



# Elimination of TP Metro Bus route discussed at council

By Susan M. House

*Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.*

When Mayor Jay Gohman opened the floor of the Council meeting and invited residents to speak, the debate began. At issue is the elimination, by SORTA, of the Metropolitan bus service through Terrace Park. The bus presently makes 40 trips per day into the Village to pick up riders at various times of the day.

Joe Grafton of 319 Harvard led off the comments with his argument for withdrawing the route. He spoke of the contemplated plan that the bus only pick up riders on Wooster Pike, and liked this idea as he feels that the bus is a safety and noise concern. Grafton urged Council to support the plan and let "Metro" proceed.

Barbara Howland initiated comments by residents who are opposed to the discontinuance of the present bus route. She was followed by 10 other speakers who spoke of their use of this transportation method and reliance upon that service to travel to and from work. Many people

expressed the need for children to be able to safely access bus service within the Village for trips to and from school and especially for after school activities. Others told that one of the reasons that they chose Terrace Park as a place to live was that they could rely on easily accessed bus service. Concerned people spoke of the need by senior citizens to use the bus service as an important transportation alternative. Other issues visited included: the reduction of pollution, cars on the road, and accidents occurring in inclement weather. Two other residents offered arguments in favor of removing the route from the Village, citing noise, pollution, and safety as issues of concern.

When the Mayor spoke, he stated that he is a big supporter of the Metro bus and rides it four times a week. He has been to various meetings and talked to people with SORTA about the impending decision to cancel the "Terrace Park loop." This action would be one of many attempts to discontinue urban service and concentrate on "inter-city" ridership. As most have been lately, this agency is also forced to cut costs. After discussion among the council members, it was de-

cided that Metro has made decisions regarding the Terrace Park neighborhood based on limited use by people within the neighborhood and the fact that they have received letters of complaint about the buses from Terrace Park residents. Mayor Gohman believes that those making the decisions would like to hear from the Terrace Park Council and others interested in the issue. He stated that a decision will be made about the route by the end of May, 2004, and service locations would change in August, 2004.

Councilman Mark Porst suggested that a request be made of Metro to keep running busses through the Village on a limited schedule with service offered only during the times of high usage. Council directed Mayor Gohman to draft a letter to SORTA requesting that a limited schedule be maintained within the Village. Council Members asked that they review the letter prior to it being sent.

### *This is Terrace Park*

Pat Henley, of 327 Rugby, presented the logo design which will be used on the cover of the booklet titled "This is Terrace Park." The book will be for sale at the Memo-

rial Day festivities on the Village Green. Henley also showed Council a name badge that she ask council members, as well as village staff, to wear to the Memorial Day activities. The Mayor commented that he hoped all of the members of Council would attend the celebration of this occasion.

Jim Rauth, of 301 Wanoka Woods re-visited the issue regarding the garage that was built at 221 Miami. He addressed Council with exhibits depicting plans for the garage, as well as an enlarged photo of cars parked in that garage. Rauth emphasized the fact that he did not feel that the Council took adequate action pursuant to his prior requests. He asked that Council write a letter to the homeowner demanding the removal of one of the automobiles, or he would take legal action.

Later in the Council meeting, Councilman Jack Brown brought up the subject of Rauth and said that an answer should be given to him. Councilman Stefan Olson commented that Rauth was given a response some time ago. A discussion of the language in the zoning code was discussed. It was made

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Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Safety brings its own rewards...just ask Chrissy (middle) and Gusti who each received a coupon good for a free UDF ice cream cone when Officer Joe Winders spotted them wearing their helmets.**

## Life-saving detectors available

By Annie Bauer

Each year 200 people die nationally from carbon monoxide poisoning associated with home heating. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced when any fuel is completely burned. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to the flu - dizziness, fatigue, headaches, nausea, and irregular breathing. Carbon monoxide can leak from a faulty furnace or can be trapped inside by a blocked chimney or flue. Running an automobile in an attached garage may also produce carbon monoxide in the home.

The first line of defense against a carbon monoxide is to make sure that your fuel-burning appliances are operating properly. Carbon monoxide detectors can provide an early warning before the gas builds to a dangerous level. Even exposure to a low concentration over several hours can be as dangerous as exposure to high carbon mon-

oxide levels for a few minutes - and a detector can identify both situations. Carbon monoxide detectors may be as important to home safety as smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors, more common in homes, save lives. Most fatal fires occur at night, and every home needs a working smoke detector to provide an early warning. Though new construction is required to have built in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, many of our older homes do not have these warning devices.

The American Red Cross Cincinnati Chapter has provided Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services with 100 carbon monoxide detectors and 100 smoke detectors to distribute to families in the village that need them. If you have an older home and would like to have a carbon monoxide or smoke detector, please call Annie Bauer (831-0728) to reserve one. We will be distributing them on the green after the Memorial Day parade to those who have reserved them.

### Status

Terrace Park has adequate revenue and existing funds to maintain current government services



### Look for the pin!!

CCTP thanks the elected, salaried, volunteer fire and EMS personnel who make Terrace Park a better place to live. We have given these pins for them to wear on Memorial Day and encourage residents to say, "THANK YOU!"

## Councilman speaks about TP fiscal future

Dear Terrace Park Neighbor,

Village Council anticipates financial challenges for which Terrace Park needs to plan. This note begins a dialog between council and residents on Terrace Park finances. This will include letters like this to the *Village Views*, town meetings, open Finance Committee meetings and other discussions.

through fall 2005. Without new sources of revenue in calendar 2005, current projections will force us to cut services or forego needed capital investments. Terrace Park has not increased real estate taxes in 10 years. We are one of only a few Hamilton County communities with no income tax. According to its 2004 budget document, Wyoming faces the same situation for 2005.

In calendar year 2003, expenses (\$1,561,335) exceeded revenue (\$1,276,616) by \$284,719 for

an 18% shortfall. The projected deficit for 2004 is about \$250,000. These annual deficits are consuming a cash balance accumulated in previous years. As of March 31, 2004, Terrace Park's cash balance was \$870,925.

### Why have we gone from annual cash surpluses to deficits?

Estate tax revenue is declining. Changes in Ohio tax law and village

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## "What Memorial Day Means to Me"

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will again sponsor an essay contest on the theme "What Memorial Day Means to Me." All sixth grade students in the Mariemont school area including Mariemont Elementary, Terrace Park Elementary, Fairfax Elementary, Bramble Elementary and Prince of Peace schools were asked to participate.

The best essay selected from each school will be read by its author at the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meeting on May 25. The winning essays will also be read at their community Memorial Day programs.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont sponsors the essay contest to encourage students to understand the purpose of Memorial Day and to recognize this holiday's historical importance.

## Life Squad and Fire Department to be Memorial Day honorees

Memorial Day 2004 in Terrace Park will honor the Terrace Park Fire Department and Life Squad volunteers. All past and present members are invited to participate in the parade and program on the Village Green. For more than 70 years, Terrace Park has been fortunate to have men and women volunteers in the community to provide life squad and firefighting services. The community is indebted to these friends and neighbors for providing these services.

The parade will form at Terrace Park Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. and begin to march at 10 a.m. Ceremonies on the Village Green will begin at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Please contact **Ray Normile, 831-2804**, or raynormile@hotmail.com with questions or ideas concerning the Memorial Day Parade and Program.



