



Left to right: John Borchers, Jane Egasti, Cathy Borchers, Steph Jones, John Jones  
Photo by Joddy Perry

## May 5 District Levy Volunteers

The Mariemont Board of Education has placed a 9.95 mill-operating levy on the May 5 ballot. Campaign co-chairs Steph and John Jones, along with Karl and Peggy Braun, have organized the effort to get the levy message out to voters. Village captains, Cathy and John Borchers and Jane and Jamie Egasti, have recruited over 75 community volunteers, who will attempt to make personal contact with every Terrace Park resident. They will distribute information concerning the need for the levy and answer any questions.

These block workers will be knocking on doors April 20-29. Questions can also be directed to the **levy hotline @ 527-3403**. If you need an absentee ballot application, please call **Steph Jones @ 831-4392**.

## Take A Walk to Support Multiple Sclerosis

by Cyndy Finnigan

Jerry Fitzgerald and his dedicated team of walkers, "Fitz's Feat," will be participating in a two-mile walk in Terrace Park, May 17 at 4 p.m., in an effort to raise funds for the Southwest Northern Ohio/Kentucky Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis. There will be a Walk for MS at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Cincinnati that same day; due to its length and difficulty, Jerry will not be able to "walk that walk," but, not content to "talk the talk," is instead leading his own challenge in Terrace Park.

Jerry has had multiple sclerosis for a number of years; he is currently in Christ Hospital awaiting surgery and will in fact be pushed on a gurney by friends who have long supported Jerry in his quest. He has embarked on some very challenging walks over the last five years—raising \$20,000 for the MS chapter; however, per doctor's orders, this will be Jerry's last walk. Ohio towns of Washington Courthouse, Wilmington, Oxford and others will simultaneously be conducting their own walks in support of MS, prompting a challenge by the Terrace Park contingent to "walk off" with the largest amount of money in pledges and donations for the organization.

"This is something near and dear to our hearts," claims Jerry's wife, Sally Fitzgerald. "We want to increase awareness for MS and help contribute to this worthy cause. We encourage everyone to come out and walk with us," she emphasizes.

The Walk will begin at the Village Green and continue for two miles around the perimeter of Terrace Park. If you would like to make a pledge or donation, please contact **Sally Fitzgerald @ 576-1199**.



Left: Jerry Fitzgerald and his main walking assistant, Richard Homlar

## Levy to Recruit Teachers, Protect Future

by Camilla Warrick

Dr. Gerald Harris, Superintendent of Mariemont City Schools, dreams of a day when every classroom in the district will have five computers linked to the World Wide Web. He is also hoping for smaller classes, increased cultural opportunities, smarter use of technology and more foreign language instruction. But these dreams have been upstaged by priorities such as hiring additional teachers and making good on deferred raises.

Harris' first goal is to lead the school system out of a financial shortfall. The loss of Swallen's department store and other big revenue generators means home-owners are being asked to shoulder more of the costs of educating the 1,754 students enrolled in the district's five schools. "In November of 1995 when the last levy passed, we had about 24 hours to celebrate. Then Swallen's announced they were pulling out, and we went uh-oh," he said.

Two mills of the 9.95-mill levy voters' face on May 5 would replace the \$415,000 Swallen's and other businesses used to supply in taxes. The renaissance of the Mariemont business district "unfortunately has done little for us," Dr. Harris said. "Taxes are based on inventory, so Swallen's, with all those big-ticket items, generated a lot for us. The new businesses really have little."

Another 1.5 mills of the levy would fund changes that have been mandated, but not funded, by the state of Ohio. These include criminal records checks on bus drivers and health and safety inspections. Further, the state requires larger set-aside funds than Mariemont has previously budgeted, 4 percent for capital improvement, 4 percent for materials and supplies, and 1 percent for a "rainy day fund."

Other uses for the levy:

- 6.5 new teachers for the next three years for grades K-8
- 3 percent increase in salary schedules for each of the next three years
- \$120,000 directed to a language arts/English program to be adopted in 1999
- increase psychological services, so the district can have two full-time psychologists

Dr. Harris said all the capital improvements promised and financed by the last levy are proceeding on schedule. At Terrace Park Elementary new windows will be installed in the gym this summer, and next summer the gym's old wood floor will be replaced. Also, a newer, larger septic system will go in.

Mariemont spends 80 percent of its revenues on personnel. Due to reduced income, cuts have been made in the non-teaching staff, and salary increases promised in 1998 have been put on hold. District-wide there are fewer custodians and teacher aides, and the central office staff is now the smallest in the county.

"There's no place else to cut," Dr. Harris said.

At the same time the district has had to deal with shrinking income, it has experienced one of the fastest growing student populations in the area. At Terrace Park Elementary, the enrollment now stands at about 326, but is expected to hit 400 by the year 2000. "That's not a problem," said Dr. Harris. "It can comfortably accommodate 500."

District voters have never turned down a school levy, but they've come close, Dr. Harris said. If this levy is defeated, it will go in front of voters again in August. Increased taxes will not take effect until January 1999. Taxes are levied on 35 percent of the "market value" of a home. If a home has a "market value" of \$100,000, taxes are levied on \$35,000. The approximate cost of this levy would be about \$25 a month or an annual cost of \$300, per \$100,000 of "market value."

**Editors Note: According to Rob Goering, Hamilton County Treasurer, the "market value" of a residence is determined every six years by state law. This value is not necessarily identical to that which a realtor will suggest for marketing a home for resale. To learn what the "market value" is of your home, on which property taxes are calculated, call the Treasurer's office @ 632-8380.**

## Drackett Field Anniversary

by John Gislason

May 21 marks the 15th anniversary of the dedication of Drackett Field. To many newcomers to Terrace Park these fields are taken for granted, and the following is meant to give some background on the facility.

In 1978, the Terrace Park Recreation Committee voted to buy 10 acres of farmland, yielding space for three ball fields and three soccer fields. A capital campaign was launched to raise \$100,000. An offer was made to anyone donating \$40,000 to have the facility named after them, thus the name Drackett Field. 122 people pledged \$104,833.20; their names can be found on a plaque at the Field.

The Terrace Park Recreation Committee owns the facility and maintains it with the fees you pay for your children's participation in the various programs, and through fundraisers like the Labor Day Festival.



Superintendent Dr. Gerald F. Harris

## April Announcements From Council

by Katy Wood

A record for brevity may have been set at the April 21st Council meeting. The meeting, re-scheduled for the third Tuesday to accommodate spring break, had low attendance due to illness and previous engagements. As a result, legislation could not be passed because council lacked a quorum.

