

February Council Meeting

by Katy Wood

At the Village council meeting on February 10, Council adopted an amendment to an already existing ordinance, fulfilling the Mayor's request for a Police Chief job description. The amendment was adopted following a special meeting of the Public Safety Committee on February 3, heavily attended by council members, where the issues regarding the job description were thoroughly discussed. (For more information, see article below).

Council time was also devoted to an explanation by Tim Harth, Building and Aerobic System Inspector, regarding a threat to the current use of drywell systems. Presently drywells are written out of the Hamilton County Board of Health code, resulting in the requirement of variance permits in order to install new systems. Mr Tim Ingram of the Hamilton County board informed Mr Harth that the state, based upon the EPA's concern about water safety, also intends to have drywells written out of their code. This might result in more stringent regulations regarding the installation and repair of drywells. Mr. Ingram also alluded to possible solutions for addressing Terrace Park's dilemma - most yards in the village do not have the space for other kinds of septic systems. An average of 8-10 new drywell systems and 20-30 repair variances are requested per year. Council agreed to have representatives from the Hamilton County Board of Health address Council regarding these issues.

Other police related activity included the swearing in of a new auxiliary officer, Joshua Phillips, increasing the auxiliary police staff to 7, and authorization to purchase a new police cruiser, replacing a vehicle bought in 1994. Chief Bacon reported that Officers Sowders and Winders have attended "street survival" training, while Officer Chin has provided "close quarters confrontation" training for all village police.

Fire Chief Glassmeyer has responded to a resident's complaint regarding "warming fires" at two construction sites, with respective contractors agreeing to cooperate with regulations.

Steven Holmes reported that 23 trees have been identified by the village for removal, and that CG&E will remove 11 trees at no cost. He also announced that The TP Garden Club will donate a new electric stove to the Community Building, capping the current gas line.

Dan Keefe has arranged to have Council minutes on Terrace Park's web page.

Finally, in executive session, Council voted to release the Brendamour subdivision retainage funds. As a result of this action, the subdivision street can be dedicated, allowing for village services such as snow removal.

Police Issues Resolved by Council

by Katy Wood

Village Council completed the process of writing a job description for Chief of Police of Terrace Park at their February meeting. Council agreed to amend the ordinance which defines the role of Chief of Police in general terms. The adopted amendment refers to a list of tasks to be provided by Council, intended to assist the Chief with understanding what is expected by the community. This list includes tasks traditional to most police departments, as well as responsibilities considered of particular importance to Terrace Park. Councilman John Finnigan explained that, as opposed to a defined job description, this amendment allows for continuing flexibility as changes in community needs arise in the future.

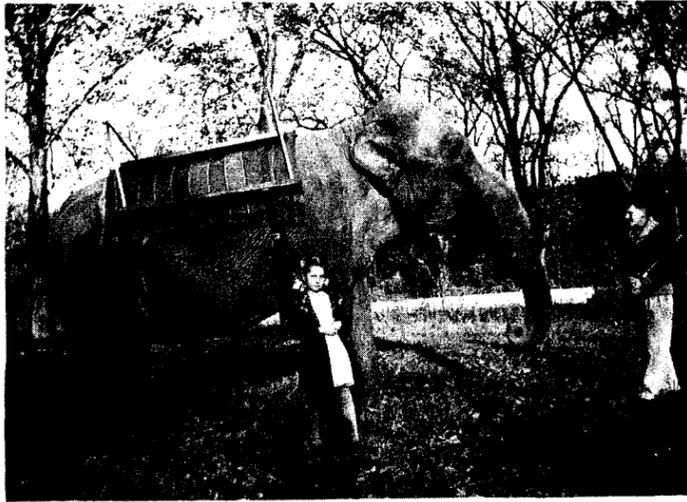
Following their decision regarding this issue, Council quickly moved to adopt a resolution fixing Chief Bacon's salary at \$50,124.00 per year, effective January 1, 1998, which reflects a 3% increase in salary from 1997. This increase is consistent with the increase of other village employees, determined at January's council meeting. The decision regarding Chief Bacon's salary was deferred in January pending resolution of the job description issue.

When asked to respond to the actions of Council, Chief Bacon stated that although his performance evaluation had been very good, "everyone else in the village got a pay raise [in January]. I didn't". He acknowledged he understood Council wanted to deal with his job description first and has indicated that he appreciates having clearer expectations.

John Finnigan, Rules and Law Chair and councilman most involved in writing the new amendment, and Julie Rugh, Public Safety Chair, whose committee generally deals with police issues, both reflected that Mayor Comfort's directive to come up with a job description seemed to arise from a desire to facilitate communication between Council and the police department. Furthermore, they agreed Chief Bacon's request in the fall for a 6th police officer, and Council's decision to deny that request, has led to inquiry into how the police department has traditionally functioned, and what the community wants from the police department in terms of priorities.

At the council meeting, Mr. Finnigan made a point to note that "the police department is attempting to meet the guidelines set down by council," referring to a list of priorities presented recently to the police department. He alone voted "nay," however, when the move was made to increase Chief Bacon's salary. "I would have preferred a 1.5% raise, one half of what was budgeted," explained Finnigan, admitting that his vote reflected concerns about Chief Bacon's "overall" job performance during 1997.

Julie Rugh indicated the next step of the Public Safety Committee is to examine the issue of the best scheduling of police officers to cover village needs.



Picture taken in 1938 in Terrace Park. Lynn Nelson pictured with Tony the elephant from the Robinson Circus. Lynn currently resides in Terrace Park.

Unforgettable Elephants

by Cyndy Finnigan

Several residents from Terrace Park recently spent a cold winter afternoon "talking elephants." Joe Webb, a reporter from Channel 9 News, did a "Hometown Series" segment on circuses, which led him to investigate the Terrace Park circus connection. Colorful circus man John F. Robinson (also known as "The Governor") wintered and trained his circus here from 1886 to 1916. During the Terrace Park years, Robinson's circus was the biggest in the country. The circus was sold in 1916, but several elephants remained in the community as late as 1935. Many Cincinnati youngsters made the excursion to visit the lumbering elephants and wild beasts at their winter quarters at what is now Circus Place. Traces of barns and practice equipment existed in the Wrenwood area until fairly recently.

Mr. Webb and photographer Joe Diehl first spoke with former archivist and resident Esther Power in the archives of the Terrace Park Community Building. Ms. Power proudly displayed treasured photos of Robinson's Circus: wagons, barns, banners and signs, and various elephants, particularly those of notable favorite, "Tillie," whose funeral in 1932 was a civic event.

Terrace Park resident Lynn Nelson was spotted in one of the old photos as a child standing next to a huge elephant. She agreed to be interviewed by Mr. Webb and shared her memories of when she got to visit and feed the great pachyderms.

Mr. Webb also met with another long-time and esteemed resident, Ellis Rawnsley, who authored the book *A Place Called Terrace Park*, in which he devoted a chapter to the Robinson Circus and its characters.

The circus segment aired on Channel 9 (WCPO) during the last week of January. It should run again the last week of February at 6:55 a.m., 12:25 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.



