

Terrace Park Elementary joins elite class of Blue Ribbon schools

By Chandi Findley



Photo: Chandi Findley

Blue ribbons adorned the façade of the Terrace Park Elementary

On September 17, as a news camera rolled, Terrace Park Elementary School's students, staff, and parents celebrated the news that they are one of the best schools in the nation. With music from the high school marching band, song from the entire student body and speeches from distinguished visitors, the school gymnasium rang with pride that only a school selected by the US Department of Education as a *No Child Left Behind* Blue Rib-

bon school can muster.

"We believe that blue ribbon schools are schools that believe in investment," said guest speaker US Department of Education representative Kristine Cohn. "Here at Terrace Park Elementary school, you have invested wisely. Your school has become a true community of leaders in education."

It takes years to meet the high standards set by the Department of Education to become a blue ribbon



Photo: Chandi Findley

Former TPE principals Mike Zimmermann and Jerry Sasson joined US Department of Education representative Kristine Cohn, Principal Linda Lee and former principal Bob Denny at the presentation ceremony

school. According to the department's website, "*Under No Child Left Behind*, schools must meet 'Adequate Yearly Progress,' or AYP, in reading/language arts and mathematics. Each state sets its own academic standards and benchmark goals—not the federal government—because each state knows best what goals and criteria are most appropriate for its school

districts." Only 17 schools in Ohio and about 250 schools nationwide were selected for this honor.

"Do you know what responsibility this puts on you?" Combs asked the students. "You're going to be looked at as role models not just in Ohio, but throughout the United States."

In order to earn this award for excellence, Terrace Park's elemen-

tary school staff had to ensure that every student is able, and expected, to reach scholastic excellence. "For years, many of our underprivileged children were ignored and pre-judged, moved to the back of the room and quietly pushed through the system, with their scores hidden in averages," Secretary Rod Paige said according to the website US Department of Education's website. "They were cast into the shadows, then cast out into life without the skills to succeed. This created a chronic achievement gap that mocked the promise of public education. So we must change our approach, incentives and expectations. We must foster a climate of academic excellence, enabling all students to reach the highest levels of scholarship."

Among others, blue ribbon schools are required to meet at least one of the following criteria.

- Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance on state tests, as determined by the state school chief;
- Schools whose students, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests; and

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Election officials, a burglary and EMS among Council topics

By Susan M. House

Betsy Schwinn, of 407 Marietta Ave., addressed Council on behalf of the 12 Election Officials who will be responsible for the operation of the Terrace Park polling place for the November election. Schwinn requested that Council make sure that comfortable chairs (other than folding chairs) be provided on Election Day, as Poll Workers must be at the polling place from 6 a.m. to possibly 8:30 p.m. She noted that she had recently attended a mandatory two hour meeting in preparation for Election Day. Her feelings about the meeting indicated that this election will be more challenging than most. A large turn-out is expected. Poll Workers (Election Officials) were cautioned to be on the lookout for any persons who might be in places where they did not belong. Schwinn also mentioned enhanced information from the Election Board this year about "Challengers."

I decided that I would find out more about Challengers, as I never knew that they officially existed. I was provided the following information. An Official Challenger is a person appointed to the precinct by political parties, groups of five or more candidates, or by committees advocating or opposing a question or issue. Challengers can challenge a person's right to vote for these reasons: lack of citizenship, non-residency in the state, non-residency in the county or precinct, or not being of legal voting age. A Challenger

must present his/her credentials to the Presiding Judge at the polling place, and must challenge a voter before he receives his ballot. An Official Witness is appointed the same way and is permitted in the polling place after the polls close until the ballots have been counted and certified. Since our community is so small, this hopefully will only serve as information.

I have always appreciated the job that our Election Officials do, I did not, however, realize how much time and effort they really do put forth. They must attend a mandatory meeting where they are given a 32-page handbook, and handouts. They are responsible for knowing all that is included in this book. They set up for Election Day on Monday evening. They are at the polling place on Election Day at 6 a.m. and don't leave until about 8:30 p.m. On behalf of all Terrace Park voters, thank you Election Officials for all that you do.

Police report break-in

Police Lieutenant Jerry

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Illustration: MSA

Proposed emergency services building

On November 2, Terrace Park residents will be asked to vote on a 25-year bond issue of \$2.1 million to cover the cost of a new fire truck, new emergency services building and repairs to the 112-year-old Community Building. This rendering by Michael Schuster Associates (MSA) depicts the proposed emergency medical services and fire station as seen from Wooster Pike. The Community Building is on the left and the three drive-through bays of the station can be seen on the right. (UDF and other homes have been omitted.) See related Letter to the Editor on page 2.




Happy Halloween

Trick-or-treating in the Village will run from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st. The siren will sound to signal the beginning and end.

Annual Pancake Supper


Eat all you want and help our Village!

On November 13 the Terrace Park Fire Department and Life Squad will be hosting the 45th annual pancake supper at the Terrace Park elementary school, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The all you-can-eat menu includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, milk, and coffee (courtesy of Over Coffee). The price is \$4 for children under 10 years of age and \$6 for adults. The proceeds are used to purchase non-budget items for the Fire Department and Life Squad.



