



Residents Packed Council Chambers To Express Opinions on Metro Route

by Pat Henley

Metro surveys say that only 15 riders use the bus to and from Cincinnati regularly. However, 70 citizens filled council chambers on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14 to address the suggestion of possible cuts or elimination of the loop bus route through Terrace Park.

Several current riders presented compelling reasons for retaining service as is Barbara Howland of Marietta Ave. is a rider who stressed the convenience of the Amherst route and the value of the service to the village.

Bill MALONEY OF Miami Ave. said, "For \$2.20 a day I have safe transportation to downtown in winter and summer. The bus is ecologically practical, and it's fun."

Julie Northrop, Yale and Amherst, has lived on the bus line for 29 years. She cited the no accident record in her detailed rebuttal to an unsigned flier she had received.

Others who spoke for "no change" were Bob TERwilliger, Yale Ave., who has known bus service in Terrace Park since the 1940's. Ruth Oberle has lived on the line for many years. She made the plea for service

for seniors and also reiterated that carelessly driven cars are a bigger problem than the bus.

Other pro-bus speakers included MiMi Matthews, Amherst Ave., Rob Sexsmith and Rick Dunning, both of Miami Ave. and Kimberly Clark.

Candace Grafton of Harvard Ave., who had appeared at Council in October, repeated her concerns about safety, noise and low ridership. She also had a list of 104 people who wanted to work out a compromise.

Doug Hyndon of Miami Ave., also a speaker in October, pointed out the extremely low ridership and the fact that three cars from Milford park in front of his house daily. Jamie Sebens of Miami Ave. volunteered to pick up seniors to take them to a Wooster Pike bus stop should that route be adopted.

After the lengthy, but calm, proceedings, Mayor Randy Casteel asked Councilman Dan Keefe to report on his findings and make a recommendation. Dan said that he had spoken extensively with both Ted Myer and Nancy Edwards of Metro

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Koehler Elected To School Board

Terrace Park resident Rick Koehler won a seat on the Mariemont City Schools District Board of Education, garnering the highest number of votes in Terrace Park, Fairfax and Columbia Township. The top vote getter in the district wide School Board election, Koehler led the field of three with 1,923 votes, while Marie Huenefeld won her bid for re-election with 1,753 votes. Leonard C. Weakley, Jr. received 1,334 votes in his unsuccessful bid for re-election to the board.

District voters also passed two new school levies with 3,0777 (57%) of the 5,387 registered voters casting ballots Nov. 7.

The new 5 mil operating levy failed in both Fairfax and Columbia Township but passed with a total of 1,721 (57%) for and 1,304 (43%) against the levy district wide. Voting for the levy were: Terrace Park, 616; Mariemont, 666; Fairfax, 294 and Columbia Township, 439. Voting against the levy were: Terrace Park, 462; Mariemont, 358; Fairfax, 403 and Columbia Township, 484.

The 2 mil operating levy to finance the conversion of Dale Park into a junior high school passed in all the villages but Fairfax, with a total vote of 1,868 (62%) for and 1,137 (38%) against. Voting for the levy were: Terrace Park, 672; Mariemont, 724; Fairfax, 320 and Columbia Township, 472. Voting against the levy were: Terrace Park, 407; Mariemont, 289; Fairfax, 369 and Columbia Township 441.

More voters cast ballots on the levy issue in Terrace Park than in Mariemont, with 1,079 in Terrace Park and 1,024 in Mariemont.

TP Elects Comfort First Woman Mayor

In a record breaking vote, Terrace Park elected Jennifer A. Comfort its first woman mayor in 102 years. With 63.47% of the votes Comfort defeated Nick Ward, 681 to 392.

Mayor Elect Comfort said, "I want to thank all of my public and private supporter. I was overwhelmed with the number of them."

Approximately 73% of Terrace Park's 1,508 registered voters cast their ballots Nov. 7. Voting for Comfort were: 236 in Precinct A; 217 in Precinct B; 228 in Precinct C; and 37 absentee ballots. Voting for Ward were: 182 in Precinct A; 96 in Precinct B; 114 in Precinct C; and 21 absentee ballots.

Winning the most village votes, was Francine Glassmeyer, who received 950. She was unopposed for Clerk. Also running unopposed were John Finnigan and Julie Rugh who were elected to Council with 791 and 746 votes respectively.

Terrace Park joined the rest of the state in passing the two proposed amendments to the Constitution. Issue I restricting the Governor's power to change criminal sentences passed 701 to 318, while Issue II to extend infrastructure financing another ten years passed 537 to 258.

The 1.99 mil Mental Health tax levy renewal passed in Terrace Park 713 to 353.

Mayor Randy Casteel invited Mayor Elect Comfort to join Council for the regular monthly meeting and its Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Comfort said she was heartened to see that the

residents are very willing to take part in village government by giving input to the Mayor and Council, not only privately, but in the public forum, as well.

Comfort asks village residents to mail her their top three concerns. The concerns most frequently mentioned to Comfort when she was going door-to-door to meet village residents, include:

- *Water problems in the area of Elm and Robinwood.
 - *Bus commuters parking in front of residents' homes.
 - *Lack of proper care of newly planted trees.
 - *Mutilation of village trees by Asplundh.
 - *Amount of money spent on Drackett Field.
 - *Advertising pollution at traffic light intersection.
 - *Proper maintenance of alleys.
 - *Speeding within village at multiple locations.
 - *Dogs running loose around the village.
 - *Dogs defecating in other people's yards.
 - *Dog owners not cleaning up dog waste when they are walking their dogs.
 - *Kids dropping trash around school and parks.
 - *Taxes are too high.
- Comfort suggested cutting out this list and circling your top three concerns, or add your own to it and mail it to her at 729 Miami Ave. She concluded, "I am looking forward to a productive four years!"



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- 7:00 to 9:00 - Pictures With Santa

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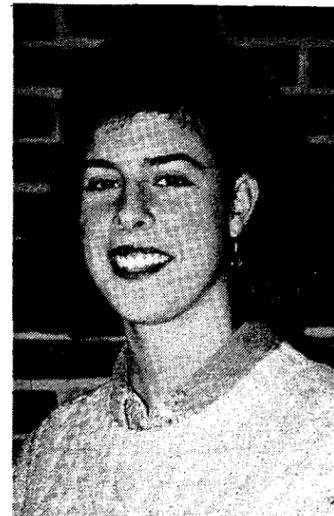
TP Students Are Tops in Tennis



Catherine Picton



Coach Neil Turner



Kristin Jones

Mariemont High School's Kristin Jones, Catherine Picton and Coach Neil Turner were named Tops in Tennis in the City. Jones and Picton were named First Team All City in doubles. There is one All City Team of seven players for all the schools in the city, regardless of size. Coach Turner, who has taught physical education at Terrace Park Elementary for 15 years was named Tennis Coach of the Year.