Ellis Rawnsley with reporter Joe Webb discussing the Robinson Circus. Photo by Cyndy Finnigan

Announcement

Village Views would like to feature long-time residents of Terrace Park in a regular column. We would like to include those of you who have lived in Terrace Park for 50 years or more (no exclusion for military service or college if T.P. was listed as your residence).

If you are interested, or if you know of someone who should be mentioned, please call **Liz Martin @ 831-2249**.



Photographer Joe Diehl and reporter Joe Webb with Esther Power looking at the archives in the Terrace Park Community Building. Photo by Theresa Bain

My Point of View -

Accurate Facts and Sound Policies Necessary For Good Government

by Ricki Schmidt

Recent letters to the editor have expressed concerns about the performance of the TP police. Some of these concerns may have been influenced by *Village Views* coverage of police issues during my tenure as editor. I would like to clarify some elements on the performance of the department, and specifically Chief Bob Bacon.

The 1994 and 1995 February issues reviewed the annual fire, EMS and police reports, which weren't included in the '96 or '97 VV. The 1995 headline "Mayor's Court Receipts Down Fifth Straight Year" was the last summary published. Although 1996 receipts rose to \$81,816, the 1997 receipts of \$70,080.25 reflect the downward spiral begun when the state removed second offense DUI's and Driving Under Suspensions from mayor's court.

The speed limit increase on part of Route 50 and the Dairy Mart demise also decreased revenues. With people shopping at the store that wouldn't normally stop in TP, there were more opportunities for violations. Open container arrests decreased from 23 in 1996 to 16 in 1997. Drug abuse arrests went from 51 to 29 and possession of alcohol by minors decreased from 16 to 7. Overall misdemeanor arrests declined from 112 in 1996 to 86 in 1997.

The decline in misdemeanor arrests doesn't totally reflect the unlawful activity in TP or the level of protection provided by the police. An infraction resolved by cooperation with the police or community service is not included in the reports. The service area vandalism and two breaking and entering incidents are not in the records as they are still under investigation. Recorded arrests included a smash and grab (not yet tried), a public indecency conviction and an assault near the village green resulting in conviction of disorderly conduct fighting.

Felony arrests increased from 14 in 1996 to 20 in 1997. Eleven of those included the checks stolen from a hospitalized village resident. Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Steve Martin commended Lt. Jerry Hayhow's careful case preparation, which resulted in the forgery convictions.

TP police served six felony warrants for other agencies. One woman was charged with two counts of assaulting Sgt. Joe Winders during her DUI arrest. A yearlong investigation of a TP resident resulted in the village's one felony drug abuse arrest.

Not all felony activity is reflected in the report. The police recently worked with the FBI on a money scam, where an elderly village resident was asked for \$3,000 up front for a car supposedly won. PNC Bank's watchful staff notified the police.

Separately, Chief Bacon has been criticized for newspaper and television publicity that followed his request at the August council meeting for consideration of a curfew or additional police to help combat village juvenile problems. When laying out the final page I had to decide which to include, details of placing sixth statewide in elementary proficiency tests or the *Eastern Hills Journal* - Channel 9 publicity. Since I went with the good school news, I'll outline the excluded story.

Sheila Vilvens said she recapped Chief Bacon's August council report in her September 3 *Eastern Hills Journal* story. She quoted the chief directly from his council report and gathered information and quotes from Mariemont and Deer Park police chiefs.

The WCPO television coverage, which the script confirms as somewhat innocuous, was a direct result of Chief Bacon's council report. A Scripps Howard employee attending that meeting mentioned it to a co-worker, who called for an interview. Before the interview Bacon called the Safety Committee Chairman to see if he would rather speak to them. Rusty Wilson confirmed he told Bacon to go ahead with the interview. How can anyone find fault with the chief following the orders of the Safety Committee Chairman or delivering his monthly report to Council?

VV headlined the chief's request in August and September because Council never discussed his concerns. Village Clerk Francine Glassmeyer confirmed my check of the minutes of all council meetings since August; none include any mention of the problem or possible solutions.

Former Mayor Jack Schmidt wrote to Safety Committee Chairman Julie Rugh of his disappointment in Council's vote to provide budgeted salary increases to every village employee except Chief Bacon. He wrote: "The Village's policy, for as far back as anyone can remember, has been to provide salary increases for all village employees at the same point in time. To announce a percentage salary increase as part of the Village's budget planning process then not grant it to one specific person is clearly a slap in the face that can do nothing but hurt the village, now and in the future." Rugh explained council deferred the salary decision until the chief's proposed job description was complete.

On the surface that makes sense because you cannot evaluate an employee's performance when there is no description of that employee's job, but changing from across the board salary increases to those based on merit is a massive change in village practice never addressed at Council meetings.

Why is Council punishing the chief for its own inaction? In 1996 Mayor Jennifer Comfort asked Safety Committee Chairman Rusty Wilson to prepare a job description for the chief. Nothing was presented, so early in 1997 she asked Rules and Law Committee Chairman John Finnigan to prepare the description. Now in 1998 Council is finally considering a draft.

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My Point of View cont.

The Chief, however, initiated and prepared job descriptions and an organization chart for his officers, which was adopted by Council in June 1992. The Chief said he initiated the program to clarify both the positions and opportunities within the police department.

In the 1980's police trained in TP left for better paying jobs. Surveying local police pay scales, Council found TP near the bottom and made the policy decision to pay wages necessary to maintain the quality police coverage village residents expected and deserved.

This village should be managed by policy, not personalities and personal feuds. Sound personnel policies protect both the employees and residents of Terrace Park.

Ricki Schmidt is a community resident and former editor of *Village Views*.

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Corrections

The January 1998 issue of *Village Views* published statistics comparing the Mariemont City Schools to neighboring school districts. The information we printed was out-of-date. The information did not come from the Mariemont Board of Education.

Village Views regrets this error and will publish current information as soon as it is available.

Letter from the Editor:

The January 1998 issue of *Village Views* was a revelation for me. Camilla Warrick's interview made me sound so honorable, I felt like Tom Sawyer at his own funeral. Then just when I was basking in spiritual pride, I was informed the school statistics chart was not current. This is what being managing editor really means—immediately having to say you are sorry.

Village Views is approaching its 30th anniversary. This history is something I know we take seriously. Many people put words on paper, on screens and on disks. Many of your friends rush to meetings, snap photos and scribble notes. Also, many people care about what appears in your mailbox the third weekend of every month. This newspaper has been an important medium for Terrace Park. Please help us keep it efficient and relevant. Send us ideas, stories, photos – this is **your** paper.

Our volunteers ask you to be mindful of certain dates. The staff meets to plan out an issue on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Deadline for submission of all materials is 9p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of the next month. That sounds cockeyed unless you remember the paper is printed mid-month! We do not have any elasticity with these dates and cannot guarantee publication of anything we receive late. We also invite you to check on other technical details concerning submission of materials, which can be found on page 2 of each issue. We welcome all input, whether in ink or on disk, provided it is on time. When in doubt, call any staff member or me. Thank you for your interest in *Village Views*.

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At its December meeting, the Village Views Board of Trustees named Sinjin Bain to fill the seat vacated by Pat Henley this past fall. Sinjin brings a wealth of experience to *Village Views*, in both business management and computer design.

