

# Village Views

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## Nearly A Third Of Village Trees Called 'Dangerous'

Terrace Park's trees constitute a major asset, but nearly 30% of them are dead or in such poor condition that they are dangerous and should come down.

That was the conclusion reached by Steve Sandfort, Cincinnati's urban forester, after a day-long, street-by-street study of an urban forest which he valued at \$1,516,000. The study was initiated by village council because of growing concern, and as the first step in developing a consistent program of tree care and planting. Sandfort made the survey on March 20. He is to return late this month to develop recommendations concerning new plantings.

Urban tree problems have been Sandfort's specialty since he took his degree in forest management at the University of Missouri in 1970. He worked in the Ft. Benning area and then for five years in Atlanta for the Georgia State Forestry Commission before coming to Cincinnati as urban forest consultant in 1978. He later officially became Cincinnati's urban forester after marked success in developing neighborhood tree councils and setting up a city tree program financed by a per-foot assessment.

In his report to Rich Gilchrist, chairman of Terrace Park council's tree and sidewalk committee, Sandfort listed a total of 2,478 trees, of which he reported that 949 are in good condition, 833 rated fair, 647 poor and 50 dead or dying.

His report said: "Terrace Park has 29 species of trees along its streets. 69.2% are maple. Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) is the second best performing tree and makes up 11.9% of the forest. However, the two worst performing species sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) and silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*) make up 57.3% of the forest. Even if your maples were totally healthy your forest has entirely too many of them. It lacks diversity. A diversity of species helps to assure that an epidemic disease or insect problem will not wipe out the bulk of your forest in a very short time.

The large average diameter of your trees indicates a combination of old age, good growing conditions and minimal root disturbances by road, sidewalk or underground utility projects. Heavy pruning for line clearance by public utilities is also a major factor contributing to the reduced service life of street trees. Many of the dangerous conditions in Terrace Park can be traced back directly to the tornado which hit the village several years ago. This caused massive trunk splits which have slowly gotten worse.

"Terrace Park is most fortunate to have enjoyed a comparatively long life of trouble free service from its urban forest. However, all good things must end. There must always be a time to begin to psychologically prepare themselves for a dramatic loss of many of their cherished, large trees. This loss will be even more dramatic because there are very few young-to-middle-aged trees in place to soften the blow.

"My discussing the lack of young trees is not to condemn but just to state fact. With 210 trees per street mile Terrace Park would have found it almost impossible to plant trees along any streets other than new ones. The ideal number of street trees per mile in this area is 150 or one tree every 70 feet. This allows for a mixture of small, medium and large trees and the space required for street intersections, driveways and street hardware.

"Terrace Park's forest is now in a state of crisis. Although it is aesthetically very pleasing and adding significantly to property values, it may prove to be a very costly liability for the village. The cost of a forest renovation project is easily justified. One law suit could cost Terrace Park much more than a good forestry program.

"Many of your big trees will soon come down. Terrace Park must rationally make the choice whether to let it happen naturally and suffer the consequences or to safely and professionally renovate the forest, pay the bill and take advantage of the situation."

## New Village Clerk Is Named, Developer Eying BBS Tract



Judith Elliott is sworn in as new village clerk by Village Solicitor John Getgey (Photo by Sally Kniffin)

Judith Elliott, 624 Miami Ave., was sworn in as village clerk at the April meeting of village council, appointed by Mayor Charles S. Rockel to succeed Don Franke, who resigned.

Franke was elected to his third term as clerk last November. Rockel said the appointment was for the unexpired term ending December 31, 1983, on the assumption that Mrs. Elliott would not have to run at an intervening election.

Rockel said Franke resigned when a state audit showed some discrepancies in village accounts.

Mrs. Elliott was named on the recommendation of a search committee of council including Les Overway, William Konold and Robert Payne. Both she and her husband, Dennis, have been active in community affairs.

Don Head, Village Treasurer, distributed to council a new form of financial report. While an \$800 deficit has not yet been tracked down, he said he had discovered that the county owes Terrace Park \$3,800, which will be collected. He plans to have Central Trust automate the village payroll.

Rodger Miller made known the prospect of a joint venture between the village and a real estate developer for the former B.B.S. Co. property at Wooster and Elm. The developer would bear the cost of the development and the village would recoup its money from the sale of the parcels. To this end, he introduced for first reading an ordinance to restore the land to Residence zoning. A public hearing will be held before the ordinance is up for final passage.

