

December 2006

# Happy Holidays from Village Views

# Council "tables" the Miami Grove conservation easement

By Susan House

Carl Lindell came to council with conservation easement to be by the ODNR survey crew. granted to ODNR (Ohio Departchange for a parcel of land adjacent to Drackett Field. A survey

At the September, 2006 vil- crew had recently been on his and lage council meeting, resident the Miami Grove property, alerting Lindell to the impending achis concerns about a proposed tion, or "land swap," as referred to

Robert Malloy, the Village Soment Natural Resources) in ex- licitor, when asked to comment, stated that the agreement was intended to place a conservation

not, to his knowledge, meant to address zoning. He stated that the Village was not "swapping land." Mark Porst and other council members explained that the purpose of this easement was to preserve the land, and make sure that development never took place on nature preserve land. Realizing that the Miami Grove land is actually zoned with a residential zoning, council was prompted to feel that some kind of vehicle was needed to prevent the development of homes or any kind of change in the use of the land. Council members approved of the easement method of preservation, and looked to it as a good way to reserve, in perpetuity, the area for use only as it is. As Councilman Porst reiterated, ODNR had the legal ability to easily execute such an easement. The granting of the deed by ODNR to

easement on the land, which was Terrace Park of 15 to 17 acres of land adjacent to Drackett Field, for expansion, would be a bonus to the community. At a later meeting, Councilman Porst stated that he had actually proposed the idea sometime in 2002 because the school district was always looking for ball field availability. Council members always felt that ODNR only had the intent of preserving the land, and preventing erosion on the Little Miami River, by never allowing development. Councilman Stefan Olson explained the on-going program that the state has in place for the purchase of land along the river simply is to keep it from development, and to prevent further erosion to the adjacent land and the river.

When Lindell informed council that the ODNR survey crew had been working on his land and Village land, Councilman Jeff Koreman, who worked with ODNR's Scott Zodie on the bike trail planning, was surprised to hear this. Koreman promptly called Zodie to lodge a complaint regarding the lack of notification.

Lindell had several relevant issues to discuss. Council members expressed their opinions that there was no sinister motive for ODNR entering into this agreement.

Council members immediately responded to Lindell, thanking him for bringing these issues before them, and promising to make sure that the agreement contained no ambiguity and that, in fact, no changes would be made to the nature area. A meeting was held with ODNR to discuss the continuing concerns and discuss specific rights of Terrace Park residents.

At the October council meeting Mayor Jay Gohman reviewed the proposed agreement. He apologized for so much confusion among residents. He stated that "no land swap was taking place." His opinion, which aligned with council members and Village Solicitor Malloy, was that the Terrace Park Village Council had intended to protect the preserve. Koreman stated that the land would not, as some literature suggested, become a state owned nature preserve.

Councilman Porst reported on the sign that he had seen on the Miami Grove land, just that day, which eluded to the possibility of the loss of residents' rights to use the trails, fish or walk their dogs. He then proposed that council require specific language in the agreement addressing these concerns. He brought up the point that this proposed agreement has been in process, with on-going resident access to facts, for at least the six months that it has been discussed and negotiated. The appearance of Lindell at the September meeting, and the issues that he addressed brought resident attention to this anticipated plan. Council had also been working for several months to make sure that the agreement with ODNR included all issues that would in any way change Miami Grove. They said that the nature area is very important to them and they would never suggest it be changed.

When resident Lynn Nelson, of 700 Franklin, asked the question as to why the village needed the additional land for ball park use, the response was that it would be used for expansion, or at the least parking.

A special council meeting was

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The man of the hour visits TP's tree lighting.



Santa and his helpers on the gazebo.

# Luminaria beautiful and successful fundraiser

cere "thank you" to all Terrace Park residents who participated in the lighting of the luminarias this year. Not only did the village look spectacular on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, but we donated over Behavioral Pediatrics Division. By

We want to extend a very sin-purchasing the luminaria kits, you supported a worthy cause in Children's Hospital and showed great community enthusiasm as we kicked off the holiday season together.

Kindervelt thanks all who par-\$4,100 directly to Children's ticipated in this very successful Hospital's Developmental and event. Thank you for your generosity and strong support!



#### Miami Grove continued from front page

held in October for the purpose of further discussion of issues and resident participation. During that meeting Councilman Jim Muennich voiced his opposing opinion. He questioned the loss of rights by specific wording in the agreement. He admitted that he was new to council so did not have the benefit of going through the process. He stated that he had fully investigated the situation, and voiced his opinions against the easement.

