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Year's End Brings Resolution To Various Council Issues

An issue that has plagued the village since 1972 neared a final solution as village council, at its December meeting, accepted a bid of \$81,500 for the 7.8 acre so-called BBS tract at the west corner of Elm Road and Wooster Pike.

The deal, however, depends on the waiver of the right of first refusal held by the former owner, Jack Brendamour, and zoning appeals board grant of a variance to permit a home and the stabling of four horses on the property. Current village law restricts the number of horses to three.

The purchasers are Mr. and Mrs. William Wood of Round Bottom Road, who have a son and daughter living in Terrace Park. While holding the right to withdraw their offer if the waiver is denied, they agreed in turn to deed restrictions limiting to seven the number of houses that could be built on the property should it later be subdivided.

Terrace Park acquired the property in a 1982 deal that ended 10 years of wrangling over development. Brendamour in turn dropped \$1,000,000 suits against the village and the mayor and council.

The village paid \$145,000 in the settlement for the tract and 2.9 acres on the other side of Elm—"the elephant hole" to village old-timers—borrowing the money from the Central Trust Co. Estate tax windfalls enabled the village to pay off the note quickly. The "elephant hole" was sold in 1986 for \$41,500 to a builder who proposed to erect four houses but who resold the property.

Bill Stevens, a village resident, had proposed in 1972 to build 18 condominium units on the property, but was denied permission because of sewage disposal problems. A year later, Brendamour offered plans for a \$2,000,000 office park development, but was similarly refused.

Ultimately, Brendamour and village council reached agreement on a Planned Development Zone allowing 90 condominium units with a sewage disposal system outside the village limits. That, however, was overturned by a 2-1 village vote in referendum, and Brendamour sued, charging "unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious conduct".

Councilman Rich Gilchrist noted that the village since had made

two fruitless attempts to sell the property, and joined in acceptance of a bid and a recommendation that the zoning variance be allowed.

Brendamour is being given 30 days in which to exercise his right of refusal.

Sewer Plans Revealed

Hamilton County's Metropolitan Sewer District has no current plans to extend sewer service to Terrace Park.

Mayor Rusty Wilson reported that assurance at the December Council meeting. It resulted from his questioning sewer district survey work in and near the village. Terrace Park has steadily opposed sewers as unneeded here.

Thomas A. Sayers, sewer district director, said in a letter to the mayor that the survey was a routine study of the entire drainage area, including Terrace Park, Milford, Camp Dennison, Indian Hill and the Dry Run area. It was not, he said, "a project to force sewers upon any property or community".

He added, "Currently, preliminary reports provide for the Wooster Pike area sewer to be extended up to the existing waste water treatment plant and several pumping stations east of Mariemont and west of Terrace Park. The sewer system is not proposed to be extended to serve the residents of the village of Terrace Park.

"Normally, sewers are not extended to serve an area unless property owners petition or request that this be done. An exception is when Ohio EPA or the Hamilton County Board of Health, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, requires such service be installed."

Staff Pay Increased

Fulfilling a promise made when the recently approved new 3.85 village levy was proposed, village council has voted pay increases for village personnel. Because of a budget crunch, pay levels had been frozen for this year. The increases averaged five percent.

Policy Chief Bob Bacon was raised to \$40,000, effective January 1, with an additional \$1,000 as street commissioner and the range for full-time officers set from \$29,988 to \$31,200.

Charlotte Molitor was reappointed village secretary at \$18,963, maintenance foreman Marvin Alexander was raised to \$11.93 per hour, and maintenance crewmen to \$10.89 per hour.

Recycling Continued

Recycling will continue in Terrace Park for at least a few more weeks.

Councilman John Prues reported at the December Council meeting that \$600 remained from the \$3,000 appropriated for recycling last year, and council voted to continue the operation until that money is used up—sometime in January.

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Effie Miller



Rain Fails To Dim Holiday Spirit

Effie Miller, of Miami Avenue had the honor of lighting the tree at the annual ceremony on the Village Green, Sunday December 8. A Terrace Park resident since 1937, Mrs. Miller served as postmistress here for 23 years and is a 50-plus-year member of Terrace Park Garden Club and of St. Thomas Church.

