

VILLAGE VIEWS

TERRACE PARK, OHIO

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Mayor and Council discuss issues pertinent to community

--submitted by Martha Rassi

The May 2017 meeting of the Village of Terrace Park Council was called to order with the pledge of allegiance, roll call, and the approval of the April meeting's minutes.

Mayor: Mr. Tepe began the meeting by thanking the Hamilton County Health Commissioner for speaking at the recent Village meeting. The Commissioner explained that it is state legislation that Hamilton County enforces. He stated that since 2015 dry wells are no longer permitted and that if a resident makes certain home modifications their system must be inspected and up-dated if necessary. A videotape of this meeting is available for viewing. Mayor Tepe continued by noting that council needs to look into options for the future to maintain residents' ability to sell their homes. If options are not researched and considered, residents need to be aware that funds need to be set aside by homeowners to improve or replace current systems. The Hamilton County Commissioner requested that the Village create a plan of action to review all options including installing a sewer system within the Village. Mayor Tepe concluded by requesting any

residents interested helping with this action plan contact the Village office. The group needs to include a diversified group of interests and talents from within the Village.

EMS: Mr. Maggard presented a very complete EMS Recruiting Project for Council's review. Its objective is to create a program that would increase EMT recruiting to 5-10 trainees per class annually. Meetings will be organized starting in June and August by the project's volunteers.

Fire Chief: The repair of the department's fire truck will shortly be completed. Mr. Frey is currently working with vendors to get cost estimates for a new fire engine since the construction of such an engine takes approximately one year to build. He is hopeful that the repairs on the current fire truck will last until a new engine can be purchased.

Street Commissioner: Information was presented concerning repair of electrical poles within the Village. A conference call was held with engineers from the different electric distributors. The older circuit currently needs to be replaced. The distributor gave two options to the Village: 1. Replace the needed wires and continue to

do tree trimming. 2. Run electrical service underground in the affected area with Duke Energy absorbing the cost. Either option requires the cooperation of all vested parties. If Option 2 were done, the Elm Court substation would be eliminated. Even if a decision is made, only a portion of the Village would be placed underground by Duke. With many questions being raised, Mayor Tepe requested a meeting at which a Duke representative would be available to provide the Village with more information.

Committee Reports:

Finance: The 2017-18 Village budget is almost complete. It will be presented in June for residents to review and then presented to Council at the regular July council meeting for approval.

Public Safety: Holly Purcell noted that she would not be running again for election to the Council. Mayor Tepe encouraged residents to consider running for election and reminded all interested parties that a petition with at least 50 valid signatures must be presented 75 days prior to election thus requiring some preplanning by interested residents. With this, the meeting was adjourned.

Terrace Park Garden Club and TP First Graders celebrate Arbor Day

--submitted by Amy Evans



Students getting their Arbor Day trees!

On Friday April 28th, our country celebrated Arbor Day and the First Graders received cherry trees ("Prunus x Gisela"), which are specially bred to be used by growers as root stock. These trees will remain on the smaller size (~25 feet) because the farmers want to be able to harvest the fruit easily and also keep the birds from taking most of it. While our tree will have flowers and fruit, if you wanted to graft in another favorite tree, it is possible to use this tree when it reaches about the size of a pencil in diameter, in a couple of years. A tree all of you may have noticed that had a graft added is found outside our Mariemont Public Library. It is a beautiful red bud with one white flowering branch.

Our tree was potted and has green leaves on it because our arborist, Mark Castator, purchased them early and began to grow them so they would more likely survive. Students and parents were instructed to plant them in partial to full sun and not too close to wires or their house.

Amy Evans and Lisa Dayton helped prepare and present the trees selected and purchased by the Terrace Park Garden Club. Arbor Day is a holiday that dates back to 1885 in Nebraska where a lover of trees, J. Sterling Morton, began the tradition. On that first Arbor Day, it is estimated that one million trees were planted just in Nebraska alone. The landscape there was very barren and the trees helped to control the winds and heat and to conserve soil. Some of the trees in our country date back 2000 years

as shown by the Red Woods of the west coast.

