## Outcome of resident input questioned at Council

Lee Cole of 629 Myrtle was the first resident to address Council this month. He asked council members how "resident input" ideas, questions, and requests are addressed. He stated that residents are invited to speak at the Council meeting and then are simply thanked for their input when finished. Cole asked for an explanation of the mechanics of handling each item.

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The mayor explained that during regular sessions of Council and at council committee meetings, residents input is discussed and either acted on or not acted upon as council members see fit. When there is subsequent action taken by enactment of a law or procedure, individual items are resolved. On the other hand, inaction is also a way of dismissing suggestions, questions or comments.

Notice of council committee meetings is posted 24 hours in advance at required notification points.

work of council members ensued. The point was made that committee chairmen and members are sometimes working for months on certain pending items. Councilman Mark Porst offered to put into place a procedure which would serve to better clarify the outcome of relevant individual citizen input items. **Terrace Park website** 

Councilman Jim Peterkin announced that he has been working on the Terrace Park website and that it should be up and running within the next few days.

See and hear monthly council meetings

Bob Halley of 114 Red Bird Lane, representing the citizens who for some time now have requested that a microphone sound system be used at monthly Village Council meetings, received an answer when Councilman Terry Howe gave his committee report. Howe reported that under a program of the ICRC, the cable company has agreed to A discussion about the ongoing televise the Village Council meet-

ing each month at no cost to the Village. They will also provide tapes of the meetings. The sound system that will be installed to facilitate the monthly programming will remain in place in the Community Building for use by other organizations as well. The system will include mounted speakers, a microphone for the mayor and each councilmember and a microphone on a podium for citizen input. Council approved this

program and it should be in place in about 60 days.

#### New auxiliary officers

A special ceremony was held so that the mayor could "swear in" three new auxiliary police officers; Melissa Tenhundfelt, Lauren Griffith, and Jeremiah Larbes. Auxiliary officers are police officers who have gone through the police academy and are looking for hours of experience with a good police department. To become an auxiliary officer they are required to volunteer with the Terrace Park police force for 19 hours per week, (two eight-hour shifts and three hours for Mayor's Court). Chief Bacon said that these officers are usually anxious for experience and therefore often volunteer for one to two hundred hours per month, which is great for Ter-

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## Mayor, Council Candidates Sound Off

Terrace Park residents of all shapes and sizes met October 9th to hear the opinions of candidates for Mayor and Council offices in this year's election. The event was well attended in the newly opened Parish Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The Candidate Forum, introduced two years ago by resident Al Nelson, was designed to give residents a personal view of candidates and their ideas, and to allow for local television filming so the

telecast could be seen in future dates by a broader audience.

The candidates were asked several questions written by residents, and posed by mediator Wes Cowan. Topics included estate tax ramifications, the future of our Community Building, the viability and/or need for a Village Administrator, the bike trail, zoning, and storm water management.

The event closed with a brief "pitch" by each candidate for the office sought.

For those unable to attend, the Candidate Forum will be televised on channels 15 and 22 the following days and times:

10/17 at 4 p.m.

10/18 at 2 p.m.

10/25 at 2 p.m.

10/28 at 11 p.m. 11/01 at 3:30 p.m.

Thanks go to those who organized and implemented this informative event, helping generate interest and activity in our local election process.

## In their own words...

## An introduction to the mayoral candidates



**Dan Startsman** 

I am pleased to have the opportunity to share my reasons for seeking reelection as Mayor of Terrace Park with our residents.

I am a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and have practiced law for 30 years with the firm of Jacobs and Startsman. I have lived in Terrace Park for 45 of my 55 years, the third generation of Startsmans to do so. fabric of life here, and we need to My wife, Kathy, and I moved to Ter-continually take steps to increase the race Park when our sons were about to enter school. We wished to raise them in an environment where they had the ability to ride their bikes to a neighborhood school. Graduates of Mariemont High School, Daniel has now graduated from Brown University, and David is currently a junior at Washington and Lee.

In village governance, I served as a member of Village Council from 1989 to August 1999, when I was appointed mayor to fill out an unexpired term. I was elected mayor in November of 1999. As a member of council, I chaired the Building and Grounds and the Public Works Committees. I coached boys' soc-Park Recreation Commission program, and served on the Boy Scout Troop Committee. Within the Cincinnati community, I served as a Trustee, President, and Chairman of the Board of Stepping Stones

President of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati and President of the Rotary Foundation. For 10 years, I served as President of the Board of a nonprofit Housing Corporation for the elderly in Madisonville, during which time I oversaw a \$1.2 million dollar expansion to the complex.

I believe an important issue facing residents of Terrace Park is that of fiscally responsible management of the Village budget. Terrace Park is a vibrant community for people of all ages and backgrounds. One way to make it possible for families on fixed incomes to remain here is to continue the fiscal responsibility that Council has exercised in past years. Wise use of available funding can enable us to maintain the current levels of service without continually asking for additional tax increases.

Volunteerism is essential to the numbers of residents who are involved. I strongly value the impact that these activities have on the quality of life in Terrace Park and the benefits that this service represents to the Village budget. I will continue to support the outreach activities of the EMS, the fire department, our schools, the Recreation Commission, Scouting, Village government, and St. Thomas Church.

A third issue that I support is that of encouraging Village Council to address our zoning code. We need to make the language of the Code more "user friendly" for both residents and the professionals who work within the community.

Desire for change must be balcer and baseball for the Terrace anced against those qualities that make our Village unique. I will continue to work to keep lines of communication open between residents and their Village Government, and to be accessible. As we look to the future, we must carefully consider

Center; and I was elected a Vice how our actions may affect those features that make Terrace Park the community we have all chosen for our homes.

I would appreciate your vote on November 4.



Jay Gohman

My name is Jay Gohman and I am a candidate for Mayor of Terrace Park. I am a 43-year resident of Terrace Park. I am a Terrace Park Elementary and Mariemont High School Graduate, After graduating from the University of Cincinnati with an accounting degree I started my career in public accounting. In the late 1980s I joined The Penn Central Corporation's Internal Audit Department and through 14 years of mergers and name changes am currently an executive with AFG's General Counsel's Office.

#### Volunteer history

I started my Terrace Park volunteer career as a soccer coach while completing my 40 hours as a senior at Mariemont High School. I have had the great pleasure of working with other Terrace Park volunteers with names like Shundich, Bachman, Ryan, Vickers and Getgey. Terrace Park is where my volunteer passion was started. My latest and most passionate volunteer organizations have been:

Winners Walk Tall (WWT) — I am currently a Board Member, School Coordinator and Classroom

Volunteer. WWT is an inter-city school volunteer program that teaches children — ethics, manners and morals. WWT was started 12 years ago by Bob Mauk with two classrooms and now touches the lives of between 15,000 and 20,000 children each week in over eight states and Canada.

Health Resource Center of Cincinnati (HRC) - Where I am a Former Founding Board Member and Treasurer. HRC is part of the Free Store Food Bank. HRC is the last resort for the sick disadvantaged population of Cincinnati. In five years, HRC has gone from a budget of \$200,000 to over \$2 million.

#### Why do I want to be Mayor?

I have been extremely blessed to be part of Terrace Park. Growing up here has taught me the strong value of community and now I get to pass this on to my family. I feel it is time to give back to the community that has provided me with so much.

In the past 10 years I have seen many changes in the park. Many beautiful and wonderful changes. Other changes not that great.