The issue of access to the 15 acre parcel from Wooster Pike had been previously discussed. After Councilman Porst contacted ODNR and received a negative response, concern ensued. The only access to the parcel would be via the bridge at the swim club, which was deemed not a good idea. It was subsequently decided that the 15 acres was not really valuable unless it had an additional access.

At the November council meeting Councilman Porst again addressed the issue of resolutions number 46 and 47, which would enable the Conservation Issue. He discussed the special meeting, at which it was decided that without the 15 acre parcel, there would be no urgency in recommending the easement. Porst expressed his wish to table the issue at this time. Council would still like to protect the Miami Grove parcel so that its use would never change. Discussion of a different kind of zoning overlay or simply passing council resolutions declaring the use could be guaranteed in perpetuity. Discussion ensued regarding the right of future council leaders to change the use according to needs 50 years from now.

Discussion ended with Porst striking the impending resolutions and officially tabling the issue at this time so that further research could be completed and the interests of the community be best served.

# Young Chefs Academy opens

ternational announced the location of its Cincinnati, Ohio facility. This is the first location in Cincinnati to help budding chefs learn the basics of cooking, while participating the preparation of real recipes. (They get to sample each creation at the end of every class.) Young Chefs Academy's mission is to teach children the importance and value of cooking in a safe setting that encourages discovery and creativity and most of all fun!

Young chefs International was founded in April 2003 by owners Julie Burleson and Suzy Nettles. It is the goal of Young Chefs to teach culinary skills that build upon each other to progress into more complicated food preparation. While learning such skills is the main ingredient at YCA, they also add a heap of kitchen safety, a scoop of

Waco-based Young Chefs In- etiquette, a handful of napkin folding and table setting, a pinch of menu planning and laughter to taste. They believe this is the perfect recipe for showing children that cooking is a lifelong skill that can be artistic, creative and sometimes quite surprising. The kid-friendly kitchen classroom also provides a "real" setting so the students can use what they learn in their own homes. The focus of YCA is to see families back in the kitchen, whether it be exploring exotic cuisine or baking cookies.

> "Our kitchens opened in early December. The facility is being built from the ground up specifically for our needs," remarked Giglio. "We will have two classrooms and will be able to accommodate 30-plus students at a time. I can't wait to get started. I wish the store was already open. I'm the biggest kid there is," Giglio said.





Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5th. 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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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.

## Village Views

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## Mike Ferguson joins TPHS board as treasurer

W. Mike Ferguson was elected to the Terrace Park Historical Society Board of Directors at the Nov. 5th annual meeting. Mike will replace Leslie Jones who has been on the Board since TPHS was founded in 2001. Mike and his wife Janet and two daughters live at 101 Miami Ave. Mike has his own accounting firm and is active in many volunteer organizations. Other Board members whose terms were renewed are: Carol B. Cole and John Rockaway. Carol B. Cole will turn over the treasurer's responsibility to Mike after the first of the year.

# **Terrace Park Historical So**ciety 2007 membership drive

By Susan Abernethy Frank

The Terrace Park Historical Society needs you! The 2007 membership drive is off and running and membership chairperson Laurie Baird is very pleased with the early results which show even more increases over the 2006 drive. The support of residents, current and former, has been very rewarding, not only in funds raised but in overall support. If you have not already done so, join now by sending your check to:

TPHS PO Box 3

Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

Levels are as follows: (All members receive the quarterly newsletter TRACKER, priority announcements of special events, and an invitation to the Holiday party)

Individual Family

Heritage \$50 can be for family or individual and includes recog-

nition in the TRACKER

Corporate/ Patron

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the TRACKER

Lifetime

\$1000 (can be paid over a three year period) includes all above plus name engraved on the Lifetime Membership plaque and a print of Rosell Shundich's paint-

ing of a part of historic Terrace Park.

As we continue to grow and expand education and information for all ages, we need to count on the support of the residents. Our archives offer so much interesting information on the village, homes, residents (famous and not so), landmarks, etc. As we track our past and present, we realize how important it is for our future.

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.



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## The Seven Hills School's 21st **Annual Books for Lunch pre**sents Mark Salzman

The Seven Hills School's 21st Annual Books for Lunch is proud to present as its 2007 guest author Mark Salzman, award-winning author of Iron and Silk. The author luncheon, which is open to the community, will take place Friday, February 2, at noon at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center at the University of Cincinnati Clifton Campus. The Dinner with the author will take place at the home of Seven Hills parents on Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 pm.