If you want to keep your trees alive and healthy, it is important to water them and keep the mulch off of their trunks. During hot and dry spells, watering your lawn will also water your trees since most of the roots spread out under your grass.

The Garden Club is a wonderful place to learn about trees, flowers and landscaping as well as floral arranging. Each year we sell certificates for the Olde Garden Shack on Wooster Pike as well as flowers and plants which they grow. These sales help raise funds for purchasing trees, maintaining gardens and activities like Arbor Day. Members volunteer time to help improve our community. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, usually at noon, at the Community Building but have added a couple of evening meetings as well in order to help those members who work full time and want to attend. We are always looking for new civic minded garden club members. All meetings are open to the public. Please come visit us soon.

Rich is shown here with his recently acquired favorite painting. It is by Eudora Hereford, a little known Cincinnati woman painter that Rich has become interested in collecting. The painting is of a seated mother with her reclining child.

Please call either Ann Lindell, President (831-4163) or Stephanie Jones (831-4392) If you are interested in joining our club. You would be very welcome. Terrace Park Elementary students did their

A look back in time

Editor's note:

In past issues of the Village Views, long-time resident Polly Bassett submitted articles about living on the Little Miami River in Terrace Park. Here is one of the articles, preceded by an introduction by Polly.

River Reflections

--by Polly Bassett

Our move in July 1985 was only one block up and across the street, but it opened up a wonderful new world of life on the Little Miami River. Walking to the back of the house we are as removed from daily life in Terrace Park as if on a vacation hundreds of miles away.

Our first leisurely look at the river revealed two turtles sunning, three mallards swimming and a water snake making its way toward the opposite shore. The following day, after heavy rains, we watch angry, noisy, ugly, rushing brown water with an old door and two rubber tires bobbing swiftly past! Such are the sudden changes that we observe from day to day and season to season.

At any time, we derive a sense of beauty and peace by stopping, however briefly, to look out the windows or over the brink of the hill for a few quiet moments.

Spring:

The crystal clear water disappears after several spring rains and becomes a brownish café au lait color until next winter. Now the lower banks are covered with water which meets the green bushes and swishes through the underbrush. Peepers and other toads and frogs sing their evening chorus.

Several pairs of jays scream

and quarrel among the trees. Goldfinches are turning yellow, spritely Carolina wrens call loudly and cardinals are pairing off. Three crows noisily arrive to feed on a large dead fish which has washed up on the rocks.

The migratory birds return. Song sparrows and robins sing. Grackles fly back and forth across the water. A kingbird and a flock of cedar waxwings stop for a day or two. Catbirds chatter below us.

Coots are funny dark diving ducks that appear in the spring. They have a habit of swimming upstream against a fairly strong current while appearing to stand still. They look like a partly submerged stick until they dive, coming up to "stand still" again.

We are surprised one May morning when the river is lower than usual to hear loud splashing up and down the shores. Upon closer examination through field glasses, we discover fish spawning in the shallow water—bass and channel catfish someone tells us. I am amazed how large some of them are. The splashing continues for several days gradually diminishing.

A red fox makes an unexpected appearance at dusk as he hunts along the opposite shore. He is accompanied by a warning racket as a number of birds follow scolding after him.

The sweet smell of honeysuckle, the lavender of crownvetch, hummingbirds and a soft warm evening breeze tell us that late spring will soon turn to summer.

Two handsome young woodchucks (one dark, one light) amble across the back hillside and crash



Polly Bassett

into the bushes when I come out to look. A dog trees a half-grown raccoon one evening and the fuzzy youngster sways back and forth at the top of the small tree for 45 minutes until the dog tires of waiting and they both disappear.