Mariemont High School won the Cincinnati Hills League Championship for the second year in a row and was the only school in the city to have the whole tennis team make it to the state tournament.

The doubles team of Jones and Picton took first place in both sectionals and districts. The Greater Cincinnati Tennis Coaches Association named Mariemont Most Improved Team and Turner Coach of the Year.

Jones finds time off the court to be treasurer of the Senior Class and Vice President of the National Honor Society. She has also starred in basketball at Mariemont and at the AAU team level. She's interested in colleges as diverse as Cornell and Kentucky, and plans to major in business. Jones, who is the daughter of Stephanie and John Jones of Princeton Ave., has yet to decide if she will play tennis or basketball at the college level.

The Greater Cincinnati Tennis Coaches Association recognized Freshman Picton with the Newcomer Award this year. She now plays five days a week with the Queen City Tournament players. Picton is the daughter of Rita and John Picton of Redbird La.

Turner said he will really miss the girls from this year's team as seven of the varsity players are graduating. He said he still remembers the first day this year's seniors walked into gym class in Kindergarten. He concluded teaching and coaching in this district is a real pleasure, and the credit for the team's performance goes to both the students and their parents.

Letters to the Editor

Ward Appreciates Support, Congratulates Comfort

I wanted to congratulate Jennifer Comfort on her election victory. She campaigned hard and won by a substantial margin. Best of luck in the future.

I also wanted to thank the people who worked hard for me on my campaign and to let all of my supporters know that I deeply appreciate their commitment. There were many kind words and deeds before, during and after the election and I will never forget them or the people who cared enough to come forward on my behalf.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone in the community to participate in community matters, to openly discuss the issues we face, and to be heard at council meetings on a regular basis. The dialogue is healthy and helpful to council. Please join me in conveying your comments, opinions and insights to our governing body so it can function properly. Thank you.

Nick Ward

Konold Applauds Village Children

Here is a round of applause for the children of Terrace Park. On a long walk the morning after Halloween, I saw no more than a dozen or so candy wrappers lying on the ground. That seems like a very good record for hundreds who were out the night before.

Boys and girls, thank you. We gave you treats at our doors, and you gave us a treat by keeping our village a clean, as well as pretty, place to live.

Carolyn Konold

School Levy Organizers Appreciate TP Voters

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 7 the voters of Terrace Park, along with the voters of the entire Mariemont School District passed by record numbers the two school levies on the ballot. The margins by which both levies passed were a clear indication of well informed voters.

Many people are to be thanked and although we all feel a sense of pride in seeing a task completed successfully, the real winners are the children of Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park.

To the voters of Terrace Park thank you for providing such a high level of support and reinforcing the importance of quality education. To all who volunteered their time, thank you for making our job so easy.

Sincerely

Cathy and John Borchers
Judy and David Deeter

Toys and Toiletries Needed by Neighbors

The Terrace Park Police Department is soliciting donations again this year for the Madisonville Emergency Assistance Center. Police Chief Bob Bacon said boxes will be set up at the village office. Please drop off toys, preferably new or in good shape, and toiletries such as soap, deodorant and even toilet paper.

The Terrace Park police will deliver them to MEAC just before Christmas, so please donate by Wed., Dec. 20. Chief Bacon said he appreciates the community's response the last two years to this program and the donations are definitely going to people in a neighboring community who need them.

Resident Appreciates Local Businesses, Starts His Own

My work experience has mostly been with small businesses, where you can learn what makes and breaks business. I moved to Fieldstone from Hyde Park with my parents in 1972 and graduated from Mariemont High School in 1988. I am now 25, have an associates degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Cincinnati and am working towards a bachelors degree in Economics.

For the first time I am working for myself. I have been in business for a month now and love it. My business is Milford Packaging & Shipping. What I do is pretty simple, I sell boxes and packaging materials, both retail and wholesale. My services include gift wrapping, packaging and shipping. I am equipped to package and ship anything, anywhere. My goal is to offer the best prices and services. So far, I believe that I have accomplished both of these.

Located in Historic Downtown Milford, I can participate in the development and refurbishment of this hidden treasure. I say hidden, because I was surprised to find all these goods and services so close to home. Also to my surprise, there is a strong handful of merchants that are working very hard to develop a classic and beautiful Downtown Milford. The merchants want to make this area a place to find what you need and want, while enjoying your shopping experience.

For residents interested in this area, or who question the value of this treasure, come down and take a look. Come to the annual Christmas Walk Nov. 24, 25 and 26. This festival in downtown Milford gives you a chance to visit the stores while enjoying the melodic voices of carollers, complimentary carriage rides, and a visit with Santa.

I would also like to mention that I recently went to the Yankee Dollar and saw truly classical apparel and quality gifts. The TiPi Gourmet and Frame And Save are also stores close to home that have a lot to offer. William Bradley Olinger Fieldstone Drive (Editor's Note: As you travel from T.P. through Milford, you'll find Milford Packaging and Shipping on the right, sitting back off Main Street, with plenty of parking in front. This new enterprise opens just in time to take care of all your packaging needs for the holidays.)

Park & Western Residents Return To Address Council

by Pat Henley

Before Council could address its own agenda, Park and Western Avenue residents repeated their complaints about speeding cars and drivers who do not stop at the Park-Western sign.

According to three parents from Park, Frank McCormack, Shelly Cowan and Patty Beyersdorfer, their main concern is the safety of their small children. Particularly troublesome to them is the curve near the Elm intersection.

Police Chief Bob Bacon reported that the feasibility of rumble strips on that curve had been investigated and rejected because of the nature of the street construction, snow removal and expense.

Safety Chair Rusty Wilson reported that police increased traffic patrol for a period and that there were eight citations issued for failure to stop at the stop sign, six of them to residents.

Wilson told the persistent residents that the Safety Committee will continue to study the situation.

Resident Questions TP's Neighborliness

Dear Editor:

What is a neighbor? One of Webster's definitions is "to associate in a neighborly way". Neighborly is defined as "characteristic of congenial neighbors....friendly....amicable".

As I sat in the November Council meeting, I wondered if I still lived in a neighborhood. When you disagree with a neighbor you look for an amicable solution, one that respectfully takes all points of view into consideration. You look for a compromise where both sides gain a little and lose a little.

