

Walt Maerki: decorated war hero was a TP legend

By Susan Abernethy Frank

One of the most popular features on Memorial Day (2010) was the display of the brilliant medals and articles about World War II Naval Air Force Dive bomber pilot Walt Maerki. This display was located in the TP Historical Society tent. Walt's war record was incredibly impressive, but so was his fun and fantastic personality. He was quite unique.

Walt was born November 3, 1918 and died January 6, 2008. In 1944, he married Alwilda Marie Heffelfinger (Willie) born November 5, 1917 and died May 7, 2006. Their son Kent lives in Phoenix and daughter Christina lives on Winding Brook in Terrace Park.

Walt and Willie lived at 716 Myrtle from 1947 until 1970 and later built on Kent Circle and lived there from 1972-1980. Those who knew Walt and Willie remember them with fondness. The "Walt" stories have continued through generations.

Dave Berger who grew up in TP, a little younger than Kent, recalls:

"We used to play basketball in the TP gym early on Saturday mornings. To get in we picked the front door locks with a pocket knife (really easy to do). I was around 13 (and had a pocket knife!) at the time and we had a crowd of young boys and neighbor-

hood dads who just showed up at various times early in the morning. Kent Maerki's father was a regular. He lived right next to the school. Steve Helfrich, maybe one of the Fender brothers (Don or Jerry), my gang (brother Dick, Harry Hauenstein, Morry Schoenfield) and several others played all morning. Sometimes the cafeteria provided fruit juice and peaches in the big cans.

We turned on the gym lights and posted a lookout (for Matt Cook the Police Chief) while the others played. When we finished playing we always got the BIG brooms out of the closet and swept the floors clean and otherwise put everything back as we found it."

Kent added:

We used to be inside the gym when Matt Cook would show up. We kept playing while he knocked on the window knowing he could not get in. One day he got the janitor (Mr. Owens) to let him in and there was Dad caught with all the kids."

It was not unusual to find Walt with all the kids. After all, he was a big kid himself. We use to love it on Saturdays when he would take his plane and buzz TP. Kent wrote:

"A few things about Dad:

- He was one of Ohio's most gifted athletes:



Lt. Walter Maerki, WWII Naval Air Force Dive Bomber Pilot

- Withrow High School 4-letter man with his classmate Doc Kusel.
- Had to earn a letter sweater to stay warm, they were so poor
- Full athletic scholarship to Ohio Wesleyan
- Gave up a contract with the Cincinnati Reds to go to college.
- Was scouted for pro football in high school and college.
- Was admitted to the LaRosa athletic hall of fame in 1987
- He loved kids.

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Looking for an easy and fulfilling way to give back to TP? Think EMS!

By Kimberley Colbourn

Many newly-arrived and long-time residents are still learning that Terrace Park is unique because the emergency medical services (EMS) and fire services here are 100% staffed by resident volunteers.

As a newly trained Terrace Park EMT, I can tell you my experience throughout training and now volunteering has been personally rewarding. And it comes with two other bonuses: I have new skills that are beneficial to my family and my children get to see me drive the ambulance for which I get countless cool mom points! Now I am part of a highly committed group of volunteers who help you when you need it most.

No prior medical experience is required. Age (if over 18), gender and stature/strength (Lifting ability, etc.) are not factors. Training is free; all supplies, such as books, uniforms and jackets are 100% paid for by the Village.

In total, there are 29 Terrace Park residents who volunteer as EMTs. Our

goal is 50. If you are interested in EMS, please remember that scheduling is flexible and your service manageable. Our next class starts in September. Please call Chief John Maggard at 831-1896.

Here are answers to a few common questions to help you decide whether or not to volunteer.

How do the shifts work – are you "on call" all the time?

No. After you have completed your training and are a licensed EMT, you volunteer when you can. Some of us serve one weekly shift, while others serve a few shifts a week. We carry pagers that alert us to the 911 calls and nature of the emergency. Those on call, the "Duty Crew," meet at the station and drive the ambulance to the emergency, usually arriving within five minutes. A Duty Crew consists of at least two people, sometimes more. If paramedics or fire fighters are required, we radio them in and they arrive within minutes.

"But blood and all that "freaks" me out!"

This is where our training comes in. The training provided prepares you for anything you might see. If you feel unsure in any way at the start of the course, you won't by the end. The state regulated training is both thorough and comprehensive. Imagine how it will feel to be able to handle an emergency!

Just how much is Terrace Park saving by having volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services? What is the cost of service?

