

## Village Budget Reflects Responsible Spending And No New Taxes

Submitted by Sue Porter

Terrace Park enters 2023 on sound financial footing with a track record of impressive fiscal accountability, according to reports reviewed at Village Council's first meeting of the new year.

Finance chair Jeff LeMay said 2022 closed with revenue higher and spending lower than budgeted, and praised Administrator Jerry Hayhow, Chief Fiscal Officer Katie Lyons, Mayor Tom Tepe and fellow councilmembers for their leadership and due diligence. The village has \$1.7 million in reserve to fund operations for eight months. By law, the vil-

lage must have a minimum of six months of funding available or seek additional revenue sources.

The 2023 budget is similar to 2022 with the exception of funding for the Elm Street water line expansion at an estimated cost of \$440,000.

Terrace Park residents have not been asked to increase taxes for village services since 2013, when there was a need to replace revenue streams eliminated by the state of Ohio. The only other village tax increase during this millennium was in 2004.

"We have a great story to tell," LeMay said. To illustrate his point, he compared this year's personal

property tax bill to one a resident shared from 1989. At the current taxation rate, Mariemont Schools receive 64 percent of the revenue; Terrace Park receives 14 percent; and a variety of Hamilton County funds receive about 22 percent. In 1989, the schools received 70 percent; the village received 22 percent; and the other category received 8 percent of tax revenues.

In their monthly reports:

\* Tepe bid a fond farewell-Tim Chin, who rose to the ranks of lieutenant and assistant police chief during his 32 years with the department. Chin is also retiring after 30 years on the Southwest

Ohio multi-jurisdictional SWAT team, where he was one of the primary trainers. "People coming up through the ranks would not be who they are without your mentorship," the mayor said. "Thank you and congratulations."

\* Hayhow reported changes in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood plain maps that will tighten regulations for a few properties in Terrace Park. He said the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will assist the village in meeting new requirements, which council will be asked to approve.

\* John Gaskey, planning and

zoning chair, thanked Amy Nisonger for her many years of service on the planning and zoning board of appeals, and welcomed Tricia DeMichele to the board as her successor.

\* Fire Chief Stephen Dronsfield said four new volunteer firefighters have completed their training and passed the first of two tests. Upon certification, they will be sworn into service at an upcoming council meeting.

\* EMS Chief John Maggard said a new training class with 18 emergency medical service volunteers has begun; five members are Terrace Park EMS recruits.

## Eagle Scout Creates Trail Signs

Thanks to the Eagle Scout project of Daniel Cooper, you won't get lost when hiking the trails in Miami Grove Nature Preserve. Daniel, a senior at Mariemont High School and resident of Terrace Park, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout by earning 21 merit badges, serving in leadership roles for his Scout Troop, and completing a community project. His Eagle Scout project was the creation of new trail signs at the preserve.

Daniel got the idea for his project while walking his dog, Archie, in the Nature Preserve, noticing how confusing it was to find his way among the trails. He recognized the need for new, well-marked signs and a map of trails. Daniel designed a comprehensive plan for 17 posts and 23 signs, modeled after our Terrace Park street signs. To create the map, he walked with Archie, using a GPS device to construct the routes. Daniel's plan was approved by BSA Dan Beard Council and Terrace Park Village Administrator, Gerald Hayhow. The signs were installed by a group of volunteer Boy Scouts, students, and community members. Funding for the project was a combination of money Daniel earned through Boy Scout fundraisers (thanks for all of the mulch the community has purchased over the years!) along with a contri-



TP Eagle Scout Daniel Cooper with one of his new trail signs at Miami Grove.

bution for materials from the Village.

"Those signs are great. I've heard many positive comments from residents. The map and signs were really needed," said Hayhow.

Daniel has been a dedicated Scout for 12 years: first as

a Cub Scout, then a Boy Scout. Through Scouts, Daniel has been sailing off Key West and canoeing in Minnesota and Canada, with many local camping trips in between. Becoming an Eagle Scout takes perseverance and hard work. Only 5-8% of all Scouts achieve Eagle rank.

## Dear Neighbors,

There's something wonderful about the beginning of March. Even though Mother Nature has been known to drop snow on us through April, there's still a feeling that with March the worst of winter is behind us and spring days are not far off. Spring sports start on Drackett and Stanton Fields, the sun is up past 6pm, and the first buttercups will soon open along the Little Miami River. That's a sure sign that spring break, Easter, and warmer days are ahead. We have information on Kindervelt's Easter Eggstravaganza this year and your kids won't want to miss it.