After studying Industrial Design at Syracuse University and the University of Cincinnati, Sinjin worked initially in furniture design and production, and later moved into the emerging arena of computer graphics. In 1986 he co-founded a company that produced computer-based marketing materials. After several evolutions, the company began developing software for digital photographic retouching and color separation, and went on to create cutting edge, real-time 3-D tools and technology for the computer game industry. Sinjin's 20 person studio now develops nationally and internationally distributed computer games.

Commenting on *Village Views*, he said, "I hope to provide assistance in continuing the paper's efforts to move into digital production, while focusing business and production operations in a cost effective manner. The people who have already stepped up to the plate to move the paper forward on various business and journalistic issues deserve a great deal of credit. I hope to add some value to the already assembled team."

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February Winter Landscape Notes

by Steve Smith

Mid-winter Bud Swelling

By now, most of us have noticed the number of trees and shrubs with spring style swollen buds resulting from the unusually warm weather this winter. For most trees and shrubs, there is nothing we can do but allow nature to take its course. Continued warm weather may cause buds to break and leaf growth to begin. Obviously, any new leaf growth appearing this time of year is at risk and will most likely be "winter burned" prior to full development. If this scenario occurs, most plants have enough stored energy to rebound by way of regenerating leaves a second, and often third time.

Pooling or Ponding Water

Take advantage of our winter rainstorms this season, and note where you have areas of standing water in your beds. These areas should be targeted for spring soil amendment, using peat moss or compost material, incorporated into the existing soil by way of roto-tilling or hand spading, to improve drainage.

Dormant Lawn Fertilization

With the above ground or leafy portion of our lawns dormant, root systems will continue to actively grow while the ground remains thawed and soil temperatures are above normal. These conditions are perfect for the application of a dormant season root-promoter turf fertilizer. The fertilizer type should be slow release with an analysis low in nitrogen yet high in both phosphorous and potassium. Phosphorous and potassium will encourage root production, while nitrogen might promote top or vegetative growth, which we do not want to do at this point in time. In addition to using a fertilizer high in phosphorous and potassium, I recommend using a blend that would carry selected trace elements or micronutrients, such as iron.

Under normal late fall conditions, I would recommend applying a dormant season turf fertilizer approximately two weeks following your final lawn mowing. Extremely mild weather conditions this past fall prevented most of us from completing this final portion of our 1997 season turf fertilization program. It is not too late to do so!

Spring Lawn Weed Control

Application of spring pre-emergence herbicide is a simple and convenient method for controlling undesirable annual weed grasses in lawns. Several lawn fertilizer companies produce and market season long combination dry fertilizer/weed control packages, typically consisting of three to four fertilizer applications, plus weed control. The initial spring fertilizer product is normally combined with a dry pre-emergence herbicide, for control of Crabgrass and Goosegrass. Check with a local garden center regarding their recommended season turf care program that incorporates spring pre-emergence and broadleaf weed control.

In order to achieve optimum control, timing of your pre-emergence application is critical. Annual weedgrass seed will begin germinating when ground temperatures begin holding at 50 degrees, or greater. A handy rule of thumb is to apply your pre-emergence herbicide just prior to Forsythia flowers opening. Forsythia flowering usually coincides with 50-degree ground temperatures; therefore, a pre-emergence herbicide applied past this event will be greatly reduced in value.

Dormant Lawn Seeding

Get the jump on your spring turf establishment this mild winter by dormant seeding either late this month or during early March. The seed will lie dormant until ground temperatures reach and maintain at least 40 degrees. Avoid using one type of grass seed, such as only fescue or ryegrass and use a blend of at least three varieties of one type, such as fescue. The two most important factors in lawn establishment are: A) providing for good seed to soil contact B) using seed with a high percentage of germination rating and a weed seed percentage of less than .05%.

Although both fescue and bluegrass are cool season grasses available for use in our region, bluegrass has a tendency to become heat stressed under extended drought conditions. Additionally, there is a greater risk of blighting with most bluegrass varieties during periods of high humidity.

We no longer use bluegrass in our seed mixes, and recommend a blend of three varieties of turf type tall fescue (80% of total seed amount) combined with one variety of perennial ryegrass (20% of total seed amount). The ryegrass provides a fast cover crop for your fescue to germinate in. Under proper growing conditions and moisture, perennial ryegrass will begin to appear within a week, while the fescue varieties will follow another two to three weeks later. Over a period of several years, the perennial ryegrass will fade away; leaving a predominately fescue-based lawn.

"Turf type" tall fescues have been developed over the past fifteen years, with a more narrow leaf blade and darker color, to better match bluegrass. These drought tolerant turf type fescues are used as replacements for bluegrass lawns, or to overseed an existing lawn. The single disadvantage of a fescue based lawn, is that it must be overseeded at least every other fall, fescues being a clump style grass that will not spread by way of runners and rhizomes, as bluegrass will.

When applying straw as a seed cover, my rule of thumb is to go around three or four straws deep. At this rate, an average straw bale will provide around 800 square foot of coverage. Following your straw application, you should be able to stand back, get an overview of the area just seeded, and notice about 30% open ground showing through the straw.

1998 Season Insect Infestations

If our winter continues along at such a mild pace, be on the lookout for key insect infestations this growing season. Without a normal extended period of cold weather, we may find ourselves dealing with overpopulation of bagworms, grubs, mites and other nasty critters this summer. With the ground never having frozen, white grub larvae remain high in the soil profile, as evidenced by the reports I receive regarding mole activity throughout the community. I anticipate a high degree of both mole and grub activity throughout the upcoming growing season. Such is the price we pay for residing in a horticultural transitional zone. Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding control measures and timing.

1998 Season Plant Alert

This past month, I had the opportunity to attend our annual landscape industry convention and trade show in Columbus, for the nineteenth consecutive winter. While there, I confirmed the rumors being tossed about over the past several months regarding plant availability. Several years ago, there was a glut of plant material on the market and the demand was not as strong as recently. As a result, many nurseries began intentionally growing some key plants in smaller quantities.

Over the past two seasons, there has been a tremendous increase in the demand for plant material, which most plant suppliers have been able to keep up with. On the other hand, it seems that the apparent decision by key large nurseries to intentionally reduce the amount of plants grown will become a reality we must deal with this season. I spoke with many nursery people who indicated that many plants would be available only in limited quantities this season. By mid season, we may be often hearing the phrase, "I'm sorry I don't have it but can order it in".

Therefore, begin thinking now about those plantings you are considering for this season. If you have a particular tree or shrub in mind, and notice it at a local garden store or nursery this spring, you may want to think twice before passing up an opportunity. Better yet, contact your favorite nursery or landscape organization regarding spring availability of those plants on your list. I anticipate that we will spend a greater amount of time than usual this season acquiring plant material from nurseries beyond our immediate Tri-State area.

See you in the spring!

