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To be called Thomaston Woods, the \$4.8 million project is Ohio's first family housing project in a rural area using low-income tax credits as a means of financing. Judd Gale, who put together the complex funding arrangements, credited Senior Warden Carol Peterson with seeing

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Mayor Assays Village Problems In Meeting with Residents

Support of the Life Squad and dealing with recycling legislation appear to be major Terrace Park problems in the remaining two years of his term, Mayor Jack Schmidt told a "Conversation With the Mayor" group at the Community House on December 4.

Although only a handful of residents appeared, the mayor said he considered such sessions more fruitful than the formal period assigned to resident comments at the start of each council meeting.

Concerning the Life Squad, Schmidt said that the response to appeals for more volunteers made it seem possible that the village could avoid having to contract with a nearby unit to provide part-time daytime service. Noting that operating the squad costs about \$25,000 a year, Schmidt said having to contract for service could add as much as an additional \$10,000.

With the village being called on

to reduce the volume of trash going into landfills by 25% in the next few years, he said a current difficulty is lack of industrial capacity to handle recyclable materials. Cincinnati's recycling program, he noted, has so glutted the market for old newspapers that Terrace Park Boy Scouts have had to suspend their collection program. With a prohibition of dumping grass clippings in landfills effective this year, he said the village has not yet determined what course to follow. Most comments tended to oppose clipping collection.

In other discussions, the mayor:

* Noted that although the major street tree program has been completed, normal maintenance may require pruning or replacement of as many as 100 trees a year. Some trees planted only within the past year or so, he said, had been replaced when it was discovered that they were undesirable Siberian elms

instead of lace-bark or Chinese elms. The two are difficult to tell apart as young trees.

* Concerning the perennial problem of dogs running at large, said the police department plans to work more closely with the SPCA in dealing with the problem, while the village has sharply escalated its fines for violations.

* Said he was asking Barbara Howland, as incoming chairman of village council's planning and zoning committee, to study means of tightening and strengthening the village zoning code.

Residents present voiced commendation of the village maintenance crew for work against difficulties in the leaf pickup program. One suggestion - from Dennis Elliott - concerned tapping the expertise of residents in a continuing group studying the village infrastructure.

Letters

To the Editor:

My Volvo was destroyed by fire while parked in my driveway on Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at about 12:50 p.m.

Police Officer Mike Wright appeared very shortly after my dialing 911 and utilized the fire extinguisher in his cruiser immediately. Unfortunately, this action did not stop the fire.

The Terrace Park Fire Department was manned by only one volunteer. The Village maintenance crew, presumably on duty during their working hours, was severely short handed. One member is disabled and on crutches; another member was out of the village; and the third member was operating machinery and did not hear the plectrum or the siren.

The Fire Chief was on vacation and the Assistant Chief was not in the village. The fireman arriving at the fire station waited for a crew and didn't call Milford for backup. It took 11 minutes for the department to get to the scene.

After five minutes the undersigned called 911 again and asked the dispatcher to dispatch Milford; however, apparently Officer Wright had also asked for Milford to appear.

The fire department, instead of dropping a hose at the fireplug and then proceeding close to the scene, so that the 200 gallon tank on the unit could be utilized to extinguish the flames, drove to the fire plug and parked; and after an interminable passage of time finally dragged the hose across the yard with two firemen holding the hose and the third fireman attempting to get the fire plug turned on and the pump working on the fire engine.

My vehicle was parked about 20 feet from my house; had the gasoline tank exploded my home could have become involved. The fire truck was parked so far from the scene that no protection was offered by the fire personnel to my residence.

Should a residence have been

67 Students Achieve Honor, Merit Ratings

A larger-than-usual number of Terrace Park students - 67 in all - achieved honor or merit roll ratings for the first quarter of the year at Mariemont High School.

By classes, they are:

Honor Roll:

Grade 7 - Jody Ader, Megan DeHaan, Erick Koehler.

Grade 8 - Corey Greiner, Brian Wilson.

Grade 9 - Andrea DeHaan, Carrie Schmidt.

Grade 10 - Carrie Davis, Abby Seik.

Grade 11 - John Baker, David Cooper, Neil Stafford.

Grade 12 - Brent Ballard, Andrew Gilchrist, Matt Seik, Nicki Thompson, Nikki Vearil.

involved in a fire, the delay in responding with a short-handed crew could have resulted in a catastrophe, involving lives as well as property.

The residents of Terrace Park expect more from their fire department than this; the providing of well-trained and well-equipped personnel expeditiously arriving at the scene is a necessity. Unless the Village of Terrace Park can provide full time fire protection, the village should contract with some other department to provide the service. We do not need, nor should ever have to experience, a disaster.

