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State Awards Equipment Grant to Fire Department Submitted by Sue Porter

Terrace Park firefighters will soon be wearing new, safer helmets at no cost to the village thanks to a \$14,000 grant procured by Fire Chief George Heffner. At its April 21 meeting, Village Council approved an adjustment to the 2025 appropriations budget to reflect the windfall from the Ohio Department of Commerce's State Fire Marshal Division.

In other council action:

• A resolution with the following wording was approved "declaring it necessary to proceed with a replacement with increase tax levy in excess of the 10 mill limitation and submitting such levy to the electors (5.25 mill replacement with increase)." The renewal and increase will be on the Nov. 4 ballot. Though the amount of the additional millage was not mentioned at the April meeting, council approved a resolution at its March meeting that asked the Hamilton County auditor to certify an additional 2.45 mill tax. As background, there is no state law requiring municipalities to have six months of operating funds in reserve but it is a recommended best practice. Councilmember Jeff LeMay, who chairs the finance committee, said the village is fiscally sound but will drop below the threshold in late 2025 or 2026. It has been 12 years since the village has placed a tax increase on the ballot.

• Also approved was a resolution awarding Hendy, Inc., the contract for 2025 sidewalk improvements at a cost not to exceed \$31,000. Councilmember Pax Lindell, who oversees public works, said 100 to 120 squares of sidewalk will be replaced accord-

ing to a schedule on file for residents to review in the administration building.

· Lindell also presented a resolution awarding Greenway Asphalt Rejuvenation the contract for 2025 street repairs not to exceed \$37,300. It, too, was approved. As was explained at council's March meeting, Administrator Jerry Hayhow has researched asphalt rejuvenation products and identified one with pliable properties that discourage cracking. It will be applied to Princeton, Poplar, Franklin, Douglas and portions of Stanton Avenue according to a master plan on file in the administration building.

In their monthly reports: • Mayor Tom Tepe thanked the village maintenance crew for the spring clean-up that is underway and issued his annual Arbor Day proclamation. This year it will be observed April 25 and residents are asked to protect trees and woodlands, support the village's urban forestry program and plant trees on their property.

• Emergency Medical Services Chief John Maggard said the department's operating procedures guide has been updated to include new equipment and protocols. After it is reviewed by the department's medical director, it will be posted online for residents to access. The guide will also be made available to the village's insurance carrier. In other business, Maggard thanked Erica Moore and Becky Carmen for help with budget preparations and said the new recruit class will be finished with training in May. He is hoping more village residents will

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Community Scavenger Hunt & White Squirrel Art Auction Coming in May

Submitted by Katy Chisom

Join the Terrace Park Historical Society on Saturday, May Those who complete the hunt will receive a second raffle ticket. Scavenger hunt tickets are available now: https://tinyurl.com/TP-

Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail!

The annual Kindervelt Egg-stravaganza ushered in the spring spirit with a day of egg hunting and festivities on the Village Green. See page 3 for photos!

Dear Neighbors,

After a turbulent spring that brought flooding rains, high winds, and temperatures that felt like winter and summer together in the same week, May is finally here; the peaceful, green, lazy start to summer in Terrace Park. Well, maybe "lazy" isn't the right word as your neighbors have been anything but lazy, as you'll see in this issue of the Village Views. Spring Break found Terrace Parkers all over the globe, spring sports are in full swing, and next month we'll be wishing the Senior Class of '25 a hearty congratulations as they head to graduation.

Where do the years go? The Historical Society has a great new event coming this month that should become a new TP tradition, and there is a fun Triathlon event making a return this year. It's all part of a busy season here in the little village by the river. You can read about all of that and more on these pages. That's all for now. So until next month I remain,

Your Editor,

Steve Early



17 for a day filled with family fun! Start the day with a familyfriendly scavenger hunt around Terrace Park. This self guided, self paced scavenger hunt can be started anytime between 8am to 12pm. Participants will solve creatively crafted clues to locate 10 of Terrace Park's hidden historical gems. Tickets are \$15 per family, couple or individual. Each location will provide interesting facts, prizes for kids, and a special keepsake. Presale tickets are available now and include VIP pickup the day of the event. Same day tickets will be available on the Village Green on May 17th from 8am to 12pm. Individuals, couples, friends, and families are all welcome! Bikes, golf carts and cars are encouraged. All participating groups will be entered to win a white squirrel- art experience themed raffle basket. Scavenger-Hunt

