



Volume XLV Issue 8

# VILLAGE VIEWS

## TERRACE PARK, OHIO

September 2019

## Council Welcomes New Clerk of Court

Submitted by Martha Lewis-Rassi

Residents to Address Council: Mr. Mark Mitchell addressed the Council with suggestions on controlling the mosquito population within common areas of the Village. As an environmental engineer, he recommended the use of bat houses as an effective and inexpensive way of reducing mosquitos. Mr. Mark Castator also spoke to this issue as he has been assisting Mr. Mitchell. It was suggested that the building of bat houses might be a possible project for the Girl or Boy or Eagle Scouts. After some discussion, Mayor Tepe assigned this to the Building and Grounds Committee for discussion and review.

Mayor: His first order of business was to welcome Christy Hampton as the new Clerk of Council. He then noted that there has been no update on the installation of sewers into the Village other than contractors from the sewer district have been in the Village taking elevation measurements. Prior to any decision, a public forum will be held. The Mayor closed his report by reminding residents to slow down and be alert as schools will be

shortly starting.

Fire Chief: Mr. Dronsfield noted that the current training class of eight will be completing their training in the next few months.

Police Chief/Village Administrator: Chief Hayhow also reminded residents to adhere to all traffic rules as school begins. The repairs to the leaf truck will be completed in time for the fall leaf pickup that will begin in mid-October. Leaves placed into paper leaf bags will be collected by the maintenance staff. Council member Mr. LeMay thanked all of the police officers for their dedication and service to the Village.

Building/Grounds: Prior to the presentation of an ordinance for its first reading, the Chair gave a brief history of the tree assessment that is a portion of property taxes paid by Village residents. It was noted that the Village only receives 14% of property taxes for its annual budget. This past year the annual tree assessment had a short fall due to the aging of so many Village trees. The presented ordinance would increase the tree assessment from \$0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable

home value to \$0.70 per \$1,000, approximately \$105.00 per home in the Village. With over 3,000 trees in the Village the increase is needed to avoid another shortfall year where additional funds have to be taken from the General Fund. Questions may be directed to the Village office and a more complete explanation will appear in the Village Views. The Mayor thanked the Building/Grounds Committee and Mr. Castator for their hard work.

Public Safety: A committee meeting was held on July 30th to discuss a request by a resident to review the multiple crosswalks at the corners of Elm, Park, and Dennison streets. The committee finalized a bid to make an improvement that will clarify the multiple crosswalks that no doubt confuse not only crossing children but also adults.

With no further discussion, new business, or continued business the meeting was adjourned. The September council meeting will be held on September 17th, note the change in date.



## Terrace Park Says Goodbye to The Olde Garden Shack

Submitted by Martha Lewis-Rassi

This year Terrace Park lost a lovely Village asset when Laura reluctantly decided that she needed to close "The Olde Garden Shack."

She and her girls along with the rest of her family want to grow the business at their home location in Batesville. Laura came to our May meeting and gave us the news that she had sold the property to another community member who is excited in its history and potential. The buyer remains a secret and we wait with keen interest to find out what that space will become. As a parting gift, Laura gave us many potted-up dahlia plants to take home.

We also received greeting cards showing a beautiful watercolor painting by Bobbi Thies commemorating the Olde Shack covered in the familiar flowers and baskets. Inside each was a photo of Jacquie, Josie and Jessie her three daughters who have grown up with Laura at The Shack while she worked. We have enjoyed getting to know them and seeing them develop into good helpers and sales ladies. We will miss them all as well as the beauty of the flowers that made such a lovely entry to the Village. Our Garden Club flower bed

on that same corner will of course remain and we can still visit with Laura next summer as she will come to the local farmers' market in Montgomery.

There is good news for both the Village and the Garden Club. Laura will continue to provide her beautiful, healthy plants for our Flower Sale fund raiser on the Green in May. The order form will be enclosed in the January and February editions of the Village Views and we will be phoning previous buyers to encourage you all to pre-order. This will be most important this year because we will not be selling the \$10 Gift Certificates. With Laura running the business in Batesville and the Shack closing, it would be inconvenient to go so far to cash them.