### Deadline

The deadline for the June issue of the *Village Views* is Friday June 11th.

**Reminder - There is no July paper**

### Vial of L.I.F.E and TP Directories

Would you like another Vial of L.I.F.E.? Haven't yet received one (or don't yet know about the program)? We'll be distributing them on the Green after the Memorial Day Parade or call **Annie Bauer at 831-0728**.

The new 2004-2005 Telephone Directory will be available at the Village Green after the parade or at the Village Office. Directories can be purchased for \$8 for one, \$15 for two, \$5 for each additional directory.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor

What a wonderful place to live  
A little over two years ago, the Kelly family rented a house just across the street from us. The couple and their two girls were relocating from Maryland.  
After many recommendations from several of his colleagues at work, Stuart decided to move to Terrace Park. They liked the idea of a close-knit community, and the focus toward family, children and the school system. We thoroughly enjoyed them during their short stay on our street. They are truly wonderful people, and an asset to our community.  
Like many others have recently done, they decided to build, and went through all of the channels associated with the construction process. This included approval of the building plans by the Terrace Park Engineer.

Most reasonable people would think that approval of drawings would mean that the city was satisfied that the home could be constructed without a problem. But this is where the process went awry. They didn't know about the growing undercurrent of unhappy residents with water problems and concerns about building additional homes.

Through the orchestration of a couple of neighbors, they found themselves in an impossible situation that they had no control over. The builder had completed the house in accordance with the drawings that were approved by the city, and the city changed its mind. There was no certificate of occupancy. There was no compromise to do anything, but knock down a part or the entire house. There were zoning meetings with finger pointing and name-calling. Boy what a wonderful community in which to live.

How important is your family's largest investment to you? And how would you feel if somebody told you this investment could not be lived in or sold? They have shown tremendous restraint through this process that many have taken to a very unprofessional and personal level. They added dry wells and landscaping to control water runoff at their expense. Nothing was ever enough, and it is not their fault. We have made these people's lives miserable over the last year.

Recently, they received the third of three "hate mail" letters from one of our caring and compassionate Terrace Park friends. This is totally inappropriate and unconscionable. The focus needs to be directed to correcting the building codes and process, and not by slandering good people.

This issue has been resolved in court. One would hope that the positive efforts by several in our community to address the problems associated with our building codes and regulations will resolve this problem in the future. To blame the Kelly family is ludicrous.

And to those who write such letters, remember to make sure you know all the facts before you judge someone else. This is a better community than that.

Worth and Dana Roberts  
719 Park Avenue

To the editor,

My husband and I have lived in Terrace Park for 17 years. When we purchased our first house on Western Ave we knew Terrace Park was the community that we wanted to raise our family in. I grew up in Mariemont and knew how special these two places were. Not only did we have great schools that our children could walk to or ride their bikes to, this community had great people young and old that our children could learn from and feel safe with. From the time we moved in and met our first neighbors we knew we were in a community where people cared and cared for each other.

David and I have always had a deep sense of pride when speaking of Terrace Park. We have been involved in many things over the years and certainly been abreast of what was happening in the community. For the most part, controversial or not, people have acted in a respectable fashion. No personal bashing. Until now.

Meet the Kelly family. They came to Terrace Park two years ago from Baltimore seeking the same thing so many of you came looking for. A good neighborly community that they could raise their children in. When Stuart Kelly's company told them this was the best place to live they came looking. What they found, it seemed, was a beautiful serene spot with nice people, good schools and very safe. What more could anyone want?

When the Kelly's built their house at 707 Myrtle that is when things changed drastically. They sought a reputable builder, ZickaWalker. Some may think this is not the "typical" Terrace Park builder but coming from out of town and not knowing the "typical" builder one should pick, Zicka seemed a good choice given all their national awards and the quality of home they build. They submitted their plans to the Village for approval. Once approved, they began to build. This is where their troubles began. Apparently just because the Village signs off on your plans doesn't mean they can't come back at any given time and say "oops" we change our mind. We made a mistake. Now we have a lawsuit, which I might add was not brought on by the Kelly's but a suit between ZickaWalker and The Village of Terrace Park. The Kelly's only wanted resolution. They asked, "What can we do?" They were told to build a retaining wall (at your own expense) and that will satisfy the problem. So they did, at the cost of \$12,000. Not good enough the Village said after it was completed. Back and forth back and forth this went on. And on top of everything that had taken place some people in the Park turned this into a personal attack on the Kelly family. They have received hate mail from members of our village. One letter that was signed, others have not been, arrived on the heels of Jill's recovery from open-heart surgery in April. Do you know Terrace Park that our behavior has been appalling! Shame on us for turning on a family the way we have. They deserve better. Many people don't even know the Kelly's name. They just know them as "707 Myrtle" or the house with "the wall." No one should have to endure what they have. All over bricks and mortar. The Kellys are a wonderful family and David and I are proud to count them as our friends. We owe them a big apology for our behavior. Maybe in time they will come to know and love the Village as we do. We sincerely hope so.

Sara and David Osborn  
621 Yale Ave.

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Letter to Village Views

In light of the not so flattering publicity foisted upon our school district during the past few weeks, it is tempting to lash out at those responsible. But let us all avoid the negative and focus on the positive.

Which brings us to our point. We are extraordinarily fortunate to live in a community that is beautiful, safe and in the opinion of all, the "perfect place" to raise our children. Our children thrive while our real estate values soar. Central to our good fortune is one of the finest school districts in the region - - after all, that is why most of us moved here.

Our school board is comprised of well-intentioned and tireless volunteers who devote endless hours of their personal time to ensure our schools remain the very best. There is no political or financial benefit to being a member of the school board; their motives are beyond reproach. The goals of our school board are to make sure that all of our children receive the very best education and, in turn, that our community remains one of the most desirable locations to live in the Cincinnati area.

Instead of receiving what should be our well deserved gratitude, our school board members have spent significant personal and valuable time responding to a lawsuit, meeting with lawyers and attending depositions and hearings. They were not paid to do so, but instead took precious time away from their businesses and families to respond on behalf of all of us. We certainly recognize that there are two sides to every story and that there will always be those who disagree with one decision or another. Still, there are numerous opportunities to air our grievances - - litigation and press conferences are hardly the answer.

We would like to express a heart-felt thank you to the entire school board for your hard work and dedication to making our community better in so many ways. As for the rest of us, we need to ask ourselves what have we done recently to volunteer our personal or professional time to contribute to the success of our schools and community?

Breck and Mindy Weigel  
509 Marietta Avenue

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demographics have significantly reduced Terrace Park estate taxes which, as recently as 2001, represented 28% of village receipts:

	Actual			Projection	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Estate Tax					
Revenue	\$436,762	\$268,543	\$101,026	\$50,000	\$50,000

Estate taxes are unpredictable and this revenue situation could change for the better. We know other communities suffer similar challenges. We have no choice but to assume declines in estate tax revenue will be permanent. Wyoming's 2004 budget document provides this summary:

*"With declining state revenues, State Legislature continues to attack local government revenue sources as opportunities to decrease its obligations..... Changes in state law increasing the exemptions found in the Estate Tax has significantly reduced revenues from this source. There is a potential that this tax will be eliminated entirely by 2005."*

What is council doing to manage expenses?