Mariemont High School

Honor and Merit Rolls Second Quarter

(Terrace Park residents only)

by Julia Mace Smart

Honor Roll- 4.00 or higher grade point average

- 9th -** Matthew Amis, Amanda Hartman, Joel Moyer, Jeremy Schubert, Katherine Woolsey
10th - Sarah Borchers, Ted Borden, Michael Carle, Chris Clukey, Lindsay Donnelly, Ian Frank, Erika Howland, Kristen Kirby, Anna Proctor, Cody Rogowski
11th - Shannon Callaghan, John Deepe, Jillion Gislason, Shannon Luhn, Ashley McGraw, Katherine Porter, Molly Smith, Amy Voegeli,
12th - Christina Ehrnschwender, Suzanne Jones, Susan Park, BethanyPeeples, Stephen Ressler, Daniel Startzman

Merit Roll - 3.2-3.9 grade point average

- 9th -** Carlton Albrecht, Adam Bellamah, Kyle Dediemar, Jonathan Drackett, Mark Evans, Christopher Mealy, Richard Park, Jessica Read, Chelsey Robinson, David Startzman
10th - Rebecca Bollinger, Margaret Duplace, Lauren Fox, Lindsey Guy, Conrad Hindert, Emily Johnson, Jessica Klekamp, Michael McCarthy, Tim Nisonger, Elizabeth Parker, Tony Rinaldi, Zach Shimp, Alison Wenstrup
11th - Joseph Campo, Sarah Crosby, Michael Dever, Amanda Ervin, Erin Govert, Forrest Kennedy, Chase Koehler, Jeffrey Krueger, Andrew Martin, Leah Ross, Lisa Sarran, Joel Shimp, Rebecca Skirvin, Leslie Swensson
12th - David Allan, Samantha Bullock, Josh Deeter, Taylor Heilbronner, Courtney Merten, Harold Merten, James Singler, Dustin Treftz, Ryan Wenstrup

Mariemont Junior High School Second Quarter Honor/Merit Roll

Honor Roll - 4.00 or higher grade point average

- 7th -** Emily Aicklen, Marla Frank, Megan Govert, Daniel Maggard, Katherine Mancera, Susannah Overbey, Meggie Safford
8th - Ellen Baird, Teresa Cash, Amy Fisher, Gretchen Perry, Victoria Thoman

Merit Roll - 3.25-3.9 grade point average

- 7th -** Robert Wright, John Borchers, Steven Daly, Peter Phillips, Casey Clukey, Alison Park, Bradley Clasen, Philip Hartman, Chelsea Mitchell, Robert Phillips, Brooke Seward, Matthew Burnheimer, Iona Steen, Jane Swensson, Stephen Bollinger, Katie Fox, Andrew Machles, Clay Martin, Natalie Bieser, Jessie Rogowski, Sara Singler, Peter Bailey, Ross Ballinger, Alex Swart, Homer Umbarger, Scott Williams
8th - Sara McCarthy, Elizabeth Brown, Alex Castator, Erin Deepe, Ryan McClurg, Matt Chapman, Lauren Potts, Courtney Callaghan, John Carrigan, Lindsay Deeter, Tara Hawk, Jennifer Sarran, Jeffrey Picton

Adopt-A-Chair Program

by Julia Mace Smart

The plans are complete for the renovation of the auditorium at Mariemont High School. This renovation will include a new computerized light board system, new sound system, refinished stage floor, renovated ticket office, new acoustical panels, new carpeting, new paint and new seats. Renovations will be at the end of the current school year and will be ready in August.

The theatre/auditorium costs, approximately \$140,000, will be paid in a large part by the permanent improvement levy passed in 1995. There is a need to raise an additional \$44,000. The Fine Arts Association and the School Foundation are working together in an Adopt-A-Chair Program. For only \$100 you can adopt one of the new chairs. Your name will be displayed on a plaque which will be inside the renovated theater. There is no limit on the number of chairs which you can adopt. Any monies raised over the \$44,000 will go directly to the Fine Arts Program. To adopt your chair(s), please make your tax deductible check out to the Mariemont School Foundation and mail to **Chuck Landes, treasurer, at 4287 Ashley Oaks Dr., Cinti, OH 45227.**

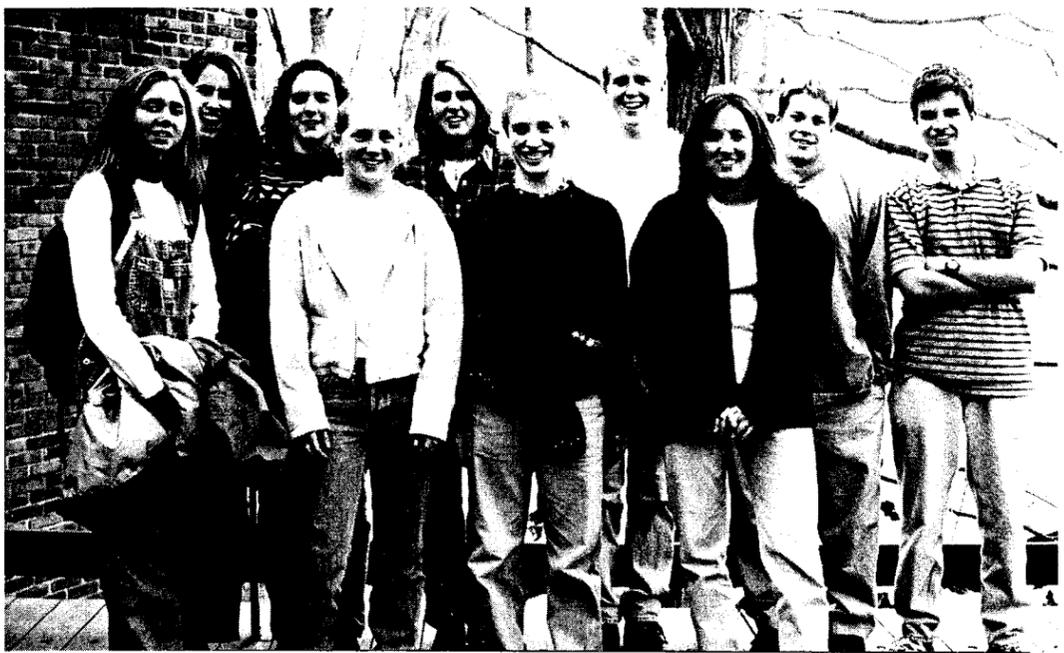
Journey Through the Night

MHS After- Prom 1998

by Julia Mace Smart

It won't be long before all Mariemont High School juniors and seniors will be given the opportunity to take a trip unlike any other. Their journey will begin in the wee hours of April 25 and last until the sun almost rises. Entertainment, food, games, and prizes will keep everyone happy throughout the entire evening. It will be a night to remember!

To make this journey a success, we will need the help of many individuals and businesses. We are looking for junior high and high school clubs and organizations to sponsor and work at one of the many venues. We will be looking to the community for their support through in-kind donations and donations of prizes. We will need the help from interested parents to work a few hours or the whole night! It will take all of us working together to create this new tradition for MHS. Please call to help. **Call Judy Deeter @ 831-5120, Diane Govert @248-1248, Peggy Landes @ 561-5586, or Janet Sarran @ 831-5221** if you can help. The MHS PTO thanks you.



