



VILLAGE VIEWS

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Mining, trees, stimulus money and excessive noise discussed at October Council meeting

By Martha Rassi

The October 13th Village Council meeting opened with the pledge, roll call, and approval of minutes from two special council meetings in September and the regular September 8th council meeting minutes.

Mayor Jay Gohman's report began with an up-date on the Martin/Marietta hearings and the timeline for the final written and oral arguments. Mayor Gohman noted that this fight is not over and will continue with Anderson Township and Terrace Park working together if appeals are made. The mayor thanked residents for their hard work and support of this process

especially Emily Parker.

Residents were reminded of the upcoming Council elections and that Councilman Stefan Olson will be a write-in candidate. The mayor also reminded residents to follow the ordinances for election signs available on the Village web site. He then read a letter from a Terrace Park resident showing appreciation for the work done by the Village Maintenance group.

The mayor then moved to the resolution for the hiring of a work-study maintenance employee. Robbie Long will begin work immediately in this position. His family was in attendance to congratulate Long on his new job.

Mayor Gohman then called for residents to speak. One resident came forward but noted that he was not yet ready to address the entire Council and would appear at a later date.

Reports from Village Officials continued with no report from the Assistant Fiscal officer Laurie Baird due to her absence from the meeting.

Chief Fiscal Officer Mark Holcomb stated that budget meetings would be held to address the O&M Budget.

Village Solicitor Robert Malloy then gave further details on the M&M hearings noting that the final written and oral arguments would be held at the beginning of 2010. The written arguments will be available for review and the date of the oral arguments will be posted. The date for a final decision is not firm and may take awhile due to the ordinances being complex.

Councilman James Muennich then asked for more information from Malloy and wished to state for the record the Council's continued support and funding for this fight even into the appeal stage if needed. He did request that

Malloy present an estimate of the costs to continue this battle so that these costs can be placed into the 2010 budget. This suggestion will be taken up in the next Executive Session of the Council.

The Life Squad report was given by Chief John Maggard stating that 12 EMS runs have been made since the last report. A new EMT training class of five residents has begun and will finish in March 2010. The former class is now taking regular shifts.

Maggard reminded the Council that the annual Terrace Park Fire and EMS Pancake Supper is scheduled for November 8th from 4:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Terrace Park Elementary School. The Terrace Park Historical Society will also be participating. Department members will be receiving H1N1 flu vaccinations very soon since they are one of the first categories of people to receive the shots.

Fire Chief Luke Frey opened his report by reminding everyone that the fire department also needs volunteers. The department has been busy since the last council meeting with emergency responses and is now testing and draining

hydrants. A group has been having regular meetings to review and establish new Standard Operating Guidelines for the department.

Police Chief Jerry Hayhow's reported that the Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday October 31 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. As Street Commissioner, Hayhow noted that leaf pick-up would begin on October 19. Residents can ONLY place leaves (no sticks or branches) on the curb (not in the street). Brush can also be brought to the Environmental Services area.

Bill Fiedler-Building Official noted that no applications had come forward needing council approval.

Earlier in the Council meeting, the Council passed resolutions and ordinances presented by Councilman Krueger of Buildings & Grounds to approve the purchase and planting of two additional replacement trees before the end of the year. He also clarified that the tress assessment is an on-going five year plan that is necessary even more so now with the problem of

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This undated photo is thought to be of Tony, Pit and Clara of Terrace Park's own Robinson Circus. Anyone having any information on this event, please contact the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Don't forget to get off your big elephant and vote!

**Tuesday, Nov. 3,
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.,
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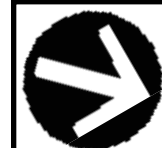
Terrace Park School Cafeteria, November 8, 2009
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Make an afternoon of it...see page four for information about the Historical Society presentation preceding the supper



Leaf removal

Leaf removal has begun and brush removal has been temporarily suspended. Leaf piles should be placed in your front yard near the street. Please make sure there are no twigs, branches or rocks in the piles as these will damage the machines.



