



# VILLAGE VIEWS

## TERRACE PARK, OHIO



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## Mayor swears in new EMS member; thanks participants of TP Motor Classic and Chilipalooza chili cook-off

--Martha Rassi

The October 2016 meeting of the Village of Terrace Park was called to order by Mayor Tepe with the first order of business being the swearing in of Mr. Ryan Webster to the volunteer fire department of the Village of Terrace Park. The Mayor's report continued with him thanking all of the participants and volunteers of the Terrace Park Motor Classic and Chilipalooza chili cook-off. The event was a success.

**EMS:** Mr. Maggard noted that there have been 11 responses to 12 emergency dispatches for a total to date in 2016 of 108. There are four new recruits completing their third week of training. Thanks was also given to the following volunteers of the Motor Classic and Chilipalooza:

Bill Hayes, Dan Neal, Steve Schooler, Hester Sullivan, Anthony Sullivan and members of the Emily Parker Band. An estimated \$3,200 was raised to support Village emergency services. Mr. Maggard announced that submission as been

made for a grant (approximately \$37,000) to purchase and receive training on a powered cot and loading system.

**Fire Chief:** The department has had two trainings; one held jointly with the Milford Fire Department. Residents were reminded to check furnaces, smoke detectors, and fireplace chimneys before winter weather and to sure that house numbers are prominently displayed on the front of houses to assist emergency responders. As always volunteers are needed for new training classes. If interested, please contact 513-615-6750.

**Police Chief/Street Commissioner:** There have been several incidents of residents' unlocked vehicles being broken into and items taken. Camera evidence is being examined for possible leads. Please lock all vehicles and remove valuables. Fire hydrant testing is almost complete. Leaf piles are currently being removed and complete street leaf pick-ups will being

shortly. Remember not to place foreign items in the leaf piles since it causes damage to the equipment. Mayor Tepe requested clarification on what phone number residents should call for a police emergency. Chief Hayhow stated that all residents should call 911 as it is the most efficient number to use.

### Committee Reports:

**Finance:** A resolution was presented and passed to establish a fund in the budget to process the incoming grant to the EMS Department. The second resolution was to accept the tax levies from the county auditor. The third resolution was to adjust the budget to record the gift of funds to be used to remodel the log cabin restroom. Mr. LeMay reminded residents that the renewal of tax levies on the November ballot does not raise residents' taxes.

With no further committee reports or continued/new business, the meeting was adjourned.

## Car Show and Chilipalooza a grand success!

--Hester Sullivan

The Fourth (sort of) Annual Car Show had over 60 entries and Chilipalooza had over 30 (that's a lot of crock pots). The weather cooperated (despite the 4 o'clock shower) and the Emily Parker Band sounded great! Thank you to all who entered cars, entered chili and ate chili. Brian Holliday took home the Chili Master trophy this year. Mark Castator and Tina Turner were crowned chili king and queen. The most unique ingredient turned out to be pineapple in Steve Dronsfield's "Aloha Chili." Michael Welch did not disclose what made his "Thunder in the Park" the spiciest. Our youngest contestant Ben Webster's "Bulldog Chili" was the Best Red. Even though there was no prize, the Duckwall's won for most entries, and Jody won Best White for her "Jo Jo's Jacked Up Chicken Chili." Notable lo-

cal cook, Tracey Motto tried her hand at chili for "My First Time" and took home best presentation for her wide array toppings and cute instructions. The Reynolds' "Trumped Up, Trickle Down Chili" clearly had the best name. The most creative went to the Findlays for their "Make Your Own Chillie" – these adorable ice cream sundaes complete with sour gummi worms were the hit of the night.

Thank you again to all who supported Music On the Green all summer – even in the rain. Thank you to Ryan and Kelly Fine, Father Smash and the Revival (and Andy Smith), the Carriers (and Jake Glaser) and of course The Emily Parker Band. Thank you to all the EMS, Fire, and civilian volunteers who made the Car Show and Chilipalooza our best yet!



The Carriers rock on!

Photo Salena McKenzie

## ELECTION DAY HISTORY

By an act of Congress in 1845, the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November was designated Election Day for future presidential elections.

The first such election took place on November 7, 1848. Whig Party candidate Zachary Taylor won out over Democrat Lewis Cass and Free-Soil candidate (and former president) Martin Van Buren.

Taylor's running mate was Millard Fillmore, who became the nation's 13th president on

July 10, 1850, upon Taylor's untimely death.