Richard K. Mittendorf

Merit Roll:

Grade 7 - Michelle Armstrong, Blake Ballard, Ayars Borden, David Bowers, Christopher Dahlmeier, Susan Krueger, David Mason, Joseph McConkey, Julia Porter, Jennifer Powell, Frank Rinaldi, Will Ryan, Brian Stollmaier.

Grade 8 - Stephanie Bates, Christy Davis, Bradley Dahlmeier, Michael Duckwall, Lindsay Graf, Elizabeth Harness, Matthew Krachon, Holly Krans, Bradley Lakamp, Margaret Roberts.

Grade 9 - Charles Armstrong, ~~Matthew Bryan~~, Zachary Hutton, Jennifer Kipp, Stephanie Mileham, Ian Ross.

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Grade 11 - Curtis Aldrich.

Grade 12 - Chreston Armstrong, Dan Krachon, Carrie Landen, Holly McClelland, Carol Picton, Maggie Shortridge, Betsy Woods.

Sue Porter Wins Editing Awards

At this year's Scripps-Howard annual awards dinner, Terrace Park resident Sue Porter received local recognition for her work as editor of the monthly magazine, Scripps-Howard News. She won an award for feature writing from the International Association of Business Communicators, and was honored for magazine editing by the Public Relations Society of America.

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Mayor Re-aligns Council Committees

Mayor Jack Schmidt announced at the November village council meeting the organization of council committees for the coming two years. Each member of council chairs one committee and serves as a member on others.

The new assignments:

Rules and Law: General Assembly, law, contracts and claims. Special project: recycling/compliance with state solid waste disposal laws. Chairman: John Prues. Members: Barbara Howland, John Wenstrup.

Buildings and Grounds: Health, sanitation, parks, playgrounds and community property. Chairman: Dan Startzman. Members: John Wenstrup, Randy Casteel.

Finance: Appropriations of property, sale of property, assessments for improvements, finance, ways and means. Chairman: John Wenstrup. Members: Rusty Wilson, Barbara Howland.

Public Safety: Police, Fire, Life Squad, Traffic. Chairman: Rusty Wilson. Members: Randy Casteel, John Prues.

Public Works: Services, light, telephone, telegraph, water, conduits, sewers, streets, roads, side-

walks, waste collection, transportation. Chairman: Randy Casteel. Members: Dan Startzman, Rusty Wilson.

Planning and Zoning: Building code, zoning, dedication of property. Chairman: Barbara Howland. Members: John Prues, Dan Startzman.

School Closing Plans Changed

Mariemont School Supt. Donald Thompson announced a change in the method for informing the public about school closings. "We have been experiencing problems with the new emergency response system for notification about school delays or closings. To be sure that the community will receive the most accurate information should inclement weather occur, we will notify and update the following radio stations of any school cancellations and/or delays.

WKRC 550 AM
WLW 700 AM

Thompson indicated that every attempt will be made to notify additional radio and television stations if time permits.



Players In Soccer Tournament

Third and fourth grade girls, who played in this year's SAY Soccer Tournament, include: front row, from left, Katelyn Casteel, Ashley Will, Tracey Bates, Betsy Crowell, Candace Brown, Lisa Sarran and Kelly Aller; back row, from left, Katie Sheriff, Suzanne Jones, Ashley McGraw, Molly Smith, Sarah Roberts, Shannon Callaghan, Courtney Merten and Katie Porter; coaches, from left, Scott Crowell and Bill Sarran.

Personal Property Tax Shortfall Poses Problem For School Board

Reporting an unforeseen \$208,000 drop in personal property tax collections, Supt. Don Thompson told the Mariemont School Board at its November meeting that a resolution to borrow money should be passed at the next board meeting. Although Thompson said he anticipated ending the fiscal year June 30 with a balance of \$75,000 - \$110,000, a resolution to borrow money is needed as state law prohibits ending the year in the red.

Thompson told board members operations could continue as planned with 5.2% increases in salaries and expenses, but the district would end the year "a lot closer than we thought." The good news, according to Thompson, was an increase of \$174,068 in tax collections because of new construction in the district.

The board awarded I & F, Inc. a \$22,588 contract for asbestos removal at the high school. Terrace Park Principal Michele Hummel, who monitors the asbestos program, said

the company will work double shifts over the Christmas holidays to remove all asbestos on two I beams located in the commons. The company's bid submitted this summer for the same work was \$3,522 less than the awarded contract.

In other action, the board:

* Accepted a \$2,000 VCR from the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission.

* Congratulated high school senior Brent Ballard, a finalist in the Ohio history competition.

* Learned district enrollment is 1,272, which is 33 higher than 1988.