Honor Society Students, from left back row: Leslie Swensson, Leah Ross, Erin Govert, Jeff Krueger, Forrest Kennedy, Matt Deepe From left front row: Jill Gislason, Shannon Luhn, Amy Voegeli, Courtney Merten, Not pictured, James Singler Photo by Joddy Perry

Terrace Park 1997-1998 NHS Inductees

by Ryan Wenstrup, MHS Correspondent and NHS Vice President

To be worthy of membership to the National Honor Society, juniors and seniors must have much more than just a good GPA. Members are required to exhibit exceptional character, leadership, scholarship and service. The 1997-1998 NHS, advised by Mrs. Diane Steward, has 56 members, 27 of whom live in Terrace Park. Last November, the Mariemont High School National Honor Society inducted 11 Terrace Park residents.

Senior Inductees were:

Courtney Merten and James Singler.

Junior Inductees were:

Matt Deepe, Jill Gislason, Erin Govert, Forrest Kennedy, Jeffery Krueger, Shannon Luhn, Leah Ross, Leslie Swensson, and Amy Voegeli.

Four out of the five offices are also held by Terrace Park residents: Daniel Startzman - President, Ryan Wenstrup - Vice President, Christina Ehrnschwender - Secretary, and Ashley McGraw - Historian. You may remember seeing the lighter side of NHS, as members dressed as clowns passed out candy in the Homecoming parade. This year NHS will be hosting a Junior High Dance in March and will be participating in a Clean-up Day in March for its Community Service Project. National Honor Society also provides tutors to Mariemont students before school, during study halls and after school.

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Public Education Week 1998

by Julia Mace Smart

Mariemont City Schools invites you to be a part of the 1st Annual Public Education Week, scheduled for March 21-27. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21, Mariemont schools, along with over 30 other Greater Cincinnati districts, will show what they are doing in their classrooms, display artwork and perform. Further details will be announced. Please take a student-led tour of your school from 9 - 11 a.m. Thursday, March 26. Also, stop by Mariemont Starbucks between March 21 and April 4 to view art by our students and by the MariElders.

The week will conclude on Saturday, March 28, with our high school and junior high students participating in a community cleanup. Please call **Julia Mace Smart @ 527-3403, ext. 207** if you have a project in your yard, home or district business. The focus is to raise awareness of the successes of public schools, the value of public education and appreciation for its supporters.

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From the Board

At its December meeting, the Village Views Board of Trustees named Sinjin Bain to fill the seat vacated by Pat Henley this past fall. Sinjin brings a wealth of experience to *Village Views*, in both business management and computer design.

After studying Industrial Design at Syracuse University and the University of Cincinnati, Sinjin worked initially in furniture design and production, and later moved into the emerging arena of computer graphics. In 1986 he co-founded a company that produced computer-based marketing materials. After several evolutions, the company began developing software for digital photographic retouching and color separation, and went on to create cutting edge, real-time 3-D tools and technology for the computer game industry. Sinjin's 20 person studio now develops nationally and internationally distributed computer games.

Commenting on *Village Views*, he said, "I hope to provide assistance in continuing the paper's efforts to move into digital production, while focusing business and production operations in a cost effective manner. The people who have already stepped up to the plate to move the paper forward on various business and journalistic issues deserve a great deal of credit. I hope to add some value to the already assembled team."

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February Winter Landscape Notes

by Steve Smith

Mid-winter Bud Swelling

By now, most of us have noticed the number of trees and shrubs with spring style swollen buds resulting from the unusually warm weather this winter. For most trees and shrubs, there is nothing we can do but allow nature to take its course. Continued warm weather may cause buds to break and leaf growth to begin. Obviously, any new leaf growth appearing this time of year is at risk and will most likely be "winter burned" prior to full development. If this scenario occurs, most plants have enough stored energy to rebound by way of regenerating leaves a second, and often third time.

Pooling or Ponding Water

Take advantage of our winter rainstorms this season, and note where you have areas of standing water in your beds. These areas should be targeted for spring soil amendment, using peat moss or compost material, incorporated into the existing soil by way of roto-tilling or hand spading, to improve drainage.

Dormant Lawn Fertilization

With the above ground or leafy portion of our lawns dormant, root systems will continue to actively grow while the ground remains thawed and soil temperatures are above normal. These conditions are perfect for the application of a dormant season root-promoter turf fertilizer. The fertilizer type should be slow release with an analysis low in nitrogen yet high in both phosphorous and potassium. Phosphorous and potassium will encourage root production, while nitrogen might promote top or vegetative growth, which we do not want to do at this point in time. In addition to using a fertilizer high in phosphorous and potassium, I recommend using a blend that would carry selected trace elements or micronutrients, such as iron.

Under normal late fall conditions, I would recommend applying a dormant season turf fertilizer approximately two weeks following your final lawn mowing. Extremely mild weather conditions this past fall prevented most of us from completing this final portion of our 1997 season turf fertilization program. It is not too late to do so!

Spring Lawn Weed Control

Application of spring pre-emergence herbicide is a simple and convenient method for controlling undesirable annual weed grasses in lawns. Several lawn fertilizer companies produce and market season long combination dry fertilizer/weed control packages, typically consisting of three to four fertilizer applications, plus weed control. The initial spring fertilizer product is normally combined with a dry pre-emergence herbicide, for control of Crabgrass and Goosegrass. Check with a local garden center regarding their recommended season turf care program that incorporates spring pre-emergence and broadleaf weed control.

In order to achieve optimum control, timing of your pre-emergence application is critical. Annual weedgrass seed will begin germinating when ground temperatures begin holding at 50 degrees, or greater. A handy rule of thumb is to apply your pre-emergence herbicide just prior to Forsythia flowers opening. Forsythia flowering usually coincides with 50-degree ground temperatures; therefore, a pre-emergence herbicide applied past this event will be greatly reduced in value.

Dormant Lawn Seeding

Get the jump on your spring turf establishment this mild winter by dormant seeding either late this month or during early March. The seed will lie dormant until ground temperatures reach and maintain at least 40 degrees. Avoid using one type of grass seed, such as only fescue or ryegrass and use a blend of at least three varieties of one type, such as fescue. The two most important factors in lawn establishment are: A) providing for good seed to soil contact B) using seed with a high percentage of germination rating and a weed seed percentage of less than .05%.

Although both fescue and bluegrass are cool season grasses available for use in our region, bluegrass has a tendency to become heat stressed under extended drought conditions. Additionally, there is a greater risk of blighting with most bluegrass varieties during periods of high humidity.

We no longer use bluegrass in our seed mixes, and recommend a blend of three varieties of turf type tall fescue (80% of total seed amount) combined with one variety of perennial ryegrass (20% of total seed amount). The ryegrass provides a fast cover crop for your fescue to germinate in. Under proper growing conditions and moisture, perennial ryegrass will begin to appear within a week, while the fescue varieties will follow another two to three weeks later. Over a period of several years, the perennial ryegrass will fade away, leaving a predominately fescue-based lawn.

"Turf type" tall fescues have been developed over the past fifteen years, with a more narrow leaf blade and darker color, to better match bluegrass. These drought tolerant turf type fescues are used as replacements for bluegrass lawns, or to overseed an existing lawn. The single disadvantage of a fescue based lawn, is that it must be overseeded at least every other fall, fescues being a clump style grass that will not spread by way of runners and rhizomes, as bluegrass will.