"Even the thunderstorm which struck as the tree was being lit did not seem to dampen people's spirits," said organizer, Grace Holmes. "There were many who braved the rain to carol along with Sometime Marching Band members, led by Al Nelson. And nearly 150 people had their photos taken free with Santa (portrayed by Rick Dunning who was ably assisted by Elf, Bill Dunning). The photographer was made possible by Carol and Clark Sarver and Kathy and Jim Schubert.

Eppa Rixey, whose Insurance Agency provided free wagon rides, estimated nearly 600 people took advantage of that vehicle for seeing the lights of Terrace Park.

"Well Done" to Members Whose Terms Expire

Village council members Barbara Howland, John Wenstrup and Rich Gilchrist were lauded for their services at their last meeting of the current council with Wenstrup supplying eggnog and cookies for the occasion.

Wenstrup is ending the term to which he was elected, Howland finishing the unexpired term of Bob Payne, and Gilchrist ending a few

Milford to Provide Daytime Fire Coverage

Grappling with a long-standing problem, village council has contracted with Milford for daytime fire

protection while the Terrace Park volunteer department conducts a drive to build up its daytime force.

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Village council at its December meeting approved a contract with the Milford Community Fire Department for the added protection for next year at a cost of \$6,500, payable quarterly.

Protection will be provided between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Offering the contract, Councilman Rich Gilchrist said it was hoped that the village department would be in a position to need the service only for the coming year.

Meanwhile, the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department has launched a recruiting drive for new daytime members. Tim Harth, chairman of the recruiting committee, is looking for 8 to 10 men or women to become certified and be available primarily during the daytime hours.

Historically, daytime fire coverage has been provided by the few fireman who happened to be in the village, supplemented more recently by utilizing the village work crew. With fewer firemen in the village and the hardship imposed on the work crew by being constantly in radio communication and training after hours, village council approved the contract with Milford.

"The commitment for the new recruit will be three years from certification, with the village supplying everything from red light and siren to the 36-hour basic firefighter course", says Harth. "The physical requirements are not terribly difficult and the recruit will not be asked to do anything that they are not trained to do. After certification, no exact schedule will be maintained (as there is in the life squad) and firefighters respond on an as-available basis." According to Harth, the continuing education required is a minimum of one drill per month conducted in the village.

The village has been extremely fortunate to not have daytime fire runs. The vast majority of runs and almost all of the structure fires in the history of the department have occurred during nighttime hours. New members will be offered the opportunity to respond to all fire runs if interested. As always, the Fire Department is also looking for people interested in joining who are only available during the evenings and on weekends.

For additional information contact Tim Harth at 831-5400 or 831-1111, Ed Annett at 831-2800 or 248-1453, or Pierce Matthews at 831-5188.

T.R.A.C. Schedules January Meeting

Residents who wish to learn about recycling alternatives for Terrace Park may attend the next T.R.A.C. meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Community House. T.R.A.C. is the Terrace Park Recycling Awareness Committee.



New AARP Officers Chosen

Village residents among members chosen to lead the Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, in the coming year are, left to right, Virginia Marquett, retiring president; Ruth

president; Dr. Ray Stoecklin, assistant treasurer; and Agnes Ritz, corresponding secretary. They will be installed at a covered dish luncheon at St. Thomas Church at noon on January 13. The program will be on

son, when Wilson became mayor upon the departure of Jack Schmidt.

Wenstrup said he had "learned a lot and grown a lot" from what he called an invaluable experience as a council member. As retiring chairman of the finance committee, he commented that circumstances had forced council to be a "little tight fisted, and that while next year will be a little difficult, we're doing the

Board of Education Plans Tax Levy

by Linda Naylor

At a special session, Superintendent Dr. Donald Thompson requested the Mariemont Board of Education's approval to prepare for a 6.95 mil levy to be placed on the May 1992 ballot. Among the needs of the district, stated Thompson, are increases in teachers' salaries. Dr. Thompson estimated that, while not currently the case, a 4 to 4 1/2% increase would again place Mariemont teacher salaries within the top one-third of other districts.

Salaries represent an estimated 85% of the district's budget. Salaries and "inflationary growth" in op-

erations would comprise 5.72 mils, while 1.23 mils would be used for roofing, paving/asphalt, plaster, plumbing and floor covering repairs to district buildings.

Thompson noted that, although a 6.75 mil levy was passed in June, 1989, the commitment at that time was for three years. He projected a zero balance for those funds, creating the need for passage of the upcoming levy. Consensus was given by the Board of Education.