For federal offices (President, Vice President, and United States Congress), Election Day occurs only in even-numbered years. Presidential elections are held every four years, in years divisible by four, in which electors for President and Vice President are chosen according to the method determined by each state. Elections to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate are held every two

years; all Representatives serve two-year terms and are up for election every two years, while Senators serve six-year terms, staggered so that one third of Senators are elected in any given general election. General elections in which presidential candidates are not on the ballot are referred to as midterm elections. Terms for those elected begin in January the following year; the President and Vice President are inaugurated ("sworn in") on Inauguration Day, which is usually on January 20.

## TP resident and surgeon Glen McClung teaches arthroscopy skills

--Jayne L. Walker

Local resident and orthopaedic surgeon, Glen Mc Clung, MD was invited to teach the AANA Masters Series in 2016. AANA is a national organization better known as The Arthroscopy Association of North America. A limited number of surgeons are invited to demonstrate their arthroscopy skills to young aspiring physicians and surgeons across the United States of America at this Masters Experience Course held in Rosemont, ILL. The two day hands on session instructed by Glen Mc Clung, MD share the lessons learned after performing hundreds of rotator cuff repairs in a state of the art facility in Sharonville at Beacon Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Cincinnati, OH.

Glen Mc Clung is a fellowship trained, board certified orthopaedic surgeon specializing in the sports medicine and the arthroscopic treatment of knee, shoulder, elbow, hip, and ankle injuries. He also



serves as teacher, mentor and faculty members through the Beacon Orthopaedic Research and Educa-

tion Foundation bio skills lab experience open to high school and college students.

## A look back in time:

Editor's note: this is a portion of an article written by Stan Miller in the August 1979 Village Views:

Terrace Park was incorporated April 12, 1893, with Carl Floto as mayor and council members Hill, Peebles, Simmons Errett, Robinson and Jones. Lewis Gatch was appointed solicitor. John Robinson of circus fame gave \$15 to start the village general fund, a platting committee was appointed and \$25 appointed for the plat.

Village real estate valua-

tion in 1893 was \$125,000. Village expenditures for the year were \$2,663.04. An ordinance was passed to "prevent the running at large of animals of the horse, mule, cattle, sheep, goat or swine kind." It was also noted that it shall be "unlawful for any person to run or race any animal or animals faster than the rate of six mph. Another ordinance prohibited "intoxicating liquors, whether distilled, malt or vinous, from being sold, bartered or given away on Sundays except for medicinal purposes."

Mariemont High School is hosting its annual Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony Friday Nov. 11th at 9AM in the high school gymnasium. All local veterans are welcome

to attend. Please email Michael Hanley, Social Studies Teacher at MHS, if you plan on attending by November 1 @ mhanley@mariemontschools.org or by phone at 513-272-7641

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# Terrace Park Woman’s Club meeting November 21st at the Barn

--Frances Stafford

This month The Terrace Park Woman’s Club will have a special treat taking a field trip to the Mariemont Barn. Janice Ring, a member of the Woman’s Art Club of Cincinnati, will talk to us about the history and transformation of Lindner’s old dairy barn into a vibrant and lovely cultural center. As with all our meetings, we will begin at 12:30 with social time and

homemade dessert (always someone’s special recipe) and a beverage. After the program, all are invited to stay and tour the Barn. Guests are cordially invited to this meeting. Please call either Ann Lindell, President (831-4163) or Stephanie Jones (831-4392) by Friday 18th to let us know you will be present.

# Cosi brings science to students

--Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

COSI on Wheels is the traveling outreach program of COSI Columbus that engages our students with a dynamic opening assembly and fun, hands-on science activities. This year students learned about weather - wind tubes, measuring

weather, clouds, creating thunderstorms, measuring wind and weather in a vacuum. Mariemont City School District students had a blast engaging in education in such an interactive way!



4th grade Mariemont Elementary student Mallory Murphy gets first-hand experience experiencing weather in a vacuum as Isabelle Holland, Ava Grace Kulesza and Ellis Kaiser look on.



