



Happy Holidays
from the
Village Views



Congressman Portman Addresses Mariemont Seniors

By Ryan Wenstrup, MHS Student Correspondent

On Thursday, December 4, local congressman, the Honorable Rob Portman, spoke to the senior class at Mariemont High School. Congressman Portman discussed his duties as an elected official, aspects of the Second district, and current issues. Mr. Portman involved every student through a role playing example of a bill becoming a law. Terrace Park residents Suzanne Jones, Jim Singler, and Taylor Heilbronner portrayed various participants in the process. Congressman Portman also addressed how to get into politics, and the duties involved in interning for a congressman and being a congressional page. The congressman went into detail on the issues dealing with the IRS, and Social Securities, issues that he deals with on the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Portman concluded his talk by encouraging all of the students to be involved in their government, whether through voting or helping with a political campaign.

From the Board Village Views Staffing Update

Thanks to all who have said "Yes" to becoming part of Village Views. The response has been terrific, but we still have one important job to fill — Managing Editor. The Managing Editor is responsible for planning and assigning stories, and then editing the copy for clarity and length. While the title may be overwhelming, the new structure of the paper means that many tasks formerly handled by the Editor are now covered by other volunteers: Our Features Coordinator takes care of all club and organization news; we have a growing staff of writers; and photography, layout, and distribution are also covered by others. While the Board has acted as Managing Editor for November and December, it is essential that the position be filled for us to continue publishing *Village Views*.

On another note, many people have commented on the enhanced legibility of the type and graphics in the November issue. This is one of the advantages of designing the layout of the paper on a computer. Another advantage of the computer is speed. As free time becomes increasingly scarce, a shorter production period makes it easier on everyone. One disadvantage of the computer, however, is that it means an end to certain tasks that were done by hand — particularly the paste-up of each article and ad. For years, this task was ably handled by Jane Peterson. As we move into the digital age, the Board would like to thank Jane for her many years of work.

December Council Report

by Katy Wood

At its December 9 meeting, Council quickly covered business that included adoption of a new investment policy. As reported by Treasurer, Al Roberts, House Bill 81 requires that municipalities file an investment policy with the state if investing in other than STAR Ohio (State Treasurer Asset Reserve) fund. While Terrace Park has previously invested in STAR Ohio, the new policy allows a wider range of investment options.

Police Chief Bob Bacon explained the disappearance of the big green "Terrace Park" sign at the western city limit on Wooster Pike. It was demolished by a driver, later charged with DUI, who was apprehended by Terrace Park Police on Wrenwood Lane, allegedly attempting to leave the scene. Chief Bacon added that the State of Ohio will replace the sign only after formal acceptance of their speed limit study of Terrace Park, completed early in 1997, and that Council may need to pass a resolution accepting the study at a subsequent meeting.

In regard to street issues, Chief Bacon reported that 160 loads of leaves were picked up this fall season, exceeding the average 140 loads.

Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Dan Keefe announced a special meeting to be held December 15 at the Community Building, regarding the zoning code regulating telecommunication systems. A public reading of the new code will begin at 6:45 P.M. followed by a special council meeting at 7:30. Keefe also sought and received approval for funds to cover a \$1,395.00 cost overrun necessary to complete construction of the new culvert, as well as a field survey for the new Porter subdivision on Wooster Pike.

The need for funds was also discussed by Julie Rugh, Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Rugh has been working on a project to upgrade the lighting of the Community Building. The current, decorative chandeliers and sconces will be maintained, but do not provide adequate lighting for reading during meetings or EMS training and testing. Based upon a lighting design and three bids already submitted, Council agreed to authorize a lighting upgrade and a fourth bid addressing the lighting requirements determined to be most appropriate by Rugh and Building Official, Tim Harth. Additionally, a resolution was passed to replace office furniture in the police station, and Council discussed how they might resolve chipping and other problems with the Community Building floor, installed, apparently improperly, approximately one and a half years ago.

