organization called the Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services Inc. and are non-profit and tax-exempt. We have contributed to the current EMS vehicle and the refurbishment of the 1986 Mack fire engine.

We served 350 adults and 182 children, went through 40 gallons of pancake batter, 9 gallons of butter blend, 8 gallons of syrup, 300 1/2 pints of white milk, 450 1/2 pints of chocolate milk, 250 cups of coffee and 80 lbs of applesauce. The turnout this year was off by about 100 people. There are a lot of new families in the village and they most likely do not know about us.

Top left: Dennis Elliott dips into the batter while Tony Lehman gets ready to grill.

Above: Randall Williams, Phil Egasti and Ellis Ward take a break from their duties to pose for a picture.

Middle left: Julie Gislason grills her hot cakes to golden perfection while Mark Michaelson reads his grill

Photos: Terry Sexmith




EMT Pete Findley holds son, Neil, on his lap while wife Chandi, holds friend's daughter, Caroline Kelly.



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EMT's John Maggard (left) and Bruce Long practice their CPR skills on the training 'dummy.'



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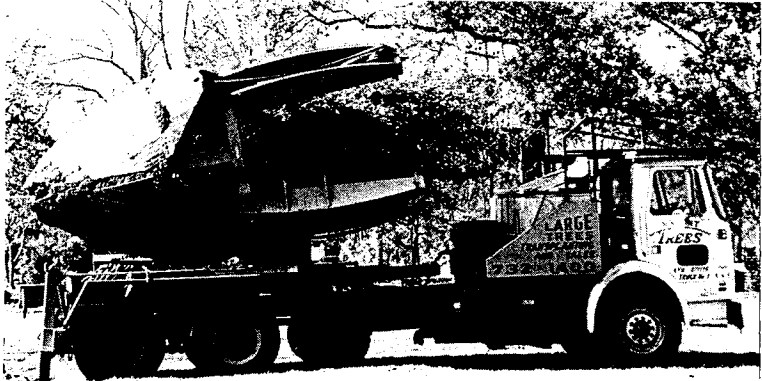


# Al Nelson deserves your thanks

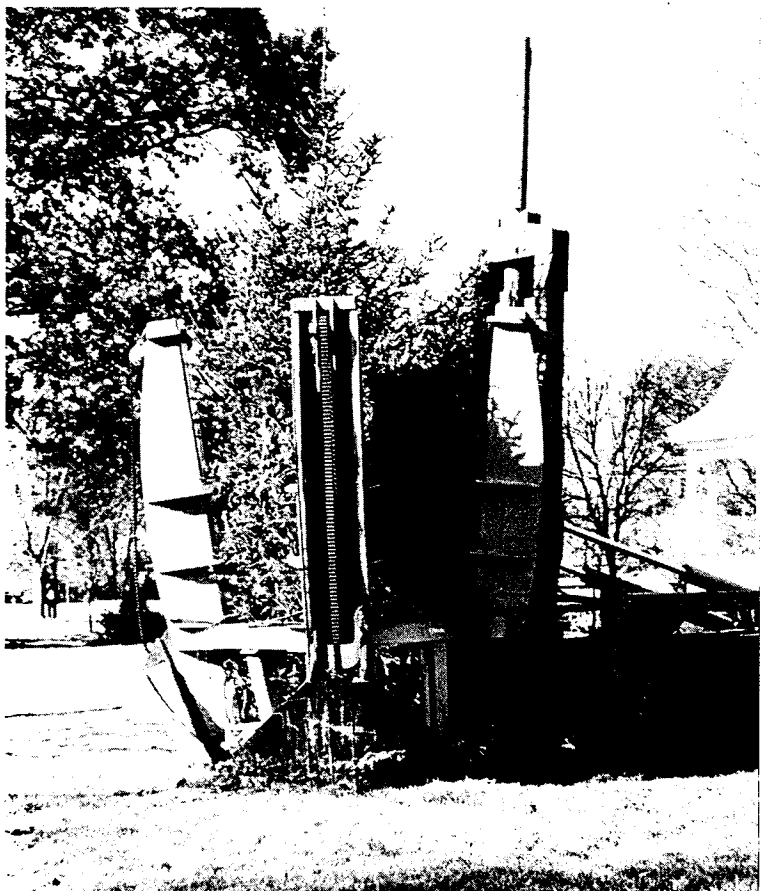
By Ray Normile

The next time you walk through the Village Green admiring the new Christmas tree, repairs to the gazebo and walkway, removal of dead trees (we are a recipient of the Tree City USA award!) along with improvements to the drinking fountain, think of Al Nelson. In the spring of 2000 he, along with 12 other residents, formulated a plan of action

for sprucing up the Village Green and presented it at the June 13 council meeting. Al attended council meetings in July and August, encouraging them to implement his committee's plan of action. His efforts were rewarded; a number of their ideas were adopted and the Green looks much improved. The next time you see Al, how about saying thank you?



