

December Village Council meeting

By Martha Rassi

The December 2013 meeting of the Terrace Park Village Council was called to order by Mayor Jay Gohman. The first order of business was the swearing in of John Teneyck as a volunteer Emergency Medical Services Department member.

Residents Addressing Council: Terry Howe, former Council member, addressed Council to thank Mark Porst and Stefan Olson for their thankless service to the Village and especially to Porst for streamlining the budget process and to Olson for his always enlightening points.

Mayor: He continued by thanking everyone who worked for a successful tree lightning event on the Village Green with special thanks to the Kindervelt for organizing the event. The mayor also noted that it was nice to meet many young families who are new residents of the Village, many of who are returning to the Village. Mayor Gohman made a special thank you to the many Village employees and residents who work timelessly to provide everyone with quality services as well as their families who support these individuals giving their time. There are not enough thanks for all of these people who make The Village such a special place in which to reside.

Solicitor: There is nothing new to report on the Martin/Marietta case as it has been con-



Thank you! Pictured above: Departing TP Councilmen, Mark Porst and Stefan Olson. They have both served the Village for 12 years

tinued until January 23, 2014 and is awaiting a decision by the court of appeals. Village Solicitor Bob Malloy noted that the status quo is not a bad position for the Village. He also reported that he has put together a Power Point presentation covering the issues with social media and public records. This should be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Life Squad: The squad has made a total of 107 runs thus far in 2013 and, the new EMS class is proceeding on schedule.

Fire Chief: Chief Luke Frey reminded Village residents to be sure their house numbers are visible especially at night since this aids fire and emergency teams in responding to calls.

Police Chief/Street Commissioner: Chief Jerry Hayhow

stated that there will be a delay in leaf pick-up due to the snow but the service will resume when weather permits. Leaves may be placed in brown bags for brush pick-up.

Finance: A Resolution was presented and passed to assist the fiscal officer in revising the appropriations budget for the Village to cover overtime salaries for police and street maintenance workers. With his final Council remarks, Porst requested residents continue to be volunteers in order to keep the Village as small and simple as possible thus maintaining its identity.

All other Committee Chairs each gave a special thanks to Porst and Olson for their talented and dedicated service to the Terrace Park Council. The meeting was then adjourned.

New Year's Day festivities!

By Hester Sullivan

New Year's Day will be hopping in the Park! Did you know that our cCouncil mMembers are sworn in at high noon on New Year's Day? They'll take their plunge at noon at the community building then all there are encouraged to take the short drive (walk or bike ride) over to Oxford Ave for the **Second Annual Polar Bear Plunge at 1p.m.** The mMayor has even ok'd council members being sworn in in their polar bear attire!

Now that Terrace Park is fully into the holiday season, it is time to look forward to the first community event of 2014, the 2nd Annual Polar Bear Plunge, presented by The Terrace Park Environmental Group (TPEG... find us on facebookFacebook!). The event will take place on January first at **1 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR)** on the banks of the Little Miami River at the end of Oxford Avenue. If you missed the plunge last year, here's what to expect: If you are brave enough to make the leap, be ready just before 1 p.m. on the rocky shore at the end of Oxford. We'll have one of our newly sworn council members hit the air horn at the strike of 1 p.m. and all will plunge into our Little Miami River. If you want to come but know there is no way you are getting into the river on a January morning, we will have fires, morning beverages and chili in the Parker's yard (3 Oxford Ave), providing a warmer and drier view of the hysteria.

Last year was the first polar bear plunge in recent memory, but new evidence points to an earlier Terrace Park Polar Bear, Timothy Covalt. Who was he, you ask?

Timothy Covalt was one of the first settlers in present day Terrace Park, coming up the Little Miami with his family in the winter of 1790 when our village was nothing more than native wilderness in the "Miami Territory". Abraham Covalt, Timothy's father, had purchased 600 acres of this wilderness and the settlers lived at "Covalt's Station" a walled fort near present day St. Thomas Church that offered their only protection from Shawnee attacks.

Mary Covalt Jones, a granddaughter of the original settlers,

wrote her memoirs in the mid 19th century and they are kept today at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison. In these papers she tells this account of Timothy Covalt's plunge:

"My uncle Timothy was hunting horses at one time, in company with a man by the name of Riggs. They were walking in a foot path, Riggs before him, and he was shot and fell. Uncle thought he had struck his foot against something which caused him to fall. So when he heard the crack of the gun he struck out for the fort. He was chased by the Indians till he came to the bluff where he made one of the greatest jumps ever made perhaps, in that part of the country, and if he fell he never knew it. The first recollection he had after the leap, he found himself in the middle of the river holding the gun above his head, about waist deep in water. He looked back now and saw on the bluff four Indians loading their guns. They shot at him before he was out of the water but missed him."