Mark Salzman's experiences in China were the inspiration for his first book, Iron and Silk, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in nonfiction and received the Christopher Award. He wrote the screenplay for and starred in the criticallyacclaimed film version of Iron and Silk, which was shot entirely on location in China.

New York magazine stated, "The concreteness and economy of Salzman's writing, his eye and ear for tiny resonant details eventually yield their riches in a cleareyed vision." Time stated, "Gong fu. or 'skill that transcends mere surface beauty'...no other term is as apt for a book that describes China and its people with such deftness and delight."

Mark Salzman's other books include a memoir, Lost in Place: Growing Up Absurd in Suburbia, and the novels The Laughing Sutra, The Soloist, and Lying Awake. His power as a writer is such that his fiction and his nonfiction have been praised for a lyrical style and gut-wrenching honesty. As well, his great sense of humor—so integral to his marvelous ability to tell a story—is a highlight of his public appearances.

His book True Notebooks (Fall 2003) is a fascinating look at his experiences as a writing teacher at Los Angeles Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for violent teenage offenders. Common to each of his works is the theme of how people struggle



Mark Salzman

to reach an ideal but often fall short, and the quiet change that takes place in facing the discouragement and the possibility of never achieving their goal.

As a boy, all Mark Salzman ever wanted was to be a Kung Fu master. It was his proficiency on the cello, however, that facilitated his acceptance to Yale at the age of 16. He soon changed his major to Chinese language and philosophy, eventually leading him to travel to mainland China, where he spent two years teaching English at Hunan Medical College and studying traditional martial arts at their source. In 1985, he was the only non-Chinese invited to participate in the National Martial Arts Competition in Tianjin.

Ticket prices for Books for Lunch are the following: Author luncheon-\$45 each; Dinner with Author—\$75 each; Patron (includes two Dinner with Author tickets and two luncheon tickets)—\$300; Sponsor (includes two Dinner with Author tickets and a table for ten at the luncheon)-\$625.

For reservation information, phone 513-321-3224 or e-mail ssleyman@zoomtown.com. Reservations are requested by January 20.

## Village Calendar 2006 - 2007

21 First day of Winter Break (school reconvenes on January 3, 2007)

- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa begins
- 31 New Year's Eve

#### **JANUARY**

- **HAPPY 2007!**
- Back to school
- ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 11:45 a.m. at China Buffet on Route 28 across from Castrucci Ford. NOTE day change because of New Year holiday. New members welcome. For more information contact Bob Hallev 831-0970
- AARP Meeting, Mary Makley Wolff will discuss Senior Advocacy. Call Harry Knope for more information, 831-8583. This will be a regular 1:30 meeting, not a lunch meeting.
- TP PTO Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- TP Garden Club Evening Meeting. 7:00 -9:00 p.m. at Jenny Whitaker's Home. Call Jenny for more information 248-9268.
- 9 TP Village Council, 7:30 p.m., Community Building
- 10 Kindervelt meeting, 7:30 at the home of

Stephanie Stollar, 507 Amherst. Everyone welcome.

- 12 Early Dismissal
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- 15 No School
- 18 Village Views collated and delivered to post
- 19 Elementary Report Cards
- 20 TPRC Baseball Signups
- 26 All Elementary Roller Skating Party 4:30 -6:30 p.m.
- 27 4th Annual Monte Carlo Night, A TPRC Fundraiser, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Parish Hall. Come out and enjoy a great evening while helping to support Youth Sports in Terrace Park • Black Jack • Poker • Craps • Silent Auction • Draft Beer • Bottled Beer & Wine Available • Appetizers • Bring your friends! (Adults over 21 only)

Save the date for these two exciting FEBRU-ARY events!

Saturday, February 10, 6 p.m. Kindervelt Progressive Wine Tasting to benefit Children's Hospital. \$50 per person, RSVP by February 3 to Kathi Willis, 440 Elm Ave. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, February 25, 4 p.m. Terrace Park Historical Society Program: The life and times of the Reverend Philip Gatch. St. Thomas Parish Hall (tentative location to be confirmed in early 2007)

Please call Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959 or email hestersullivan@yahoo.com with calendar information

## What's happening at the Mariemont **Branch Library** ing a Credit Reporting program by

Do you have lots of holiday photos that you're not quite sure what to do with? Bring these to our Holiday Scrapbook Program with Beth on Thursday January 11 at 6:30 p.m. for moms and kids (8-12 year olds). Bring 8 - 10 holiday photos and we'll provide paper, stickers, and supplies needed to make a beautiful scrapbook page.