The things that I would like to address if elected mayor:

1) Strengthen and enforcement of the TP building and zoning code to

> Support your volunteer Firefighters and EMTs

#### **Annual Pancake** Supper

Terrace Park Elementary Cafeteria Saturday, November 8 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

\$6 adults \$4 children (Tickets on sale at the door or from your firefighter or emergency medical technician neighbor)

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, help a good cause and have some great food!

ensure responsible development; 2) Study the water run off problem and work towards a solution;

3) Take advantage of the army of TP volunteers (retired and not) to help with overworked council members in working on village projects. Our Village volunteer base is a valuable Village asset. It needs to be fully utilized, not wasted;

4) Create a nominating committee to help educate potential political candidates on the TP political process. A few passionate residents currently do it. I would like to make this a formal Village citizens committee to mentor future candidates; and 5) Last and surely not least, inject passion and leadership into the office. Become proactive and open to all residents. Open up communication regarding ongoing projects. Create a log of what projects are currently in the works and the project's status, so that residents can understand the progress that is being made.

If elected, your Village concerns will not be overlooked or forgotten and your voices at council meetings will not be dismissed.

I would greatly appreciate your support on November 4.

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Day, November 4th. Polls open in the Community Building at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.



The deadline for the October issue of the Village Views is Friday November 7th.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

To the editor:

Lately a very serious matter has come to the attention of your Terrace Park Police Department, hidden or missing house numbers.

In August two officers were dispatched to respond to an address for which they received a complaint for a domestic in progress. As the officers were trying to locate the house number they were further advised by dispatch that one of the parties involved was in the driveway, loading a handgun. Unfortunately, due to the house number not being clearly displayed, the officers drove into the middle of the situation. Fortunately neither the officers nor the suspect was injured.

This happens more than you care to know. Life squad runs, fire runs and alarm drops are just a few of the situations we face. Those homes not having clearly displayed house numbers may delay our arrival. These matters do not put the officer in eminent danger like the one mentioned the heart of the letter, but are serious just the same.

Village Ordinance #94.18(E)(4) states, "House numbers shall be displayed for each home served by such drive...and displayed in a manner that the house numbers are clearly and readily visible from the public right-of-way."

Simply put...please display a house number for public servants and others to view. Your family's safety may depend on it someday.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Sergeant Joe W. Winders

To the editor:

This is just a note to correct what I believe is a misconception put forward by Susan House in her September *Village Views* article "Our village, our heritage." Most of the article concerns the needs of our Fire and EMS departments. Susan states, "Our Terrace Park Fire Chief and our EMS Chief spoke up to say that any remodel of existing facilities and existing buildings would be of no use to them as they still would not have nearly the room that they need, now or in the future". That may very well be true but their needs need not affect the Community Building itself, which is not the area Fire and EMS use. Their area is an addition to the original 1890s Baptist Church now Community Building about which I have written several *Village Views* articles. Thus, whatever the decision about the needs of Fire and EMS, the historic Community Building itself can and should be left standing.

Carol C. Cole 629 Myrtle Avenue

To The Editor,

I had a nasty bike accident at 5:30 a.m. on Monday morning, September 29th, at the bottom turn of the Elm Street hill. An imprudent racoon ran under my front wheel and I ended up on my head on the pavement at about 20 miles an hour. I staggered home half conscious, my wife called the Terrace Park Life Squad, and they responded to my emergency quickly and competently. I was put on a stretcher, transported fast to Betheda North Hospital, and got the rapid treatment that I needed.

Thank you all, Life Squad Members: Becky Carman, John Maggard, Officer Jim Pruitt, and Janie Routt! Your precious volunteer activity meant everything to me, and I was reminded once again what a special community we live in and what exceptional citizens are among our neighbors.

I'm happy to report that after a week I've left the hospital, am back at work, and my resourceful wife reports that my brain is half-way normal again, also slightly different than before September 29th: I love racoons less and the Terrace Park Life Squad more.

Sincerely yours, John C. Stalnaker 809 Miami Ave.

Dear Terrace Park Resident

October 14, 2003

Village Council is asking all Terrace Park voters to approve a "renewal" of our 3.5 mill operating levy this November 4. Voting "FOR" this renewal will not increase your real estate taxes. Our 3.5 mill operating levy has not increased since its enactment in 1993.

The Hamilton County Auditor periodically reappraises Terrace Park properties. The auditor usually assigns higher appraised valuations. Increasing property values are the positive outcome of living in an excellent community. The Hamilton County process of assigning higher appraised values to your home does not increase your real estate taxes or the revenue collected by Terrace Park from this 3.5 mill operating levy. To compensate for higher county appraised values, the auditor simultaneously makes proportional reductions in the "effective" millage that is actually used to calculate your tax bill. As we said above, voting "For the tax levy" to renew the 3.5 mills will not increase your real estate taxes.

We are continuously looking for opportunities to limit spending, but like most households and businesses, annual expenses tend to increase with the cost of living. Maintaining our current Police, Fire, EMS and maintenance service requires additional dollars each year. We are able to avoid a tax increase only because receipts from inheritance taxes have exceeded our expectations leaving us with a positive cash balance.

Our goal is to maintain the high quality services you have come to expect from Terrace Park. This operating levy is a critical source of village funds, accounting for about 13 percent of our annual receipts. We are constantly looking for ways to save money and are committed to operating as efficiently as possible. Please help us maintain Terrace Park services by voting "FOR THE TAX LEVY" to renew our 3.5 mill operating levy on November 4.

Sincerely, Terrace Park Village Council Stephen Holmes, Terry Howe, Stefan Olson, Jim Peterkin, Mark Porst, Julie Rugh Mayor, Daniel Startsman & Treasurer, Larry Williams Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, November 7th. 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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#### November deadline :

The November deadline for *Village Views* is **Nov. 7.** All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. *All advertisements* go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. All articles go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or call 576-0595 to e-mail an article.

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.

#### Leaving the Village

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

To the editor:

This November a levy will be on the election ballot, and the citizens of the Mariemont school district will have a chance to save the quality of our school system. If this levy again fails, then the district will be forced to make drastic cuts. Among those cuts will be all extracurricular activities, this means that all sports, clubs and organizations will be dissolved.

I feel that the quality of Mariemont schools lies not only in the challenging academics, but also in what is learned outside of the classroom through extracurricular activities. I feel as though, over the course of my years in the Mariemont school district, I have learned as much in activities such as football, band, Spanish club, and chess team as I have learned in classes such as English, physics, geometry and American history. In extracurricular activities I have learned valuable skills such as teamwork, leadership, and adaptability. If extracurricular activities are cut, Mariemont schools will produce students with academic knowledge, but these students will lack some of the skills necessary to survive and prosper outside of school.

Another reason why Mariemont schools must continue to have extracurricular activities is that it gives students an incentive to work hard in school. All students know that they must pass at least five classes in order to stay eligible for clubs and sports. If these extracurricular activities were to be eliminated, then, for many students, there would be no incentive to try hard at school, and their grades might drop dramatically, poor grades might keep them from having the opportunities later in life that they would have had, had they tried hard in school.

At Mariemont over 90 percent of our graduating seniors go to college and continue their education. One of the main reasons for this is our extracurricular activities. This is because, in the ultra-competitive world of college admissions, one of the major things that colleges look for is a well-rounded student, who has both good grades, and many activities. These important activities will be cut if the levy does not pass. If these programs are cut, then it might be more difficult for students to have as many opportunities to go to fine colleges.

If students' grades fall, and they aren't able to get into college, then the district's property value will drop. If property values fall, it will be more harmful, from an economic standpoint, than the increase in taxes with the levy.

Your parents gave you the opportunity to attend a school where there were extracurricular activities. Shouldn't your children get the same opportunities that you had? Aren't they worth the investment? For this, I strongly urge you to vote "yes" on the levy, and vote "yes" for the future of Mariemont schools.

Mike Morgan 118 Fieldstone

To the editor

This letter is in response to Mr. Ken White's letter regarding school funding in the September issue of the *Village Views*.

Mr. White says that he will vote for the levy because he has "no choice." As long as property tax is the major means of funding schools (almost 70 percent), neither does the school board have a choice. As the state continues to reduce its contribution (currently approximately 21 percent) and unfunded mandates continue to pile up, virtually all local boards of education are forced to ask taxpayers for more money approximately every three to four years.

