

# Village Views

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## Village, School Tax Rates Among State's Highest

Terrace Park's current tax rate ranks 16th highest in the state while the Mariemont School District's tax ranks 14th, according to state tax records, both well under the top tax levels.

The total village tax rate, now \$85.92 per \$1,000 of valuation, will rise to \$92.87 when the recently-voted \$6.95 per \$1,000 in a new school levy is added later this year. That will make the village rate 12th highest in the state if more of other top-tax

communities remain unchanged. The ranking of the school tax could not be determined because of the way school tax records are computed.

School tax rates are listed by the state by "effective tax rates," which are figured on the basis of the money raised by the total authorized levy after subtracting the homestead exemption, credits and rebates listed on tax bills.

The nominal school rate now is \$50.62, and due to rise

to \$57.57. Mariemont district's present effective school rate is listed as \$36.14.

Similarly, the Hamilton County Auditor's office reports that, while Terrace Park's total property tax nominally is \$85.92 per \$1,000, the effective or actual tax payment is \$60.51 per \$1,000.

Statewide averages are given as \$54.50 per \$1,000 in total property tax, \$25.55 in effective school tax.

Terrace Park's listed total property tax is the highest in Hamilton County, but Councilman Bob Payne, chairman of council's finance committee, has argued that it would be materially lower if revenues from income taxes in many other communities were figured into the equation. The effective school tax is second in the county, topped by Wyoming's \$38.43, which is ninth highest in the state.

Here are the current total tax rates in the top counties in Ohio:

Shaker Heights CSD	133.5
Cleveland-Shaker Hts CSD	133.2
Cleveland Heights-Cleveland Hts-University Hts SD	106.9
Bay Village CSD	103.1
University Heights-University Hts Cleveland Hts SD	102.0
Cleveland Heights-East Cleveland CSD	101.8
Chagrin Falls Village-Chagrin Falls EVSD	98.8
Bentleyville-Chagrin Falls EVSD	98.4
Lakewood SD	97.30
Ottawa Hills-Ottawa Hills SD	97.25
Moreland Hills-Orange EVSD	96.2
Toledo City-Ottawa Hills SD	91.55
Chagrin Falls Twp-Chagrin Falls EVSD	89.8
Pepper Pike-Beechwood CSD	87
Bratenahl Village-Cleveland CSD	86.60
Terrace Park-Mariemont CSD	85.92

(CD - city school district. SD - school district. EVSD - exempted village school district.)

Ottawa Hills and Toledo are in Lucas County. Other than Terrace Park, all the rest are in Cuyahoga County.

"Effective tax rates" in the highest Ohio school districts are:

Shaker Heights	\$60.58
Bay Village	54.15
Fairport Harbor	43.88
Chagrin Falls	41.81
Cleveland Heights - University Heights	41.26
Dayton	41.08
East Cleveland	40.04
Bexley	39.56
Wyoming	38.43
Grandview Heights	37.45
Lakewood	37.41
Upper Arlington	36.77
Oakwood	36.71
Mariemont	36.14

Bexley, Grandview Heights and Upper Arlington are in Franklin County; Fairport Harbor in Lake County; Dayton and Oakwood in Montgomery County, and the others in Cuyahoga County.

## Tentative Village Budget Show A Dip

Village council approved at its June meeting a tentative 1986 village budget of \$529,338, down \$89,753 from that of the current year.

A tentative budget is required to be filed with the county auditor by mid-summer. The detailed, actual budget will be passed on in December.

Major factors in the budget reduction were anticipated lack of need for equipment purchases, this year's purchase of a new ambulance, and a cut in anticipated charges for Hamilton County police, fire and life squad communication services. Councilman Ken Bassett reported negotiating an agreement to settle a county claim of \$54,000 for past services by payment of \$37,300 spread over three years. He said the county had agreed also to recast its payment formula in a form more realistic as it affects smaller communities.

Finance chairman Bob Payne said the revenue side of the tentative budget is based on "historic patterns" and hoped-for approval in the November elections of a village request for two-year renewal of a 3.11 levy.