Terrace Park provides only basic services and amenities to its residents. To stay small and friendly, council adheres to a minimalist philosophy. We maintain our buildings, streets and sidewalks and deliver essential services like police, fire, waste-collection and emergency medical. These basic services and infrastructure benefit all residents. We rely extensively on volunteers to minimize cost and have always scrutinized every expense. This year, we have undertaken a deeper review of every budget line item. This includes salaries, benefits, capital and select services which account for over 2/3 of expenses. We have already decided to extend the replacement cycle on squad cars from 3 to 4 years. We have identified other potential savings in insurance and benefits. We have compared Terrace Park employee salaries and finances to those of Mariemont and Wyoming.

Benchmarking other comparable communities is eye-opening. Despite being smaller than Mariemont or Wyoming, volunteerism and small government make Terrace Park remarkably efficient. We have relatively few employees and their salaries are lower than those of surrounding communities. Still, salaries and expenses go up each year. The same services that cost \$1.26 million in 1997, now cost \$1.5 million. Ten years without a tax increase and cash savings adequate to withstand three years of budget deficits speaks to council's spending restraint.

Where do we go from here?

Council will communicate with residents in correspondence and face-to-face meetings. We welcome their scrutiny and any ideas for new revenue and additional savings. While our investigation of potential cost savings is not complete, it's safe to say without new revenue we will be forced to reduce current services in the fall of 2005. We will work with residents to give them the right services at the right price. We will also work to strike a balance between village services and the taxpayer support required to fund them.

Communities across Ohio will likely face very similar challenges. Terrace Park has choices to make. We also have the time, people and information to make the right decisions. My mission is to maintain Terrace Park as a safe, friendly, small community.

Sincerely,

Mark Porst  
Finance Committee Chair  
Terrace Park Village Council

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# TP artist David Laug one of The Art of VI, "Precious Life" Art

The Art of VI, "Precious Life" Art Exhibition to benefit Children's Hospital Pediatric Cancer Research opened with a reception on Friday, April 30, 2004. More than 40 pieces from this effort will be on exhibit and for sale throughout May at Ran Gallery in Hyde Park, with proceeds from sales benefiting Pediatric Cancer Research at Children's.

Although the artists all worked within the framework of the Precious Life theme, the body of work represents a wide variety of styles. The exhibit includes traditional portraits and landscapes as well as more expressive figurative work and cityscapes. "We're all imaginative and creative, so we each interpreted the theme differently. It has been energizing to work with such a talented group of artists for a very worthy cause," said Laug.

Art of VI participants are: Stephen Jenkins, Kate Lackman, David Laug, Gilda Horn, William Rybolt and Trish Weeks. In addition to the proceed donations to



Local artist David Laug (third from left) attended the opening of benefit art exhibit at Ran Gallery in Hyde Park. (also pictured (l-r): Trish Weeks, Steve Jenkins and Lee Carter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Children's, each artist has donated one piece to the Children's Hospital Medical Center Art Collection.

## Village Calendar 2004

### May

- 27 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library
- 28 TPSC Cicadaritaville Opening Party 8 p.m.-midnight. Reservations due by May 21. Call **Melanie Stutenroth at 576-9824** for more information.
- 29 TP Rec Committee Summer Fun registration 10 a.m. - noon TPE Cafeteria. For more information, contact **Roseann Hayes at 248-2619** or visit the TPRC website at [www.tprc.net](http://www.tprc.net)
- 30 TP Rec Committee 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Noon TP Elementary. For more information, contact **Branden Fisher at 248-1279** or visit the TPRC website at [www.tprc.net](http://www.tprc.net)
- 31 Memorial Day - TP parade begins at 10 a.m.

### June

- 3 Last day of school for Mariemont students
- 6 Mariemont Baccalaureate 2 p.m.; Graduation 7:30 p.m.
- 8 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 14 TP Rec Committee Summer Fun begins (through June 25)
- 14 AARP 1:30 p.m. at SEM Laurels in Milford. Program: Gene Bishop of Clermont 20/20 will speak on 20/20's leadership program. For more information, contact **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650**.
- 14 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building
- 15 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
- 20 Father's Day

Please call **Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619** with calendar information

## Improving minds for a lifetime

By Sherry Holcomb

"Teaching is what I wanted to do all my life. I was one of those girls who always wanted to play school," says Vivian Franz, Ph.D., and director of the Lamplighter Educational Resource Center. Since 1950, Vivian has worked in the field of education and still exhibits an infectious passion for her work.

"This has been my life and it has kept me going," Vivian explains. It has kept her going through raising a family, losing a husband and relocating a business. After more than 20 years of operation in Terrace Park, the Lamplighter has moved to the Milltown Plaza on Cemetery Road in Milford. Vivian sold the business to a friend, Frank Ladrikan, and they have channeled their considerable energies into making the new location even better than the old one.

"We've only changed where we are," says Vivian. "I don't plan to change any of our programs, just our location." Vivian remains the director of the center, overseeing a familiar staff of teachers and specialists who provide academic tutoring, correction, remediation, and enrichment services to students in grades K through 12 and adults.

Like similar businesses, the Lamplighter helps students improve their knowledge and understanding of school subjects and helps them prepare for standardized tests and college entrance exams like the SAT or ACT. They also have a bookstore on site and can recommend



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Vivian Franz, Ph.D., has enlightened many young minds through her educational resource center, the Lamplighter.**

materials for both students and parents. Where the Lamplighter shines in the tutoring world is in their interaction with parents and students. The staff works closely with individuals and families in Terrace Park, Mariemont, Indian Hill, Fairfax, Maderia, Batavia and Milford to determine their class offering.

"We will offer any course of merit if at least five students are interested," Vivian explains. The Lamplighter offers individual instruction as well as group classes throughout the year. In the summer, small group instruction is available for enrichment or for a quick brush-up on a particular subject.

"We also do some things that are a little unusual," says Vivian. For example, the Lamplighter will work with adults who need additional math or English skills for work. They also have students who have gone on to college and return during school breaks and vacations when a course is causing them difficulty. In addition, Vivian and the staff have worked with a stroke victim for three years to bring him back to pre-injury speaking and reading levels.

"Our flexibility is one of the reasons we've been successful," adds Vivian. Hearing her personal story leads one to conclude that

flexibility combined with passion, energy and caring is what Vivian is all about. She will talk to you at length about the education process and about how reading relates to verbal intelligence. She will point to articles she's written about reading as a thinking process. And, she will tell you that we learn so that we can live well.

What Vivian is less likely to talk about is how she was asked to teach at her children's school when there was a teacher shortage. She then went on to earn a master's degree in reading correction and remediation and a doctorate in education administration. She raised two daughters. Then Vivian's husband, Bob, died 22 years ago while she was Dean of Instruction for South State Community College. She stayed with the college long enough to finish a project that she had worked on for seven years for the Ohio State Department of Education. Vivian then wanted to retire because she was "exhausted."

After a short time in retirement Vivian began to think about having her own education center. She was home for 10 months when Mariemont schools called and asked her to take over for a teacher in the primary school. She took the temporary job and used the money from that to start her own center - the Lamplighter. The family became part of the business as well, when Vivian's daughter, Kathleen Alexander joined the Lamplighter 20 years ago. Kathleen is now leaving the business and relocating herself - to Wisconsin.

