

## The newest ultimate volunteers recognized at council

By Susan House

*Want to see the action but missed the meeting? Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at 10:30 p.m., and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.*

John Maggard noted that a new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) class began on September 12, 2005. The people who have volunteered to take this class and then work as on-call EMS personnel are; Jeff Carle, Amy Evans, Bill Evans, Derek Gehring, Mark McCarthy and Sue Troller. Thanks to our current EMS staff and this new group who have volunteered to serve the Village! Fire Chief Jeff Carle mentioned that Terrace Park has the last all-volunteer fire department in the county. He also noted that 70 percent of firefighters, nationwide, are volunteers.

### Footpath and Wooster sidewalks

Calling themselves "The Wrenwood Gang," an impressive

group of citizens expressed a multitude of opinions in favor of the improvement of the path between their neighborhood and Terrace Park Elementary. Steve Vianello led with a detailed history of the path starting with its origination in 1959. The generally expressed consensus was that the improvements done, so far, are not adequate. Residents felt that the route should be paved, like a "sidewalk," with either concrete or asphalt. Wrenwood homeowners said that they were reliant upon their children using the path when they purchased their homes. Numerous children's injury events were reiterated to council and the mayor.

Jack Gambetta, 1 Kent Circle, stated that the path runs on his property, and that he was there to represent residents who are opposed to making the path better than it is. He felt that the work done thus far is excellent and no further improvement needs to be done. When Village Council was pressed for an answer from residents, Councilman Jack Brown stated that it would be

two or three months before anything could be done. He said that a lot of work needs to be done, and no provision for path work has been included in the budget. Councilman Stefan Olson said that council is addressing the sidewalk repairs on Wooster Pike. (Later in the evening meeting, council approved a resolution to award a bid for the complete repair of the sidewalk on Wooster Pike at a cost of \$20,420.)

Mayor Jay Gohman ultimately remarked that council must work on the Wrenwood path issue and would develop a committee to do so, headed by Councilman Brown. The mayor would like all council members to see the path, and he would like the Village Solicitor Malloy to offer guidance regarding rules, regulations, signage, etc.

### Sound ordinance

Juliann Gardner, 3 Given Lane, questioned Council concerning any action that might have been taken to enact a sound ordinance on Wooster Pike. Council said that any noise abatement issues would need

to be coordinated with ODOT. Gardner also wanted to know if the Terrace Park Council is an active participant in the planning of the "Eastern Corridor" with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Councilman Jeff Koreman volunteered to attend meetings so that the community would have knowledge of future ODOT plans.

### Council candidate forum

Al Nelson, 700 Franklin, announced the Terrace Park Council Forum which is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm,

at the Parish Hall of St. Thomas Church. The mayor and each council member will speak about their particular areas of work. (See article in this month's *Village Views*).

### Flooding questions answered

Sandra Asbach, Certified Flood Manager, was present to answer questions about her review of the creeks and streams in the village. According to Councilman Brown, the first area with a developed plan is "Stream #27" which runs from Indian

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## Derelict raft washes up on Terrace Park shore

Early this summer, Terrace Park residents Kurt and Evan Finch returned from canoeing on the Little Miami River to find an odd raft washed ashore near their home. The rock beach, immediately behind Michigan Drive, is the location of much summer fun for the kids of the neighborhood. This discovery, however, combined adventure with environmental pro-activism.

Evan immediately rallied the street buddies who were home, Timmy Sattergren and Alex Wilson, to investigate this sure source of fun. Initial assessment revealed a makeshift craft created by attaching an old junked amusement park bumper car to a wooden pallet. Apparently, the original unknown amateur naval engineers had a buoyancy problem. They used two thirty-three gallon steel drums to assist in flotation.

Fellow Michigan Drive residents Connor Carman and Christian Lehman soon joined in, rounding out the roster of this age group of boys on the street. It was then discovered that the steel drums, marked "Cutting Oil," were leaking an oily substance directly into the Little Miami River, creating a visible sheen. Thoughts of venturing to the Ohio River in a raft immediately turned to environmental concern for our precious river.

The boys contacted the Terrace Park police. The investigating officer called the fire department and John Maggard came upon the scene with the response truck. Due to hazy boundary issues the Milford Police were summoned and a plan of action devised. Milford brought in fifty-five gallon drums to encase the leaking cans and removed them with a John Deere Gator for disposal.



Timmy Sattergren (top,) Sam Burchenal (left,) and Evan Finch, prepare to set sail for the Ohio River.

With the environmental threat resolved the boys returned to restoring the raft for further use. Buoyancy issues persisted until runoff from the next rain storm moved the craft along its path toward the Gulf of Mexico,

leaving the Terrace Parkers to their next summer adventure. As fall approaches this generation of boys has moved on to junior high school. Hopefully, they will retain their sense of adventure for years to come.

## 2005 Labor Day pet winners



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Brinkley, a golden doodle who is part of the Ehrnschwender family, was a "Yankee Doodle" and first place winner at the Labor Day Pet Parade. Brinkley is surrounded by (clockwise from top left) Kalynne Corson, Elyse and Adrienne Ehrnschwender, McKenna Corson and Matthew.



Photos: Cyndy Finnigan



(Clockwise from top left): Matty, owned by Nick Stirsman, Cubby, owned by Maren Machles, and Nicky, owned by Arden and Meade Schraff were runners up in this year's pet parade.