Kindergarten students Cole Senes and Maya Dutro build a thunderstorm at Terrace Park Elementary

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, November 11th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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# Armstrong Choir sings the Gospels


--Sue Porter

The public is invited to “Ain’t a That Good News,” a concert of gospel and spiritual songs presented by the Armstrong Chapel Chancel Choir in the church sanctuary Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. Ben Basone will direct and narrate as the choir reprises the rich and joyous 200-year-history of gospel music. Featured selections will be performed by Armstrong’s Brass Quintet and renowned guest soloists John Christopher Adams

and Calista Day. Reservations are not required and there is no admission charge; however, there will be a freewill offering. Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church is at 5125 Drake Road in Indian Hill. Armstrong’s highly acclaimed Chancel Choir can be heard Sundays at the 9:40 a.m. traditional worship service and throughout the year at special concerts.



Chancel choir sings at Armstrong Chapel



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# Yoga for the rest of us: the Yoga Nest is untying the pretzel myths in Old Milford

The Yoga Nest is now open and actively dispelling the idea that if you can't touch your toes, you can't do yoga.

Karen Johns (54) and Layla Gilman Reed (42) cater to an audience with a little wear and tear on their bodies who are looking for a smart, practical approach to easing common issues in the body without engaging in human origami.

"Every person who walks in has different issues in their body whether they're 32 or 72," says Karen. "Our job is to help them work with what they've got and offer safe, effective, appropriate movement. We promote functionality, proper alignment and just plain feeling good. Students progress with just the right amount of challenge. We keep it light and welcoming so they feel safe and encouraged from the get-go."

A Terrace Park resident writes, "If you want to start yoga on the right foot or if you want to further your practice, you cannot find a better teacher. Karen pays a lot of attention to the alignment of the body and succeeds in translating in words what you should do to get the most out of the various poses, how to maximize your stretch and avoid getting hurt. She does it with a soothing voice and a great sense of humor." - L. D. Z.

Layla and Karen met years ago when they both taught at the former YogahOMe studio in Mariemont. When YogahOMe's doors closed in December of 2014, they decided to take an entrepreneurial leap and step outside of the studio environment to teach independently. It worked. They rented space at The Barn in Mariemont, home to the Woman's Art Club and Cultural Center.



While classes were going great there, it became a mutual dream create a less public, more sacred space that had open wall space, (a commodity in an art gallery), natural light and storage for the yoga props that had lived in their back seats for two years. By the end of July this year, they had seen enough expensive commercial properties and were ready to hang up the dream. On a whim, Karen made one last phone call and was pointed to Steve Early, owner of the building that houses the restaurant 20 Brix. Steve had an office suite available that was way too big, but something told him to mention a smaller space he had been sitting on for a while. When Karen and Layla saw it, that was it. August was spent painting and laying a floor, and by mid-September, The Nest was ready for the flock to arrive.



Karen and Layla are both certified by the Yoga Alliance at the eRYT500 level. They have over 20 years of combined teaching experience under their belts, and have built a dedicated clientele on the East side. Students tend more toward Baby Boomers, though good instruction knows no particular age. The Yoga Nest is located at 101 Main St. on the 2nd floor above 20 Brix. Visit their website [www.theyoganestmilford.com](http://www.theyoganestmilford.com) for class schedule and upcoming events.

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# New CCDS Early Childhood Center named for Neil K. Bortz family

--Cindy Kranz

Cincinnati Country Day School's new home for its youngest learners will be named the Neil K. Bortz Family Early Childhood Center (ECC).

Bortz family members, an integral part of the school for decades, have been generous donors to Country Day. Their generosity includes in-kind gifts from their family businesses. Towne Construction Services is helping build the ECC.

"The significant emotional and financial investment the Bortz family has provided for decades, is helping to create a brighter future at CCDS," said Chris Woodside, Director of Development.

"The Bortz family is very proud to be a part of the Country Day family, which has made the Early Childhood Center possible," Neil Bortz said. Neil and Susie Bortz's involvement with Country Day started as parents in 1976 when they enrolled their son, Adam '85. The tradition continued with sons Brian '87 and Chris '92, a "lifer."

During that time, Bortz served nine years on the Board of Trustees. Chris, a former CCDS teacher and coach, has been a trustee since 2010 and is the board vice president.

The Bortz's connection to Country Day continues this year with the enrollment of grandsons Hayden '22, who is Brian's son, and Huck '28, who is Chris' son. "We'll hopefully have more on the way," said Bortz, founder, chairman, and CEO of Towne Properties.

"Country Day has been our next-door neighbor for almost 40 years. We have watched it grow and prosper as we have watched our children grow and prosper," Bortz said. "We know that the new Early Childhood Center will raise the bar of CCDS's excellence even higher."