Over 50 years in education and all the recent changes have not diminished Vivian's enthusiasm for her work and her life's passion. "I love being with the young people," she says. "We really have the nicest young people - they are exceptional."

Find out more about the Lamplighter or register on-line at [www.lamplighter-erc.com](http://www.lamplighter-erc.com).

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June 6	Escaping Materialism
June 13	The Solution to Self-Centeredness
June 20	How in the World Will We Live?



# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Notes from the TP Garden Club

By Sandy Wittman-Shell

On March 10, the Terrace Park Garden Club held its annual table decorating contest and luncheon. There were a number of guests in attendance. Four different groups interpreted the table decorating theme "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriott. The winning table was decorated by Jill Kelly-chairperson, Kristen Bell, Noel Julnes-Dehner, Tammy Koreman, and Helen Tollefsen. The Community Building remained open in the afternoon for the residents to view the artistic as well as floral decorations.

Arbor Day was planned by Betsy Ecker and as is tradition, the TPGC gives each first grader at Terrace Park Elementary a tree to plant at home. Care and planting of a young tree are always included in the presentation, but will be of great importance this year due to the return of the cicada. (This year's TPGC Village GARDEN WALK, originally scheduled for June, is CANCELLED, due to the anticipated cicada invasion!) This is the second year for fifth grade students to enter a poster contest for Arbor Day. A number of posters were submitted, depicting the theme of "Trees are Terrific." First prize went to Audrey Askam, second to Lizzie Arington, and third to Stacey Purcell. The posters were on display at the Elementary school through Open House.

Members received a mailing with the 2004-2005 proposed slate of officers which includes; President-Ogle Annett, Vice President-Jill Kelly, Recording Secretary-Tami Blowers, Corresponding Secretary-Susie Gray, Treasurer-Marcia Moyer, Members at large-Karen Ballinger, Sara Osborne, Beth Smith, Diane Treftz, and Helen Tollefsen. Election of officers will be held at the May meeting, with the installation in June.

On April 13 members were treated to a "Living Wreath" workshop where a number of our own members shared their talents. Ogle Annett

together with Francis Stafford demonstrated how to arrange a hanging basket using a colorful assortment of live plants. Ogle also made a vertical arrangement using live plant material. Beth Smith and Jenny Whitaker arranged a kitchen herb wreath as well as a lovely fern wreath. As a special impromptu treat, Helen Tollefsen created a grapevine wreath with greenery and fresh cut flowers. Ogle Annett, Francis Stafford, and Diane Treftz share their artistic talent at the Cincinnati Flower Show, April 21-25 at Coney Island with a window box display. For a second year the Garden Club earned a gold medal with their window box. See the article in Design Magazine, featuring the Cincinnati Flower Show, sent to each Village residence.

A note of community concern; the Garden Club plants and main-

tains a memorial flower bed at the intersection of the Elm and Terrace Place, beside the bridge by the Village Green. This flower bed contains a very large urn for additional flowers to be planted. Several times within the past 6-8 months the urn has been toppled. We're not sure if the culprit is the leprechaun known to most Terrace Park kindergarteners in Mrs. Wiley's class or some one else...and due to the varied age, size and /or strength of the TPGC membership, resetting the urn is not always easy or timely. If you have seen the leprechaun or the urn upset, could you please set it straight? The next Garden Club meeting will be June 1 at the Community Building with the installation of officers. As always the Terrace Park Garden Club appreciates your support, and welcomes you to attend any of our meetings.

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## Terrace Park Elementary PTO news

By Betsy Porst

Where did the school year go? Well, the open house, talent show, 6th grade play, field day, PTO In/Out Coffee are a few sure signs that 2003/2004 is wrapping up for the summer.

And as we bid good bye to this year, we also say good bye to some wonderful faculty and staff members. 1987 was certainly a lucky year for us. That's when beloved teacher Karen Roberts and indispensable custodian Fred Fields signed up for school duty. And are we happy they did. We're so sad to see them go. Heading home to Oklahoma after three years of smoothly running the front office and lovingly bandaging elbows is

Susan Graves, school secretary extraordinaire. A very special thanks to Bob Denny for stepping in as principal and making it look easy...when it's not. What would the school district do without you? Thank you all so much for loving the children of our village.

Kudos go out as well to all the volunteers who helped with the Garage Sale...especially desk and chair artist, Elaine Fening. Bravo to all participants in the Sixth Grade Play and to coordinator LouAnn Mauk and all her helpers.

Make sure to browse and buy the delectable treats at the PTO Memorial Day Bake Sale. The new Kroger fundraising cards will be available for purchase there as well.

Have a happy and healthy Terrace Park summer!



The Salvation Army Camp Auxiliary held its annual Fashion Show/Fundraiser April 19 at the Manor House. Over 300 people attended, raising funds for the Salvation Army's summer camp Camp Swoneky. This camp serves children in the southwest Ohio northeast Kentucky area that would not be able otherwise to attend summer camp. Pictured above are: Kristin Wolujewicz ( Mariemont), Steph Jones (Terrace Park), Jill Smith ( Indian Hill), Allo Perry (Terrace Park) and Lizzie Smith (Indian Hill).

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# Terrace Park Historical Society

*"Tracking our past and present for the future"*

By Carol C. Cole

We all know that Terrace Park is a very special place and still today remains a great place for families to raise their children. But how many of us were here and remember what it was like only 60 years ago when the Heil girls were young. Susan Heil Abernethy Frank has only very happy memories of that time and has shared some of them with us in her oral history (interpreted by Leslie Jones\*). At that time children had to make their own entertainment but there was plenty of space to explore and lots to do. Many families had big gardens and there were blueberries to pick in the fields where now is the far end of Stanton. "The kids could roam and do anything they wanted to in Terrace Park and no one locked a door."

Tree houses were a really big deal and almost everyone had one so there was a kind of competition to see who could build the best one. They even went down to the dump to get old carpet. The best tree house had both carpeting and a porch. From the tree houses they could see over the fields and "spot when the Indians were invading Terrace Park."

The Fenton's house next to the school had a chicken coop and also something like an old well. "It wasn't really a well. It was like an old ice box that had big boards and rocks on it and you could lift those off and it would be storage, like underground, like cold...they were intrigued with that. .... They had a big porch along the back and it faced towards Myrtle and the big fields that they owned. They let the kids play over there. They kept chickens in the chicken coop but then they had a chicken house and the kids could play in there."

The Log Cabin was very important especially in the summer time because that's where the recreation program was held. "They would bring in big piles of sand and hoses of water and you could make tunnels in sand. In the back was volleyball or badminton and on Friday nights, in Junior High, they would have record hops. Inside the Cabin



**At one time, this house located at 906 Stanton was the only house on that part of the street. As seen in the background of the photo, the surrounding land was wild and uncultivated where blueberries could grow.**

is where they kept the arts and crafts." "Every Friday they would go some place to swim like Lake Cowan, Stonelick Lake, sometimes Coney Island." That was before there was a Swim Club.

"Behind the church was another favorite place to play. The creek. It would pool there. ... The real fascination there was a big vine and you could go up the hillside and swing across towards St. Thomas and back. It was real sturdy, it was the size of a big rope and they would get three or four of them on it and they would all swing across. Sometimes they would drop off in the middle, which wasn't that far. ... The creek and river were always fascinating. There were a lot of shallow places in the creek."