Mayor Jennifer Comfort began discussion by proclaiming April 24 to be Arbor Day, allowing Terrace Park to maintain standing in the Tree City USA program. The Village also won the Governor's Arbor Day Award.

Mayor Comfort additionally reported receiving notice from Hamilton County that Terrace Park had been rated 5th of 49 communities reviewed in recently published valuation rankings.

Planning and zoning chairman, Dan Keefe, provided the 1st reading of a proposal to regulate the size of accessory buildings (i.e., any building separated by 10 feet or more from one's house). As read, the proposal would increase setbacks from the lot line at intervals of 5 feet according to square footage and height of the accessory building. The proposal is in the review stages.

Mr. Keefe also reported his committee is working on a job description for the position of Building Official.

Other items of interest were reported by Fire Chief David Glassmeyer and Police Chief and Street Commissioner Bob Bacon:

- EMS members have participated in a driver's safety course.
- police officers have taken traffic stop training
- villagers will likely observe more police officers patrolling on bicycles as the weather improves
- Chief Bacon will sit on a Teen Response panel, broadcast on public access radio, regarding drug searches in public schools
- the need for street improvements are currently being prioritized. Chief Bacon will present Council with contracts in June
- the Brendamour subdivision reportedly stayed dry during the recent rains

## Letters to the Editor from the Fourth Grade Class at TP Elementary

Dear Terrace Park,  
As most people that live here think, Terrace Park is a beautiful place. People can ruin it and they are. I have seen graffiti spray-painted under the bridge on the bike trail and it makes me feel unsafe. I think there should be a law against this and people should cover up the graffiti. This would be a service for people that live here. It is peer pressure and just plain ugly and disgusting. In my opinion I think it looks horrible. I know people can change it and I'd like them to!  
Yours truly,  
Lynley Chapman

Dear Editor,  
Terrace Park is beautiful and wonderful. The community is outstanding. But there is one drawback. It is the graffiti under the bridge. It may be little but it stands out to some. I think we should form a committee to clean up the graffiti. I would be happy to help.  
Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Katie Morgan

Dear Village Views,  
Terrace Park is an extraordinary place. There are tons of nice people. There is only thing I'm concerned about. That is graffiti under the bridge. I'm just afraid little kids will think it's cool and do it when they're teens. I think it would be great if someone or a crew could go paint over it. That would be wonderful!  
Concerned,  
Julie McCormack

Dear TP citizens,  
Terrace Park is a beautiful community. Many people want to live here because of its beauty. There is one visible problem, the graffiti under the bridge. Some people are not affected by this. But as kids, we look up at the people who create this graffiti. When we look back on our past we will say that if they made graffiti and didn't get caught, we won't get caught either. This graffiti must be stopped.  
Sincerely,  
John Srofe of 4K

Dear Terrace Park,  
We are lucky to live where we live. We want to stop the graffiti though. As we walk nearer to the drawings or words, our hearts sink. We say, "this is not the neighborhood we live in, is it?" Please help out and stop the graffiti!  
Sincerely,  
Allison Perry

**Village Views** is one week late arriving at your doorstep due to spring break! The May issue will arrive on time. The deadline for May articles will be May 12, the second Tuesday of the month.

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## IS THE MESSAGE C.L.E.A.R. ?

by Police Chief Robert W. Bacon

Do you know what C.L.E.A.R. is, and what it does for you and your police department? As your Chief of Police, and a member of the CLEAR Board of Advisors, I feel it is my obligation to inform you.

CLEAR is an acronym for County Law Enforcement Applied Regionally. The secret to CLEAR's 30 years of success is the regional approach to sharing information and expenses, all of which are shared by 53 agencies within the Hamilton County criminal justice community, including the Village of Terrace Park. This information is shared through the Regional Crime Information Center, or RCIC. RCIC houses information for all court records, criminal histories, and warrants for wanted persons. It also provides us with information, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on restraining orders for domestic violence cases and other pertinent and timely information regarding threats to our community and officer safety. Through Mobile Data Terminals, MDT's, officers can connect directly to RCIC databases from their police cruisers for immediate access to all state and national information files. The RCIC is vital to the safety and welfare of every citizen and police officer in Hamilton County.

Here is one good example of how the Criminal History file can affect you personally: Let us say that we receive a call to investigate a suspicious person at the school during the discharge hours of our children. Upon the officer's arrival and making contact with the suspicious person, the officer runs the subject's information and finds he has been arrested previously for Child Enticement. This subject is removed from the scene immediately, and our children are safe again. Without this information, the officer is blinded by lack of information.

The CLEAR levy approved in 1982 no longer provides sufficient funding to maintain the CLEAR system through the 90's and beyond. In November, 1997, a tax levy to fund the police CLEAR computers was put on the ballot and defeated by a very narrow margin. This defeat has caused CLEAR to reduce their staff from 17 to 10, to reduce its services, and to impose User Fees to recover some of the operational cost, and to just maintain minimal services. The 1998 User Fee billed to the Village of Terrace Park was \$4,392.00. The proposed cost to our village in 1999 will be \$13,790.00, and the projected cost for the year 2000 is \$17,131.00.

These figures represent the proposed cost to the Village of Terrace Park if every agency that is currently participating in CLEAR maintains its present commitment. It is very likely that many agencies will drop out because of budgetary restraints, causing our portion to increase dramatically. The CLEAR Board of Advisors recognizes these amounts would impose severe hardships on all participating agencies and has asked the Hamilton County Commissioners to put another tax levy on the May, 1998 ballot.

The .29 mil levy would cost the homeowner of a \$100,000.00 home only \$8.53 annually. For less than the cost of dinner you can support CLEAR in our community!

This levy passed in the Village of Terrace Park with 63% for and 36% against, and only missed passing in all of Hamilton County by 284 votes. It is imperative that we support this levy. If it fails again, we will be faced with some major financial decisions. As your Police Chief, I do not want to choose between maintaining CLEAR, or not being able to provide safety equipment or training for our officers, or, worst case, laying an officer off. None of these choices are acceptable regarding the welfare of the citizens of the Village of Terrace Park

Is the **Message CLEAR?** We need your support for the CLEAR levy. Please vote **Yes** on **Issue 7** in May. Thank you.

