



## Winning Guess

The Terrace Park Pumpkin was a huge one this year wearing 623 lbs.! Congrats to Clara Hampton who guessed 625 lbs.

## Dear Neighbors,

After a beautiful fall with the trees keeping their autumn colors from Halloween to Thanksgiving, it is now officially the holiday season! Terrace Parks kicks off the holidays with the annual luminary night and the "Lighting of the Green" on Sunday, December 5, when the tree in the middle of the Village Green is officially lit for the season! The annual Holiday Lights Contest is back again with every house in the village eligible and judging taking place on Sunday, December 19. You can find out more about both events in this issue.

The staff of the Village Views wishes your family a happy holiday season and best wishes for

the new year. As we reach the end of this year, despite the lingering menace of COVID, I can't help but think of all the fun we had as neighbors and what a truly special place this is to live and work. 2021 was a year of snowmen, easter egg hunts, proms, pool parties, dogs, dates, scooters, golf carts, barbecues, team victories, halloween fun, and face masks. Let's do it all again next year! (Minus the face masks, maybe?) I hope to see you all at the tree lighting and until next month I remain,

Your Editor,

Steve Early

## Is There a Santa Claus?

In September of 1897, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, a resident of New York City, wrote a letter to The New York Sun that questioned the existence of Santa Claus. The job of answering that query fell on Francis Pharcellus Church, an editor at the paper who was not happy to get the assignment. Church had served as a correspondent in the American Civil War and had seen such horror and brutality between men that it hardened him into a bitter cynic who had no patience for childish things. Yet somehow, despite that, Church's eloquent response addressed a much larger question and unwittingly became the most re-printed editorial in United States history. Here is Miss O'Hanlon's letter and Mr. Church's response as they appeared in the September 21, 1897 edition of The Sun.

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.  
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the bound-

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## Prevent Thefts By Locking-Up

Submitted by Sue Porter

Police Chief Jerry Hayhow has three words for residents concerned about recent thefts in the village: "Lock your door." His advice was in response to Jeff Kropp and Chris Minges from Red Bird Lane, who attended Village Council's Oct. 12 meeting to proactively address the topic.

Kropp's truck was stolen from his driveway Sept. 19 and recovered shortly thereafter. "Is there anything we, as residents, can do to notify others?" he asked.

Chief Hayhow said that in each recently reported case, cars were left unlocked. As for warning others, residents have two established forms of public notification:

- TPlistserve is an email service unassociated with village administration that is not intended for reporting crimes or emergencies; and

- CodeRED, a system that allows government agencies to deliver advisories to residents who have registered to receive urgent email, phone and text messages. To receive the free service, go online to [www.terracepark.org](http://www.terracepark.org) and click on the CodeRED link to complete a registration form.

Kropp and Minges also ex-

pressed concern home construction traffic is damaging Red Bird Lane. Hayhow said he talked with the contractor when construction began and will touch base upon conclusion to ensure the pavement is repaired, if necessary.

In council action, the following measures were approved:

- An amendment proposed by Judith Lehman, rules and law chair, that will prohibit overflow parking on Miami Avenue from nearby business patrons;

- An agreement presented by Pax Lindell, public works chair, that accepts municipal road funds from Hamilton County for improvements to Elm Avenue from Park Avenue to Wooster Pike; and

- A resolution proposed by Jeff LeMay, finance chair, that affirms the taxes levied by Terrace Park and amounts collected by Hamilton County on behalf of the village are in alignment.

In his monthly village administrator's report, Hayhow said he has renewed an agreement with Energy Alliance, which has saved the village more than \$3,700 on its Duke Energy bill since 2020. He also noted that leaf pickup has begun and asked residents to help protect expensive maintenance

equipment by keeping rocks, sticks and branches out of their leaf piles. Residents are also asked to refrain from piling leaves on gravel parking pads.