Kids can also sign up for a time slot to read to a therapy dog at the library. The first session is Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. We will also be doing this on February 17 and March 17. Kids can join us for an early Valentines Day party on Saturday, February 3 at p.m.

Who will be the next Mariemont Teen Idol? Come perform to see if it's you! Prizes award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Teens can show off their singing talent with our Fifth Annual Teen Idol on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Teens and adults can Learn to Knit with Miss Jane on four Tuesdays - January 16, 23, 30 and February 6 at 6:45 p.m. Learn to knit or just come and have fun with other knitters. Please bring a pair of knitting

For adults we will be present- one of these exciting programs!

National City Bank on Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. Set a monthly date with a good book and great conversation by joining our adult book club. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m. at the library. Our next meetings are January 25 (Color of the Sea by John Hamamura) and February 22 (Life of Pi by Yann Martel).

Take a break from your routine and meet other parents and children at our weekly story times at the library with Ms. Beth. Toddler story times are presented weekly at the library on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Preschool story times are presented weekly at the library on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Contact us at 369-4467 for needles and a skein of worsted varn. more information or to sign up for









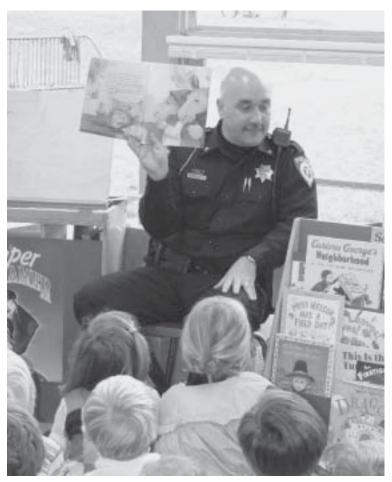
# Neighbor to Neighbor

# **PTO News**

Although the Holidays are upon us, at Terrace Park Elementary we can look back at November with many fond memories of enriching, entertaining and meaningful moments. Our Fine Arts program has been active, sending our students all over Cincinnati to take in such sights as the backstage of the Playhouse in the Park, a mesmerizing rendition of the play, Aladdin, a tour of the Freedom Center and of course to the Art Museum. More exciting adventures are planned to the Symphony and the Ballet later in the year. Also, all our students were treated to the Know Theatre Tribe's program of Shel Silverstein's poems. There was lots of laughter and enjoyment among the TPES students as the actors brought to life the wonderful poetry of this children's author. A number of students got to display their interpretations of the poems right along with the actors. The enriching activities arranged by our Fine Arts committee exhibits the strong partnership between our PTO and our school.

Speaking of local fine arts efforts...did you know that our own art teacher, Shelley Komrska presented to art teachers at the Ohio Art Education Association's Annual Convention on November 10<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about the Art History of Ohio Project, a teacher's resource that she is developing in conjunction with Ohio's art museums and historical societies. With the advent of new Fine Arts Academic Content Standards in the state of Ohio, art teachers across the state are revising their local curriculums to include information on the art history of Ohio. And, until now there has been a lack of comprehensive, teacherfriendly resources on the subject. This resource will present a collection of the state's finest examples of artwork, artifacts and architecture. Her presentation was very well received by the art educators at the conference. She also presented her program to our own School Board in late November. School Board member, Peggy Braun, said, "We were so impressed with a very thorough and exciting resource for our teachers and appreciative of her (Shelley Komrska) personal efforts. We are wishing her all the best as she looks for additional funding to complete a very worthwhile project that will not only benefit Mariemont students but all students in the Ohio school system." Mrs. Komrska needs more funding extensive history of military service to finish her wonderful project. So, please contact her at tion to World War I hero, Sergeant skomrska@mariemontschools.org. or 931-5438, if you can provide years of service to our country, funding or know of additional re- from Vietnam to his recent assignsources she should seek.

During November several special Veterans' Day presentations also made for some very memo-



Police Chief Jerry Hayhow reads to a kindergarten class.