We also have news on the latest Eagle Scout project, info on ordering your spring mulch, and a look back at the village's first council meetings in 1893,

soon after Terrace Park was incorporated. Nobody is sure just how our little village by the river got the name "Terrace Park". An old legend says that a naming contest was held with a sewing machine as the prize. While that is certainly possible, it's more likely that the Little Miami Railroad came up with the name as they encouraged development all along their tracks. In any case, this year marks 130 years since incorporation. That means we are celebrating our Trideca-Centennial in 2023, so Happy TridecaCentennial to you and yours from all of us at the Village Views! Until next month I remain,

Your Editor,

Steve Early

## Stepping Stones' Event Nets Over \$94,000

Submitted by Kate Vonderbrink

Stepping Stones hosted its 15th annual Open Your Heart fundraiser on February 7, 2023, in a hybrid format. Stepping Stones netted more than \$94,000 to benefit year-round programming for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

Some supporters gathered in person at Eddie Merlot's while other supporters enjoyed their meals from Eddie Merlot's in the comfort of their own homes. At-home supporters were able to buy raffle tickets

online, purchase pottery kits for participants, and donate to Stepping Stones' Campership drive.

The event's presenting sponsor was Convalescent Hospital Fund for Children. Cherub sponsors were SugarCreek, Richwood Investment Advisors LLC, Amy & George Joseph and Dina & Chris Taylor.

Stepping Stones is an impact agency that serves individuals with disabilities in day and overnight programs that increase independence and promote inclusion. Founded

in 1963, the agency provides educational, recreational and social programs at locations in Batavia, Indian Hill, Norwood and Western Hills. For more information, visit [www.Stepping-StonesOhio.org](http://www.Stepping-StonesOhio.org).



## Tourney Champs

Congrats to the Mariemont Junior High 8th grade boys basketball team for beating Indian Hill in the tournament championship game last month!



# What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - March 2023

Children

Indoor Library Babies — Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
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Adults

Mariemont Mystery Book Club — Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Join us for lively discussions of books across the mystery sub-genres. Call or visit the branch for this month's title. Registration encouraged.

Book Club — Thursday, March 23 at 6:45 p.m.  
Please join us for a lively discussion of a variety of books throughout the year. Stop by the branch to pick up this month's selection. Registration encouraged.

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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.

## Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

During the evening of 1/10, an officer responded to a report of a subject yelling and cursing on Princeton Avenue. In our quiet little neighborhood by the river! The subject was located, and it turned out that she was very upset after being accidentally dropped off by an Uber at the wrong location. The officer stayed with the subject until another Uber arrived for pickup.

During the morning of 1/19, an officer was called to St. Thomas Episcopal Church to investigate a parked vehicle. The officer responded to the area and was advised that the vehicle had pulled forward too far and was touching the bushes in front of it. The officer left.



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# The Dog-Gone Noise

Here in Terrace Park, four-legged friends are as much a part of the community as golf carts and lacrosse sticks. Dogs are like family to us and we wouldn't want the village any other way. But occasionally the Vilage Views is contacted by residents who are aggravated by an endlessly barking dog and I have been asked by more than one of our readers if I can print the village ordinance regarding constant canine clamor. So here, as a public service to all, is said ordinance:

90.16 NOISES OF ANI-

MALS OR FOWL CAUSING A NUISANCE.

(A) No person shall keep or harbor any animal or fowl within the municipality which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling, yelping, crowing or other noises creates such loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity or duration as to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of persons residing in the vicinity of the disturbance. Any person who shall allow any animal or fowl habitually to remain, be lodged or fed within any

dwelling, building, yard or enclosure which he or she occupies or owns shall be considered as harboring such animal or fowl.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

('96 General Offenses Code, § 505.09) (Ord. 2-1-1993, passed 3-9-93)



## Beanies for Babies

Kindervelt #76 is selling one-of-a-kind navy blue ribbed beanies for \$25 each to raise money for Cincinnati Children's Hospital PICU. Stay warm and show your TP pride with our unofficial mascot, as these beanies will have a white squirrel nicely embroidered on the cuff. Please note these are adult unisex beanies. To purchase, venmo \$25 to @melanie-brewer-3. Please add your address in the notes section and we will deliver by March 19th. But hurry! The order cutoff date is Friday, Mar 3rd. Kindervelt

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## The Ides of Mulch

Local Boy Scout Troop 286 has been hitting the streets for their annual Mulch Sale to raise funds for high adventure trips, summer camp, and local camp outs. The mulch will be delivered by the Scouts to your house the weekend of March 17th. If you have not seen a flyer and are interested in supporting your TP Scouts, please email troop-286mulch@gmail.com or go online to order at www.terraceparktroop286mulch.com Thank you for all your years of support! -Troop 286



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(April 23<sup>rd</sup> Vespers at Christ Church Cathedral)

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Sunday, March 19, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.  
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### Super Sunday

Sunday, March 12, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.  
Join us for a time of fellowship and enjoyment as we enjoy breakfast together. Come and see to discover the strength of friendship and gratitude and stay for our morning Worship Service!