Don't forget to vote!
November 2
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Community Building

You may be able to preview the ballot by visiting www.hamilton-co.org/BOE/ then searching your poll location.



The deadline for the **November** issue of the *Village Views* is Friday November 5th.

December deadline change

Due to Christmas Holiday, December deadline has been moved to Dec. 3rd

Letters to the Editor

Dear Terrace Park Neighbor,

In community forums and *Village Views* articles, Council communi-cated an anticipated 2004 budget deficit created by declining estate tax revenue and normal operating cost increases. We also emphasized that while fiscal restraint in previous years left us with adequate cash to cover this year's annual deficit, we need to pass two new tax levies to cover future cost increases and badly needed capital improvements to our Community Building/Emergency Services facilities.

On October 4, we learned Terrace Park will receive an unexpected \$460,000 of estate tax revenue. This is good news for our near term budget that may raise questions on the need for new taxes. **Despite this windfall, we still need to pass the operating and bond levies that will appear on the November 2 ballot.**

This unexpected revenue is an aberration in the long-term trend. Our state representative Tom Brinkman warned that the State of Ohio may eliminate \$90,000/year of TP “roll-back” revenue. Further reduction or outright elimination of estate taxes is also likely. Bottom-line, money we receive from state controlled sources will likely decline. The levies proposed on November 2 will not protect us from all potential changes or revenue loss. We believe these levies put us in a position to cover planned cost increases and better weather-the-storm.

We originally estimated the new operating levy would allow Terrace Park to operate for five years without any other new taxes. Barring un-foreseen emergencies or additional revenue losses, we now believe we could go six years before needing new taxes.

Terrace Park Village Council has demonstrated fiscal restraint in years where revenue exceeded expenses. In 1999/2000 we replaced water mains throughout the village at a cost of \$742,830 without asking tax-payers for any additional money. We covered a \$284,720 annual deficit in 2003 using unspent funds from previous years. With no plans to ex-pand village services, you are assured that normal periodic surpluses will be used to extend the interval between new tax levies or to cover needed capital expenses.

As explained in earlier VV, these additional levies bring your TP taxes up to those of Mariemont and still less than Wyoming and Williams Meadow. Despite our small size, our volunteers keep the Terrace Park portion of your tax bill low.

We haven’t asked for new taxes in 12 years. We believe under cur-rent projections these new levies would allow us to go another 6 years with no Terrace Park tax increase.

We are asking you to vote “For” issues 18 and 19 on November 2.

Terrace Park Mayor and Village Council

Dear Terrace Park Friends,

You have probably read in the last four *Village Views* about our cur-rent Village financial situation. On November 2nd an Operating Tax Levy and a Bond Issue will be on the ballot. I am writing to ask you to join me in voting FOR both items.

The Operating Levy is to replace funds no longer coming down to towns and villages from Columbus due to changes in Estate Tax laws. The Bond Issue is to renovate our 114-year-old Community Building, provide more adequate facilities four our volunteer Fire/EMS personnel and equipment, and buy a long needed new fire truck to replace a 25 year old unit. These capital items have been routinely deferred for many years. I agree with our nine elected representatives that it will be impos-sible to continue to maintain Terrace Park as we know it without these new funds.

If you have any questions about the need for these funds to sustain Terrace Park “quality of life,” please attend a Village Forum at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building on Thursday October 21 or Tuesday October 26 to get the answers straight from our council members and mayor who have been working very hard to keep these requests as low as possible.

Sincerely,

Al Nelson
700 Franklin

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the edi-tor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Let-ters over 350 words will be pub-lished as submitted subject to space availability. All signed let-ters will be printed as submit-ted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Con-tent will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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

Leaving the Village
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Following is a message from the “Friends of Terrace Park,” Jay Gohman, Treasurer

- Vote FOR the Terrace Park Operating Levy (# 18)
- What is an operating levy?**
- Provides the annual budget for salaries of Village employees; and services such as street maintenance, leaf collection, snow removal etc.
- What will this levy cost a homeowner?**
- The owner of a house valued at \$250,000 will pay an additional \$259 per year; about \$22 per month. 3.5 mills per year
- Why do we need a new levy?**
- Even without any new services, Terrace Park expenses increase every year 3-6%. That translates into \$45,000-\$90,000/year of new expenses.
 - TP revenue sources like estate tax and real-estate roll-backs are controlled by the state of Ohio. These revenue sources account for as much as \$400,000/ year to TP. We have been warned by our state representative, Tom Brinkman, that the state could take away TP roll-back revenue.
 - We have not increased TP taxes in 12 years!

- How will the money be spent?**
- To maintain our current level of services:
 - Public service – EMS, fire, police
 - Trash collection
 - Weekly curb brush removal
 - Leaf collection
 - Weekend and night snow-removal
 - Road maintenance

Terrace Park taxes have not increased in 12 years!