"Sue said Miami Grove had high intrigue. They used to love to go down the hill and play close to the Grove but not go over there. You were almost afraid to go over there because of the cafe." They also liked to go down the hill to Edgewater and there was a big branch that went across the road and it was a real challenge. ... They took the front wheel off one of their bikes and attached it to another bike so they had a kind of tandem bike, like a bicycle for two. Then they would go down that steep hill and grab the branch, hopefully."

Another favorite place to play was in some abandoned houses just past where Stanton runs into

Miami. They thought they were haunted. "Sue said they would go down the steps and into that house, the basement, and there were coffee cups, by that time the coffee was like mud, like dry mud. There were newspapers. It was as if somebody just walked out the door."

"The LaHusens on Miami was the highlight of Halloween. They had that big side yard and they would have a wiener roast, marshmallows, and soft drinks and they went all out for all of the kids." They had a big side yard, "but of course at that time almost everybody had a big yard. That was the thing Sue liked so much when she moved back to Terrace Park in late 1960. They looked in Mariemont but Mariemont didn't have any yards and in Terrace Park everybody had a big yard. It might be a little tiny house ...but they liked the yards and thought that was a plus out here."

I'm afraid the open fields all have houses built on them now but at least let's keep the side and back yards so there's still room for children to do some exploring and use their imaginations. (\*All quotes are from Leslie Jones' interpretation of the interview.)

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# Police report

Following is a brief summary of some of the police activity in Terrace Park from 04/01/04 to 04/30/04.

There were eight reports of home alarms going off inadvertently and one business found open. Traffic stops resulted in three for DUI, six for drug abuse, three for no driver's license. Several traffic stops uncovered outstanding warrants either in TP or neighboring communities. Police also responded to assist with several EMS calls. Responded to three calls for locked out of vehicle.

Police responded to report of smoke at PNC Bank. The smoke was coming from a mulch pile next to the building. Fire department put the fire out.

Resident reported a basement window was broken out. No indication of forced entry and the basement door is always locked. Report of a boat parked in front of a house for 2 weeks. Owner stated the dock was flooded but owner should have access soon. Assisted Newtown Police.

Stopped a vehicle for tail light violation. Arrested the driver for out-

standing warrant from another community.

Responded to a car on fire, which the fire department put out. Resident found a stray dog. Called the SPCA. There were two incidents of loud noise from a party. Responded to a call from a resident who knocked down a street sign. Took the information and told the resident the village would be in touch if there was a charge. Responded to driver that ran over a pothole on Wooster Pike and had two flat tires. Police assisted in two incidents of transporting people to the hospital. Maintenance Dept reported person(s) had destroyed the lattice at the top of the gazebo. Responded to a call that juvenile boys were ringing doorbells and running away. Found the boys and had them apologize to the resident. Their parents would also be told and the boys would face disciplinary action. A deer was struck and was lying in the road.

# Wilson serves EMS for decades

By Bill Holloway

*On Memorial Day, we will honor our EMS team. These folks, our neighbors, are there for us 24 hours a day and seven days a week with medical emergency service. The following is what just one person, Connie Wilson, thinks and does about being an EMS volunteer.*

It was a dumb thing to do. I ran out from between two parked cars with my bicycle in tow. Within seconds, I was on the pavement with the front end of an oncoming car almost on top of my bike, and me, as we skidded to a stop.

Buck saw it coming. He yelled to his big brother Tiny and, in no more time than it took to for me to yelp, they were out the door of the store where they worked and lifted the front end of that car just enough for someone to drag me out and rush me half a block to the doctor's office. I was one scared, but grateful 11-year-old. I didn't realize I had just received what we now call emergency medical service.

Emergencies were not unusual in those days in our version of small town America. We had no ambulance. We had one part-time policeman, a few volunteer firemen and a fire engine that had to be towed to a fire. Everybody pitched in to fill in the gaps when danger came our way.

So, what does that have to do with Terrace Park in 2004? Buck and Tiny instantly volunteered to become what are now called emergency medical service helpers. No

one told them to do it they just did it. In Terrace Park, we have 23 "Buck and Tiny" volunteers and we are lucky to have them. I didn't realize how lucky we were until I had a talk with Connie Wilson.

In 1982, Connie was a "retired" teacher from Hyde Park Elementary. She had a family and was busily doing all the things a wife and mother has to do. A friend of hers said that she should become a member of the Terrace Park Life Squad. She says, "I never even thought about the life squad." Her friend was persistent and so to quiet her she agreed to go to a meeting. Today she is the Chief, still an EMS volunteer who "wrote the book," literally, on the protocols for Terrace Park EMS.

I asked her why she was somehow motivated to join. She said she wasn't really sure at the time. At first, she agreed to a three-year commitment with the thought of reassessing her interest at the end of that time. She found she liked helping people. She found new friends, got to know the village and realized she was making a contribution by taking care of her friends and neighbors. I thought that was a perceptive response for someone who didn't know why she went to that first meeting. I want someone like that to help me the next time I forget and ride my bike in front of a passing car during rush hour at the post office.

EMS volunteers work in groups of three. The crew chief, a "second" and a trainee work together. Connie says that each new member gets

thorough training before they begin to make runs. Because of the training, the new members are confident of their ability when they begin. Someone is there to "lead them by the hand" as they go. New volunteers learn to be attentive to what is happening and are encouraged to...relax. Connie assures me that the new member is not asked to learn too much at one time. The crew chief and the second are there to help every step of the way.

Today the organization has far better equipment and training than they did when Connie joined the "Life Squad." The unit has a defibrillator in the vehicle along with other sophisticated tools for emergency care. They are consistently retrained and updated on procedures. They all work together to improve. She remembers the time six of them sat around a table in an all night restaurant to debrief the details of what had happened on a late evening run.

Each call is very different. She finds it is an exciting challenge to be able to cope with each new situation. When a 911 call is received, the team that responds knows they are being invited into someone's home. Respectful consideration of family feelings and concerns is basic in the mind of an EMS volunteer and they all know it is as important to the patient as medical care.

We discussed the costs of maintaining EMS for the citizens of Terrace Park. Connie is very aware of the costs of this high quality level of service. Fortunately for us, she says, we have typical TP folks who volunteer to protect us 24 hours a day, every day of the week. Because they are well trained, they help to keep the costs down while taxes are trending up. That's why having our own volunteers is so important for the village.

Connie thinks we are very lucky to have the kind of folks in Terrace Park that can provide very high quality emergency care. It's not just the training. By and large, Connie says Terrace Park citizens are pretty active, resourceful, and well grounded.

If Buck and Tiny were still around they would be proud of this dumb kid for picking such a great place to live.



**Emergency medical services (EMS) and fire department volunteers like EMS Chief Connie Wilson and Fire Chief Jeff Carle are unsung heroes of Terrace Park. Come to the Village Green this Memorial Day to help honor our friends and neighbors that protect our health and our homes 24 hours a day.**

# Fire Chief lives every kid's dream

By Bill Holloway

*This Memorial Day we honor our Fire Department. They all are somewhat unsung heroes since they often are out caring for and protecting us while we are asleep or away. Jeff Carle is our Fire Chief and has been a volunteer since 1981.*

Jeff Carle has always liked mechanical things. When he was a kid, he had ladders, water pumps and other mechanical devices located on the street back of his home...at the fire station, a fascinating place.