The Neil K. Bortz Family Early Childhood Center will be completed this school year and will replace the aging house, which has outgrown the program's needs. The


5,500 square-foot building will be more than double the size of the current facility.

The new building's location near the Lower School will be advantageous for students and faculty. "We've always had a strong desire to bring the entire Lower School closer together, and with the location of the new building, the proximity to the rest of the Lower School is exciting to us," Head of Lower School Jennifer Aquino said.

"Currently, we have to travel a parking lot to connect. With the new location, we're connected by

child-focused pathways and space. It will create opportunities for our youngest students to connect with our Pre-K and our primary age children."

Cincinnati Country Day School, established in 1926, is a private, co-educational, independent, college preparatory school serving children from early childhood (18 months) to grade 12. The school is located in Indian Hill on a beautiful 62-acre campus with over 800 students from 36 public school districts and 54 zip codes. CCDS maintains a 24% racial/ethnic diversity among its students.



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# Police Report

## Police Report September 2016

After receiving reports of a reckless driver pulling into the UDF parking lot, police found the driver passed out in the driver's seat with the engine running. During questioning, the driver kept drifting in and out of consciousness. The life squad was contacted to transport him to the hospital. He was given Narcan and became more alert. Upon questioning, the driver admitted that he had snorted heroin downtown.

After stopping two different drivers for equipment violations,

while investigating, the officer smelled the strong odor of marijuana. Searches of the cars resulted in the drivers being cited for possession of marijuana.

Police received a report of the theft of a hammock and an emblem from the exterior of a car.

Officers investigated two separate reports of a suspicious person, secured several properties found open and assisted with several EMS runs.

The department also provided mutual aid to Newtown police, Fairfax police, Milford police and The Hamilton County Sheriff.

# Reader's recipes

Apple salad!

It's a great time of year for apples! Eat them whole, baked in pastry, covered in caramel, in salads and so much more.

Here is a simple, healthy side salad good for a fall meal:

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, (can sub in ½ tsp. cider vinegar with 1 and ½ tablespoons fresh lemon juice) 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil, 1 teaspoon honey, good pinch of salt and pepper.

Toss dressing with a large, thinly sliced apple (Honeycrisp would be good) ½ of a thinly sliced small sweet onion, and a large handful of fresh spinach or watercress. You could also mix in a little arugula if you like that.

This salad would be good with grilled pork loin or pork chops.





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# Village Calendar 2015

**OCTOBER**

**29 First Annual Haunted Halloween Family Fundraiser** for the Hardens -- There will be a haunted house (for those who dare to enter), along with a kiddie maze, food to purchase, and bake sale. **SIGN UP PARTIES!!!** GForce Spirit Wear! Food! Fun! Fright! Friends! Family! Come one come all!

**31 HALLOWEEN!!!**  
**31 Kindervelt #76 Jack-O-Lighting of the Green,** TP Village Green – **see article for more details**

**NOVEMBER**

**1 TP Garden Club** “Unigue Holiday Arrangements” with Speaker Diane Milazzo. Social at noon, followed by business meeting at 12:30 and speaker/demonstration at 1pm. Guests welcome  
**1 MAA Meeting,** MHS Art Room, 7:30 PM

**2 MHS PTO,** 8:45 am, C-20  
**2 Parent Teacher Conferences,** MHS, 4:00 PM

**3 MJHS Fall Sports Awards,** 7:00 pm, Mariemont JH Gymnasium  
**3 Men Make Dinner Day (!!)**

**5 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Sign-ups (Grades 3-8)** 9:00 am - Noon TP Community Building (Sign Up In Person)

**7 Board of Education Meeting,** Mariemont Elementary Dining Hall, 7:00 PM

**8 Election Day**

**10 Elementary Parent Teacher Conference,** Terrace Park Elementary & Mariemont Elementary, 4:00 PM

**11 MJHS Fall Dance**

**12 CHL Cheer Competition,** noon at Finneytown High School

Please e-mail **Hester Sullivan** at hestersullivan@me.com with calendar information.