Raccoons wander through the yard often. They clatter down the drainpipe and saunter across the long sill of the family room. Sometimes at night we hear them growling and quarreling among themselves. The loud noises they make on an otherwise quiet night are almost frightening. Early one morning, clearly outlined in the moonlight, several race up and down the oak trees behind our bedroom. A large form appears at the open bedroom window, stands on hind legs and peers in at us. At 2:00 a.m. this is a bit startling!

Golfers are now out in full (continued on page 2)

Editor and Business Manager needed!

Kim and I will be retiring from our positions as Editor and Business Manager after one more issue. There is no August paper, making it a perfect time for someone new to come on board and learn the ropes! Please consider taking on one of these

positions. It's an opportunity to meet new people and be on top of what is going on in your community. It's a time-worthy service as well as being fun! Contact Cyndy at: cyndyfinnigan@gmail.com 520-1520



VV Deadline - Friday, June 16th, by 9 p.m.
For articles, please contact Cyndy Finnigan at tpvillageviews@gmail.com For calendar submissions, please contact Hester Sullivan at hestersullivanme.com. For ads please contact Kim Newton at newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com

Letters to the editor:

Summer Day Camp means more traffic, more smiles

To the Editor,
June 5 is the first day of Stepping Stones' Summer Day Camp for children with disabilities and that means drivers will see more traffic than usual at the bottom of Given Road in the Indian Hill/Terrace Park area..

We want to alert neighbors to the camp schedule so motorists can be aware of possible traffic congestion around 5650 Given Road at the beginning and end of the camp day.

Camp runs Monday through Friday, June 5 through Aug. 4.

Staff and volunteers arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Campers arrive in buses and cars from 8:55 to 9:30 a.m. and leave from 2:55 to 3:30 p.m.

We work hard to keep things moving quickly and appreciate your understanding. The first week is the most challenging. Remember, Indian Hill Road or

Park Road are possible alternate routes.

If you find yourself slowed behind a bus or camp parent's car, we hope you will take a moment to smile or wave at the children on board. Our camp serves more than 400 children and teens with a wide range of disabilities. Many of them move a little slower or need help alighting from the vehicle. Your friendly wave can create a huge smile for children and families who are doing their best to get you on your way. The return smile might brighten your day, too.

For motorists who may be slowed by camp traffic, we apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and good cheer.

With best wishes for your summer,

Chris Adams, Executive Director, Stepping Stones
5650 Given Rd.,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 10 p.m. on Friday, June 16th. **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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Please submit articles as Microsoft WORD or .jpg format. Please put your name and date on submitted disks. Photographs and disks will not be returned.

The deadline is Friday, June 16th at 9 p.m.

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June 16th deadline:

The next deadline for *Village Views* is June 16th. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m.

All advertisements go to Kim Newton at newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com.

All articles go to Cyndy Finnigan 128 Winding Brook Lane or tpvillageviews@gmail.com. Questions? Call Cyndy Finnigan at 831-5121.

Village Views welcomes readers to submit articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

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force, but the soft yellow green of the trees begins to hide the edge of the golf course which is so open in winter. We now hear their laughter (and sometimes their frustration) rather than seeing their golf carts and the black "golf course dog" that follows them.

Soon canoes will be making a regular appearance, creating a weekend highway behind the house. These will soon be followed by "tubers". Often people are unaware of our presence at the top of the hill and sometimes their antics and remarks are a story in themselves.

At dusk a muskrat swims down the river leaving a v-shaped trail behind his head. The water darkens—an owl hoots—the sound of a small animal rustles in the underbrush. A soft splash is heard and all is still.

Having grown up in the lovely Connecticut countryside, far from my neighbors, I learned at an early

age to enjoy nature and the out of doors, probably more than some. It sustains me to see each season come and go and know how timeless God's world is. Conditions vary and change but the birds return each spring; the flowers bloom followed by winter's cold. Sometimes too dry, too hot or too cold, nature manages to adjust.

Most of us in Terrace Park take for granted the quiet beauty of our Village. The river, which borders two sides of us, the Wilderness Preserve, Indian Hill's green belt, and the Kroger Hill Park property protect us a bit from the inevitable crush of shopping centers, highways, crowded housing developments and industrial parks—not to mention areas of trash, decay, pollution and neglect.