When applying straw as a seed cover, my rule of thumb is to go around three or four straws deep. At this rate, an average straw bale will provide around 800 square foot of coverage. Following your straw application, you should be able to stand back, get an overview of the area just seeded, and notice about 30% open ground showing through the straw.

1998 Season Insect Infestations

If our winter continues along at such a mild pace, be on the lookout for key insect infestations this growing season. Without a normal extended period of cold weather, we may find ourselves dealing with overpopulation of bagworms, grubs, mites and other nasty critters this summer. With the ground never having frozen, white grub larvae remain high in the soil profile, as evidenced by the reports I receive regarding mole activity throughout the community. I anticipate a high degree of both mole and grub activity throughout the upcoming growing season. Such is the price we pay for residing in a horticultural transitional zone. Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding control measures and timing.

1998 Season Plant Alert

This past month, I had the opportunity to attend our annual landscape industry convention and trade show in Columbus, for the nineteenth consecutive winter. While there, I confirmed the rumors being tossed about over the past several months regarding plant availability. Several years ago, there was a glut of plant material on the market and the demand was not as strong as recently. As a result, many nurseries began intentionally growing some key plants in smaller quantities.

Over the past two seasons, there has been a tremendous increase in the demand for plant material, which most plant suppliers have been able to keep up with. On the other hand, it seems that the apparent decision by key large nurseries to intentionally reduce the amount of plants grown will become a reality we must deal with this season. I spoke with many nursery people who indicated that many plants would be available only in limited quantities this season. By mid season, we may be often hearing the phrase, "I'm sorry I don't have it but can order it in".

Therefore, begin thinking now about those plantings you are considering for this season. If you have a particular tree or shrub in mind, and notice it at a local garden store or nursery this spring, you may want to think twice before passing up an opportunity. Better yet, contact your favorite nursery or landscape organization regarding spring availability of those plants on your list. I anticipate that we will spend a greater amount of time than usual this season acquiring plant material from nurseries beyond our immediate Tri-State area.

See you in the spring!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Kindergarten Registration

Terrace Park Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Thursday, March 5, 1998 at 7:00p.m. in the school library. Any parent with a child who is age 5 on or before September 30, 1998 and wishing to attend kindergarten should see Mrs. Jo Trilety to pick up an information packet at the school office. For further information, parents may call **Terrace Park Elementary School @ 831-2485.**

Garden Club Focuses on Artistic Flower Arranging

March's Garden Club meeting focuses on artistic flower arranging. Jane Avery will discuss the design rules associated with vertical and Oriental flower arranging. The presentation will culminate with a demonstration of each type of arrangement.

I apologize for errors in the January 1998 Garden Club article. To become an honorary member of the Garden Club, a member needs to belong for 40 years, not 25. This is an extraordinary commitment considering the mobility of people today. I also need to identify Rita Leming correctly as a member of this elite group.

The Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Any resident of TP is welcome to come to this meeting, just call **Terre Voegeli @ 576-1394 to RSVP.**

Children's Reference Books

Thomaston Woods volunteer Betsy Holloway is making a plea for children's reference books. A recent encyclopedia set and/or children's dictionary would help her with tutoring at the Homework Room after-school project with the resident children at St. Thomas Church's moderate-income townhouse project in Clermont County. Contact **Betsy @ 831-1594.**

TP Residents In CCDS Play

As their November 1997 dramatic offering, Cincinnati Country School upper school actors presented an unusual play, Edgar Allan Poe's *Midnight Dreary*.

Among the cast were several Terrace Park actors, David Lowry, Adam Parrish, Bryon Randolph and Grady Randolph. In addition to a role in the cast, Adam Parrish helped provide the lighting effects.

New 1998-99 TP Directories

If you are not currently listed in the TP Directory, or if your listing has changed or was printed incorrectly, please tear out the yellow cardboard insert in your current directory and send it to the address printed on the back. If you need a change card, please contact **Cyndy Finnigan @ 831-5121.**

We hope to have the new directories available in May. Interested advertisers should contact Bob Donnelly at 831-7586.

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The Mariemont Party of the Extremes

Don't miss The Mariemont Party of the Extremes sponsored by the Mariemont Boosters. This first of its kind event will be held Saturday, March 21, 2651 Bartel Rd., at the Knights of Columbus Hall (across from Turpin High School). The party offers something for everyone! Thrill seekers will love the extreme activities-- a Bungee Run, Velcro Olympics, Doppler Golf, Radar Tennis, Sumo Wrestling and a basketball competition. Families are welcome between 4-6 p.m. Adults are invited to enjoy dinner and dancing from 7 p.m. to midnight. The Cincinnati swing band, Willie Ray and the Midnighters, will be featured. Prices are \$10 for children, \$35 for adults. Order your tickets in advance! Make checks out to the Mariemont Boosters and mail to **Cathy Borchers, 814 Princeton Ave. Terrace Park, OH 45174** by March 12.

Fine Arts Association Dinner

The Mariemont Fine Arts Association 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held Saturday, March 28, from 5-7p.m. at the Mariemont High School Cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person, with children under six admitted free. This event will raise money for the first new band uniforms in sixteen years. Reservations are due by March 24, care of **Mr. & Mrs. Philip Howles, 3759 Chickadee, 45227 or @ 271-0262.** Reservations are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Kennedy To Attend

Leadership Conference

Mariemont High School junior Forrest Kennedy has been selected by the Cincinnati Chapter, Military Order of World Wars, to attend the 1998 Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, April 16-19. Kennedy is a resident of Terrace Park. Approximately 100 students from throughout the United States will be in attendance to explore the foundations of American democracy, develop leadership skills, understand the value of community service and to consider, through discussions and debate, major national and international issues.

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PNC Recognizes Startzman

by *Julia Mace Smart*

Safford Named to Dean's List

Sara Safford was named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the fall 1997 semester. Sara is majoring in elementary education with a minor in teaching children with learning disabilities. The daughter of Duke and Kris Safford, Sara is also active in Miami's Student Activities Council and the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She is a 1997 graduate of Mariemont High School.

Mariemont High School senior Dan Startzman has been honored by the PNC Bank Student Athlete Performance Program. Startzman, a Terrace Park resident, was recognized as an athlete of the week and will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and a plaque. He is also eligible to receive a total of \$10,000 in college scholarships.

Survey Reminder

by *Julia Mace Smart*

Please look for a community arts survey in the February Mariemont School Bulletin. The survey is an effort to develop a long-range plan for Mariemont Schools arts education programs.

Dr. Harris Speaks to PTA About Future Technology

by *Cyndy Finnigan*

Superintendent Dr. Gerald Harris spoke at the 9:30 a.m. PTA meeting at Terrace Park Elementary on February 3 concerning updating computer technology in the school district. The entire district will be using a "Windows" environment; and any new machines purchased will be PC compatible. (Current Apple Macs will be used in different capacities.) The State of Ohio has provided funds for computers for grades K-4 allowing one machine per five students. The computers will have CD capacity. The District hopes to provide the same ratio of computers per pupil for 5th and 6th grades also.