Without volunteer Medical and Fire services, Terrace Park would spend over \$700,000 per year. This includes operational costs, insurance, salaries and benefits for full and part-time personnel. This does not cover possible replacement costs of existing apparatus (engines, support vehicles, ambulance, and ladder truck) that another department might mandate.

If ever you were looking for a way to give back to your community, to learn new skills that are beneficial to your family and all of Terrace Park, please consider EMS. We need you! We are looking for volunteers for our next class, which starts in September. There is no cost for this training. Please call Chief John Maggard at 831-1896.

August Terrace Park Council Meeting

Village residents urged to join the EMT class starting soon

By Vivian Krueger

During the August Village Council meeting, Life Squad Chief John Maggard urged residents to join the emergency medical technical (EMT) class starting this fall. The course has no cost but there is necessary paperwork for Cincinnati State. The Life Squad needs residents to help by donating their time, expertise and compassion in order to maintain 24/7 EMT coverage for the village. Please join the EMT class and call John today. There will be free public CPR classes starting. For more information, call the Village Office.

New firemen

The first order of business was the swearing in of new fire fighters John Doran and David Davis. Fire Chief Luke Frey stood by while Mayor Jay Gohman administered the oath.

Chief Frey later announced that the new fire class has six members. He is always looking for volunteers. The standard operating guidelines manual is almost complete.

Martin Marietta

Mayor Gohman was pleased to report that County Commissioners Greg Hartman and Todd Portune supported David Peppers resolution to deny Martin Marietta the right to tunnel under a county road. Village Solicitor Robert Malloy reported that various appeals from the Martin Marietta situation that have been filed by property owners and communities like TP, are in the process of being consolidated for an October 12th hearing before Magistrate Bachman.

Minors and alcohol

The mayor and Police Chief Jerry Hayhow recently attended a Cincinnati seminar about the possible criminal charges and civil litigation for any adult who purchases alcohol for minors.

2008-2009 audit

Chief Fiscal Officer Mark Holcomb reported that the 2008-09 audit is completed and he thanked his (continued on page 3)

School buildings update

On Aug. 17, SFA Architects was scheduled to present their schematic design proposal for the three schools to the Board of Education for approval. The information was scheduled to be made available on the district website "construction" page on Aug 18.

Boy Scout Troop 286 attends Camp Friedlander

By Nick Walter

Boy Scout Troop 286 attended one week of camp this year during the week of July 25th. This year at Camp Friedlander was a fun experience and all of the guys had a great time. The 12 boys that went were Eli Bales, Matthew Burgess, Jack and Neil Findley, Sean Holcomb, Dominic Kline, Jeremiah May, Walker

McManus, Scott Overbey, Henry Wagner, and Nick and A.J. Walter.

Some of the merit badges that the boys earned were swimming, camping, first aid, shotgun and rifle shooting, archery, and the handicraft and Native American workshops. I personally completed the COPE course, (continued on page 2)



Troop 286 with their race-winning raft made from all-natural materials, lashings and braided duct tape "rope." Pictured from (1) volunteers Bren and Chandi Findley, Eli Bales, Sean Holcomb, Dominic Kline, Matthew Burgess, Scott Overby, AJ Walker (behind Scott), Jack and Findley, volunteer Connor Carman, Jerismiah Mah and Nick Walter.

VV deadline & submissions

The next deadline is September 9th by 9 p.m. For articles please contact Chandi Findley at tpvillageviews@fuse.net. For calendar submissions please contact Hester Sullivan at hestersullivan@me.com. For ads please contact Gerri Kennedy at 831-2388.



Boy Scout Troop 286 attends Camp Friedlander

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which stands for challenging outdoor personal experience. It was really cool to be 30 feet in the air on the high ropes course and to zip line all the way down. We all wanted to send out a big thanks to all the parents who either stayed the night with us or helped the

new scouts during the day and at mealtime. We also wanted to say a big thanks to our scoutmaster Mr. Dennis Kokoruda for all of his help planning our camp experience. We hope to go to summer camp again next year with the support of the community.



Nick Walter (l) and Jack Findley paddled furiously to win the rafting race at Camp Friedlander. Congratulations to the entire troop for their hard work and ingenuity in creating the winning (if slightly-less-bouyant-than-expected) vessel.

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Memories of Childhood in Terrace Park

Bicycle riding and going home for lunch top list in TPHS survey

By Sue Porter

In the waning days of their Terrace Park Elementary School experience, sixth-graders from the class of 2010 reflected on what's so great about growing up in this community. And then, at the invitation of the Terrace Park Historical Society, 50 students put pencils to paper and shared their thoughts for posterity.