Leaf collection begins October 15th and runs thru November 30th.  
No brush collection at this time.



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

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

In response to the village council meeting on Aug.5, 2005 regarding the Wrenwood walking path, we are appalled at the misinformation which was given. Apparently the path was defined as a mere “shortcut” for children to get to school and that it should be maintained as such. Unfortunately, that information has resulted in absolute minimal repair to the path, thus allowing it to worsen to even more unsafe conditions.

Let’s look at the facts here. First and foremost, it is not merely a “shortcut” but the only logical means for children of this area to get to school by walking or riding. The only other possible route they could take is to enter Wooster Pike and travel until they turn onto Western or Elm. Not only is that an unsafe option, it also measures over a mile which we believe warrants bus service to the area. Secondly, the Wrenwood walkway is also means for families, adults and seniors to walk, access the trail, and get to the village green and school for special events.

This beautiful path is very much appreciated by many residents and families just as the sidewalks are throughout the rest of the village. It is our belief that the Village of Terrace Park will do the right thing and uphold its responsibility by repairing and paving this walkway in order to achieve safe conditions again. After all, isn’t one of the best assets of Terrace Park the ability to take advantage of all the amenities as well as visit friends and family by walking and riding in a safe environment?

Sincerely,  
Mike & Darcy Moehring  
138 Wrenwood Ln.

To the Editor,

We are writing this letter to explain the situation concerning the path connecting Wrenwood Ln. and Denison Ln. In last month’s *Village Views* there was some incorrect information given to our readers. The facts are as follows.

On December 8, 1959 under Ordinance No. 14-1959 Terrace Park accepted a parcel of land which is now known as the “Wrenwood Path” from three families who owned the land that the path was to be placed on. This land was given for the use of its residents. The restrictions placed on this easement were that the village “agrees to construct and maintain a hard surface walkway not to exceed 4 feet in width... and motor vehicle use be restricted”. For this land donation the village agreed that “the right of way shall be used as a public walkway for the benefit of the general public and be kept unobstructed at all times”. Very simply, they gave this land to the village, released the liability to the village, and wanted the residents of the village to have safe passage to the heart of the park.

Over six years ago we moved to this quaint community where tree lined streets nestled over unlocked houses and cars. We purchased a house and turned it into a home to raise our children. The quiet, wooded street gave us everything we were looking for, including a safe walking access to get to the heart of the park and school as there is no bus service up here. As our children grew so did our use of the path. We continually noticed how hard it was to get thru the overgrown bushes, mud covered areas and traverse the broken aged blacktop. Seeing this as a severe safety hazard, we approached council some three years ago. Nothing was done. Our second attempt fell short because we had new members due to elections. This year, we hoped would be different. We personally contacted council members before going to council in July. At this meeting we again told our story and conveyed our safety concerns. This time we were told something would be done before school.

To our surprise, at the August council meeting some residents actually came forward in opposition to the path. They even suggested closing it and sending the 35+ children and 53 families who live on Wrenwood down the steep hill to Wooster Pike to get to school and the park.

In early Sept. the maintenance dept., under direction by council and with a very small budget, were told to do something about the bushes, mud and somehow fix the blacktop. Some of the safety concerns around the path have been addressed, but the minimal repairs done to this path are not acceptable to the residents that use it. The proper way to fix the path is to put an overcoat of black top on the existing paved surface similar to what has been done two times since the path was installed 45 years. ago, or to turn it into concrete. This seems to be what council is doing throughout other parts of the village with sidewalks or public easements that need attention or updating, like the new sidewalks that run along Amherst and Elm St.

All we ask is that council step up and fix the problem properly. The process is spelled out in Ordinance 14-1959.

Sincerely,  
The Vianello Family  
135 Wrenwood Ln.

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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October deadline :

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

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

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TP Council Candidate Forum

The Terrace Park Council Forum is scheduled for Thursday, October 6 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish Hall of St. Thomas Church. The mayor and each council member are asked to speak for “up to” four minutes each about their particular areas of work, plans for the future, and how citizens can assist in achieving continued improvements in our village government. The speakers will try to answer any relevant questions in this friendly forum which will be much less formal than is possible in an official Council meeting. (7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 11 in the Community Building.)

Former Mayor Rich Gilchrist had agreed to chair this meeting but had suggested it would be much better for our village if a younger person did so. Therefore Chuck Stutenroth has agreed to chair the evening. He will be assisted as needed by Rich.

At the November 8 election, four persons are to be elected for four year terms beginning January 1, 2006. At this time the candidates are Terry Howe, Jim Muennich, Stephan Olson and Mark Porst. Speakers will be available after the meeting for further discussion.

All residents are encouraged to be present and participate. For further information call **Al Nelson at 831-9220.**

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# Ride of Passage



Matt Parker is greeted by an impromptu welcoming committee.



Matt and his horse Cincinnati stop by for a root beer float and an apple from Sonny.

By Jenny Whitaker

In the soul of every explorer is the wish to see something new, to experience life on a different level, to test one's capabilities in a another environment, and to seek answers to questions inside one's heart. A true modern day explorer, wishing to do all of the above, visited Terrace Park on August 28th. Mounted on his horse named Cincinnati, Matt Parker is traveling the American Discovery Trail (ADT), a 6,800 mile series of trails designed for hikers and bicyclers. The trail connects national, historic and recreational trails and passes thousands of cultural sites and fifteen states. Matt hopes to be the first person to complete the ADT on a horse.