Over the next year our individual school buildings will be cabled and networked for inter-building communication, with access to the Internet and World Wide Web to follow the year after. A three-person "Technology Team" will eventually be hired by the District to run the program, helping to diminish costs incurred by using service technicians. In conclusion, Dr. Harris strongly encouraged everyone to attend the Tuesday, March 3 PTA meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the TP Cafeteria, at which he will discuss the upcoming levy in May.

Rosemarie Brown briefly discussed Mariemont Junior High's current fundraiser wherein students are selling LaRosa's pizza sticker cards good for up to one year on carry-out pizza.

Sandy Koehler, reporting for Sue Troller, stated that a Naturalization Ceremony will be held on May 29 (tentatively at 2:00 p.m.) at TP Elementary. A Naturalization Ceremony was hosted by the school three years ago and proved to be a moving and educational experience for all concerned.

The "Everybody Counts" program with its invaluable life lessons will be featured at the school the week of February 22. A decision was made to purchase the program kit, which comes with two walkers, at a price of \$700.00.

Lost & Found

Lost: dark blue reversible Nike jacket left in TP Elementary playground area near the Stanton Ave. swing-set in the first week of February. Please notify **Holly McCormack @ 576-0884.** Reward.



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Police Blotter

1-12-98: A teacher from Terrace Park Elementary reported that on December 4, her wallet containing credit cards had been stolen from school. Assuming that the wallet had been taken by a student, the theft was not initially reported. A credit card statement, however, revealed that purchases were being made illegally.

1-19-98: A call was received in reference to a deer in the westbound lane of Wooster Pike. Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Walker found an injured deer unable to exit the road on its own. Due to the apparent suffering of the deer, and the traffic hazard it presented, Officer Walker, euthanized the deer.

2-1-98: A complaint was made of trampoline damage, apparently caused by cigarette burns in the tarp. The trampoline owner reported cigarette butts and wine cooler bottles were present when she found the damage, and suspected teenagers attending a party nearby were guilty.

2-4-98: A 16-year-old boy from Fairfax capsized his Ford Bronco going eastbound on Wooster Pike between Elm Road and Wrenwood Lane. As reported by Chief Bacon, the boy was traveling in the lane that was not yet clear of snow, passing other cars and going too fast. He was charged in juvenile court with "failure to control."

January 1998: The Terrace Park Police Department responded to 3 reports of accidents/injuries and 58 non-criminal incidents, made 61 incident reports, 273 house/business checks, 56 warnings, 23 misdemeanor arrests, 2 juvenile arrests and 54 traffic arrests, initiated 116 miscellaneous checks (e.g. open doors) and responded to 92 calls over the radio or from neighboring communities.

Village Crime Follow-up

by Katy Wood

The "smash and grab" thief, Christopher Redd, who broke into a van parked at St. Thomas Church last March, has been ordered to prison for at least nine years for robbing a Mt. Adams bank. The *Cincinnati Enquirer* reported details of the robbery and sentencing on February 5.

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Local Hero

by Cyndy Finnigan

On January 16, 1998, Terrace Park residents Julie Gislason and Amy Timmers were being a couple of 'regular moms' on their way to the Museum Center with their toddlers in tow, when disaster struck. Timmers spotted a man who had collapsed in the street at the corner of Indianview and Wooster in Mariemont. Gislason, who had just completed her EMT training here in Terrace Park, parked her car to shield him from oncoming traffic and hopped out of her own vehicle to provide assistance.

"It happened so fast," claims Gislason, "but I was able to remember what to do first, which was to open his airway as he was turning blue." Other help began arriving at the scene while Timmers phoned 911. Cinergy field personnel came to the victim's aid by directing traffic and helping Gislason administer CPR. A Norwood firefighter also stopped to help. Mariemont Life Squad took over the life-saving effort and transferred the man to the hospital.

The victim, who had suffered a heart attack, survived — thanks in large part to the efforts of these Good Samaritans. CPR is especially critical in the first few minutes of having a heart attack.

Gislason will join the Terrace Park Life Squad in March. "We really need more people to do this and you never know when you're going to need these skills," she claims. "Taking the classes was a lot of fun and has proved to be highly purposeful," Julie concludes.



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Maintenance Crew Works Overtime In Snowfall

by Katy Wood

The surprise blizzard on February 4 supplied more than enough work for maintenance crew Marvin Alexander, Randy Haller and Terry "Butch" Stouder. In the midst of snow removal activity, the biggest of the village's two trucks broke down. "It was already an overtime job," stated Chief Bob Bacon, in his role as Street Commissioner. "The maintenance crew went above and beyond to clear the snow, working in shifts and sleeping in cots in the maintenance barn." He also noted that in addition to clearing the roads, the crew managed to fix the truck.

House Hunting Season Begins

by Noel Julnes-Dehner

The Sunday following the Super Bowl traditionally kicks off house hunting season in Terrace Park. Perhaps thoughts turn from January to spring? This year, that Sunday's Open Houses were well attended with a lot of interest in the \$200,000 homes. Amy Minor, of Sibcy Cline, explains that next will come interest in the \$300,000 and \$400,000 homes.

In Amy's experience, the Terrace Park housing market doesn't go through extremes because residents aren't transient and desperate to move. The typical pattern for a house that is not selling is its removal from the market, a six-month hiatus, and then a sale at asking price. Ideally, buyers want a clean, neutrally decorated home with four bedrooms, 2 1/2 updated bathrooms, an updated, large, eat-in kitchen, a family room, new windows, and a moderate sized yard, but landscaped.

A prospective client, looking at the house next door to the Village fire station, asked if there would be much noise from the sirens. Amy replied, "No, this is Terrace Park. It's very safe here." At that moment, the siren went off. It was so loud that Amy and her client could only stare at each other. Fortunately, the client realized the truth of Amy's statement and happily bought the house.

Phil Dolan, of Coldwell Banker, seconds Amy's advice and adds that buyers are looking for spacious homes. He advises sellers to pull leaves out of the dining room table and to move the ottoman to a different location. Buyers are also attracted to a look described as: light, airy, bright, clean, crisp, neat, orderly. In his experience, sellers see return on their money from painting interior rooms and installing new carpet in a neutral color. For him, it is easy to sell in Terrace Park because he can recall the parades, the lighting of the Christmas tree, the schools, the camaraderie and community spirit of the village to his clients.

If you are a real estate agent residing in Terrace Park and would like to be interviewed on future topics, please contact Features Editor, Cyndy Finnigan.

1997 Terrace Park Home Sales

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13 Sycamore Ave.	90,000
9 Sycamore Ave.	104,500
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117 Wrenwood Lane	144,000
403 Stanton Ave.	150,000
114 Robinwood Ave.	150,900
709 Myrtle Ave	152,000
332 Harvard Ave.	152,000
302 Stanton Ave.	160,000
3 Given Lane	164,000
111 Marian Lane	165,000
99 Redbird Lane	165,000
102 Fieldstone Drive	169,000
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103 Redbird Lane	172,500
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619 Amherst Ave	175,500
100 Wagon Rd	187,900
329 Rugby Ave	192,000
611 Yale Ave.	200,000
723 Floral Ave	210,000
211 Terrace Place	210,900
715 Lexington Ave	229,000
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143 Wrenwood Lane	265,000
915 Poplar Ave	267,500
917 Poplar Ave	268,000
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606 Home St	292,500
800 Elm Ave	292,500
224 Rugby Ave	309,000
1420 Elm Ln	315,000
629 Lexington Ave	315,000
721 Yale Ave	333,000
8 Denison Ln	335,000
310 Rugby Ave	345,000
1430 Elm Ln	358,000
402 Miami Ave	360,000
615 Lexington Ave	379,000
618 Floral Ave	380,000
707 Lexington Ave	385,000
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Guests enjoying the wine tasting event at the home of Sally and Mike Gaburo.