Over 100 residents signed a petition expressing their desire to see the number of unused bus trips through Terrace Park reduced. Everyone who signed recognized the value of having bus service for those who use it, but also agreed the buses are a safety hazard and a nuisance for those who live and travel on and around the buses' route. They were



The house at 835 Douglas is a brick and wood ranch. The stone front is laid up with stones from the old village incinerator which was in the Environmental Services Area, formerly called the dump. It was built in 1958 by Builder Bill Stevens. The first owners were Thelma and Ray Bloomstrand. They sold it in 1960 to Alan and Janice McAllister, who are the present owners. McAllisters added a family room and covered patio.

This is an example of the kind of information the Terrace Park Womans Club is collecting to develop its House Survey.

Carol Cole has about 75 surveys in hand. The club hopes to have several hundred by the end of January. Then serious work will begin to compile the final format for the Labor Day 1996 presentation.

Editorial Comment

What Do We Really Want?

by Ricki Schmidt

Be careful what you ask for. As The Rev. Robert Gerhard can tell you, you might just get it!

With his permission, I'll share with you the concern he voiced about the excessive speed of cars on Miami Ave. several years ago. Shortly thereafter, he was turning the corner to drive Ace Tollefsen home after a golf match, when he noticed the police car following him with all lights flashing.

When The Rev. Gerhard pulled over two doors from Tollefsen's, the first female police officer in Terrace Park was instructing him over the microphone to remain in his car. This newest officer, not recognizing the rector of St. Thomas Church in his golf attire, detained him for twenty minutes, before issuing a citation. The Rev. Gerhard laughs as he remembers he was going 29 in the 25 MPH zone.

Now the residents of Park and Western have been voicing concerns about cars, stop signs and speed limits.

In a three week period Police Chief Bob Bacon said two warnings were issued in that area to residents and two to non-residents. Of the four citations issued there, two were to residents of the immediate area. In that same time period police made six stops on other streets in Terrace Park, issuing three citations and one warning to residents. The two non-residents stopped received one citation and one warning.

Residents of Park and Western still complain the problem in their neighborhood isn't solved. Some even think they are being singled out for law enforcement.

Would anyone want to join the police officers perched on this fine fence of barbed wire? They issue no citations; they are not doing their job. They issue a citation to a neighborhood resident and they're accused of bias.

Now, who is responsible for public safety? Ultimately it is the residents of Terrace Park. As a Cincinnati Police Captain once told me, people get the level of police protection they demand. This is the problem. What level of policing are the residents of Terrace Park demanding?

To insure the safety of the village residents the police should be enforcing all the laws of the village, including those regulating stops and speed. Humans are very much alike, both the adult and children varieties. Limits not enforced are soon ignored.

Should people speed down Park, or Wooster, or Home? No! But the only way to enforce the law is to stop all people who are exceeding the speed limits.

When village residents are stopped for breaking the law they frequently get on the telephone to complain to the police chief, members of the safety committee and even the Mayor. In order to equitably enforce the law in Terrace Park, all of those receiving these unpleasant phone calls must stand their ground and back the police who are enforcing the laws of the village.

The residents of Park and Western are right to demand law enforcement on their streets. The people of the village can insure they receive it, by complying with all motor vehicle laws while driving on all the streets in Terrace Park.

If your child were hit by a speeding car would it be any less of a nightmare if the car were driven by a village resident?

being neighborly by looking for a compromise. They were ignored at the November Council meeting.

Our Village Council failed to represent all the residents by refusing to consider or facilitate a neighborly compromise. We will never know if a solution with which everyone could be happy, a win-win solution, even existed. Council's actions only served to divide this community by not respecting all points of view and not allowing us to be unified in a compromise.

I wondered again whether this is a neighborhood when the concerned parents of Park and Western Avenues were met with cat calls and insults concerning their parenting skills. They have a right and a responsibility to seek a safer environment for their children. It wouldn't be neighborly to ridicule them for trying to do that.

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Mark Calendars For Book Fair

Terrace Park Elementary's annual Book Fair will be held at the school Wed., Nov. 29 and Thurs., Nov. 30. All Terrace Park residents are invited to browse through the books and purchase their presents for the holidays. Nancy Seward announced Scholastic Books will do this year's fair.

Village Views Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of Village Views is the second Tuesday of the month. Anyone wishing to submit an article may send it to the editor at 107 Marian Lane. All letters to the editor must be signed.

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Council Meeting Commenced At 9 PM After Lengthy Hearing Of The Public

by Pat Henley

It was about 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, when Mayor Randy Casteel and Council began to address their regular agenda. Casteel had invited Mayor-elect Jennifer Comfort to join him at the council table for the session.

Officials' reports are as follow: *Treasurer Al Roberts reported that the village has \$927,415, with \$887,000 invested with the state treasurer at 5.6%.

*Fire Chief Phil Schneider reported three fire runs and announced that there would be a class for new firemen next spring.

*Building Official Tim Harth issued 7 permits totalling \$60,000 in October.

*Mayor Casteel swore in a new auxiliary police officer, Bryon

Woermann.

*The personnel manual, which has been prepared by Dan Keefe and the Rules and Law Committee should be finalized by the December meeting. Solicitor Bob Molloy asked for an executive session to discuss certain controversial provisions.

*Chief Bob Bacon's police report for October shows 68 traffic arrests, 14 misdemeanor arrests, 95 warnings, and \$3,943 collected at Mayor's Court.

A resolution was passed to authorize the police department to purchase an in-car video system for \$4,500. The system is useful in DUI cases, to protect officers from false claims of unprofessional or illegal behavior, and as a training tool.

Fall Events Increase TP's PTA Treasury

by Cyndy Finnigan

Co-chairs Tammy Fisher and Betsy Porst thanked PTA members for their help raising \$13,122.69 in Pumpkin Fest profits. Penny Phillips reported Market Day orders have been running 115 a month since August with monthly profits between \$600 and \$700. Joddy Perry noted sportswear sale profits totalled \$1,144. These fundraisers have increased the PTA's assets to \$32,457, according to Sandy Wittman-Shell's treasurer's report at the November 7 PTA meeting.

The PTA Board recommended purchasing new playground equipment for the rear of the school and landscaping with the funds raised this fall.

Glenn Lindahl reported 60 students will participate in Odyssey of the Mind this year. He said more coaches are needed for this year and a volunteer to head the project is needed for next year.

Juli Smith, who heads this year's Mini-School is also looking for volunteers. She needs instructors for arts and crafts, drawing and sign language of the four consecutive Wednesdays beginning Jan. 17, 1996.

Principal Jerry Sasson discussed scholastic rest results, noting 72% of Terrace Park's students score at or above 50 on standard achievement tests with 40 to 69 considered average. He added remedial reading will be offered for students in grades 1-3.