From 1-4 pm, bring a picnic basket and join the community on the Village Green for a picnic lunch and silent art auction. Admission is free! Local artists will showcase their creations, including paintings, sculptures, jewelry, fiber art, pottery, and so much more. Featured artists include Rick Koehler, Melissa Marker, Alyson Johnson, Amy Evans, Tyler Hildebrand, Ann Hobart, Erin Rosson, Laurie Baird, Charlotte Pritz, Anna Arnold, Cyndy Finnegan, Laura Von Lehman, Mary Buban, Shauna Burke, Kristel Graham, Melissa Roell, Lisa Taylor, Katie Harrock, Jennifer Burt, Denise Strasser, Katy Keffer, Julie Kippens and so many more! Bids can be placed online for

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What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - May 2025

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All Ages

Crafternoons: Woven Bookmarks — Tuesday, May 6th from 3:30-5

Learn how to make your own mini loom and weave a one-of-a-kind bookmark-perfect for marking your next great read. All Ages Welcome

Youth

Movers and Shakers -Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

You and your child will shake it together! Sing, dance, and enjoy music, movement, and fun. Ages 1-4.

Library Babies - Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories and movement. Ages birth-18 months.

Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music and fun. Ages 18 months-36 months.

KinderBridge Storytime -Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Get ready for kindergarten with stories, songs, and handson activities. Recommended for ages 4-6 years.

Stem Discovery Day -Tuesday, May 13. Drop in any time between 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

We offer a variety of handson STEM activities designed to inspire and educate. Recommended for grades K-8.

Legos @ the Library - Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Show us what you can build and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts.

Pokémon Trading Card Game Club — Saturday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learn to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, challenge other trainers, trade cards, and



make new friends. Bring your own cards or play with one of our decks. Ages 7-14.

Adults

Which Craft: Knitting and Crocheting Group — Saturday, May 3 AND May 17 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Bring the knitting or crocheting project you're working on to the library and work with others.

Shodo Japanese Calligraphy Workshop - Monday, May 5 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In this Shodo workshop presented by the Japan America Society, you will explore the art of Japanese calligraphy. From mastering brushstrokes to learning artistic techniques, the instructor will guide you through the fundamentals of this timeless and beautiful art form. Registration Required.

Non-fiction Mariemont Book Club — Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in discussing The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson. Copies available at the branch.

Mystery Book Club -Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss The Square of Sevens by Laura Shepherd-Robinson. Copies available at the branch.

Book Club — Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss The Six by Loren Grush. Copies available at the branch.

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, May 9. 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.

Who to contact: Managing Editor:

Where to send: Village Views P.O. Box 212 Terrace Park, OH 45174. If possible, the staff prefers to receive contributions by e-mail at tpvillageviews@gmail.com. Please submit articles as Microsoft WORD or .jpg format. Please put your name and date on submitted disks. Photographs and disks will not be returned. The deadline is Friday, May 9 at 9 p.m.

Advertisements for Village Views may be placed in a variety of sizes. A business card size (2x4) is only \$30 per month. A classified ad is \$10 to Village residents only. Payment must accompany ad. Call Business Manager Margaret Tangvald @ (513) 310-6164 for additional rates. Village Views welcomes your business.

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Law & Order

On 3/29, an officer responded to Lexington Avenue for a small campfire that was built too close to a residence. This was no bonfire, but it was pretty lit. If it was me, I wood never have built a fire that close to my home.

On 3/22, an officer responded to Red Bird Lane to assist with

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pieces that catch your eye. Online auction will be open May 14th at 12pm through May 17th at 5pm. Art Auction Link: https://givebutter.com/c/WhiteSquirrelArt. No need to be present to bid or win.

a deer stuck in the fence of a resident's yard. The officer requested backup, and both officers were able to safely free the deer from the fence. Proud to live in this neighborhood with some amazing officers! A lot of them will do anything for a buck!

Small plates and drinks will be available for purchase. See the ad in this issue of the Village Views and for more information, reach out to tphistoricalsociety@gmail. com.