Rules and Law Chairperson, John Finnigan, reported receiving notification from Time Warner Cable that charges would increase in the new year, representing an approximate ten to fifteen percent increase for the average customer.

Mayor Jennifer Comfort announced the appointments of Ken Burkman to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Mogie Harrison and Rich Uhle to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The meeting was punctuated by the Mayor's acknowledgment of Mr. Rusty Wilson's 14 years of service on Council. It was Mr. Wilson's last meeting as Council member.



Operation Santa Clause - Bob Merry, TP P.O. and David Lewis, Scoutmaster of Troop 286. In the spirit of Christmas Troop 286 coordinated the solicitation, wrapping, sorting, and labeling the gifts.

Rusty Wilson Retires

By Noel Julnes Dehner

At the December Council meeting, Rusty Wilson completed 14 years of service as a Council member. He graciously granted a *Village Views* request for an Aexit interview. @

What led you to Village Council?

In 1983, there was a vacancy, and Rich Gilchrist asked me to toss my name into the hat. I interviewed for the job, and was asked to serve on Council. I remember that one of the first issues I worked on was re-doing the phone system.

What inspired you to continue on Council?

I wanted to give back to the Community which has been good to me. Also, I had the chance to be head of the Safety Committee. These employees and volunteers are the biggest part of our village budget. It is important to keep things going smoothly—giving financial support and showing appreciation. Connie has been on the Life Squad, and we know what it is like to get up at 3 a.m. to go help someone. Terrace Park is unique in having a volunteer fire department and life squad. Elderly people are extremely comfortable to see someone they know arrive to help them.

What are the challenges of a village government, including Terrace Park?

One challenge is the lack of volunteers. Now, both household persons have to work or have other demands on their time. In Terrace Park, we have it pretty good. It is calm, peaceful. We have tax support, community leaders and volunteers. Our challenge is maintaining this. For example, the Life Squad needs six new people a year just to maintain what we have. We don't have six new members—we need four more recruits. Without a volunteer life squad, we will lose the personal touch and we will pay more for this service.

Parting words of wisdom?

It has been fun!

Home Security Safety Tips

by Doug Sowders, Crime Prevention Officer, TP Police

Think for a moment about what your home contains. Quite probably, it houses almost everything you value, both sentimentally and financially. Every year, thousands of homes like yours are broken into by thieves looking for "portable" possessions such as jewelry, camera, firearms, and cash. Seldom do they assess the value of their haul at the time of theft. Rather, they take what looks expensive.

Both amateur and professional burglars look for the same thing — quick and unnoticed entry into your residence. First is the opportunity — an open, unlocked or poorly secured point of entry. Second is darkness, or some form of cover. Take a stroll around your house. Although there isn't a way to completely burglar-proof a residence, a modest investment in a security system may be well worth the cost. Solid doors, locks, and timers can be easily self-installed, and will stop the vast majority of thieves. The Terrace Park Police Department also offers security surveys. If you are interested in this service, please contact the department at 831-2137. The Terrace Park Police would like to take this opportunity to you wish Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to bring to your attention the extraordinary support provided by our police and community. After dinner one night recently, I received a frantic call from my sister-in-law (fellow TP resident) when her 4-year-old wandered away from home. Fortunately, the child was found unharmed.

Sergeant Tim Chin of the Terrace Park PD responded quickly, mobilizing other area police departments to assist in the rescue, including contacting a K-9 unit and a helicopter. The local Boy Scout Chapter, camping at the Log Cabin, quickly assembled a search party with flashlights to scour the bike trail. While I was looking for the child, I encountered five or six people out walking. When I told them of the problem, each was genuinely concerned and offered to help.

As a ten-year resident of Terrace Park, this is the kind of exceptional community effort that exemplifies why people want to live here. And with recent discussions about the need for additional officers at night, this is *exactly* the kind of effort that reinforces the excellence of our PD and the continuing reason they deserve our support.