After attending two recent education conferences, Mariemont

School Board members agreed, during a lengthy discussion, that it was saddening to see state senators and representatives ill-equipped to answer questions about education reform mandated in House Bill 140. Board president Connie Wilson said she feared implementation of the bill will be an exercise in frustration. Dr. Thompson said the legislation is "painting everybody with the same brush, whether reform is needed or not."

Pay Raises Are Given To Employees

Village employees were voted pay increases generally averaging 4% at the November meeting of village council. The increases are effective January 1.

The salary of Police Chief Bob Bacon was put at \$33,500, with \$1,000 additional as street commissioner. Pay of full-time patrolmen was set at \$27,200 to \$28,300.

Complimented for "an outstanding job," village secretary Charlotte Molitor was raised to \$17,200. Her duties include being clerical assistant to the mayor, attending and recording all sessions of mayor's court, and being custodian of the Community House.

Pay of the village maintenance foreman was raised to \$10.82 per hour, of truck drivers \$9.88 an hour, of helpers and apprentices at 80% of those figures, and of part-time helpers at \$6 an hour.

Three Residents Named By AARP

Three Terrace Park residents were elected officers of the Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, at its December meeting at St. Thomas Church.

They are Virginia Marquett, 800 Indian Hill Rd., elected president; Vera Hodges, 99 Marian Ln., vice-president; and Ruth Oberle, 333 Harvard Ave., corresponding secretary.

They will be installed at the January 8 meeting. The chapter includes the Milford and Mariemont areas.

Church Here To Join In 8-Day Crusade

For the next four months, St. Thomas Church will be involved in a major city-wide ecumenical undertaking. Many churches from various denominations are sponsoring an eight-day crusade to be held in Riverfront Coliseum March 11-18, 1990, featuring evangelist John Guest, an Episcopal priest who served as youth coordinator for Billy Graham's Madison Square Garden Crusade in 1969.

St. Thomas Church will be involved with counselor training, Discovery home Bible studies, a month of personal renewal, and the distribution of neighborhood flyers. Anyone interested in participation may contact the Rev. Rick Kautz, 831-2052.

Maupin Honored

Addison Maupin, 823 Lexington, retired this month as president of the Deupree-St. Luke Operational Board, an arm of Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc.

The current newsletter of Deupree House East, a retirement center at 3939 Erie Ave., notes that "Maupin's work on behalf of Deupree and St. Luke Center follows several years of service on the board of the Marjorie P. Lee (retirement home). He also served as representative for all three centers on the Board of Episcopal Retirement Homes."

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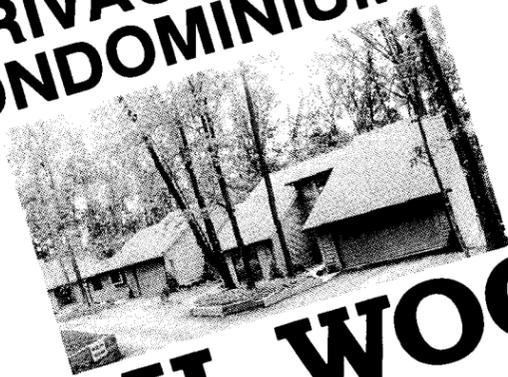
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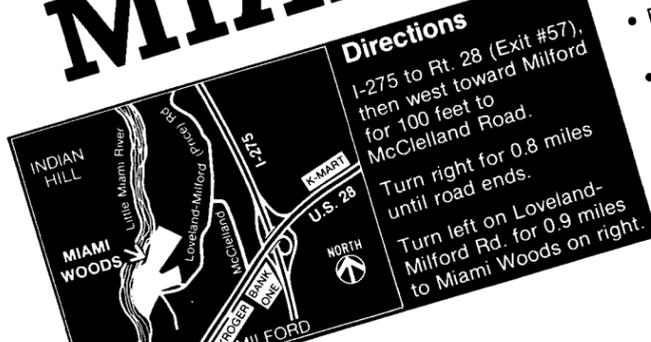


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New Auxiliaries

Pictured are Brenda Gossett and Pam Dale, recently appointed as auxiliary officers on the Terrace Park Police force. Both graduates of the Police Academy and members of the Xavier University security staff, they are the first women to work with the local department. An earlier woman appointee withdrew before doing any duty. The auxiliaries are state-licensed as police officers, but are required to do some active service to retain their credentials. Technically hired at \$1 a year, they are paid only for actual duty.

Two Saluted

Mariemont High School seniors Betsy Woods and Nicki Thompson were featured on a WCPO-TV special program saluting local athletes who excel academically. Both Woods and Thompson maintained a 4.0 grade point average while playing varsity soccer at Mariemont this year.

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