Beth Srofe reported the Central Committee is visiting junior high schools to gather ideas for use at Dale Park. A major area of concern is

Mariemont Captures League Tennis Title



a substance abuse at the high school. The committee agreed that the school must provide a safe environment for learning but emphasis should be on parents setting limits. Sasson said the committee is working on a program directed at the whole family.

The decision to change from PTA to PTO will be delayed until April or May when fliers will be sent home with students. Kelly Schmidt reminded members to drop pictures for the yearbook in the PTA mailbox. Name and return address should be on the pictures.

Holiday reminders included the Giving Tree Program on Dec. 12 and 13 for Rothenbery Elementary. Students should bring a wrapped gift for a student of their same age and sex to put under the tree. Christy Albrecht reminded everyone to purchase kroger coupons, which earn a 5% profit for the PTA. The coupons make great gifts.

Mariemont High School's tennis team, with seven of their nine players hailing from Terrace Park, captured the Cincinnati Hills League Championship for the second year in a row. Team members include: (from left) Seniors, Amanda Campo, Kristin Jones, Aaron McClurg, Stephanie Smith, Leslie Pope and Freshman Shannon Callaghan. Not pictured is Freshman Catherine Picton. The Greater Cincinnati Tennis Coaches Association recognized Picton with the Newcomer Award and Campo and Smith with the Sportsmanship Award. At Mariemont's Awards Night Kristin Jones was Most Improved and Aaron McClurg earned the Warrior Award. Terrace Park's Bill Pendl was given the Honorary Coaches Award. Campo and Smith were Co-captains.



Could it be the beginning of a dynasty? MHS's Junior Varsity tennis team also finished at the top of the league. JV players include: (front row, from left) Ashley McGraw, Chase Koehler and Jill Gislason; (back row) Christina Ehrnschwender, Molly Smith and Erin Govert. Diane Govert coaches the JV team.

Recycle Your Phone Books

Your old telephone directories can be recycled through November 30 by placing them in your curbside recycling bin or dropping them off at the collection container at the Kroger Store, 800 Main St., Milford.

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TP Welcomes New Neighbor On Wooster Pk.

by Susan Austin

After years of driving down Wooster Pike without much change...it's exciting to see an energetic, new face in Terrace Park. Many residents have noticed changes to the long vacant "little green cottage" at 222 Wooster Pike: first the beautiful window boxes; then the new picket fence; a new stone terrace and stairs; and most recently the "Open Door". It welcomes area pre-schoolers to Green Thumb Workshops at Birch Creek Station, operated by Rhonda Mindrum.

Many residents know Ms. Mindrum, a former resident of Terrace Park. Her obvious love of young children and gardening, coupled with her training in Early Childhood Education make it a super entrance into this alternative pre-school learning experience! A big, friendly scarecrow greets little ones as they enter the cottage, where plenty of fun stuff is going on inside.

Offered as an alternative, not replacement, to a conventional pre-school, Ms. Rhonda will offer fundamental experiences she feels all children love. They relate to nature hikes to "Birch Creek", caring for their own squirrel and bird sanctuaries, worm colonies and a frog pond. Real gardening with real tools includes forcing bulbs, winter growing for the spring planting and preparing their own window boxes.

Morning and afternoon sessions are currently being offered four days a week. They provide fun, safe and welcoming workshops for children to explore, experiment and learn about the thrills of gardening and the natural world around them. Since children will get dirty, work boots are a prerequisite.

Visits to Green Thumb Workshops at Birch Creek Station are encouraged. Please give Rhonda Mindrum a call at 831-2701 for class information. In the near future, watch for after school workshops as well as adult workshops on container gardening.

TP Womans Club Honors Louise Bush

The Terrace Park Womans Club honored the memory of Louise Bush with the purchase of a book on riverboating for the St. Thomas Church Library. Mrs. Bush, who had grown up on the river as the daughter of a river boat captain, lived at the Marjorie P. Lee Home in Hyde Park until her recent death.

Louise and Tom Bush were among the early organizers of the *Village Views*, serving as managing editors from its first issue in 1969 for the next two years. They also served on the paper's editorial board.

Council

Continued from page 1 about all possible alternatives. Metro stressed that they are the operators of the system, that their job is to serve the riding public. It would be impractical and expensive to attempt to rearrange the schedule by eliminating or re-routing.

Keefe mentioned that he and other council members had received many letters and phone calls and that his committee had discussed the situation at length. As a result of all the local input and Metro's stance, he recommended to Council a resolution "authorizing and directing the village to recommend continuation of Metro service through the village of Terrace Park.

Section 1:....Recommends that morning and evening bus service be continued....Section 2:....recommends that daytime bus service be continued...."

The resolution passed unanimously.

St. Thomas Celebrates Advent and Christmas

Terrace Park residents are invited to celebrate the coming seasons with music at St. Thomas Church. On Sunday, Dec. 3, during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services the 40 voice Messiah Choir will sing choruses from Handels' *Messiah*, with the following soloists: sopranos Jennifer Davison and Beth Schatz-Merritt, tenor David Whitesel and bass Stafford Turner.

On Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. in the church, St. Thomas hosts a Christmas Carol Sing, where favorite carols will be sung by all in attendance. Bring your children, friends and neighbors and join in the fun. Light refreshments will be served afterward. Please bring along a child's toy which will be distributed to families served by Inter Parish Ministry.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24 will bring five worship opportunities for you at St. Thomas. Sunday morning services are at 8 and 10 a.m. with child care available at 10. The Junior and Senior Choirs will present the annual Nativity Pageant at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon (child care available). All children are invited to bring a stuffed animal to be blessed at the pageant.

At 8 p.m. the Family Choir will sing special Christmas music (child care available). Amy Dennison-Tansey, flute, and Mark Wells, organ, will play instrumental music before the service.

At 10:30 p.m. the Senior Choir is presenting a Choral Festival, followed by the 11 p.m. service. St. Thomas Music Director Patricia W. Matchette will direct the choirs.

On Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, the birth of Christ will be celebrated at a 10 a.m. service.

The community is cordially invited to all of these events and services.

Students Perform In University Plays

Brandon Snider, son of Terry and Jean Snider of Michigan Ave., appeared in the Coastal Carolina University production of Tennessee Williams *Summer in Smoke*. He played Roger Doremus in the October production.