Named co-chairmen of the levy campaign were Mariemont residents Tom Shaver and Darby Stiltz.

T.P. Players Rehearse "Nunsense" for Show

Did you ever wonder...if nuns have hair? What do they sleep in? Do they have any bad habits? Are they allowed to sing, dance and have fun?

Apparently it is true! Rehearsal has already begun for this year's production of Terrace Park Players presentation of "Nunsense", a heavenly musical-comedy of great fun.

Directing these nuns at the convent is Father Mark Woods, who must have seen the light since his last directing job for T.P.P., "Dracula". Co-directing and performing is Sister Linda Seta. Also

starring in this religious revelry are Sisters Kathy Wedding, Kathy Woodruff, Kendra Struthers, and Barb Russell.

Sisters Jan Schloss and Debi Johnson will be there to serve the wine and pass out the bingo cards. Producing this year's feast of frolic is Friar Mike Leaf and Sister Cindy Leaf. Please join us for the breaking of bread (dinner, beer, set-ups, snacks, champagne and appetizers) beginning Friday, February 21, 1992, in the pews of the Community Center.

McClelland Receives Golden Galaxy Award

Candace McClelland was cho-



Candace McClelland

sen as a finalist for the third annual Golden Galaxy Award for 1991. This program is sponsored by the Cincinnati Enquirer, WKRC, and the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. Designed to honor outstanding high school seniors from the Greater Cincinnati area, it focuses upon those who provide services to others utilizing their special talents.

Candace was honored in the Social Sciences category. She is a four year board member at United Way and has organized the Cincinnati Rehabilitation for the Homeless.

A senior at Mt. Notre Dame High School in Reading, Ohio, Candace is the daughter of Terrace Park resident, Marcy McClelland.

Message From Chief Bacon

Serving as your Police Chief for two years has been a great challenge for me and I am proud to be a part of this unique community. You have greeted my family and me with a great deal of warmth and support. It is this community character that makes Terrace Park different from other areas.

As Police Chief, I am asked many questions about why or how things are done by our police department. This message is intended to answer some of those questions.

The Police Department has five full-time officers. We have two sergeants, two patrol officers and myself. Each officer is assigned to certain areas of responsibility, such as traffic officer, investigator, computer administrator, firearms and field training. If a major crime is committed within the village, usually all full-time officers are called in to assist with the scene. If we feel that we need additional assistance, we have many resources available to us, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Ohio Bureau of Investigation.

We also have an Auxiliary Police Unit which consists of normally 11 officers. These are usually new police officers who are attempting to get street experience while looking for full-time positions. They are required to volunteer 20 hours per month. This consists of two eight-hour shifts, mostly on weekends, and four hours of Mayor's Court. Many of these officers volunteer additional hours every month to help with our Warrant Program, Crime Prevention, and to cover shifts that are needed for sick or vacation days. When an Auxiliary Officer works a paid shift, he is compensated at \$6.00 an hour. Otherwise, each Auxiliary Officer works for \$1.00 per year. When these officers leave Terrace Park for full-time positions, they take the Terrace Park values with them. That we are very proud of.

In closing, this Police Department belongs to you. If you have a question or need to talk about a problem, please call me at 831-2137.

Sincerely,
Col. Robert W. Bacon (Bob)
Chief of Police

On Dean's List

Krista Myslik, 721 Yale Avenue, was named to the dean's list of Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Maine, for academic achievement in the 1990-91 spring semester. One of 12 Ohioans so honored, she is a member of the Class of 1992.

To The Editor

Still rather staggered by it all, I can find no way to express to my friends and neighbors of Terrace Park my feelings about the honors you have poured upon me. If only Bonnie could have been here to claim her proper share.

Serving the community just seemed to be the thing to do, for Terrace Park has given me and my family more than we could ever repay. There's been a sense of home I doubt could have been felt anywhere else, and a knowledge of myself through the fire department and life squad that I could have found in no other way.

The Terrace Park spirit is worth all we can give it—and it all comes back.

Gratefully,
Ellis Rawnsley

Dear Editor

'Twas the morn of Thanksgiving, the day of the game.

It had been raining heavy, but slowly they came.

Terrace Park's rowdies then kicked off at ten,

Thus Terrace Park's Turkey Bowl started again!