Mr. White stated that the board appears to have an "unspoken plan." When levies fail, boards have no choice but to make cuts. At its September meeting, the board announced a plan outlining exactly what those cuts would be. While their choices are not always popular, board members consider those decisions carefully and work hard to make responsible judgments.

All school boards appreciate new and creative ideas. However, Mr. White asserts, without any proof, that outsourcing bus service and selling the bus lot would delay the next levy by two or three years. Outsourcing bus service has been reviewed and thoroughly researched several times. The board had to consider ceding vehicle ownership to a transportation service, the cost of re-acquisition of buses and re-hiring a workforce if the transportation service were no longer available. In addition, the district would still have had to provide a bus lot and support service.

Neither the savings from outsourcing busing nor the funds from the sale of any piece of property would provide enough dollars to delay a levy for two or three years. The board's five- year budget projections can be found on The Ohio Department of Education's website.

I agree with Mr. White that we must vote for the levy. But let's credit our school board for putting children first while making the tough decisions.

Connie Wilson 335 New Street

To the editor:

In the September issue of *Village Views*, it was stated that "we should all be grateful to St. Thomas for permitting this large public meeting (Village Council Candidate Forum) at the Church." It is ironic that it was a "gracious" gesture by current and former members of that very same Council that made this gigantic structure possible. The large number of variances granted in that case, set a precedent that makes it seem impossible for Council to refuse anyone's request for future exceptions.

Karen Souhrada 110 Terrace Place

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#### Two spots, three Council Candidates



**Jack Brown** 

Dear Voters of Terrace Park:

Why is Jack Brown running for council? How is he qualified and what does he hope to accomplish? Your editor asked these questions and I am happy to reply.

I believe that experience counts. Having served a term on council (1998-2001) I know how council operates (or doesn't operate) and I have a number of ideas on how it could function more efficiently. The issues facing the village are serious and complex. It will take experience to confront them successfully.

I believe that education matters. I graduated from Duke University and the UC College of Law. I've been a practicing attorney for over 30 years, working both in private practice and as in-house counsel for two national companies. Currently I manage two consulting groups that work in the life insurance industry. My office is in the Park.

I believe that what you do matters. Rosemarie and I and our children have lived in the Park for almost nine years. I'm a member of the Vestry of St. Thomas Church and serve on committees of the Inter-Parish Ministry. In the past I've been a board member for Goodwill Industries and a six-year member of the Covington Urban Design and Review Board.

If elected this is what I would

**Chuck Stutenroth** 

from people is "why do you want to

run for Village Council?" I have to

lead to some controversial situa-

tions and may require one to take

a stand on unpopular issues. Yet,

when I considered the fact that the

next four years will likely bring sev-

Bike Trail, Community Building) to

the table and Council will have the

opportunity to make a meaningful

impact, I became interested. When

I considered that there are several

current issues that need to be ad-

dressed and changed (update

zoning regulations and its admin-

istration, enforce fiscal responsi-

bility), I became very interested.

When I thought about how I could

add value to Council by bringing

my business mentality and lead-

ership to bear on the decision-

making process, I decided to act.

I believe that my 16-year career

in finance and investment man-

agement could be significant and

useful in that respect.

The question I get most often

try to accomplish:

Council needs open communication. Except for employee matters, I will not vote to go into executive session. I will vote to put council meetings on cable and install a new PA system. I will encourage the mayor, or another member of council, to write a regular column for the Village Views. I will encourage council to hold several "public meetings" each year where dialog with council members can take place.

Council needs more efficiency. Both council and the village need to be more efficient. A reading of the minutes for the last 18 months points out many issues that are started but not completed. The cleanup and registration of vehicles at the "dump"; turn lights and walk lights at Wooster Pike, and a PA system for council meetings.

Council needs to adopt a plan for Storm Water. Storm water drainage is our most serious community problem and it is getting worse as we add more and more impervious surface to the village. Over the years, council has developed a plan for streets and sidewalks that works well; we do planned work each year. We need the same type plan for storm water and we need to fund it with a special levy. I will push council to do both. Council will be faced with tough choices on how to finance storm water detention and a new community building.

Council needs to lessen the negative impact of paving the Bike Trail. If we can find a way to stop the paving of the trail I will vote for it; if we can find a way to make the state build it along Wooster Pike I will vote for it. If the existing path is paved, we need to use fencing and limit access.

Council needs to enforce its ordinances. The Village has not done a good job of enforcement of Zoning Code statutes, right-of-way statutes, or traffic ordinances. Stronger enforcement, and code modernization, will improve the Village.

My wife, Melanie, and our three boys have lived in the Village since 1999. We moved here from Charlotte, NC when I accepted a senior management position with one of Cincinnati's largest money management firms. When we stumbled upon Terrace Park and its beautiful and diverse collection of homes, its excellent neighborhood schools, abundant green space, and of course all those trees — we were hooked. We settled in on a small home and found ourselves in the midst of a bidding war just to buy it. But the real clincher came when Melanie emerged from the elementary school walking with our then kindergartner and tears in her eyes. Concerned, I said "what and agreeing to cable broadcasts. admit that the decision to run did happened, what's the matter?" She not come easy. Let's face it, it can exclaimed "it's just soooo perfect!". That was that, and we went right veys, establishing community foback to the realtor, floated a new offer, crossed our fingers, and finally closed the deal!

eral critical issues (development of vey how highly I regard this community. It is like no other in which I have lived. Since our purchase, we have only become more entranced as our family has grown and we have become more involved with the neighborhood, building lasting friendships and with people who care about family and community as much as we do. This is a special place and I believe we should do everything in our power to preserve the spirit and character of Terrace Park. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the generations of families and volunteers who pioneered that ideal.

In keeping with those ideals, Terrace Park Council should be a voice of the people. I believe that

### Village Calendar 2003

#### October

31 Halloween — starts at 6 p.m. Siren signals start and finish.

#### November

- TP Historical Society 4 p.m. Community Building. Speaker: Stan Brown on "Continuing Development of the Little Miami Railroad Right of Way." Call Carol Cole at 831-6771 for more information.
- Early Dismissal Mariemont Schools grades K-12
- 4 **Election Day**
- TP PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria 17 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- the Community Building. Call Missy Osgood at 831-2637 for more information.
- TP Rec Lacrosse sign-ups 9 noon Community Building
- TP Pancake Supper 4:30 p.m. 7 p.m. TPE Cafeteria
- 10 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- AARP Luncheon Noon St. Thomas Church. Program: Dave Henslee on "Wood Carving as a Hobby." Call Betty Smith at 831-5434 for reservations.

Please call Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619 with calendar information



- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11 TP Garden Club, Community Building: Noon refreshments; 12:30 p.m. — Program: "We've Come a Long Way, Baby!" Call Sara Osborn at 831-1136 for more information.
- 11 TP Village Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 12 TP Social Club Fall Meeting 7 p.m. Community Building. Call Sybil Schooler at 576-**1571** for more information.
- Kindervelt 7 p.m. dinner; 8 p.m. meeting at 18 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. Public Welcome
  - 19 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
  - 25 Mariemont Schools Parent/Grandparent Day
  - 26 28 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
  - 27 Thanksgiving
  - 28 Hanukkah begins



Jeff Koreman

If you recognize my name at all it is likely from perusing these pages every month. For those of you familiar with my articles, rest assured that I actually do have a serious side (although, as a council

communicative with the residents, embracing interaction, not hiding from it. Ask yourself; do you know what Council is currently working on? What is on their agenda? Where do they stand on certain issues? How do they solve Village problems? With high impact issues approaching, communication and planning between Council and residents needs to dramatically improve. Council should dip into the incredible neighborhood talent base for their input and form committees to gather information pertaining to important issues. They should utilize methods of communication such as installing a permanent PA system Council should seek improving our website, encouraging resident surrums, and better utilizing the Village Views (Council's Corner?).