Leslie Turner, daughter of Linda and Tim Brown of Yale Ave., played Sheila in the November production of *Hair*. Both Turner and Snider are Freshmen at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

TP Welcomes New Families

by Cyndy Finnigan

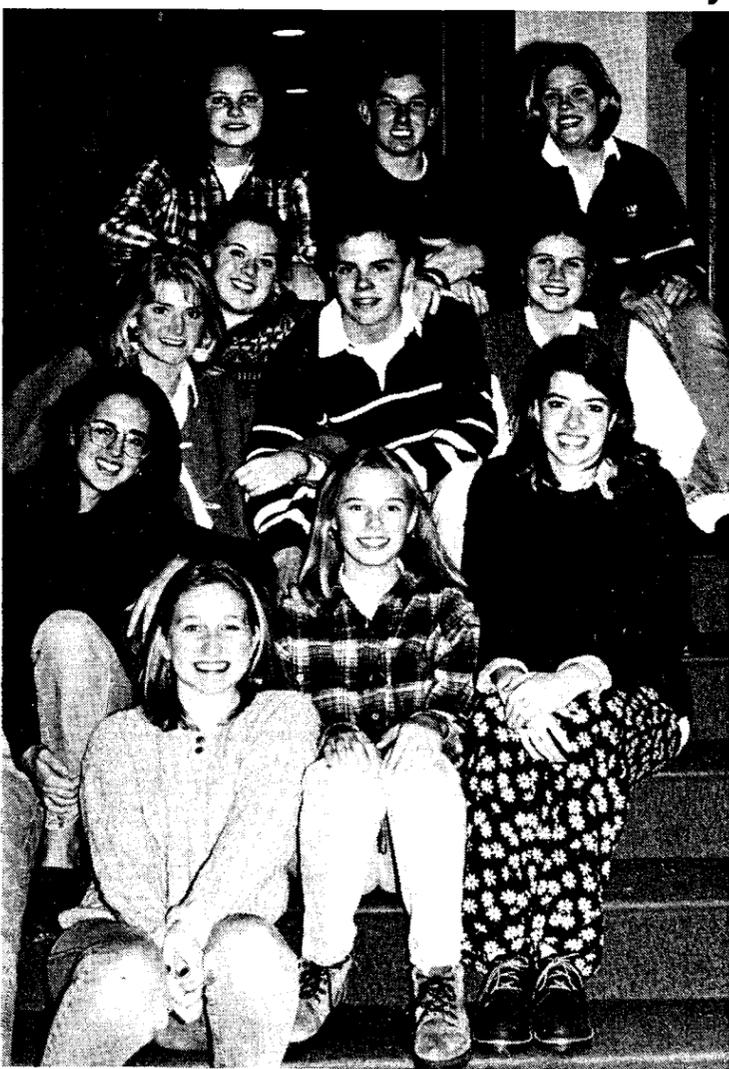
"Seeing one thousand bikes in front of the school" brought back childhood memories to new resident Cindy Gorman. She and husband, Steve, at 812 Lexington, have two young children: Andrew (3) and Benjamin (1 1/2). The Gormans moved here from Milford and prior to that from Southern California.

"We love the diversity and architecture of the homes," claims Cindy. Steve is a speech pathologist at Weinberg Rehabilitation and Cindy's background is in primary education. Both are frequent runners and Steve is currently training for a marathon. From the coast of Northeast England the Suttons have crossed the Atlantic to settle at 728 Miami. Charles works at OKI Bering Welding Distributors and Linda is the new Kindergarten aid at Terrace Park Elementary, a position similar to one she held in England. Their daughter, son-in-law and 16 month old grandson live in Ansonson Township and they have a son in Long Island. "Terrace Park," states Linda, "is like a little bit of England. Everyone has been very kind."

The Reids, temporarily residing at 619 Floral, are building a new home at 827 Douglas. Janet-Allen and David have three children: Ramsey (10), Asia (8) and Jessalyn (5). David grew up in Indian Hill and Janet in Hyde Park. They moved here from Columbia, South Carolina. David is an English professor at Xavier University and Janet has taught elementary school. "We are totally submerged in soccer right now," laughs Janet, "however, I am getting away for a weekend adventure of sea kayaking in South Carolina." One of David's favorite hobbies is also water-related, deep sea diving.

When Isobel Date's mother "rang her up" from England and asked curiously, "Well, what's it like in Terrace Park?" Isobel had to answer, "It's very much like an English village; everybody busy helping and friendly and sort of isolated and peaceful." She and husband Robert, a scientist with Procter and Gamble, and children Laura (11), Alice (8) and Ellie (5) moved to 406 Washington Ave. from Surrey, England. "The outdoor life and freedom here, as well as the attractiveness of the area and good schools, have made it wonderful for us," claims Isobel.

TP Students Perform In MHS Play



Terrace Park residents in the cast and crew of the recent Mariemont High School production of *Father of the Bride* include (from left): Top Row, AFS student Angie Schaller, sophomore Jim Singler, junior Lydia Davis; Middle Row, senior Heather Bollinger, juniors Lauren Graf, sophomore Steve Early, junior Abby Duplace; and Front row, senior Allison Bullock, sophomore Susan Park, junior Sara Safford and sophomore Ryan Wenstrup.



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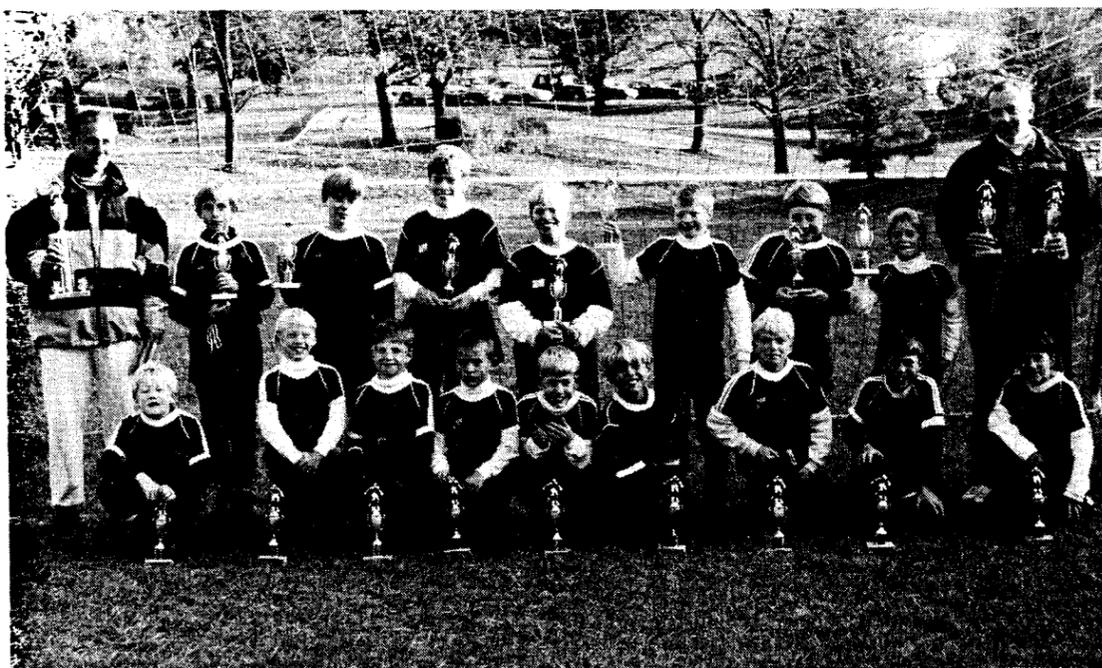
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TP Team Wins Three Tournament Games