Much of the meeting was devoted to methods of street maintenance, resulting in approval of Councilman Rusty Wilson's requests for acceptance of a bid of \$10,328 for so-called grade-patching of major potholes and seeking bids estimated at \$10,000 for tar-and-chip treatment elsewhere. Grade-patching involves restoring a pot-holed area from the foundation up and heat-sealing with asphalt.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf, as street commissioner, reported that the state had agreed to Wooster Pike repairs resulting from failure of a culvert under the road opposite Wrenwood. He said he saw prospects of early state resurfacing of Wooster Pike, and added he would seek restoration of curbs obliterated by past resur-

facings because of an increase in pedestrian traffic.

Pottorf said also that there was likelihood of county funding for repaving of Elm Avenue next year. Responding to a resident's query, he said plans are to apply gravel to village alleys this summer.

In other actions council:

- Heard from Fire Chief Pierce Matthews that George Kipp and Giles DeCourcy have completed fire training and are now fully-certified firemen; that the new ambulance had fully proved its worth in 15 runs since it was put in service, and that fire and life squad personnel had purchased new uniforms out of their own pockets. The storm that night caused eight fire department runs because of downed trees and wires, but Matthews reported no property damage.

- Authorized investigation of possible purchase of a small computer to facilitate police and other village record-keeping.

- Voted \$500 to support the Recreation Committee's "Summer Fun" program.

- Thanked the Garden Club for paying for mulching of new street trees.

## Konold Won't Seek Re-election

Councilman Bill Konold disclosed at the June council meeting that he will not be a candidate for re-election in November.

Now in his first term, he is one of four councilmen whose terms expire at the end of this year. The others are Rich Gilchrist, Ken Bassett, and Rusty Wilson.

Konold's announcement came as Mayor Les Overway, commenting that he believed the present council is "the best in the state," noted that the terms of the four will expire and expressed hope that they would run.

Councilman Bob Payne said it was not too early to be thinking of the election, since declarations of candidacies this year must be filed by August 22.



## The Country Club As it Used To Be

Dan Startzman came across this old photograph of the Terrace Park Country Club when it really was in Terrace Park, and presented it to the club, where it now hangs. The picture was taken about 1920. The clubhouse at that time was near the riverbank near the foot of Oxford Avenue. (Photo by Mel Aichholz)

## Solution Is Sought To Tavern's Noise

Loud music from the former Golden Pheasant on Roundbottom Road disturbed some Terrace Park residents on May 26, but there is some hope of a solution.

Ted Swensson of the Property Owners Committee said he consulted the next day with the manager of what is now the Township Tavern, and said he and Police Chief Ron Pottorf received pledges that volume would be turned down if complaints developed. Subsequently, Swensson said, the manager engaged a sound engineer suggested by the committee to try to solve the problem.

"I'm hopeful, but not overly optimistic," Swensson said.

"We're not trying to put anyone out of business. We're trying to get cooperation. All we're after is quiet."

The night spot has been taken over by Charles Sutter and his sons, Mark and Greg, of Anderson Township, with Greg Sutter as the manager.

Swensson said he was told that no other outdoor concerts are planned until late this month. He asked disturbed residents to monitor the concerts, phone complaints to Sutter at 831-0160, and follow up with complaints to the county dispatcher and to Terrace Park police if the noise is not abated.

After a series of complaints last year, involving Terrace Park, Indian Hill, the Hamilton County commissioners and Anderson Township trustees, the former owner was convicted and fined on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Members of the Property Owners Committee are Ross Aldrich, Marijo Cundall, Jane Earls, Dick Eggleston, Mim Howard, John Jones, Lynn Nelson, Gordon Lumley, Bob Roose, Dave Schneider, Ben Sachs and Swensson.

## Sorry We're Late

*Village Views* apologizes for late delivery of this month's issue.

Unavoidable circumstances made it necessary to make a temporary change in printing arrangements, forcing the delay.

# Grade Schoolers Put Together Their Own History of Terrace Park

Terrace Park elementary school's graduating class of 1985 prepared its own history of Terrace Park and presented it to the school library as the legacy of its members' school days.