You will see some exciting additions to our offerings such as Angel Wing Begonias and Torenia (great to brighten shady areas) and the return of Marigolds; golden and hardy in the sun (and maybe a discouragement to rabbits). The old favorites will still be on the order form. Remember to take notes on your plantings that worked well this year so that you can repeat or

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## Labor Day Festivities Continue for 76th Year

Seventy-six years ago, a group of Terrace Park residents active in the community started an annual tradition called the "Terrace Park Labor Day Outing." This yearly event has not only continued through the years but has grown to become an entire weekend of activities with the addition of the Yard Sale in 1975 and in 2007 the Bulldog 5k.

According to an article written in the Village Views in 1973, the Labor Day festivities began in 1943 by a group of men in The Laymans League of St. Thomas Church. The festival was called the "Terrace Park Labor Day Outing." Activities included a fishpond, merry-go-round, hit the axis, fortune telling and a picnic lunch. Throughout the years, activities were added to the day's events from the pet parade in the 50s to the walk-a-thon in the 70s. Even though some activities may have come and gone; one thing has remained constant throughout the decades is fellowship of family and friends on the Village Green.

The festivities kick off Sunday, September 2nd during the annual Bulldog 5k. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. with athletes of all ages taking the starting line at 9:00 am. This 3.2-mile run/jog/walk around our picturesque community was started by Terrace Park resident, Stacy McClorey.

Make sure to join Parade Decorating festivities on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the TPE parking lot. Decorate your bike, float, golf cart, etc. for the parade. Materials will be provided or bring your own.



Volunteers of the Village Views used old editions of the paper to make their parade outfits more festive!

The entire community including pets is welcome to participate in Labor Day parade on Monday morning. Parade organizers ask participants to be at the Terrace Park Elementary parking lot at 9:45 a.m. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. concluding at the Village Green. The festival starts at the conclusion of the parade. The Village Green is transformed into a carnival with activities for children of all ages.

All proceeds support the maintenance of Drackett field and all the costs associated with youth soccer, basketball, baseball and lacrosse. It is a great way to say goodbye to summer and have a ton of fun over a long weekend!

## Village Council Considers Increase to Urban Forestry Assessment

Submitted by Lauren Ingreibritson

Terrace Park is a special place to live, in no small part because of our beautiful tree-lined streets. Along with our excellent public schools, the beauty of our large, mature trees is part of what defines our neighborhood. Terrace Park has received the Tree City USA designation for many years now, due to the fact that we so carefully and lovingly maintain the tree canopy in our Village.

The Village has approximately 3,300 trees on Village-owned property. Roughly 500 of our trees are maple trees that were planted in the late 1950s. At the time, the trees were chosen because they are beautiful, grow fast, and provide nice shade cover. However, they were chosen without regard to the fact that they also age out fast.

In the opinion of our Village arborist, Mark Castator, these 500 maple trees are now all aging out at approximately the same time and must be removed over the next several years to ensure the safety of our families, visitors, homes, and cars. Village Council sought and received a second opinion from Steve Smith of Camargo Landscaping, who is a certified arborist and an uninterested third party. Mr. Smith was also a Terrace Park resident for many years. He confirmed and agreed with Mr. Castator's opinion that the maple trees are aging out and need to be removed. Mr. Smith also noted that removal of these aging trees will help ensure the health of the trees around them. Pruning and/or fertilizing these maple trees is not a viable option given the trees' age and condition, and would only result in the Village incurring addi-

tional expenses.

Village government pays for the maintenance of its trees through an urban forestry assessment, which appears as a special assessment near the bottom of each property owner's real property tax bill. The Urban Forestry Assessment is voted on each year by the members of Village Council. Because the assessment is voted on annually, it has fluctuated from year-to-year to meet expected expenditures for the upcoming year. For the past several years, the assessment has been \$0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which is approximately \$60 per home each year (based on the average assessed home value of \$150,000). In the past, the assessment has been as high as \$1.00. Luckily, for the past several years,

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**VV Deadline** - Friday, September 12th by 9 p.m.

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# What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - Sept

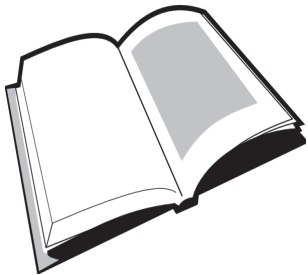
Children  
Movers & Shakers — 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
Bring the little ones in for stories, songs, and dancing as they learn about the Library.  
Ages 1-4.

Library Babies — 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
Have fun, meet other parents and babies, and promote early literacy.  
Ages 6-18 months.  
Tales to Tails — 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12  
Read a story to Bonny the therapy dog.  
Ages 5-10.