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The Distinguished Alumni

Award will recognize Mariemont High School alumni who graduated at least 10 years ago and who have notably distinguished themselves by their significant contributions and/or remarkable accomplishments in their chosen career; skill, trade, or business; in civic duties; in military service; in philanthropy; in volunteerism; in the arts; in the sciences; in education; in religion, OR any other field, endeavor, or pursuit, excluding athletics. Nominees may be living or deceased. Nominations will be considered by a committee

comprised of Mariemont School Foundation trustees and district officials. The number of recipients each year is at the discretion of the committee. Nominations will remain on file for five (5) years. Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be recognized during Mariemont's Homecoming, 2025. A permanent, dedicated space at Mariemont High School also honors recipients. Please contact Mariemont School Foundation trustee Liz Alter at lizalter@ icloud.com with questions.

TRY the TRI Coming in August

Submitted by Erica Moore

TRY the TRI is a fun neighborhood race designed to give anyone the opportunity to try a Triathlon. It's a fun way to try out this sport which is a threepart race consisting of swimming, biking and running. While Ironman Triathlons are famous for their impressive feats of endurance and grit, the TP TRY the TRI is "famous" for the pure joy on display!

This race is defined as ultra sprint distance, meaning each leg of the race is shorter than a sprint triathlon distance. The design of the race, from length to course layout to age groups, has been intentional to give every participant the best chance of success. This year we are offering 5 age groups: 6-8 years old, 9-12, 13-16, 17-25, 25 and up, as well as a "team" category. Each team must be made up of three athletes with each taking one leg of the race.



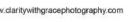
We couldn't be more excited for "TRY the TRI"....Neither could our faithful volunteers Regina Sharp and Anne Davies!

We are excited to offer this race again and are so grateful for the support and growth it has received over the past years. This year we are also thrilled to welcome Natalie Quinn to our planning team! Keep watching the Village Views for more information in coming months. Whether you are racing or cheering we look forward to seeing you there!









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Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11, 2025 Come listen to our Children's Choir & Choristers sing on Mother's Day at our principal service at 10:15 a.m.!

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Join us for this service celebrating the close of Eastertide and the arrival of the Holy Ghost. Services are at 8 & 10:15

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Spring Break 2025

From sunny beaches to snowy mountains, your neighbors were all over the map for Spring Break 2025! Whether you had a dream vacation or a relaxing "stay-cation", the break is always welcome after a long winter. Here are a few photos from this year's holiday.



Blake, Summer, and Russell Kramer Copper Mountain, Colorado.



(Almost) everyone enjoyed the sun in Florida on the Zak's vacation.



Sue Pschesang and Carrie Carothers staying merry in Mexico.



These girls were "high on the hog" enjoying fun at home during Spring Break.



A group of senior girls made lasting memories in Cancun.



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become EMS volunteers; the next training class begins in January 2026.

• Administrator Hayhow said footers have been poured for the shelter house that's being constructed in Kristin Crowley's memory at the Miami Grove nature preserve. As reported in March, her husband Shawn Crowley is financing the project, the Ohio River Foundation is overseeing construction, and the village will maintain the structure in perpetuity. Hayhow said he meets daily with representatives from RLA Utilities, the contractor for Duke Energy's gas line re-

placement project that is expected to take three years and affect 95 percent of local residences. "It's a huge undertaking and I think it is lot more than they thought from the beginning," Hayhow said, explaining that the village's gravel subsoil has made drilling difficult and time-consuming saw-cutting necessary. Once completed, sidewalk and street surfaces will be repaired according to village specifications. Updates and advisories will be available on the village website www.terracepark.org and sent through the CodeRED system, a free online service that provides registered residents with timely announcements and updates on official business. Signup instructions are available on the website or by texting "terracepark" to 99411 with a smartphone.

• Fire Chief George Heffner said department representatives recently attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, which is an international event that features the newest firefighting tools and best practices. In addition to providing service in Terrace Park, during the past month volunteers assisted Milford with structure fire responses, provided mutual aid in Indian Hill and covered calls for New Richmond, enabling that department to respond to flooding issues. A new recruitment class will begin training in May and monthly training sessions are ongoing. In addition, the department's budget has been prepared and Rob Mercer has been retained to do commercial and residential inspections as needed.