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Vote FOR the Terrace Park Bond Issue (# 19)

- What is a bond issue?**
- Provides a way for municipalities to pay for capital improvements; the Village will issue bonds (\$2.1MM) that will be paid off over 25 years
- What capital improvements do we need?**
- New fire truck (\$300,000)
 - Current trucks are 25 and 29 years old, unreliable and costly to maintain
 - New Emergency Services Building (\$1.5MM)
 - Current firehouse lacks adequate decontamination fa-cility, drainage, ventilation, and storage
 - Repairs to our 112 year-old Community Building (\$300,000)
 - Roof
 - Paint – interior and exterior
 - Windows
 - Heating and Air Conditioning
 - Fire alarm and sprinkler system
 - Bathrooms

- What will the bond issue cost a homeowner?**
- Owner of a house valued at \$250,000 will pay an additional \$111 per year; about \$9 per month, or 1.5 mills per year

- Why is this important?**
- Our EMS and Fire volunteers provide a great value: 24 hour/ day coverage; 365 days per year.
 - We owe our skilled and dedicated volunteers safe, modern work-ing conditions – for the safety and well-being of everyone in Terrace Park.
 - Paying for these services would add at least \$500,000 to our budget – *every year!*

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Sign thefts upset residents

Fellow Citizens,


The Presidential Election of 2004 has been, without a doubt, one of the most polarizing and intense political events in memory. The unfortu-nate byproduct of modern day politics has been the ever present mud-slinging and negative spin. Amazingly, even our fair Terrace Park is not spared. Several reports have been filed with the Village Police because some have chosen to steal yard signs.... mine among them. Around our neighborhood, I've seen several signs of a particular candidate smeared with paint. The act of a few kids? Hopefully.


It is certainly heartening to see the patriotism we feel in supporting the candidate of our choice, yet depressing when that freedom is smeared. As this election comes to a close, let's set an example we can all be proud of no matter what side you lean. See you at the polls!

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More Heroes Among Us

By Sherry Holcomb

"I have mixed feelings," said the Terrace Park mother of a Navy S.E.A.L. "I support him fully and am proud of him, but I'm still worried and concerned. You don't like to see your child in harm's way."

Those sentiments are echoed over and over again by parents whose children are serving in the military. Last month, the Village Views profiled several "heroes among us." These people are Terrace Park residents and former residents who are currently supporting America's war efforts as military personnel or civilian contractors. The following is a continuation of that article.



Staff Sergeant Jeremy Guy, U.S. Air Force

"Jeremy was going to be in the Air Force one way or another," said his dad, Mark Guy. "He was just that kind of kid. Now that he is in, he really likes it. He will make a career of it."

After graduating from Mariemont high school, Jeremy went into the Air Force and began training in Florida. Now 26 years old, Jeremy is a staff sergeant stationed in Spangdahlem, Germany. He lives off base in Bitburg with his wife and two young boys. As part of his training, Jeremy has traveled to Turkey, England and the Netherlands. He's nearly been deployed to Iraq three times, but hasn't gone, yet.

Jeremy's role as crew chief on an F-16 fighter jet is critical for successful flights. "The crew chief is the person signing-off that the jet is ready for flight," explained Mark. "He hands the check-off sheet to the pilot."

Dad and mom (Nancy Guy) got the chance to travel to Germany this past April. They visited with Jeremy and his family and got to meet "the guys." Said Mark, "All of these kids signed up to be there. They are a dedicated and supportive bunch."

Sergeant Brad Crawford, U.S. Army

Brad used to live in the village and attended Mariemont high school until his junior year when he quit to join the Army. He is currently stationed in Faluja and occasionally sends email messages back to friends in Terrace Park. Brad suffered minor injuries in a suicide bombing and is continuing to serve in the conflict.

Doug Fletcher Cadet, Air Force ROTC at Miami University

Doug's goals heading into college were a little different than most freshmen. Sure, he hoped to make new friends, gain knowledge and prepare for a career. But, he also wanted to sharpen his discipline and leadership skills and have a chance to serve his country. Doug got one step closer when he was offered a four-year ROTC scholarship – one of 2,200 offered nationwide out of 18,000 applicants.

"He is a very thoughtful, respectful and disciplined child and he would make a great officer and leader," said mom, Debbie Fletcher.

"He has said before that he would die for his country."

Doug attends regular college courses for his major in business. In addition, his ROTC duties include physical training two times a week, special courses and drills. The program is designed to turn Doug into an officer upon graduation. He will then serve a four-year commitment. "Further down the road this will give Doug an opportunity to learn and grow as an individual," Debbie explained. "He'll have a job after college, he'll probably travel and he'll have that chance to serve his country."

David McDonald, U.S. Navy Corpsman and S.E.A.L.

"There are no 'most valuable players' in the S.E.A.L.s," said David's mom, Trish McDonald. "There's not a lot of glory in it and they want it that way." The secrecy of the special operations force prevents us from telling you a lot about David's whereabouts and whether he is deployed. What we can tell you is that he's been deployed once and he's re-upped once so that his service will continue for at least another five years.