He began his travels in Point Reyes, California in May 2003 riding a Tennessee Walker named Smokey. After braving five months of rough riding over mountains and deserts, nursing his horse from a cougar attack, struggling to find water, and traversing very difficult terrain, he rested outside Moab, Utah at the home of a Mormon rancher. None too soon, for Matt at that point had lost several pounds and was in a weakened state. Outfitted with a mule and a dog supplied by that very kind rancher, Matt continued to Monticello, Colorado but decided to stop before the snows hit the Rockies. That winter, an emotional reunion with his family in Ann Arbor, Michigan led to his decision to stay home for six months working at a camping store. "I'd become quite an expert at outdoor living by then," Matt wryly admits.

Matt resumed his travels in Monticello in June 2004. On this leg of the trip he was astride a horse named Little Face, a Missouri Fox Trotter known for its smooth gait. His route took him through Friuta, Colorado to Denver then on to the southern route of the ADT trail to the Kansas border. Again, a change in weather caused him to take a break for the winter. In June 2005, he began the third leg of his journey looking forward to traveling through more populated areas of the country where food, water and shelter could easily be found. One of the highlights of this section of the trip, Matt says, was traveling the River to River Trail in southern Illinois, part of the

ADT trail that links the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Another highlight was visiting old friends and family in Terrace Park. Matt's parents, Bill and Katie, are good friends of Ed and Ogle Annett and lived in the village for many years while their children were young. They visited while Matt was in town and helped him travel through downtown Cincinnati, where Fox News caught up with him crossing the Purple People Bridge. When he arrived in Terrace Park via the bike trail he was welcomed by a curious group of residents who had many questions for this young man on his lively palomino steed.

When asked why he was making this arduous trip, this introspective young man replied, "I felt I

needed to. It is rare for someone to take a true journey in these modern times. This is a journey of a lifetime."

You can follow Matt's travels on his website, [rideofpassage.com](http://rideofpassage.com) and learn more about the American Discovery Trail at [www.discoverytrail.org](http://www.discoverytrail.org).

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## Village Calendar 2005

### September

**22** "Light the Night" walk to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Sawyer Park, downtown. "The Wiseman Walk...Remembering Arthur" Team with many from Terrace Park will be walking. For more information 361-2100 or see August VV article.

**27** MHS Picture Day

**29** Terrace Park Picture Day

### October

**3** ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 11:45 a.m. at Charlie Baz'l's in Milford. New members welcome. For more information contact **Bob Halley 831-0970**

**4** Rosh Hashanah

**4** Terrace Park Garden Club, Lunch at the Party Source. Learn from Party Source staffers how to prepare this fabulous lunch and then enjoy it with your fellow Garden Club Members. \$15 per person. Call **Jill Kelly, 965-0819** for reservations and transportation information.

**4** TP PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

**4** Terrace Park Elementary "Bootique" 3:20 – 5 p.m.

**6** Village Council Candidate Forum, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Thomas Church

**7** MHS PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

**7** CCDS FallFest, 3:15 p.m. – 7 p.m. at CCDS 6905 Given Road. Inflatables, games, country market, food, and fun for all. See article for details.

**9** Dedication Ceremony 1 p.m. and festivities for the naming of the Nature Preserve to "The Miami Grove Nature Preserve." Picnics, families and

friends welcome! **Call 607-3066** for more information.

**10** Columbus Day

**10** AARP Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Anne Fredrickson discusses the Medicare Drug Benefit-Part D. Call **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650** for more information.

**11** NO SCHOOL for students

**11** Visiting author Jim Trelease gives a parent presentation, 7 p.m. at MHS, contact **Will Hillenbrand, 831-5830** for more information.

**12** Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. location to be announced. Call **Rhea Green at 248-9969** for more information.

**13** Yom Kippur

**15** Fall Leaf Collection begins and runs through November 30.

**18** Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS C20 Public Welcome

**19** MJH PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

**21** Terrace Park Pumpkin Festival 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**27** Mariemont School Foundation Meeting at MHS, 7:30 pm.

**30** Day Light Savings Time Ends, FALL BACK 1 Hour

**31** HALLOWEEN

**31** Terrace Park Elementary Halloween Parade, 2 p.m.

**31** Trick or Treat, listen for the siren to mark the beginning and end of trick or treating

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## CCDS honor roll student

Cincinnati Country Day School eighth grade student Allison Lazarus was accidentally omitted from the list of honor roll recipients in the last issue of the *Village Views*. Allison also received the Bobby Pogue Prize for Leading Scholar of the seventh grade. Congratulations, Allison!

## Save the date... TERRACE PARK HOUSE TOUR and Luminaria Sunday December 4, 2005

Terrace Park Garden Club  
Terrace Park Historical Society

Is anyone in Terrace Park interested in starting a Terrace Park Genealogical Society? That would be another good way to gather information about Terrace Park families. Contact Carol C. Cole 831-6771 or cccole4@juno.com.

## CCDS FallFest

October 7, to coincide with the Homecoming Football game, Cincinnati Country Day School will host FallFest on campus at 6905 Given Road. There will be inflatables, games, a country market, food and most of all fun. The festivities start at 3:15 p.m. and go until the game starts at 7 p.m. Everyone will enjoy playing games and earning "money" toward fabulous prizes including feather boas, light up hats and more. LaRosas, Montgomery Inn and Skyline will be there for dinner. It's never too early to shop the country market for such items as mums, cornstalks, hay bales and PUMPKINS. All are welcome!!!!