The Terrace Park Hawks, coached by Clark Howland, assisted by Bob Brown and John Finnign, finished in second place in the 54- team league in the nine and under division of the youth Soccer Association. The Hawks finished their regular season at 10-2, with seven shut outs. Finishing first in their first three tournament games, The Hawks were defeated by a Madeira team in overtime in the final round of the league championship tournament. Team members include (from left): First Row, Douglas Littlehale, Reed Peterson, John Tobergte, Peter shell, Whitney Howland, Reed Seward, Nick Hader, Kyle Hynden and Colin Burnheimer; Second Row, Patrick Finnigan, Ramsey Reed, Robby Brown, Drake Perry, Michael Morgan, Ben Nickum, John Allen Srofe, Coach John Finnigan. (Not pictured, Coach Bob Brown.)

TP Artist Displays Work in N. Y., Hyde Park

by Ricki Schmidt

Journalistic objectivity and deadlines be dashed! *Village Views* printing was held up so I could share a secret treasure with you. It's Will Hillenbrand, our artist in residence. That he lives with his wife Jane and baby son Ian on Lexington Ave. is not the treasure to be shared. It's that the exhibition and sale of his paintings and drawings created for children's books will be held at Miller Gallery on Hyde Park Square Dec. 1-31 to benefit the Children's Museum of Cincinnati.

Shown here, in both the present (right) and past (an earlier self-portrait below), he is not totally unknown in the area. A Cincinnati native and a 1982 graduate of the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Hillenbrand left a local advertising agency where he was senior art director to illustrate children's books.

Hillenbrand was well prepared for his work in picture book art by his grandmother, whose stories of life on a farm captivated him and his three brothers. His love of storytelling and his visual expression merged in a class he took at The Ohio State University. He received national attention in 1990 when he won a gold medal from the Society of Illustrators for a poster he illustrated for the National Collegiate Rowing Championship.

Since his first picture book, *Traveling to Tondo* by Verna Aarderna,

received national attention in 1991, Hillenbrand has illustrated almost a dozen books. Among his most highly acclaimed books are retold folktales, including *Asher and the Capmakers* by Eric Kimmel, *The King Who Tried to Fry an Egg on His Head* by Mirra Ginsburg, *The Treasure Chest* by Rosalind C. Wang and *Wicked Jack* by Connie Nordhielm Woolridge. He is currently creating artwork for a folktale of the Pacific Northwest.

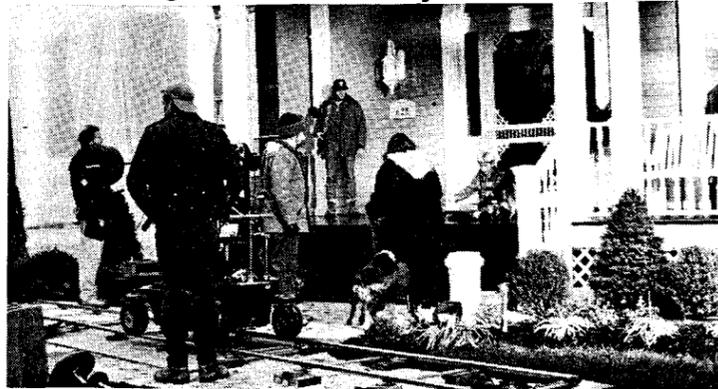
These works are created right here in Terrace Park, in a bright room in the upstairs of his home. My daughter was intrigued by the description of this room: "The shelves are lined with small objects of childhood. There sit, for example several Chinese marionettes, nesting eggs, stuffed toys, a miniature ball bat, a clay turtle. On the walls are small drawings and varied photographs, mostly of children who bear resemblance to some of the characters in Hillenbrand books."

Although his work was selected by the National Illustrators Society to



display in The Original Art '95 exhibit in New York City through November at the Museum of American Illustration, I sense he is more excited by the special free opening at Miller Gallery for children on Sat., Dec. 2 from 1-3 p.m. He will be on hand at the Miller for the official opening of his exhibit on Fri., Dec. 1 from 6-9 p.m. I wager, however, that he'll be enjoying the children's opening more, because he will be storytelling and interacting with the object of his affection and his art.

Bank Recognizes Star Quality of Smith's House



More than 20 people, with five trucks and a catering crew pulled into Terrace Park Nov. 17 to capture the "star" quality of Jack and Barbara Smith's home in a 30 second commercial for Star Bank. Producer Scott Durban said a scout had eyed the Smith's home which will be featured in the bank commercial produced by Kraemer Group of Cincinnati. By 8 a.m. the company had constructed a railroad on the front path to carry the camera and erected a complex lighting system. The Smith's new front porch, finished with intricate gingerbread work, was completed this fall by Brent Hall of Ty-Hall Builders. The commercial will project an accurate picture of Terrace Park as it will also include a blonde boy with a bike and a dog.



Hillenbrand's front cover illustration from the book, *Purr...Children's Book Illustrators Brag About Their Cats*, coming out this spring.



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Part II

Terrace Park Storm Water

Looking at the map of Terrace Park, to the right, it appears that a river runs through it. Some might even think that a river rages through it at times. But it is only a creek, known as Winding Brook that normally meanders down the hill parallel to Indian Hill Rd. It cuts across the Fieldstone Subdivision, through Wagon Rd. and along Wooster Pk., crossing under Route 50 and making its way to the Little Miami River through a 54 inch culvert parallel to the Elm Ave. tunnel under the old railroad tracks.

For years the tunnel was known to carry the overflow of the river when the rains came too fast or too hard. So what's the problem? The problem is that seven homes on Elm Ct. and three homes on Elm La. saw more of Winding Brook than they ever counted on when the creek flowed over its banks and once again travelled through the tunnel.

Spring storms on May 14, 18 and June 1 resulted in flooding in the vicinity of Elm Ct., Elm La. and Elm Ave. Ironically, the cleaning of storm water drains and blockage of another may have exacerbated the flow of heavy storm water June 1, resulting in the extensive Sleepy Hollow (Elm Ct.) flooding. After the May storms the Ohio Department of Transportation had cleared the extensive system of drainage canals (pictures 12 and 13) running parallel to and just north of Wooster Pk. There was nothing holding back the flow of water off Indian Hill until it reached the 54 inch culvert parallel to the Elm Ave. tunnel under the old railroad tracks. A tree trunk was lodged in the culvert impeding the natural flow of the channel. The village of Indian Hill had also cleaned the creek parallel to Indian Hill Rd., which enabled the storm water to move faster into Terrace Park.