When he moved to Terrace Park he had a fire to deal with in his

home and after that was taken care of, Tim Harth asked him to join the Terrace Park Fire Department. He has been a member ever since and now is the Chief.

I asked him how he got to Terrace Park from a small Illinois town north of Peoria. His interest in mechanics eventually led him to Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. This was before the federation of Case and Western Reserve University in 1967. After graduation, with a degree in electrical engineering, the US Army "invited" Jeff to join them to deal with the unpleasantness in Viet Nam. Lieutenant Carle

was soon managing a data processing center at Fort Lee, Virginia. After Viet Nam and a year in graduate school, Procter and Gamble employed him so he and his wife Debbie found themselves in Cincinnati and ultimately in Terrace Park. Jeff is retired from Procter and Gamble and is getting back into teaching, at Cincinnati State, a sort of hobby until now.

I asked Jeff for his analysis of the Fire Department as he saw it. He sees it very well. Jeff has definite ideas about and understanding of our Fire Department. All members of the organization must be certified before they can enter a burning building. After their official certification, they still receive ongoing training locally. This applies to all members of the department all the time.

With a small fire department of volunteers it is critical that all fire fighters are capable of doing all jobs required to answer a fire call including being the commander on the scene. The first five crucial minutes at the scene can be a particular kind of chaos. There might be six volunteers or 20 all ready to act. Somehow, the chaos must be eliminated from that frantic five-minute interval.

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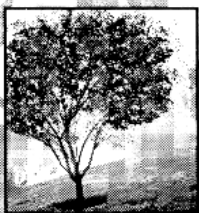
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Jeff has been the Chief for five years. He has applied the skills of a professional engineer to his concern for the safety of the Village. He says the condition of the general equipment of the department is OK. However, he strives to look ahead to what is coming down the road. A big concern is the replacement of the old trucks. He says the age of the trucks is not the main concern. The state agency that rates fire trucks does not judge the trucks by age. "The real issue is reliability." An older truck can be acceptable if it is well maintained. So, while replacement is needed there is an important need to establish a replacement program so that the funds will be there when replacement becomes a requirement. New fire trucks don't come "off the shelf." They must be made. It takes 12 to 18 months to get a fire truck counting the time to write the specifications, advertise for bids, and then have the truck built after the ap-

proval to purchase is obtained

Let me share with you something Jeff did not tell me. How well are he and the rest of our volunteers doing in their training and fire protection activities? The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) has what is called the Public Protection Classification (PPC). This highly regarded rating classifies fire departments from 1 to 10 with 1 the highest rating on fire protection services. The higher the rating the lower the fire insurance rates will be for the area covered by that fire department. Jeff told me that we had a 4 rating. What he did not tell me was just how good that was. The most recent published rating I found was the one for the year 2000. Of the 46,024 fire departments in all of the United States that year only 3.3% rated higher than Terrace Park, and only 3,547 departments could claim a 4 rating. Remember that folks the next time you pay your fire insurance bill.

I asked Jeff what stands out in his assessment of Terrace Park. He said, "The high level of volunteerism in the Village amazes me. The culture and character of the Village attracts the kind of people that get things done and I am glad to be a part of it."

# Firefighter's dedication unwaivering

By Bill Holloway

On Memorial Day, we will honor our Terrace Park Fire Department. They serve us faithfully and work hard for our safety and well being. Pierce Matthews has been a member of the Department longer than any one. Here are some of his recollections.

Pierce is a no nonsense kind of guy. The US Marines could take lessons from him on "slim, trim, and straight up and down." He probably wears the same size clothing he wore in high school. Bad cholesterol and extra calories don't hang around his table at mealtime in the Dupree House where he has lived the last five and a half years. Here is a well-prepared professional fire fighter. When we sat down to talk he had notes, typed notes, for ready reference. All business.

And yet, there is another side to this veteran. What was his most

unusual recollection of his fire fighting experience? Some horrendous house fire? Nope. It was climbing up a ladder some 32 feet into a tree to rescue a robin entangled in string it had collected to make a nest.

Pierce and fire equipment go a long way back. Back to Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, when as a kid he would watch passing fire trucks and wave. Soon his persistence got the firemen watching him. Before long, when he would wave they would ring the siren. No youngster is ever going to forget that experience. Later as an adult, he joined Box 13, a group of fire fighting buffs in Hyde Park. They were not firemen but would provide help and support to the firefighters.

How has fire fighting changed since Pierce joined the Terrace Park Fire Department on September 10, 1968? Of course, he would have that date at hand in his notes. Some

examples:

\* Keeping records. They are more complicated and there are more of them. The primary concern is records for liability insurance. But there are others as well.

\* Better protective gear. Flame retardant materials (Nomex) for clothing and other gear.

\* Breathing apparatus. Firemen now have a completely self-contained breathing unit instead of a simpler filter mask.

\* Thermal imagery. A camera is now available that can detect a person in a smoke filled area of very low visibility.

The members of the Terrace Park Fire Department are younger than they have been in the recent past. Their average age is about 40. They now train for 40 hours instead of 36. Fortunately for all of us, one half of our firefighters are in the village around the clock and that is "wonderful" for manning the equipment.

Some things have not changed. The primary purpose on arrival at a fire is to determine if people are in the house and if so to get them out. The next step is to get the fire out. The third step is to get the smoke out of the house to avoid flashback, the result of a quantity of smoke that can restart a fire.

I asked when most fires occur and the response was from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Surprisingly, residents are generally not a problem unless they feel they must go back into the house to get something.

What are the most common causes of fires? Food on the stove is major. Oil furnaces that won't ignite and cause an overflow and smoking in bed have been common causes but have declined considerably.

For 15 years, Pierce also served on a Red Cross Disaster Team. He was on duty the night of the Beverly Hills nightclub fire that took the lives of 165 people. His daughter was on his mind that night. He thought she might be at the Beverly Hills but to his great relief, he soon found she was safe.

His tenure as a fire fighter was not just the accumulation of time. Since he was certified on August 1, 1969 he has held the positions of Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Chief. Now as the senior professional around he is an Administrative Assistant. I suspect he is more than the title might tell. I asked him why he had spent so much of his life around disaster. His response: I like to help people.

We are fortunate to have the kid from Auburn Avenue still volunteering in Terrace Park.


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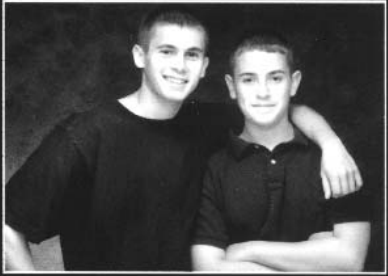
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clear that the zoning code does not specify how many cars can be stored in a garage. The zoning language speaks only to the size of the garage, not to the number of cars which may be parked therein. Malloy previously wrote a legal opinion for the Terrace Park Mayor and Council discussing this issue. It was decided that Council would waive the attorney/client privilege and release the legal opinion to Rauth. There was a consensus that nothing more can be done.

**Terrace Park police officers to the rescue**

Mayor Jay Gohman announced that he has received praise for Sgt. Chin and assisting officers of our Terrace Park Police Department. An elderly man lost control of his automobile in rainy

weather and ended up in the creek. Sgt. Chin and other officers went into the creek and rescued the man.