Wine Tasting Event A Success

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"People sometimes feel shy and self-conscious when having their picture taken by a professional so I wanted to create a soothing, stress-free environment in my studio. With my wife's help I'm excited to say that I've got that. Clients will definitely feel comfortable, even while posing for pictures," Anthony says.

Specializing in unique, flattering portraits of individuals, families and even beloved pets, Anthony employs state of the art lighting techniques, background, and props to create one-of-a-kind photographs.

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AFS Gives Karen a Second Family

Karen is a 17-year-old girl from Switzerland who is attending Mariemont High School for the 1997-98 school year. Like most AFS'ers she found it hard to adjust immediately to life in America. She was homesick, missing her family and friends. At the start of her year here, she attended school, played volleyball, and then went back to a family that she had just met.

Now, after a few months, she hangs out with friends from the team, and comes home to HER family, that she "just loves." The members of her Mariemont host family are a part of her life, and she feels comfortable talking with them about anything and everything. This is what hosting is all about, becoming a family. Karen says, "I just love having siblings." She talks of her brother, Jason, and how she gets to go out with him sometimes; of her sister, Jennifer, a senior at MHS with whom she hangs out; and how much she loves her first "big sister" relationship with younger sister, Sarah.

Karen made the decision to become an AFS student to introduce something different into her life. She wanted to experience America, the place she had always heard about. The Wiethorn family of Mariemont offered her that opportunity by welcoming her into their family, by being themselves, and by being available to their new daughter.

For an AFS host family, the enjoyment is in both showing a foreign student the American way of life, and in learning about a foreign culture from that teenager. There are so many benefits to hosting that the probable few hard times seem insignificant. By the end of the year, the host family has a new member who will be a part of its life forever.

Hosting a high school student while your own children are in grade school is actually one of the better times. Parents are always looking for ways to educate their children. What could be better than a foreign sibling? Younger children often make an instant attachment to the AFS'er that helps the student and makes the child feel special. They feel pride when their student gives a cultural talk to their class in elementary school. Moreover, the young children often help the student with English skills and may also take an interest in their new sibling's own language. Young children in a host family make life easier for the AFS'er because they never lose interest and always make time for them.

Hosting at any stage is something everyone should experience. It is something you will never forget or ever regret. I am sure that the Wiethorn family feels this way, and I know Karen does.

Interview conducted by Jenni Millar (New Zealand) AFS 1995

TPRC HOOPERS IN MARIEMONT TOURNEY

By Paul Pendery

Terrace Park's basketball league delivered outstanding performances in the Mariemont Basketball Tournament held January 17 & 18. Leading the way was the sixth grade boys team coached by Scott Rosson and Scott Morgan. Paced by Brandon Kocher's 12 points and Ted Winter's 11 points, they won a thrilling championship game over Mariemont, 30 - 24 in overtime. With approximately three seconds remaining and down by two, Terrace Park's Kocher hit a ten-foot jumper to even the game at 21, sending it into overtime. Having already won its first tournament game in overtime, Terrace Park went on to dominate the remainder of the championship game. Winters shouldered the load during OT, scoring five of his teams last nine points.

Other teams from Terrace Park finishing well included the sixth grade girls coached by Fred Albrecht and David Troller (3rd place), sixth grade girls coached by Steve Wilson (1st place - Friendship Bracket), fifth grade boys coached by Mike Folan and Dennis "New Dad" Glaser (3rd place), and fourth grade girls coached by Glenn Lindahl and Mark Castator (1st place - Friendship Bracket). Congratulations to all of the participants and their coaches!

LACROSSE COMES

TO TERRACE PARK

By Paul Pendery

This spring, TPRC will sponsor the inaugural season for organized lacrosse team play in Terrace Park. So far, team organizers Steve Peterson and Matt Perry have signed up 37 boys and hope to field at least two teams, one for 8-to-10 year olds and one for 10-to-12 year olds. If the league evolves according to schedule, opportunities for girls' play should begin in the spring of 1999.

Lacrosse, which is said to feature the finesse of soccer and play making of basketball, is a game of American Indian origin that requires ten players per side, including the goalie. While lacrosse is new to the TPRC, many Terrace Park residents have played in club programs for years. This year, Terrace Park teams begin offering many of our kids the chance to enjoy the sport for the first time.

The 1998 schedule will feature eight weekends of play beginning with a home game at Stanton Field on Sunday, March 22 at 3:30 p.m. The schedule will also include a few festivals, most notably the Indian Hill Lacrosse Festival the first weekend in May. That will include over 40 teams from neighboring areas and as far away as the east coast. Anyone interested in signing up late should contact Matt Perry @ 831-3032.

1998 GCYLA Game Schedule

Date	Time	Place
Sunday March 22	3:30pm	Stanton Field
Sunday March 29	3:30pm	Shawnee Field
Sunday April 5	TBA	Stanton Field
Thursday April 9	5:15	Stanton Field -Intersquad
Sunday April 26	3:30	Shawnee Field
Sunday May 3	9:00am	Round Bottom
Sunday May 10	TBA	Stanton Field
Thursday May 21	5:00p.m.	Round Bottom Fields

Baseball Umpire Clinic

When: Sat. March 14, 1998
Time: 9a.m.-noon
Where: TP Elementary Gym
Open to any **responsible** student entering 7th grade or older.

Contact Buz Ecker
@ 248-1813
if you plan to attend.

Reminder--- Spring Sports Sign-ups

Baseball - P/U D/O forms at
203Oxford by 2/16/98 deadline
Questions - Skip Kirby @
831-1791

Softball - P/U D/O forms at
313 Oxford by 2/23/98.
Questions - Tammy Fisher @
248-1279

Spring Soccer - P/U D/O forms
at 600 Stanton Ave. by 2/20/98.
Questions - Theresa 831-2032

Boy Scout Mulch Sale

Buy Mulch, Mulch
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Saturday, April 4th
9a.m.-2p.m. at the Log Cabin
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Sunday Services at 8:00, 9:15*, and 11:15*
Holy Communion, music and sermon at all services
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Church School at 9:15: Classes through
High School. 3-year-olds through 3rd
grade start in Children's Chapel. Chil-
dren join their parents for Communion.

Kindervelt Easter Egg Hunt

Bring Your Basket!

April 5th 2pm - 4pm
Village Green
(Community House if bad weather)

For children preschool through 1st grade.
\$5.00 per child at the gate.
This includes Egg Hunt, Easter Photo and Balloon.

Bake Sale and Prizes

For further information call -
Sandra Taylor @ 965-0714
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