Sixth grade teacher Mrs. Ann Kempczinski said the class started the project early in the year, after reviewing *Village Views* columns written by Stan Miller and extensive conversations with Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ruth Clayton and Bob Ingeman.

Dedicated to present and future students at the school, the history features pictures of the authors, photos of community buildings, and pictures of the village's oldest houses and of the memorial to Tillie the Elephant of John Robinson circus fame.

Village history is traced from gravel deposits laid down in glacial time to Abraham Covalt's stockade to formation of the Improvement Society which planted 1,400 trees between 1896 and 1899.

"The Origin" was outlined by Patty Bloomer and Paul Longano. First called Gravelot and then Camden City, the village was named Terrace Park by G. W. Corey in a contest sponsored by a sewing machine manufacturer.



Work done, young authors pose

House in Cincinnati in 1890.

The Transportation section by Eric Weston and Curtis Aldrich noted that one cent a mile was paid by riders on horseback passing the toll house on Wooster Pike.

Brady Ballard and Gene Stickley praised Stan Miller and *Village Views* in their Business section. Danny Petry explained that \$15 was the original membership fee for the Terrace Park Country Club when it was located at Oxford, Michigan and Sycamore avenues.

Megan McKonkey reported

that Garden Club meetings were first recorded in 1921.

Neil Stafford and Scott Dezois noted that Terrace Park was incorporated as a village in 1893.

Seven houses over 100 years old were described by Deana Gifford, Marion Oberle and Heather Zapletal. They interviewed the current homeowners and learned that some houses have false ceilings and secret rooms used in the days of the Underground Railroad.

Ted Annett and Greg Silva featured Annie Bekly and

Tom Storey in their People section. The couple earned \$500 by being married in a tiger cage at Robinson's Opera Nikki Hird's section on John Robinson told of the circus winter quarters on what is now Wrenwood.

Tillie the Elephant was buried where she died, but upside down with feet uppermost, according to Lauren Gundlach and Brady Ballard.

Martina Retherford's section of St. Thomas Church noted that the first settlers at Fort Compton dammed the river to guard against Indian

attack. The fort was located on the present site of the church and the river is now only a creek.

David Cooper, Stephen Petry and James Glaser detailed village services which began in 1895 when a well was dug on Terrace Place across from the Little Miami Railroad depot.

Guns from the Battle of the Bulge, which have rested on the village green for "36 full years," are featured in the War section by Joshua Storey and Gavin Cunningham.

## Some Answers to Some School Questions

In an election aftermath, Anne Cherry has made available to *Village Views* responses by Ray Bucy, Terrace Park member of the Mariemont school board, to questions she raised.

His letter reported district salaries as: superintendent, \$59,000; assistant superintendent, \$50,800; high school principal, \$46,600; assistant high school principal, \$40,100; Mariemont elementary principal, \$41,500; Terrace Park elementary principal, \$41,500; Fairfax elementary principal, \$40,100.

Increases of between 3 and 4% are expected to be granted this summer.

Sums equivalent to 14% of salary for all employees in-

cluding administrators, are paid into a mandated retirement system, the superintendent receiving an additional 8.75%. Teachers receive \$16,500 term life insurance policies, with administrators receiving policies equal to the nearest \$1,000 of salary, except the superintendent who is insured for twice annual salary. All employees receive Blue Cross/Blue Shield major medical, prescription drug and dental insurance coverage.

The superintendent additionally receives use of a car leased at \$270 a month.

Total district enrollment was given as 1,181, with 179 pupils in Terrace Park school and 571 in high school.

## Seventh-grader Wins Village Mini-Marathon

Seventh-grader Mike Seik was judged winner of the two-mile mini-marathon which featured the Junior Olympics following the annual Memorial Day observance on the village green. Fifty-six runners took part.

