October 2002

Fate of Community Building discussed

Bv Susan House

For more than 100 years, the Terrace Park Community Building has served its purpose well. Now, however, the building is showing its age and is in need of updating. At the October Village Council meeting, Councilman Stephen Holmes reported that meetings have been held to identify alternatives for renovation of the building.

Two solid alternatives have been identified. Alternative one consists of renovating the existing Community Building and adding space that is needed for the Fire Department and EMS. This plan would also add needed storage space. Alternative two proposes having the building completely rebuilt, better incorporating the needs of the Terrace Park administration and residents.

Holmes reminded Council that substantial dollars would need to be spent on the building, regardless of the ultimate method of renovation, due to its present condition. It was course, incorporate the architectural style of the existing Community Building, and should reflect the nature of the Terrace Park community.

It was determined that Councilman Jim Peterkin should immediately take bids for the repair of the existing roof on the Community Building, as repairs are necessary at this time.

In other business:

New Auxiliary Police Officers Welcomed

Police Chief Robert Bacon introduced and recommended two new candidates for the position of Terrace Park Auxiliary Police Officer. The Village Council unanimously adopted a Resolution to install Gregory Thomas and Douglas Matz. The new Terrace Park Police Officer's were sworn in by Mayor Dan Startsman and welcomed by the Council.

A Privacy Issue

agreed that Holmes will speak to David Walsh, owner of the property architects and arrange for design at 410 Elm Avenue, addressed

proposals. Any design should, of Council regarding his concern that the intended installation date for the proposed amendment available for all of the landscape material has been removed from behind the commercial building at 701 Wooster Pike. The removal of the hedge completely exposes the residents at 410 Elm Avenue to all of the adjacent commercial property, and its associated activity. Walsh stated that when he purchased the house the hedge, which existed on the property line, served to separate the residence from the commercial area and created a good deal of privacy. Presently, there is no separation between the residential and commercial properties.

Councilman Stefan Olson stated that he has reviewed the landscape plan submitted by the owner of the commercial property on Wooster, and that the intended new landscaping looks "sparse." The plan does not state specifically what plant materials will be replaced or what materials will be used. Olson will go back to the owner to discuss the following: the possibility of temporary screening,

landscape work and the use of more substantial plant and landscape materials to provide residential privacy for the adjacent homes.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Startsman received a mailing from J. Kenneth Blackwell, State of Ohio, regarding a statewide-proposed constitutional amendment. The mayor will make a copy of the

reading in the Village office.

Startsman received a notice announcing a congressional debate between Tom Brinkman, Jr. and David Shaft, sponsored by The League of Women Voters, at the Anderson Town Center on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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Levy is renewal, not new taxes

By Bren Fries

I recently sat down with Terrace Park Village Council member Mark Porst. As the finance committee chairman, Porst provided me with some insight to the upcoming levy on this November's ballot. The following highlighted our conversation:

VV: What is council asking voters to do?

PORST: We are asking voters to renew one of our existing operating levies on the November ballot.

VV: Will our taxes increase?

PORST: The average homeowner will see no change in the portion of their tax bill that goes to Terrace Park. In fact, there has not been an increase on this levy since 1993. However, it is important to explain a few details. If a house is appreciating faster or slower than the Terrace Park average, then a home could see an increase or decrease in the Village's portion of the tax bill. Renovations or other improvements are obvious situations in which the bill becomes greater. To add to that, we will see some county-wide programs go into effect over the next year such as mental health, parks, and children's services. These programs will raise all county residents' tax burdens.

VV: What is the Terrace Park portion of our real estate taxes?

PORST: Fourteen percent of a resident's tax bill goes to the Village. To give an example, a home valued at \$200,000 sees a yearly tax of \$3,962. Of that, Terrace Park receives \$554. About 61 percent of your real estate taxes goes to the

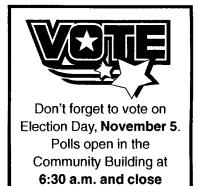
Mariemont Public School System.

VV: What are Terrace Park's other sources of income?