I want everyone to know how grateful I am to those that helped and how proud I was to be part of this community.

Sincerely,

Peter N. Dayton II
129 Winding Brook

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

While we believe the Police Department has a difficult job and deserves our support, we strongly disagree that there is a need for a sixth police officer. We'd also like to respond to Auxiliary Officer Frank Bitzer's letter in last month's *Village Views*.

First, the Auxiliary Officer confirms our perception that our five-man department has two executive officers. It is hard to believe the necessity for two people to supervise three other full time officers.

Second, and contrary to the letter, our Village Council should receive most of the credit for stretching Police funds. For obvious reasons, our elected Council members determine the allocation of tax monies. For example, last year the Chief wanted to replace the Ford Explorer provided to him by the Villager. Council appropriately said no. And Council has not approved the additional officer requested by the Chief. Instead of accepting Council's decision, the Chief responded to both the print and televised media. Mr. Bitzer's idea that the Chief should get anything he wants is wrong.

Third, former Police Chief Pottorf, who taught at Great Oaks Police Academy, started our Auxiliary Police Officer group in Terrace Park. This group of dedicated people has to maintain their accreditation while searching for full time police work. The Village helps them with training and part time work—a good deal for everyone.

Fourth, the young Auxiliary Officer suggested that Mr. Overway was not qualified to judge the Police Department. In fact, Mr. Overway has served four years on Council, two years as Vice Mayor, as well as four years as Mayor. The Mayor is directly responsible for police performance.

Fifth, Mr. Bitzer stated that the majority of property crimes in the country are unsolved, but that is not the history in Terrace Park. Unsolved property crime is quite a recent phenomenon in our Village.

Finally, we feel qualified to write this letter as we have combined service of twelve years on Council and understand the history of our Village.

Sincerely,
Sally and Rich Gilchrist

Year Long Investigation Ends

by Katy Woods

Anthony Burnam of 210 Rugby Ave. was scheduled to attend a probation hearing December 10 in Clermont County Court of Common Pleas following his arrest on drug charges in Terrace Park.

According to Lt. Gerry Hayhow of Terrace Park Police, Mr. Burnam moved to Terrace Park following a conviction on a drug charge, with a probationary sentence. After notification by the Clermont County narcotics unit, the Terrace Park Police Department, in conjunction with the Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit, began a year long investigation that culminated in an arrest on October 28. Felony and misdemeanor charges involved alleged possession of a small amount of morphine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lt. Hayhow pointed out that the case was especially sensitive given the presence of Mr. Burnam's young school age child. "The officers were intent on making the arrest when the child was in school," noted Lt. Hayhow.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This weekend, I had the privilege of working with Boy Scout Troop 286 on Operation Santa Clause. I was thrilled to see the number of donations by Park residents toward this wonderful project, and the hours put in by the Scouts wrapping, sorting and labeling them. I would like to thank the residents of the village for making this project a success, all of you who participated have made really made Christmas brighter for someone. Hopefully we'll be able to get a turnout as good or better than this year's.

Again, Thank you all.

Bryan Randolph
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Correction

Apologies to Tim Harth, whose name was misspelled in his NOV. letter to the editor regarding vandalism at the Log Cabin.

PTO Plans After-Prom Extravaganza

By Diane Govert

The Mariemont High School PTO is planning an after-prom event for junior and senior students and their guests, to be held during the early morning hours of April 25, between 1:00-5:00 AM. The Mariemont Community Church has graciously volunteered use of the Parish Center for this all-new event. Planners promise that the evening will be filled with non-stop activities and entertainment guaranteed to keep eyes open and spirits awake, and are looking to the community for additional support.