And started quite nicely, two-hand-tag was our game,

So how did we end up so stiff, sore and lame?

The truth of the matter is hard to escape.

For me, it's quite plain that I'm way out of shape!

And then there's that play where he missed that big pass.

As a dozen guys slipped and fell right on their ear.

Hence the tough got to going, as the going got tough,

And our nice little Turkey Bowl got kinda rough.

With a "no huddle" offense. With eight men out long.

With a "let's kill 'em" defense. Something had to go wrong.

With a leap for the ball. With a face full of sod.

With a two minute time out, we called the life squad.

That's how it ended, no real losers or winners.

We all hobbled home to our Thanksgiving dinners.

You'll see it's Thanksgiving, just watch, we'll be healed.

See Wild Turkeys returning to old Stanton Field!

John Wenstrup

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Private School Parents Seek Reasonable Bus Schedule

by Linda Naylor

During the public hearing segment of the November 19 meeting of the Mariemont Board of Education, Mariemont resident Cindy Crilley read a prepared account of events and a statement of dissatisfaction on the issue of transportation of children within the district to alternative private schools, specifically Springer School. Cindy and Terry Crilley recounted phone calls and in-person discussions with Superintendent Thompson, Board Member Tom Allman and Richard Porter, Director of Transportation,

regarding travel time in excess of one hour each way for Springer students.

The Crilleys and other Springer parents were seeking a release by Mariemont to allow their children to be transported by a Milford district bus, which, in their opinion, would reduce the children's travel time. Inhibiting an immediate solution was information given by Dr. Thompson relative to children being restricted by law to board a school bus on the resident side of a divided highway and a four-lane highway. Richard

Porter addressed the issue, at Dr. Thompson's request, summarizing the district's current policy and operation. Porter maintained that the current transportation schedule was the most reasonable option for meeting the needs of all the district's students attending alternative private schools.

Board member Len Weakley recommended the formulation of a committee comprised of two board members, two Springer parents and one impartial representative to investigate a more reasonable transportation option for these students. It was further requested by the Springer parents that a solution be found as quickly as possible.

Girl Scouts Become Advocates for Ecology

Twenty-three Terrace Park Elementary School fifth-graders are among just 500 youth nationwide to be recognized by Firestone for their local ecological efforts.

As members of Terrace Park Girl Scout Troop 198, the students have worked at the Milford Recycling Center, organized recycling efforts and educational programs in their community, and completed environment-related projects to earn Girl Scout badges.

All children selected for the Firestone Firehawks Honors program receive a Firehawks T-shirt, patch and adhesive stickers; a membership card; a certificate of appreciation from the chief naturalist at Yellowstone National Park and a Yellowstone shoulder patch. To commemorate the program's formation, Firestone has made a special contribution to Yellowstone.

The honor is bestowed upon youth ages 5 to 15 in cooperation with the American Park Network, specifically Yellowstone, as a tribute to the young people who visit the national parks and those who sent donations and offered to help with reforestation efforts following severe fire damage at Yellowstone in 1988.

Troop leaders are Jill Crowell, Suzanne Lakamp and Janet Sarran.



Wearing their Firehawks T-shirts are: from left (top) - Leslie Swensson, Rachael Eberhard, Ashley McGraw, Molly Smith, Amanda Forbes, Sarah Crowell, Jill Gislason, Leslie Lakamp, Sarah Cowan; (middle) Katie Porter, Catherine Picton, Erin Popelka, Leah Ross, Amanda Ervin, Candace Brown, Betsy Crowell, Shannon Callaghan; (front) Sarah Roberts, Katie Morehead, Chase Koehler, Lisa Sarran, Lindsey Watson and Erin Govert.



Troop 286 Awards Badges

Boy Scout Troop 286 awarded the Tenderfoot Badge to eight boys at its Court of Honor on Sunday, September 29. Completing the first rank in their advancement are: John Allan, David Allan, Mat Colston, Joshua Deeter, Peter McClelland, Adam Merten, Jim Singler and Daniel Startzman. In addition, the Troop presented merit badges to Ryan Maloney and Ben Ross.

Terrace Park Scouts participated in the annual Dan Beard Council Camp Out at Peterloo in October, joining some 5000 other Scouts from the Greater Cincinnati area.