A whopping 20 percent wrote about the simple joys of riding a bicycle beneath the canopy of Terrace Park's tree-lined streets. Victor Schmithorst said, "It just feels great with the wind blowing." Liz Gatch, Roe Pitstick, Spencer Kincaid, Jeffrey Timmers, Chloé Baker and Louise-Audrey Zenezini recalled the fun they've had riding to school and to play dates at friends' homes, Stanton Field, the Village Green, Drackett Field, swim club, or, as Jacob Maloney put it, "We can ride our bikes everywhere." Jesse Glaser mentioned games of bike tag. Gabe Koreman and Hadley George recalled a favorite trip - the one to school at summer's end to discover the name of their new teachers.

Rory McGoff also enjoyed the freedom of mobility, but added, "with no worries of getting harmed." On the topic of security, Mac Nelson, wrote, "My favorite memory of TP is being able to run around the town and not being in any danger. Terrace Park is incredibly safe."

It's also, according to Sam Barter, a community of "nice people and friends who live nearby."

Spencer Stutenroth, Sadie DeCamp and three other classmates cherish the memory of simply going home for lunch. "At most schools you don't get to do that," said Madi Andrus. For Sarah Bell, it's an escape. "The cafeteria food is gross and it is very loud and annoying," she wrote. "The boys are the annoying part." Commented Lindsay Harden, "I've never liked sitting in a cafeteria."

But for Danny Woodruff a cafeteria incident in first grade is a joyful memory. "My friends made me laugh so hard at lunch, milk shot out my nose . . . I remember that I was drinking strawberry milk . . . We thought it

was hilarious and they tried to do it again with water but it didn't work." Memories of special times spent with friends were shared by more than a handful of students. "One of the things I loved in Terrace Park was the look on my BFF's (best friend forever's) face when she came into her surprise b-day party that I organized for her!" wrote Grace Gerred. "It made me feel so good for her!"

For Anna Schwartz, the school's bowling party with students from Mariemont created a lasting memory. "We got to know each other a lot more, and we got to practice our bowling," she said.

Rachel Schmithorst wrote about the "food and fun games" at the parties that preceded class breaks, Molly Moehring commented on "being able to hang out and play with my friends all day."

Bailey Vianello described it this way, "My favorite memory has just got to be getting together with my friends or heading down to the Terrace Park Recreation and Swim Club. We will get together and head down just two or three of us or maybe six or 12 of us. It doesn't matter; it is just fun to be hanging out with an awesome group of kids ..."

Will Ciolino has fond memories of summer days with friends at the pool, basketball and tennis courts. For Cole Stautberg, it's going to the village green for a football game. Eli Koreman said he especially likes going to the village green on a cool, spring day. "I love how you will always pass a friend on the way there," he wrote. Colton England is a village green fan, too, "I love just going there and meeting all of my friends."

United Dairy Farmers is another favorite destination for this class. Mikey Barrett likes to stop by on the way home from swimming; Colin Theye prefers starting at UDF and continuing on to the gazebo on the village green; Will Hobart and Conner Davis just like going to UDF in the company of friends.

Adam Smith has enjoyed feeling carefree, "... being able to play at the

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July council highlights

Terrace Park Council Meeting
Vivian Krueger

The first order of business was the swearing in of James A. Pruitt as Sergeant for the Terrace Park Police. Sergeant Pruitt has been on the force for 12 years. Son Gregory and Mrs. Puritt stood with Police Chief Hayhow, while Mayor Jay Gohman administered the oath.

Martin Marietta

Mayor Gohman reported that appeals have been filed with the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court against Martin Marietta to stop the Anderson mine. He thanked neighbors Newtown, Indian Hill and CABOOM for their help to stop this blight and burden to our area.

Village Solicitor Robert Malloy said there is significant information to tell the court about the Martin Marietta mine. Motions will be filed in August.

School contractor bids

If there are any Village contractors who want to bid on the Mariemont School building project,

egorize permits back to the 1990s.

Mayor Gohman reminded residents to check with Building Official Bill Fiedler if remodeling/home improvement construction projects are planned.

New zoning/Parking ordinance

Councilman Tom Tepe, Planning and Zoning, thanked Lee Cole, David Moyer and committee for all of the work that went into the Phase 2 zoning updates and for their work on the parking ordinance. (The Parking Ordinance with regard to the Village Right of Way concerns was brought to the first reading.)

Councilman Lee Cole, Rules & Law: Phase 2 of the zoning code updates advanced to the 3rd reading and it will be official in 30 days. A redlined copy is available on the Village website or Office.

