

Water Bills Going Up To Keep System Flowing

Submitted by Sue Porter

Terrace Park's aging water system got a new lease on life Oct. 10 when Village Council approved an assessment for maintenance of lines and hydrants. The rate will be based upon usage and billed by the Village of Indian Hill, which supplies Terrace Park water and bills customers quarterly. Water bills for typical households will increase about \$10 per month and in five years generate an estimated \$170,000 for the water system fund.

Noting that the village has funds to maintain streets, sidewalks and forestation, Administrator Jerry Hayhow said the new assessment is an important step toward reconstruction

and repair of an infrastructure that's nearly 100 years old. The measure will become effective in November.

In council action, Montgomery resident Kristin Spatz was approved as a new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteer technician. She is enrolled in a paramedic recruitment program and plans to study for that at the Terrace Park fire station while making herself available for rescue runs. Council also approved a resolution to move funds in the 2023 appropriations budget to a maintenance category, and a resolution accepting Hamilton County's certification of village taxation rates.

In his monthly report to

council, Administrator Hayhow advised:

- An easement awarding the village additional oversight of the pedestrian path that connects Wrenwood and Denison lanes is being sent by the Ohio Department of Transportation to the Ohio Attorney General for approval. The measure, which will be in place for 50 years, is in response to residents' concern about the path's maintenance, safety and inadequacy to accommodate golf carts and

double-wide strollers.

- Leaf pickup is beginning along the village's 16 miles of roadway, which creates a 32-mile service route. The maintenance crew does not deviate from the established route but their progress may be hastened or hindered depending upon the volume of leaves requiring pickup. During leaf pickup season, brush pickup is suspended. Brush should be taken to the recycling center and not placed in leaf piles because it can dam-

age village equipment and injure workmen. "Please do not put leaves in the street; it's dangerous if children play in them and a motorist doesn't see them," Hayhow said. "Also, do not park in raked leaves; they could catch your car on fire."

- The village has identified a highly qualified candidate to succeed arborist Mark Castator, who retired last month as

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Kick off the Holidays with Luminaria, Lighting of the Green, and Holiday Lights Contest

Please join us in kicking off the holiday season with the annual Luminaria & Lighting of the Green events coming up on Sunday, December 3. If you are new to the village, luminary kits are purchased from Kindervelt so look for the order form in the mail in mid November. On the evening of Sunday, December 3rd we will light the luminaries that line our sidewalks and driveways, and then head to the Village Green for the official tree

lighting ceremony, sweet treats, and a visit from a special jolly guest! Terrace Park residents will have the opportunity to enter the raffle to win a chance at lighting the tree at the Village Green.

We'll also hold voting that evening for the holiday home lighting contest, sponsored by Steve Early with Sibcy Cline Realtors. New this year- your neighbors will pick the winners! Every house in Terrace Park is

eligible and you don't need to enter! After lighting the luminaria, stroll the village and jot down your favorite address, then cast your vote at the Green! The top three winners will receive a \$100 donation to the charity of your choice, a fun prize, and unlimited bragging rights!

This magical night is a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season and a fun time for the whole family. See you there!

Dear Neighbors,

November is here, bringing the start to the holiday season in Terrace Park. As we head into Thanksgiving weekend and then kick off the holidays with Luminaria Night and the Lighting of The Green on the following Sunday, there is no doubt that neighbors, friends and family will be together in full holiday spirit! New this year, the Holiday Home Decorating Contest will be held the same night as Luminaria- Sunday, December 2nd. It's earlier than usual, so get your lights up in time! It's going to be a little different this year, as nobody needs to officially enter- every house and business in the village is eligible! Simply tour the neighborhood on the evening of December 2nd and make a note of your favorite address, then head to the Village Green for the tree lighting and cast your vote for the best holiday lights and display. The three homes that receive the most votes will each be awarded a special prize, unlimited bragging rights, and a \$100 donation to the charity of

your choice.

We have had a fantastic autumn filled with warm days and gorgeous fall color, so now it's on to the holidays and, believe it or not, 2024. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for here in the little village by the river, and we at the Village Views are thankful for our advertisers, our team, and most importantly- our neighbors. It's a joy to report the triumphs, milestones, and accomplishments of all of us, but also a true pleasure to recognize the snow days, the swim club fun, the lemonade stands, the game of catch on Stanton Field, the barbecue with next door neighbors, and the group effort to rescue the cat from the tree. It's the little things as well as the big ones that make up each year here in Terrace Park, and the Village Views is happy to report on all of it for you. We wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and until next month I remain,

Your Editor,
Steve Early

New Historical Society Fund to Benefit In Perpetuity

The Terrace Park Historical Society gratefully acknowledges a gift from Mrs. Carol C. Cole to be held and managed by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, which will provide annual benefits to the Historical Society in perpetuity. The gift will be held in the Greater Cincinnati Foundation account known as The Terrace Park Historical Society Fund (Fund). Additional gifts to the Fund can be sent to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, 720 E. Pete Rose Way, Suite 120, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attention: Laura Menge. All gifts to the Fund are irrevocable. As an incentive to promote gifts through the end of 2023, the Ann Gatch Foundation will match gifts made in 2023 up to a total of \$12,500.