## Baby-sitting

Recent college graduate with elementary education major. Call TP resident Katie Harrier @ 309-1107 or 576-6363.



Susan Malone (president), Holly Long (treasurer), Sally Gaburo (vp) and LouAnn Mauk (secretary) encourage parents to attend the TP PTO meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

## Terrace Park Elementary PTO news

Classes are in full swing at Terrace Park Elementary (TPE) and so is the Terrace Park Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We start right off with two traditional fall extravaganzas. The **Bootique** marketplace opens for business from 3:20 p.m. to 5 pm on Tuesday, October 4 offering oodles of Halloween trinkets, cupcakes, cookies and more. Batty bingo will entertain your little goblins. You'll find pumpkins, cornstalks and Indian corn in the TP Pumpkin Patch. Gorgeous mum pre-orders will await your pick up. Gently used costumes will be brought back to life and on sale. And don't miss our new line of retro-style TP Bulldog sportswear. Then the granddaddy of fall celebrations, **Pumpkin Festival 2005**, arrives on Friday, October 21 (see related article).

Also this fall, the Mariemont School District and elementary PTA/PTOs bring you **visiting author, Jim Trelease**, on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. at Mariemont High School. Author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, Mr. Trelease will share his plan to motivate children to become life-long readers. Contact Will Hillenbrand (831-5830) to reserve your seats today.

Please remember to refill and use your **TPE Kroger Card** every time you shop. Just tell the cashier

before they start to ring up your order to load your card first. It's so easy and such a great fundraiser for your school. If you need a card, Susan Venderbush (248-2991) will be happy to deliver one to you!

Another popular fundraiser, **Market Day**, comes your way the first Wednesday of every month. Order forms are available in the school office or you can easily order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Judy Heffner (831-5941) is looking for a few able-bodied helpers on those Wednesday afternoons – adults or junior and senior high school students are welcome!

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Project Connect, the Cincinnati-based educational program serving homeless children, kicks off the 2005-2006 school year with its 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser in November. The Children's Faces Without Places Benefit will be held Friday, November 18 from 7 p.m. – midnight at the Drees Pavilion at Devou Park in Covington. This year's theme is *Denim and Diamonds*. Benefit chairs are Ann Sergeant Gibson of Terrace Park, and Elizabeth Pierce of Indian Hill. The benefit will feature rockin' tunes from Savvy, dinner-by-the-bite, a silent auction, and a *Denim and Diamonds* theme-inspired raffle.

Project Connect is Cincinnati's only education-based program working to break the cycle of homelessness through education. Serving Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties, the program's educators, social workers and volunteers strive to serve the more

than 6,000 homeless children, ages birth to 17, in the greater Cincinnati area through tutoring, transportation to and from school, academic and educational enrichment programs, and some social services.

Project Connect has served more than 14,000 children in the greater Cincinnati area since its inception in 1996. Project Connect is an independent non-profit organization which works collaboratively with Cincinnati Public Schools to offer educational assistance and a level of stability to children whose lives are torn apart by inconsistency and the struggle to meet their daily basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.

For more information, about the benefit and how you can help, please phone Ann Gibson at (513) 236-7398. For more information about Project Connect, to volunteer or make a donation, please phone Project Connect at (513) 363-1060.

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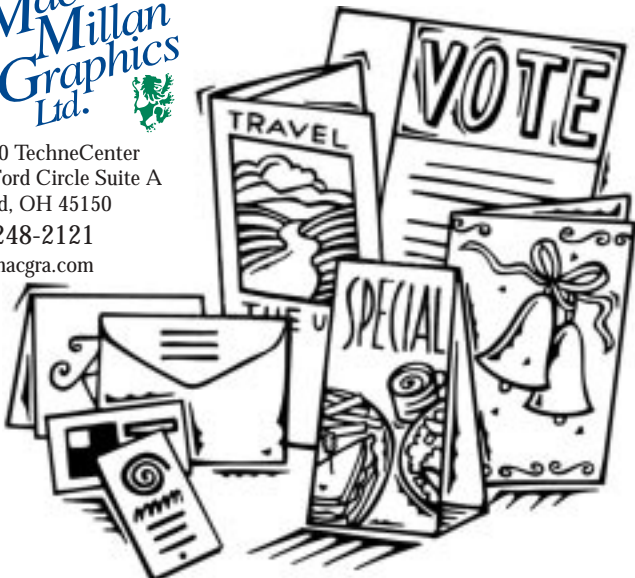
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Police report

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

Two residents reported violations of personal property. An antique kettle in a yard and a wall along a driveway were damaged.

Parties responsible for having blown up mailboxes on Wagon Road Lane and on Denison Lane were apprehended and charged with criminal damaging and possession of fireworks.

An individual wanted on a capias count was apprehended. The subject who was found to be in possession of painkillers without a prescription was cited for drug abuse.

In other activity the department verified identity of an individual who was in the village to repossess a car, responded to a check on welfare request and assisted a resident with removal of a bat from a home.

The fire department responded to a transformer fire on Fieldstone Drive.

Emergency Medical Services assisted five residents.