PORST: Well, the real estate tax equates to about 60 percent of the Village's income. The rest is made up of inheritance tax receipts, sales taxes and State of Ohio reimbursed roll-backs of property taxes.

VV: It seems that taxes usually go up, doesn't it?

PORST: It sure does. But with Terrace Park's favorable position over the past few years regarding inheritance tax monies, we have generated an operating surplus of about 1.3 million dollars. With this surplus, Council felt it could keep the levy at its current rate and still provide the services everyone expects and needs in the Village. However, over the long term, we would be smart to look at cost saving measures. The inheritance tax rules have changed and our "comfort zone" will not last for long. The possibility does exist that, in time, we will need higher tax revenue to offset greater expenses and salaries.



at 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas opens doors to Terrace Park

By Bren Fries

I recently had the opportunity this design is also in its to "make good" on an invitation to see firsthand the progress being made on Miami Avenue. The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, led me on an inside-out tour of the 40,000-plus square foot im-

Admittedly, I had some doubts about this project early on. Change? That can't be good. Will the original parish, a gift of John Robinson (of circus fame), be gone forever? What will become of our quaint, little community church?

Well, after participating in some programs and activities at St. Thomas, it was obvious that church was, well, facility-challenged. The basement-like quarters for meetings and gatherings began to limit what the church hoped to offer its congregation. The growing youth program had no place to call home. So, after years of planning and sacrifice, the St. Thomas church finds itself on the brink of one of the most exciting developments in its 126-

project-at-large, Waring discussed the roots of this entire campaign. "The basic driver of this project was our congregation's desire to make St. Thomas more a part of the community. As it stands right now, Terrace Park doesn't have a place where large numbers of people can meet together as a collective," he explained. "That is about to change."

Certainly, the parish hall represents the focal point of this effort. It truly is the "great room" of the church. High, arching ceilings and windows, beautifully detailed by wood beams and expert masonry lead to a balcony over-looking the wooded areas and river below. A new nursery and church school, kitchen, youth center as well as staff offices comprise the balance of the renovation.

The ingenuity in deception. Like most of you, I saw the progress mostly from my frequent drives along Miami Avenue. Yet most of the additional space lies tucked out of view from the street. Hence, much of the cost is in the development of a sizable project on a small "footprint." Great pains have been taken to blend the addition to the existing church, and even more so, to complement the aesthetic inherent throughout Terrace Park. As it stands now, construction will be complete in December and final landscaping will take place next spring.

Waring pointed out that this growth has come with some pains as well. While he complimented Messer

As we walked through the Construction on their effort to abide by stipulations laid out by St. Thomas as the building commenced, he admitted it has been a "mixed bag" of results. Occasionally early morning trucks arrived well before sunrise with material deliveries and sat with engines idling. "We had to call the police on a few occasions...undoubtedly it has been less than ideal for our neighbors close by, but the end is near," he said.

> In the end, the building project at St. Thomas is grand in scale. The first real addition in over 50 years, it is a direct result of the needs and concerns of a dynamic congregation that wanted a facility to match their spirituality.

> "Nearly 400 families have made significant financial sacrifices to see this through," Father Waring noted. "Yes, it represents change,"



The Rev. Don Waring leads a tour of the St. Thomas addition.

he added, "but for those who have doubts, I ask that you look at this church in a year. See how it blends with the design, and more importantly the needs of our community. We are opening our doors to Terrace Park, and we look forward to your input and ideas for its collec-

As one who has seen personally what's in store for our village, I look forward to walking through those doors for many years to come!

> 43rd annual **Pancake Supper** November 2

Terrace Park Elementary cafeteria 4:30-7:30 p.m.



Halloween!

Village siren sounds at 6 p.m. to indicate the start of Trick-or-Treating. Ends at 8 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Citizens.

The temperature is dropping, the Pumpkin Fest has past, and leaves are falling from all of our trees here in Terrace Park. I'd like to take a moment before I get my rake out to ask those of you who live along one of the tributaries to the Little Miami that run through our village to please not use the streams as a place to deposit your raked leaves and tree branches. The Village maintenance crew will begin picking up leaves shortly and that is a much better way of handling the leaves. That way, the Village composts the leaves for future use. There are several reasons why you should not rake your leaves (or in the summer, your grass) into the streams.