Trees and memorial plaques

Councilman Jeff Krueger, Buildings and Grounds, reported that



James A. Pruitt (l) being sworn in by Mayor Jay Gohman. Pruitt, a 12-year veteran of the Terrace Park Police Department, is now a sergeant.

call Mike Hilton.

Vacation check

Our police department offers the service of checking a resident's home while on vacation. The form is on the website and may be dropped off at the Village Office.

Sidewalk repair and leaf pickup

Police Chief Gerald Hayhow reported that sidewalk issues are being repaired and the Terrace Park Maintenance Crew will be around to fill in stump holes. Looking ahead to leaf season, alternatives for the failing leaf machines are being investigated.

Building

Bill Fiedler, Building Official, reported that building permits are picking up and he is answering lots of calls about complying with building codes. Realtors are contacting him about previous permit work on older Village homes. Bill is working to cat-

the Memorial Tree plaque has been ordered. A program will soon be in place for Village residents to honor family and friends by purchasing a new Village tree. Please water your trees during the mid-summer dry periods. Residents should call the Village Office to reach Terrace Park Arborist Randy Haller concerning tree questions.

Wooster Pike/Indian Hill walking path

Councilman Jim Muennich, Public Works, reported that the Wooster Pike curb and catch basin project is close to completion. Jim is waiting to hear from ODOT on the start of the Median Project. A new pathway along Indian Hill Rd is being planned. This path will be similar to the Denison/Wrenwood path for walkers and bikers.

Councilman Stefan Olson, Public Safety, had no report.



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AUGUST

25 BACK TO SCHOOL

27 MJHS Back to School Dance, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

4 Annual Labor Day Weekend Community Garage Sale 7am – Noon at the Log Cabin on Elm Famous throughout the East Side of Cincinnati for really great stuff!! Come shop 'till you drop!

5 Third Annual Bulldog 5K Run/Walk Registration Begins at 7:45am, Race begins at 9am at the Gazebo. Come run, walk, crawl or just cheer people on!

6 Labor Day NO SCHOOL

6 Annual Labor Day Parade Begins at 10am, participants line up behind the elementary school at 9:30 Dance to the Marching Bands, Catch Candy, Wave to TP VIP's!!

6 Festival on the Green Begins immediately after the Parade – 1pm

7 TP Garden Club “Gardners’ Party” at the home of Ogle Annett, 212 Oxford. Wear a decorated hat. Guests welcome. Please RSVP to Linda Rockaway at 965-8660.

8 Kindervelt #76 Fall Kick-Off Meeting, 7:30 p.m. - social time, 8 p.m. - meeting time. Are you interested in having fun while raising funds for a good cause? Please join the women of Kindervelt #76 as we begin our year. Check bulletin boards in early September for location. Contact Kate Hudson with questions, hudson.kathryn@gmail.com

14 TP Village Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building

SAVE THE DATE! Terrace Park Anti-blasting fundraiser—the fight isn't over! October 23, 3 - 11. Want to help? Contact Hester Sullivan hestersullivan@me.com

Please call Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959, email hestersullivan@me.com with calendar information or check us out on the web www.terracepark.com/calendar.

August Terrace Park Council Meeting

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committee of Chief Hayhow, Laurie Baird and Councilman Mark Porst.

School safety and street report

Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Street Commissioner, reminded residents that school starts August 25th. Safety is so important around the school. Do not make U Turns or park the wrong direction around the school.

There will be a driver training in-service for our officers. Morton Salt will provide our winter road salt with only a 54 cent per ton price increase.

Building permits

Bill Fiedler, building official, reported that on average 2 to 3 building permits have been requested weekly. He is going through the archives to build a library of past building permits. A new house on Elm is in process.

Building and grounds report

Councilman Jeff Krueger, Buildings and Grounds, reported that the Memorial Tree plaque is finished and will be hung in the Community House. A program is now in place for Village and former residents to honor family and friends by purchasing a new Village tree. The donation is \$300 to the “Terrace Park Tree Fund.” Residents may pick from the tree inventory for the Spring and Fall plantings.

Please water your trees during the mid-summer dry periods. Please do NOT water the new trees with the green and brown bags.

Krueger reported that the Garden Club has received many compliments for their flowerboxes on the Elm Bridge.

Ash borer

Terrace Park Arborist Randy Haller and Krueger are plotting a digital map of Ash Bore positive and negative trees that have been felled. Rugby and Stanton have the most positive Ash Bore infestations. From 1/1/2007 to date, the ash tree population has decreased from 14% to 12%. However, the 2% have been replaced by better suited species.