Under this agreement, Terrace Park paid BBS \$145,000 for the land in return for dropping of all pending litigation by BBS. The village gained the right to re-sell the property, but BBS retained the right of first refusal. The acquisition was financed by councilmanic notes at 9% interest, arranged by the Central Trust Co.

Les Overway updated that an engineer has been hired to draw up specifications for a precast concrete bridge with a 12 foot walkway to replace the Elm Street overpass. This plan has met state

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## Cut Is Made In Service

Village life squad service has been curtailed still further because of a manpower shortage, but Fire Chief Pierce Matthews emphasized that the community will be protected by backup service from Milford.

He told the April meeting of village council that the Terrace Park unit will be out of service during daytime hours on Thursdays and Fridays until seven volunteers now in training receive their cer-

tification in June. Previously the village squad had been out of service on Thursdays only.

Matthews said another training course is planned for this summer to bring the life squad up to full strength, if enough volunteers can be found.

He announced, too, that the Volunteer Fire Association hopes to issue another Terrace Park telephone book in the coming fall or winter.

## Athletic Honors Won By Village Students

Terrace Park students at Mariemont High School took a goodly share of honors at the recent winter sports Award Night.

Special awards went to Shannon Smith as captain of the girls' swim team and to Chip Rockel, 'varsity basketball captain. Joe Gleeson won the Warrior Award for his basketball play, while John Getgey was named Most Valuable player.

Other 'varsity basketball team members honored were Tom Hodges, John Hodges, and Jeff Beerman, manager.

Other awards: Boy's swimming — Chip Graeter, Sean Hudson,

Mark Hudson, Paul Johnson.

Gymnastics — Amy Augspurger, Carole Colton, Caroline Getgey, Molly Pendl.

Wrestling — Doug Gay, Barrett Ott, Ashley Weech

Barrett Ott, Ashley Weech, Dan Reynolds, Pat Ryan, Chris Ott, Todd Trisch, Blayne Smith.

Freshman basketball — Ricky Bryan, Mike Gleeson, Andy Hissett, Mark Miller.

Reserve basketball — Paul Parkin.

Reserve and 'varsity cheerleaders — Kim Bodnar, Joanne Ramsdell, Susan Sauter, Mindy Overway.

## For Spring Plants, Visit The Green

Terrace Park's Garden Club will hold its second annual spring plant sale on the village green from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Club members are accepting advance orders for geraniums, impatiens, begonias and petunies, with other annuals available on special order.

Orders also may be made by phone to Faye Corey, 831-0808; Jane Peterson, 831-5862, or Mary Malotke, 248-0925.

Such projects have enabled the club to finance cleanup and maintenance of the Terrace Place parkway planting, the Lloyd Memorial, Lindell Grove and the John Smith Memorial, and this year to contribute \$160 for plantings at Drackett Field.

# New Board Members And Staff Named As Swim Club Readies '82 Season

By Trish Bryan

New Board members of the Terrace Park Swim Club, elected at the recent annual meeting, are Don Brown, Al DuPlace, Marilyn Goodman, Lorin Wagner and Nonnie Ward, with Marlene Scholl appointed to fill the unexpired term of Shirley Brown. Other retiring members are Suzanne LaKamp, Tom Proctor, Barb Smith and Ken Yelton. Remaining in office are Charles Beech, president; Larry Deckard, vice president; Don Mileham, treasurer, and Janet Stollmaier, membership chairman.

The pool will open on Saturday, May 29.

Jim Counts will be the new pool manager for the coming season. An elementary teacher at Fairfax, he assists the Mariemont Aquatic Club, has served as head swim coach and assistant pool manager of the Fairfax Swim Club, and was affiliated with the Madeira Swim Club. CeCe Cryer has been hired as tennis pro. A member of the Indian Hill state championship tennis team, she is studying engineering at Cornell University. Her professional experience includes teaching tennis at the Cincinnati Country Club and the Camargo Racquet Club.

A pool and grounds committee just established includes Terry Bernard, Charlie Gay, and Parker Cowgill, to work

with Jim Counts and Al DuPlace in maintenance of the pool area.

The membership campaign is currently in high gear

Anyone interested in joining the Swim Club should contact Janet Stollmaier, 831-1777, or Trish Bryan, 831-2707.