First of all, it's illegal. It is against Ohio law to deposit anything into "the waters of this state," without a permit. You could be fined for placing "refuse" in the streams. More importantly, it's not healthy for the streams or the streambanks. I know that many folks think that leaves or grass are natural, so they shouldn't cause a problem in streams. Naturally falling leaves that land in streams aren't a problem, in fact they provide food for "critters" in the stream. However, when we dump large amounts from our yards into the stream, it can overload the stream and cause depositions, or little dams in the stream that can divert the flow of the stream and cause bank erosion. With grass, the same thing can happen, plus the nitrogen in the grass can cause unhealthy algae blooms in the streams.

Some folks have told me they put sticks and leaves and grass clippings in the stream to try and stabilize their banks. This really won't work in the long run. Often times, the sticks and branches placed in the stream will divert the flow behind the branches to actually increase the rate of erosion. It also inhibits the growth of plant material along the streambank which provides root growth that helps stabilize the streambank.

So as we start doing fall cleanup in our yards, do our streams a favor and use the Village's FREE leaf pickup service and keep our streams clean. We are fortunate to live along a National and State Scenic River, the Little Miami. Let's all play our part in keeping it a healthy, positive attribute of our community. If anyone has any questions about the health of our streams, just give me a call or e-mail me at seolson@eos.net.

Thanks, Stefan L. Olson 815 Miami Village Councilmember

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Village Views welcomes readers to submit their ideas for articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

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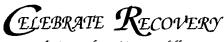


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Council continued from front page

Pancake Supper

Councilwoman Julie Rugh an-EMS Annual Pancake Supper will be held Saturday, November 2. This is an important fundraiser for the EMS and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Fire Chief Jeff Carle plans to make one more pitch at the Pancake Supper for the thermal-imaging camera which is needed by the Fire Department. This equipment is a necessary tool allowing fire fighters the ability to see through heavy smoke.

FEMA Grant

Chief Carle announced that the Terrace Park Fire Department has been awarded a grant from FEMA for \$23,000. This federal grant will allow the fire department to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus. This equipment includes face-mounted respirators and light indicators to monitor air capacity. The self-contained units are very pace with current fire department code requirements.

• From the Police Chief

Council. The Chief reported that all Terrace Park Police Officers attended a C.T.P.C. seminar this month. The seminar focused on nature are useful and effective and will be helpful to Police Officers as they participate in the annual certification required by the Terrace Park Police Department.

Chief Bacon told the Village Council that the Police Department is ready for and looking forward to Halloween. There will be two, possibly three, police units on duty. This will be the 23rd Halloween here in Terrace Park for Chief Bacon.

In his role as Street Commissioner, Bacon expressed commendation for the Street Department crew. He made special mention of Evenchuck.

Building Department Notes

Building Official William Fiedler anbeing prepared for the Zoning Appeals Board. This represents two of the case-by-case project requests that require a variance.

Elm Avenue Channel Repair Village Engineer George Kipp presented bid information to Council for work on the Elm Avenue channel. After discussion, Councilman Holmes proposed a resolution, Langenheim & Thomson Co., to have this work done as soon as possible. Langenheim & Thomson came in with the low bid and have a previous working relationship with Terrace Park

Hoops

Councilman Peterkin reported that

two of the basketball backboards are damaged. The contractor told him that the backboards did not survive because the old, inferior nounced that the Terrace Park poles were used. The Council held a discussion and Peterkin ultimately proposed a resolution to have D.E. Mayer Co. replace two basketball poles and backboards. The backboards will carry the original lifetime guarantee.

No New Village Taxes on November Ballot

Councilman Mark Porst commented that last month's article in the Village Views was helpful in explaining to residents that the issue on the November ballot is a renewal of the Terrace Park Operating Levy, and a "Yes" vote will not increase property taxes for Terrace Park residences.