Carol is a loyal volunteer, who with her late husband, Lee, was one of the founders of the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Ann Gatch was born in Terrace Park, her parents using the first automobile in the village to go to the hospital for her birth. Though she grew up at the Gatch family farm in Milford, she moved to Terrace Park in 1967 and lived here for the remainder of her life. She is fondly remembered as the piano teacher to three generations of many Cincinnati families.

We are very thankful to the people who support the Historical Society. If you have any questions regarding gifts to the Fund or gifts directly to the Historical Society, please contact us at (513) 248-1777 or tphistorical@society@gmail.com. Gifts to the Fund and the Terrace Park Historical Society are charitable contributions and are generally tax deductible. You should consult with your own tax advisor as to the specific tax impact for your situation.



The Great Pumpkin Winner

It's not Halloween in Terrace Park without the annual TP Pumpkin contest! This year, Ella Heilbronner's guess of 925 pounds took the prize. The actual weight is 946. According to the TPPumpkin official instagram, Ella made her guess of 925 because her birthday is September 25th.

What’s Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - November 2023

Children
Oh no! Dinosaurs have invaded the library during the month of November! Stop by for a dinosaur scavenger hunt, dino-themed storytimes, and a Dinosaur Extravaganza program on Nov. 11.

Library Babies — Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement. Ages birth-18 months.

Preschool Storytime — Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Enjoy books, songs, activities and more, while building early literacy skills. Ages 3-6.

Toddler Storytime — Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music and fun. Ages 18 months-36 months.
Movers & Shakers — Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
You and your child will shake it together! Sing, dance, and enjoy music, movement, and fun. Ages 1-4.

Legos @ the Library — Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.
You bring your imagination, we bring the LEGOs. Show us what you can build and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts.

Dinovember Extravaganza — Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.
Come learn about dinosaurs through a variety of activity stations. Recommended for school-aged kids.
Coding Club — Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.
Learn to code with new games and challenges every

month. Laptops are supplied and no prior coding experience is needed. Recommended for Ages 8-12. Registration required.
Teen New! Teen Advisory Board — Tuesday, Nov 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m.
Help create library events, displays, and projects as well as guide the library’s approach to teens.
Adults

Card Making for Adults and Teens — Saturday, Nov.18 at 10:30 a.m.
Come make your own cards for any occasion! Blank cards, a variety of craft supplies, and ideas will be provided. No experience is necessary. For Adults and Teens. Registration required.

Mariemont Mystery Book Club — Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us for lively discussion of The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall-Smith. Copies available at the branch. Registration encouraged.

Book Club — Monday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Please join us for a lively discussion of The Book of Goose women by Yiyun Li. Stop by for your copy!
Coming Soon in December!
Stuffed animal sleepover: Bring a stuffed animal friend for a special storytime and craft. – Date TBA
Snowfall Sing-Along Spectacular with May Festival — Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board Holiday Party — Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, November 17th. 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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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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Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt
On 9/5 at 10:45 (PM!), an officer was dispatched to Wrenwood Lane for a noise complaint of someone possibly using a chainsaw late at night. The officer found a male subject inside of his garage working on his car.
On 9/1 at 9:30 pm, an officer was dispatched to Wooster Pike because a subject was seen carrying a bookbag (but thankfully not a chainsaw!) while flagging down motorists.
On 9/30, at 9:48 pm, an officer was dispatched to Stanton Avenue, for a subject who was seen knocking on the door (also no chainsaw!) of a homeowner who was away on vacation.
Halloween has come early TP! Stay safe!