Pictured from left (front row): Joshua Deeter, Adam Merten, Jim Singler, Peter McClelland, Brian Randolph, Matt Colston; (middle) Roy Allan, Scoutmaster, John Allan, Brian Phillips, Daniel Startzman, David Allan, Michael Petry, Dave Randolph, Assistant Scoutmaster; (back) Ben Ross, Chris Malotke, Zach Hutton, George Kipp, Assistant Scoutmaster, George Kipp III.



Curtis Aldrich

Aldrich Earns Eagle Award

Curtis Aldrich, 18, of Terrace Park, has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Award.

A member of Troop 149, chartered by Mariemont Community Church, Curtis is one of approximately 2 percent of all Scouts who attain the Eagle rank. Lester Smith is Scoutmaster for the Troop.

Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community service project to earn his Eagle. Curtis chose to apply reflective materials to utility poles in Terrace Park bordering and within one foot of U.S. Route 50.

Curtis is a member of Mariemont Community Church. He graduated from Mariemont High School and he currently attends Ohio State University where he plans to

Garden Club Puts Profits To Work

Terrace Park Garden Club puts the proceeds from the May plant sale to work in projects which enhance the community.

Villagers can enjoy the profits from the plants they purchased last spring not only in memories of their gardens last summer, but as glorious lights on the Christmas tree on the Village Green this holiday season. Garden Club paid for the new electrical work just completed on the Green to provide electricity for the tree, a light on the flag and upgrading of the electrical wiring needed for the speaker system on the gazebo. All electrical improvements cost \$2,500.

Further monies were allocated to Village Council to prune and groom trees and shrubs along Terrace Place. A new watering outlet is to be installed to make watering of the Memorial Bed easier. This bed is maintained by Garden Club as another of their projects provided with proceeds from the spring plant sale and the bi-annual house tour scheduled for December, 1992.

Garden Club members will contact residents to take plant sale orders in March and April, 1992.

Area Residents Aid Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum invites new members to climb aboard for an exciting year leading up to the grand reopening of a transformed Museum when renovation is completed in late 1992. All those joining before December 31, 1991 will receive 18 months of membership for the cost of one year, as well as a specially designed Cincinnati Art Museum mug.

Terrace Park residents taking part in the campaign include: Kristin Bell, Elizabeth Bieser, Mary Margaret Compton, Fiona Ehrnschwender, Becky Fleischman, Tina Hesser, Lucy Williams Maish, Marty Mileham, Sara Osborn, Erin Rosson, and Anne F. Woolsey.

Miami Graduate

Harold G. Northrop, 601 Yale, was awarded a bachelor of science in business degree in the Miami University summer commencement August 23.

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In Council –

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- Council protested a new state requirement that all persons receiving more than a dollar a year for public service be a member of the Public Employees Retirement System. Councilman Rich Gilchrist said that most volunteers could not qualify for benefits under the plan, while other retirement plans would be lost to them; the requirement would increase village payments to "outrageous" administrative costs, and the system would be "disruptive to the spirit of volunteerism".
- Dan Startsman reported a bid of \$135 per tree for impending removal of 25 trees. He noted removal of 83 trees this year, including 17 taken down by Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., pruning of 94 others, removal of 94 stumps and planting of 23 trees.
- Police Chief Bob Bacon reported receipt of \$3,037 as a result of drug violation seizure of cars, including Tim Harth's top bid of \$857 for a 1985 Mazda and a \$1,500 share on a 1984 Chevrolet.
- Council voted to reimburse village police officers up to \$2,400 for physical fitness equipment which the officers had bought and installed.
- Council renewed an agreement with the Inspection Bureau, Inc., for electrical inspections on the village.
- Life Squad Chief Connie Wilson reported nine runs in the month; 18 present members being re-certified as emergency medical technicians; five village residents undergoing training and the squad ending the year \$5,000 under budget.
- Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported no fire runs.
- Building Inspector Tim Harth reported issuance of seven building permits in November for work estimated at \$24,170.
- Bacon reported that leaf pickup this year totaled 133 truckloads, with no complaints.
- Mayor Wilson set noon on January 1 as the time for council's first meeting of 1992, to swear in Randy Casteel as mayor and Sally Gilchrist and Julie Rugh as council members.
- Councilman Randy Casteel reported \$3,700 as the cost of a lighted school crossing sign at Wooster and Western Avenue. The Terrace Park PTA will be asked if it can contribute to the cost.

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