St. Thomas Construction Project

Councilman Holmes reported that several meetings have been held between Terrace Park representatives and the officials at St. Thomas Episcopal Church to discuss altereffective and necessary to keep native ways in which the parking areas will be finished. Village Council subsequently received a letter from Mark Woolsey, Senior Warden Police Chief Bacon submitted the for St. Thomas Church and longmonthly incident status report to time Terrace Park resident. The letter states that the Church wishes to use a gravel base for the finish pavers that will cover all hard surface walkways and parking areas. personal protection and hand to The revised plan for application and hand combat. Conferences of this maintenance of the gravel base will be engineered and submitted to the Terrace Park Engineer for approval.

The anticipated completion date for construction is January or February 2002. It was requested by St. Thomas officials that the finish landscape work and finish paver work be completed, however, by Mother's Day, in the Spring of 2003. The Church has indicated that winter weather and construction constraints necessitate the request for this phased construction completion. The letter sets forth a commitment, by St. Thomas Church, to finish all construction, including landscaping the job done this year by Dave and hard surface areas, based on a schedule agreement between Terrace Park and The Church.

The proposed change to the nounced that two more packets are plan, and the anticipated completion date for each phase of the project were discussed at length by the mayor, council, village officials and the church officials. Kipp, Village Engineer, voiced concern about silting and water run off during interim periods. He said these issues must be addressed in any

Holmes proposed a resolution which was passed, to contract with to change the Irrevocable Street Permit issued to St. Thomas, to reflect using a gravel substrate (base) instead of a concrete base for the pavers. Terrace Park Council approved the resolution, with Councilman Peterkin going on record with a "No" vote on the resolution.

Holmes explained that it is the

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Village Calendar 2002

October

31 Halloween. Trick-or-Treating 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. 11 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building. (begins and ends with siren blast)

November

- MHS Community Open House 1 p.m. 4 p.m.
- TP Historical Society 4 p.m. Community Building. Call Carol Cole @ 831-6771 with questions.
- Early Dismissal grades 7 12
- Election Day Polls open 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. 13 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m. Community Building.
- TP PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7 p.m. Community Building. Will be assembling luminaria kits. Call Elaine Fening @ 831-8371 with questions
- Newcomers' Family Pizza Party 5:30 p.m. Community Building. \$10 per member family; \$15 non-member families. Call Sybil Schooler @ 576-1571 with questions.
- AARP Luncheon Noon Community Building. Program will feature Tammy Hatcher from the Cincinnati Nature Center. For reservations call Betty Smith @ 831-5434.

- TP Garden Club Meeting Noon Community Building. Holiday Boutique Workshop. Call Tami Blowers @ 248-0528 with questions.
- 12 TP Village Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Community Building.
- 12, 13 & 14 TPE Book Fair
- Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
- MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m. MHS C-20
- TPE Parent/Grandparent Day
- Thanksgiving Break begins at end of school day.
- Thanksgiving
- Hanukkah begins at sunset.

Please call Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619 with calendar information

practice of Terrace Park officials to require that a bond be put in place, when a commercial development requests phased completion of improvements. This is, in no way, a gesture of mistrust, by the Public Works official advisors, but rather a desire to be consistent with the usual requirements of commercial

Council made the suggestion that St. Thomas officials meet to see if a plan can be formulated, whereby the hard surface is installed at the time of the project completion, and issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. If this is not possible, the possibility of "bonding" for unfinished improvements should be investigated. Woolsey, the spokesman for the church, agreed to pursue the requests and direction of the Village Council.

Leaf Pick-up

development.

Curbside leaf pick-up begins Oct. 15 and is expected to continue through November. There will be no brush pick-up during this period.

Kindervelt #76 Presents Terrace Park's 16th Annual Luminaria Sunday, December 8, 2002

Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will once again sell luminaria kits in connection with the 16th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on the Village Green, Sunday, December 8th. Luminaria kits contain 20 candles, 20 white paper bags, approximately 15 lbs of sand and instructions for assembly.