Parent/ Grandparent Day at TPE challenged the minds of all generations.

rable and personal learning experiences for the students. Terrace Park children's author, Louise Borden spoke to the fourth grade about how she turned some of her own experiences and those of her uncle who died in World War II into her book, Across the Blue Pacific. The children followed up by commemorating veterans from their own families with stars posted in the school lobby. Fifth and sixth graders were privileged to hear resident Alan Singler's presentation about the in his family (including a connec-York). Alan talked about his many ments in Iraq. The students really got a lot out of these creative Shopping at the TPE Book Fair. Veteran's Day assemblies.

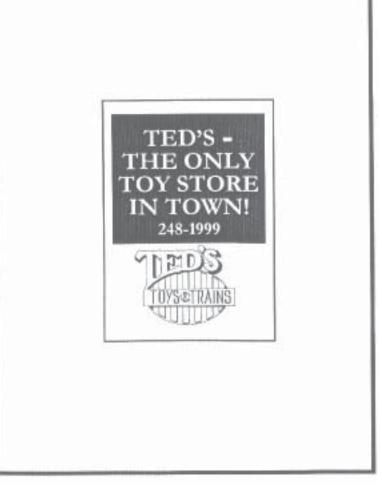
Finally, the students at TP



started off the holiday season by hosting a special person(s) at our annual Parent-Grandparent Day on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The school was buzzing with activity as we had over 350 guests join the children in their classrooms all morning. The activities ranged from our third graders putting on a magic show for their guests to the fourth graders challenging their visitors to a very complex math game. All in all everyone had a wonderful time, and it was a lovely way to start off the Thanksgiving holiday. Once again, in this season of giving, the TP PTO would like to thank everyone in our community for supporting the school in so many ways.



Cincinnati Country Day School has been involved with the House of Refuge Mission for more than 12 years and is the single largest donor in the city. Each year, the entire school collects food and money for needy families before Thanksgiving in a huge Thanksgiving Food Drive. The organizer of the collection, CCDS Service Learning Coordinator Hester Sullivan worked closely with Dr. Twitty of the House of Refuge Mission who reported that the CCDS students had collected enough food and money for 800 complete Thanksgiving meals.







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# Police report

An officer responding to hearing a noise on the opposite side to his location on the Citgo parking lot found Coke and Pepsi machines being broken into. A total of three individuals were involved in the break-in. One was apprehended on site, one in a vehicle repeatedly driving past the station and one on Given Road. After police sorted through alibis of the trio arrests were made for criminal damaging and possession of criminal tools.

Criminal damaging occurred to a vehicle being driven by a teenage female. The driver's father, who apparently had been drinking, broke a window in the car and exerted physical violence on his daughter as the result of an escalating argument. The vehicle proceeded to Milford where domestic violence was reported to police. The vehicle was registered to the male's mother who did not press charges.

A Cincinnati police officer pulled over a driver for a speeding violation. The female operating the vehicle stated that she was rushing home because her infant there was going into shock. Cincinnati police initiated a silent 911 call to the Terrace Park EMS unit. When responding personnel arrived they found

that no infant was at that address.

Identity theft was reported to police by a resident who found charges to his credit card for purchases he had not made. The amount of the ten purchases was approximately \$1500. All were being disputed with the credit card issuer. The holder said his card had not been stolen and that most purchases had been made online

Investigation is ongoing of an incident involving a cab driver who was told by his fare that he had no money and could not pay. Police assured the cab driver that he would be compensated for his loss.

An auto accident was reported on Wooster Pike near the construction area of the new firehouse/EMS building. A truck exiting the area caused a driver to swerve. Another vehicle whose driver said he had not noticed the swerve collided with the one maneuvering.

Mutual aid was provided to

Milford and Newtown. No fire runs were reported.

EMS logged two runs: one a silent 911 attributed to youngsters playing with the phone, the other in response to the call from Cincinnati police detailed in the body of this report.

Tips for a clean, green holiday season

Submitted by Whitney Ross

The holiday season has begun - a time to share with family and friends in front of a crackling fire or while decorating a tree. The list of holiday activities planned for family-time quickly changes to a rushed to-do list consisting of lots of shopping, food preparation, parties and gatherings. The result? The creation of extra waste.

The hustle and bustle of the holidays and the excitement of giftgiving tends to produce mountains of wrapping paper, cardboard, and tissue paper. This results in 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Years, which amounts to an additional 25 million tons in the US.