### Holy Week at St. Thomas

Palm Sunday  
Sunday, April 2, 2023 | 8 & 10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, April 6, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday  
Friday, April 7, 2023 | 12 & 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil  
Saturday, April 8, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day  
Sunday, April 9, 2023 | 8 & 10:15 a.m.

Midweek Services Monday-Thursday at Noon



# Mia Lattimer Named Female Swimmer of the Meet at CHLs

Submitted by Sue Porter

At the CHL Swimming and Diving Championships on February 4, Terrace Park's Mia Lattimer won both the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and was part of two winning relays for the Mariemont High School Girls Swimming Team. In recognition of her efforts, Mia was named "Female Swimmer of the Meet." Over the next three weekends, Mia will likely lead a strong contingent of Mariemont girls swimmers through the sectional and district meets and into the state meet.

Other Terrace Park residents also swam well and scored points for MHS at the CHL Champs meet:

Ava Carlier placed 7th in

the 200 IM and 9th in the 100 breaststroke - 11 points  
Daniel Cooper placed 3rd in the 50 freestyle and 5th in the 100 freestyle - 22 points  
Quinn Heis placed 12th in the 50 freestyle and 8th in the 100 backstroke - 6 points  
Maggie Henkel placed 11th in the 200 IM - 2 points  
Sophie Nerl placed 8th in the 200 freestyle and 9th in the 500 freestyle - 9 points  
Aida Thoman placed 7th in the 100 butterfly and 3rd in the 100 backstroke - 19 points

You can find full meet results at <https://www.swimmeet.com/chl23/>.

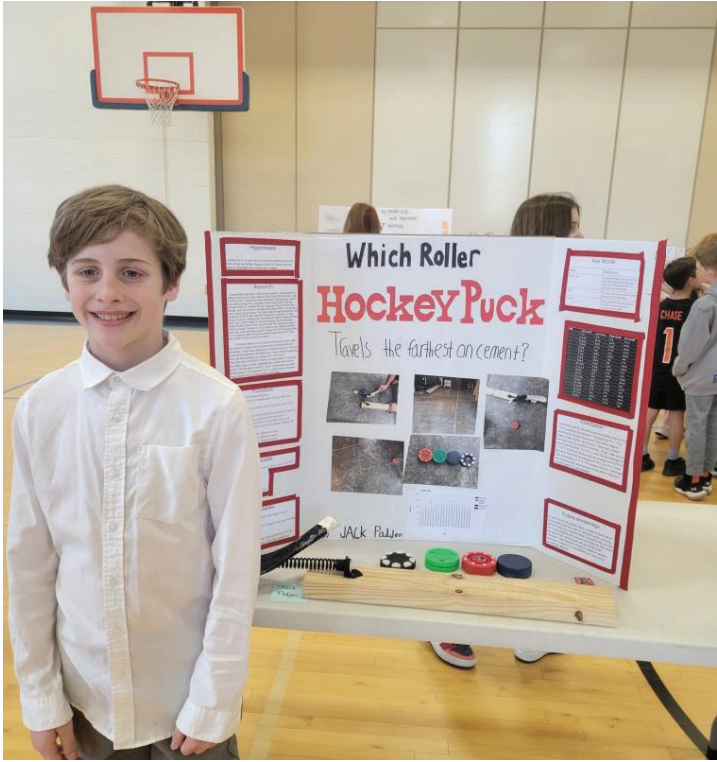


MHS Senior Swimmers at CHL Champs (in the PCY bubble) -  
Top row, l to r, Daniel Cooper, Alex Nistor, Lydia Eberlein, Ava Ellis, Lily Sharp, Maggie Henkel and Sophie Nerl.  
Bottom row, l to r, Mia Lattimer, Maeve Sweeney, Aida Thoman and Rachel Bohl.

## TP Science Fair

The annual Terrace Park Elementary Science Fair was held last month. Sixth grader Jack Padjen advances onto the next round with his project, "Which Roller Hockey Puck Travels the Farthest on Cement?"

The Southeast Ohio Science and Engineering Expo will be held on March 11th on University of Cincinnati campus.



## Frosty on Franklin

Even the snowmen were pulling for the Bengals this year, as seen here on Franklin Ave. before the AFC Championship.