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ting Denise Driehaus have been particularly helpful.

If the special election is approved for December, registered voters will get a chance to vote for or against the renewal of an existing 3.5 mil levy (we collect these taxes today and there would be no increase). Historically, Terrace Park residents have supported levy renewals by a wide margin.

If the State does not allow us to hold a special election, we will ask voters to reinstate this levy next calendar year. In this case, we would not collect the 3.5 mil oper-

ating levy in calendar 2010. This could cause the deferral of some equipment purchases or cutback's in street paving. This would not impact Police, Fire or EMS emergency services or general village operations.

We regret to report this unfortunate situation which we are working to rectify.

The Enquirer article can be read at <http://news.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/AB/20091015/NEWS0108/910160325/>

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 so many ash trees that are endangered by the bore disease. Krueger asked residents to not remove the tree flags since these indicate the location for new trees.

A reminder was given to residents that the firewood bin will shortly be filled and that residents only have to contact the Terrace Park Police Department to obtain free firewood.
 In the report portion of the meeting, Councilman Lee Cole noted that the Planning/Zoning committee would be meeting October 19 to review items brought before the Council at prior meetings.
 Under the Rules & Law Report, Councilman Muennich reported that the police department had

requested the addition of an ordinance for excessive sound from vehicles. This was presented for a first reading. Chief Hayhow spoke to the need for this ordinance to assist in protecting drivers who might be unable to hear emergency vehicles and that it would provide a better avenue for enforcement of the issue.
 Muennich's report continued with an up-date on the stimulus monies being used for storm catching basins and curb repairs on Wooster Pike. Plans are being finalized and then put out for bid with the hope that the work can be completed in the spring of 2010 rather than the original projection of 2011.
 With no further continued or new business, a motion to adjourn was passed.

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Philmont High Adventure

By Connor McManus

From July 27 until August 10, Boy Scout Troop 286 was traversing the mountains and valleys of northeastern New Mexico, laden with backpacks full of hardcore camping gear. Philmont, a summertime destination of scouts from all over the world, was the location of our trek. Comprised of land donated by rancher and oil magnate Waite Phillips in the late 1930s, Philmont attracts both hardcore hikers wishing to scale jagged peaks and less intense adventurers looking for a week out in the wilderness.

Arriving at Denver International Airport from Cincinnati late at night, the troop took two vans to a hotel where we stayed the night. We woke up at about 6:30 a.m., took the last real shower we would get for a while, had the last real waffles we would get for a while, and shopped for a hacky sack which would prove to be a staple in our entertainment diet for the next two weeks.

From Denver, we drove to the Great Sand Dunes National Park, a series of dunes formed over the centuries as wind swept up sand and gravel and deposited it at the foot of a mountain range. We explored the dunes as the wind kicked up stinging sand which buffeted our legs and faces until we reached the top. From there we bounded down to the bottom. We camped just outside the dunes until the next morning.

After eating our third Mexican meal in a row, we continued on our way to Philmont. We arrived towards the middle of the day at base camp and spent the rest of eternity registering for our hike. After completing registration, we gathered necessary gear, ate dinner, and attended a send off campfire. Before going to bed, we took a cold and shockingly unpleasant shower in preparation for the trail ahead of us. The next morning we woke up

far too early again, ate at the mess hall, and prepared to leave for the trailhead. A bus dropped us off there and we reviewed first aid and navigation with our ranger Brian Paskey before heading on our way.

The first day's hike was a mere three miles, but it was chock full of "learning experiences." We learned not to trust ancient signs that point awkwardly off into the river instead of down a trail. We learned not to drop our bear bags as we hung them out of reach in the trees. We also learned that hacky sack isn't very easy with hiking boots on. Or even with regular shoes on. After a long day of driving, hiking, and learning, we hit the tents and got some sleep. Our first challenge began tomorrow.