Parents (of children of any age) and local business owners are asked to volunteer their ideas and talents to ensure that the 1998 After-Prom Extravaganza is a sleepless and fun-filled night for all, and the beginning of a new Mariemont High School tradition. To help, please call Judy Deeter, 831-5120; Diane Govert, 248-1248; Peggy Landes, 561-5586; or Janet Sarran, 831-5221.

Rusty Wilson says Thanks!

To all the current members of the Emergency Medical Service and Fire Departments who volunteer their time and efforts to make Terrace Park a safer place to live — **you have truly made a difference. THANK YOU !!**

Rusty Wilson

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My Point of View—

by Diane Fisher Ph.D.

It is during the season of spirit and light that I begin this column...Christmas for many of us, but a time of tradition, ritual, family and thanksgiving for most of us. There are many community issues and viewpoints to discuss, perspectives that offer thought and perhaps provoke. But for this month, it seems the lights outside my window are enough. There is a wonderful quote that seems perfect for this month, "Gloom we have always with us, a rank and sturdy weed, but joy requires tending.." (Barbara Holland, 1995). We are new here, as many of you know, recent transplants from Washington D.C., and perhaps because of that, able to see with new and different eyes the wonderful, rare community we have become part of. We are astounded by the sheer intimacy of this place, the arms that have enfolded our children, the joy of feeling we have arrived in a small town, a real village...in spirit as well as geography.

There are such joys to be had during this quick month between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We floated through the stunning Evensong given by the St. Thomas choir of men and boys...the brilliant director, the stunning music, the beauty of the small sanctuary...these were precious indeed. But more of a gift was to see these boy's faces...mouths wide with song, unguarded, unself-conscious, open to the experience of the music itself. Carried away. So rare nowadays. On Thanksgiving afternoon, our street was full of families on a post-prandial stroll; children, old folks, wagons, dogs...what a gift when so many of us have lived in transient communities. Where people gather for the holidays is indeed home. The Terrace Park school brimful of grandparents and smiling Moms and Dads the day before Thanksgiving, and of course the packed Skyline chili parlor that followed, a special lunch out with the school children. Such simple things I suppose and yet full of such shared caring for our families. The tentative beginning of Christmas lights around the neighborhood and then more and more...I am always struck by the sheer generosity of lights, the outreaching they represent, the what-the-heck impracticality, the sharing of the warmth within with everyone who walks by. And Terrace Park is aglow with lights!

What can be said about a community where Santa Claus alights from a fire truck and speaks to children by name? A community where big kids keep a respectful (and silent) distance (unless they are holding siblings), while little ones surround Santa as he slowly and gently makes his way toward the gazebo. Is there a price tag for the devotion of the driver delivering Santa to the green? The whimsy of the carolers? The quiet grandness of the town tree every evening? Such a message to children...that people care, that things are OK, life is good, they belong. Do we imagine for a minute that most children are gifted in such a way?

Talking with a friend recently about the ups and downs of settling into a new community, I commented on one bonus that has been delightfully unexpected. I see children waving at Chief Bacon, waving and smiling at other adults. When I speak to the children here, they look me in the eye. There is little of the wariness or indifference I had become so used to. When I'm trying to track down my boys, the crossing guards know which way they went. When cars cruise by, children do not become immediately apprehensive and ready to bolt. Adults know and respect children enough to have high expectations of behavior...on the sports field and in the school. Certainly higher expectations than we experienced in affluent sections of our nation's capital. Few children seem constantly appeased, few seem chaotic and barely contained. Children are publicly and unabashedly connected to their parents. It took my children a few days to recover from their amazement that children (even big kids) really do go home for lunch, and that it is an OK thing to do. Do we take this for granted here? Good.