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# Village Views Board Sets Policy

Last November, the *Village Views* Board of Trustees announced our decision to establish an editorial board to ensure fair and balanced news coverage, give the paper a broader perspective, establish a layer of checks and balances, and enhance the sense of community in the Village. We also announced our intention to formulate a policy for the editorial board to uphold, specifically one that addressed the reporting of police incidents and other sensitive matters.

In the months that followed, it became clear that by simply assembling a staff - individuals with a wide range of opinions and perspectives - we were able to achieve the above objectives. We realized the additional "layer" of an editorial board was unnecessary. A policy was, however, still needed.

While trying to write this policy, we discovered national standards do not exist. Examining crime reporting in larger newspapers, we found the unique nature of Terrace Park (demographics, relative isolation, and the fact that we support our own police and fire departments) demanded a unique policy.

We read a number of books on ethics in journalism, and consulted with individuals from the National Newspaper Association (an organization focused on community newspapers), and the Society of Professional Journalists. At their suggestion, we held a forum at which Terrace Park residents discussed issues around public record, public safety and the right to privacy. Participants included prosecutors, defense attorneys, a court administrator, a family psychotherapist, and a media professional.

Participants in the March 12 forum were asked to provide insight on the following questions:

- Why should *Village Views* report police incidents at all?
- What kinds of incidents, because of their potential impact on the safety and well-being of Village residents, present a compelling reason for the public to know?
- How much information is necessary?
- In balancing the paper's obligation to seek the truth with the paper's obligation to minimize harm toward those who would be affected by such coverage (i.e. children, witnesses, innocent parties), what is the impact of naming names?

After discussing the input gained from the forum and throughout the past three months, we finalized policy for the reporting of police incidents at our March 19 board meeting. All police incidents will be reported by number of incidents per category. In addition, *Village Views* will report criminal activity to achieve the following objectives:

- provide residents with information that could impact their safety
- educate residents about laws they may not otherwise know about
- provide accountability of those involved in criminal justice system
- provide a better understanding of how tax dollars are spent

*Village Views* will generally **refrain** from publishing names in the reporting of such incidents. Publishing names presents an obligation to follow an incident to its final disposition, particularly in the event that named individual was falsely charged or found not guilty, or when charges were dropped. *Village Views* cannot fulfill this obligation, as we are not staffed to "investigate" crime, or to cover Mayor's Court, Hamilton County Court or Clermont County Court proceedings.

*Village Views* will publish names under the following circumstances:

- when a crime is of a magnitude the Managing Editor judges, to be extremely serious this could include instances when juveniles are charged as adults
- when the Managing Editor believes using a name is the only way to give residents sufficient information to make informed decisions about safety
- when a crime involves a public figure whose actions affect a broad group of residents

Reporting will be expanded when the details of particular incidents might assist residents in enhancing their safety, highlight patterns or trends, or otherwise serve to educate. An example might be a situation in which several robberies occurred on the same night on the same street, or all involved unlocked doors.

Residents who want more information should know that police incident reports are public record. They are on file at the police station and can be viewed upon request.

A note on juvenile crime: as explained in the accompanying article by Tom Gould, there is a separate and parallel process for the adjudication of juvenile crime. Since a significant amount of police effort is spent in response to juvenile activity, *Village Views* will present synopses of juvenile criminal activity on a regular basis.

We welcome your comments. Please send them to Managing Editor, *Village Views*, P.O. Box 212, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174. The Board would like to extend a sincere thanks to all residents who offered their time and advice as we worked to write the editorial policy.

# Terrace Park Juvenile Court

by Tom Gould, Juvenile Court Referee

My wife, Jennie, and I first contacted Police Chief Bob Bacon and the Village Council on August 1, 1994, when we wrote to express our interest in establishing a juvenile court for the Village of Terrace Park. Such a court would allow criminal cases involving local youths. These cases might be heard and disposed of in our own community. This would obviate the need for local youth offenders of non-violent crimes to enter the County Juvenile Court system. We saw this to be a tremendous benefit to the children and parents in our community. I knew from my work in the court system that an "unofficial" juvenile court could be created and act with the authority of a court. It would not operate as a court of record. Decisions could be held in confidence by the juvenile court, and cases could ultimately be expunged or purged, once offenders complied with all court orders and stayed out of trouble for a specified period of time. This is how the court was designed to operate, and how it operates today.

In response to our offer, the Village Council enacted Resolution 4-3-95, effective April 18, 1995, establishing the Court in principle and appointing me as the Court's Referee. The Village Police Department, through Chief Bacon and Lt. Hayhow, worked to be sure the Police and the new Court knew what procedures to follow. Both Officers expressed to me on several occasions their concern over what then appeared to be (and has since indeed proven to be) escalating juvenile criminal activity in our neighborhood. On May 18, 1995, I was sworn in as a Juvenile Referee by Juvenile Court Judge Grossman, and by the end of the year, the Police and the Village Council felt it was time to commence operations. This Court would not function nor be of any value but for the support of the Terrace Park Police. They got behind the concept, and they are the ones who decide whether or not to refer cases to the Court.

The Court's first session, closed to the public because the defendants were under 18, was held on January 10, 1996. Since then, the Court has met monthly, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House. My wife, Jennie, serves as the Court Clerk, handling all the paperwork, the defendants and their families, and I continue to serve as the Referee, conducting the proceedings and rendering decisions and sentences.

Terrace Park's Juvenile Court is designed for under-18 first time, non-repeat offenders charged with non-violent, petty crimes occurring within the Village boundaries. The court is not just for residents but for any youth offender arrested within the Village. "Petty" crimes can still be serious crimes (see *summary statistics below*), but they would be the sorts of crimes known to the courts as "misdemeanors" and not "felonies". Sentences can vary from a simple lecture and warning, an apology letter, a research assignment or essay, house arrest, conditional probation or even one or more 8-hour Police-supervised work details. Work details are scheduled by the Court every third Saturday of each month. The Court is usually able to work out restitution by the defendant to compensate victims for any significant property damage. Sometimes driver's licenses are suspended, particularly in under-age alcohol violations. Where warranted, a defendant (and perhaps some members of the family) are referred for various psychological evaluations and, if appropriate, to mandatory drug, alcohol, abuse or other types of counseling. In those cases, the Court may require monthly appearances or periodic progress reports.