I hope those in our community will take an active interest in preserving the special qualities which make our Village unique. One of these is certainly the Little Miami River.



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Neighbor to Neighbor

Students recognized for community service by Kiwanis

--Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

The month of May is Student Achievement Month for Kiwanis, and this week the club presented the Outstanding Community Service Award to students from Terrace Park Elementary and Mariemont Elementary.

This year, the Outstanding Community Service Award was presented to Madison Roetting at Terrace Park Elementary and Bennett Turan at Mariemont Elementary.

Madison has volunteered 128 hours and 15 minutes of her time this school year and many of her service hours included helping the school community with safety patrol hours and Builders Club service projects. She also spent many hours helping at church during Sunday school and in the Terrace Park Elementary kindergarten classrooms, evidence of her passion for working with children.

"Since the day she started working at church to now, we can see a huge difference with her interaction with the preschool age kids she volunteers with," said Madison's mom, Michelle. "She loves them while also teaching them."

Madison said her inspiration to help others came from her mother, who provides her children with opportunities to help around their community, church and city. This passion to give back to the community runs in the family - last year, Madison's brother, Logan, received the Community Service Award.

"it was pretty clear early on that Madison loved giving back to the community," said Ann Williams, 6th grade teacher and Builders Club advisor. "She was always there to help. I am really excited to see what the future holds for Madison; she's an incredible girl who is going to go



Madison Roetting proudly displays the Community Service Award plaque, which is permanently displayed in Terrace Park Elementary, with (from left to right) Jack Smith, Principal Linda Lee, Ann Williams, Michelle Roetting and Logan Roetting

far in life."

Fifth grade teacher Jill Colaw said she is inspired by Bennett Turan and his desire to serve others. "I stopped counting after Bennett had reached 50 hours of service, which was really early in the school year."

His biggest endeavor this year was Pencils for People, an organization he created because he discovered that some children in Haiti often do not have writing tools to use. He organized a drive at school and then partnered with Mathew 25: Ministries to get the supplies to the children.

"Bennett goes above and beyond. He has also picked up trash, made bunk beds for people in Haiti, served at church soup kitchens, helped with Lumenaria, wrapped presents and the list goes on," said Colaw. "He is a fine example of a true servant who goes above and beyond to help others."

Congratulations to these two students and role models!

"We would like to extend our thanks to Don Guerney and Jack Smith, the Kiwanis members who

help with the Builders Clubs in both of our elementary school buildings," said Linda Lee, principal at Terrace Park Elementary. "Elementary school is the foundation of instilling community service in students and that really that starts with Kiwanis." Builders Club is dedicated to community service, and is where the students get an opportunity to get involved with leadership opportunities. The Builders Club members in both elementary schools assist in various ways around the school building and the community.

"Our Kiwanis Club inspires us to grow this idea of service from the very beginning because it's important that we teach even our youngest learners to be respectful and responsible citizens," said Ericka Simmons, principal at Mariemont Elementary. "We are grateful for Kiwanis' presence, support, community service and all they do to make a difference in the lives of our students and community."

TP Elementary celebrates Earth Week

--Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

Terrace Park Elementary students did their part to better our planet by celebrating Earth Week. The students worked with buddies to beautify the school's cam-

pus with flowers, created pieces for the bee-themed kindness art mural, participated in an interactive learning session hosted by Cincinnati Nature Center to learn

about bees at work, and listened to a presentation by Mark Castator and Roger Stafford about the importance of beekeeping and pollination.



Roger Stafford talked to the students about bees and the importance of beekeeping



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during the time of the dinosaurs. It was long thought to be an extinct species, until it was discovered alive and well in a rural, mountainous area of China. The tree is happy to be a bit wet, so it has been located where there is often standing water after a rain. Four Dawn Redwood trees are planted on Redbird, Princeton and Wrenwood. Mark Castator



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Library Babies — 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays
Have fun, meet other parents and babies, and promote early literacy! Ages 6-18 months.