I often miss living in an international city such as Washington, the buzz, the constant exposure to new things-new beliefs-new ways of thinking. The price of course comes in terms of fragmented community, carefulness and acquiring the skill of functioning in a world full of (mostly) strangers. We all make choices, and like many, mine focus mainly on the happiness of my children. And what a place this is for them! Children still "drop in" around here, all is not play dates. Sports games are played at familiar neighborhood schools (instead of driving on congested roads fumbling with a map). Forts and pick up games and hanging out on the green are still common. When one of my sons forgot his bike at the school for the entire weekend, it was still there on Monday. When one child couldn't find the other at their traditional after-school meeting place, I received a spontaneous call from a 2nd grade friend to let me know. These children have learned the essence of community.

Many of us feel quieted by the fact that most families and children, even here in Cincinnati, are less fortunate. Don't you agree that philanthropy comes from a full heart, a vision of a good world for all children begins with living it ourselves? In that way, Terrace Park is a place that instills hope, at least in this East-Coast wizened heart. In following columns, I hope to bring thoughts about the little everyday joys that surround us here in Terrace Park, even as later controversies and discussions demand attention. I am honored, as a newcomer, to have such a chance. Joy needs tending, remember. If only we could keep our disagreements in the context of our blessings, what a New Year we would have.

Is everything perfect? Of course not. I am not so new that I have not realized the pettiness, exclusions, interecine quarrels and ordinary close-mindedness that exists here as much as anywhere. There are all of life's trials and failures to contend with...failed jobs, marriages, health. But isn't that why we light the lights? Not to deny the darkness, but to shine through it. To "proclaim" a truth that lasts despite it all? That is my Merry Christmas, my touchstone on our first Christmas here. May you also find the moments when the spirit descends upon your house. Happy, happy holidays.

Diane Fisher recently moved to Terrace Park from the Washington D.C. area. She is a writer, psychologist and mother of three.

Note: The **My Point of View** column is devoted to guest commentaries. Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words.



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Mary Annett, the newest honorary member, joins Garden Club president Lanie Grever.

TP Garden Club Welcomes Newest Honorary Member

by Terre Voegeli

A highlight of the Garden Club's Christmas luncheon was the initiation of Mary Annett as an honorary member. It takes 25 years of membership to become an honorary member. Other members of this elite group include Ginny Alter, Rita Lemin, Effie Miller and Ellis Rawnsley.

Moving into next year's events, January's guest is speaker is Martha Smith whose topic is "Perennials with the Longest Bloom and the Least Care". Any resident is welcome to join us, just give Terre Voegeli a call at 576-1394 to RSVP. The Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Building.



Honorary members of the Garden Club are Ginny Alter (left) and Effie Miller (right) welcome Mary Annett.

Girl Scouts Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts in grades 2-6 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at \$2.50 a box from January 10 - January 25th 1998. The same flavors from last year will be offered. Proceeds from cookie sales benefit local as well as national troops.

TP Police Assist Teen Response Program

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Moments after victory! First Row from left: Panny Cowan, Julie McCormack. Second Row: Anne McCormack, Katie Morgan, Lynley Chapman, Sarah Sattergren.

Fourth Grade Girls Win

By Paul Pendery

In one of the more exciting basketball games this school year, a fourth grade girls team from Terrace Park beat Sycamore in a triple overtime game at the Mariemont Elementary School gym.

Coached by Wes Cowan and Jeffrey Chapman, the team of Panny Cowan, Katie Morgan, Lynley Chapman, Sarah Sattergren, Julie McCormack, and Annie McCormack never gave up despite falling behind by a score of 0-6. Terrace Park rallied to tie the game at 10 - 10 before heading into overtime.

No points were scored in the first two overtime periods when the two teams headed into the third and, ultimately, final overtime. Sycamore scored first, making one of two foul shots. Down by one, the Terrace Park team won the game on a shot by Sarah Sattergren with less than a minute to go. The Terrace Park team held on for the win in what was truly a great contest!

Nearly 200 Terrace Park youth are playing on 23 teams in the Recreation Commission's basketball program this winter. All 4th through 6th graders will participate in the Mariemont Tournament, conducted over three weekends starting January 10th.