Luminarias can be placed along your sidewalk, driveway, or street. The fire siren will sound at 6:00 p.m. to signal the lighting of the candles. If the weather is poor, no siren will sound and the lighting will be postponed for one week. Festivities on the Village Green will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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other family members

Pancake supper

By Dennis Elliot Assistant Fire Chief

The 43rd Pancake Supper will be held November 2 in the Terrace Park Elementary cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come and meet your fire department and emergency medical services (EMS) staff while they prepare a fabulous feast of pancakes and sausage.

We will be selling pancake supper tickets door to door on Sunday, Oct. 20 and during the following week. Tickets for this all you can eat feast are \$4 for an adult and \$2 for children under 10 years of age. If you are unable to attend for health reasons, we will be providing a delivery service. Call Pete Findley by Nov. 1 for more information. We will also be selling the current Terrace Park phone directory.

The supper and the directories are fundraisers used to augment money provided by the village. In the past we contributed to the current EMS vehicle and the refurbishment of the 1986 MACK fire engine. Currently the EMS and fire department are working to contribute to the replacement of the existing ambulance and the purchase a thermal imager to locate persons in a smoky or fire environment.

Remember, we still make house calls. See you at the pancake supper.

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Terrific Terrassic Park

Park Elementary Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 11 proved yet again to be a fun and successful fund raising event. At 5:30 p.m. sharp the doors opened and the festivities began with the school transformed into a fun-filled Halloween carnival. It was a beehive of activity as shrieks echoed through the hall-

ways from the haunted house, cheers erupted in the gym for lucky game winners, parents eyed the Bid-and-Buy offerings, and families chowed on Pumpkin Patch Cafe barbecue.

"It was a great evening," says Mary Hyer, who along with fellow co-chair, Beth Srofe praised the efforts of the

What a night! The Terrace many, many volunteers who helped to make the event happen. "And, we really appreciated the community support. Those who purchased game tickets, raffle tickets or Bid-and-Buy items will be pleased to know proceeds will be used to support PTO sponsored programs, like fine arts or classroom enrichment projects."





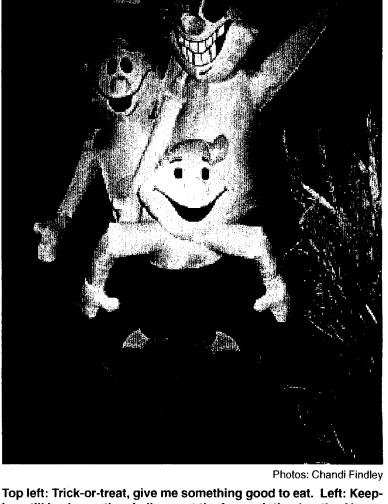
Mariemont Kiwanis "Nuts for Knowledge"

annual sale

For the past six years the Mariemont Kiwanis Club has used its Annual Nut Sale to advance the education of Mariemont High School students through the Kiwanis College Scholarship Program. Kiwanis members will be selling nuts again this year to raise money for scholarships for outstanding seniors with financial need.

The campaign will begin November 1 and continue through the New Year holiday. Attractively packaged in a reclosable plastic serving tray, the nut assortments make excellent party accessories or gifts for the holidays. Each container costs \$5 and includes approximately 10 ounces of either almonds, cashews, pecans, Deluxe Mix or Honey Cocktail Mix.

Nuts are available at the local banks in the Mariemont School District: 5/3 and Provident



ing still is always the challenge at the face painting booth. Above: Friendly ghosts haunt Casper's Corner.



Cindy Gorman cheering a contestant at the Pop Toss.

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What's Happening at St. Thomas?

ठा. Thomas Church, Terrace Place and Miami Avenue in Terrace Park Phone: 831-2052 Email: stthomas@one.net Web: stthomasepiscopal.org Worship: Saturday 5:00* pm; Sunday 8:00, 9:15*, 11:15* am; Sunday School 9:15 am; Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 am

*Child Care Provided for these events

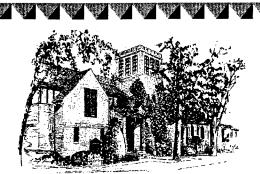


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Did you ever wish your kids came with an instruction manual?