Crafty Kids — 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12  
Ages 5-10.  
Teens  
Cosplay 101 — 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28  
Learn costume-making basics, and get advice on building your own cosplay or Halloween costume from scratch. Registration required.  
Ages 12-18.  
Adults  
Which Craft? Needle Craft Club — 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 7 & 21

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.

Memory Café — 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12



The Memory Café is a welcoming place for people with Alzheimer's or dementia and their care partners. Each month there will be an opportunity to socialize and enjoy music, games, and other fun activities. Activities will vary each month. Registration is recommended.

Armchair Explorers: Madagascar with Rachel & Shane Strunk — 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16  
Meet and talk with folks who have stepped off the beaten path in their travels. Fire your imagination and build that bucket list. Registration required.  
Teens and adults.  
Book Club — 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26  
We will discuss Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Copies will be available at the branch.

Library hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; closed Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day.  
Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave. 513-369-4467

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, September 12th. 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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Advertisements for Village Views may be placed in a variety of sizes. A business card size (2x4) is only \$24 per month. A classified ad is \$10 to Village residents only. Payment must accompany ad. Call Business Manager Gregg MacMillan @ 702-9370 for additional rates. Village Views welcomes your business.

The next deadline for Village Views is Friday, September 12th. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. All advertisements go to Gregg MacMillan at macmillan@mac.com. All articles go to Steve Early 382-1218 or tpvillageviews@gmail.com. Questions? Call Steve Early at 382-1218.

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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## MHS Facility Project Update

As the 2019-2020 school year begins, community members will see a lot of changes to the campus of Mariemont High School. Construction proceeded full steam ahead throughout the summer to demolish the old academic wing of the building and prepare the temporary classrooms for students and staff. Below are the key points to know about the Mariemont High School facility project and how it will affect daily life at Mariemont High School this upcoming school year.

As always, the district website is the best place to check for the latest project information. In an effort to keep the community, staff and students informed with the latest on the facility project, Mariemont City Schools will be periodically rolling out a Hard Hat Update to share up-to-date news and notes. Hard Hat Updates will include FAQs, news releases, video interviews, renderings and more and will be disseminated whenever there is new information to share.

Mariemont High School Facility Project Updates – August 2019

- While the academic wing of the high school is under construction, Mariemont High School classes will take place in temporary classrooms which have been constructed in the auxiliary gymnasium and in modular units on the Kusel Stadium parking lot. These classrooms will include all of the amenities of a traditional classroom.

- You will notice a new access drive to the high school constructed off

of Wooster Pike. This driveway will be used for construction traffic only during the upcoming school year but will become a new entrance/exit to the school upon its completion. And, yes the pole that is currently in the middle of the new driveway will be moved.

- Athletic events at Kusel Stadium, the gymnasium and pool will be held on campus as normal throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Parking for these activities will be held in the existing sophomore/junior lot and in the newly constructed upper parking lots which sit on top of the hill overlooking Kusel Stadium.

- For the 2019-2020 school year, the Mariemont High School administrative offices and main entrance to the school will be located in the back of the school, inside the district's central office.

- As the summer comes to a close, the Mariemont High School facility project remains on schedule and within budget. Construction Phase 2A of the project (new academic wing construction) will be completed in the summer of 2020 while Construction Phase 2B (arts/athletics wing renovation and system replacements) will be wrapped up by the summer of 2021.

- Mariemont City Schools will host the last of three Community Open House events on Wednesday, September 18. Be on the lookout for more information on the MHS Facility Project page of the district website.

## 5th Grade Back to School Bash



Since kindergarten, the TPE Class of 2027 girls met before the first day of school to kick off the upcoming year! This past Monday, the class met at Little Miami Brewing Co. before officially becoming 5th graders on Wednesday, August 28th.

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## Police Report

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creased vandalism. Reported damage included kids trespassing on private property and walking on the school roof, someone knocking out the security lights on the Drackett field recreation building, and maxed out with the damage to and theft from the community pool. Anyone else looking forward to school starting soon? Finally, if you are soliciting in Terrace Park, you need a permit. If someone solicits you in Terrace Park, feel free to ask to see their permit or advise them that they need a permit. DO NOT shove the solicitor and steal his Segway. If you don't have a permit, you can be cited for soliciting without a permit. If you take the solicitor's Segway, you can be cited for assault and theft.