In grade-level competition in other events, Olympics chairman Jim Greiner reported that the triple winners were Alex Ward, Corey Greiner and Summer Armstrong. Here are the results:

Fifty-yard dash:

Kindergarten, boys, T. Knauer and B. Phillips; girls, C. Keefe and F. Sargent and P. Koehler. Grade 1, boys, A. Ward, A. Maddox, B. Ross; girls, C. Jones, A. Keefe, S. Kimbel. Grade 2, boys, C. Dahlmeier, T. Orr, J. Hader; girls, A. Borden, J. Ader, M. Armstrong. Grade 3, boys, T. Knauer, B. Wilson, D. McDonald; girls, C. Greiner, S. Payne. Grade 4, boys, I. Ross, B. Dahlmeier, D. Frei; girls, S. Armstrong, L. Myslik, S. Mileham. Grade 5, boys, R. J. Orr, M. Rafter, J. Bernard; girls, C. Knauer, J. Bauer, A. Seik. Grade 6, boys, D. Cooper, T. Annett; girls, E. Harper, N. Herd, S. Follett. Grade 7, boys, J.C. Harrison, M. Brandt, B. Pschesang; girls, C. Picton, C. Landen, C. Frei.

Long Jump:

Grade 1, boys, A. Ward, A. Maddox, M. Picton; girls, A. Krachen, S. Smith, C. Jones. Grade 2, boys, C. Dahlmeier, T. Orr, D. Bowers; girls, A. Borden, J. Harth, J. Ader. Grade 3, boys, T. Knauer, B. Wilson, A. Phillips; girls, C. Greiner, S. Payne. Grade 4, boys, B. Dahlmeier, J. Ader, R. Smith; girls, S. Armstrong, M. Harth, S. Mileham. Grade 5, boys, A. Carle, J. Tyner, K. Sheridan; girls, J. Bauer, C.

Knauer, C. Stockwell. Grade 6, boys, D. Cooper, T. Annett. Grade 7, boys, K. Krachen, K. Keenan.

Baseball Throw:

Kindergarten, boys, T. Knauer, C. Sweet, B. Randolph; girls, P. Koehler, C. Keefe, T. McConkey. Grade 1, boys, A. Ward, M. Picton, A. Maddox; girls, C. Jones, K. Sweet, M. Wachterman. Grade 3, boys, T. Orr, C. Dahlmeier, J. McConkey; girls, M. Armstrong, A. Borden, J. Harth. Grade 3, boys, M. Krachen, B. Wilson, T. Knauer; girls, C. Greiner, S. Payne. Grade 4, boys, M. Bryan, B. Trisch, S. Wilson; girls, S. Armstrong, S. Mileham, K. Borden. Grade 5, boys, J. Tyner, A. Carle, K. Sheridan; girls, B. Taylor, J. Bowers, C. Stockwell. Grade 6, boys, K. Krachen, K. Keenan.

Mini-Marathon:

Age 10 and under, men, Tim Knauer, Matt Krachen, Mike Reynolds; women, Kathy Lowry, Jill Jeffers, Jody Ader. Age 11-15, men, Matt Seik, David Fredenburg, Bill Weakley; women, Cindy Jeffers, Eve Harper. Age 16-20, men, T. Gleason, I. Breskovic, B. Smith. Age 20-35, B. McConkey, B. VanWye, D. Keefe; women, L. Hindert, L. Brown, J. Randolph. Over 35, men, P. Pope, J. Bowers, M. Ross; women, J. Phillips.

To the Editor:

In the article in last month's *Village Views* on Cub Scout activities, I regret to have omitted the name of Mike Duckwall, who was a leader and supporter of our program this past season.

Hank Phillips

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## Labor Day Festival Planning Under Way, More Help Needed

Planning for the Labor Day Festival is in full swing, according to co-chairmen Hank Phillips and Pere Roberts. The annual event, this year on Monday, September 2, is the major fund-raiser for the Recreation Committee's activities for some 300 Terrace Park youngsters.

The success of the day is in the hands of many volunteers, and once again several residents have stepped forward to head committees. They include:

Treasurer, John Sheridan; publicity, Hank Phillips; games and concessions, Julie Sar-

gent and Sissy Smith-Peter-son; garage sale, Jim and Ann Gilchrist, Pete and Edna Stites; parade, Vic and Lee Cooper; bingo, Bob and Pat Lipka; food booth, Nonie Ward; bake sale, Gayle Taylor; Coke wagon, Ann Lindell; electrical/PA, Dennis Elliott; tables and chairs, Steve Sargent and Jim Greiner; dunking machine, Sue Abernathy.