David started out growing up in Terrace Park and participating in all kinds of sports. He graduated from Cincinnati Country Day School in 1994 after running track and serving as captain of the football team. He went on to graduate from the University of Montana in 1999 and joined the Navy out of college. David is now based out of Virginia Beach where his wife, Jessie, works with the Naval Special Warfare foundation that provides families of S.E.A.L. casualties with emotional and financial support.

"David loves challenges," Trish said. "He's always been physically active, strong and single minded. He likes to be part of a team taking on a challenge. Being a S.E.A.L. is well suited to David and he's good at it."

"I understand the importance of what he's doing," added Trish, "but as a parent it is your worst nightmare. The not knowing is hard."



Second Lieutenant Johann Hindert, U.S. Army Infantry Division

Johann was in his sophomore year at Kalamazoo College when he decided to quit playing soccer, a sport that had been the focus of his childhood and teenage years. Then he began to search for something to replace the training

October

- 24 Mariemont Schools Foundation Gala (evening)
- 28 Mariemont Foundation Meeting MJHS Library 7:15 p.m.
- 29 TPE Halloween Parade 12:20 p.m.
- 31 Halloween (Trick-or-Treating begins and ends with the sound of the siren: 6-8 p.m.)

November

- 1 Early Dismissal for Mariemont Schools
- 2 Election Day
- 2 TP PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
- 7 TP Historical Society "Archives" Open House 3-6 p.m. St. Thomas Church. For more information, contact John Rockaway at 965-8660.
- 8 AARP Luncheon Noon at SEM Laurels in Milford. Program: Miami Township Police on Protecting Your Identity. For reservations, contact Betty Smith at 831-5434.
- 9-10 TP Elementary Book Fair
- 9 TP Garden Club Meeting at the Community Building. Noon, Social; 12:30 p.m. meeting with pro-

gram immediately following. Randy Haller, Village Arborist, will discuss TP's new tree plan and Mariemont Florist will demonstrate arranging in a pumpkin or gourd and other holiday arrangements. For more information, contact Ogle Annett at 248-1453.

- 9 TP Village Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 10 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 10 Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7 p.m. at Community Building. For more information, contact Alison Connor at 831-4453.
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 TP Emergency Services Pancake Supper 4:30-7 p.m. TPE Cafeteria
- 15 Mariemont Boosters Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- 17 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 23 TPE Parent/Grandparent Day
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Break for Mariemont Schools

Please call Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619 with calendar information

and intensity of the sport. After stints at the National Outdoor Leadership School and Camp Challenge in Fort Knox, Kentucky, Johann made the decision to join the Army ROTC program.

"He was kind of lost without a huge physical challenge," said Johann's mom, Louise Hindert. "He also ended up really liking the discipline of Camp Challenge." After spending his junior year in Germany, Johann returned to Kalamazoo and continued to finish his degree while attending ROTC training at Western Michigan University. He graduated from college and completed his ROTC training at Ft. Lewis in August of 2003, earning the highest physical training scores of all the male cadets.

Johann is now an officer and Army Ranger assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia. His training continues until the end of November, after which Johann will report to Korea for 12 to 18 months. "He has made it through lots of survival training and a tremendous amount of hard physical work," Louise explained. "There's a lot of deprivation experience in Ranger training. Lots of people drop out because their bodies can't take it."

The four-year commitment to the Army seems to fit Johann just fine. "Overall he likes it a lot," said Louise. "He likes the camaraderie and has lots of respect for the people he's met."

The events of September 11 and subsequent war have intensified the risk and the purpose of having a son in the military. "I know that freedom does not come free. A lot of my generation did not see (action in a) war and certainly we didn't have attacks on our soil," Louise explained. "Unfortunately it is our children's generation that will have to fight the terrorism."

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Neighbor to Neighbor

Jack's good deed

By Ramona McGonagil

After my daughter's swimming lesson at Stepping Stones, we headed to United Dairy Farmer's (UDF) for our weekly treat of Superman ice cream. If you're not familiar with it I fondly refer to it as "Blue Goo." My daughter loves it! When I pulled out a 50-dollar bill to pay Lisa Cooper the cashier, she stepped back from the counter and said "Oh, don't you have something smaller?" By chance, my husband walked in and was able to bail us out. We headed outside where kids were riding their bikes, neighbors were socializing and people of all ages were frolicking with pets and friends. We crossed over this common and headed for an umbrella table to eat our "Goo."

It wasn't until I emptied my pockets to do laundry the next day that I realized my 50 dollars was missing. I began to trace my steps at home searching every corner of the house. My search yielded nothing. At this point I concluded that the bill did not make it back into my pocket at UDF. After further thought I decided that I would never see my fifty dollars again. After all, what would the chances be that some honest person would find the money and turn it in? When my husband came home from work that day, I shared my thoughts with him. He encouraged me to follow up at UDF. So after my daughter's next swimming lesson, we headed over for our "Blue Goo" session. I saw Lisa was working again and I inquired about the missing money. She nearly leaped over the counter asking, "Girl, where have you been? A little boy with his grandmother turned it in after you left!"