If this weren't enough, several of the homes on Elm Ct. had some final details unfinished. J. Carey Fitzpatrick, Inc., which built the seven subdivision homes in 1991-92, is bankrupt and the two unsold lots had been sold back to the creditor Fifth Third Bank. On June 1 there were several openings to crawl spaces which provided water entry to the basements. These have now been completed and there has been no subsequent basement flooding on Elm Ct., not even on Aug. 9 when a record three inches of rain fell in Indian Hill in one hour and fifteen minutes.

The Infamous 54 Inch Culvert

The 54 inch culvert's role in the flooding this spring and summer has not been disputed. In fact it was much discussed before the flooding ever occurred. In correspondence to the village engineer, Savage Walker and Associates, on Nov. 5, 1992, Council member Sally Gilchrist asked about the effects of the subdivision on the creek near the 54 inch culvert. Jim Huitgar of Savage Walker responded on Nov. 9, 1992 by reiterating the conditions Savage, Walker and Assoc. acting as the village engineer, placed on the subdivision. He noted, "The conditions were that the post-development conditions could not adversely affect the pre-development conditions. Therefore, under pre-development conditions, we are permitting a certain amount of runoff from the site to drain to the creek. In regards to the flooding which occurs at the 54 inch culvert at the railroad, we are still permitting flooding to occur at the same frequency as it always has."

So, there has always been some flooding. Has it been made worse by the subdivision? Probably not as the re-routing of much of the drainage off the north side of Wooster Pk., at a cost to Brendamour of \$59,000 is now carried to the west end of the subdivision and no longer enters the creek at the 54 inch culvert. The storm water drain installed by Brendamour parallel to Elm Ave. and crossing under Elm Ct. can actually serve as a holding area for some of the water being carried to the 54 inch culvert under Elm Ave. parallel to Robinwood.

Solutions

Council voted at its September meeting to apply for \$127,200 in Issue II Funds. The village, according to George Kipp received a rating of 38, which in his opinion is not bad. He said communities were notified of their ratings earlier this month and the announcements of endorsements for grants will not be made until after Thanksgiving. Kipp, was, however, hopeful the village would receive the funds for the needed repairs.

As he outlined at the September Council meeting, work on the bridge at Elm Ave. near Robinwood would cost \$65,000, the retaining wall \$15,000 and enlarging the 54 inch culvert would cost \$70,000. If the village receives the grants, it will be responsible for 20% of the costs (\$31,800) and approximately another \$19,000 in engineering costs.

The Village was granted funds under this program in 1991 to repair the Elm Ave. bridge at an estimated cost of \$45,000, with \$36,000 coming from the grant and \$9,000 to be paid by the village. In July, 1991, Council decided to turn down the grant as they were then asking the residents to pass a tax levy and did not feel they could spend \$9,000 for the village's share of the costs. The bridge, which is described by Kipp as in fair to poor condition, was scheduled by the county for replacement in 1999.

Earlier this summer village maintenance workers lowered the level of the shoulder between Elm Ave. and the creek at the entrance to the 54 inch culvert. That basically allows the creek to flow through the tunnel sooner, preventing back up of the creek onto Elm Ct. and Elm La.

Kipp also noted he has obtained permission from C.G.&E. to construct a mound on their property which would help prevent the back flow of the creek into the backyards south of Elm Ct. These improvements had been discussed with residents at three open meetings held, throughout the summer on June 28, July 19 and Sept. 6.

Mayor Randy Casteel has publicly thanked both Sally Gilchrist and George Kipp for their innumerable volunteer hours. Some people, he noted, do not realize the responsibility ultimately rests with council and not the two volunteers who have given so much of their time seeking a solution to the storm water flow.

Elm Lane (Sleepy Hollow Subdivision)

1982: Village acquired 7.8 acres in settlement of suits brought against the village and its council by E. Jack Brendamour after a referendum upset plans for a condominium development. Village paid court costs and paid \$145,000 to Brendamour, who was also granted the right of first refusal on the sale of the property.

Oct., 5, 1991: Council votes to advertise for bids on the property with proceeds to help finance completion of a new maintenance building.

Dec. 10, 1991: Council accepts \$81,500 offer by William P. and Zara Woods and amends sales contract to limit development of the property to seven single family homes. Council agreed to cancel the contract if the Woods could not get a zoning variance to permit four horses to be stabled on the property.

Dec. 16, 1991: Brendamour received notice from the village of 30 days to exercise right of first refusal.

Jan. 13, 1992: Brendamour requests extension of 30 days to exercise right of first refusal.

Jan. 14, 1992: Council granted Brendamour's request with an extension to Feb. 17, 1992.

Feb. 4, 1992: Zoning Board of Appeals grants the Woods a variance to stable four horses.

Apr. 7, 1992: Village signs contract to sell property to Brendamour for \$81,500.

Apr. 18, 1992: Council resolves it may sell property if the closing with Brendamour does not occur by May 21, 1992.

June 17, 1992: Council granted Brendamour a variance requiring sidewalks on only one side of the subdivision and eliminating requirement for curbs and gutters.