**14 National Pickle Day** (thank you Sonya Geers)

**15 Clean your Refrigerator Day**  
**15 MJHS College Planning for JH Parents,** 7:00 pm **Location:** C-20

**16 MHS NHS Induction Ceremony,** 7:00 pm, MHS Auditorium

**17 World Pancreatic Cancer Day - wear Purple!!** (Sherry Holcomb will be wearing purple)  
**17 JH Parent Teacher Conferences,** JH, 4:00 PM  
**17 HS Winter Sports Pictures, 3:00 pm,** MHS Gym  
**17-19 MHS Fall Play,** MHS Auditorium

**21 TP Woman's Club** Monday, “Field Trip to the Barn” with speaker Jan Ring at The Barn, 6980 Cambridge Av, Mariemont, 12:30pm  
**21 MHS Fall Sports Awards,** 7:00 pm, MHS Gym

**23-25 Thanksgiving Break** - no school  
**23 National Tie One On Day**

**25 Boys Lacrosse New Player Clinic** 1:00-2:00 Drackett Field

**25 MHS Boys Lacrosse Alumni Game 2:00 pm** Drackett Field

**28 MHS Athletic Boosters,** 7:30 pm, C-20

**29 MHS Winter Meet the Team,** 6:30 pm MHS Gym

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**MHS Holiday Fair,** MHS Gym, 5:00 PM FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!! (Especially the little ones!)

# Kindervelt #76 Fall/Winter Happenings

--Nicole Pike

The Terrace Park chapter of Kindervelt is off to a great start in our efforts to raise funds for Cincinnati Children's Hospital!

We would like to thank our community for your generous contributions to our annual Halloween Sale. We had a record number of costume donations this year, and a great crowd shopping the broad selection on October 1 & 2. In total, we raised \$765, making this our biggest year yet! Please also keep us in mind after Halloween – there will be a bin on the porch of 105 Miami Ave. through mid-November for anyone willing to donate costumes to our 2017 sale.

Our next big event is just a few days away – come and watch the Village Green take on a spooky glow during our first annual Jack-O-Lighting of the Green! First, look for costumed ghouls and goblins who will be going door-to-door to collect carved pumpkins on Sunday, October 30, between 2-4pm. Drop off is also available at the Village Green during this time. For a \$5 donation, your jack-o-lantern can be placed alongside your neighbors' and lit for the community to enjoy on Halloween night. At 5pm on the 31st, make your way to the Green before trick-or-treating to see the ghoulish display... and to find out if your pumpkin won a prize!

With the holidays just around the corner, don't forget to save the dates for some of our community's favorite events, brought to you by the dedicated group of ladies in Kindervelt #76:

Luminaria – Sunday, December 4, 6:00pm: The start to the most magical of evenings in Terrace Park! Luminaries glow throughout the neighborhood as the Village Green illuminates to welcome the holiday season.

Lighting on the Green – Sunday, December 4, 6:00-7:30pm: After lighting your luminaries, join family and friends at the Village Green for the annual Tree Lighting. The holiday spirit is truly in the air as neighbors enjoy caroling, carriage rides, hot cocoa, holiday treats, Santa, and more!

Kindervelt #76's Annual Dessert Auction – Thursday, December

8, 7:00pm: Need treats for an upcoming holiday gathering or unique gifts for family and friends? Our popular Dessert Auction is back yet again, and with over \$10,000 raised in 2015, we need your support to make it bigger and better than ever!

We can't wait to close out 2016 in the company of our community, all to support the wonderful work of Cincinnati Children's Hospital!



Halloween costume sale was fun for all and raised \$765!



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# Mariemont District Superintendent receives recognition

--Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont City School District Superintendent Steven Estep was recently named a Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association in recognition for using innovative communication technology to expand two-way communication and outreach efforts.

“We are beyond impressed with how Mr. Estep has implemented and utilized communication tools to disseminate and collect information and input from everyone in our community,” said Mike Gaburo, Mariemont Board of Education vice president. “He is extremely deserving of this recognition and we are proud of how much he has accomplished so far as our superintendent, and look forward to what the future holds for Mr. Estep and Mariemont City Schools.”

This program recognizes superintendents across the country who are “using dynamic, fast-paced leadership with strong communication at its core.” The leaders NSPRA considers “engage and inform their school communities with new communication technol-

ogy tools combined with tried-and-true techniques.” The goal is to identify and recognize superintendents who understand that effective communication leads to school and student success.

Through a partnership with SchoolMessenger, NSPRA annually recognizes up to 25 superintendents who have implemented successful communication technology programs to improve communication with their district’s

internal and external audiences. All the selected superintendents have been a superintendent for fewer than five years. Mr. Estep was one of only two superintendents selected from the state of Ohio and the only superintendent selected from southwest Ohio.