Crafty Kids — 4 p.m. Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, & 29
Make and take a fun craft. Ages 5-10.

Share a Story — 4 p.m. Mondays
June 5: Caterpillars to butterflies
June 12: Wiggly worms — Led by local naturalist Sara Fehring. Registration required.
June 19: Honeybees
June 26: The Crow and the Pitcher
Ages 4-7

Try it out Tuesday — 4 p.m. Tuesdays
June 6: Strawbees Construction
June 13: Design your own character
June 20: Fossil Fun
June 27: Scratch Lab
Ages 6-12. Registration required.

Tales to Tails — 4 p.m. Thursday, June 8
Read a story to Bonny the therapy dog. Ages 5-10.

Mini Brain Camp: Coding with Ozobots — 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Friday, June 16
Learn how to use basic codes to control a tiny robot!

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Meet Your Animal Neighbors — 4 p.m. Thursday, June 22
Meet a reptile, amphibian and bird of prey, and get your animal questions answered. Ages 5-12.

Teens Summer Artlab: Sand Art — 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 7
Ages 10-18. Registration required.

Summer Artlab: Button-making — 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 21
Ages 10-18. Registration required.

Adults Which Craft? Needle Craft Club — 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, June 3 & 17
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.

Green Cleaning — 6 p.m. Thursday, June 22
Join us as we create a green cleaning kit with presenter Carisa Bunt-en. Registration required.

Book Club — 6:45 p.m. Thursday, June 29
Title TBA. Copies will be available at the branch.

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June – Happy Iced Tea Month

June 3 Pedapalooza 5:00 pm

4 Cancer Survivors Day

5 Boosters Meeting, 7:30 MHS Room C20

6 Terrace Park Garden Club Flower Show Members meet at noon, Flower Show 2 - 4pm at the Community Building. Spectacular Flower Show open to all.

Come see the beautiful arrangements and exhibits prepared by members of Terrace Park Garden Club. Children welcome too!

11 Terrace Park Democratic Club, 7:00 p.m. at the Terrace Park Community Building

14 Father’s Day and Flag Day (also lesser known – Give Blood Day and Bourbon Day)

20 Board of Education Meeting

Central Office Conference Room (2 Warrior Way), 8:30 AM

21 First Day of Summer!

23 Let It Go Day

26 Canoe Day – celebrate with a paddle down our Little Miami!

Please email Hester hestersullivan@me.com with calendar information.

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

Police Report

A known scam artist was identified after soliciting money at St. Thomas Church. He has used the same story at several churches in the area: After sitting through services, he tells parishioners that he lost an envelope containing his bus fare money and ID on the city bus. He says that he lives outside of Paducah, Kentucky and it costs \$173 to get home. Police charged the man and transported him out of the district.

Based on surveillance video, Police identified a suspect who had been observed looking into several cars parked outside St. Thomas. None of the cars had been entered.

There were a small number of vehicle accident or damage reports caused by participants in high school “Senior Assassin” games.

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Don Gurney receives Friend of the School Award

--Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

In 2015, the Mariemont City School District launched the Marie Huenefeld Friend of the School Award to recognize individuals in our community who make significant contributions to the school district with their time, service and/or expertise to create a better experience for district students and make Mariemont City Schools an even better school district.

At the May Mariemont Board of Education meeting, Don Gurney was officially recognized as the 2017 recipient of the Friend of the School Award.

“Don Gurney is a man who works quietly and humbly to support our students, helping them to realize their potential and become not only compassionate students but also compassionate citizens,” said Steven Estep, superintendent of Mariemont City Schools. “He has always been such a positive role model for our students and has a way of connecting with them that is effective and invaluable...Don is just an all-around support for our schools. I think most of us would be hard-pressed to remember a time before Don Gurney was involved with Mariemont City Schools.”