Every defendant appearing in the Terrace Park Juvenile Court has the right to counsel, retained or appointed, the right to a continuance to get counsel, the right to call witnesses and to have his or her case heard in full prior to a decision being rendered. Generally, however, defendants plead guilty or no-contest. The balance of the hearing is devoted to examining the reasons for the criminal conduct, to looking at factors likely to prevent or, unfortunately, encourage repeat offenses and, finally, to assessing the appropriate sentence. In terms of sentencing, our objectives are to discourage further criminal activity, to make sure that any victims are fairly compensated and to exact sufficient punishment to make the entire experience meaningful and memorable to the offender. Failure to appear or failure to abide by the Court's orders will result in the case being reactivated as an "official" case, sent to the County system for adjudication. Every juvenile appearing before the Court must have at least one parent or a legal guardian present. In some hardship cases, I have waived this requirement in order to expedite a resolution for the youth involved. The parents of children appearing before me have generally been quite supportive of the Court, as most realize it is a preferable alternative to the County courts and the creation of an official juvenile record. I have also noticed when a parent does not show respect for this Court or me (and this happens), the child parrots this behavior and attitude. This is often the child who repeats his crimes or for other reasons reappears before the Court from time to time. I sometimes feel like the parents, not the child, are the ones that I need to process.

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## TERRACE PARK VILLAGE CRIME AND POLICE ACTIVITY

Police Reports	Mar/April 98	Feb/Mar 98	98 YTD
Help Runs	17	23	55
Mutual Aid Runs	10	14	34
Investigations	14	11	37
Arrest or Citations	35	13	65
Alarm Drops	07	07	19
Prop.Fd. Unsecure	08	08	24
Accident Reports	01	00	05
Domestic Violence	00	00	04

**Noted:**

- 22 of the arrests were for outstanding Misdemeanor warrants.
- 12 of the arrests involved DUI, DUS (driving under suspension), minor drug offenses and minor alcohol violations.
- All arrests were of non-Terrace Park residents.
- 3 of the Help Runs involved false 911 calls made by small children.
- 1 Help Run resulted in a police officer requesting that a CG&E employee check a home for a carbon monoxide leak. A leak was found in the water heater.

## Planning a Trip?

The Terrace Park Police Department would like to remind all residents an "away from home" vacation form is available at the village office as a community service. Should you be planning to leave your home empty for any period of time, please fill out one of the forms, which reflect the dates of departure and return, caretakers names, and emergency numbers. The police will also check your residence during the specific time of your absence for added security. HAVE A GREAT, SAFE SUMMER & BE SURE TO BUCKLE UP!



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## Eagle Scout Project Provides New Bleachers

by Cyndy Finnigan

Terrace Park Boy Scouts recently gave the bleachers flanking Stanton Field a "facelift" through a project designed and implemented by Dan Long, 15, to help fulfill requirements towards Eagle rank.

"It was a lot of fun!" exclaims Dan, "especially the demolition part! We learned a lot too." The project was completed under the careful supervision of Scout leaders and parents March 14 and 15 of 1998.

Mariemont School Board approved the project and provided funding; Kelly Brothers Lumber in Northern Kentucky also donated a portion of the lumber.

Dan is "one merit badge away" from officially becoming an Eagle Scout, a requirement he hopes to fulfill this summer at camp.



From left top bleacher: Jared Wachterman, Creigh Long, Parker Maish  
From bottom left: Dan Long, Mike Carle

Photo by Debbie Long



"That's My Boy" recipient, Dan Startsman.

## 'Atta' Boy Dan!

by Cyndy Finnigan

Dan Startsman, Terrace Park resident and Mariemont High School Senior, has been recognized for his gold-medal efforts on and off the football field. Dan was awarded the prestigious "That's My Boy" award from the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the National Football Foundation in February and was the recipient of a \$10,000 college scholarship from PNC Bank for being named Student Athlete of the Year.

His résumé is as long as his 6'4" frame - Honor Society President, Student Council, Key Club, World Affairs Club, National Latin Honors, Varsity football, track and basketball. In his spare time, Dan has refereed soccer and baseball games with a calm demeanor and is a church acolyte at St. Thomas in Terrace Park.

Simply and eloquently, Dan professes what he deems to be life's important lessons: Set goals. Follow through. Be true to your heart. Believe in yourself. Always have fun. When asked who has had the greatest influence on his life, Dan attests to the fact that "my parents have always been there for me, supporting me. They helped out whenever they could and expected me to do my best, whatever it was."

He also is convinced the great mentoring he has received under the direction of his coaches and teachers have had a tremendous and positive impact.

Dan resides in Terrace Park with parents Dan and Kathy and brother David, 15. His grandparents, Dan and Kathy Startsman Sr., live "just down the street." Dan's grandfather and father were both raised in Terrace Park and both graduated from Mariemont High School. His full name is Daniel Boone Startsman; his great grandmother was Debbie Boone, grandniece of Daniel Boone.

Dan will be attending Brown University in the fall where he will play football.



From left: Boy Scouts Zach Smith, Robby Lewis and Sam Cowan assist in planting trees during the reforestation of Elm Rd. stone overpass. Photo by Gerri Kennedy

## Turkey Vultures Keep Vigil

by Cyndy Finnigan

Like a scene eerily reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's feature, "The Birds," a flock of turkey vultures have been roosting nightly in the arms of a tall fir tree at the end of the driveway of Terrace Park residents William and Jo Fahnestock.

"They've been coming in every night about 7:30-8:00 since the end of March," claims Mrs. Fahnestock, "and they leave about dawn, after first moving to an adjacent tree to preen their feathers and warm up a little," she continues. "No one knows why they're here. We've counted up to 38 vultures at one time." Paul Shafer from *Channel 9 News* was so intrigued that he came out to take a look; planting a cameraman by the tree to wait patiently in the rain for a photo opportunity of the vultures as they flew in for their evening's roost. A segment on the winged scavengers aired on Channel 9 in early April. When asked, zoo officials stated turkey vultures are drawn to a tree where the first light of dawn hits. Still... "it's a bit unusual," assesses Mrs. Fahnestock, who is something of a bird watcher herself. "There are other, higher trees in the park where they could go. They've never come here before."

Turkey vultures have been spotted at the Cincinnati Nature Center and are widespread over much of the United States. It is a large, 26- to 36-inch bird with a bare red head; they migrate to our area from the south to roost. Their diet consists of carcasses of cattle, horses, rodents and snakes. They are the "street cleaners" of the bird world.

"They haven't bothered the other birds. They're really very quiet," notes Mrs. Fahnestock. "We have had a lot of dead branches fall off the tree because of them. It's all been pretty fascinating," she concludes.