The Mayor also received a letter from the Police Chief of Blue Ash praising our police officers for their special assistance to George W. Bush when he visited our area.

**Building permits**

A log has been posted outside of the Village office for Building Permit applications. If applications are complete, a 21 day turn around should be expected. A notice will be posted at the Village office which will post the permit schedule and will clarify the time table for submittals of applications for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

**Zoning review consultants**

Councilman Olson spoke about the search for a consultant to assist in the necessary revisions to the Terrace Park Zoning ordinance. He sent out five requests for

proposals and has received four responses. His committee will review these and decide with which consultant to move forward.

**Bike trail committee**

Councilman Jeffery Koreman announced that a meeting of neighborhood representatives for the Bike Trail Committee will be held probably during the first week of June. This meeting is not for discussion of whether or not people want the bike trail, but rather to discuss what suggestions will be submitted regarding the trail.

**Terrace Park budget**

Councilman Mark Porst has held two meetings of the Finance Committee, which have basically included all council members and the Mayor. The purpose of these meetings has been to go over the budget in detail, with an eye toward cost cutting as possible.

Terrace Park property taxes have not been raised by The Village in ten years. The Terrace Park budget is currently running at an 18 percent deficit. Expenditures are presently \$69,000 over income, year to date. One of the major reasons for the budget short fall is the decrease in the receipt of Estate Tax revenue. The reason for this is the changes to the State of Ohio government laws, and the demographic of the Village, with regard to the age of residents. Porst states that there is no reason to believe that this will not continue. It is the feeling of the Village government that only basic services are presently provided to the people who reside here. This year the budget has been scrutinized and it is the feeling that if income does not increase, cuts will have to be made to these basic services. Porst reminds that these are problems felt by many small communities throughout Ohio. Mayor Gohman and council members joined in thanking Porst for the numerous hours that he has spent working on the budget.

Council adjourned sometime after 10 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.



**Tiger Cub Cooper** tries to keep his "cool" as he blows his entry to the finish line at the Boy Scout's annual Rain Gutter Regatta.



**Winners of the day included (front row l-r): Oliver , and Grant , Anthony , William , Austin , and top racer Bryce .**

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Terrace Park Flying Piglet organizers (front row, l-r) Robin and Cindy and elementary school participants on the day of the final race for this incremental marathon.

## TP gets piggy with it at the Flying Pig Marathon

Terrace Park once again had a huge turnout for the Flying Pig Marathon!

Terrace Park Pigs, Stepping Stones, Pohlman/Munschauer, Stutenroth, Might Moms, Stollar, No-Train, Mavericks, Hairy Lizard, TP Moms and Merten Crew.

If any individuals or teams were inadvertently not listed, please call Chandi Findley at 576-0595 and we will list them in the next edition of the *Village Views*. (Information graciously provided by Steve Osgood who researched it on the Flying Pig Marathon website in all his spare time!)



Participants receive medals from Pendery and Gorman.



Every sport needs a mascot!

## Mariemont youth football expands

By Dennis Purcell

Youth football in the Mariemont School District took a big step forward this year with the addition of football and cheerleading teams for boys and girls from ages 5 to 12. This move coincides with Mariemont joining the Clermont County Youth Football League.

The response from initial sign-ups has been terrific. Over 90 football players and 75 cheerleaders have signed up so far, with more coming in all the time. The five teams are broken down by age as follows: 5 and 6 year olds, 7 and 8 year olds, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, and 11 and 12 year olds. In addition, the football teams have maximum weight limits in each age group.

Mariemont Youth Football (MYF), which draws from the entire school district, was re-born two years ago with just 5th and 6th grade teams. The goal of MYF is to let all boys and girls interested in football and cheerleading try the

sports in a fun atmosphere, while learning the game, developing basic skills, and playing as a team.

The expansion to five teams allows MYF to join an established league and ensures a schedule of games that includes a number of home games on the Mariemont High School field. After some conditioning practices in late July/early August, regular practices using full gear will begin. Once school starts, practices will be twice a week, with games on Saturday. The season kicks off the Saturday after Labor Day.

Many people fondly remember the days of the Terrace Park Bulldogs and the Mariemont Colts, and their youth football teams of the past. Now youth throughout the district will get to play on the same team and wear the Warrior Gold and Blue.

Sign ups for both football and cheerleading are still being taken. If you would like to participate, or if you have questions please call Dennis Purcell at 831-1705.

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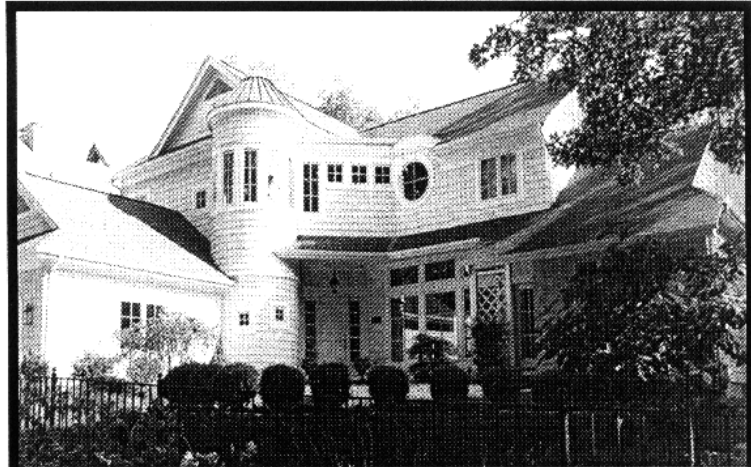
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# Terrace Park Sports

## Three for the record books

By Lon Stirsman

Terrace Park has produced a number of athletes over the years who have moved on to college and participated in athletic programs at that level. It seems to me that we have a relatively large number of outstanding athletes who live in our village (yes, our collective gene pool runs deep). This year we have a bumper crop, with three remarkable young men who have landed full scholarships to highly regarded Division 1 athletic programs.



### Reed - Lacrosse

How do you measure someone's heart? Certainly not by an exterior package that is only 5' 5" inches tall and weighs in at 160 pounds after a heavy rain. As one of our most influential local coaches says, "It's not how big you are, it's how big you play."

Reed is the eldest son in Terrace Park's "first family" of lacrosse. A senior at Mariemont, next year he will attend Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. I believe that Reed is the first Cincinnati native ever to receive a scholarship to play lacrosse at the Division 1 level. As a

junior last year, Reed was named Midfielder of the Year in Ohio's Division II, as well as being recognized as both 1st Team All-Ohio and in the Greater Cincinnati Lacrosse League (GCLL). As a team captain this year, the MHS squad is currently undefeated in regular season play and gearing up to improve on last year's 2nd place state finish in Division II. Reed is very team oriented and proud of Mariemont's accomplishments last year. They won the GCLL Silver Division City Championship in their very first year as a sanctioned varsity sport. Reed is blessed with a wonderful sense of the game, and possesses a tremendous combination of speed and power. An all-around athlete, Reed also played both ways on offense and defense for the MHS football team this year, and was the team's leading rusher.