Mariemont Board of Education members Ken White, Mike Gaburo, Kelli Neville and Nan Dill present Steven Estep with his award.

# Mariemont Schools receive media awards

The Mariemont City School District recently received four awards from the National School Public Relations Association in this year’s Publications and Electronic Media Awards Contest. The 2014/15 Quality Profile, Destination 2026 – A Strategic Plan to the Instructional Future of the Mariemont City School District, and the 2016 State of the Schools video each received an Award of Honorable Mention. The district’s newsmagazine, The Experience, received an Award of Merit.

“As a district, we make it a priority to communicate to our community about all of the incredible experiences happening in our schools,” said Josephine McKenrick, director of communications at Mariemont City Schools. “This acknowledgement from the National School Public Relations Association is a direct reflection of the extraordinary educational experience we are providing and the incredible support we receive from our community. I am grateful to work for such an enriching school district in such a supportive community.”

There were nearly 1,000

entries submitted in this year’s national contest and this was Mariemont City Schools’ second time submitting entries for judging. Last year the district received an Award of Merit for the 2014 Annual Report and the Welcome to Kindergarten! booklet, as well as an Award of Excellence, the highest award, for The Experience. Click here for more information about the contest.

“I believe it is critical that we communicate clearly and frequently with our parents, staff and community, and I am always

pleased with the work that comes out of our communications department,” said Steven Estep, superintendent of Mariemont City Schools. “Considering that approximately 80% of our district residents do not have children in our schools, publications such as our Quality Profile and The Experience, which get mailed to each home, are crucial communication and engagement tools. I’m proud of what our students, staff and volunteers achieve together, and publications like these showcase those accomplishments.”



## The Great Christmas Caper

Saturday, December 10th from 10am to 2pm

A Christmas festival of cookies, candy and more! Shop for all your holiday sweets and treats - they make a wonderful gift for your friends and family, and the proceeds go to a good cause. We have candies, jams, jellies, canned goods, coffee, treats for pets, children’s crafts, music and much more!

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## Handel’s Messiah Sing Along

Monday, December 19th at 7:30pm



Join members of the Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas and vocal soloists for a rousing rendition of this timeless holiday classic! Enjoy the beauty of Handel’s recitatives and arias, and sing along with the festive choruses. A Christmas experience not to be missed!

More info at [www.bachensemble.org/messiah](http://www.bachensemble.org/messiah)



# What’s Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library November

**Children**  
**Baby Sign Language** — 11:30 a.m. Fridays, Nov. 4 & 18  
Communicate with your baby! Ages 6-24 months. Registration required.

**Movers & Shakers** — 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
Bring the little ones in for stories, songs, and dance as they learn about the Library. Ages 1-4. **Note: No program Nov. 23.**

**Library Babies** — 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
Have fun, meet other parents and babies, and promote early literacy! Ages 6-18 months. **Note: No program Nov. 23.**

**Crafty Kids** — 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17  
Get crafty at the Library! Ages 5-10.

**Teens**  
**Unplugged: Teen Board Game Party** — Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.  
Create creepy edibles for Halloween fun! Ages 10-18.

**Adults**  
**Digital Magazines: Zinio &**

**More!** — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3  
Learn how to download magazines to our computer or mobile device. Registration required.

**Which Craft? Needle Craft Club** — 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Nov. 5 & 19  
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.

**Branch Book Club** — 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17  
This month’s selection is Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld. Copies will be available at the desk. New members are always welcome.

**Mariemont Branch Library is closed Thursday, Nov. 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. Library hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday**

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Wildlife Watch

**Ring-necked snake**  
Editor's note: I came upon this little guy on my front porch. About 10-15 inches long with a yellow-orange ring around his neck, the ring-necked snake is harmless to people. When routed from their hiding place, these snakes quickly seek cover under the nearest available object. They are normally mild tempered when first caught, but discharge a pungent substance from their musk glands



and wiggle violently to escape. They eat lizards, worms and frogs.