Lisa asked for my home telephone number and from there she worked her magic. I received a call from her within a few days to let me know that I could pick up my money. Lisa also gave me the name of the good deed doer, 7-year-old Jack Findley. I was amazed not just because Jack was honest enough to



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Ramona McGonagil thanked Jack Findley for his good deed.

turn in my money, but also because my daughter has been so impressed with this entire ordeal. If you have small children you know their minds are little sponges. She repeats the name "Jack Findley" over and over again, sometimes even putting it to a cute melody. My daughter has also learned that if you find something that does not belong to you, you take it to Lisa at UDF and she will find the owner!

I have never met Jack but as a school and family counselor, I have been around my share of 7-year-olds. I can picture a little boy finding this windfall of money and his mind whirling with ideas of how to spend it - perhaps a new scooter, roller blades, baseball glove or even a year's supply of "Blue Goo!" Jack somehow put these powerful desires aside to do the right thing and his good deed reflects worthy character.

Jack's parents and grandparents can be proud of him. Also we can feel good about living in a community where parents instill such important values in their children. Jack's good deed goes beyond restoring my finances. He has also taught my daughter first-hand a valuable lesson of honesty and integrity. She will remember this for the rest of her life. Jack, how can I reward you for your good deed when it is priceless?



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

A safe crossing
Kudos to Lieutenant Jerry Hayhow and our police department for helping to make Terrace Park children a little safer. Officer Hayhow has arranged for an officer to help school children cross Wooster Pike at Western on most mornings.

Parents do it again

By Pat Wirthlin
October 6, 2004

The Terrace Park Elementary School Boutique is an after-school trinket, mum and bake sale. If you want to understand the parent commitment, think: "Dan McManus popped popcorn!" The Boutique raised \$1000 for the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Jill Donnelly managed the merriment. She is quick to thank Dee Walter, Kim Grau, Sybil Schooler, Cindy Gorman, Leslie McManus, and the rest of the committee for a job well done.

If you want to see something that will warm your heart just take a look at our framed Blue Ribbon award. We are so happy with and proud of our staff! Principal Linda Lee and teachers Carrie Coates and Linda Wiley will attend ceremonies in Ohio and Washington DC in honor of our award. I wonder if they will see the President. PTO President Jenny Whitaker said, at a ceremony held at



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Cookie monsters dove into the delectable offerings at this year's Boutique.

school, "Quite a day; quite an honor."

Author Rick Sowash will visit all three elementary schools as the result of the efforts of Will Hillenbrand and the Author Visit Committee. Will

asked that we all show our appreciation for the Mariemont School Board's offer to contribute half the cost of the author visits. The visits cost about \$1000 per author so all contributions really help.

I went to Camp Kern as a Mariemont School District 6th grader. Lo and behold it still happens these many years later! The students and the Mariemont High School Senior counselors really enjoy this four-night educational camping trip. The cost to parents is now \$150. The Board wants our ideas on how to reduce this cost. Talk has been to reduce the stay from four to three nights. Let's hope that this can be avoided. Please call Jenny Whitaker with your suggestions and ideas.

We have had a very dangerous situation for many years at an unattended crossing at Wooster and Western where children who walk or ride their bikes to school have to cross Wooster without protection. Lieutenant Jerry Hayhow has now arranged for an officer to cross children at this spot on most mornings. This is so important for the safety of those children. Thank you Officer Jerry!

Superintendent Gerald Harris really wants the voters in the school district to be informed. An "Open-Door Dialogue with the Superintendent" session will be held on October 28th, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Board of Education office, 6743 Chestnut Street. Please attend and ask your questions and voice your concerns.

The PTO website is up and running. Go to Mariemontschools.org and follow the link.

See you next month!




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The Freshman class of 2008 meet up at the Village Green before their first Homecoming Dance. All have been friends since grade school.

Kindervelt #76 Presents Terrace Park's 18th Annual Luminaria

Sunday December 5th, 2004

Beautiful luminarias lighting everyone's homes in Terrace Park – what a magical way to start the holiday season!

Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will once again sell luminaria kits in connection with the 18th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The fire siren will sound at 6 p.m. on December 5th signaling everyone to light their luminarias. If the weather is poor no siren will sound, and the lighting will be postponed for one week. All of the festivities on the green, including the tree lighting ceremony, will begin at approximately 6:45pm.

Kindervelt members will be selling the luminaria kits door-to-door throughout the next few weeks. Luminaria kits contain 20 candles, 20 white paper bags, approximately 15 pounds of sand, and instructions for assembly. Each kit costs \$12 and can be placed along the sidewalk, driveway or street. If you have not been solicited by a Kindervelt member by November 15th and would like to place an order, please call
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Terrace Park Historical Society open house highlights village memorabilia

Families, children, new and long-time residents are all encouraged to come!!
 By Susan Abernethy Frank

The Terrace Park Historical Society (TPHS) will host an open house on Sunday, November 7 from 3-6p.m. at their archives in St. Thomas Church. This will be the first time that the archives have been open to the membership as well as the general public. The archives are in two rooms on the middle level of the old education building at St. Thomas. Enter the church from the Terrace Place entrance.