By slightly changing our habits, we can greatly reduce the amount of waste produced this season. Listed below are ideas to help combat the clutter during this hectic time of year.

### **Decorating**

- Make the wrapping part of the gift. Put jewelry in a new pair of gloves or cookies on a decorative tray.
- Have kids create Christmas ornaments out of

things around house. Play a game to see who can be the most creative.

Create holiday decorations, such as garlands, from strung popcorn or cranberries, wreaths from artificial greens and flowers, and potpourri from kitchen spices such as cinnamon and cloves.

#### Conserving

- Reuse old gift bags and bows.
- Buy recycled-content wrapping paper.
- About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Invest in rechargeable batteries this year and reduce the amount of batteries you throw away.
- BYOB Bring Your Own Bag when you go shopping. Cloth or plastic bags fold nicely inside a pocket or purse.
- Cancel catalogs that you no longer look through or could easily access on the internet

- Don't throw leftovers away! At least 28 billion pounds of edible food is wasted every year in the US. This year, send some home with guests or take it to an elderly loved one that may have trouble making meals on their own.
- Send holiday e-cards as opposed to countless paper cards.
- Reuse packaging peanuts and boxes for shipping presents.

Have questions about recycling? Call Hamilton County Solid Waste District's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766 or go on-line at www.hamiltoncountyrecycle.co. Happy Holidays!

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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: Dec. 24 services at

7:45 a.m. Eucharist Rite I

4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Pageant Child Care Provided to age 4

> 10:30 p.m. Christ Mass Join us in the Parish Hall for Hospitality after this service.



Christmas Day Monday Dec. 25 10:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 31

7:45 Eucharist 9:00 Family Service (Church School will resume Jan. 7, 2007)



The Rev. J. Thomas Wray, Rector The Rev. Darby Everhard, Associate

Regular services resume on Sunday Jan. 7, 2007 Sunday: 7:45, 9:00, 11:15 Church School, 10:00 AM

\*Child Care provided to age 4 for all except the 7:45 service.

## Men and Boy's Choir 12th Night Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 6th, 2007, 6:00 Please RSVP to the Church Office before January 3, 2007



# **Terrace Park Historical Society**

Tracking our past and present for the future

#### The Fresh Air Farm

From the archives by Carol C. Cole

We've heard from the daughter of another attendee of the Fresh Air Farm. "His name is Albert J. Toepfert (he goes by Jean). He lived in Laurel Homes (subsidized homes during World War II). Moved there after the 1937 flood. Before that he lived on Wilstack St. in the Westend. He says he remembers a man called Mr. Amarant. Activities director. He went there in 1941, 42, 43. He says he doesn't remember R. J. Vilardo. Can you tell me where I can find some info? I looked on the Internet and didn't have much luck." This is fairly typical of the questions we receive.

What do we know about the Fresh Air Farm? For that we go to our archives, mainly to an article written by Caroline Richards for Stepping Stones Center. Evidently in April of 1884 a group of people got together at Peterloon, the home of Thomas Emery. They wanted "to give indigent women and children a respite from their daily life." This group formed the Fresh Air Society "and placed women and children (called beneficiaries) in various lodgings for short periods during the summer months." Mrs. Edwin L. Anderson furnished the first such home in Tusculum.

By 1897 the program seemed to be flourishing but it needed a new home and there was an anonymous "friend" who offered to purchase "for the organization a Fresh Air or convalescent Home of its own, or rather purchase some old farm suitable in adaptation and availabilities as to location, size, farm and meadowland, woods etc." On October 1, 1897 Thomas Emery, the anonymous friend, purchased from Nora Spooner the old Conklin place on Given Road. In January of the next year he deeded it to the Fresh Air and Convalescent Aid Society, probably as a memorial to his son. What became and still is the Administration Building was built in 1840 for the Lindley Conklin family home on land his father purchased from during the Depression." John Cleves Symmes. After refurbishing, to which many Cincinnatians contributed, the building was officially opened on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1898. "The Little Miami Railroad donated a special train with six cars for the grand opening."

Early committees of the Fresh Air Society included: "the Farm committee, which was responsible for the crops and livestock; the House Committee, which oversaw the maintenance of the Home and cottages; the Finance Committee and the Applications Committee which selected the beneficiaries." They also "arranged day trips to the zoo and Coney Island as well as excursions on the railroad."