## Welcome Touch of Spring

Those perky daffodils blooming near each of the village bulletin boards are the result of efforts of Terrace Park Girl Scouts headed by Marty Mileham, and are here being checked on by Molly Abernathy and Jenifer Mileham. The bulbs, donated by the Garden Club, were planted last fall by the girls and their leaders. (Photo by Sally Kniffin)

## Cindy Pannkuk Off Again This Time It's The Sudan

The peripatetic Cindy Pannkuk is off again. This time to the Sudan, where she is working for the International Rescue Committee in a camp outside Khartoum in the village of Gedaref.

According to her parents, Connie and Dave Pannkuk (Elm Ave) Cindy is involved in two operations. She is part of a medical team at one camp involved in day-to-day health care. In another operation, she and a team are developing a program

aimed at preventative medicine with refugees taking on a level of responsibility for maintaining health care.

The refugees are Ethiopian, Somalian, and Eritrean nationals. For the most part they are trained and skilled people who were asked to leave their homes inasmuch as there was no place for them.

Cindy left the Peace Corps office in Washington after one year of administrative work for her new job.

## Booster Volunteers Plan Drive For Athletic Funds

Volunteers from Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont soon will be knocking on doors to raise money for the Mariemont High School and Middle School athletic programs.

The annual campaign, conducted by the Mariemont Warriors Boosters Club, raises money needed to fill the gap between the cost of the athletic programs and monies from gate receipts and the Board of Education.

Most sports do not earn enough to cover their costs and the school board is limited by law as to how much it can spend on athletics. The 1982-83 budget of approximately \$35,000 will be partially covered by an expected

\$14,000 from gate receipts and \$5,000 from the school board, with the remaining \$16,000 coming from donations by residents and businesses. Boosters contributed to the operating athletic funds, new stadium seats, sports awards banquets, emblems and Hall of Fame dinner.

At its Spring meeting, the Warriors Booster Board elected Don Faust as President. Serving as community vice presidents will be Judy Long of Fairfax, Ed Wilson from Mariemont, and Lou Drackett representing Terrace Park. Also elected were Duane Ring as Treasurer and Judy Dooley as Secretary.

## Joins Cable TV Staff

Robert Lipka, 611 Yale Ave., has joined the sales staff of Warner Amex Cable Communications. He formerly was marketing coordinator for the Cleveland branch of Warner Electra Atlantic Distributing Corp.

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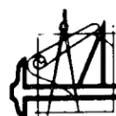
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## Village Trees — A Detailed Study

	No.	%	Av. Diam.	GOOD %	FAIR %	POOR %	DEAD %
Pin Oak	2	0.1	10.0	2	100	10.0	
Red Maple	294	11.9	11.1	208	70.7	9.9	52
Sycamore	32	1.3	18.1	16	50.0	17.8	12
Ash	337	13.6	17.4	116	34.4	14.4	149
Siberian Elm	36	1.4	15.8	6	16.7	12.0	24
Crabapple	9	0.4	9.1	8	88.9	9.2	1
American Elm	10	0.4	21.4	4	40.0	21.0	2
Hackberry	79	3.2	14.3	18	22.8	14.8	39
White Oak	5	0.2	21.6	4	80.0	21.5	1
Sugar Maple	403	16.3	16.2	85	21.1	14.3	139
Silver Maple	1017	41.0	17.9	306	30.1	15.9	384
Red Oak	6	0.2	13.0	5	83.3	12.0	1
Linden	33	1.3	6.6	27	81.8	4.7	1
Locust	13	0.5	8.0	7	53.8	9.7	6
White Pine	6	0.2	6.0	6	100	6.0	
Misc.	196	7.9	8.0	130	66.3	5.8	23
Total	2478	100	16.0	948	38.3	13.4	833

Total Trees	Per Street Mile (11.8 miles)
(All) 2478	210.0
(Good) 948	80.3
(Fair) 833	70.6
(Poor) 647	54.8
(Dead) 50	4.2
(Dangerous = Poor & Dead) 697	59.1
(After Poor & Dead are Removed) 1781	150.9
Potential Value at \$612 per tree = \$1,516,536	(The ideal number)

Miscellaneous Species = box elder, black cherry, locust (native), Bradford pear, sweetgum, dogwood, catalpa, red bud, tulip tree, bur oak, hawthorn, crabapple, ginkgo, and white pine.