A volunteer at the Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve holds a turkey vulture, like the ones seen on the Fahnestock property, on her outstretched arm. These birds, can have a wing span of 5'-6'!

Photo submitted by Jo Fahnestock

## Reforestation Project Great Success

by Cyndy Finnigan

Like modern-day Johnny Appleseeds, volunteers in Terrace Park planted lovely and diverse foliage in sections near the Elm Road stone underpass the morning of April 18. Led by Village Arborist Randy Haller and Steve Smith of Camargo Landscaping, trusty Girl and Boy Scout Troops of Terrace Park "dug in" and worked hard to beautify an area laid bare after a culvert was enlarged and drainage in the area was improved to prevent further flooding.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources formally approved the reforestation project March 27. Submitted by Haller, the plan calls for smaller trees such as dogwood to be placed underneath utilities to help minimize pruning needs; 250 native tree seedlings with 13 different species were planted in all. The Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship donated 200 of the seedlings; 50 containerized seedlings were donated by Girls Scouts from funds raised through cookie sales.

"It's a great project at no expense," commented Haller. "Everyone has been cooperative and it's a 'win-win' situation for all concerned. It will help control erosion and enhance the appearance of the tunnel. The troops will be able to see the fruits of their labors later on," he concluded.



Girl Scouts Sarah and Susan Kipp contribute to the reforestation of the Elm Rd. stone overpass. Photo by Gerri Kennedy

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## Radon Alert

by Noel Julnes-Dehner

Terrace Park homes, along with those in Harrison and Fairfield, average about twice the federal standard for indoor radon levels. Village residents are concerned about this finding because the Center for Disease Control lists radon as the number two cause of lung cancer.

According to Kay Wilfong, radon specialist with Ideal Air services, radon is a naturally occurring element, part of the chemical decay chain of uranium (uranium-radium-radon). Radon comes from the traces of uranium in the soil. As a gas, it lies under basements and can enter through porous concrete. Also, as the house ages and settles, radon finds new openings. Areas that test high for radon have more concentrated traces of it in the soil.

Radon has a short chemical half-life. Once it is a gas, after 3.8 days one half of it decays. After another 3.8 days, another half decays. When it decays, radon emits alpha, beta and gamma particles. When people breathe in radon, the alpha particle damages lung tissue. Damaged cells that reproduce can cause cancer.

There are three types of radon detectors: charcoal, continuous radon monitor, and alpha trak. The charcoal kit is a do-it-yourself kit that takes 2-7 days. It absorbs air and thus radon, and measures the average number of gamma particles. The continuous radon monitor, the one used in real estate transactions, takes a minimum of forty-six hours. When radon decays, it emits an electronic charge. This test measures that charge through hourly readings. The alpha trak is a long term do-it-yourself detector, taking three months to one year in order to track radon which can fluctuate hourly, daily, seasonally. Inside this kit's canister is a special film which becomes pockmarked by alpha particles, and must be analyzed by a laboratory.

If the detector measures a radon level of over four picocuries per liter of air, then the homeowner may want to call a radon contractor. (Ohio residents can call 1-800/523-4439 for a list of qualified contractors.) Typical work performed by Ideal Air and other radon service companies comes from two EPA recommendations. The first measure is to block the entry of radon into the house. For example, if there is a crawl space with a ground floor, that area would be covered with plastic which is then sealed to the walls. Or, if there is a sump pit with drain tiles, that can be fitted with an airtight cover. The second step is to purchase a sub-slab suction system. This unit sucks out the radon from under the floor and ventilates it outside and above the roofline eave so that it cannot get back into the house.

For more information, residents can call the Ohio number listed above, or the Cincinnati Health Department, or contact the EPA to receive "The Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction."

## Council Rejects Water Study

by Katy Wood

Terrace Park drywells will not come under scrutiny. Council voted 4 to 2 against an endorsement for the Hamilton County Board of Health to pursue grant money for a Terrace Park ground water study. The vote occurred following the March 24 special Council Meeting and public discussion of the issues. Seventeen residents attended the meeting.

The study, initially proposed and turned down by Council in April 1997, was put forward again at the request of Tim Harth, Terrace Park Building Inspector. An official of the Hamilton County Board of Health had suggested to Mr. Harth that, if the proposed Terrace Park ground water study demonstrated our drywells are not contaminating the water, these data could be used to protect drywells in state and county sewage codes.

Opposition to the study from the community appeared to influence Council. Mary E. Malotke, Senior Engineer for TENCON, Inc. and resident of 312 Rugby Ave., expressed the following points:

- Terrace Park should not support spending such a considerable sum (\$250,000.00) on a study when there is no evidence of a water contamination problem.

- A federal EPA water contamination study begun in 1997 excluded the study of drywells and similar single family septic systems, due to lack of concern regarding the risks they pose to the environment. This suggests studying the ground water in Terrace Park is not an environmental priority.

- Existing wells in Terrace Park and neighboring communities could provide a means to test our water cheaply.

Residents voicing opposition to the study included the following:

Gordon Lumley, 914 Elm Ave.  
Bob Henley, 327 Rugby Ave.  
Dennis Elliot, 624 Miami  
Tim Grabenstein, 817 Floral

Stefan Olson, resident of Miami Ave., suggested it might be sensible to take advantage of grant money that is available for studying ground water, and use it to study ours. "Contamination can occur in ways that are less obvious," stated Mr. Olson. "Perhaps we shouldn't wait until problems become obvious."

Nevertheless, council voted against the study, deciding to pursue influence with state legislators to protect our drywells.

Council members voting for the study: Dan Keefe, John Finnigan

Council members voting against the study: Jack Brown, Stephen Holmes, Julie Rugh, Dan Startzman

## Juvenile cont. from pg. 3

I am often asked just what sorts of crimes we hear about in our Juvenile Court. Many residents hear about criminal juvenile activity in roundabout ways and do not really have any concrete information to go by. To that end, I have set forth below an overview of the cases Jennie and I have heard since Court started:

**Where do these youth offenders live?** Over 46% live in Terrace Park, 17% live in Fairfax, 13% live in Indian Hill, and the remaining 24% are scattered around Mariemont, Loveland, Milford, Wyoming, Anderson, Amberley and Deer Park.