Change is needed — and it I relay this story to you to con- comes when people of vision, commitment, and action work together. I am concerned about Terrace Park and the future of our Village. I don't believe that we can approach important, decisive issues such as zoning and development and the future of the bike trail with a steady as she goes mentality. Vote for me on November 4 and let's get results!

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member recently noted in these. I deal on a regular basis with many pages, a sense of humor is perhaps one of the best assets a member of our village council may have.)

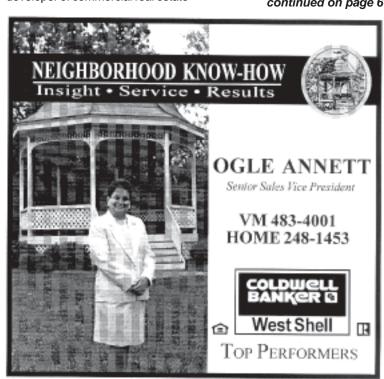
I am 46 years of age. My wife is Tammy and we have three sons: Asher, Gabriel, and Elijah. We own commercial real estate, which I manage. I have a Masters in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati. We have lived in Terrace Park for over three years, although I first became familiar with the area through friendships I established in the Mariemont Players, with whom I performed for several years in the mid-1970s.

Why do I believe I would make a good member of council? In speaking to various villagers I have noticed some recurring themes in their observations. Many people feel as if they have not been adequately heard when addressing council. I won't be so trite as to say I am a good listener but I practiced psychotherapy for approximately ten years so I know how to get to the crux of a problem and then facilitate solutions for it. Often my patients were married couples in crisis, which has given me a good deal of experience in mediating disputes. Another area that is obviously a major concern of my fellow residents is the direction in which our village is headed concerning a number of issues such as zoning, the bike trail, drainage problems, and the state of the community building. In my current vocation as the owner, manager, and developer of commercial real estate

such issues and the governmental agencies overseeing them. I have experience with zoning boards, the Metropolitan Sewer District, the EPA, building inspectors, and an assortment of entities involved in the regulation of property. As an owner of such properties I consistently have to find creative ways to maintain and improve them. That means doing something other than just making a phone call and cutting a check when the work is done.

Finally, I would like to speak to how I feel about the current state of this village; a place that I feel blessed to be a part of. My eight year old son recently said something that most writers only dream of being able to create. He said, "Papa, I know what fog is. Fog is just clouds that gave up." Oddly enough, this reminded me of what I would like to see happen in Terrace Park. I would like for our village to gain clarity of vision. I want to take part in helping to lift the fog and to have Terrace Park rise up and continue to soar as it has done for so many years. We have something wonderful here that is found nowhere else in the Cincinnati area and, I imagine, in very few places anywhere. I believe our task is to look to the future of Terrace Park while we continue to honor our past. I am asking you to allow me the honor of being an integral part of that process. Thank you.

> school board candidates continued on page 6



## Neighbor to Neighbor

#### "Hats Off To Reading"

Scholastic Book Fair at Terrace Park Elementary School Nov.11-13 in the tornado room. GIFT CERTIFI-CATES AVAILABLE. Call 272-7711

#### **Terrace Park Social Club to Host Fall Meeting**

If you are new to Terrace Park, be sure join us Wed. November 12, 7 p.m. at the Community Building. We would love to fill you in on all of the exciting events and opportunities for involvement in our community. The TP Social Club organizes bunco groups, book clubs, a couples dinner club and more. We also serve as a resource to learn about the volunteer EMS. and Fire Department, Kindervelt, the Terrace Park Garden Club and the Historical Society.

#### Levy group launches web site

The Residents for Continued Excellence, a grassroots parent and resident organization assisting the passage of the Mariemont School District levy has launched a web site: www.supportmairemontschools.org. The web site will be updated throughout the campaign.

#### **Mountain Dulcimer Fall Fest**

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 25 at the Community Building. There will be workshops during day and an evening concert by Janita Baker — a performing musician for more than 30 years.

Musicians — bring your dulcimer tuned to DAD, your music stand and tape recorder. Spend the day learning and stay for a lively jam.

Audience — arrive at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy free open stage perfor-

Workshops (each \$15) (Call 891-7037 for a schedule) Concert by Janita Baker at 7:45 p.m. with \$5 donation for anyone over 12.

For more information or reservations, please call Fran at 891-7037, or Pam at 860-5539.

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#### Blazer for sale

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#### House for rent-Norris Lake, TN

4200 sq. ft. 5 BR house on private cove with private dock, 2 kitchens. Short 4 hour drive for summer vacation. Weekly rental. Call Renee @314-0474.



Leslie McManus serves up a gruesome (yet delicious) eyeball donut hole to eager Bootique patron Will Hobart.

#### **Terrace Park Elementary PTO** news store in town: November 11, 3-8

By Betsy Porst

"Hats off to Reading" Book Fair

Barnes and Noble will have nothing on TPE when our Tornado Room becomes the hottest book-

p.m. and November 12 and 13, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All proceeds go directly to purchasing new books for the TPE library. NEW: you can prepurchase gift certificates in the library good for the days of the sale



Elizabeth and Kitty started the school year sporting new hairdos. Both girls had their hair cut (for free) by Kidz Hair Zone to benefit Locks of Love — a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss. It took the fourth graders two years to get their locks to the required 10 inches. To find out more about this program, please visit www.locksoflove.org.

#### Garden Club to offer workshop

Garden Club (TPGC) was held at the Community Building on Tuesday, October 7. Last month's meeting with Diane Groans was so well received the club has invited her back to give a hands-on workshop in December. TPGC would like to offer anyone in the community interested in participating to take part.

A meeting of the Terrace Park Look for more information in the next issue of the Village Views. Tentative dates are Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday December 10, with a \$55 cost that would include all floral materials. Diane works as a designer for Mattfeld Florist and creates beautiful arrangements.

Under general business; Karen



only (in \$5 increments). Grab your hat and head to the Fair!

#### Parent/Grandparent Day is all in the family

Grandma, Gramps, Mom and Dad, save Tuesday, November 25 for that annual trek to TPE to see your kids in action. Grab a welcoming cup of coffee as you head to our very active classrooms for a day of family fun. Join your favorite student(s) for lunch in our multi-star cafe!

#### **Pumpkin Fest Success!**

Chairs Jane Douglas and Susan Malone send a huge THANK YOU to all the committee heads, volunteers, students, neighbors and businesses who came together to make Pumpkin Fest 2003 such a huge success.

A True "Grass Roots" Effort

Two green thumbs up to the PTO parent volunteers who have been meeting weekly to help maintain and beautify the school grounds. The Landscape Committee meets once a week (usually Tuesdays and 12:30 p.m.) to weed, edge, mulch and transplant. ANY-ONE is welcome to lend a hand. They are accepting donations of any kind — plants, mulch, etc. If you have plant material or time to share, call Jenny Whitaker at 248-9268 and take pride in our neighborhood

#### TPE on Parade!

Feel the excitement in the fall air? It's in anticipation of the Mariemont High School Marching Band leading the TPE Halloween parade this year! TAKE NOTE: the parade will commence at 12:20 p.m. sharp and will circle the school

#### **Kindervelt #76 Presents** Terrace Park's 17th Annual Luminaria Sunday, December 7th, 2003

Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will once again sell luminaria kits in connection with the 17th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on the Village Green, Sunday, December 7th. 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.

Don't miss this magical start to the holiday season in Terrace Park! Please complete the order form below and mail by November 5th to Carolyn Falknor, 617 Floral Avenue, Terrace Park, OH 45174. Please make checks payable to Kindervelt #76.

Kindervelt members will also be taking phone and door-to-door orders for Luminaria Kits from October 15th — November 3rd. If you have questions, please call Carolyn Falknor @ 576-0011. All proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center.