Second and 3rd grade players are in the Metro League's Bantam Division. This division is still considered instructional, explained Commissioner Dave Troller, which means that no scores are reported and all participants must see equal playing time.

Note to readers: Got a recent sports moment to share? A personal best in swimming? A basketball team triumph or even an illuminating defeat? Perhaps a pet peeve or a solid suggestion? Call our Sports Editor, Paul Pendery, at 831-8502, or better yet, e-mail him with your story, ppendery@fuse.net.



Above: Bette Griffith stands in her garden with Stan Thomson and one of his sculptures.

Right: Stan Thomson's impressive ten foot cross sculpture which is located in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Stan Thomson's Sculpture Graces Spring Grove Cemetery

Stan Thomson's most recent sculpture, the ten foot cross seen here, now graces the Spring Grove Cemetery. The stainless steel cross, which features a five foot wreath, was installed on his family plot August 5, in memory of his first wife Jane, who passed away five years ago.

Many of Thomson's sculpture can be seen closer to home. His work crowns the Gazebo on the Village Green, stands guard in front of Tencom on Wooster Pike and catches the sun in the garden of Bette and Alan Griffith on Elm Ave. Griffith, seen here with Thomson and his sculpture, remembers buying it for her husband for their wedding anniversary; she's just not quite sure which one.

Beginning with watercolors as a student in New Hampshire, Thomson became a full time artist in 1985, after retiring from R.A. Jones and Co., Inc. where he had been director of sales for the United States, Canada and Mexico since 1957.

He has had several local one-man exhibitions, including the Cincinnati Art Museum, as well as shows in Indianapolis and Richmond Indiana. Major works by Thomson can be seen at the Dayton International Airport and the library in Brookville, Ohio. He also designed and fabricated stainless steel sculptures for churches, gardens and businesses.

A long time resident of Terrace Park, he lives with his wife Jackie on Douglas Ave.

Christmas Trees Recycled in TP

Christmas trees will be recycled again this year. They will be collected on the regular brush collection days, Mondays or Tuesdays. Strip the trees of all ornaments and tinsel. The trees will be chipped later for compost. The compost is available to TP residents in the Environmental Services area.



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Mariemont High School Alumni Directories

by Julia Mace Smart, MHS

Need a gift idea for the holidays? Why not treat your favorite Mariemont High School alums to an alumni directory? The directory will feature class lists, addresses, historical text and photos. The history of the former Terrace Park High School will also be included.

Research for the Mariemont High School Alumni Directory has been progressing successfully. If you would like to provide your alumni information, would like to order a directory or finish payment on a directory you have already reserved, call the Alumni Directory Office at 1-800-925-8664. A portion of all sales will go to the Mariemont School Foundation. The Foundation benefits all the schools in the Mariemont City School District.

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National Honor Society Inductees

by Julia Mace Smart, MHS

The following Mariemont High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society November 5. The students were chosen based on their leadership skills, character and academic standing. The students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

Seniors: Courtney Merten, James Singler

Juniors: Matt Deepe, Jill Gislason, Erin Govert, Forrest Kennedy, Jeffrey Krueger, Shannon Luhn, Leah Ross, Leslie Swensson, Amy Voegeli.

Mariemont High School First Quarter Honor/Merit Roll Honor Roll- 4.00 or Higher GPA

Grade 9: Matthew Amis, Amanda Hartman, Christopher Mealy, Joel Moyer, Jeremy Schubert, Katherine Woolsey

Grade 10: Sarah Borchers, Ted Borden, Michael Carle, Chris Clukey, Lindsay Donnelly, Ian Frank, Kristen Kirby, Cody Rogowski, Alison Wenstrup

Grade 11: Shannon Callaghan, John Deepe, Jill Gislason, Shannon Luhn, Katherine Porter, Amy Voegeli

Grade 12: Christina Ehrnschwender, Suzanne Jones, Courtney Merten, Susan Park, Bethany Peeples, Daniel Startzman, Ryan Wenstrup