In other monthly reports, building and grounds chair Regina Sharp and Lindell said their committees are considering how best to spend the second installment of federal COVID-related American Rescue Plan Act funds; and LeMay said talks are ongoing with county and state officials regarding Terrace Park's inquiry into the State of Ohio's septic system policy that affects about 600 local properties with drywells.

As background, Terrace Park is asking for clarification from the state on which of its septic system ordinances takes precedence: The one that allows drywells and permits residents to repair them, or the ordinance that bans drywells and gives Hamilton County Board of Health purview and control. A determination is sought in advance of the state's 2025 deadline for compliance with septic system rules passed in 2015.

"I don't expect this will be a quick fix or resolution," LeMay said. "There will be twists and turns and ups and downs. We'll just need to push through."

## Holiday Home Decorating Contest Returns

The Holiday Home Decorating Contest is back again this year, sponsored by the Village Views and Steve Early with Sibcy Cline Realtors. As always, every house in Terrace Park is eligible to win! All you have to do is decorate your house and yard any way you like and have it ready for judging on Sunday evening, December 19th. Fox19 meteorologist Frank Marzullo is returning this year to judge along

with handsome news anchor Rob Williams. Together they will pick three winners- Best White Lights, Best Colored Lights, and the Griswold Award for the best "Wow" factor. The winners will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Village Views and a \$100 donation will be made to the charity of your choice. Plus if you are lucky, Frank might mention your house on the morning show! If you have questions or

would like your home to be considered, just email [TPVillageViews@gmail.com](mailto:TPVillageViews@gmail.com) and let us know. Only houses that have entered will be considered. Join in this fun tradition and be sure to get out on the night of the 19th to see all the houses shine!



## Most Creative

The VanVleet's won the most creative award using the TP Pumpkin as Pac-Man!



# What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library

Children  
Library Babies — 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays  
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Ages 3-6. Registration is required.

In-Person STEM: LEGO Fossils — 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8

Learn about dinosaurs as we excavate and create our own LEGO dinosaur “fossils.”

Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration is required.

Adults

Book Club — No book club in December; 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27

We are discussing All the Little Hopes: A Novel by Leah Weiss. Copies are available at the branch. Registration is required.

Library hours are 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; closed Friday, Dec. 24, for Christmas Eve and Saturday, Dec. 25, for Christmas Day.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave. 513-369-4467

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## Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

On the evening of 10/1 an Officer was patrolling the area of Terrace Place and Elm Avenue and heard the loud screeching of tires. The Officer observed an older model sedan driving in circles in the intersection performing a “doughnut like maneuver”. The Officer stopped the vehicle, made contact with the juvenile driver, contacted the parents, and ultimately issued a citation to the driver. National Doughnut Day is


November 5th. Looks like someone got confused.

During the afternoon of 10/2 an Officer observed a vehicle traveling eastbound on Indian Hill Road at a speed of 40 miles per hour (in a 25 mph zone). After initiating a traffic stop, the Officer approached the vehicle and began speaking with the driver. The driver stated that she “drives this way all the time”. Oh my! Naturally, the driver was issued a citation for speeding (all the time).

## Just Married




Grant Hesser, son of Bo and Tina Hesser, and his bride Denise were married on September 18, 2021 at Glenmoor Country Club. After a honeymoon trip to Bermuda, Denise and Grant moved to Columbus, OH from NYC where they both work in finance.



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## Mariemont School Foundation Annual Fund Drive Begins

The Mariemont School Foundation (MSF) invites you to participate in our most important event of the year, the Annual Fund Drive. It is because of the generosity of families like yours that the Mariemont School District will be able to continue its long history of academic excellence. Gifts of ANY size are important in providing an enriched environment for our outstanding school district. Our united effort is more critical than ever before. Please consider a gift to benefit our children and our community.