**Are these offenders' girls or boys?** Girls account for 30%, boys for 70%.

**What about race?** Offenders have been 100% non-Hispanic Caucasian.

**What about age?** 38% are 17, 21% are 16, 25% are 15, 10% are 14 and 6% are 13 or under.

### What sorts of offenses are there?

Under-age alcohol consumption or possession accounts for 27%, including alcohol seized from within vehicles. Another 27% of the cases are for disorderly conduct, particularly for fighting and disturbing the peace, some of which are one-time occurrences, but many of which are repetitive violations. Physical injuries and property damage are not uncommon. Drug abuse, mostly drug paraphernalia and marijuana possession, account for 15% of the cases. Another 14% of the cases arise from criminal mischief or criminal damaging, which means the offenders are intentionally damaging others' property and possessions. These cases include intentional damage to occupied as well as empty homes in the Village. Theft accounts for another 8% of the cases, and the remaining cases include firearms violations, unruly or truant child charges or failure to comply with police orders.

In addition to all the cases referred to the Court, a great number of technical 'offenders' could have been cited to court but were released to their parents without charges. Their involvement was minimal, or they were mostly witnesses to these events as opposed to being active participants. These non-cited youths, however, were each right on the edge of being charged with criminal violations, and their activities are still part of the over-all crime mix in the Village. While it is good for them that they were not charged, it may also be a lesson lost because many of them will not realize their conduct was unacceptable if not illegal.

Despite Terrace Park's relative affluence, pleasant life style and the quality of our school system, you can see that our children engage in the sort of police-blotter activities we would like to think occurs only in poorer neighborhoods. This concerns me and will, I am sure, concern you. Without overdramatizing things, I just want you to know that there is an underside to our community. The Gazebo and Village Green are indeed beautiful at night, right out of "It's A Wonderful Life" or "Leave It To Beaver", but on a lot of evenings, just across the street and under the overpass, you'll find groups of kids sitting around, drinking beer, smoking pot and fighting with one another. It's all illegal and ought not be condoned, but it is to be expected in small doses. In truth, a little of it is just part of growing up; it does not have to be, but it often is, and for most it is harmless. For too many of our children, though, it is becoming a way of life, and those are the kids we have to watch for, intercept and help, if we can. Our Juvenile Court is one way to do that. To that end, I want to let you know our Juvenile Court is alive, well and busy.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Dean's List

Naomi Howland, a 1997 graduate of Mariemont High School and daughter of Clark and Barbara Howland, was named to the Dean's List at Ohio University for Winter Quarter 1997. Naomi is majoring in History/Prelaw in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## Susan Park Finalist In Overture Awards

MHS senior Susan Park was recently selected as a vocal finalist in the Overture Awards competition on February 7. The contest was open to recommended high school applicants from the Greater Cincinnati area whose major individual talents are within the field of vocal & instrumental music, dance, theatre, creative writing and visual art.

Judges selected one winner from each category, who were awarded \$5,000 scholarships. Park was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award from Cincinnati Bell.

## Adopt-A-Chair Program

Don't miss the opportunity to adopt-a-chair in the Mariemont High School auditorium! In order to raise money for the renovation of the auditorium, the Mariemont Fine Arts Association and the Mariemont School Foundation are working together. For only \$100 you can "adopt" one of the new chairs, and your name will be placed on and displayed on a plaque inside the renovated theater for all to see. There is no limit on the number of chairs you can adopt. Half of the chairs have been purchased so don't miss your chance! Any monies raised over and above the needed \$44,000 for the renovation 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.**

## MHS After Prom

The Mariemont City School District community is invited to a preview party from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, April 24 of this year's Mariemont High School After Prom. The After Prom "Journey Through the Night" will be held at the Parish Center at 3908 Plainville Road. The After Prom journey will be a night to remember - the number of activities is astounding. They include: a carriage ride through Mariemont, extreme games, a magician, a handwriting analyst, a caricaturist, movies, an Italian Cafe, a photo gallery, music, prizes and an early morning breakfast! Tickets are \$10 per student. The After Prom will be held from Midnight to 5 a.m.

## TP Students Place In Reflections Art Contest

Terrace Park Elementary sixth grader Jessica Pardue and second grader Drew Troller placed in the Reflections Art Contest held by the PTA Valley Area Council. Pardue's piece won first place and Troller received an honorable mention. About 19 Ohio school districts participated in the event. Both students were recognized at a luncheon in February.

## Announcement

May 6 has been proclaimed **Marvin Alexander Day**. Mr. Alexander, Terrace Park's maintenance foreman, was presented with a plaque commemorating the day by Council. At noon on May 6, a lunch will be held in his honor. Mr. Alexander has worked for Terrace Park for 25 years and is a friend of many people here in the village.

## Mariemont Junior/Senior High Sportswear Logo Contest

by Sue Keffer

Hey...all you artistically inclined students...help us create the new logo for our school sportswear! Design the logo you think students, parents and sportswear enthusiasts will like. Sketch your design and drop it off at Sue Keffer's house, 7 Denison Lane. The designs will be judged by student and school representatives. If yours is selected, as the logo to appear on our Fall Sportswear, you will receive a FREE article of sportswear and the fame your artistic ability deserves.

This contest is open to artists of all ages living within the Mariemont City School district. Please keep in mind that your logo will be imprinted and/or embroidered onto clothing.

Logo Designs will be judged May; therefore, make arrangements to drop off your logo to Sue Keffer **no later than May 15th**. Please be sure to include your NAME, AGE and PHONE NUMBER with your entry. Questions? Call **Sue Keffer@248-8776**.



Seventh grader Beecher Eberhard

## 7th Grader Wins Award

Beecher Eberhard, son of Alice and Mark Eberhard of Stanton Avenue, received the highest possible award, Unanimous Superior, at the National Federation of Music Clubs' Ohio competition held March 14 at Miami University. He competed in the Difficulty Class II, playing Bach's *Violin Concerto in A Minor* and Musser's *Four Mallet Etude in C Major* on the marimba.

Beecher has been studying percussion for four years and is a student of David Fishlock of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Beecher also plays with the Blue Ash Youth Symphony Orchester. During the summer he studies with Beth Radock and plays with the Interlochen Youth Symphony Orchestra in Michigan.

## CCDS at Model UN

Terrace Park resident David Lowry, along with fellow Cincinnati Country Day students, received an award as best team delegate at the The Earlman Model UN Conference in January. Members of the school's Model United Nations Club won a total of six awards.

## Godspell Returned

Cincinnati Country Day School presented the musical *Godspell*.

Among the cast were Terrace Park residents Adam Parrish, Grady Randolph, Jared Watchterman, and Charlie Wilson. Matt Buban served on the technical crew.