Reed may have been born to play this sport, considering the level of involvement in it by his entire family and the fact that he first picked up a lacrosse stick at the age of two. Both his father Steve and uncle Brad were accomplished players at the college level, and his younger brother Drake is an outstanding player on the MHS junior high team. Reed has many fond memories from his eight years in organized lacrosse, but says his favorite might just be jumping into the mud puddles at Drackett Field after some of the youth practices. Based on observations of the youth program this year, that activity is still widely popular with many of the younger players here in the park.

Reed plans on majoring in elementary education at Canisius, and carrying on the family tradition of coaching the sport at some level after graduation.

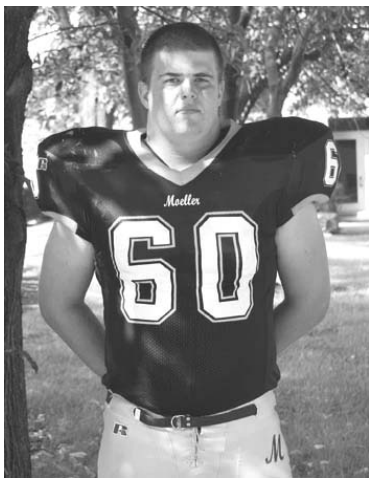


Photo: Karmen Widmyer

### Zach - Football

According to his mother Julie, Zach is 6'4" tall and weighs in around "285-ish." I suppose that might fluctuate a bit, depending on what they are having for dinner any particular night in the our household. A senior at Moeller, Zach will be attending Purdue University next year on a football scholarship. Zach is one of those rare "kids" who truly excels in both academics and athletics. A member of the Honors Society, he has attained 1st Honors at Moeller every quarter beginning with his freshman year. He has received academic recognition by being named Academic All-Greater Catholic League (GCL) in football and Academic All-Ohio in track.

He has a significant list of athletic achievements including:



### Nick - Swimming

Nick has received quite a bit of publicity around town the past several months due to his noteworthy accomplishments in swimming. A 6' 1" 180 pound senior at Mariemont, Nick will be joining the powerful Arizona Wildcats after graduation. Nick feels that his greatest individual achievement in his sport is making the cut for the Olympic Trials in the 100-meter backstroke. He will travel to Long Beach, California, in July to try to qualify for the USA Olympic Team. At 18, he will be one of the youngest swimmers there and will be competing against some of the world's best swimmers...truly an amazing feat for a high school student.

Nick first took to the water at the age of four. He also had his first

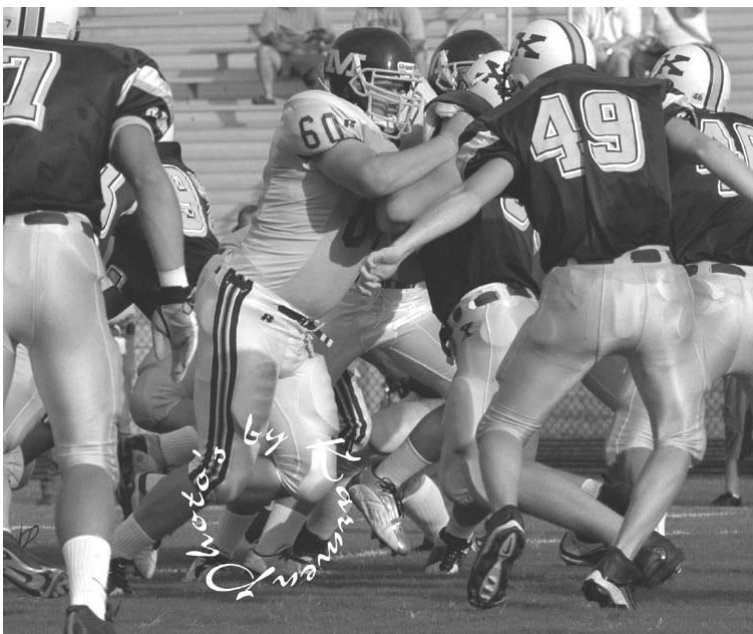


Photo: Karmen Widmyer

1st team GCL in football  
1st team GCL in track (shot put)  
1st team All - City in track  
All - State in track  
Best Lineman Award at Moeller  
Iron Man Award at Moeller (for best weight room numbers)

They are another Terrace Park family full of athletes, with father Jim a football player at Ball State, younger brother Shane playing football and lacrosse at Moeller, and sister Julianne playing hoops, volleyball and lacrosse at Mount Notre Dame High School.

Zach is an excellent athlete who truly values the team concept, as he is very proud of the fact that he is just one of 25 seniors at Moeller who will be participating in seven different sports at the college

level. He feels his greatest individual athletic achievement is landing a football scholarship to play in the Big Ten. He is also very proud to note that nine of his football teammates will also be playing at the college level.

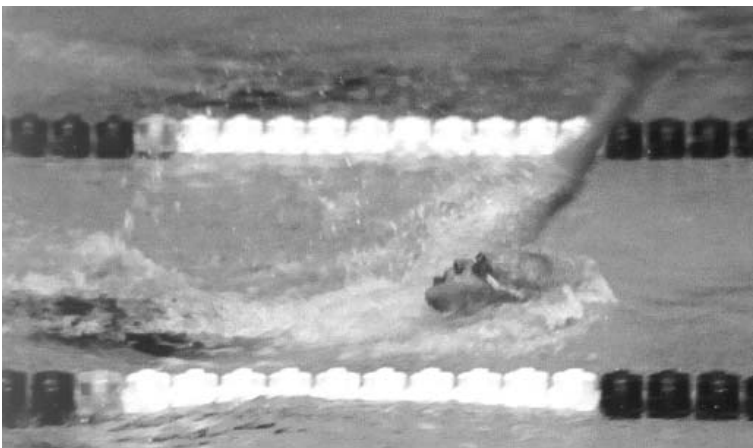
Zach first started playing football at the age of 10 for the Milford Eagles, back in those dark days when our own Terrace Park Bulldog youth program was on hiatus. His favorite football memory is from last year when he was a junior, and Moeller beat Colerain at Nippert Stadium in the city high school football version of the Crosstown Shootout. Colerain was the top-ranked team in the city at that point and as Zach recalls, everyone "went insane" after they won the game.

formal competition at that age, swimming in a 25-meter freestyle event. Nick might have been a little too excited in that first meet, as he actually swam the butterfly when he dove into the pool that day. Since then, he has decided to swim the same stroke as his competition during meets.

Nick has had an incredibly successful career as a swimmer at the high school level, and is our first state champion in swimming since his distant cousin Jim Stites (an ex-TP resident) performed the same feat for Mariemont High School in 1975. Nick holds three Mariemont school records in individual events, two school records in relay events, and was named the Cincinnati Hills League (CHL) Swimmer of the Year in 2002 and 2004. He was the Ohio

state champion in the 100 backstroke and the state runner-up in the 100 butterfly in 2004, as well as the state runner-up in the 100 backstroke as a junior in 2003. He has also been recognized as an 8-time USA All-American Swimmer.

Nick is very proud of the fact that this year's Mariemont squad won their first league championship in swimming since 1975. Nick's family shares the common theme of this article as yet another family full of accomplished athletes: father Henry swam at Duke; mother Kathy played tennis at the University of Chicago; sister Victoria currently swims at UC; and his grandfather held the world record in the 100 backstroke during the 1940's and was also part of several world record setting relay teams at Yale.



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