The next day consisted of uphill hiking, terrible trail food, mediocre hacky sacking, and new rituals such as the recording of witty quotes in the logbook.

Brian Paskey: "The four W's of tent location are wind, water, wildlife, and..."

Nick Walter: "Wi-Fi?" In the following days of trekking, we spied deer, deer carcasses, scorched forest from past fires, plenty of scenic landscape, and Mt. Baldy, Philmont's highest peak and one of our major destinations. We climbed it the fourth day of our journey, leaving the majority of our gear at camp and leaving at cursed 4:15 in the morning. The troop spent most of the day hiking, stopping at the picturesque peak to rest and view the panoramic landscape. Hiking down took nearly as long and was just as difficult, and we stumbled into camp just about ready to drop.

The next handful of days followed in a similar fashion, complete with 15 mile hikes, early mornings, slowly improving hacky sack skills, trail food, and quotes. The final

Village Calendar 2009

OCTOBER

23 NO SCHOOL for students, Teacher In service
23 TP PUMPKIN FESTIVAL—5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Don't miss out on all the Halloween festivities throughout Terrace Park Elementary, especially the Bid n Buy!

28 Mariemont School Foundation Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ MHS

30 Halloween Parade, 12:20 p.m.
30 MJHS, Fall Dance 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

31 HALLOWEEN—Trick or Treating in Terrace Park—listen for siren at 6 p.m. to start and siren at 8 p.m. to end.

NOVEMBER

1 Daylight Savings Begins

3 Election Day

6 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
6 TPE COSI
6 Garden Club, noon at the Community Building. Jan Peterson & Linda Rockaway present "Pumpkins and Gourds." Call Barbara Bird, 248-8705 for more information.

8 Terrace Park Historical Society Public Meeting, 3:30 p.m. refreshments, 4 presentations.

9 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call **Vera Hodges at 831-7919.** Steve Heck will be on hand to discuss the Teachers In Space

Program. The program will start promptly at noon and lunch will be served afterwards.

10 TPPTO Meeting 9:30a.m.
10 TP Village Council, 7:30 p.m., Community Building

11 Veterans' Day

12 KV #76 Luminaria Assembly Meeting 7:30 p.m., at the TP Community Bldg.

14 Lacrosse Sign ups TP Community Building 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. also online at www.tprc.net Used Equipment Sale during sign ups.

17 Board of Education Meeting, MJHS 7 p.m. Public Welcome
17 – 19 Terrace Park Book Fair

24 TPE Elementary Parent/Grandparent Day

25-29 NO SCHOOL

26 Thanksgiving

28 New Player Lacrosse Clinic 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Stanton Field
MHS Lacrosse Alumni Game 2 p.m. Stanton Field

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stretch of our journey was a brutal 14 mile journey through an unforgiving canyon with absolutely no clouds in the sky for the entire hike. We eventually made it back to base camp where we stayed for a day before heading back to Denver to hop on a plain to Cincinnati. Real food, real showers, and a real bed never felt so good.

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2. We help share Tilly's story...what do you mean who is Tilly???
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We ask you to please send in your 2010 membership envelope and help continue the important work of our non-profit organization. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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Neighbor to Neighbor



Prelude to Pancake Supper honors emergency services volunteers

They put out our fires, respond to our medical emergencies and every November they flip pancakes to raise money so they can continue to serve the residents of Terrace Park. To recognize and thank these dedicated volunteers, the Terrace Park Historical Society is devoting its fall public program to Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services and the men and women who serve on the village fire department and emergency medical service.

The program has not only been slated for Sunday, Nov. 8,

to coincide with the department's 50th annual Pancake Supper, but it's been moved from the society's usual meeting site - the Community Building - to the Terrace Park Elementary School gymnasium. This way, program-goers will be just up the stairs from the firefighters and life squad members who are flipping pancakes in the school cafeteria.