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# Putting Your Garden to Bed

Submitted by The TP Garden Club

The Terrace Park Garden Club's focus this coming club year will be on proper care and maintenance of your flower gardens and yards. As the days grow shorter and the air begins to cool our gardens will show signs of upcoming autumn. Horticulture expert and garden club member, Barbara Bird, will go over the proper way of cleaning up our beds. These steps will assure a good start to spring. Her informative talk will be followed by the annual perennial plant auction with auctioneer and Terrace Park resident Jim Treftz. What a perfect time to fill in those empty spots in your beds with some 'tried and true' plants of garden club members. Come join us for this fun and lively auction. Proceeds go into

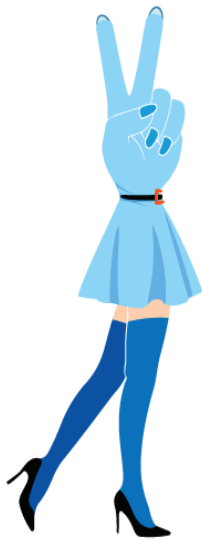


Tina Turner, Sallie Lyons and Elizabeth Beca enjoying the Garden Club's last meeting.

the flower bed fund to purchase plants/flowers for the village next

spring. The meeting will be held on

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# Dinner Club: An Evening in Tuscany

The Terrace Park Dinner Club kicked off their new year with a party for all held at Katie Waterson's home on Saturday, August 24.

The theme of the evening was "An Evening in Tuscany" complete with Italian-inspired bites, drinks and decor.

Katie Holocher and Nicole Graham have taken over the helm as the new co-chairs of the club, and they look forward to having the seasonal pairings out shortly!

There is still time if you would like to be in on the pairings as part of Dinner Club! Contact Katie at kkhocher@gmail.com.



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Village property owners have been able to enjoy a lower assessment due to a surplus of funds that carried over year-after-year. Unfortunately, that surplus was depleted as the Village dealt with trees infected with emerald ash borer.

In 2019, the \$0.40 assessment was insufficient to cover the expense of maintaining Village trees. It is expected to be insufficient for the next several years as the Village manages the removal and replacement of the 500 aging maple trees. For 2019, the Village was able to make up the deficit by reallocating \$35,000 from the general fund and the streets fund. In the opinion of the members of the Village Buildings and Grounds Committee, it would be irresponsible to continually rely on the reallocation of funds from other sources, which detracts from our ability to properly manage and repair our streets, for example.

After careful consideration, and taking into account the concern that Village property owners already have high real estate taxes, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has recommended to Council that they increase the urban

forestry assessment to fully cover the cost of maintaining Village trees. It is important for residents to understand that Terrace Park village government is allocated a smaller portion (16%) of the total revenue generated by real estate taxes. The balance of the annual real estate tax revenue is allocated to our schools (66%) and Hamilton County (18%). Village government will continue to spend the funds it is allocated very carefully and conservatively.

Currently before Council is a proposed ordinance that will raise the assessment from \$0.40 to \$0.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value. For the average Terrace Park home, the assessment will increase from \$60 per home to \$105 per home. \$0.70 is the lowest increase the Buildings and Grounds Committee believes can cover the expected expenses. It is expected to generate approximately \$84,000 per year for the tree fund. The members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee hope residents appreciate and understand the reason for this modest increase.

In the future, when the Village has dealt with the decline of our maple trees, and they have been replaced by a wider variety of trees that have varying life expectancies, we hope to lower the assessment back to its 2019 rate.

Village Council will be voting on the proposed ordinance increasing the assessment at the next meeting on September 17 at 7:30 pm in the Community Building. Members of the community are, as always, welcome and encouraged to attend and share their thoughts with the members of Council.

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Tuesday, September 3rd with noon social and program at 12:30 at the Community Building.

On Tuesday October 1st guest speaker, Chris McKeown of Bloomin' Garden Centre and Landscape will go over 'Caring and Pruning of Trees and Shrubs.' This too will be held at the Community Building beginning at noon.

November 5th we will be meeting at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Hearth Room where Melinda O'Briant of Turner Farm will offer suggestions of caring for our plants and gardens without the use of chemicals and pesticides.

The club hopes that many Terrace Park residents will join us. For more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Tina Hesser.