Highlights will include:

- Photo displays from Robinson's Circus, Terrace Park School, the Community House, transportation lines, fire trucks, local businesses such as Terrace Market and Terrace Tavern, and village activities. TPHS "docents" will describe the various displays
- View the maps in the newly acquired map case and trace the physical progress of the village. Check out what was on your property before the house was built...could have been a blackberry patch, or the elephant house!
- Photos of the historic homes (over 100 years)
- Story telling for children and adult children at 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (15 minutes plus times for questions) of Terrace Park in the '40s and early '50s. Learn about the role of the log cabin, the all-day labor day, the swimming hole behind the church, the trains, the Market, the "dump," Miami Grove, vacant lots, tree houses, ballet and ballroom dancing and kindergarten in the community house, the bridges, Rahn's, the "haunted houses," and much more.
- On-going video of Terrace Park's history and the village in the early '90s
- Door prizes for children and for families
- Family and individual memberships available...great for holiday gift giving. Other Terrace Park related gift items also available.

Newly elected Historical Society co-presidents John Rockaway and Susan Abernethy Frank, as well as the entire Board, wish to encourage all residents to take part in the interesting and fun filled afternoon event.

Terrace Park students excel

Commended students

Congratulations to Mariemont High School seniors and Terrace Park residents Hannah Pardue, Megan Peterkin and Carrie Porter on being named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who took the PSAT.

All-American swimmers

Mariemont High School juniors and Terrace Park residents Dan Austin and Wren Dupre were both named to the 2004 USA Swimming Scholastic All-American Team. The Scholastic All-America Team is comprised of high school student-athletes, who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and have competed in an individual event in the 2003 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals, 2003 Summer Speedo Champions Series (sectionals), 2003 U.S. Open, 2004 ConocoPhillips Spring Nationals, 2004 Spring Speedo Champions Series (sectionals), 2003 National Disability Championships and 2003 Open Water National Championships.

Both boys swim for Mariemont High School and the Mason Manta Rays.

Mariemont High School writer excels

Mariemont High School junior and Terrace Park resident Lily Vonderheide has been accepted into Jackie Demaline's (Cincinnati Enquirer theater critic) 2004-5 Theatre Criticism Workshop at Playhouse in the Park. This is a full-year workshop where Lily will attend and review this year's Playhouse performances. Lily also attended Kenyon Young Writer's Institute this summer.

Young journalist

Mariemont High School senior and Terrace Park resident Carrie Porter, co-editor of *The Warpath*, attended a week-long journalism camp at Indiana University this summer. Carrie won an IU scholarship for outstanding writing.

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Sexmith attends Technology Institute

Mariemont High School senior and Terrace Park resident Nick Sexmith attended Operation Catapult at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana. The Rose Hulman Institute is a selective engineering/computer science college. Now in its 38th year, Operation Catapult is a unique three-week summer program for high school students who've completed their junior year. Each session is limited to approximately 110 students who think they have an interest in engineering or science.

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3. Private schools that achieve in the top 10 percent in the nation.

Terrace Park resident and proud father of a current elementary school student, Congressman Rob Portman joined in the festivities congratulating the staff and recognizing the students' part in earning this award.

"You can't teach unless somebody wants to learn," Portman said. In order to mark their achievement, Portman will present the school with a flag flown over the capitol to recognize and celebrate this achievement.

Principal Linda Lee, who was joined by her predecessors Bob Denny, Mike Zimmermann, and Jerry Sasson, recognized each teacher and member of the staff as the "backbone of the school." She also commented on the "long hard road that you paved to get us here."

"Throughout the country there are schools that are exemplary, that set the standard, that are modes for US education," said Superintendent Dr. Gerry Harris. "This school district, this school promised its students, its parents, its tax payers that we could have the finest school in the nation and today is recognition of a promise made and a promise kept."

Whether you are an alum, a parent, a future parent or someone who knows how a good school can impact a community, take a moment to be proud of our school. And remember, even when the blue ribbons are gone from the façade, the elite status and commitment to edu-



Photos: Chandl Findley

While the Mariemont marching band (above) supplied a festive beat, several kindergarteners from the morning session returned for the blue ribbon ceremony.

cation that a *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon school has will continue to ring through the halls of Terrace Park Elementary and our community for decades to come.

From software to soft wear

By Sherry Holcomb

It is a long way from the doilies her mother made seemingly by the hundreds, but Vicki Leopold's new career is bringing her full circle – back to the fiber arts she learned as a child. After 20 years in the corporate world working in information technology, Vicki is returning to her roots with a shop in Terrace Park offering classes and supplies for knitting, crocheting and sewing. Together with business partner Evan Corbett, Vicki owns and operates Fibergé at 702 Indian Hill Road (former home of Yankee Dollar.)