Festivities begin with refreshments in the gymnasium at 3:30 p.m. followed by the program at 4 p.m., featuring Pierce Matthews, fire chief from 1978-1993, and

John Maggard, captain of the fire department and emergency medical service chief. They'll not only explain the workings of today's fire department and life squad but entertain young and old alike with stories of heroics, public service and even a few antics.

After the program, which is free and open to the public, it is hoped guests will line-up for pancakes, sausages and conversation with the firefighters and life squad personnel behind the griddles in the cafeteria.

Lazarus and Portman named National Merit Semifinalists

Cincinnati Country Day School students announced Allison Lazarus and Will Portman have been recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. The names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program were released by officials of the NMSC. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$34 million.

More than 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2009 National Merit Program by taking the 2007 Preliminary

SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Garden Club celebrates Autumn

The Terrace Park Garden Club will salute the season of fall at their November 10th meeting at noon at St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park. The members will be decorating dining tables (set for six) in the style of "Fall Harvest." Lunch will be served at noon; members are

asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Guests are welcome.

The public is invited to view and admire the Garden Club's creations between 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church located at 100 Miami Avenue.

Members bringing guests should RSVP to Diane Treftz at 248-1827.

Mariemont Seniors named National Merit Commended Students

Based upon their achievement on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in 2008, Mariemont High School seniors Will Foran, Katrina Slavik, Brennen Warner and Alex Wood earned Letters of Commendation. Their scores placed them in the top five percent of all juniors who took the national exam last year.

(l to r) Brennen Warner, Katrina Slavik, Will Foran and Alex Wood were named National Merit Commended Students from Mariemont High School.



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Police report

A resident informed police that he was a victim of identity theft which was apparently effected through a web site. A special account had been opened to which charges in excess of \$2,000 were made. The billing address given was not in Terrace Park. A detailed report was given to police and the Fraud Department of Sprint was aware of the problem.

Another resident reported fraudulent use of his credit card to purchase online tickets through Orbitz. The purchaser was not the card holder. The Orbitz Fraud Department was alerted as was the card issuing bank.

Criminal damaging was reported at the Allstate Insurance Co. office. Papers had been scattered and a computer screen appeared to exhibit spy ware instead of screen saver. An employee suggested that a person known to her who had made threatening calls over the weekend was a possible suspect.

Maintenance personnel noticed a suspicious vehicle at the landfill. Police located two males taking sand - one related that they were given permission to take the sand approximately one month earlier but were just getting to the task.

A suspicious person pulling luggage was observed hitchhiking on Wooster Pike. Police questioned him and were told he was trying to get to Mariemont. They

transported him there.

A suspicious vehicle occupied by a female with a baby parked in front of a residence was investigated. The driver was attempting to locate a house number. She was given directions and released.

The driver of a vehicle was apprehended and found to be driving under suspension. Open containers of beer were noted. He was cited and police drove his passenger home.

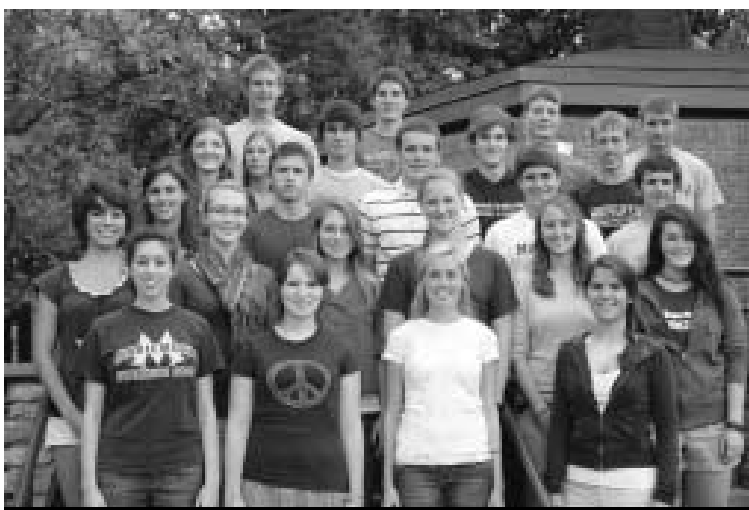
Several horses were at large on Wooster Pike near UDF. They were successfully corralled in their fence.