Obituary



Ben and Phyllis McAllister

W. Benson McAllister (“Ben”), 80, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, at home with Phyllis, his wife of 61 years, by his side. In addition to Phyllis, Ben is survived by his three sons, Patrick (Donna), Reid (Allison) and John, his sister Sheila Hodges, his four grandchildren, Lio, Olivia, Carter, and Edie.
Ben was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 25, 1943. While he earned an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, he chose to attend Cornell University, where he graduated with a BA and Masters of Industrial Engineering in 1965. Shortly after, Ben began an almost 3-decade career with Procter & Gamble, where he was a pioneer of Total Quality. After P&G,

Ben co-founded Little Miami Landscape in 2000 with his son John, and helped to grow it from a one-man operation into a highly successful and respected regional tree specialist company.
Ben and Phyllis were Terrace Park residents for more than forty years, raising their three sons in a lovely home on Miami Avenue overlooking the river. Ben was also an avid squash and basketball player and served as President of the Cincinnati Squash Racquets Association in 1983. Anyone who ever played against him on the basketball court had to respect his unique and highly effective defensive style. Ben was a dedicated father, husband, friend, and businessman and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



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the year, students explore life science, physical science, and earth science. Through hands-on exploration involving art, language and open-ended play interwoven through the day, students will learn about Tie Dye Science, Seed Dispersal, Dinosaurs and Fossils, Space Exploration, the Human Body and Volcanoes.

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2023

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Sunday, November 12

4:30-7:30 pm

St. Thomas Church

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Local Resident Offers Services

Boyce King, a village resident of more than twenty years, is offering a variety of services to help you and your family. From private/ event catering to cleaning services (commercial or residential) , home, garden, and pet care, companion care, concierge service (deliveries, meeting contractors etc) and even transportation (local or out of town rides or deliveries), King does it all!

For the last several years he has worked with a couple of local families and has recently decided to expand his services. He has

over 30 years commercial experience in catering and currently prefers house parties and small to medium private events. He is now looking to book events for the upcoming holiday season and will readily provide references for any of the above named services.

"I've lived and worked in the community for over 20 years. I raised my family here, all my kids went to school here, and I LOVE this community," King told the Village Views. Boyce King can be reached at 513-223-9506 or bking4013@gmail.com


Terrace Park’s Best-Kept Musical Secret

Did you know that every month, Cincinnati’s best classical musicians gather in Terrace Park for a candlelit service of music? The Bach Ensemble at St. Thomas has been playing for over a decade, performing the music of J. S. Bach as part of the Bach Vespers. Vespers is a traditional evening service that is over a thousand years old and is a peaceful way to

conclude the end of the day and prepare for the week ahead. The Bach Ensemble is made up of the highest caliber musicians in our area, includes members of the Cincinnati Symphony, students from the College-Conservatory of Music, and led by St. Thomas Director of Music Carlton Monroe. This fall, this service has the added bonus of a beauti-

fully renovated church and new, world-class, organ. All of this is nestled in the wonderful community of Terrace Park. The next Bach Vespers will take place on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. The Bach Ensemble will also bring back a holiday tradition, the Messiah Sing-Along on Dec. 12. Visit bachensemble.org for more details.






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Service Projects at St. Thomas Episcopal Church

High School students have the opportunity to fulfill their service hours while helping the community. The first Sunday of the month is dedicated to food insecurity and St. Thomas works with groups like IPM Food Bank and Feed Our Flock, among others. They provide and create “Power Packs”, restock pantry shelves, and serve meals. The third Sunday is focused on elder care work. The kids will visit SEM Villa and visit the residents and assist them during services, as well as small activities. This program is a wonderful way for our youth to interact with our aging community! If you or a family member is interested in joining our group and earning service hours, please contact Sonya Geers at sgeers@stthomasepiscopal.org for information.



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Join us as our Parish Choir presents our first Choral Evensong of the year, a solemn service in which we remember our loved ones who have passed from this life.

BACH VESPERS AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.
Join us for this glorious Evening Prayer Service.
Visit www.bachensemble.org for more information

Christmas Treat Traditions

Saturdays, December 2 & 9
Join us the St. Thomas Nursery School in their tradition of *Cookies with Santa* on Dec. 2nd and St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the annual *Christmas Capers* on Dec. 9th!

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 26, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.
We invite you to join us prepare for the Advent season by attending our worship services and joining in fellowship while you make your own Advent wreath.

Messiah Sing-Along

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.
This season-favorite tradition returns to St. Thomas in our newly renovated church! Join the Bach Ensemble at St. Thomas for this cherished event. Space is limited, so please reserve your name-your-own-price ticket at www.bachensemble.org/coming-soon

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars to join us for our Annual service of Christmas Lessons & Carols. The Parish Choir at St. Thomas sings beloved Christmas carols accompanied by seasonal scripture readings.

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urban forester. The interview process will begin soon.

- At the Hamilton County surplus auction, the village sold its used truck at a favorable price but will need to find a buyer elsewhere for the retired pumper truck.

In other monthly reports to council:

- EMS Chief John Maggard said the department's annual pancake supper fundraiser will be Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the department is recruiting volunteers for the next EMS class in January.