## AARP

Terrace Park AARP Chapter 3279 will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 11 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 100 Miami Ave. Program: Paul McCulley, Baptist Minister Clergy Community Assistance Network. Guests welcome.

## Thank You Pam!

Village Views would like to offer a sincere thank you to Pam Brosch for keeping us on the right side of the IRS. As a village resident and CPA with the firm of Aronowitz, Chaiken & Hardesty, Pam donated her services at a busy time of year.

## Newcomers Spring Social

Join your friends and neighbors for an enchanted evening under the stars at Valley Vineyards. Wine Tasting, Dinner, Dessert, Games and Prizes! Transportation provided. Saturday, May 16, 6-11p.m. \$45 per couple. Reservations/Questions, call **Julie Gislason @ 831-6952**.

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## Fashion Show Planned

Terrace Park residents are involved in a major fundraiser to benefit the Salvation Army's Camp Swoneky, a 200-acre resident summer camp for local underprivileged children. Supporting the event are Jill Smith, Elizabeth Beiser, Laurie Heffner, Sandy Koehler, Joddy Pery and Susan Abernathy. Luncheon/fashion show tickets are \$30 and may be reserved @ **321-7000**.

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For registrations received by May 11, cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional sibling. Registrations received after May 11 and before May 15, cost is \$20 per child and \$15 for additional children. Registration forms are available at the above church offices.

## Lost & Found

Two keys were found around the 600 block on Miami Ave. One key has a red plastic on it and is marked "Kings Toyota." If you lost these keys, please pick them up off of the metal bannister by the front steps at 625 Miami.

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## Kindervelt 76 Celebrates 13 Lucky Years in Terrace Park

by Betsy Porst

There's a group here in town that all of you have either heard of, belonged to, supported or benefited from in some way. It's Kindervelt, Chapter 76, Terrace Park.

At our January meeting this year, we had the extraordinary privilege of having Janet Davis come speak to our membership. She was one of the founding members of Kindervelt citywide in July 1971. As she spoke of how Kindervelt came to be and the founders' commitment to it, I found myself rediscovering why we all were there devoting our time and effort to this cause. I also felt the need to share with our community some of the history of this group and the opportunities that are here for everyone.

First the basics: Kindervelt is an auxiliary of Children's Hospital Medical Center. The name is Cincinnati German for "children's world". The concept was to create "semi-autonomous groups" in and around Cincinnati who would work on independent projects and citywide projects to raise funds for CHMC. In 1971, there were five chapters. By the end of 1972, twenty. In 1997, there are over sixty chapters. So far, Kindervelt has raised \$8,304,000 for Children's Hospital.

You just wouldn't believe all the ways these monies come to be: fashion shows, garage sales, bunny breakfasts, running races, shopping trips, bake sales, wine tastings, Entertainment books, luminarias, dinner dances, raffles...well, you get the idea.

In Terrace Park, this year marks our "Lucky 13th" year as a Kindervelt group. For 13 years, you've participated in and supported such projects as Saturday cartoons for kids, Bike-a-thons, Breakfasts with Santa, square dances, etc... Our current community fundraisers include Luminaria sales, Yard Sign rentals, Gazebo notecards sales, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Photo Sessions with Keiser Photography. This year, we added a wonderful winetasting/ silent auction event as a new adult fundraiser.

On a citywide level, Terrace Park Kindervelt (KV 76) participates in the annual November craft extravaganza, KinderKlaus Markt. If you've been there, you know what an incredible production it is! KV 76 also plays a part in the sporting events Tennis Mania and Hoopla. In Tennis Mania, kids from about fifth grade up solicit sponsorship for a night of tennis fun in February. And Hoopla, April 25, is a 3-on-3 basketball competition that Kindervelt puts on at Xavier University. In December, we sponsor a family for Christmas through CHMC's Social Services.

We encourage every member to participate in a Kindervelt tour of Children's Hospital. The perspective you gain is invaluable. This year we were able to see up close where our funds are currently going — to a five-year commitment to the Critical Care program.

When I first moved to Terrace Park in 1993, I heard about Kindervelt and had many misconceptions about it. So I thought you might, too, and I'd like to put them to rest.

#1. You have to be invited to join by a member. Not true. We meet once a month, and would love for you to come. (Call **Beth Srofe @ 831-6844.**)

#2. It's a big time commitment. Again, not the case. Our members all have varying levels of involvement depending on their own schedules. There are dozens of ways to contribute!

#3. You have to be crafty to join. So far from the truth! Markt is but a small part of our year, and even with those projects, non-artsy people join in the fun, too.

#4. You have to like to have fun. Well, this one is true. We have a great time at our meetings/workshops/parties/luncheons...you name it.

It's been thirteen years of "having fun while raising funds" for Children's Hospital Medical Center for Terrace Parkers. In 1987, we raised \$234.30 for Children's. This year, we will be writing a check to CHMC for just over \$9,800.00.

Our chapter's first president, Polly DuPlace remembered, "When we started thirteen years ago, we weren't sure we'd get enough members to join. The group soon had a waiting list of anxious volunteers. I'm so glad the Terrace Park chapter is still going strong. Congratulations!"

We currently boast 40 members and 3 associate members who are as fun and energetic a bunch as you could hope to find. If you would like to join up or at least learn more about Kindervelt 76, I encourage you to attend our Celebration Luncheon on May 12. Our 14th year will start up in September. Call **Beth Srofe @ 831-6844** for more information.

## BUNCOMANIA

by Marilynne Chapman

It happens once a month, twelve months a year all over Terrace Park, Cincinnati, the country, the world. Groups of women, united in the spirit of merriment, diversion, and camaraderie. Competing in a contest of wit, skill, and attitude, women warriors only. The victors taking home the spoils — money and provocative prizes. The losers going away with pink, plastic elephants, thigh-busting machines, carnival candles and various other tacky tidbits of all shapes and sizes. Sound intriguing? Nearly one hundred of your friends and neighbors think so. It's the battle of the babes that has taken Terrace Park by storm. It is Bunco! Can you roll dice, count, add, and ring a bell? Then you too can be a part of this garrulous gaggle of girls. Bunco was first introduced to Terrace Park in 1993, when Erin Rosson and I founded T.P. Newcomers. Our original group, Bunco Babes, is still going strong. Each group is made up of twelve women. Games are held at members' homes on a rotating basis. Lots of food, fun, friendship and refreshments are enjoyed by all. Interested in meeting some new people, joining one of these grand groups, starting your own, or just giving Bunco a trial spin? Call us! We always need new recruits and substitute swingers — ladies only please. **Bunco hotline @ 831-0687, ask for Maureen!**

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# April Landscape Notes

by Steve Smith

## Disease resistant Dogwood varieties

In last month's article, I spoke of how humidity related blighting has effected our native Dogwood populations over the past several seasons. In recent years, we have shifted our emphasis away from using the native Dogwood *Cornus florida*, to using the oriental Dogwood *Cornus kousa*. The *Kousa* Dogwood, or hybrid oriental/native Dogwood crosses such as **Ruth Ellen** and **Stellar Pink**, are less susceptible to infection from powdery mildew and maintain healthy leaf tissue throughout the growing season. Additionally, the oriental and hybrid crosses withstand a greater amount of direct sunlight and are more adaptable to our clay soils.