Parking ordinance

Councilman Jim Muennich read the second and emergency reading of the Parking Ordinance, which passed.

Public works report

Councilman Muennich, Public Works, reported that the Wooster Pike curb/catch basin and the traffic light signal poles projects are close to com-

pletion. ODOT will put the Median Project out for bid Oct. 21st. Muennich expects the project to be completed by next summer. He is pleased that OKI applied for government funds and Terrace Park's share will drop from \$145K to \$120K. The path/walkway along Indian Hill Rd is costing \$7,000 less than expected thanks to Chief Hayhow's bid work. Two resolutions were passed for tree and stump removal along the pathway for work to begin.

Public Safety

Councilman Stefan Olson, Public Safety, passed a resolution to fund the purchase of two custom digital “In Cruiser” Video resolution systems in the amount of \$9,627.40. These will be installed in current Village Police vehicles and are moveable if newer

vehicles are purchased.

Beautification committee

Village resident Lorrie Hill of the Terrace Park Historical Society asked that the Council consider accepting memorial gifts and suggested the formation of a beautification committee.

Reminders

Remember that our police provide a wonderful service of checking homes while Villagers are on vacation. Call the Village office or check the website. Please do not place signs and billboards on Village property or Village right-of-ways. Call Building Official Bill Fiedler if home remodeling or improvement construction projects are planned.

The meeting continued in Executive session on personnel and pending litigation.

VV deadline September 9th



Save The Date

The Terrace Park Historical Society will host its second house tour Sunday, Oct. 17. Co-chairs Barbara Jane England, left, and Mary Arkeilpane have arranged for five Terrace Park houses dating back to the early 1800s to be open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets for "The White House Tour" will go on sale Sept. 6 at the community's annual Labor Day festivities on the Village Green. The society's first house tour

in 2008 was a sell-out that attracted visitors from as far north as Dayton and south as Louisville, and throughout Greater Cincinnati. In preparation for the tour, TPHS is creating "The Terrace Park Worker Bees: A Neighbor to Neighbor Referral Directory" for release that day. To recommend people or companies whose services you have found invaluable, contact TPHS online at info@tphs-toricalsociety.org.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Memories of childhood in Terrace Park

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green or walk to a friend's or escape at the nature preserve and just be able to do what I want."

Opening day at the swim club is top-rated for Rachel Munschauer and Robby Neugent, but Isabella Bernardini considers any day at the pool in the company of friends a day to remember.

The first Sunday in December when village residents place luminaria along walkways is a special memory for Madeline Falknor, while Ty Bucher's thoughts turn to the community's Memorial Day parade and throwing candy to bystanders "from Coach Vianello's truck."

Sports-related memories are top-of-mind for Wyatt Peterman, who wrote about playing basketball for the Terrace Park Bulldogs. "My team and I would either be undefeated or have a great record," he said. "At the end of every season, there would be an end of the year tournament that we would enter. We would play our hardest and

go far into the tournament and sometimes win it!"

Two of Wyatt's teammates share his sentiments. John Fening recalled a home game that was tied 24-24 in the second overtime when Wyatt passed the ball to him and he "swished a three-pointer to win the game." Nick Kauffman cherishes his memory of that basketball championship.

Jamie Westmeyer learned the value of school sports after moving into the village. "My favorite memory in Terrace Park is playing sports with all my friends from school. My old school didn't have a school team."

Three other newcomers rate their arrival in Terrace Park as fondest memories. "I met tons of friends the first day," said Patrick Kelly. "I will never forget that first day." Wrote Abby Takas, "When I first moved here, I got to meet my nice neighbors, ride my bike to school and so much more." Alexis Jarjosa did a bit of com-

parison, "When I first moved here from Kentucky, people were more lively and more welcoming."

Alexis went on to praise her teachers at the elementary school, who were "pretty fun and amused us as they taught." Zach Keith mentioned his enjoyment of the hot chocolate served to school crossing guards who'd worked in freezing temperatures. Leah Dupré, Nina Morgan and Luke Higginbotham wrote about the sixth grade trip to Camp Kern. Luke declared it "awesome," Nina liked spending time days and nights with her friends and Leah said, "I met many new people there and got to have a fun time with people I already know."

With that thought our elementary school's class of 2010 moves on to middle school in Mariemont. And if they ever forget what made growing up in Terrace Park special, they can contact the Terrace Park Historical Society for a copy of their essays.

SonRise Church moves to new home

Submitted by Dan McManus

A modern church facility, designed to attract a wide variety of people through its doors to experience God's purpose for their lives, opens to the public for services at 10 a.m. on Sept. 12, 2010, followed by an open house at 3 p.m.