#### **Luminaria Order Form**

Name		
Address		
Phone	No. of kits	@ \$10.00
Total enclosed		

Ballinger and Betsy Ecker will be representing the TPGC at the Cincinnati Art Museum's "Art In Bloom" show happening on November 6-9. The membership voted to support the newly formed Terrace Park Elementary PTO Landscape Committee with a \$200 donation for seasonal landscaping needs. The board has also appointed Helen Tollefson to serve as member-atlarge. The club is also in the process of forming a Long Range Planning Committee. So many members vember 11, at noon in the Commusigned up to take part, the board will be surveying the membership to narrow and separate the topics of interest.

The presentation for the day was

given by well-respected, long-time member, Jane Peterson. Jane has been a resident of Terrace Park since 1959 and is a wealth of knowledge for the TPGC; she has also served the club as President from 1976-1979. Jane gave an instructional presentation workshop on forcing bulbs. Look for the results of her efforts to show up in homes mid-February. Jane also addressed a brief question and answer session on pruning.

Next month's meeting, (N nity Building) will be a surprise to the membership, presented by the program committee titled, "We've come a long way baby!" As always, guests are always welcome.



#### Letters to the editor continued from page 2

To the editor,

In response to the mass mailing all Village residents received after the deadline of the September Village Views I am writing to express my personal opinion. I referred the Oxford American Dictionary as to the definition of the word 'STOP.' The reference book clearly states, "To put an end to movement, progress or operation." The word 'STOP' and the universal traffic symbol represented therein leaves no room for 'slowing to a crawl' as written in the mass mailing letter. I was amazed that the letter writer was obviously outraged for receiv-



ing a citation for breaking the law and for his lack of humility. I was appalled by the writer's absence of good citizenship in understanding that traffic laws are written and enforced for the greater good of every person, in every community around the world and in Terrace Park.

While reading the mass mailing letter I was reminded of the countless times all parents have taught and will continue to teach their young children that 'red means STOP.' We teach the 'traffic colors' to them for their safety and the safety of others. We teach the 'traffic colors' to them because we are responsible people and expect them to be the same. We teach them the consequences of not obeying the 'traffic colors' and that there are punishments attached to breaking the law. We teach them that whining about the punishment is not acceptable and that learning from their mistake will make them better and keep them and others safe. I can only assume that the writer of the mass-mailing letter forgot the many lessons he learned as a child.

I applaud the Village Council and the Terrace Park police for their well-intentioned campaign to help all residents and non-residents to be 'better drivers.' Law abiding drivers set a good example. Law abiding drivers are good neighbors and they are responsible citizens. Law abiding drivers care about their safety and the safety of others. All of the above mentioned attributes describe the essence of Terrace Park. Those attributes are why young and old alike live here, side by side, with great pride and commitment to the well being and safety of every resident.

Laurie Heffner 811 Lexington Avenue

To the editor:

I like stop signs. O.K., nobody likes stop signs, but I don't mind them. They have a distinct function, one that I don't mind observing.

This past summer I had a terrifying experience. I was parking my car near the pool, getting ready to offload my Tiger Sharks for practice when I decided to back into the space opposite. Before reversing, I checked the rear view mirror, then left side mirror, right side mirror and rear mirror one more time, as is my habit with my admittedly too large SUV. Twisting to view out my back window as I reversed, I lifted my foot from the brake and began crawling back at five miles per hour. I saw a blur go flying across the back end of my car, filling the window. It was a little girl on her bike, late for practice. I slammed on the brakes.

Other parents in the parking lot yelled "Stop!", too late to be heard by the rider, who was oblivious to the near miss. Shaking with adrenaline I got out to ask those parents, "What happened?" They said, "She came

I believe in full stops at stop signs. I believe this is not subject to interpretation. I believe kids are completely irrational beings with agendas of their own. I believe it's incumbent on us licensed drivers to 1) obey the rules of the road 2) assume there's a crazy kid around every corner.

Respectfully submitted, Ann DuCharme

October 2, 2003

Dear Terrace Park Village Council Member:

Late this afternoon I saw a police officer sitting in a police car on Harvard, watching traffic at the intersections of Elm, Terrace Place and Amherst. From the village green I watched this intersection, as the police officer watched, from about 5:25 p.m. to about 5:45 p.m. I counted a dozen vehicles that failed to come to full stops on either Amherst or Terrace Place. The fastest roll-through was performed by a Metro bus. The officer pursued no one.

I applaud this apparent change in policy re: strict interpretation of stop sign regulations. Not one of the dozen vehicles that failed to come to complete stops seemed oblivious to the stop signs. Not even the bus. Full stops just seemed to be unnecessary. They slowed down appropriately, they were prepared to stop immediately if need be (well, maybe not the bus), but the need didn't arise, so they didn't.

I wish to express my appreciation to village council for this refreshing change.

Yours truly, Robby Routt 607 Myrtle

To the editor:

In response to Mr. Robert Routt's letter concerning his being ticketed for a stop sign violation may I suggest he get his T.S. Ticket punched. Most of the old veterans in Terrace Park or anywhere else will gladly advise him on this.

William R. Lock 816 Yale

## Mole Free in 2003?

By Bren Fries

Some of you may remember my trials and tribulations during the summer of '02, when a platoon of moles ceeded to turn the battle ground into descended on 305 Stanton and turned

my once pristine front yard into their own subterranean superhighway. Armed with a hose and shovel, I proa mud puddle extraordinaire. Sure, I





inflicted a few casualties, but in the end, it was not the moles, but my lawn that was MIA (missing in action).

This season must be different. I surmised. Time for a new ideas, some high-tech solutions. A week later, our UPS friend stopped by with my answer. The "Mole Chaser"....an evil-shaped shrieking machine that looked much like a miniature scud missile. I called it my "Bunker Buster" and buried two of them in carefully strategized positions. Supposedly, these dudes emit loud sounds and vibrations which basically give the moles a pounding headache. Eventually, things get out of hand and they pack their bags to move on to a quieter neighborhood.....like Indian Hill.

Could it be this simple? No more chasing the moles down at all hours, covered in mud and gook? No more daily reminders of the freefor-all party going on two feet below my grass/weed blend?

Well, this "embedded reporter" is glad to say that, yes, technology HAS paid off. The enemy has either bugged out, lost interest, or simply can't find it's way to the surface. In any case, the battle damage assessment is positive. Time to rejoice. My mole problem is no more. Time to declare victory.....right?

In light of events in the Middle East, I think the prudent move is to step back, analyze the situation and consider my options. Perhaps my enemy ate and drank so much of my yard in '02 that they simply slept right through the summer of '03....sort of a season-long hangover. Or maybe they have figured out my laser-guided technology and are about to launch their own massive jihad and are only waiting for the right moment. Perhaps their leader is not gone at all....instead he's deep in someone else's yard and is about to sound the battle cry any day now.

Yes, things may not at all be as they appear. I believe it is time for action. Time for fortification. This campaign will take time...this campaign will take money. This campaign will need more mole-chasers....alot more. And lot's of "D" batteries. This calls for a trip to Costco.



#### Three vie for two School Board positions



Marie C. Huenefeld

Dear Terrace Park residents:

There are great things happen- member ing in the Mariemont School District! Perfect scores on the state report card, top proficiency scores, US Dept. of Education three-time Blue Ribbon Award winner, consistent high scores on advanced placement tests!

While no board member can take personal credit for district accomplishments, I am proud of our success! The real credit goes to students, staff and parents and to our communities who have supported our schools so enthusiastically.

I am running for Mariemont School Board because I believe I still have contributions to make. My strengths are my experience, my strong commitment to the children of our district and my ability to work as a team member. I want to help secure an excellent education for present and future generations.

Our most pressing problem is maintaining the outstanding quality of our programs and our staff within current fiscal constraints. We must continue to scrutinize expenditures and seek additional revenue sources. Since the failure of the levy in May 2002, fiscal constraints have each and every decision carefully forced the board to make difficult financial decisions. But by working together, we have continued to maintain Mariemont's outstanding educational program. My vision for the future is to continue to enable all children to reach their potential and to offer as many enriching opportunities as possible.