Don has advised the Mariemont Elementary Builder’s Club for many years as the liaison between the school’s Builder’s Club and the local Kiwanis. He has also helped with judging the students’ Memorial Day essay entries and with Kiwanis fundraising, which provides scholarship dollars to Mariemont High School students.

He has volunteered during countless school levies, distributing information and providing assistance however and whenever he

can, even if it simply means doing something that comes naturally to him – sharing a positive story or anecdote about his experiences with the students.

He is huge supporter of the athletic department, as a regular attendee of the annual Sports Stag as well as countless high school and junior high sporting events to cheer on his grandkids. He has always been very supportive of student athletes and their activities. He was also very involved with the district’s athletics Boosters, volunteering his time to solicit memberships and organize the annual golf tournament.

He’s married to his lovely wife, Nancy, and they recently moved to Montgomery, although he plans on staying involved with Mariemont City Schools. Both of their children are Mariemont High School graduates.

“Don is a very caring, genuine, sweet and giving person. He is a devoted member of Kiwanis who spends his time caring and looking out for others,” said Ericka Simmons, principal at Mariemont Elementary. “Don is a true example



Don Gurney

of what it means to serve others and a wonderful role model for our students. He puts his heart into all that he does.”

The award was created in honor and recognition of retired Mariemont Board of Education member Marie Huenefeld, who received the inaugural Friend of the School Award. Marie Huenefeld was first elected to the board in November 1987 and served through 2015. Rusty Wilson was the 2016 recipient of the Friend of the School Award.

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News from the Terrace Park Historical Society

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Sandy was nominated by Susan Frank with the following message: “Sandy has been on the Board since 2006. She has served as Program Chair where she planned and executed 4 programs a year, brought all the refreshments, arranged for all the set up and did so very quietly that no one would know all that she accomplished. One of the most well received programs was the one of the old Ter-

race Park High School when she worked with Ralph Vilardo to execute a very special program (all on DVD in our office). Linda Lee was so impressed that she had the program done a second time for all the Terrace Park Elementary students and faculty. She always arranged for interesting and diverse group of speakers, the details are all in the TPHS office. She was a co-chair of the first house tour and was/is also secretary. Sandy never hesitates to help out with any of all projects.” Congratulations to Sandy!

Scholarship Program

This spring we have added a scholarship at the high school to sustain our youth’s involvement in the heritage of Terrace Park. On behalf of the Terrace Park Historical Society, we would like to send our congratulations to the first ever recipients of The Historical Society’s Scholarship. The scholarship committee was pleased to have many applicants describe their life growing up in Terrace Park. This year we were proud to award \$500 each to Grace Brittingham and Matthew Burgess. Congratulations to Grace and Matthew!

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2017 Social Calendar

Friday, May 26 - Opening Day Festivities

Sunday, June 4 - Community Donut & Juice Social

Saturday, June 24 - Lobsta Bake

Wednesday, July 21 - Ladies Day

FRIDAY, JULY 30 - KIDS’ DAY WITH POPSICLE PARADE

Friday, August 18 - Back to School Bash

Monday, September 4 - Closing Day Festivities

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - TPE PTO SOCIAL

Sunday, September 10 - Doggie Swim

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Terrace Park EMS to celebrate volunteerism at family-focused event June 4

--James Flerage

Ten years prior to The EMS Services Development Act of 1973, the Village of Terrace Park established an all-volunteer, ambulance-based, emergency medical service (a.k.a. Life Squad). Over fifty years later, the community continues to operate a volunteer EMS service, one of only two in the Greater Cincinnati area. The Village’s commitment to this service reflects our community’s character and compassion and its leadership. In planning for the future, our Council leaders seek to resolve what has become a nationwide challenge for volunteer EMS squads – recruitment and retention.

“Tax alleviation is the primary driver for most volunteer EMS programs,” says John Maggard, Chief, Terrace Park EMS, “but it’s not the primary driver for folks around here. The squad has never received a thank you note that says ‘thanks for keeping my taxes low,’” he says smiling. “What we do receive is heartfelt gratitude – gratitude for a friendly, well-trained, familiar face who shows up within minutes of a 911 call.”