Mutual aid was provided twice to Milford police and twice to Newtown officers.

Although they are not detailed in this column we want to note additional duties involving the Terrace Park Police Department. Every month officers assist residents with lock outs at homes and cars, regularly check businesses for security and respond to alarm drops. The department is also responsible for patrolling the more than two miles of Wooster Pike within village corporation boundaries. Officers handle numerous OVI, apprehension and processing of individuals under warrant from other jurisdictions, and checking pulled over vehicles for drug and firearm possession.

Their efforts in this respect also contribute to the overall security of the village.

By Carol C. Cole

Recently I've had e-mails from two children of John R. and Bonita Gehrig giving me information about their family and their home at 619 Miami Avenue. That has got me thinking about the wonderful information we get from Terrace Park people as well as the information that's been collected at the Terrace Park Historical Society. We always welcome additions to what we already have. When I looked at the Gehrig folder in our "people file" I decided you might be interested to know some of what we have about this one particular family.

John R. Gehrig had their home built in 1929 by Paul Cook. Robert McGrew Critchell was the architect. The family is very proud that their home remains in the same family to this day. John and Bonita had four children: John and Michael, and twin daughters Mary and Anne. John died in 1967 and Bonita in 1983. The house then went to their daughter Mary, with the other three children selling her their interests. Mary and her husband George Kipp had five children: George, Jeffrey, Jennifer and twin girls Susan and Sarah. Now in 2005 the house has been sold to their daughter Jennifer and her husband Steven Dronsfield, who have a daughter, Rachael.

In our archives, thanks to Stan Miller, we have articles about the weddings of John A., Mary,



The Gehrig/Kipp/Dronsfield home — 619 Miami.

Anne and Michael Gehrig. We also have articles about the birth of John A. Gehrig and Anne Gehrig Klonne's first child, Christopher Michael. I wish we had a copy of the actual birth announcement of John in 1937. His parents had obtained permission from the publishers of Time Magazine to announce John's birth in Time Magazine format, which they did. John and Michael Gehrig were attorneys like their father and evidently practiced together at one time. We have a newspaper article telling us that John had the second highest grade in the state bar exam when he took it in 1963. Bonita was evidently a great knitter and ran the Knit and Purl Corner at Elm and Main Streets in Milford.

John R. Gehrig was Solicitor of the Village of Terrace Park for more than 20 years. After his sudden death in 1967 Council passed a resolution "expressing the sympathy of Council for his untimely death." They note the "dedicated, efficient, faithful and diligent services rendered" "His professionalism, pride in his work, dedication and love for the Village and its people were constantly demonstrated by wit and wisdom to young and old, to friend and acquaintance."

Flach Douglas wrote an article about John, who evidently was a great storyteller. He must have filled the youth at the time full of stories about the cleanliness or otherwise of the Little Miami River, that "the catfish were the only edible fish to be caught and the catch had to be made in a very special way." You'll have to come to the Terrace Park Historical Society to read this most entertaining article. Flach also wrote, "He had many other attributes. He had come from Germany as a youngster and went to work for The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company. While holding this job he went to night law school, was graduated and passed the bar examination. Though a Republican he went to work for Simion Johnson, the fine legal elder statesman of the Democratic Party in Cincinnati. During the war he served in the Navy and continued this activity after the war in the Naval Reserve. He was a Commander when retired. As the Village Solicitor of Terrace Park he worked long hours and received little pay and in addition to fulfilling the duties as the town's lawyer, he was also a steadying influence. Last week John Gehrig died. I'll miss him."



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# Hunter Barnhill flies himself to college



Most 12-year-old boys are found riding bikes to UDF, wandering down to the river to fish, or hanging out at the Terrace Park Swim Club during the summers. In the summer of 1998 Hunter Barnhill did some of those things, but what his parents remember most about his twelve year old summer was the special time he spent with his grandfather Donald Ewers learning to fly his grandfather's airplane, a Citabria. In August 2005 Hunter realized his teenage dream of flying himself to college with his Grandfather as his co-pilot in a Piper Lance PA 32. The first time Hunter's parents, Katy and Bruce Barnhill of 801 Wooster Pike, remember Hunter in the cockpit was as a toddler. "He used to love to go out to Clermont County Airport and sit in Grandpa's plane."

Don Ewers, a Certified Flight Instructor who owns and flies two



As a young boy, Hunter Barnhill got to sit in the pilot's seat of his grandfather's airplane.

planes, spent hours over the last four years teaching Hunter aerodynamics, navigation, weather patterns, and the FAA rules and regulations. He also instructed Hunter in basic instrument training and night flight training, both locally and cross country. Hunter then had to perform three hours of cross country flying, as well as a solo cross country flight. To receive a license Hunter also did ten hours of solo flying, fulfilled requirements of the FAA with regard to training and in-

struction and he passed a written exam, oral exam and in flight test. Hunter, a 2005 graduate of Mariemont High School, is a freshman at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is planning to major in Meteorology and then join the military for advanced aeronautical training. He is a proven pilot with sixteen documented solo flight hours since receiving his pilots license this summer.

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Hill past the Swim Club through to the Little Miami. Bids have been requested for this work. Another area needing work is at the end of Red Bird Lane and Stoney Creek. Time has not been adequate to bid this job. Asbach stated that, if creeks are cleaned out, the work should keep them clean for ten to twelve years. Councilman Olson urges residents to keep the streams clean. His message is "do not dump garbage or any plant materials in the creeks." Obstruction in the bed of a waterway causes flooding.