This is a crucial time for our district, a time when experience counts! As a lifelong resident of Mariemont, parent of Mariemont graduates and an experienced board member, I have the background and knowledge Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

to help make the right decisions for our district.

I have a proven record of commitment to the Mariemont School District and am qualified to do this job. I am a thoughtful listener and consider the opinions of others when making decisions. I want to continue to devote my time and energy to help manage the district effectively by using my experience and knowledge of educational and financial issues.

#### Qualifications

- 4 term Board of Education
- 4 time School Board president
- Levy Co-Chair
- Bond Issue Co-Chair

#### Committees:

- Hamilton County Economic Development — Board representative
- Auditorium Renovation Commit-
- Mariemont School Foundation Board representative
- Levy Publicity Co-Chair
- Technology Committee member Ohio School Board Association
- Convention Delegate

#### **Active volunteerism**

- Convalescent Hospital for Children, Secretary, Board of Trustees
- Inclusion Network Board of Trustees
- Stepping Stones Center Board of Trustees
- Cincinnati Riding for the Handicapped, Secretary
- MariElders former member Board of Trustees
- Enquirer "Women of the Year"
- Cincinnati Horticultural Society,

I believe that I have looked at and objectively, have considered the facts, and have made honest, independent and fair judgments. My pledge is to do so in the future. Your vote November 4 will allow me to continue to devote my time and energy to help manage the district effectively and represent the interests of our children.

Thank you for you support.

Issued by the Committee to Reelect Marie C. Huenefeld; Marie C. Huenefeld, Treasurer, 7 Denny



**Rick Koehler** 

My name is Rick Koehler, and I would like to tell you why I am running for a third term on the Mariemont Board of Education. Allow me to give you a brief outline of my background, and reasons for wanting to continue as a member of the Board.

In 1976, Sandy and I purchased a home in Terrace Park while she was pregnant with our first child. In that period, we raised five children (if you're ever really done raising them) and have enjoyed every moment of it. Our children attended Terrace Park K-6, and

Mariemont Jr. High and High each year over the past eight years. Schools. Our oldest three have graduated from college, and Reed is currently a junior at Wittenberg University. Max is an 8th grader in the Jr. High, and is doing his best to keep his parents young at heart. We chose to live in Terrace Park largely due to the quality of the educational system.

Elected to the Board of Education in 1996, I have served two four-year terms. Originally, I was certain that I would not run for a third term; however, with an all-important levy before us this November, I believe I bring to the Board of Education several attributes which are important at this particular point in time:

- Experience and Leadership
- A passion to serve the children of our school district
- A thorough, working knowledge of school systems.

None of these qualities are of much value without the terrific people we have within our school system - administrators, faculty, and support personnel who help us execute our ideas. My dedication to the schools and my passion to serve your children has intensified

My efforts for the last 18 months have been to analyze what we need

to change. In modifying the budget, we eliminated over \$1.6 million from a \$15 million annual operating budget, making only surface cuts that did not significantly affect any one individual. This has allowed us to present a 5.5 mil levy to the public for your vote on November 4th.

Earlier this year, we hired the Ohio School Board Association to assist us in developing and implementing a long-range plan. Those efforts will be undertaken in early 2004. I would very much like to be a part of that process, and look forward to its ultimate implementation.

If you believe, as I do, that we have one of the finest school systems in all of Ohio, and that your current Board of Education is working very hard to fulfill your expectations, I ask you to support me at the polls on November 4. I can tell you without any reservation that I will work diligently and passionately to support your children, your grandchildren and your community through my efforts on the Mariemont Board of Education. Thank you for your consideration.



Ken White

My name is Ken White. I am running for the Mariemont City Board of Education. My wife, Joy Carlson, and I have lived in Mariemont since 1986. Joy teaches kindergarten at a Cincinnati Charter School. We have two children, Katherine and Jonathan, who attend Mariemont Elementary.

After hearing all that; you may wonder why I am running. I work in the chemical industry; primarily in new business development. I have a strong background in finance and strategic planning. I want our board to maintain the current quality of education while being more efficient with our money. If elected, I will be an advocate for fiscal responsibility.

School revenue comes primarily from property tax levy, business inventory taxes and state allocations. The current Board of Education has submitted a 5 year budget to Ohio's Education Department which calls for spending to grow

about 6% each year (while revenue without levies only grows by 2%). For example, by matching spending to revenue increases; Indian Hill has avoided a levy vote for 6 years (and projects none until 2006).

If elected, I will be just one of 5 votes on the board. I am focused on spending issues, but I am also an advocate for the following:

- · Neighborhood schools (for example Bill Gates is giving \$51 million to NYC to help building neighborhood schools' replacing consolidated facilities)
- Consider outsourcing services such as maintenance, janitorial and busing (it works for Proctor and Gamble)
- Ask the superintendent to develop a plan to rehab or replace our aging elementary schools (this has been put off too long)
- Adding a quarterly or semiannual weekend day Board Meeting called "Voice of the Public" so the Board can answer questions and provide an update about school plans.
- Cut spending from six percent an-

nual increases to two percent or the rate of inflation.

I voted for the last levy that did not pass. I will vote for this one. But if I am elected to the Board of Education, and this levy fails, I will vote against the publicized cuts. We will face a \$400,000 deficit spending but the district has a reserve of \$3.8 million in the bank.

Finally, I believe we live in great communities (Columbia Township, Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park) with great parents, great students and great school employees. I believe we need to immediately make tough choices and be smarter with our money. If we don't act now, we may face bigger and harder choices later on.

Please give me your vote on November 4th. Email me at VOTE4KENWHITE@aol.com with any questions or comments.

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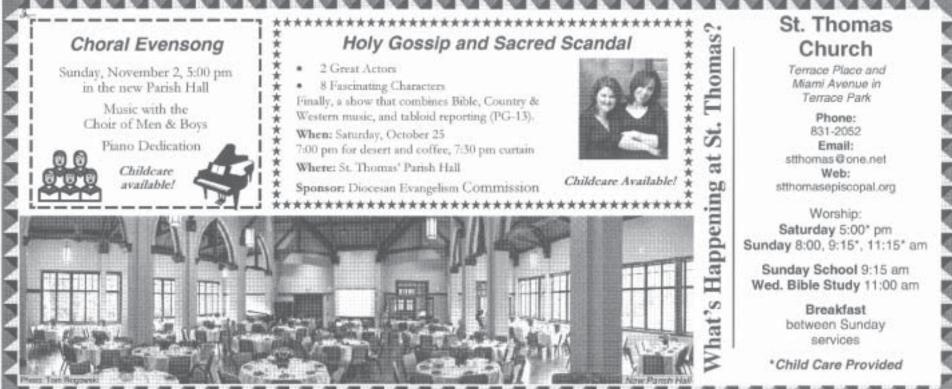
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Please support the annual Nuts for Knowledge Campaign. Last year the Kiwanis awarded six Mariemont students a total of \$10,000 college scholarship money. Terrace Park Kiwanis members Lee Cole, Tom Crosby, Bob Lowery, Al Nelson, Matt Nickum, Ray Normile, Mike Pope, Jim Rauth, Jack Smith, Roger Stafford and Peter Stites, along with Mariemont Kiwanis members wish you Happy Holidays and look forward to your support.

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## Council continued from front

race Park. Auxiliary Officers are also used to fill in for regular officers who go on vacation. For this full-time employment they are paid about onethird of the wage of police officers working overtime, which is a good savings for the Village. By utilizing these officers, the Village is able to keep two cars on duty at all times. Proposed bike trail

Mayor Startsman reported that he received a letter from the Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The letter said that the council "bike trail" committee had been in touch with him and that ODNR would be happy to cooperate with the committee and village residents in any way possible. He also thanked the Mayor, Village Council and the residents for attending the open house held here to discuss the bike trail.