Still needed are volunteers to handle the sale of raffle tickets, and a few "card sharks" to run the blackjack game. Contact Phillips or Roberts if

## Herbs are Topic For Garden Club

Members of the Terrace Park Garden Club will tour The Heritage restaurant's herb garden and hear about cooking with herbs and wines at its meeting July 9. Members will meet at the Community House at 9:30 a.m. with the scheduled tour at 10 a.m. Lunch will be available afterward.

Perspective members are welcome, and should contact Lynn Carden (831-0486) for reservations.

## Students Win Honors At Mariemont

Terrace Park students carried off many honors at Recognition Day, one of the closing ceremonies at Mariemont High School's year.

Named to the National Honor Society were: Class of 1985, Geoffrey Fahnstock, Richard Gilchrist, Michael Gleeson, Lucie Klinedinst, Barrett Ott, Lisa Ramsdell and Susan Stollmaier; Class of 1986, Brian Getz, Leigh Ann Kranz, Frederick Mileham and Mark Pfingstag; Class of 1987, Suzann Foard and Patricia Matthews.

Winning State Department of Education Awards of Distinction were: Frederick Bryan, Carolyn Getgey, Richard Gilchrist, Michael Gleeson, Mark Graulich, Lucie Klinedinst, Jonathon Morgan, Chris Olinger, Barrett Ott, Molly Pendl, Lisa Ramsdell, Susan Stollmaier and J.T. Williams. Gilchrist was a National Merit finalist.

Given Presidential Fitness

Awards were Geoffrey Fahnstock, Richard Gilchrist, Michael Gleeson, Mark Graulich and Susan Stollmaier.

Mark Pfingstag was honored for participation in Boys State.

A departmental award as outstanding senior in French went to Lucie Klinedinst.

Julie Cooper, David Olinger and Matt Yelton were among new Thespian initiates. Amy Carden, Patricia Matthews, Susan Stollmaier, David Schwinn, Michael Thompson and Jennifer Woods received Stars and Bars awards.

Susan Stollmaier was recognized as best actress in Thespian Awards; Amy Carden as best supporting actress and Matt Yelton as best supporting actor. Awards of distinction went to David Schwinn for lighting and Walter Hembree for set construction.

Lucie Klinedinst won senior recognition from the World Affairs Club and Richard Gilchrist for Student Council membership.

Susan Stollmaier was named recipient of the Student Council Scholarship and shared Terrace Park PTA awards with Richard Gilchrist who also won a Mariemont High School PTSA service award.

They, along with Michael Gleeson and Mark Graulich were tapped by the Cum Laude Society.

Gilchrist was announced as winner of a Procter & Gamble Fund scholarship, an A.R. McMicken Memorial Alumni scholarship at Miami University, and being named a Dean's Scholar at Miami. Gleeson was awarded a Dean's Scholarship at Miami and an Insignis Scholarship at the University of Dayton. Graulich was named a Dean's Scholar at Miami.

## Two Youngsters Become Journalists For A Day

Neil Stafford, 12 and Eric Weston, 12, sixth-graders at Terrace Park Elementary School, were chosen in a drawing of names to represent their school at the second annual Kids' Fest press conference sponsored by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission on May 7 at the Hyatt Regency. The Fest was held June 1 at the Serpentine Wall.

More than 125 eager young reporters, ages 9 through 15, lined up to quiz the panel of experts (students from the Westwood School for Gifted Children who were assisted by several members of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission). Professional report-

ers from TV Channels 5 and 12 were also present with their cameramen.

In addition to being journalists for a day, Eric and Neil have also enjoyed working on A History of Terrace Park, a school project. At the annual School Awards day, Neil also received an award for being third in the Ohio Mathematics League, and Eric received a Gym award for doing 61 sit-ups in a minute, the highest record for a 6th grader.

Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weston, 622 Myrtle, and Neil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stafford, 123 Wrenwood.