Sounds like a bit more excitement than the bluff along Miami Avenue sees today, but that won't be the case on January 1, when we present the "Timothy Covalt Award" to the first polar bear to make the plunge. And no need to leap off the cliff either, we will be meeting at the dead end of Oxford Avenue at the public access to the river.

And if everything goes according to plan, nobody will be taking a shot at you when you plunge either.

The first one in (that's head and all) winner will have his or her name put on a new plaque, which will hang in the summer house at the Parker's to be added to each year as the tradition continues. If you would like to contribute chili, or soup, black-eyed peas or perhaps your famous (non-alcoholic) Bbloody Mmary mixx, please contact Hester Sullivan (hestersullivan@me.com). This isis event is a great way to start the New Year with your friends and neighbors, and there is no better place to start the year than on the river, one of the most beautiful and peaceful spots in the neighborhood. Join us and challenge yourself to take the plunge!

Desserts... going once, going twice, sold!

More than 50 neighborhood ladies joined together on the evening of December 10 to purchase dessert items and other gifts through a live fundraising auction. The TP chapter of Kindervelt once again proved its mission of "raising funds while having fun!"

Approximately 40 items ranging from cakes and cookies on beautiful holiday platters to flying trapeze classes were auctioned by emcees Brigid Williamson and Jackie Sheridan. A lovely handmade tree skirt by Tina Turner was a hot item that brought in hundreds of dollars.

This delightful event raises thousands of dollars each year for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Kindervelt



Brigid Williamson (pictured) and Jackie Sheridan were the auctioneers at Kindervelt's Dessert Auction.

#76 would like to thank the many neighborhood ladies and their friends who attended this event. A special thanks to Katie Sheri-

dan for once again opening your beautiful home and hosting. We and the children at CCHMC appreciate YOU!

Coalition addresses drug abuse by youth

Submitted by Melanie Stutenroth

Alcohol and other drug use among teens is a major public health problem in the United States. Every community, including the Mariemont School District, is affected by the decisions of our young people, as is every family. To address these problems in our own community, the Warrior Coalition is being developed as part of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati (CDFGC), an organization co-founded by Ter-

race Park resident, Senator Rob Portman. The Warrior Coalition is a grass-roots effort led by local government officials and parents from the District, which encompasses the Village of Fairfax, the Village of Mariemont, the Village of Terrace Park and parts of Columbia Tuscum.

Based on data produced by the 2012 PRIDE Survey of Mariemont junior high and high school students, the Warrior Co-

alition will address the high rates of alcohol and marijuana use by youth in our district. In addition, results from a parent survey in November 2012, indicated that parents believe a problem exists in our district and over 88% responded that they would support the development of a local coalition. On October 24, 2013, the official launch of the Warrior Coalition was held as a community-wide event which included a presentation of the 2012 PRIDE Survey data results as well as an open forum discussion with the

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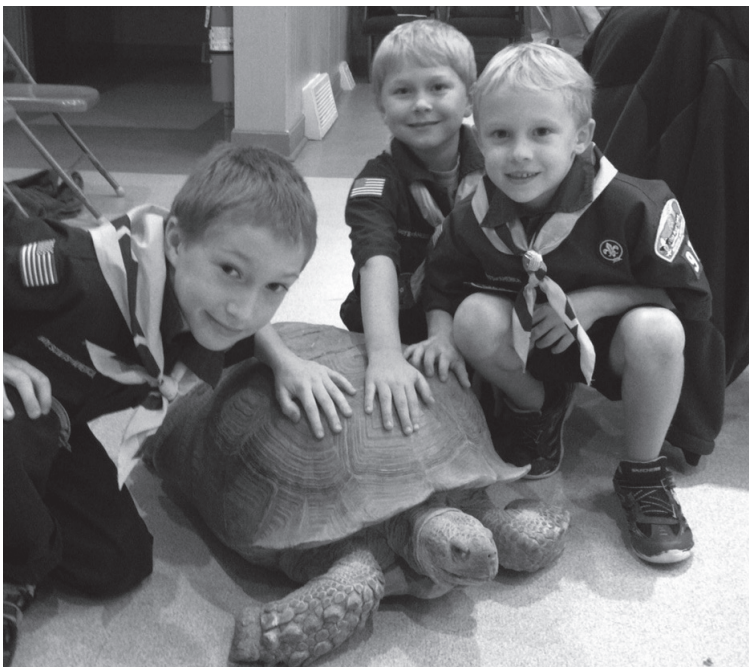