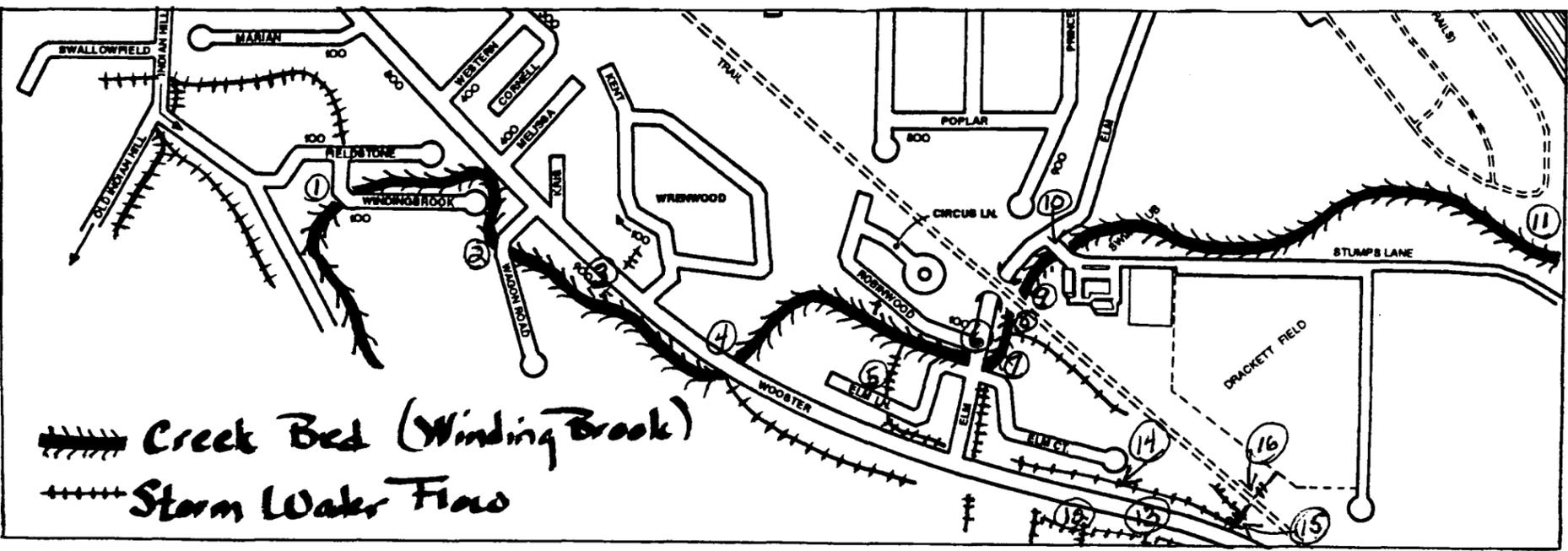
Oct. 30, 1992: Village and Brendamour sign subdivider's contract agreeing to a \$30,000 deposit to insure completion of public improvements.



12. Channels maintained by Ohio Department of Transportation north of Wooster Pk.



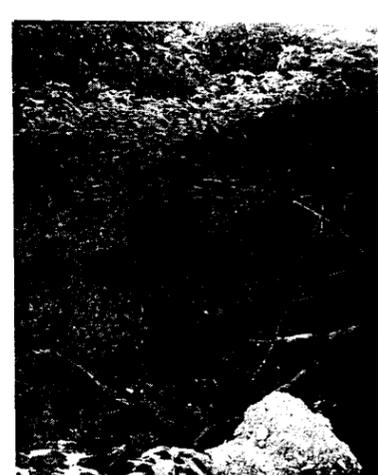
13. Close-up of ODOT channel.



1. Winding Brook under Winding Brook La.



2. Winding Brook under Wagon Road La.



3. Drainage from south side of Wooster emptying into Winding Brook north of Wooster Pk.



4. Wooster Pike Bridge over Winding Brook.



5. Storm water flowing south from Wooster Pk. and under Elm La.



6. Elm Ave. Bridge over Winding Brook north of Robinwood.



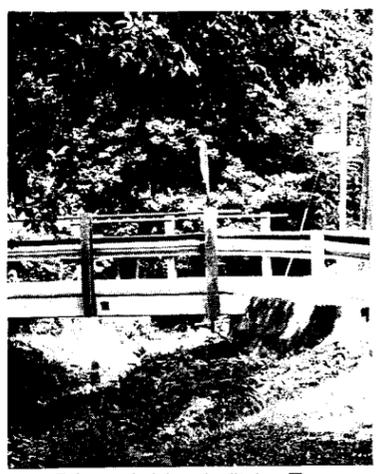
7. Railroad ties and channel parallel to Elm Rd., north of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) tunnel and 54 inch culvert.



8. Channel entering 54 inch culvert. Outlet pipe (to right) enters creek from Elm Ct. detention system.



9. ODNR tunnel and 54 inch culvert south of old railroad bridge.



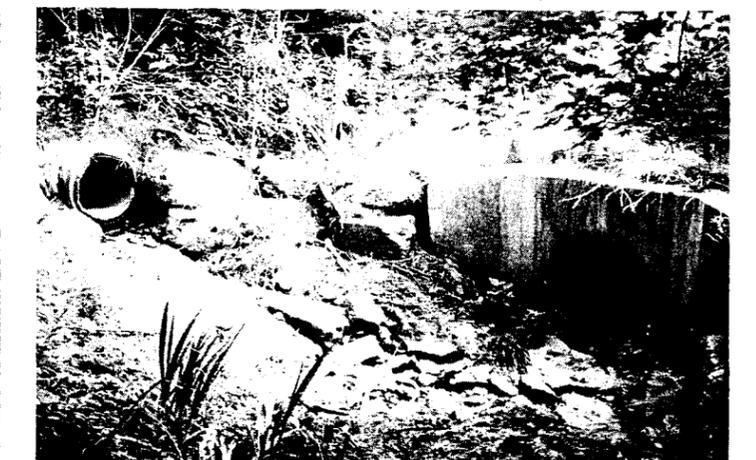
10. Private bridge built by Terrace Park Recreation Committee, TP Swim Club and Stumps Boat Club.



11. Winding Brook empties into Little Miami River.



14. Old drainage system from ODOT channels north of Wooster Pk. Storm water now re-routed to west end of Brendamour subdivision.



15. ODOT drainage north of Wooster Pk. re-routed west on the south side of Wooster Pk.



16. Small, old culvert, draining from north to south under old railroad tracks.

Editor's Note:
 This is the second in a series of articles outlining the water problems in Terrace Park. This issue addresses the storm water converging at the 54 inch culvert at the Elm Road tunnel. Subsequent issues will continue to review the drainage problem at the tunnel and the need to replace four inch water mains throughout the village.

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**Picton, Seik Inducted
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Carol Picton and Matt Seik, both Terrace Park residents when they graduated in 1990, were recently inducted into the Mariemont Warrior Doc Kusel Hall of Fame. Picton was honored for her achievements in tennis and Seik was recognized for his accomplishments in basketball and cross country.

Picton was all-CHL, all city, a state qualifier and Most Valuable Player for four years. She was on The Cincinnati Enquirer and The Cincinnati Post first team all-city teams. She was ranked first by the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association and 13th in doubles and 126th in singles by the United States Tennis Association. She also played tennis for Rollins College in Florida, where she won the Florida State Championship at number three singles. Picton presently teaches first grade at Park Maitland School in Winter Park, Fla.

Seik was all-league, all-city, all southwestern Ohio and all-state in basketball as well as being all-city player of the year his senior year. He was selected to be a member of the North/South Ohio All Star Basketball Team. In cross country he was the league champ for four years. He finished in the top five in the state two out of his four years. Seik now resides in Nashville, Tenn., and works for Great American Insurance.

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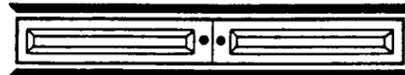
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