- Fire Chief Stephen Dronsfield reminded residents to make sure their chimneys are clean before burning firewood and to refrain from the open burning of leaves.

Terrace Park Thanksgiving, 1892

Here's a glimpse of an early Terrace Park Thanksgiving weekend in 1892, courtesy of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. It would still be a year before the village was officially incorporated, and the rural setting was still a popular destination for local hunters, or "nimrods", as the article calls them. For your reference, in 1892 the Robert B. Jones family lived at 722 Park Avenue,

the Bellevilles lives at 716 Floral Avenue, and the Van Deren B. Duvalls lived at 509 Marietta Avenue. "Conkling's Hill" which offered an unobstructed view of the sleepy village, is today the site of Stepping Stones on Given Road, and the McClelland property may have been on Park Road or Drewery Fram Lane, overlooking the fledgling hamlet.

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MRS. R. B. JONES gave a delightful dinner party on Saturday, November 19. About eighteen ladies were present.

—A good graveled roadway from the platform on east side of railroad to ticket office is the latest improvement.

—Thanksgiving brought an unusual number of "Ye Mighty Nimrods" to this neighborhood. But from the empty hunting pouches of returning hunters, think the bunnies suffered but little.

—Miss Florence Beltz is spending her Thanksgiving vacation with her mother at the Park.

—Miss Fannie Bellville was the guest of her father, and assisted in the turkey annihilation Thanksgiving Day.

—Will Duvall skipped for Owenton, Ky., on Thanksgiving morning. Bright eyes will welcome him there, and hearts will ache here during his absence.

—Go to Conkling's or McClelland's Hills to get fine views of the delightful scenery surrounding the village.

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Portrait of Jade Beck by Kate Lackman

Featured Subject

Terrace Park’s Jade Beck was a featured subject in a recent art show at Eisele Gallery in Mariemont Square. The October show featured works by artists Mary Beth Karaus and Indian Hill’s Kate Lackman. Lackman met Jade at The Birch here in Terrace Park, where Jade has been a hostess for two years. Lackman photographs her subjects in period clothing and later creates paintings from them. The show, “Beauty From Within: Florals, Figures, and Friendships” ran through October 28th at the Madison Road gallery.

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Garden Club's Bounty Sale a Success

Submitted by Frances Stafford

The Garden Club needs to give huge "Thank Yous" to many people for making our Autumn Bounty sale a great success. First is Mother Nature who sent us a lovely late summer day with plenty of sunshine and warm breezes, making for a fun TPGC event at the Green. Thank you to The Olde Garden Shack's Laura and Josie for their magnificent produce, pumpkins, gourds,

cornstalks and beautiful, very large mums of many brilliant colors. Laura also brought some of her very tasty, fresh vegetables. A special thank you to Laura's daughter, Josie, who stayed with us for the whole sale, with her boundless knowledge and great attitude.

Thanks also go to all the club volunteers for all their work beforehand and on the day of the sale. Many thanks and praise

to the students from the elementary, middle and high schools including member Sumitra Gopal's son Jerry, Lily Billups, Conner Faulkner, Gino Fiorina, Moira Sheridan, and Palmer Spreen. All these young people impressed us with their smiling confidence and ability to happily get their jobs done. Palmer Spreen is the granddaughter of club member, Chris Keefe,

who was very proud of Palmer on that day (and probably every day)! Another member, Carole Wilkinson, took several photos over the course of the sale and sent them off on Tplst to encourage more residents to come to the green.

The sales were so successful that Laura made 2 extra deliveries of mums. She was at the farmers market in Mont-

gomery, where she is on many Saturdays, and so was able to accommodate us. At the end of the sale, only 2 small mums remained, and these were given to the post office. Everything else was sold! Consider joining our club! Novice and experienced gardeners are all very welcome. Please contact: Lucy Maish 513-310-1492, or Tina Hesser, Membership Chair at 513-520-8912.





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Zane Kramer (right) as Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol".

Tiny Tim

The staged version of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, is one of Cincinnati's most beloved holiday traditions. The show is returning to Playhouse in the Park for its 31st year with Terrace Park's very own Zane Kramer playing the role of Tiny Tim. The seven year old village resident has been cast as the littlest member of the Cratchit family. The play opens November 24th and runs through the holiday season. Tickets are on sale now at cincyplay.com or call 513-421-3888.

Terrace Park Resident Receives National Merit Commendation

Gracie Mitchell, Cincinnati Country Day Class of 2024, was recently named a National Merit Commended Student at the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

"This is definitely an academic honor and something that I will include in my college applications," says Mitchell. "But there is a lot that has brought us to this point. AP testing has helped a lot and so has test prep through Revolution Prep." Congratulations Gracie!

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