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Photo by Becca Warpole

Neighbor to Neighbor



Cub Scout Pack #97 say hello to a 100-year-old tortoise at their November Pack meeting. The boys and their families enjoyed an educational evening with the Arrowhead Reptile Rescue at the Community Building. Pictured from left to right Ray Lizak, Sam Parker, and Donnie Venderbush.

News from the PTO

Happy New Year from the Terrace Park Elementary School PTO!

The PTO would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to all of our wonderful supporters. The success of the many PTO sponsored events this past year was directly dependent on the dedicated parent volunteers and the fantastic staff at our school, as well as the generous financial contributions of many.

This fall, events sponsored by the PTO included Kindergarten Popsicle Night, New Family Welcome Night, Pumpkinfest, a visit from author Loren Long, and Grandparents' Day, among others. In 2014, we look forward to events such as Everybody Counts, the Science Fair, Recognition Night, Field Day and sixth grade activities, including the sixth grade play and sixth grade breakfast.

In addition to PTO-sponsored programs, the PTO was able to provide Terrace Park Elementary with funds to purchase additional items, including leveled book sets for grades K through 6, novel sets for grades 4 and 6, a band instrument, headsets with microphones for Spanish classes and paver edging for the rain gardens.

Thank you for your continuing support of the PTO in 2014!

Council meeting broadcast schedule

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Today more companies are turning to direct mail. According to research conducted by IBIS World and published in its October 2012 report *Direct Mail Advertising in the U.S.*, direct mail is expected to grow 1.4% annually in the next five years. This is in contrast to the 1.2% contraction due to incentives provided by the United States Postal Service (USPS), such as direct mail that includes QR codes and Every Door Direct Mail.

In its 2011 *Channel Preference Study*, Epulon Targeting found that direct mail is the top choice of consumers for receiving brand communications, even among 18-34 year olds. Other interesting findings include:

- 26% of U.S. consumers and 30% of Canadians said direct mail is more trustworthy than email.
- 50% of U.S. consumers and 48% of Canadians said they pay more attention to postal mail than email.

- 30% of U.S. consumers said they're receiving more mail that interests them compared to a year ago, and just 50% (down from 63% in 2010) and more information is sent to them in the mail -- indicating marketers are improving targeting efforts.
- The perception that reading email is faster declined among U.S. email account holders to 45% in 2011 (from 47% in 2010), suggesting clogged inboxes are draining time.

Elements of a Direct Mail Marketing Campaign

The basic elements of a direct mail marketing campaign are simple: a mail list, a mail piece, and a schedule. Each element influences the response rate (and therefore the effectiveness) of the campaign.

Mail List

Of all the elements, the most influential is the mail list. It has been estimated that the mail list accounts for 60% of the overall response rate.

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Garden Club Finishes Year at Holiday Luncheon

December 3 was the annual Holiday Luncheon for the Terrace Park Garden Club at Terrace Park Country Club. Several activities were part of the event this year. First, Lynn Nelson was inducted as an Honorary Member of the Garden Club. Lynn has been a

Garden Club member for 40 years. Also in attendance were two other Honorary Members, Jane Petersen and Diane DeCamp. Each of these women was a previous president of the Garden Club. Can you imagine the hundreds of hours these women have contributed to

the Village to make it the beautiful place we live in today?

A tradition of the Garden Club is donating decorated wreaths and small trees to Inter Parish Ministries in Newtown. Artificial wreaths and small Christmas trees had been distributed to the members at an earlier meeting. Then at the luncheon, the members return with their wreaths and trees decorated. All are placed for display, and the members vote on the “best decorated wreath” and “best decorated tree”. After the luncheon, the wreath and trees are collected and loaded into cars to be driven to Inter Parish Ministries for donation to those in need. We have been told that the wreaths and trees are very popular. Only selected families can be recipients, and often this will be their only decoration for the Christmas season.

This year was no exception in the creativity and generosity of the members. There were 18 trees covered with miniature ornaments with lights and bright tree skirts. Sometimes members will choose a theme for their tree or wreath. Vivian Krueger won in the tree category for her Baby themed tree. When asked, Vivian said, “I am sure there is a family with a baby who will appreciate the small infant items that cover the tree.” Second place was Jennifer Choate (a repeat winner in this category) with an intricate gold themed tree.