Merit Roll- 3.2-3.9 GPA

Grade 9: Carlton Albrecht, Joseph Barnes, Adam Bellamah, Kyle Dediemar, Jennifer Dicker, Jonathan Drackett, Mark Evans, Jessica Read, Chelsey Robinson, David Startzman

Grade 10: Brian Ballinger, Rebecca Bollinger, Magaret Duplace, Lauren Fox, Lindsey Guy, Erika Howland, Jessica Klekamp, Michael McCarthy, Sally Mitchell, Tim Nisonger, Elizabeth Parker, Anna Proctor, Zachary Shimp

Grade 11: Sarah Crosby, Michael Dever, Amanda Forbes, Erin Govert, Chase Koehler, Jeffrey Krueger, Leslie Lakamp, Katie Moorhead, Catherine Picton, Lisa Sarran, Joel Shimp, Molly Smith, Leslie Swensson

Grade 12: David Allan, John Allan, Sam Bullock, Josh Deeter, Taylor Heilbronner, Sarah Kacher, Adam Merten, Jim Singler, Dustin Treftz

CHL Academic Patch Recipients

The following students are recipients of the Cincinnati Hills League Academic Patch for achieving a 3.25 GPA or higher during the fall grading period and earning a varsity letter.

Cheerleaders - Shannon Luhn, Samantha Bullock, Susan Park, Bethany Peeples, Leslie Swensson

Football - Michael Dever, John Allan, Zach Shimp, Taylor Heilbronner, Dan Startzman

Boys Soccer - Joel Moyer

Golf - David Allan, Dustin Treftz, Matt Amis

Tennis - Shannon Callaghan, Chase Koehler, Molly Smith, Jill Gislason, Erin Govert, Ashley McGraw

Volleyball - Amanda Forbes

Girls Soccer - Courtney Merten, Katie Porter, Lisa Sarran, Erika Howland, Liz Parker, Lindsay Donnelly

Mariemont High School Fall Sports Awards

by Julia Mace Smart, MHS

Girls Tennis

MVP- Shannon
Most Improved - A. McGraw
Warrior - Chase Koehler
Captain - Elizabeth Steinau

Varsity Cheerleaders

Tri-Captains
Bethany Peeples
Nicole Puterbaugh
Sarah Schad
CHL All League Cheerleader
Bethany Peeples

Boys Soccer

MVP - Nick Spell
Warrior - Kyle Newton
Most Improved - Allen Jones
Best Defense - Tyler Monzel
Best Offense - Nick Spell
Best Midfield - Paul Norris
Captain - Kyle Newton

Girls Soccer

Offensive Player of the Year
Katie Porter
Defensive Player of the Year
Sarah Kacher
Midfielder of the Year
Cori Keefe
MVP - April Lang
Warrior - Stacey Chilton
Rookie Award - Sarah Birkett
Coaches Award - C. Merten
Captains - A. Lang & K. Porter

Volleyball

MVP - Sarah Crosby
Warrior - Rachael Van Loveren
Best Offense - Ashley Will
Best Defense - Sarah Crosby
Most Improved - A. Friedman
Hustle Award - Beth Wessel
Captains
S. Crosby & R. Van Loveren

Golf

MVP - David Allan
Warrior - Dustin Treftz
Most Improved - Matt Bourgeois
Sportsmanship - Steve Ressler

Cross Country

MVP - Becca Vianello
Warrior - Sarah Black
Most Improved - J. Mackey
Top Post Season Runner
Becca Vianello
Captains
B. Vianello & C. Wood

Football

Best Offensive Lineman
Dan Startzman
Best Offensive Back - J. Deeter
Best Receiver - Mac Murdock
Best Special Teams Player
Conrad Hindert
Best Defensive Lineman
Eric Shaner
Best Defensive Back
Mac Murdock
Best Linebacker - John Allan
Most Improved - Adam Merten
Warrior - John Allan
MVP - Josh Deeter
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Above and right: Hundreds of happy faces abounded Saturday, December 13th at St. Thomas Nursey School's annual "Cookie with Santa" event. Youngsters watch in awe as Santa performs his magic show, complete with a trained rabbit this year!