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September - Village Calendar 2019

1 Bulldog 5K, starts at 9a.m. at the Village Green. Come run or cheer on your friends, family and neighbors!

2 Labor Day – Join the parade and festivities on the Green! Parade line up is 9:30 behind the school. Festivities commence on the Green right after. Make sure to sign up to sponsor and volunteer!

3 Terrace Park Garden Club, Community Bldg Social at noon; program begins at 12:30 Topic: “Putting your Garden to Bed” All are welcome—Plant Auction follows the program!

4 College Planning Program for Parents of Seniors, 6:30 PM, Mariemont High School Auditorium

5 MJHS Open House, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Mariemont Junior High School

6 MJHS Expeditions Session 1 Begins, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

7 Opening reception and meet the artists of Notan, Beyond Yang and Yin at The Barn in Mariemont 6980 Cambridge, 1-4 pm admission is free.

8 TP Democratic Club 7:00PM Community Building

9 -13 Sixth Grade Camp Kern

9 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mariemont Elementary School Cafeteria

10 Mariemont Arts Association Meeting, 7:30 PM Mariemont Junior High School

11 MHS Financial Aid Program, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Mariemont High School Auditorium

13 Boosters Tailgate, 5:00 PM, Mariemont High School Upper Parking Lot

16 MHS Open House, 7:00 PM, Mariemont High School

18 MHS Facility Project Community Open House, 7:00 PM, Mariemont High School

19 TPE PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM, Terrace Park Elementary School

20 MJHS Night Out, 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM, Mariemont Junior High School

27 MHS PTO Meeting, 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM, Mariemont High School Conference Room

27 MJHS Night at the Football Game, 7:00 PM, Kusel Stadium

27 MJHS PTO Football Tailgate, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM, MHS Sophomore Parking Lot

28 Music On The Green featuring Max Geers and The Little Miami River Band. Bring the kids, bring a picnic and enjoy the music!

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Halloween sale benefiting both The Children’s Hospital and Kindervelt 76 will be held at the community building Oct. 2nd!

Please email Hester hestersulivan@me.com with calendar information

Stepping Stones Blooms For Charity

Stepping Stones’ Bloom gala, an evening of live music, dancing, and tapas dining, will be held Saturday, Sept. 7 at Greenacres Arts Center in Indian Hill. Ellen Grossi of Indian Hill serves as this year’s chair of the tented outdoor garden party, the agency’s 15th annual gala. Anne Shanahan of Hyde Park is the event’s host and hostess chair.

The 15th Annual Bloom Gala will feature tapas dining from more than 25 local restaurants and caterers, as well as wine, beer and cocktails. Live music will be provided by

popular local dance band Stays in Vegas. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$85 for young professionals. Additionally, in celebration of Bloom’s 15th year, the event will include an exclusive VIP art auction and top-shelf bourbon tasting. Tickets to the private “Art from the Heart” are available for a \$50 add-on to a Bloom gala ticket. The 2019 Bloom presenting sponsor is Huntington Bank. Platinum sponsors include Susie and Neil Bortz, the Chemed Foundation, the Pettengill Family, and Julie and John Richardson and

their company, SugarCreek.

Stepping Stones is a United Way partner agency serving more than 1,000 people with disabilities in day and overnight programs that increase independence and promote individual success. Founded in 1963, the agency provides educational, recreational and social programs at locations in Batavia, Indian Hill, Monfort Heights and Norwood. For tickets or more information about Bloom: [www.CincyBloom.org](http://www.CincyBloom.org)

Join the Ladies that Lunch, Laugh & Learn

Submitted by Peg McDonough

So many days are go-go-go. Sound familiar? We’re all looking for time to relax for a little while with our girlfriends, even if it’s just a fun lunch. Well, a group of us do just that – meet regularly and enjoy an activity together. And we’re looking for more friends!

What about you? If you’d like to be our newest friend, we’re waiting to meet you in the Welcomers Club. We’re a not-for-profit women’s social group that has been meeting since 1986.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month (Sept. – May) to enjoy a luncheon program. “Luncheon program?”, you ask. Don’t worry, it’s not formal. We don’t wear hats and drink tea (unless that’s the activity!) This year’s plans are being solidified, but last year we enjoyed a luncheon tour of Doscher’s Candy company, a Nordstrom fashion show, and a belly dancing demonstration, among other activities.

Those with more time and interest also participate in our walking group, book club, or Free Spirits



group.

So - If you’re looking for an easy-going, nice group of women for lunch, chatting, and flat-out fun...