Twenty wreaths were in the competition this year. Sandy Brendamour was the winner in the wreath category. Her wreath was a winter wonderland and quite unique. Sandy also contributed four more wreaths and four more trees that a group of her friends had decorated for the collection for IPM. All were beautiful and a great contribution. Brigitta Wittman placed second in the wreath category with a candy cane theme. Congratulations to all the participants. The fruits of your labor and creativity will be enjoyed by many of those less fortunate.

Garden Club looks forward to the January program this next month. This event is open to the public and we encourage anyone in the Village who is interested to come. Kevin Odell, a landscape designer will speak on “Garden Design for Unique Locations”. Others have heard him before and say it will be an interesting talk that even the men of Terrace Park will enjoy. There will be refreshments and snacks served before the event. Please join us for Guest Night at the Community House, 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

What’s Happening at the Mariemont Library in January

Opera at the Library! The Barber of Seville presented by the Roundabout Opera for Kids, Saturday, January 18 at 2 p.m.

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, January 9 at 4 p.m. Ages 5 to 10.

Stuck on Reading Book Club: Each month, the club features a children’s book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a magnet. Collect three magnets to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato.

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

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Library Babies: New program! Great introduction to library programs for little ones who are too young for the more active Movers and Shakers. Wednesdays at 11:30 p.m, beginning January 15. Ages 6 to 18 months.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, January 23 at 4 p.m. Ages 5 to 10.

InBeTween Club: Thursday, January 16 at 4 p.m. Ages 10 to 18.

Anime Club: Saturday, January 25 at 1 p.m.

Let’s Get Organized! Keep your New Year’s resolution to get organized. Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading ebooks to your Kindle or other device, we offer an introductory class Monday, January 6 and January 20 at 6:30 p.m. Please call to register as this is an individual, one on one session.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. Saturday, January 4 and January 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one on one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Book Club: Catherine the Great by Robert Massie. Thursday, January 30 at 6:45 p.m. Copies are available at the branch.

The Mariemont Branch Library is located at 3810 Pochontas Ave., 369-4467. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be closed New Year’s Day.

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Coalition addresses drug abuse by youth

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three local police chiefs. This event was well attended and now the Warrior Coalition is ready to move forward with executing our mission: Awareness, Education and Prevention.

In 2014, the Warrior Coalition will focus on underage binge drinking and marijuana use by our youth. To address these problems and to empower parents, the Warrior Coalition will develop a Parenting Speaker Series that will feature experts in the area of youth substance abuse. These speakers will educate parents about warning signs of substance abuse and offer intervention strategies. Second, the Warrior Coalition will host another community event with the three police chiefs to discuss the problems they observe in our area. This event will be an open forum and parents will be able to ask questions. Finally, in the Fall of 2014, the Warrior Coalition would like to host a Youth Summit on Alcohol at Mariemont

High School and Mariemont Junior High. Select students will be invited to attend the Summit to discuss why teenagers drink and how they can help change the culture of substance abuse.

The Warrior Coalition will also develop its own website and use social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, to announce upcoming events and to disseminate information to parents and students.

Bringing these programs to fruition necessitates dedicated volunteers, parental support, as well as financial assistance. The Warrior Coalition will seek grant funding and donations to meet objectives in 2014.

If you would like to assist the Warrior Coalition in creating a safer, healthier environment for the children of the Mariemont School district, please contact Melanie Stutenroth at www.stutenroth@terracepark.org.