## School Re-roofing To Cost \$79,150

Terrace Park elementary school is to be re-roofed this summer at a cost of \$79,150. The work will be done by Hoge-Warren-Zim, roofing contractors.

The building in coming months will be subjected to a detailed energy study under a district-wide program set up by the federal Department of Energy and the state Office of Energy Conservation. The school district will be matching a federal grant of \$13,599, of which \$4,950 will be spent in the Terrace Park study.

## Oops!

Roger Ward's name was inadvertently omitted from the letter on lawn fertilizing in last month's issue.

## Warning Issued

Those planning to install whirlpool baths or hot tubs are warned by village Building Inspector Bob Corey to be careful.

The current popularity of the baths has increased the number of companies producing them, he said, but not all the devices have the approval of the Underwriters Laboratory.

Corey warned that electrical and plumbing inspectors will not pass installation of equipment that does not have the UL seal of approval.

## Young Choristers Are Recognized

Gold crosses for five years of service were awarded to Marion Oberle and Tina Retherford at a recent recognition Sunday for members of the St. Thomas Church Junior Choir. Jennifer Bowers was honored as "super singer of the year."

Pewter crosses for four-year service went to Matt Keifling, Jennifer Bowers and Chris Malotke. Ribbons were awarded to:

For three years: Susan Egan, Chris Fischer, Stephanie Millelam. Two years: Nikke Brandon, Adam Carle, Derek Babcock, Elizabeth Harness, Lauren Gundlach, Alex Phillips.

For one year: David Bowers, Steven Barnes, Michael Duckwall, Beth Egan, Tim Knauer, Mary Elizabeth Murdock, Sara and Tess Mosavi, Carrie Schmidt, Christian Pass, Brian Stollmaier.

## Razing of Toll House Is Proposed

Plans involving razing of the old toll house on Wooster Pike and creation of a park-playground are before the village Planning and Zoning Commission.

The step was suggested in preliminary plans offered by Larry Seleven for addition of a two-story medical center building to the present shopping center. The building would go between the center and the Sohio station, and be financed by revenue bonds. Seleven agreed to further revise his plans when the commission objected to an additional entrance-exit on Wooster Pike as a traffic hazard.

Seleven said he was prepared to give the village a 99-year lease on the toll-house area for a park providing a buffer for adjacent residential zoning. He proposed to be responsible for all maintenance but asked that Terrace Park police serve the area.

At its May meeting, the commission accepted division of the Michael Getz property at 103 Michigan Avenue, and cleared the way for Fred Albrecht, 721 Indian Hill Road, to build there if his plans meet requirements of the flood plain ordinance.

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**Eastward  
Expansion  
Is Eyed**

Exploration of the possibility of annexation of property west of Terrace Park in the direction of Mariemont is being urged by the village Planning and Zoning Commission. Such a step long was a goal of a former mayor, the late Carl Lindell, who proposed annexation at least to the Newtown bridge and perhaps beyond.

The commission referred the proposal, raised by Councilman Rich Gilchrist, to the Planning and Zoning Committee of village council. It was noted that actual annexation would have to be initiated by property owners in the area.

Earlier, the commission had discussed possible annexation of the Montauk area on the eastern edge of the village. No action has developed, however.

**It's "Summer Fun"  
At Village School**

"Summer Fun" is underway at the Terrace Park elementary school, providing activities for all grade school children (kindergarten complete through grade 5). The program runs each Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. until July 19.

Bea Seebohm, the director, is being assisted by Steve Strider, Brian Getz, Leigh Ann Kranz, Fred Mileham, Rick Mileham, Bridget Niesel, Amber Smith, Ben Tigman, Mark Pfingstag, Chris Binstadt, Blaine Heath, Ron Miller, Lisa Braden, Liz Goe-way and Ann Madewell.

**School Passes  
Offered Seniors**

Senior citizens will be able to get passes to all school functions in the district, under action taken by the Mariemont School Board at its June meeting.

Any district resident 65 or over may get a pass, good at all athletic events, plays and concerts, by applying at the school board office.

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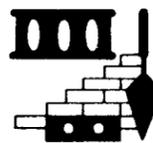


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