An ongoing concern in the early days was the supply of water. Wells often went dry in the summer "and the Society discussed windmills, pumps, artesian wells, spring water, pipes, buckets and baths." Thomas Emery, who was on the Board of Trustees, doubted that they'd get much water from wells in dry weather so he said he'd "pay for hauling it from the river" if that was necessary. They also discussed farm management "as the Society grew all of its own vegetables, had its own dairy, and maintained its own livestock." They even did a detailed study to see if it might be cheaper to buy the milk, which it was not. Those selecting "beneficiaries" "worked with all of the charitable agencies in Cincinnati, with hospitals, churches and settlement



Postcard entitled 'At the Fresh Air Farm, Terrace Park O.'

the Society." Finances were very closely monitored. "By stretching every dollar more beneficiaries were able to have a respite from the heat of the city. The farm could hold about 285 people at each session and there were usually five or six sessions per summer."

This is how things were at the Fresh Air Farm in the early days. Later they focused more on fundraising and less on farming "although many vegetables were still raised on the property." They joined the Community Chest in 1929. In the 1930s buses were used for transportation and there was always "a waiting list of applicants by May. The statistics show between 2100 and 2200 visits per summer

By the 1940s and '50s the demand was becoming less although the attendees we've heard from like the Vilardos and "Jean" Toepfert certainly benefited from their experiences at the Fresh Air Farm. Another group was trying to furnish

houses referring needy people to some outdoor experiences for people with Cerebral Palsy. They used the Fresh Air Farm grounds for a successful camp in 1962 and formed a new organization, Camping for the Handicapped. Things progressed from there with the change from interest in helping inner city people have a summer experience in the country to working on accommodating the needs of people with a variety of handicaps. The Camp Stepping Stones name was first used in 1963. In 1965 the two agencies merged and in 1968 the name was changed to Stepping Stones - Recreation for the Handicapped.

There's more information in the archives about what changes were made to transform the original Fresh Air Farm into today's Stepping Stones Center. If you know others who attended the Fresh Air Farm we'd love to hear from them. It would be fun if we could get a group together to reminisce and give us more material about their summer experiences.

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# TP Garden Club News

By Marybeth Contreras

The new and improved Me-statuary or a bench to the bed. A morial Bed is taking shape after garden club members dug up all of the old plant material and began replanting according to the new master design. The bed has been reconfigured and outlined in cobble stones, and all of the evergreen materials have been planted. Next spring, the bed will be completed with the addition of trees, perennials and annual flowers. The club is also considering adding

special thanks is due to Jill Kelly, Barb Bird, Beth Smith, Karen Ballinger and Jenny Whitaker who worked tirelessly on this project. Also, thanks to Rhonda Mindrum for donating her design expertise.

If you think the gazebo on the village green looks especially festive this holiday season, thank Terrace Park Garden Club members Sara Osborn, Diane Treftz and Amy Nisonger who donated their time to decorate prior to the tree lighting ceremony.

Our January meeting will take place Tuesday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at Jenny Whitaker's home. This meeting is primarily social, and anyone who is interested in joining Garden Club is most welcome to attend. Please call Barb Bird at 248-8705 is you would like to join us. You don't have to be a garden expert, just interested in learning more. Happy Holidays from the Terrace Park Garden Club

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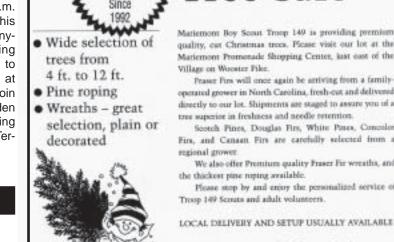
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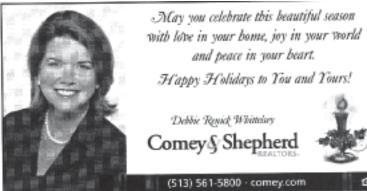
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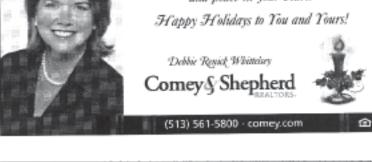
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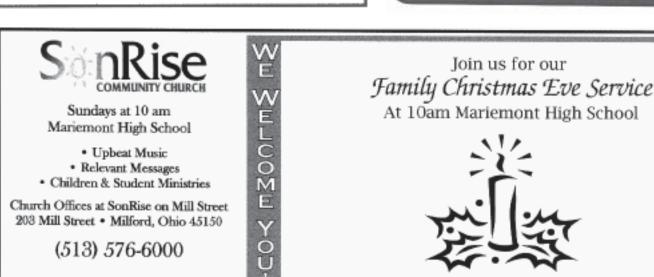
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# Terrace Park Sports