A Committee meeting is tentatively ceived Council approval of reciproscheduled for October, 28, 2003

**Building department news** 

Solicitor Robert Malloy announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting with regard to the variance request for 707 Mrytle is scheduled for October 29, 2003. Building Inspector Bill Fiedler reported that the new program, whereby anyone applying for a building permit must first receive approval for the septic system by Hamilton County, is operating very smoothly. He stated that the county is making a good effort to turn around applications quickly with timely inspections, etc.

#### Cross walk lights at "five points"

Council approved a contract to install three new cross walk lights at "five points" on Wooster Pike. The installation will be promptly scheduled. **Engineering report** 

George Kipp sought and re-

831-6697

cal easements between the Village and a resident on Old Indian Hill Road. This is part of an on-going effort to improve storm drainage for Terrace Park. Stephen Holmes thanked George Kipp for the work he has done to insure the correct alignment of curbs, street, etc., for the areas in front of St. Thomas Church.

#### Redevelopment of village municipal facilities

Holmes talked about the special meeting that Council held this month, to review plans for the Community Building re-development. It was decided that the next step would be for committee members to meet with the emergency medical services (EMS) and fire department to evaluate their needs and requirements. EMS Chief Connie Wilson said that volunteers have been recently very hard at work cleaning the facilities.

#### Recycling pays off

Council Member Terry Howe discussed recycling funds that the Village receives from Hamilton County. The fund has presently built up to \$12,500. In an attempt to better supply our personnel, the Village will purchase chain saws, extension poles, leaf blowers, etc., for a price of \$1,800.

#### **New trees**

Councilman Jim Peterkin proposed and Council approved a resolution to buy and plant 44 new trees.



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Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, it will be twice as easy for you to explore your beliefs at Horizon Community Church There's no dress code and no pressure. You can be anonymous, or connect as you desire. You may just want to have a bagel and coffee and listen to our band. If you're coming with a family, they'll enjoy programs for newborns through high school students.

#### GOOD TO GREAT - Fall Sunday Messages at Horizon

Why settle for "good" when "great" is attainable? Why produce "good" when "great" is reproducible? Jim Collins' best-selling book posed these questions in a business climate. Jesus Christ raised these questions long ago in an everyday climate. It might surprise you to know that Jesus spent a lot of time teaching not

about "bad" or "worse," but the steps from "good" to "great." We'll explore them this fall at Horizon.

Oct. 26 We Say "Good;" He Says "Great"

Nov. 2 The Great Barrier Dynamically Disciplined Nov. 9

Meeting Sundays at Cincinnati Country Day School, 6905 Given Road, Indian Hill, 272-1315.

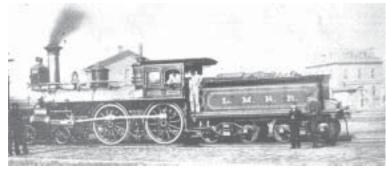
Nov. 16 Born From Above

Nov. 23 What Kind of Soil Am I? God's Idea of Gratefulness

## The Little Miami Railroad right of way Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol Cole

The Little Miami Railroad was built in the 1840s, one of the oldest in Ohio. One of its purposes was to connect Ohio River steamboat traffic with Great Lakes shipping. The railroad's early days were difficult with both a poor roadbed and financial troubles. In 1841 a trip from Cincinnati to Milford could take up to four hours. Evidently the tracks originally ran on the north side of Wooster Toll Road. The Pennsylvania Railroad leased the Little Miami Railroad in 1880 and it was in 1886 that they relocated the tracks through what became in 1893 the trying to sell lots in their subdivision



This Little Miami Railroad train was one of many that used to travel the tracks running through Terrace Park.

Village of Terrace Park.

When Pattison and Iuen were

they advertised "30 trains daily, double track, steel rails, and no other trains over this line; new and elegant coaches; attentive employees, — all of which are essential to comfort and rapid transit." The railroad was a real bonus to building in Terrace Park where homeowners were to be given "free transportation for one year." A map of the railroad's route and a commuter's tariff were included in Pattison and luens' brochures. Thus for many years the railroad going through Terrace Park was considered a real advantage for residents.

In the 1970s the rail line through Terrace Park was abandoned after Penn Central went into bankruptcy. At that time there were plans for a "scenic rail line"using the existing tracks. Later there were ideas of using the former rail bed for hiking or biking. There were also quite elaborate plans for a recreational park just west of Terrace Park.

On a local map I have seen recently, areas where the railroad tracks once went are marked "Little Miami Scenic State Park" and "Kroger Hill-Little Miami State Scenic River Area." It is these areas that Stan Brown has been researching and will tell us about at the next Terrace Park Historical Society meeting on November 2 at 4 p.m. in the Community Building.

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**Terrace Park Historical Society Meeting** Sunday November 2, 2003 at 4 p.m. in the Community Building

Talk by our own Stan Brown Continuing Development of the Little Miami Railroad Right of Way

From Terrace Park to the Newtown Bridge

Kroger Hills — Avoca Park — Tex Cafe — Canoe Clubs

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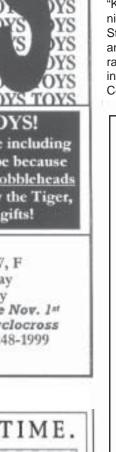
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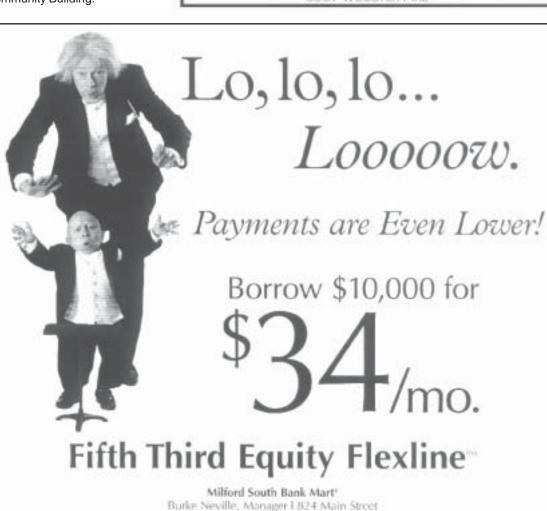
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## CCTP profiles village clerk

cerned Citizens of Terrace Park is to improve residents' understanding of and participation in village government. We believe you will be interested in knowing more about the office of Village Clerk and Francine Glassmeyer, who is running unopposed for another term in that office.

The village clerk, along with the village solicitor, have important twopart jobs. First they must discharge relatively independent duties prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. Second, they provide very important on-going historical perspective and support to the mayor and members of council. When newly elected members of village government come aboard, the clerk and solicitor play particularly important roles to help assure a quick and effective transition. During council meetings, you will see them sitting next to the mayor as active participants.

Specifically the village clerk must be a Terrace Park resident, attend and make the official record

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Part of our mission as Con- of council meetings and take yearly continuing education programs given by the state auditor. In addition, the clerk meets with newly elected members of village government to acquaint them with procedures and other duties related to their office. Additional training is offered by The Ohio Municipal Leauge as part of their active statewide effort to help new mayors and councilpersons understand a wide range of general as well as specific responsibilities. Past village officials have taken and endorse this training. The clerk also maintains other village government records, works with the mayor and treasurer handling financial transactions (payroll, tax deductions, payment against village contracts after verifying compliance) and writes all purchase orders for the wide variety of material needed for village operation. The clerk is regularly audited by the state to assure compliance with all laws and good accounting practices and Terrace Park regularly gets a



Francine Glassmeyer

passing grade.

If you are not already impressed, Francine also currently holds the unelected office of clerk of courts. Here she is active in Mayor's Court — working with the magistrtate and persons coming court to explain the magistrate's orders, arrange payout for fines/community service/ paperwork for driver intervention programs. That stack of "tickets" you see on her desk is just the tip of the iceberg in a heavy workload. In May 2004, Francine will cut her current full-time work in half relinquising her clerk of courts position to give more time for family and other activities.