Join us! Come to our coffee meeting on Thursday, September 5 at 11:30 at Armstrong Chapel in Indian Hill. New and returning members meet and learn about this year’s programs. If you decide

to join, the annual membership fee is \$20. (Members also pay for the cost of each activity they attend, usually 20-30 dollars.)

If you’d like to join but cannot attend, reach out to Jen Faber at [JenniferFaber@yahoo.com](mailto:JenniferFaber@yahoo.com).

For questions about Welcomer’s Club, contact our president, Anita Rituri at [anita.raturi@gmail.com](mailto:anita.raturi@gmail.com).

Japanese Fiber Art To Be Featured at The Barn

Submitted by Susan Austin

An interesting and captivating collection of fiber art studying the Japanese art form of NOTAN will be at the Barn in Mariemont September 5-17th. The Barn is excited to showcase these works of art in the symbolic Yang and Yin tradition. The intricate studies of positive and negative space and dark and light made by Lynn Ticotsky and Nancy

Morgan will surely delight all ages. Nancy and Lynn are two of Cincinnati’s premier fiber artists and will be available to answer all technique questions at the Opening Reception September 9 from 1-4pm. The Barn is located at 6980 Cambridge Avenue in Mariemont. Hours are 10-2 Tuesday thru Friday and 1-4pm on the weekends. Admission is free and onsite parking is available.

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# Congrats to the 2019 TRY the TRI Winners

Congratulations to all the athletes who participated in TPSTC's TRY the TRI on Saturday, August 24th. It was a beautiful morning to swim, bike and run. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the event safe and fun! Thank you to Erica Moore and Amy Carlier for organizing the event. Congrats to the following winners:

Age 6-8: Lucy Carlier & Leland Ingebritson

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## Directory Update

Due to unforeseen problems at the printer, as of August 16, the directories have not yet been mailed. The Historical Society apologizes for the delay.

- Garden Shack Cont. from Page 1 adjust them for next year. Different colors of familiar plants provide a new look or switch to some of our new items. We look forward to next spring and summer to see all the beautiful yards around our very special Terrace Park.

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"I realize that to get people to open up, I must open up as well," Grimsli said. "I know I'm new in town, but I'm eager to become an active member of this community and someone people recognize on the street."

"I decided to enter the financial services industry because I like helping people achieve their long-term financial goals," Grimsli continued. "This is a fascinating business, and I hope I can pass my enthusiasm for my work on to my clients."

Grimsli was born and raised in South Dakota and moved to the area two years ago with her husband, Kyle.



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# Terrace Park and surrounding area hit by tornado 50 years ago

August of 1969 settled over Terrace Park in many ways that were not unlike August of 2019. The summer was filled with busy work on a new Mariemont High School, over 250 residents attended a “Music on the Green” concert on the Village Green, and people were writing to the fledgling neighborhood paper, The Village Views, concerning the future of our neighborhood trees.

And in other ways, Terrace Park was very different. That August this paper reported that Robbie Gammons, who lived with his family on Lexington Avenue, was with the 101st Airborne at Bien Hoa, Vietnam and Tim Calvert of Oxford Avenue had recently been sent to Da Nang. It had been less

than a month since Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, and Drackett Field was still just Walter Kunz’ cow pasture and corn field, and a tennis ball hit over the swim club fence was as good as gone forever.

And so it was on a hot, lazy August evening that summer, fifty years ago, when Terrace Park found itself in the direct path of an F3 tornado. The date was Saturday, August 9th 1969, and village residents woke up to Cincinnati Enquirer headlines on their doorsteps about the murders of actress Sharon Tate and several friends in the Hollywood Hills the night before. Terrace Park had joined the Mariemont School District nine years before, and the 1969-1970 school year was still several weeks away from begin-

ning. The day was dry and humid; afternoon temperatures at Lunken Airfield reached 81 degrees and the thirteen year old Terrace Park Swim Club was busy all afternoon.

It was about seven o’clock that evening when summer storms blowing in from the Indiana plains led to a funnel cloud forming on the west side of town near Wyoming. It began moving east and first touched down as a tornado near Galbraith Road and I-75 in Hartwell. For the next thirty minutes it tore its way southeast across the Cincinnati area, moving at 50-60mph, lifting and then touching down again as it barreled through Arlington Heights, Reading, Amberley Village, Deer Park, Silverton, Madeira, Indian Hill and finally, Terrace Park

before dissipating into Clermont County.