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A Message from Indian Hill Water Works

By Ricki Schmidt

The Indian Hill Water Works would like to extend their appreciation to their customers who have endured brief water outages and muddy yards due to water main breaks and service leaks in 1997. Your patience and understanding has been well appreciated by the employees of the Water Works. The Water Works employees take seriously their responsibility to provide their customers with safe, continuous water service. It is gratifying to know that the customers understand that the repair of leaks can be time consuming but that the effort will always be made to restore service as quickly as possible.

Restorations are not always made immediately following the repair because of the time that it takes for nature to run its course. It can take four to six weeks for the ground to settle naturally so that the area can be restored on time without repeated inconveniences to the customers. Customers who wish to inquire as to the status of a leak or subsequent restoration are urged to contact Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent, at 576-8460. A leak can be reported by contacting the business office at 561-6679 from 8:00AM to 5:00 PM, or by calling the Indian Hill Rangers at 561-7000 during non-business hours.

St. Thomas Church Invites You to Celebrate Our Lord's Birth with Us

December 21, 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8 am - Holy Communion, Sermon, Music
- 9:15 - Children's Christmas Pageant*
- 11 am - Holy Communion, Sermon, Choir*
- 4 pm - Lessons & Carols, Men & Boys Choir*

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4 pm - Children's Creche Filling*
- 8 pm - Holy Communion, Sermon and Choir*
- 11 pm - Holy Communion, Sermon and Choir*

December 25, Christmas Day

- 10 am - Holy Communion, Sermon and Music

December 28, First Sunday after Christmas

- 8 am - Holy Communion, Sermon and Music
- 10 am - Holy Communion, Sermon and Choir* (No Church School)



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Season's Greetings



Above: Brian and Sarah Austin enjoy a quiet moment looking through a few of their favorite books at this year's 1997 PTA Book Fair held earlier this month.



Above: Young TP resident Aaron Rount takes in a mouthful of fun with Mom, Janie, at this year's "Cookies with Santa" event. Sponsored annually by St. Thomas Nursery School, the festivities include crafts, magic and pictures with Santa.



Above: Scoutmaster, David Lewis, Troop 286 has fun with scouts Chris Hogue, center, and Grady Randolph during the Operation Santa Clause event.

CAR SEATS ON LOAN

By Camilla Warrick

Terrace Park Police are going to unusual lengths to make sure that pre-school age children won't ride in a car without a car seat. They're prepared to lend a hand in just about any situation. Suppose you're a grandparent with little ones coming to visit over the holidays. You won't need to buy a car seat or ask your children to bring one on the plane. Just call the police department and they'll let you borrow one of their new, top of the line Century seats, which were donated by local Kiwanians.

Suppose you're a parent and your spouse took off in the car with the car seats. You won't need to risk your child's safety while making a trip to the grocery store. Again, try local police first. Lt. Jerry Hayhow has been sharing his tiny office with stacks of these new seats. But nobody seems to think that's strange. Perhaps that's because the T.P. department has maintained a stash of car seats for years. They are given, temporarily, to drivers who are pulled over in cars with small children but no protective seats. When the driver returns with proof of purchase and the borrowed seat, the case is quickly resolved.

New Years Day (Indoor) Soccer

There are a few spots left open for Family and Adult soccer on New Years Day at the Arena in Milford. The cost is \$2 per person per hour. Children and parents are urged to enter the 3 P.M. game or the 4 P.M. games. There is an adult game at 5 P.M.

To reserve slots via the web, try <http://w3.one.net/~warby>. Or you can email warby@one.net or call Paul Gibby 248-4158.

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