Francine is a University of Cincinnati graduate with a B.S. in secondary education. She has taught English and was a stay-at-home mom and served the village as an EMT for 11 years. She worked in accounting with Tencon, took additional courses at UC and was asked to fill an unexpired village clerk position when Randy Casteel was mayor. In 1993, she was elected Village Clerk and hired as clerk of courts.

Working with so many good people is her greatest joy, but she points out that with a growing percentage of newer residents that tend to stay for a shorter time, this impacts volunteerism and makes resident education even more important. Looking ahead, she said, we also have to be sure that we do not start projects we cannot afford (on 14 percent of our property taxes come back for our budget) or have the technical ability and staff to maintain. As you might expect from a "numbers person," she is always looking to find a balance between income and expenses and sees each day the practical issues of village operation.

We believe there will be no disagreement that our village has been well served by this capable and pleasant lady and we look forward to her continued help.

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### **Poinsettia Sale**

The Mariemont High School PTO once again is sponsoring the annual Poinsettia Sale. These items may be ordered now for pick up on Friday, December 5th at the MHS HOLIDAY FAIR. Please note the color selections of the Poinsettias and the custom garland made of Western Red Cedar and Wisconsin White Pine. We also offer wreaths made of noble fir, pinecones and blueberry juniper. Avoid the holiday rush and complete the form below. All proceeds will benefit Mariemont High School students.

Poinsettia colors: Red, Pink, White, and Marble 4" offered in RED only

Each poinsettia will be foil wrapped

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DATE: Friday, December 5 TIME: 4pm - 8 pm

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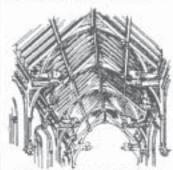
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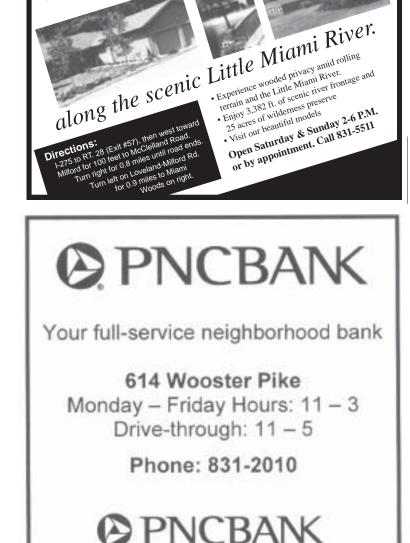
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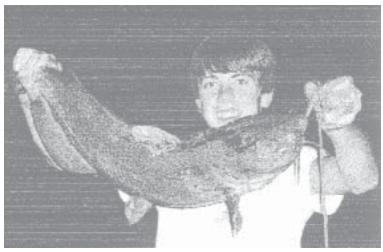




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## Terrace Park Sports



Large Channel Catfish-Caught and released. Taken from the Little Miami River in Terrace Park, June 2003

## Smitty's Sporting Journal

By Eric Smith

"He loved to hunt and fish just as and spinners (try white rooster tails much as when his dad first took him..."

Ernest Hemingway

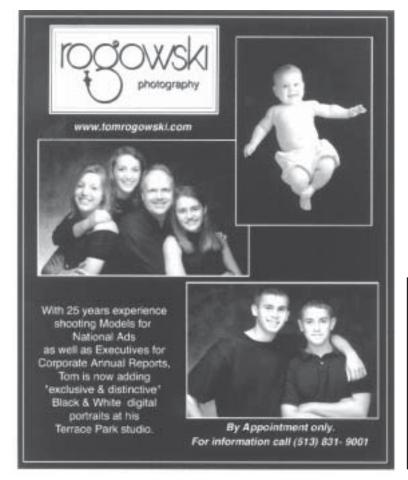
There are numerous opportunities to get outside and enjoy activities such as fishing, hunting, boating, and more in Terrace Park and surrounding areas. Surprisingly, many residents are not aware of some of these possibilities, and especially with the variety that exists.

Take fishing for instance. The Little Miami River runs right through our Village, and teems with fish. Some of the species that are abundant include: Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Smallmouth Bass, White Bass, Carp and Drum.

Popular fishing methods include flyfishing with streamers and poppers, (good flies include Dixie eas such as sporting clays and Devils, sculpin and crayfish patterns, streamers, Clausers, Wooly Buggers) and spin fishing with jigs Tight Lines!

and Rapala jointed minnows). Live bait fishing is very effective for Catfish. Nightcrawlers and chicken livers being high on their menu.

Please note that advisories are in effect for eating several species due to pollution and sometimes bacteria/water conditions. Check with the the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for current advisories. As always, it is a good conservation practice to release most of your fish unharmed (especially all smallmouth bass). In coming issues I will talk about duck hunting, Smallmouth float trips on the Elkhorn Creek in Kentucky, local archery opportunities and techniques, and more. Stay tuned also to read about some of your neighbors who excel in many related arcompetition shooting.



## Four join MHS Hall of Fame

ducted into the Mariemont High School Hall of Fame during halftime ceremonies at the varsity football game at Doc Kusel Stadium on

Samantha Burrell Williams,

To me, no other term better

describes Terrace Park. People

live the majority of their lives here.

Kids grow up here. And move

back. Friends and neighbors of all

ages work together to make the

Village exactly what it is. A spe-

cial community. This election day,

November 4th, we have the op-

portunity to make decisions that

will. in no small part, determine

just what kind of future we as citi-

zens want for our community.

From retaining the core elements

critical to keeping a top notch

school system to choosing the

type of leadership in our Mayor

and Council offices, each

charged with tackling tough is-

sues like zoning, economic devel-

opment and the best bike trail for

To the Community — Get out and vote!

Class of 1984, earned six varsity letters while at Mariemont with two in track and four in tennis. In tennis, she was named MVP twice and played #1 singles all four years. She finished her high school career with an overall record of 68 - 7. She

Terrace Park....this year, it seems

to be all "on the table." I urge each

and every one my fellow resi-

dents to take the time these next

few weeks to become educated

on the local issues around us.

(Did you know that Rick Koehler,

current School Board President,

is Terrace Park's only Board rep-

resentative?) Then make the time

to stop by the Community Build-

ing. Make your voice heard. As

Americans, it truly is one of the

best ways to express your free-

dom. If nothing else, do it for this

great place we call "the Village."

Do it in the name of Community.

Vote November 4.

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**Bren Fries** 

was sectional champ once, district champ once, and also a State runner-up. Williams attended Ohio University where she played tennis. She is an interior designer and resides in Cincinnati.

David Allen, Class of 1998, earned 10 varsity letters during his high school career with four in golf, four in swimming, and two in baseball. Allen was a state qualifier in both swimming and golf. He was one of the Cincinnati Enquirer's Top 100 Athletes in 1998. Allen attended DePauw University where he excelled at golf and earned NCAA All-American honors. He is currently the Cincinnati MET Champion and is pursuing a career in golf, employed locally by the

CHL Player of the Year in basketball in 1997, and was also his team MVP. Hendricks is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

Daniel Startsman III, valedictorian of the Class of 1998, received six varsity letters with two in football, basketball, and track and field. In basketball he was the co-captain of the 1998 CHL champions. In football he received the "That's My Boy" Award and was also named as PNC's "Student Athlete of the Year." Startsman is a graduate of Brown University, where he played football. He is now an environmental engineer/public safety consultant here

Oasis Golf Center. Rob Hendricks, Class of 1998, earned six varsity letters at Mariemont with three in baseball and three in basketball. Hendricks holds a Mariemont pitching record with a 0.67 era in 1996. He was named The Cincinnati Enquirer's Player of the Week several times in baseball and basketball. He was

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