Jim Mason did, and now he is helping families throughout Cincinnati write one for themselves. The Terrace Park resident is the President and CEO of Beech Acres, the historic non-profit organization dedicated to improving families and the lives of children.

"The mission of Beech Acres is to strengthen families," says Jim, "so that kids can grow to lead productive lives. We're well known for helping at-risk children, but we're also there for the challenges every family faces.

Beech Acres renowned parenting conference, For the Love of Kids, is part of that outreach to all families. Slated for Nov. 9, the popular conference has become one of Beech Acres' more visible public programs, drawing hundreds of parents from around the region.

"We want everyone to know

Poinsettia

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that Beech Acres is a resource for all parents," says Jim. "Our annual For the Love of Kids conference is one way we're reaching out to help with everyday challenges."

Jim is joined by fellow Terrace Park Resident, Jane Portman, who serves as the co-chair for the conference a second year in a row. This year's conference also includes nationally recognized family experts such as Madelyn Smith, author of Teach Your Children Well and Discipline for Life, and Mark Victor Hansen, co-author of Chicken Soup for the Parent's Soul.

Fourteen separate breakout sessions will address parenting topics such as raising highly active children, handling peer pressure, and teaching kids about financial responsibility, sex, and drugs.

"We spent a great deal of time and energy asking parents what

they wanted in the conference. says Jim. "We used surveys and focus groups to select the discussion topics and speakers. And we also know that the seminars work, since 95 percent of the parents who attended the last conference say their relationships with their children have improved."

Jim himself will lead one of the breakout sessions. His topic, "How to Dad: The Toughest (and Most Rewarding) Job You'll Ever Love," will draw upon his personal and professional experience.

"Dads can sometimes feel superfluous in a modern family," says Jim, "but they play an important role in the development of their children ... a unique role."

Jim's background as a bation officer, as well as his Master's Degree in Counseling, lends well to the Beech Acres' mission. "But the best education I got," said Jim, "was being a father to three kids."

Jim's three children — Marc, Michael, and Katie — are now grown, but he and his wife Debby, a nurse practitioner at Children's Hospital, still find children to be the focus of their lives.

Debby and Jim met at as undergrads at Ohio State. Jim grew up in the Cleveland area, but they moved to Cincinnati, where Debby's family lives. After raising their children in Mariemont, they eventually settled in Terrace Park, where Debby spent part of her childhood.

One of Jim's first jobs in Cinteacher, coach, therapist and pro- cinnati, at age 26, was at the Children's Home on Madison Road. "I was the supervisor of what they referred to as a 'cottage," says Jim. "It was actually a large institutional home for 12 severely emotionally challenged girls. I was in there supervising these young women along with seven female staff members, all older than I. Needless to say, I learned quite a lot in that first assignment."

> In 1978 Jim joined the Beech Acres staff. At the time, Beech Acres' served about 200 at-risk children annually and operated on a budget of \$2 million. "One of my first jobs was to introduce new programs to Beech Acres. We now serve about 18,000 kids and families per year and have an operating budget of \$28 million."

Jim explains that Beech Acres' role in the community has constantly evolved. "It started in 1849 as the 'German General Protestant Orphan Asylum," he explains. "After a devastating cholera epidemic in Cincinnati in the 1840s, the German Men's Aid Society of Cincinnati created the orphanage.'

The current name, Beech Acres, comes from the grove of beech trees that stood on the site of the institution's current main campus in Mt. Washington, where it has resided since 1949. Five other Cincinnati area sites are also now in operation.

"A lot has changed since Beech Acres started," say Jim. "Classic orphanages fell out of favor as a result of the New Deal. Beech Acres changed to focus on helping kids in difficult or dangerous family situations and now we're expanding our reach to help all families and all children.'

Jim's goal is to bring the expertise of the Beech Acres staff to more families. The website, www.beechacres.org, lists the programs and materials available to parents and tells them how they can contact trained counselors to help them with their questions.