A complaint concerning parking was investigated. Because of construction in the area, residents had parked their vehicles in another block. The vehicles were parked on both sides of the street impeding traffic flow. Police asked that only one side be used to alleviate congestion.

Complaints were registered concerning a total of seven dogs at large. Three of the animals were aggressive, one in particular. Police called the SPCA as they were unable to place the most aggressive canine in the cruiser. The SPCA got the animal into the vehicle and all three were contained in the garage at the community building. The owner was located. When he picked up the dogs he was given a warning.

Mutual assistance was provided to Milford.

One fire run and four EMS runs were logged.



Mariemont High School AP Scholars from the Class of 2010 are: front row: Catherine Kauffmann, Nicole Gauche', Kiley Flynn, Claudia Carrelli; 2nd row: Laura Gardner, Ginna Rich, McKenzie Miller, Libby Peters, Megan Holland, Maggie Deadrick; 3rd row: Charlotte Dietz, Brennen Warner, Hank Molski, Elliott Faulk, Kevin Nerl; 4th row: Laura Martin, Katrina Slavik, Tim Kuck, Carl Freeman, Reed Gerberick; back row: Alex Wood, Will Foran, Bryan Georgilis and Riley Webb.

Mariemont High School sets record for AP Scholar Awards

By Betsy Porst

Mariemont High School students from the Classes of 2009 and 2010 have set another record for the largest number of AP Scholars in the history of Mariemont High School. Fifty-six students at Mariemont High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® Exams in May 2009. The College

Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on the exams.

From the Class of 2009, Leah Hamlin and Nicholas Weaver were named "National AP Scholars" by earning an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of the exams.

Twelve students qualified for "AP Scholar with Distinction" by earning an average grade

of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The Mariemont High School AP Scholars with Distinction from the Classes of 2009 and 2010 are: Kiley Cameron, Lauren Ferguson, Lindsey Hake, Leah Hamlin, Scott Herkamp, John McKeown, McKenzie Miller, Elizabeth Peters, Rose Phillips, Evan Rosson, David Spooner and Nicholas Weaver.

Nine "AP Scholars with Honor" from the Classes of 2009 and 2010 are: Kathryn Cunningham, Cecilia Ebelhar, William Foran, Bennett Nestok, Anne Pennell, Brennen Warner, John Welsh, Cole Wilson and Dillon Wilson. These students received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

"AP Scholars" are those students who received grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. The thirty-four Scholars are: Zachary Arington, Mark Bezney, Adele Bruggeman, Maxwell Budig, Claudia Carrelli, Claire Cascella, Carolyn Coates, Margaret Deadrick, Charlotte Dietz, Andrew Dillbone, Jonathan Doran, Elliot Faulk, Kiley Flynn, Carl Freeman, Laura Gardner, Nicole Gauche', Bryan Georgilis, Reed Gerberick, Andrew Gorman (class of 2011), Megan Holland, Andrew Jones, Catherine Kauffmann, Jillian Kelly, Timothy Kuck, Allison Maggard, Laura Martin, Nicholas Miller, Henry Molski, Kevin Nerl, Virginia Rich, James Sayre, Katrina Slavik, Riley Webb, Emma Whitaker and Alexander Wood.

Students took AP exams in May 2009 after completing challenging college-level courses at the high school. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams.