With 163 Terrace Park runs and 34 mutual aid assists this past year, Terrace Park’s Life Squad continues to serve as a success model for volunteer EMS organizations. Still, Maggard is concerned about the future. “Time is the most precious resource for families and finding new volunteers has become increasingly dif-

ficult.”

But it wasn’t the recruiting process that drove Terrace Park resident Molly Steele to volunteer - it was personal experience. “When your child needs medical attention, the last thing you want to do is wait for help. My family has called on Life Squad three different times for medical emergencies involving our children. Within minutes, someone I knew or recognized from the community was there to help. I always felt this sense of relief and reassurance once they arrived.”

A couple years later, Molly made the decision to join Life Squad. “Initially, I was concerned about the time commitment and the fact that I didn’t have any prior experience. I have four kids, my husband travels for work, we have no family close by, and I volunteer at the schools. Between the excellent training and personal mentoring from the Life Squad family, I gained experience quickly. I also discovered that I had flexibility in scheduling on-call days, which enabled me to join Life Squad despite our hectic schedule. I absolutely love doing this. It’s been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.”

On Sunday, June 4, from 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Terrace Park EMS will host an informational event for all residents at the Terrace Park Swim Club. Come by for popsicles and a chance to visit with your friends and neighbors



Molly Steele, Terrace Park resident and Life Squad volunteer

who are EMTs. Peek inside the ambulance, see equipment demonstrations, and have your blood pressure checked. If you are interested in joining Life Squad, information packets will also be available.

“We know that folks need us. But we also need them,” says Maggard. “This service is about neighbors helping neighbors and we would be thrilled to have more volunteers. Please join us on Sunday, June 4, and bring your families. If you’re considering volunteering for Life Squad, either now or at some point in the future, come see us or email me at jpmagg3@gmail.com.”

Garden Club Flower Show presents “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”

--submitted by Frances Stafford

The Terrace Park Garden Club is excited to be putting on a Flower Show this year! It will be held Tuesday, June 6, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Community Building. It has been several years since we last produced a show and we want to tell you all about it.

Before I get into the details though, I must tell you that six beautiful and creative fairy gardens will be on display so bring your children along (there will be brownies and cookies too!).

Showcasing the artistic skills of members will be flower arrangements in a variety of containers. Novices can use a coffee mug. A new section, in glass containers, will have arrangements with all or part of it below the water level and yet another will feature wood (perhaps a found piece from a beach). In the tradition of the Cincinnati Flower Show, there will also be fabulous table settings featuring a display of flowers. Another new division to challenge our members, is the color photo display requiring a picture of either a single flower or a vacation landscape.

The Horticulture section presents another challenge as all

items shown must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months. These will be judged on the health and beauty of the plants. Cut specimens of a single stem of a perennial flower will be shown such as colorful Astilbe, Coreopsis, Geranium, Coral Bells or whatever is in beautiful bloom in our gardens. There is also a section for a stem of a perennial grown for foliage like Ferns, Hostas and Coral Bells which now are available in the full range of leaf colors and patterns. A single branch from a flowering shrub or tree such as a hydrangea has its own category. House plants, lovingly cared for, will also be there. Finally, container collections, composed of flowers or foliage for shade or for sun, will give you ideas for use in your own outdoors. Containers of herbs, cacti or succulents round out this group.

A label will accompany every entry giving both the Latin and the common name of all plant material used.

We hope you will enjoy this show as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Save The Date!!!

--Kelli Neville

Please join us for the second annual Pedalpalooza event on Saturday, June 3rd @ 5:00pm

This is a simple pre-determined family bike ride around the Park...followed by live music, a 50-West Barbecue Dinner and Beer, and a bake sale all happening on the village green

The ride is a free family event

T-shirts and food/beer tickets will be for sale in the upcoming weeks.