•Councilmember John

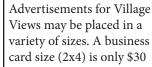
ST. THOMAS

Gaskey's planning and zoning committee, will be meeting to discuss amendments to the code that address the sale of marijuana in Terrace Park. Working with the village solicitor, he will bring recommendations to council and public hearings will be held before there is a vote to amend the code. The process is expected to take several months.

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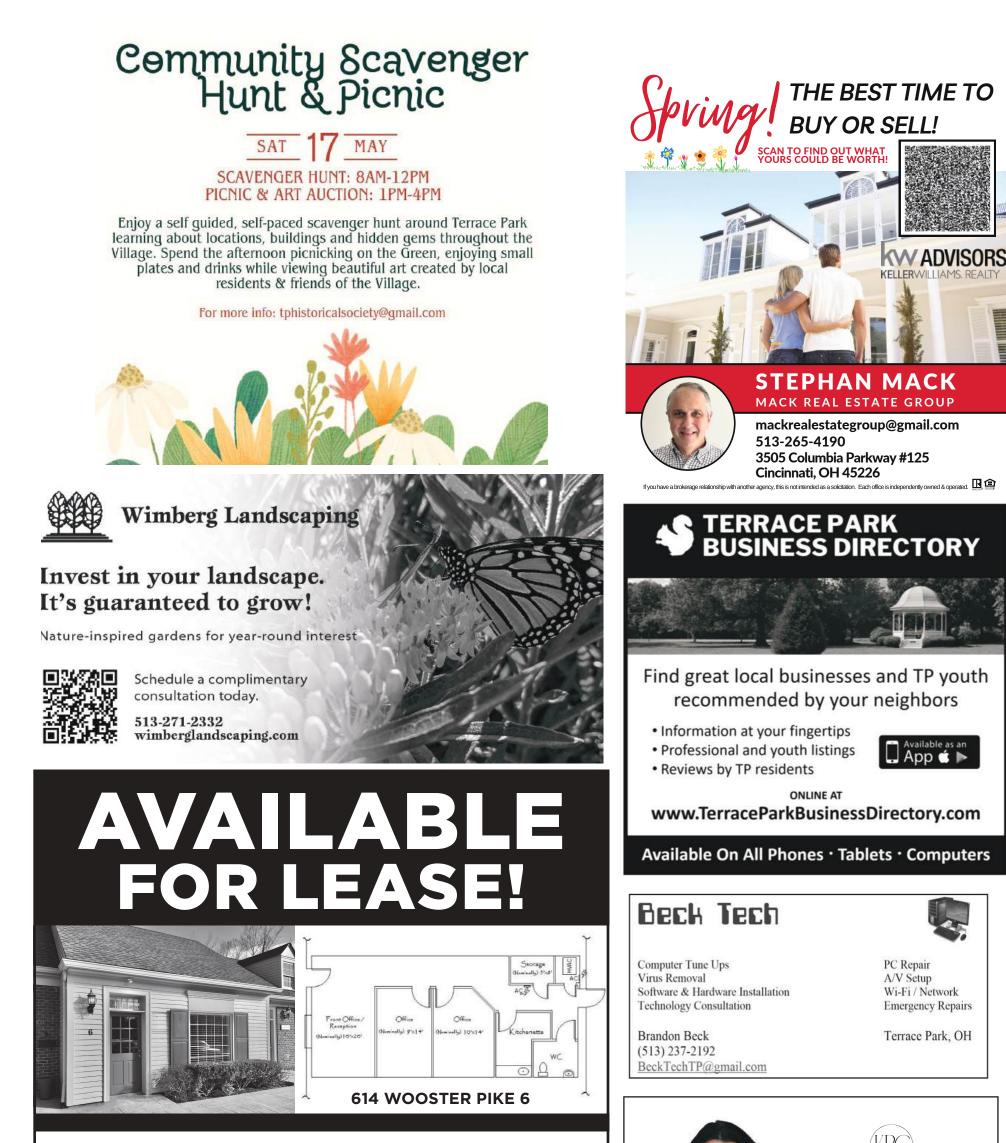
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