In May 2007, SonRise Church purchased 16.1 acres on Wooster Pike for its future worship and ministry center. The acreage, located off of U.S. Hwy 50, between Mariemont and

Terrace Park, was formerly known as the Friarhurst Retreat Center. With construction complete in August, the new structure will have worship, social and recreational facilities. The vision of the church leadership was to provide a state-of-the-art facility that can be used throughout the week to address the community needs in a way that traditional church structures sometimes cannot.

Built and designed by The

McKnight Group, which specializes in church construction, the new building includes a 450-seat auditorium that can convert to gymnasium space; an atrium with a coffee house café, fireplace and Wi-Fi; conference meeting space; a full kitchen; nursery and preschool classrooms; and patio space for outdoor gatherings. Plans also include walking trails throughout the wooded acreage.

"We are excited to have found a location that is centrally located for many of the communities that our church reaches out and ministers to. Our desire is to use this facility as a tool to help people take their next steps towards Jesus Christ," commented Jeff Arington, lead pastor of SonRise Church.

The SonRise Church family invites you to check us out on Sept. 12th.

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Labor Day Garage Sale feeds “shift to thrift” trend

By Tricia DiMichele

In today’s tougher economy there is a trend called “shift to thrift”...just creative language to say we are more careful about what we spend our money on. What better way to be thrifty than to visit the Annual Labor Day Garage Sale on Saturday, September 4 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Log Cabin..

You’ll be guaranteed to find some really great stuff at really low prices. (You may have to hunt for it but that’s just part of the fun.) Just as much part of the whole garage sale experience is the opportunity to socialize with all

the other TPer’s who have stumbled out of bed at an early hour to catch the best deals.

So whether you’re a return customer or a Labor Day Garage Sale virgin – be sure to come down to this year’s sale to see how much you can get for how little!

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What's Happening at the Mariemont Library in September

Book Sale! Mariemont Library is hosting its first Friends of the Library book sale, Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18. Come on out and support your library. We need volunteers to help with the sale. If you are interested, please call the branch at 369-4467 or stop by the branch.

Library Babies is the first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. . This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to 18 months.?

Movers and Shakers meet 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.

Pre-school Storytime is Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Special Needs Story Time: Special needs children and their parent/caregiver share a reading adventure in a fun and safe environment. Thursday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. Please call Miss Katheryn at 369-4467 if you are interested.

Tales to Tails: Read to a therapy

dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, September 2, 1 at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration suggested.

Create A Stuffed Creature! Design and sew a felt "critter" that you stuff and decorate. Thursday, September 2 at 4 p.m. Ages 12 to 18

Shared Reading: Early literacy skills are proven indicators of children's future success in school. Learn a fun method of reading books with your young child in a way that encourages the development of these skills. Attendees will receive a gift bag with books for children.

Cincinnati During the Civil War: The Cincinnati Museum Center describes events in Cincinnati during the Civil War. Monday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Mariemont Book Club: September's book is The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. Copies will be available at the branch. Thursday, September 23, 6:45 p.m.

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.

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Did you know that, if you have an emergency and call 9-1-1, your neighbors might be the ones to respond? Terrace Park is wonderfully unique as our emergency medical and fire services are staffed by highly trained resident volunteers.

Here are some facts you may not know about your Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services.

10. We are volunteers and neighbors; we care!

You can bet that we truly care. Why? This is our way of giving back to our community. We volunteer our time to serve you in a caring and con-

fidential manner.

9. We are state licensed.

We are all licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) in the state of Ohio. We have the same license as any other EMT you may run into at a hospital or outside Terrace Park; the only difference is that we choose to be unpaid volunteers. Any of us could work in a full time capacity anywhere that EMT's are hired.

8. It's free for the patient!

Yes, it is ...more on this below!

7. We are well trained!

We have completed the EMT licensing course through Cincinnati

State, passed the National Registry Exam, participated in ambulance runs with nearby departments and completed many required hours of hands-on experience in local hospital emergency departments.

6. And we never stop training!

Our continuing education is ongoing. Twice per month we reinforce skills and review protocols for the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), intubation (placing a tube to ensure breathing), CPR and other trauma and medical care. Our continuing education classes meet all state requirements and exceed many other area departments in frequency and scope.

5. It's free for you!

The patient is not charged ... more on this below!

4. Young, elderly, medical needs, or an accident - we've got you covered.

We are trained to care for all ages from infants to the elderly, and all medical situations, including medical and trauma.