"I still get to do lots of the business-related things I love," says Vicki of her career change. "But now I get to be around the things I love. I was getting burned out and looking for an alternative to the corporate world. Now I am working more hours, but it is different and I'm having fun."

Vicki knew that she wanted to tap into her creative side in her next career. After a little soul searching, she realized that the current trend toward "do-it-yourself" projects was a business opportunity waiting to happen. "People were always asking me to help them with a project," Vicki explains. "I found myself teaching knitting, sewing and crocheting to friends. I'm a really crafty person, and I loved doing it."

Once Vicki found her direction, she talked it over with friend Evan Corbett and he liked the idea so much he decided to become a partner in Fibergé. Though Evan doesn't know the fiber arts, he runs his own small business and has helped get the operation up and running. In fact, the company name was Evan's idea.

Soon the partners started looking for space. In February of this year, Vicki found just what she was looking for in Terrace Park. "As soon as I drove by (the old Yankee Dollar) I knew this was it," Vicki says. By June 7, the shelves were stocked with natural fiber and novelty yarns of every color, employees were hired, the business systems were in place, the signs were hung and the doors were open. Since then, knit and crochet clubs are meeting weekly at Fibergé,



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Fibergé owners Vicki Leopold and Evan Corbett offer the materials, classes and comfy couches necessary to pursue the fiber arts.

class offerings have expanded, and a special workshop and grand opening have been held.

Fibergé is continuing to offer beginner classes and is adding advanced classes for people who want to learn new techniques. Lace, knitting with beads, and even rug hooking are now offered in response to customer input. Classes in weaving, spinning and needlepoint may be added in the future. Operating hours and the new class schedule are available on the company website at www.fiberge.com. or you can stop by to get your name

on the mailing list.

Whether you're into the fiber arts or not, you can't help but be impressed by the relaxed and creative atmosphere Vicki and Evan have created at Fibergé. Where else can you sit on comfy couches to knit and crochet, while yarns of wool, silk, cotton, linen, mohair, alpaca and even possum surround you?

Summing up her new business adventure, Vicki says, "People have a need to be creative. There's a certain pride people have in making something themselves."

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Hayhow, during the Police Department report, told Council that a burglary at a home on Indian Hill Rd. occurred sometime between September 14 and October 11. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation and continues to do so. Our Police Department reminds us that residents should lock doors and set alarms if available. A good suggestion is for residents to take photos of their belongings. After a robbery it is difficult to remember everything. Photo documentation can be very helpful. The Terrace Park Police Department also encourages neighbors to look out for neighbors. If you see something that looks suspicious, by all means call the Police Department. They will be happy to investigate.

Call before you begin a project

Mayor Jay Gohman addressed Council with one message for residents. "Before you begin any construction project on your home or in your yard, please call the Village office or the Building Department."

Life squad and fire department

Connie Wilson, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief, told

Council that the Annual Pancake Supper will be held November 13, 2004. Fire Department and EMS personnel will be selling tickets, door to door. This is the major fund raiser for these fine departments.

Chief Jeff Carle reported that a "specifications document" for the purchase of a new fire truck is complete and ready to send out for bid. This 42-page document was put together with many hours of work by Chief Carle, Tony Lehman, Luke Frey, John Maggard, and Chris Rugh. Many other fire departments were consulted for information and suggestions. The Chief also praised John Maggard for the renderings of the proposed truck.

Chief Carle told Council that both the civil defense siren and the fire department siren should be operational around October 20. The radio required for transmission, for the Civil Defense siren will be placed on an antenna in Indian Hill.

New Master Tree Planting Plan

Councilman Jeff Koreman announced to Council that some changes were being made to the Terrace Park Master Tree Planting Plan. In an effort to be sure of the facts, I spoke to Randy Haller and found that the new plan includes

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This house at the corner of Stanton and Floral Avenues is a classic example of the International Style of design.

Terrace Park Historical Society

"Tracking our past and present for the future"

By Carol C. Cole

The house at the corner of Stanton and Floral Avenues is important architecturally and we are very fortunate to have it in Terrace Park. It is a house in the International Style, one that some refer to as "the boat house." This house is one of significance that we should take good care of and preserve.

"International style, also

known as the Modern movement, is a primarily American offshoot of Bauhaus architecture (begun in Germany) that was exported to various parts of the world. International style was a major architectural trend in the 1920s and 1930s and is considered the most minimal form of modernism." In 1932 there was an International Exhibition of Modern Architecture

at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City that "spread the ideals of the style, making it one of the dominant architectural movements of the mid-20th Century." Houses in this style display many of the following features: "Asymmetrical; Horizontal orientation; Flat roof; No cornices or eaves; Cube-like shape; Smooth, white walls; Sleek streamlined appearance; Rounded corners highlighted by wraparound windows; Glass block windows; Suggestion of speed and movement: Horizontal rows of windows or decorative bands; Little or no ornamentation." Some confuse Art Deco (the style of several downtown Cincinnati buildings and Union Terminal) with Art Moderne but in fact they are very different. "While both have stripped-down forms and geometric-based ornamentation, the moderne style will appear sleek and unornamented, while the slightly earlier deco style can be quite showy." "Art Moderne truly reflected the spirit of the early twentieth century. Expressing excitement over technological advancements, high speed transportation, and innovative new construction techniques, Art Moderne design was highlighted at the 1933 World Fair Chicago. For homeowners, Art Moderne also proved to be a pragmatic style because these simple dwellings were so easy and economical to build." (All quotations are from the internet if you look up International Style)