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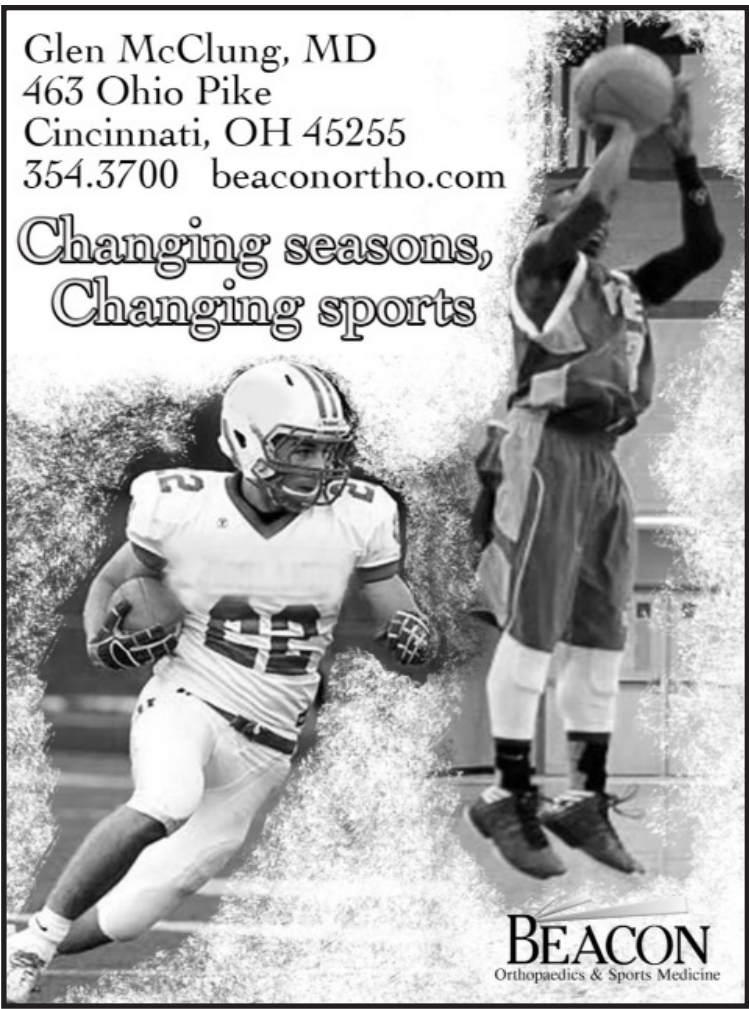
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After stopping a driver due to a defective license plate light, police observed a glass multicolored

marijuana pipe with residue near the center console of the vehicle. Upon request, the driver and his passenger gave police the marijuana pipe and baggies of marijuana. The driver and passenger were cited and released.

Police also responded to a downed tree limb, a vehicle lockout, alarm drops, a power line sparking, a suspicious vehicle, a gas leak, low hanging telephone wires, a domestic dispute, a neighbor dispute, and numerous properties found open.

Terrace Park Police provided mutual aid to the Mariemont Police Department and the Newtown Police Department.

Village Calendar 2013

DECEMBER

21 – January 5 Mariemont Schools Winter Break

JANUARY 2014

1 HAPPY 2014!!!

1 Council Member Swearing In, noon at the Community Building

1 POLAR BEAR PLUNGE, 1 p.m. public access at the end of Oxford Ave. Viewing and Festivities at 3 Oxford Ave

7 Terrace Park Garden Club Guest night, 7 p.m. “Garden Design for Unique Locations” with Kevin Odell, Landscape Designer at the Community Building

8 TP Kindervelt Chapter Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Prospective and current members are welcome to attend this monthly meeting to help plan fundraisers for Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Friends, new and old, enjoy

“raising funds while having fun!” Please contact Brenda Gradek for more information - brendagradek@mac.com.

13 Athletic Boosters Meeting, MHS, Room C-20, 7:30 p.m.

14 TP Village Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in the community building

14 Mariemont Arts Association Meeting, MHS Art Room, 7:30 p.m.

15 State of the Schools Address, MJHS, 7:30 p.m.

16 End 2nd quarter Mariemont Schools - early dismissal

17 – 20 No School MLK Weekend

20 Martin Luther King Day

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

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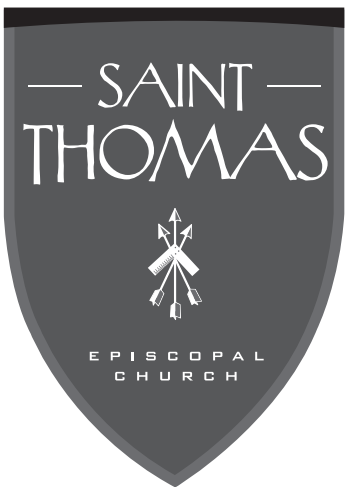
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FAMILY FUN

Pizza & Movie Night – Jan. 10, 6pm
Family Game Night & Music Fest – Jan. 18, 6pm

FAITH IN ACTION

Save the date: Sunday, Feb. 2
Souper Bowl of Caring & Scout

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Bach Vespers, Jan. 12, 6pm
Taize Service, Jan. 19, 6pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
with Hymns, Choir, and Organ

9:15am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Acoustic Trio

10:45am Choral Eucharist, Rite II
with Hymns, Choir, and Organ

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