3. More Help.

Along with 29 Terrace Park volunteer EMT's additional help is available if needed. We have a 24/7 contract with nearby paramedics. In fact, by prior agreement, on certain runs (cardiac, overdose, allergic reactions, etc.) paramedics from a nearby department are automatically dispatched by the 9-1-1 operator. They generally arrive right behind the Terrace Park ambulance. Likewise, we offer mutual aid support to nearby departments, such as Milford, Mariemont, Miami Township and others.

2. Don't go it alone, just call!

Don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. We've heard of stories of residents driving themselves to hospitals with broken bones or illnesses and babysitters calling parents home instead of 9-1-1. This is not only dangerous but can waste valuable time. EMT's can assess and assist in making decisions about the need for hospital transport. We don't always transport, but we can provide immediate care. Remember, we actually want you to use us. Don't debate it.

1. The number one thing you may not know about your local EMS - It is FREE for the patient!

It is a misconception that you will be charged for use of Terrace Park's emergency services. Costs for our emergency services are built into your resident taxes. You will not receive another bill from us for services rendered. This is just another reason to call us when you need to.

Being an all-volunteer organization makes this possible. Most departments must bill for runs; Terrace Park has been able to avoid this so far, and will continue to do so as long as we have enough volunteer participation.

So, a somewhat counter-intuitive message from your Emergency Medical Services: Please call us!

Walt Maerki: decorated war hero was a TP legend

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Walt and Willie Maerki in 1946

• He was involved in sports with me and the rest of Terrace Park since I was in grade school

• Dad actually played football, baseball and basketball with us through high school in the gym, outside the gym and at the Terrace Park recreation area where he helped me build the basketball court and backboards and baskets that lasted years.

• I thought the Terrace Park, Milford, Newtown, and Mariemont kids were at our home because of me, but they came because of Dad

• Dad never missed any of Chrissy's or my athletic events unless he was out of town.

• Dad was a heroic figure all the time.

• *He was a highly decorated Navy dive bomber pilot in World War II (Chrissy has his medals and articles).

• He flew every kind of plane imaginable and finished his Navy reserves flying jets.

• He often "buzzed" Terrace Park, especially the athletic field if we were there, with his squadron of dive bombers or fighters from Navy Base Port Columbus.

• Mrs. Kipp reported him to the Civil Air Patrol.

• He was also disciplined for flying under the Golden Gate Bridge while in the service.

• He owned All Aces Flying Club at Lunken Airport where fledgling pilots shared the use of planes.

• Dad taught many of Cincinnati's private pilots to fly, especially the medical community.

• He always owned airplanes and took us on many journeys throughout the country.

• I owned a Citation II jet and we would put Dad in the Captain's seat at age 70 to have a real pilot show us how to do it.

• Dad was the best complete man I have ever known. He loved life, his

family, his friends and his sales people. He was tough and fun - a man's man. He was a great father to Chrissy, me and Terrace Park. He was the best friend I have ever had.

*Copies of these awards, article and medals can be seen in the TPHS Archive.

What a tribute! And of course, this dear father had to name the property he developed after his kids. When asked about Kent and Kris Lane, Kent's reply was: ?"My Aunt Anna Glover (maiden name Anna Maerki, Grandpa Maerki's sister) owned that property for years.

For those years, as you may remember, she let Virgil Fender, father of Jerry and Don Fender grow corn on the land, which they sold by driving around Terrace Park knocking on doors and delivering it from the tail gate of there station wagon.

Virgil was married to Rosemary Fender (maiden name Rosemary Maerki) daughter of Butch Maerki, brother of Anna Glover and Grandpa Walt Maerki, Senior.

Mom and Dad wanted to build on that property for years and finally got Aunt Anna to sell it to them. Dad became the big developer and put in two streets and built four or five houses including the one for him and Mom at #1 Kent Circle.

Dad named the two streets Kris Lane and Kent Circle after Chrissy and me. Why Kris? - because the TP Village was giving him grief about naming them after his kids."

Smiles and laughter accompanied the Maerki's in life. Growing up in TP in the '40s and '50s would have lost something if the Maerki's had not been a part of it. Walt died a very big man...in size but also in heart and love. This war hero was also a hero in life. And his beautiful wife was always at his side.



Willie and Walt Maerki in 2004

Council meeting broadcast schedule

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: Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

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Terrace Park Sports

Recreational baseball hits homerun with younger crowd

By Todd Steele and Matt Lundeberg

The Terrace Park baseball season has come to an end for this year and as always, all of our teams were competitive in each of our age groups. We had more than 160 kids play baseball this year in the Knothole League. Each of our 14 teams ended the year either at or near the top of their division standings.