## Mayor's report

Mayor Gohman announced that four residents have stepped up and filed for election as city council members. The mayor offered thanks to the spouses of the four candidates. He and council members extended many thanks to Al Nelson for his ongoing work on the election of city council members, and the organizing of the Candidates' Forum.

With regard to the Chief of Police, the Mayor stated that the process should be completed by mid fall. Lt. Jerry Hayhow is acting police chief.

The mayor expressed thanks to Susan House, (my pleasure) Robin Penderly, Walt DeWees and the many volunteers who made the Labor Day events a success. These events benefit the Terrace Park Recreation Commission. Mayor Gohman reflected that Walt certainly ordered good weather for the Garage Sale and the Labor Day activities on the "green." He reiterated that "volunteerism makes the village what it is."

In closing, Mayor Gohman reminds all residents to check with the Village office before you begin any kind of construction.

## Police and street commissioner report

Interim Police Chief, Lt. Jerry Hayhow, spoke about a "lockdown drill" which was carried out at the elementary school. During the drill the doors to classrooms were locked, with children and teachers inside. Although teachers were able to unlock the doors from the inside, in case of emergency, the Police Department had the only keys to classroom doors. The teachers were very helpful and the exercise was a great success. The police department will mail an evacuation survey so that people with special needs can be accommodated in case of an emergency. Lt. Hayhow asked that forms be filled out and promptly returned.

Interim Street Commissioner, Lt. Hayhow, announced that leaf collection will begin on October 15, 2005, and continue through the end of November. As usual, there will be no brush pick-up during this time period.

## Zoning code

Councilman Olson reflected on public meetings which have been held for discussion of the impending zoning code changes. The meeting dates were posted well in advance of the meeting dates, and were posted on-line at tplist. Olson remarked that he did every thing to get the word out on meeting dates, except hiring a sky-writer. Still only a hand-full of residents attended.

Presently the consultant is drafting the first draft of changes, which will generally be a "clean-up" of the code. Included will be: lot regulations, set backs and percentage of lot development. Upon receipt, the committee will meet to review the first draft. If it is approved, the Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a public meeting. The

mayor expressed his gratitude to Olson for all of the work that he has done on this zoning change project. Council members suggested all residents should attend the zoning change meetings.

## Trees cataloged

Councilman Koreman shared a copy of the large and very comprehensive log of Terrace Park trees that has been compiled by Village Arborist Randy Haller. The report contains the names of all trees, species, condition of each tree, the address of the tree, and the maintenance that is required on each tree. Councilman Koreman remarked that Randy Haller created an amazing document which deserves praise. Koreman will make another copy that will be available at the Village office.

## Bike trail update

Councilman Koreman announced to the mayor and other council members the impending receipt of the draft agreement for the bike trail, from Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). He will make a copy of the agreement for the mayor, council members and the village solicitor to review.

## Speed bumps

Councilman Terry Howe told Council that a meeting was held to review the speed bumps on Park. The bumps will be revised to reflect a standard size and shape as agreed to by the committee.

## Builder's Corner

The following column is the first in what will hopefully become a regular feature in the Village Views. While this first column was written by Tim Harth of Drackett-Harth Construction, all builders are welcome to contribute. For more information, contact Chandi Findley at 576-0595. It should also be noted that these columns are the opinions of the builders and are not necessarily those of the staff of the Village Views.

# Big houses on little lots — another perspective

By Tim Harth

There has been quite a bit of discussion, around the Village, of the "big houses on little lots." I'd like to address the issue from this builder's perspective. Of course, I'm in favor of bigger houses; it's my business! Now, I'll suggest why the prudent homeowner should be in favor of them as well.

The housing market drives what we build. Nobody building in Terrace Park builds "bigger" on a whim. Bigger houses are what people want. Bigger houses are the ones that sell. Bigger houses increase the value of the Village as a whole and every other house in the Village by proxy.

The term "functionally obsolete" is used, in the industry, to describe perfectly good housing stock that simply is too small or has rooms too small for what the buyers want. Much of the housing stock in Terrace Park, as well as all over the country, is functionally obsolete, as people want more space. Please separate the terms "want" from "need". We can all agree that not everybody needs 4000 square feet but that's a topic for sociologists; not me! The fact is that buyers **want** more (and new) space and are willing to pay for it.

Recently, there were 50+ houses on the market in Terrace Park and the few that sold were the new or significantly remodeled ones that were about 4000 square feet (and about \$1 million each). That's a good thing. That means there is a significant demand for bigger and more expensive houses in **your** neighborhood. That means that the local economy is growing which means when you sell **your** house, it will be more valuable. It is interesting to note that the loudest advocates of limiting growth suddenly change their tune

when they want to sell their own homes; homes to which they have probably made additions in the past. Many of the critics are trying to save, as Ellis Rawnsley used to say, "The Terrace Park that never was".

Another rumor floating around is that the larger, more expensive houses make everybody's property taxes higher. Actually, the opposite is true. When the total Village valuation goes up, due to the new expensive houses, the tax burden on all the older houses goes down as the Village income from property taxes remains the same by state law.