# **Addition of Monte Carlo Night pulls** TPRC out of the red

Recreation Commission operated at a deficit for several years in a row. Income raised from the \$65 registration fee and the Labor Day Garage Sale and Village Green Festival was not enough to cover the operational expenses of running each sport and maintaining Drackett field. Late in 2003, that changed. The recreation committee members realized they had to either significantly raise the registra- coming years, there is a long list of tion fees or generate more fund raising income. As a result, TPRC's ered. The majority of funds would

Prior to 2005, the Terrace Park Monte Carlo Night fundraiser was born. By year-end 2005, TPRC was operating in the black, but barely. This year marks the first time in many years that TPRC has money to re-invest in the program. But the profits are still nowhere near enough to afford the needed capital improvements and ongoing maintenance of Drackett Field.

> If the TPRC is able sustain and grow this financial model over the capital improvements to be consid-

be dedicated to Drackett Field, including ongoing and improved maintenance costs, as well as repaving the entry and rear parking lot (paving costs are projected at \$18,000). In addition we will continue to replace uniforms as needed. Next up is replacement of the well-worn lacrosse uniforms.

If you'd like to help make these things happen (or just want to have a great time gambling, bidding on great silent auction items and socializing) come over to St. Thomas Church this coming January 27 for Monte Carlo Night 2007!



**Mariemont High School's Lady Warriors** 

# Former TPRC soccer players help Mariemont to Championships

The Mariemont High School Lady Warriors won the CHL championship for the first time this year. Former Terrace Park Recreation the boys and girls teams won the Committee (TPRC) players Amy Sattergren, Sarah Dillman, Andie Jackson, Jordan Groppe, and Aggie Howland helped the team beat long

time rival Indian Hill for the first time in 12 years and win the CHL.

On the Junior High level, both league tournament. The girls team finished the season at 14-0-2 and the boys finished at 15-1-0.



Mariemont Junior High School's Boys soccer team



Mariemont Junior High School's Girls soccer team

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### 2006 Income and Expenses

| Income:   | Expenses:  |
|---|--|
| - Registration Fees - \$43,900<br>- Fundraising - \$25,000<br>- Monte Carlo Night<br>- Labor Day)<br>- Summer Fun - \$300 | - Sports (league fees, refs, balls, etc.) - \$26,000 - Drackett Field Ongoing Maintenance and Improvements - \$37,000 - Fixed costs (grass, fertilizing, mowing, water, etc) - Parking lot extension (contribution to TPSC) - Pine tree replacement - Dugout repairs - Softball "C" diamond repair - New trash cans -Basketball Uniforms - \$2500 (est.) |
| Total Income: \$69,200  | Total Expenses: \$65,500   |

# Titans win U10 Division, tourney runner-up

Fifteen 8- and 9-year old boys played their way to a division winning 9-0-1 regular season record this past fall. The boys displayed a uniform fighting spirit in dispatching opposing teams on their way to the season ending tournament. The last game of the regular season against Deer Park was even played on a 45 degree evening in the middle of a wind driven downpour that forced a well intentioned halftime forfeit from the Deer Park coach. All 15 Terrace Park players made the commute to Deer Park's field despite the snarling weather!

The sole tie of the season was played against a very talented and well coached Mariemont team which Terrace Park faced in the tournament finals. After playing their way through three rounds of the season-ending tournament (including two thrilling 1-0 wins), the TP boys dropped a close 2-1 final game in what was could be best described as a bare-knuckle street brawl. Both teams displayed incredible spirit and poise rect penalty kicks the boys did not as the ball moved from one end of the field to the other throughout all 4 quarters of play. Dramatic defensive stops and explosive offensive counter moves were



2006 Terrace Park Titans - League Champs (9-0-1) Tournament Runner-Up.

With three minutes to play, and the game tied 1-1, the Mariemont team scored on a direct penalty kick that would prove to be the winning goal. Without missing a beat the TP squad lined up and fought to the end before hearing the final whistle.

With the exception of two diallow a single goal throughout the last 6 games of the regular season and tournament. The offense was responsible for a total of 50 goals in 14 games while the de-

served up as the game played out. fense allowed only 15. Cheers to the Titans!



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