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Recycling takes off

By Terry Howe

It has been almost one year now since Terrace Park instituted village-wide recycling and the numbers are excellent. Terrace Park had a 54.7% increase in tons recycled during the first half of 2009 compared to the first half of 2008! This is the HIGHEST percentage increase of any community in Hamilton County! We increased from a 17.23% recycling rate (recycled tons divided by total tons of trash generated (landfilled + recycled)) in the first half of 2008 to a 27.24% recycling rate in the first half of 2009. That equates to 164 tons of recycled material! Terrace Park will receive back \$6,774 from the county for their recycling efforts (Rumpke pays the county a portion of the recycling proceeds and then the county reimburses the communities who recycle) for the first half

of 2009 which is \$2,617 more than the last period. Recycling saves resources, conserves energy, and reduces pollution. By recycling 164 tons, Terrace Park residents saved 1,441 trees, conserved energy equal to 23,210 gallons of gas and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing 105 cars from the road for a year! Great job Terrace Park! So let's try to do even more. To refresh our memories, check out the list of material that can be recycled. You should be seeing a noticeable reduction in trash being thrown away and the 65 gallon recycling totes should be getting fuller and fuller. As always, if you have any questions please contact the Village office at 831-2137 or email me at Terry Howe at howe@terracepark.org.

So ... you are considering buying a house?

By Tim Harth

A oft-asked question is, "When do you call in the pros to see if you can actually make the house work for you?" The answer is different for different builders but most are happy to walk through with you and make suggestions and recommendations. I don't believe that any local builders want to do an actual home inspection with you but getting the ideas together before you buy is certainly fair game. Asking us "what price to offer" is usually out of our purview. We CAN give you estimates for what you want to do. Most qualified builders know the zoning code well enough to advise if what you want to do will pass the muster of the building official. Sometimes a survey will be required and more rarely, a hearing

before the Zoning Board of Appeals will be necessary. We've all done it and can help you through the somewhat cumbersome process. The Health department rules can be difficult as well. We usually have the answers or at least cut through the red-tape and get the questions answered. When and how do you get plans together? Again, all qualified builders can recommend architects who we can call to meet and talk through a project. In some cases, no formal plans are necessary. Your builder can tell you when you need professional help. Most of us will do this preliminary walk-thru with you at no cost. The assumption is that if you do the work, you will call the professional who did the advising.

What can you recycle?

Please do not include:

For more information, visit www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org



Historical treasure trove

Ninety people from Terrace Park, surrounding communities and as far away as Dayton, Ohio, attended the second annual "Treasures of Terrace Park" program hosted by the Terrace Park Historical Society in the Community Building Sept. 20. Here, featured speaker Lynn Nelson is joined by Terrace Park Elementary School students Whynter Crawford-Mack, left, and Emma Worple for a segment on the Robinson Circus that wintered locally during the early 1900s. Other speakers were Susan Abernethy Frank, who was joined by students Scott Overbey and Nathaniel Arington for a presentation on the railroad tunnel, circa 1852; and Laurie Baird, who was joined by Riley Hayes for a presentation on the Community Building, circa 1890.

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Children’s author explores the Great Outdoors with Mariemont Students

By Betsy Porst

In early October, elementary students in the Mariemont School district donned their rain boots, grabbed their field note journals and headed for an outdoor adventure – just a short bus ride down Wooster Pike. A world away from the classroom.

For three days, kindergarten through sixth grade students arrived in shifts at Avoca Park where they took part in hands-on science activities, enjoyed a naturalist-guided trail hike, and learned their lessons on the banks of the Little Miami River. Waiting in waders was biologist and children’s non-fiction author, Ron Hirschi, ready to help them explore the river’s inhabitants and environment.

Hirschi challenged the children to imagine the journey of a fish, a spider, a leaf as it travels from up north and winds it way down the Little Miami River to the Ohio River and beyond. As part of this lesson, each grade level focused on a separate ecological unit that impacts the environment and those living in it. 1st grade – water cycle; 2nd – life cycle (predator and prey); 3rd – worms and soil; 4th – trees;



Children’s author and biologist, Ron Hirschi, and TP students explore the contents of a net just taken from the Little Miami River.

5th – food chain; 6th – habitats.

Then for two days back in the classroom, Hirschi encouraged the students to capture their outdoor observations by creating mini-books – ultimately to be attached together on an oversized mural to form a virtual literary river taking young readers along the journey as well.