There is an argument that the bigger houses cause the greenspace to disappear. It is interesting to note that prior to the 1963 zoning code revisions (the last wholesale revision), the houses were allowed to be closer together and on smaller lots. **Those houses are still there.** The newer houses all maintain setbacks greater than those and usually provide a minimum of 30 feet between them. Remember that if we change the setbacks, more and more houses will be thrown into non-conformity. Anyone who has dealt with their existing house being non-conforming knows that they will need a variance to do **anything**.

Bigger homes are a benefit to the village. Please don't advocate stifling growth because you don't happen to like having one next to you. The result of no growth is economic stagnation, depreciation and property-value decline. That is good for no one.

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# It's ghoul time again!

By Betsy Porst

They're batty at Terrace Park Elementary planning howling good fun for Pumpkin Festival 2005! All of Terrace Park will be on the prowl Friday, October 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Count on tempting offerings from the Pumpkin Patch café (you can even pre-order a whole family dinner). Games galore, an Enchanted Forest (for the little ones), the Haunted House, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Cake Walk — and so much more — await your arrival — if you dare! \$20 unlimited fun wristbands for the kids will be available once again along with individual tickets.

There are ways for everyone in Terrace Park to be a part of the ghostly fun. NEW - Sponsorships: This year we're offering a special opportunity for you to be involved with this wonderful event. Families, individuals and businesses can become sponsors of a game or area for the night (contact Patsy Kaschalk 965-8612). Or on a different level, we invite all the bakers in the village to show their TP pride by contributing treats to the Sweet Shop (contact Missy Osgood 831-2637).

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# Village dedicates Nature Preserve as The Miami Grove Nature Preserve

*Dedication Ceremony: October 9, 1 p.m.*

The name will change but the mood remains the same as the Nature Preserve becomes The Miami Grove Nature Preserve on Oct. 9, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the site by the preserve parking lot just off Elm Ave.

In March, at the Terrace Park Historical Society program, "Miami Grove Revisited: A Look at What Our Nature Preserve Used to Be," Patti Normile suggested that the property now known as the Nature Preserve take back it's original name of Miami Grove. Those in attendance applauded the idea, and the proposal, presented by the Historical Society, was sent to Village Council where it was readily approved. Mayor Jay Gohman will lead the dedication ceremony and unveil the exquisite plaque which explains the dedication and renaming. There will also be music by Jack Gambetta and "friends" and refreshments, which include a large commemorative cake donated by Busken Bakery. There will be ample parking with Terrace Park police helping to direct.

The Terrace Park Historical Society is encouraging any or all to picnic or stroll the Preserve before or after the ceremony.

The committee planning the event includes: Susan Abernethy Frank, Bunnie Proctor, Liz Martin, Ann Lindell, Gayle Taylor, Dottie Bowman and Rita Bowman Stevens. Dottie and Rita are former residents of Miami Grove and spoke at the March 6 meeting. Councilman Jeff Koreman is working on the dedication plaque and other village responsibilities for the event.

The Historical Society is encouraging villagers to come and support this "healing" effort. Also friends and families who used to live in Miami Grove are encouraged to come and bring their families. Once

Miami Grove was ruined by floods in the late 1950s and the remaining properties condemned by the Board of Health in the early 1960s, all the residents were gone and so was the name. Many families lived in and loved Miami Grove. The dedication of this property will certainly acknowledge a significant part of the

history of Terrace Park and its existence.

The Miami Grove Nature Preserve will be open to all residents, former residents and the friends of the Village. It will continue to be a peaceful, quiet area for birding, walking and just enjoying the beauty of the woods and Little Miami River.

## Save the date: Sunday, Nov. 6 at 4 p.m.

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# All aboard games

By Ted Gardner

"If you met an alien that knew everything about the Universe, and you could ask one question, what one question would you ask?" This is just one of the hundreds of thought-provoking space and science questions found in the two multiple award-winning Cogno games from DoubleStar. Cogno: The Alien Adventure Game and Cogno: Deep Worlds are fun for the whole family (ages 7 and up) and combine space fantasy with cool, real science. Questions about how the universe works (not just trivia), critical thinking, strategy, lots of luck and fun player interaction combine to create a couple of great games!

The Alien Adventure Game is based on space and earth sciences. It combines outer space fantasy with engaging information and adventures in science. The game developer is a parent who, with his children, first created alien drawings that inspired the final game piece characters. Two years later the board game was fully developed. Players begin the game by choosing one of eight different alien characters. Some are carnivores and others are herbivores. They each have different capabilities that allow them to survive on mystery planets in the game. The names "Cogno," "Volo," "Phonica" and others make up Latin words that have been turned into alien names. "Cogno" means "I know" and he (or she) is the smartest. The "Volo" (meaning "to fly") character is the best pilot. The mysterious and colorful game board has a black hole, time tunnel, space elevator and even a separate board that plays as a parallel universe! The fun and intuitive questions are found on the "Chaos Cards." Explanations for the answers are provided

in a 30-page booklet entitled the "Book of Y."

The strategy is to move forward or backward, whatever way you choose to help yourself advance or slow down other players. You can win fuel cells and high-tech gear to help your alien survive the Mystery Planet and win the game.