By now the tornado was “a couple block wide”, according to an Indian Hill Ranger, as it careened down Shawnee Run Road into Indian Hill, cutting across Graves and Drake roads, groaning and roaring like a freight train. At the Camargo Club waiters helped guests take cover in the locker rooms as the behemoth funnel tore across the golf course. Terrace Park was next.

The Stepping Stones main campus was less than a year old when the tornado snaked down lower Given Road through the old Red Bird Hollow and slammed into the camp as it entered the village. Damage at Stepping Stones was estimated at \$50,000 in 1969. The rest

of the summer camps would have to be cancelled. The sleepy village with one traffic light had no idea what was coming.

The worst of the damage in this village was concentrated in the northeast part of the village, from the post office to St. Thomas Church. At 300 Rugby Avenue the old iron hatch leading from the attic steps to the roof was ripped away and never recovered.

The schoolyard on Elm was dotted with old growth trees that were already ancient when the Covalts first paddled up the Little Miami River in 1791. Nearly all were toppled and destroyed. In fact, it was the village trees that

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## 2019 Seven Hills Dive Champ

Congratulations to Lily Kaplan for placing first (9-10 Girls Division) during the Seven Hills League Dive Championship on Monday, July 8th. The Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club hosted this year's competition.



## Soggy Fun!

Fun was had all around during the first Terrace Park Swim & Tennis Club Carboard Regatta on Saturday, August 3rd. Congrats to all the participants and winners!

Adult/Child Division  
 Fastest Boat - SS Tito's - Chrissy & Sam Dunning  
 Best Design - Yee-Haugh - Duke & Will Haugh  
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In addition to learning how to sell and deliver mulch, scouting provides the hands-on opportunity to learn to sail, to cook, to make a budget, to learn lifesaving, scuba and more! Most of our scouts participate in sports and learn some leadership and teambuilding skills from their coaches, but the scouting experience provides them the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills themselves.

Your child could experience some of the best leadership training there is! Skills to carry them into adulthood!

Why not? Have you thought about it for your child?...your son?...your daughter? Did you realize Scouting is now available for young ladies! Just ask us. It's not

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took the brunt of the damage. No Terrace Park homes were flattened, and nobody was seriously hurt, but nearly every home had damaged trees. "Our friendly trees saved our homes from more severe damage",

Mayor Carl Lindell was quoted as saying in the Cincinnati Post a few days later, "They bore the brunt of the damage." Mayor Lindell petitioned Governor Rhodes and even President Nixon for financial help,



too late to join. We are Terrace Park Troop 286.

This summer, scouts from our troop attended three of the four national high adventure bases. A group of 16 went to Sea Base in the Florida Keys where they had a ball! They crewed a 72 foot, tall mast, sail boat, the Jolly II Rover, for a week. In addition to learning how to crew the ship, they enjoyed coral reef snorkeling, swimming, cooking and eating freshly caught fish. Ask them about shark night.

One of our scouts who went to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico with 286 a year ago, decided he liked it so much that he tagged along with another local troop again this summer. In addition to backpacking, maybe 80 miles or so, he had the chance to rock climb, mountain bike, explore archaeological sites, and pan for

gold along the way. Ask him about mini-bears.

These are amazing trips of a lifetime that are right at your fingertips. The old saying, "It takes a village...", is certainly true when talking about Scouting. We appreciate the support we receive from the community for our Christmas toy drive, our Souper Bowl food drive and of course our mulch. Your support helps make the scouting experience available for all the youth of Terrace Park.

Think again about scouting. It is life skills 101 and beyond! And it's never too late to try it out. Fall camping trips are right around the corner. We would love to have you with us. You can contact our Troop leader, Marty McGrory at 513.708.0292 or stop by our food booth on Labor Day. Join us!

but none came and the cleanup effort destroyed the village budget.

Luckily, nobody in this village lost their life in the August 1969 tornado but three in one family were killed when an apartment building collapsed in Hartwell and hundreds more were injured. Damage totals across the tri state ran as high as \$15 Million, over \$100 Million today.

Tornadoes are rare in this area due to the rolling topography, but not

unheard of. A 1913 tornado that hit Terrace Park was actually more destructive than this. It flattened nearly all of the old animal barns and outbuildings at the Robinson Circus Farm along what is now Wrenwood Lane and knocked a train car off the tracks near the tunnel on Elm Avenue. unscathed.

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