"We want to make Beech Acres even easier to access," says Jim. "Parents can send in an email question, or just call for advice to our Parent Source Infoline at 751-0400, but we hope to make our website even more interactive and customized."

The majority of Beech Acres budget comes from government contracts and donations. "The original founders of the orphanage were very generous and very conservative," Jim adds. "They created an endowment that gives us the flexibility to do more for families now."

The conference, For the Love of Kids, is one of those programs. Participants pay only \$25 to attend, including breakfast, lunch, and a bag of information and gifts.

"That registration fee doesn't cover much," Jim explains. "The conference costs over \$250,000, and much of that expense is covered by sponsors such as Fifth Third Bank, The Community Press, Frisch's Big Boy, and Procter & Gamble."

The For the Love of Kids conference takes place Nov. 9, 2002 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents interested in registering for the conference can do so on-line at www.beechacres.org or by calling 241-7696.

Walk-in registration is allowed if space permits, but is not recommended as prior conferences have been full. More information about Beech Acres and its services are also available at the website.

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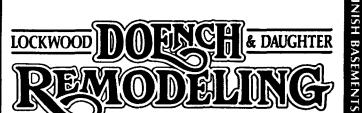
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The Terrace Park **Community House**

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According to an undated newspaper article it was the Coreys "who are mostly responsible for the building of the church. They started the movement, gave all of their time freely, paid half of the expense and donated the lot on which it stands." It is a very interesting structure since it made use of Corey's innovative poured cement procedure described in the June issue of Village Views. Helen Barnett's grandmother describes how it was built "out of cement according to a formula of [Corey's] and with the assistance of such working men as he could get and financial aid of all the residents.' After several years of use, a formal dedication was held. The building was described as "a comfortable and pretty little house of worship". It was "well equipped and modern. Besides the auditorium there is a Sunday school room, a dining room, a kitchen, choir loft and two dressing rooms. The interior is inviting and splendidly furnished and arranged." All this happened even before Terrace Park was incorporated in 1893.

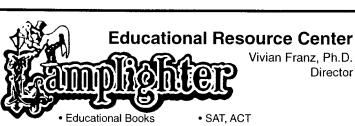
However, over the years the congregation dwindled and the building was no longer needed by the Baptists. After the doors were closed and it sat vacant, there was a rumor that the Nazarenes wanted the building. Three civic-minded Terrace Park gentlemen, Charles



Gatch, then purchased it from the Baptists with the idea of having the 1921/2 the Village purchased the building and \$4,000 worth of bonds were issued for the purchase and remodeling of the town hall. By 1927 all the renovations were complete and there was \$6.86 left in the fund. The town hall fund was abolished and \$6.86 was transferred to the sinking fund of Terrace Park.

Thus, the Baptist Church in Terrace Park became the Town Hall or Community House. However, be-

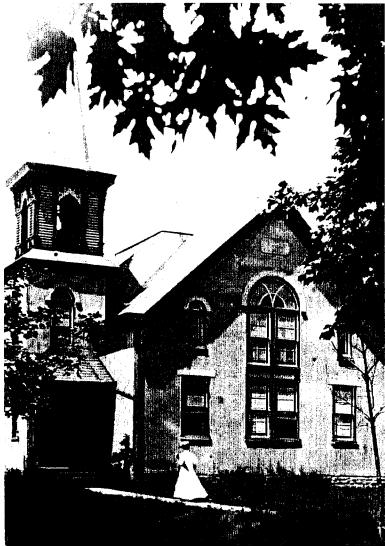
Meyer, Louis Breiling and Lewis sides doing duty as the meeting place of Village Council and other civic organizations it has served at one time Village use it for a Town Hall. In or another as the meeting place for probably almost every organization in Terrace Park. That means that everyone who has lived in Terrace Park since 1922 probably has fond memories of time spent there. Some even remember going to school there when other school buildings became too crowded. Over the years there have been changes and additions but it still stands as a serviceable building with an interesting construction and history.