We are told that our International Style home was built sometime between 1938 and 1941 by the Ferrow Cement Company (now Turner Construction). It may have been built for an unknown family or perhaps more probably for the Donald R. Hopkins family who were quite possibly the original occupants. They lived there until 1978 and many people may remember working on items for the St. Thomas Church Bazaar in their basement. In 1978 it was purchased by Richard and Carol Hird and they have lived there ever since. There are in fact only a very few residences in the "International Style" in all of Cincinnati so we are very fortunate to have one. We did have one other at 323 Harvard Avenue. It was built in 1936 for the Schmithorst family but was unfortunately taken down and replaced in 1999 by Drackett and Harth.

Now that you know more about the significance of our "International Style" home, I hope that you'll want to learn more about the houses in Terrace Park and why many of them and our streetscapes are so important to preserve. If you have more information about this home or others in the Park the Terrace Park Historical Society would be glad to get the information from you.

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“Jazzed on the Green” – another success

The second annual Jazzed on the Green hit another high note on the evening of September 18. More than 100 people came out to enjoy great jazz music on the Village Green.

Once again the table decorating contest was over the top. Our participants' creative talents made choosing a winner tough for the panel of judges from the Terrace Park Garden Club. One winner was selected in the categories of “Most Elegant,” “Most Creative,” and “Best Overall.”

A special thanks to this year's sponsors, Ogle Annett, Coldwell Banker/West Shell and Marc Michelson Homes, whose support helped make this event possible.

“Jazzed on the Green was a great success,” said Sybil Schooler, chairperson. “We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.”



Best Overall: “Golf Widows” (pictured l-r) Marvin and Patricia Lopez, Carolyn and Kent Faulkner, Abby and Jay Messner, Gina and Sean Curran, and Lisi and Dan George.



Most Elegant: “The Stepford Wives” (pictured l-r) Mary Rose and Tony Cutrino, Todd and Julie Coates, Chuck and Melanie Stutenroth, and Leslie and Dan McManus.



Mountain Dulcimer Fall Festival

The Mountain Dulcimer Fall Festival featuring Bill Taylor in workshops and in concert will take place Saturday, October 23 at the Terrace Park Community Building.

Bill Taylor is a master dulcimer and teacher as well as a skilled dulcimer builder. The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society is bringing him back to this area again to conduct three workshops during the day and to present an evening public concert.

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The 7:45 p.m. concert is just a \$5 donation (children 12 and under admitted free). But, come early (at 6:30 p.m.) for the free “Open-Stage” performances of society members!

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Most Creative: “Don’t Drink the Water” by pregnant couples (pictured l-r) Kurt and Becky Shoemaker, Regina and Tom (not pictured) Sharp, Kyle and Melissa Gearhart, and Melissa and John Gaskey.

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Bike trail update

Councilman Koreman reported that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODOT) has been very cooperative in working on the bike trail planning with Terrace Park. Koreman stated that they are putting together aerial views showing the trail locations, which they will provide.

Community building update

Councilman Stefan Olson said that the Community Building committee has received responses from contractors and will meet to review them. Presentations of plans will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Tax levy forum

The last tax levy forum is October 26. The levy and bond issue will be on the ballot as Issues 18 and 19. (See page 2 for related letters to the editors.)

2004 International and Military Mail Christmas Mailing Dates

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The ladies of the Terrace Park Garden Club put a feminine touch to an autumn standard. This fashion maven even sports the latest in ribbon belts.

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Terrace Park Backyard “Brew” Ha-Ha! There’s fun to be had with dancing to live music featuring the band “Savvy,” a slow-cooked pig roast, a wig and hat contest, plenty of brew and a bonfire. This great get together is hosted by your friends and neighbors the Gardners, Saulniers, Cinquinas, Gaburos, Porsts, Graumlchs, Machleses, Longs, McCormacks, Hermansons and Wittrys. Sign up calling Leigh Saulnier by Oct. 25th at 576-1581. Cost is \$25 per person with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Terrace Park Parent Teacher Organization.

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Reminder Leaf pick-up will run through November

Stick collection will not occur during leaf collection. Leaves should be left on the curb.

Reminder, the machines used to vacuum the leaves can be easily damaged by sticks and other debris. Repairing these machines can be costly, so please be sure to only put leaves in the pile for pick up.

Also, playing in these leaf piles near the street can be dangerous. As a parent, be sure to warn your children not to play in these piles and as a driver, be sure to avoid driving through a leaf pile.


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