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# The Wild Days of TP’s First Council

Submitted by Steve Early

One of the main features of the Village Views is to bring you reports from the meetings of our village council, which, in April, can say they have been meeting monthly here in Terrace Park for exactly 130 years. The village council convened for the first time on April 12, 1893, shortly after the village was incorporated. The first mayor was Carl Floto and the original council included circus owner John Robinson, who wintered his entire show in Terrace Park during those days. The first ordinance adopted by the new council was the appointment of a village solicitor and Lewis N. Gatch was chosen. His descendants still live in Terrace Park today.

In those days the village was a far cry from the manicured park you see today where dogs are always leashed and things are pretty quiet after sundown. In fact, early ordinances had to be passed “to prevent the running large of animals of the horse, mule, cattle, sheep, or swine kind” and to declare that “it shall be unlawful for two or more persons to engage in fighting, at fisticuffs, or otherwise, or for any person to aid therein, within the Village.” Other early laws stated that “It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to engage in or promote any

prizefighting, cock-fighting, or dog fighting in the village,” and “it shall be unlawful for any person, either by night or day, to loaf, loiter, or wander about the streets, avenues or grounds in the village or to loiter about in any saloon, bar room, tavern, or public resort without having any lawful, visible means of support and without being able to give any satisfactory or reasonable account of himself.” And another law that was apparently necessary stated that “it shall be unlawful for any person to run or race any animal or animals faster than at the rate of six (6) miles an hour, or in any manner to endanger the body or property of any other, person.” And as if high speed animal racing wasn’t bad enough, other early ordinances had to be passed to outlaw “striking, hitting, beating or assaulting any person in any manner, with fist, or stick, cane, boulder, weapon, or any other article,” and also barred biting, maiming, or kicking “any other person in the village.”

These new laws apparently did not sit well with John Robinson, who was used to essentially letting his circus menagerie have the run of the place, and the laws about drinking and fighting may have had to do with his rough and wild circus employees. We have no word on whether or not they were the

ones hitting people with canes and loafing around saloons without visible means of support, but it’s certainly possible. It’s also possible that Robinson was just upset about having to personally cough up more than half of TP’s property tax income due to his high tax valuation, assuming that his large estate was valued higher than all the rest of the village. (That’s right, apparently people have been complaining about property taxes since 1893.) Either way, in April 1894, Robinson stormed out of the council meeting and later presented a letter to the mayor stating his desire to secede his property from Terrace Park. His request was, of course, denied.

But if there were any hard feelings between the showman and the village, they must have quickly faded as it was the Robinsons who paid for the village’s first sidewalks and streetlights, and he built St. Thomas Church as a memorial to his late wife and daughter. Though he was rumored to have had a trap door built in the church floor near his pew to spit out his tobacco juice, Robinsons was allegedly dissuaded from having carved elephants incorporated into the church’s facade, much to the relief of residents at the time. How unfortunate for us! What an incredible link to our colorful past that would be.

# Table Tennis Team Tops Tourney

A member of Terrace Park’s Normile family participated in a unique winter event in February. Delaney (Laney) Patten Fagerstrom, daughter of TP native Christy Normile Fagerstrom, competed in the Arctic Winter Games in Wood Buffalo, Alberta, Canada. While Laney is the equivalent of an all-American high school volleyball player, she missed the deadline for submitting her volleyball application- so she played table tennis instead.

Laney and her partner, Meghan Spils, flew home with a Table Tennis Bronze Medal shaped like a ulu. (For those who are curious, an ulu is a curved knife, often with a bone handle, used to scrape animal skins.) The girls also have finished second in statewide tennis competition three out of four years. Laney’s mom, Christy, has coached the Dimond High School team for several years.

The Arctic Winter Games are open to competitors from seven countries whose borders touch the Arctic Circle. The United States of America was represented by Alaska, Laney’s home state. As Alaskans, temperatures reaching 33 below zero didn’t bother the girls during the week long competition.



Laney Fagerstrom (top) and table tennis partner Meghan Spils

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***The whistle will blow promptly at 10:30am to begin the egg hunt!***

Egg Hunt Age Groups:  
0-3, 4-6, 7-10 years old

***\*Egg Hunt pre-registration is encouraged by March 24***

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## Egg Hunt Pre-Registration

Deadline to Register is Friday, March 24, 2023  
Registration is \$20/child or \$60/max for family

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20/child = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$60 per family max)

# of children (0-3 years): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Drop off form and payment to Amy Seidel at 407 Cornell Avenue by March 24

Payment forms accepted are:

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