Our program this year started with three Tee Ball teams. Our coaches were Brian Bortz, Shawn Crowley and Topper Tepe. The kids learned the basic skills of the game and how we in Terrace Park always display good sportsmanship. The season came to a very special end with the Tee Ball All Star Game, hosted by Susie and Neil Bortz at their private “field of dreams” diamond in Indian Hill. A special thanks to Thom Brennaman who announced the game for all the fans and to the Bortz family for opening up their home and pool for the end of season party.

Todd Tritsch and Tom Cox were the head coaches for our first grade teams. Both teams enjoyed hitting the pitches thrown by their coaches (well, the one’s that weren’t in the dirt) and started to really understand how the game should be played.

John Mysogland and Tim Peterman coached the two teams we had for second grade. Once again, this group of kids won their division and really played well in the end of season tournament.

The Terrace Park third graders had two teams this year, and were head coached by Jon Dimichele and Chuck Ciolino. The kids do all the pitching at this level so many of the games hinge on the ability to throw strikes, which happily our kids were able to do.

The fourth grade teams once again led their divisions, with Brian Holliday’s team going undefeated and Matt Lundeberg’s team losing just two games. This is the first year of “real” baseball with steals, dropped third strikes, and all the rules of major league baseball. The ultimate game each year is when one Terrace Park



team faces off against the other. The games are always hard fought and down to the wire, but it is great to see both teams back to being buddies after the game (see attached picture).

Mark Kennedy and Jeff Arrington once again coached our fifth grade boys, and both teams dominated their divisions. Mark’s group ended the season 12-2 and Arrington’s team was 7-4. When the boys are coached by such great athletes as these two head coaches, it is no wonder they both have great fun playing the game and always seem to win more than their fair share.

The last team we had this year was coached by Tiger Nelson for our sixth grade boys. This team had another wonderful season and is now ready to compete at the highest levels in middle school next year.

We as a community should take the time to thank each of these head coaches, and all of their assistant coaches and others that volunteered their time, talents, and passion for teaching the game of baseball to our youth. Baseball has such a strong tradition in America and especially here in Cincinnati, that it is great for our recreational program to be so strong year after year.

This was the first year for Todd Steele and Matt Lundeberg to be Commissioner’s of the TPRC Baseball program. We learned a great deal

about what it takes to make the baseball program successful and hopefully were able to build on the strong foundation which Phillip Maloney crafted over many years. Matt and Todd welcome any and all feedback, so please don’t hesitate to contact us at tprcbaseball@yahoo.com at any time.

There are many people to thank for making sure the ball diamonds are mowed, the fields lined, and the equipment is working to support our program. A special thank you to Mark Schmidt who kept the fields in great condition, especially given the amount of rain we had this year, and to all the umpires who called the balls and strikes this year. Also a thank you to Molly Steele for organizing all the uniforms for each team. If there are any additional uniforms out there, please drop them off on the front porch at 211 Terrace Place.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who supported their children’s participation in Terrace Park baseball this year. We realize the games can be long and the weather unpredictable, so thank you for supporting your child’s baseball development and their love of the game.

See you next season.

Todd Steele and Matt Lundeberg
TPRC Baseball Commissioners

Mariemont Track and Field League Champions

Mariemont High School boasts several Track & Field Cincinnati Hills League (CHL) champions. Check out some of their accomplishments during the 2010 season!

800 Meter Run: Tim Kuck won the league title in the 800 meter run.

4 x 100 Sprint Relay: The relay team of Johnny Wirthlin, Mikey Wirthlin, Kaleb Iles, Mike Davis, Griffin Donnelly and Garrett Welch won the league championship in the 4x100 relay.

Pole Vault: Emmie Stehling was

the CHL pole vault champion.

Congratulations also go to the following who qualified for Division II Regionals: Tim Kuck in the 800 meter run; Johnny Wirthlin in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes; the boys 4 x 100 relay team of Johnny Wirthlin, Mikey Wirthlin, Kaleb Iles and Mike Davis; and the boys 4 x 800 relay team of Garrett Welch, Brian Austin, Tim Kuck, Reed Gerberick, and Ben Gorman. Congratulations to Tim Kuck who went on to place 11th in the Division II Statewide competition.



Photograph by Steve Spooner of MariemontStuff.com
4 x 100 Sprint Relay (from left to right): Kaleb Iles, Mikey Wirthlin, Johnny Wirthlin, Mike Davis. Not pictured: alternates Griffin Donnelly and Garrett Welch.



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