Check out the video from last year to see what it is all about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQka8sNWRmQ>

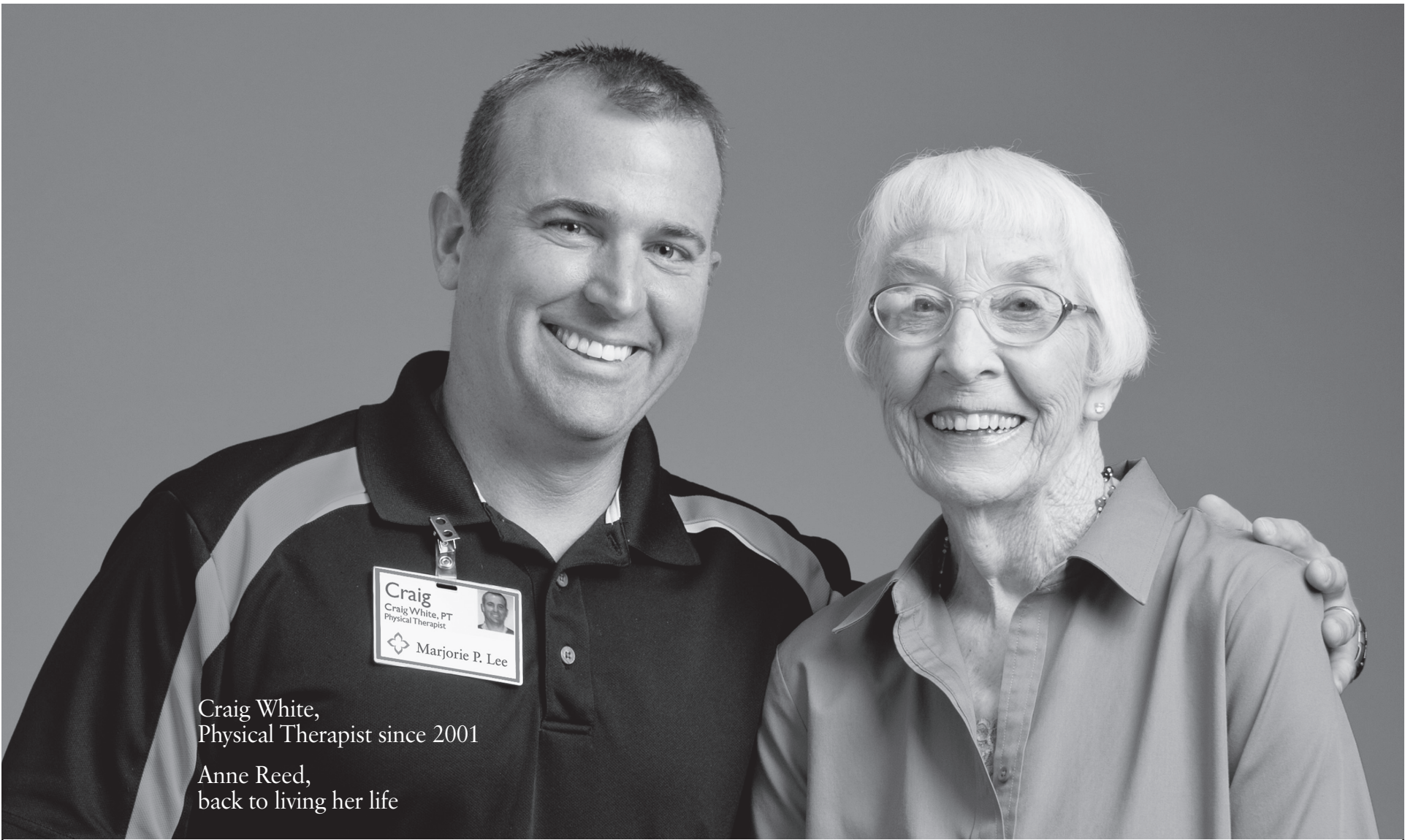
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