The Norway spruce is delivered to the Village Green for planting.



Photos: Cyndy Finnigan

Huge jaws drop the Norway Spruce into its new digs; replacing the pine removed earlier this fall. Let it grow, let it grow, let it grow!



Photo: Jenny Whitaker

Randy stands with the tree after its been planted.

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# Time for Terrace Park's Tree Lighting!

We're christening a brand-new tree this year.  
The tree may be smaller, but the spirit will be as large as ever!

**Sunday, December 3, 2000**

**The Village Green**

6:00 Light luminaria!      6:15 Carols begin!  
6:30 Light the tree!      6:45 Santa arrives!

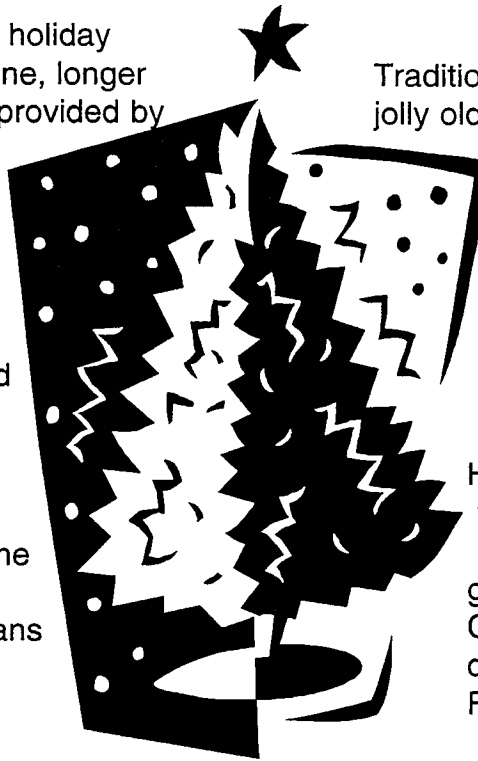
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# Terrace Park Sports

## Space Invaders to the Rescue

By Pat Wirthlin

The Terrace Park Space Invaders soccer team played their little hearts out to come home with 1st place among 36 teams in the Northeast Division U7 (ages 7 and under) tournament.

League and district champs: Pictured l-r: Bottom row: Jack Gould, Conor Coyan, Timmy Sattergren, Tate DeCamp, Cole DeCamp, Nick Walter. Top row: Coach Dave Walter, Nick Stirsmen, Mikey Wirthlin, Sam Burchenal, Johnny Wirthlin, Sam Milam, Drew Hyer, and Head Coach Greg DeCamp. Not pictured and greatly missed Griffin Donnelly and Coach Lane Donnelly



## 2000 U-7 League standouts

League champs: front row l-r: Nicki Paz, Reid Brendamour, Paul Flynn, Alex Heffner, Bryan Routt, Nicholas Villarrael; second row Joe Fening, Christian Lehman, Keeky Jackson, David McCormack, Tim Purcell, George Long; back row: Wally Heffner, Dave Brendamour, Tony Lehman, Ben Paz

## TP U9 girls finish exciting season



Front row: Chrissy Richart, Sarah Kippins, Maddie Barnhill, Meredith Freshley Second row: Hannah Sexmith, Elizabeth Brewer, Elizabeth Burchenal, Andie Jackson Third row: Emily Finch, Elizabeth Beyersdorfer, Courtney Parrish, Lucy Osborn, Aggie Howland, Jordan Villanueva, Molly Umbarger Back row: mascot Logan Barnhill, Coach Barnhill, mascot Keeky Jackson, Coach Jackson, Coach Brewer, mascot Will Kippins

The Terrace Park U9 girls team finished the regular season with a perfect record of 10-0-0. They outscored their opponents 57-4 during the regular season. After winning their first two games in the league tournament, they stumbled in the semi-finals and lost their first game of the year, 2-0. The most remarkable aspect of the team was that all 15 girls had at least one goal or assist. The 3 EB's: Elizabeth Beyersdorfer, Elizabeth Brewer, and Elizabeth Burchenal, had "hat tricks" during the season, while several others scored the first goals of their careers. All the girls had a great time during the season, enjoying the water fights as much as the soccer playing. Great job!



Photo: Joddy Perry

1st Row: Laura Johnston, Virginia Holmes, Grace Proctor, Hannah Martin, Ashley Hunt, Megan Groppe and Sari Dehner. 2nd Row (standing): Coach Hunt, Ally Hamlin, Steph Brosch, Katie Butcher, Lindsey Moore, Claire Rich, Ali Barnes, Ashley McCracken, Alexandra Clare, Allo Perry, Lauren Fitz, Lauren Jones and Coach Hammond

## "Who Let The Dogs Out?"

By Ali Barnes

The Mariemont Junior High School girls soccer team coached by Renee Hammond and Turner

Hunt went undefeated this season. The team scored 101 goals in 15 games and were scored on only 7 times. The team had 13 shut-outs!

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