The Deep Worlds version is based on The Alien Adventure Game, but this time the players race around in an alien ocean. They cross ever-changing DiveZone environments, a giant whirlpool, encounter alien squid and a mysterious, dark trench! Deep Worlds plays by the same rules, but introduces a completely different (underwater) visual environment, all new gear and Cogno and his friends even wear diving equipment. It also provides all new science content with some more challenging questions, all of which have been reviewed by scientists at NASA and The SETI Institute. Both boys and girls will love Cogno and they don't need to know anything about science to play! The website, [www.cogno.com](http://www.cogno.com), will provide you with more ideas for game variations plus lots of tips.

"True or False: The sun has no solid surface, so if you had a ship that could withstand it, you could fly directly through the middle and come out the other side." Fun games that spur critical thinking are difficult to find and Cogno is a great one, because it is as fun as it is educational. "This is the best game I've ever played," is expressed regularly by kids who play Cogno. Cogno: The Alien Adventure Game and Cogno: Deep Worlds are both sold at Ted's Toys & Trains in Terrace Park (\$29.99). (By the way, the answer is True.)



Terrace Park Garden Club

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE

Order fresh handmade Holiday decorations directly from "Bells of Christmas", Northport, Michigan. The Bell Family tradition of wreath making began in the Kalamazoo, Michigan area in the 1920's and has continued in the Northport area since the early 1940's. A fourth generation of the Bell Family is continuing the art of handmade wreaths and roping.

Various species of trees used include pine (red, white and scotch), cedar and balsam. All items are made to order.

Please place order by October 16, 2005 for November 29<sup>th</sup> delivery (*one week prior to Terrace Park Luminaria Night, Sunday December 4th*). Orders can be picked up on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 621 Yale Ave. Make checks payable to Terrace Park Garden Club. *Proceeds to beautify our village gardens and support our community programs.* Questions: Sara Osborn 831-1136

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Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Wreath 20"	40.00	_____	_____
Wreath 25"	50.00	_____	_____
Wreath 28"-30"	60.00	_____	_____
Roping	2.50 per ft.	_____	_____
(Average doorframe requires eighteen to twenty feet of roping)			
Grand Total			_____

Please check ribbon preference for Wreath:

Red Velvet \_\_\_\_\_ Red Plaid \_\_\_\_\_ Green Plaid \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Mail order form with check to Sara Osborn at 621 Yale Avenue)

## TP EMTs: Eat, Sleep, Save Lives!



### Meet EMT Riley Humler...

- **Spouse:** Annie Bauer (also a Life Squad member).
- **Children:** Demian age 30, Tara age 24, C.J. age 22, Sarah age 18 and Mickey age 16. Also, first grandchild, Dylan age 3.
- **Job:** Art Dealer: Cincinnati Art Galleries
- **Hobbies:** Art and Antiques along with Boy Scouts
- **Lived in TP since** 1986

Photo: Ellie Pohlman

I decided to join the life Squad 94 in September of 2004 when a call went out for new volunteers. A class was starting and since my sons were almost finished with Boy Scouts, I thought I would need to do something else as a volunteer.

I had training in the Air Force as a medic (many years ago) and was comfortable helping people with medical issues. My wife, Annie Bauer, had been on the squad for five years and really seemed to enjoy her fellow EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and the work itself.

Our training was intense and

thorough, especially the time spent working at University Hospital and actually running with other life squads in preparation for certification. Four of us did the class in the Community Building and we took the National Registry test in the spring. We all passed and are embarking on our work here in Terrace Park. All of us "Newbies" will work with very experienced folk for at least a year until we are comfortable with things and we have continuing education classes at regular intervals to make sure we are current. We will also do cooperative training with Terrace Park's volunteer fire department so we can each

learn to support each others efforts. Interestingly, several members of the fire department are also on the life squad.

I am nervous about starting my duties, but know the crew members I am assigned with are extremely well versed and will keep me busy and on the right path. Everybody in Squad 94 has been wonderful to work with and very supportive. This is a wonderful opportunity to give something back to your community while learning some important life skills and I would encourage anyone interested in joining to discuss the program with any of us.



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# Terrace Park Sports

## Labor Day 2005 A successful day of fun

With a little help from Mother Nature, the Labor Day Festival was once again a great success this year. The rides were back, the green was packed, the Boy Scouts cooked up a storm, and everyone appeared to have a great time, while the Terrace Park Recreation Commission raised the funds necessary to provide the quality recreation and sports programs our kids enjoy.

We would like to recognize our sponsors, whose generous support makes this Terrace Park tradition possible each year. The following companies, organizations and individuals kindly gave of their money, time and resources in support of the Labor Day Festival:

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The Terrace Park Recreation Commission



## Big win in baseball

The Terrace Park Bulldogs capped off an impressive 14-1 record with an exciting 3-2 win over Kenwood Nativity to take The Knothole (D- Major) District Six Championship.

Front row (left to right): Grant Ramey, Ian Schmidt, Dalton Osgood, Nicholas Peterman, Bryce Cutrino, Cal Fries, Julia Whittelsey and Luke Parker. Back row: Coach Tim Mackey, Coach Parker, Brendan Woodruff, Codey Mackey, Coach Peterman, Braden Stautberg, Aaron Routt and Coach Bren Fries.



The festivities were in full swing this Labor Day and proved to be a valuable fundraiser for the Recreation Commission. From fun hats courtesy of Ted's Toys and Trains to goldfish won with a bit of skill and a lot of luck to head-spinning rides, the day reaffirmed why Terrace Park is just a great place to live! Enjoy these images captured by *Village Views* photographer Ellie Pohlman.



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