### New Phone Plan Doesn't Affect Us

Terrace Park residents needn't concern themselves with the current controversy over a Cincinnati Bell proposal to institute measured rate service.

Vicky Crownaver, Cincinnati Bell representative, said present equipment at the Milford switching station cannot handle any such service, adding that it would be several years, if ever, before it could be installed.

She spoke at the April meeting of the Terrace Park chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

### Musical Slated

The Music and Theatre Departments of Mariemont High School will present the Broadway musical "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," a musical satire on the Organization Man by Frank Loesser. The production will be presented in the high school auditorium on April 29, 30 and May 1 at 8:15 p.m.

Richard Postler and Shawn Campbell have been cast in the leading roles as J. Pierpont Finch and Rosemary respectively. Other cast members include: Tom Anderson, Lisa Morelli, Kim Kaiser, David Foster, Betsy Moersdorf, Colleen Wilson, Jim Heiser, Robert Retherford, John Van Eaton, John Shuster, Todd Keyes, Wes Corey, Chad Ott, Chip Graeter, Gordon Smith, and Alan Rope. A 50 voice chorus and 20 piece orchestra completes the cast.

All seats are reserved so order your tickets early by calling Mariemont High School, 271-8310, any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Meals Available At Village School

A new program is making hot lunches available to senior citizens at any Mariemont school district school — including Terrace Park Elementary — on days when school is in session. A fee of \$2 is charged to make the program self-supporting.

Lunches are served at 12:05 p.m. Any senior planning to eat at one of the lunch sites must call the school secretary to make a reservation either the day before or by 9 a.m. on the day lunch is desired.

### Senior Citizens Face Busy Touring Season

With a May 3-6 trip to the Knoxville Worlds Fair fully booked, Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, has a wide variety of other tours planned for the coming season.

The tour committee is headed by Janet Kircher, aided by Gertrude Rinckhoff and Marie Stoecklin. Proposed trips include:

May 27 — Local tour of the Zoo, Mecklenburg Gardens and Krohn Conservatory.

June 24 — Paramount Music Palace, Indianapolis.

July 22 — Wakefield Scarce Gallery and Sci-

ence-Hill Inn, Shelbyville, Ky.

August 17-19 — Seaworld at Aurora, Ohio, and the Ohio Amish country.

September 14-16 — A tour of Ohio and West Virginia glass and pottery centers.

October 25-27 — Greenbo State Park, Greenup, Ky.

Meantime, Mel Aicholz is arranging an independent overnight trip to Chillicothe June 17 to take in the outdoor historical drama, "Tecumseh," and among other things visit the Adena prehistoric mound city.



### New Terrace Park Scouts

Here are new members of Boy Scout Troop 286, just graduated from the Cub Scout program. Pictured with Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Taylor, are Jack Armstrong, Pat Kincaid, Jeff Kincaid, Jeff Taylor, Alex Head, Alex Stafford and Damon Smith. Another new Scout, Bill Weakley, is missing from the photo.

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approval and has been submitted to the county.

Chief Ron Pottorf, who is also street commissioner, said the storage barn has been cleaned and inventoried, and streets have been cleared of loose gravel. If softened tar becomes a problem during the warm months, sand will be used on the streets. His crew will repair the worst sidewalk problems. One tractor and one bulldozer are in very bad shape, and he will try to find money in the budget this fall for a replacement tractor. Since the budget is tight, part-time workers will be hired only on an "as needed" basis this summer.

The landfill will be open and manned from 8 to 4 every Saturday. Pottorf urged residents to take decomposable lawn and garden debris to the landfill.

Rich Gilchrist distributed a comprehensive report on the village tree study made by Steve Sandfort, urban forester, and thanked Ellis Rawnsley, Lynn Garden, Barb Overway, and Hank Phillips, volunteers who helped with this arduous study. Gilchrist has also done a complete survey of sidewalks and listed ten serious conditions in need of immediate repair, in addition to about thirty other problem areas.

Frustration and dissatisfaction were expressed by Bob Payne over the content and methods of a recent Community Advisory Committee meeting of the Eastern Corridor Transportation Study. He named poor boundary areas, lack of citizen involvement, a fixed scope of study, and outdated maps and statistics as some of the problems. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace Park Community House and is open to the public.

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