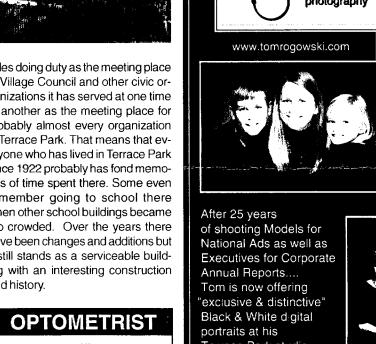


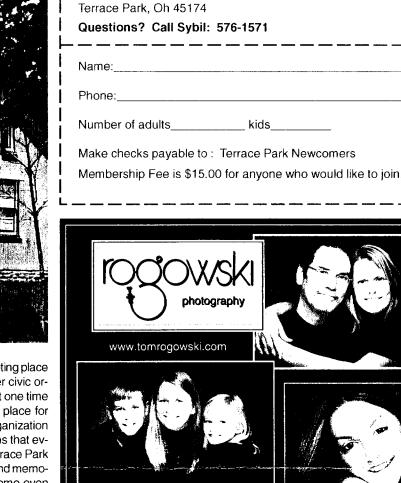
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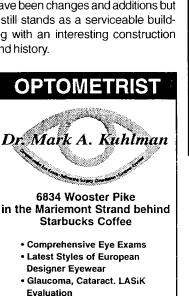
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Standing in front of the completed greenhouse from left: Riley Humler, Mickey Humler, Randall Williams, Peter Shuster, Ted Brown, Scott Williams, Alex Swart, Sy Swart and Larry Williams.

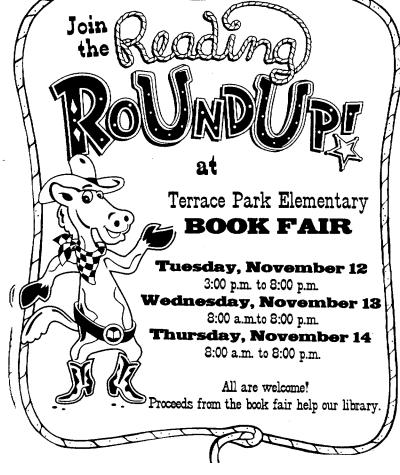
Greenacres Foundation, lo-their natural settings. This sumcated on Spooky Hollow Road in Indian Hill, is a non-profit organization established to encourage conservation and appreciation of nature by providing opportunities

mer, Scott Williams, 17, a member of the Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop, completed the requirements of his Eagle Scout rank by performing a service project for this orgato study plant and animal life in nization. The project included

building a multi-bin compost bin and constructing a greenhouse. Greenacres' cooking school, that cultivates a large vegetable garden on the property, will use these structures.

The project took several weekends of hard work and included drawing the plans for the compost bin, obtaining all materials and organizing the many generous volunteers who helped with the construction. A number of local businesses also contributed materials and funds.

After completing the Eagle Scout project, Scott and several friends continued to volunteer their time during the summer months making improvements to the facilities, clearing trails, and constructing signs for Greenacres.



Garden Club prepares for House Tour

in conjunction with the Terrace Park Historical Society, will present five homes on Sunday Dec. 8. The Heritage Home Tour will feature the following homes built between 1869 and 1910: the Burgess's at 311 Harvard; the Holcomb's at 212 Miami; the Normile's at 609 Amherst; the Rockaway's "Gravelotte" at 720 Elm; and the Santi's at 303 Oxford.

Tickets are \$12 each and will be available from a garden club member or a historical society member before the tour or at the Boy Scout Log Cabin on Dec. 8. A Holiday Boutique will be at the Log Cabin and will feature greens, topiaries, forced bulbs, and holiday gifts.

The Terrace Park Garden Club, Mark your calendar now for this

The Nov. 12 meeting (note date change - don't forget to vote Nov. 5) will be a workshop in preparation for the Holiday Boutique. Canned goods are being collected for Inter Parish Ministry.



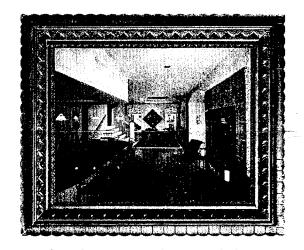


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