The author visit culminated with the unveiling of an outdoor banner exhibit that will travel to

each school in the district celebrating the experience. Each grade created a banner that heralded their particular ecological focus. The materials for the art project were purchased through a grant from the Mariemont School Foundation.

In his children’s writing, Hirschi seeks to “combine real life images and accurate science...to share nature’s beauty with kids while helping them to gain a sense of responsibility for their community and environment.” He has written well over fifty non-fiction children’s books exploring a wide variety of wildlife and habitats.

Hirschi’s visit marks the sixth author visit organized by the Mariemont School District Author Visit Committee, a group comprised of district librarians, teachers and parent volunteers. It is supported by the district and school PTA/PTO organizations.



Older students joined author Ron Hirschi in the river dragging a net to discover and observe the inhabitants.



Terrace Park third grade students Kalynne Corson (l) and Stephanie Frey intently recorded their observations of an earthworm

What’s happening at the Mariemont Library in November

Children:

Family night!

“Bubblemania”Friday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. all ages are invited for fun with bubbles.

Library Babies is the first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to introduce your little ones to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months

Movers and Shakers, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones to stories, songs and dance as they

learn about the library. No program November 25.

Pre-school Storytime is Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Kathryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5. No program November 25.

Tales to Tails: Read to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, November 5, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration suggested.

Adults:

Decorate with Nature: Krohn Conservatory crafters will show you how to make holiday decorations with natural materials. Monday, November 9. 6:30 p.m.

Before Oprah: Ruth Lyons, The Woman Who Created Talk TV: Join author Michael Banks as he discusses the life and career of local broadcaster and philanthropist Ruth Lyons. Books will be available for purchase and a book signing will follow the program. A great holiday gift idea for the folks who remember “Mother.” Monday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The library book club has a special evening Thursday, November 19, at 6:45 p.m. November’s title is O. Henry’s *Gift of the Magi*. The book club will be compiling next year’s titles so come with ideas. We always have copies of the month’s title at the desk, so stop by and pick one up.

The Mariemont Library is located at 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467. It is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Mariemont Library.

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Terrace Park Sports



Go Warriors!

On Thursday, October 1, the Mariemont High School Band, Cheerleaders and Football Team gathered at the Log Cabin to host the traditional Pow Wow pep rally prior to the Indian Hill varsity football game.

Back road at Drackett Field widened

www.TPRC.net

The funds for TPRC raised from the Labor Day 2009 fun are already being put to good use! If you've recently been down to Drackett Field to watch a soccer game or pick up a child from practice you should have noticed that parking and driving on the back road is no longer akin to doing an obstacle course in a dust bowl.

The back road improvement project included removing the wooden posts, adding a total of nine feet of road to widen the existing road (some of which had been limestone gravel), and then tarring and chipping the surface. Under the leadership of Tiger Nelson and with the help of Sy Swart and the rest of the TPRC, bids were collected and evaluated and the final bid for the road improvement awarded to TowneScapes.



The newly widened back road at Drackett Field just before final tarring and chipping

A survey done earlier this year among parents with kids in Rec sports indicated the Drackett back road improvement was one of the most desired TPRC projects. Early

feedback on the improvement has been very positive. If you've not yet experienced the new and improved back road take a ride down to Drackett and try it yourself!

Pope participates in grueling competitions

Cindy Pope participated in an Olympic triathlon on July 26, 2009 in downtown Cincinnati. The triathlon consisted of a 1-mile swim, 24-mile bike ride and 6-mile run, and the course itself included venues of Sawyer point, Columbia Parkway and the Ohio River. As part of the Team in Training for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, she has raised money

for this worthwhile organization through triathlon/marathon events in cities such as New Orleans. Future events include a marathon in Hartford, CT in October and an Iron man competition in Lack Placid, NY in 2010. A geography professor at Central Connecticut State University, Cindy is the daughter of Kay and Mike Pope of Circus Place.



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