The MSF is an independent non-profit 501-(c)3 organization that was formed in 1996 by a group of committed parents and residents who realized that our school district could not afford to support every initiative that could enhance the educational experience of our children. Private funds were needed to bridge the gap. We provide financial support to the District to fund educational initiatives and extra-curricular programming that fall outside the District's annual budget, including: World language instruction and the Explorations program in our elementary schools

Friday Expeditions programming for junior high students. Master classes and our Intersession

program for the high school District-wide initiatives, such as:

- o Life and Leadership Series focusing on issues of wellness, college readiness, and careers

- o Scholarships and Special Funds to support individual student needs and travel-based programs, including Camp Kern (elementary), the Washington DC trip (junior high) and the Global Leaders Summit (high school).

Reductions in state funding have put a strain on our District's budget. Our goal this year is to ensure that the District has the funds it needs to maintain its legacy of academic excellence despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Our efforts require resources, including the generous contributions of our District families who are in a position to give at this time. Thus, we invite you to GIVE to the MSF's Annual Fund Drive. Donations are tax deductible and can be made via our website at <https://www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org/annual-fund-drive>

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# SPORTS



## 8U Champs!

The 8U Terrace Park Red Robins from left to right- Gabby Anderson, Jane Lee, Assistant Coach-Christopher Lee, Sloane Wunder, Ellie Van Treeck, Martha Larsen, Emersyn Ader, Head Coach-Michelle Randall, Olivia Randall, Nellie Minor and Emma Deeter.



## Soccer Fun

It was a muddy battle as 8U Satterwhite vs. 8U Kinman went head to head over Halloween weekend in a muddy battle. Team Kinman came out on top but that didn't stop the boys from some fun photos afterward!



## 10U Champs

The Boys 10U Silver Tournament bracket championship was a TP vs TP showdown. Congrats to both teams on a great season!

## Mariemont Lax 2022 Season Registration Open!

It's that time of year again. Spring registration for lacrosse is officially open. A couple of things have changed from previous years, so make sure to read all the information on the website. Go to [www.mariemontyouthlacrosse.org](http://www.mariemontyouthlacrosse.org) to register.

Mariemont lacrosse is about championships, success and good people that are recognized as being part of an often admired high quality lacrosse program.

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character as a small school community, and "Mariemont is About Championships" is the signature of who we are as Mariemont Warriors; having won more High School State titles than any other DII school in the State of Ohio.

Our program has also won multiple state titles. From our nicknames, to our ice cream (sloppas), to our candy bars, to our "hard work" team cheer, to our community service projects, to our tailgates and alumni games; we embrace our rich lacrosse traditions at Mariemont; and we "give back" to the program; as a community, as graduates and as lifetime members of our awesome lacrosse family.

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## Kiwanis Holiday Nut Sale Returns

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont has kicked off its annual Holiday Nut Sale fundraiser. This year's event will once again feature easy, online ordering and delivery, along with a return to Mariemont City Schools holiday concerts.

Committee Chair David Peterson noted the move to online ordering helped transform the annual event. “Like everyone, the pandemic forced us to make a shift last year and rethink our usual way of doing things. That forced pivot was a success, and we’re excited to continue to offer our online store as an option for helping us raise money for scholarships.”

This year’s fundraiser will feature all of the holiday favorites: chocolate covered peanuts and almonds, salted cashews, cinnamon almonds and more. Orders can be placed online at [MariemontKiwanis.org/nuts](http://MariemontKiwanis.org/nuts) with home delivery available in partnership with the Mariemont High School Key Club. The Kiwanis Club will also be at the holiday concerts throughout the month of December.

Along with the Club’s annual Art & Craft Fair and Spring Golf Outing, the Holiday Nut Sale helps raise nearly \$15,000 each year for the Kiwanis’ scholarship program. To date, over 90 students have been awarded more than \$250,000 in grants, with many receiving scholarships beyond their freshman year.

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- Builders' Club for Mariemont Elementary, Terrace Park Elementary and Mariemont Junior High School.

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less world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa

Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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