Down on the Farm


Driving north on Given Road, past Cincinnati Country Day School a small sign on the right next to a long drive advertises fresh vegetables. It is easy to take a glance and drive by thinking someday a journey there might be interesting. On a beautiful October day the Terrace Park Garden Club took that journey. Many of our members were quite familiar with the farm and the owner, Bonnie Mitsui, remembering her traveling through our village driving her horse cart, drawn by her donkey. She was what legends are made of. But few of our members had any idea how industrious this farm is and what it adds to our community. Speaker Melinda O'Briant, Adult Education Director Turner Farms, offered much insight into the farm and the life of Bonnie Mitsui. The land had been family-owned for many generations when Bonnie inherited it from her grandmother in the early 1990s. Cincinnati born, Mary Elizabeth Crudgington, aka Bonnie had lived in California for a number of years, marrying and raising a family. She was a lover of the land who in the 1970s became one of the first Sonoma County ranch owners to deed their development rights to a conservancy, envisioning a hilltop hiking trail. In 1984 she developed a conservation easement to the Nature Conservancy to assure that her 630-acre ranch would never be used for development. Returning to Ohio in 1993, she brought with her the California ideas of organic farming and land preservation along with a willingness to learn farming. Though stating that she could kill even a houseplant, she be-

gan planting a few crops. Some were successful, some not. But still she kept trying. She didn't hesitate to ask for help. Jeff Wilcox, who worked on her California ranch described her as, "pragmatic, frugal and saw situations and grasped them quickly." When Bonnie died May, 2013, the thriving, organic Turner Farm was harvesting more than 100,000 pounds of produce a year. And much like her land in California, she went on to assure that this beloved land would never be used for development. Today Turner Farms offers day camps for children; cooking lessons in the new state-of-the-art kitchen; certified organic vegetables and naturally raised meat and poultry for sale along with organic eggs. If you love having fresh flowers in your home a small fee and picking them yourself will assure you plenty to last throughout the summer. The farm is also a part of Community Supported

Agriculture (CSA), an agriculture partnership where you work the farm a certain amount of hours and in return get fresh produce--along with learning farming skills and a true connection with the land. Events can be held in the newly-renovated barn. Turner Farms offers this and so much more. So, next time you find yourself on Given and ready to pass that little vegetable sign, take a moment to turn in the lane that leads to the Turner Farm and a different way of life. You will be glad you did. **The Holidays are Coming** On Tuesday, November 1st TP Garden Club welcomes Diane Milazzo who will offer ideas and demonstrations on "Unique Holiday Arrangements." Please join us at The Community Building at noon for social, followed by a short business meeting at 12:30pm and the 1pm program.



Bonnie Mitsui



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Village Green Tree Lighting—December 4th


Village Office—November 26th—December 10

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News from the Terrace Park Historical Society

--submitted by Susan Rodgers

**House Tour success!**  
Thanks to a group of generous homeowners, sponsors and volunteers our 2016 House Tour was a great success. The weather couldn't have been more perfect and many people rode their bikes around the village to visit the four houses on the tour. Visitors arrived from all over the area, often as a result of enjoying our previous tours and judging from their responses, this one was just as popular.

After the tour, the homeowners met on the Village Green to toast the event and receive the gift of a framed watercolor portrait of their home created by accomplished Terrace Park artist, Francesca Padjen.

We would like to thank all the people who helped make this event possible:

**Homeowners:** Sarah and Todd Albrecht, Laura and Brian Bortz, Emily and Matt Parker, and Ali and Chris Webster

**Sponsors:** Rick Koehler Art, Steve Smith of Smith's Camargo Landscaping, Vivian and Jeff Krueger with Nationwide Insurance, Mark Michaelson with Michaelson Homes, Ogle Annett with Coldwell Banker West Shell and Teri and Mike Shaughnessy

**Artwork:** Francesca Padjen  
**And especially: 2016 Hour Tour Chair: Suzie Ricketts**  
- Thank you Suzi for all your hard work in putting together an amazing event!

**More Visitors**  
On Thursday, September 29, members of the Marielders association visited our Gallery and Archives room and found much of interest. They were impressed with our collection of scrapbooks and memorabilia from the WWII years, and shared our concern that these treasures be preserved, as they are already showing the ravages of time.

We would like to invite our members and Terrace Park residents to help us in our efforts to scan and photograph these items before it's too late.

**Save the Date - 2016 Holiday Party**  
Our next event will be our annual Members Holiday Party on Saturday, December 3 from 5:30 to

7:30pm at the Terrace Park Country Club. Members will be receiving an invitation in the mail. Consider becoming a member and joining us for this event..



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We would also like to thank Francesca Padjen for her custom artwork, and acknowledge the efforts of our many volunteers, especially **Suzi Ricketts, House Tour Chair**, whose hard work and months of planning made the 2016 House Tour possible.



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