## Spring versus fall lawn renovation

Fall is normally the most appropriate time during which to renovate your lawn. Glyphosate, marketed under the trade name of **Roundup**, can be spray applied to an existing lawn for total vegetation kill. For best results, **Roundup** should be applied on a sunny day when photosynthesis is actively occurring. **Roundup** works by way of photosynthesis, and is translocated throughout the target plant and kills the plant from the root up. This herbicide is non-selective and will therefore kill whatever plant is sprayed. (My definition of "plant" includes lawn grasses and weeds.) However, since **Roundup** works only through the process of photosynthesis, one can only eliminate those weeds that are actively growing (in other words, that have leaves)

Keep in mind that in mind that **Roundup** is a systemic, salt based formulation that is non-residual. Following application, this herbicide will remain concentrated in the turf thatch layer, where it is then degraded by way of microbial activity. The non-residual character of **Roundup** is what allows one to seed the treated area after a ten day time period. Be aware of other products on the market that mimic the characteristics of **Roundup**. Most other similar products only provide "top kill", and do not have the systemic characteristics that produce a total kill of the undesirable plant.

The greatest single drawback to fall lawn renovation is you will not be able to spray-kill any undesirable spring flowering perennials, such as "Spring Beauties", or early summer appearing wild onions. By fall, both of these undesirable perennials are long dormant, and therefore will not be harmed during fall **Roundup** applications. On the other hand, fall warm days and cool evenings present the most favorable growing conditions for quick seed germination. Also, our fall weather is much more dependable when it comes to moisture and rain fall. In conclusion, although fall presents the most optimum weather conditions for lawn renovation, you may miss control of certain perennials, visible earlier during the season, but dormant during fall.

## Turf care and mole control

When hiring a lawn care company, or planning your own personal seasonal turf program, differentiate between turf care applications and controlling moles. Turf care applications are just that—regularly scheduled doses of fertilizer, spot treating of turf weeds and control of surface feeding damaging insect populations. The goal of any turf care program is to improve an existing stand of turf through fertilization, weed control and reduction of damaging turf root and leaf feeding insects.

Moles, on the other hand, are strict meat eaters, feeding primarily on earthworms and the occasional stray grub in their line of travel. By way of reducing-turf-root feeding grub populations, we can only curb a small portion of a mole's food source. Moles will continue feeding on available earthworms, regardless of grub populations.

Even if earthworm populations become scarce in your lawn, the territorial nature of moles predisposes them to continue using existing runs to move from one location to another. Forget purchasing any product labeled Gopher/Mole bait. Gophers are vegetarians, thus gopher bait is impregnated plant material, which a mole will leave untouched. The only foolproof method of eliminating moles is through trapping. If your lawn has become mole playground and you are tired of attempting to trap on your own, you might wish to contact "The Mole Man," **Tom Schmidt**, @ 662-3017.



Stephanie Swart standing by her art work during Public Education Awareness Week.

## Public Education Week

The first Greater Cincinnati Public Education Week was a great success. In the Mariemont City School District, the week started with a Community Art Exhibit of work by the MariElders and district students.

The show was held at the Mariemont Starbucks. Terrace Park Elementary students Nick Hader, Steph Swart and Katy Keffer had work at the show.

Mariemont Junior High School student and Terrace Park resident Peter Phillips also had a piece at the exhibit. Terrace Park residents also were chosen to exhibit work at the Public Education Week Expo of Excellence at Forest Fair Mall. TPES students Kelly Baird and Emily Ehrnschwender and high school student Leslie Swensson had works on display.

A Public Education Week Community Cleanup was held on March 28. Mariemont High School students helped residents in their yards, and the junior high students washed fire trucks in Terrace Park, Fairfax and Mariemont.

## TERRACE PARK GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Friday, May 8, 1998 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 9, 1998 9:00 a.m. - Noon

The annual Terrace Park Flower Sale is in full swing! Anyone who has ordered from the club before will be contacted for reorders this year by a neighborly garden club member. You can also place your orders directly by returning an order form from last month's Village Views to Erin Rosson. If you are not contacted, you can call **Sara Osborn (831-1136)** or **Karen Ballinger (831-3784)** to place pre-orders before April 25.

Flowers will be available on the Green the day of the sale for impulse buyers.

The flower sale is a major fundraiser for the Garden Club. When you buy from the Garden Club, not only are you able to pick up beautiful flowers right on the Green with no muss - no fuss, you are also supporting a local organization. With proceeds from the flower sale, the Garden Club is able to fund community projects such as the new landscaping for the Community Building, donating a Carolina Silver Bell to Terrace Park Elementary students on Arbor Day, and donating the flower bulbs planted by the Boy Scouts on Elm and Home.

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Pinewood Derby winners and leaders. Back row left to right: Pat McGoff, David Lewis, Officer Joe Winders, Riley Humler, Mike Seeley. Middle row left to right: Nick Crosswell, Neil Hartman, Sam Amis, Ben Seeley, Ben Richart. Front row left to right: Tim Finnigan, Grant Brendamour, Grant Koszyki, Nathan Maggard, Ryan Rolan, Evan Seeley. Photo by Jane Yancey



Pat McGoff in charge of the Pinewood Derby held March 29 at TP Elementary gym.

## Pinewood Derby in the Fast Lane

by Cyndy Finnigan

Beneath black and white checkered flags, Cub Scout Pinewood Derby cars raced to glory at the annual event held Sunday, March 29 in the Terrace Park Elementary gym. Den leader Pat McGoff was in charge of setting up the event; he was assisted by Pack leader Riley Humler and Mike Seeley.

Under the watchful eye of judges David Lewis, Al Nelson and local police officer Joe Winders, the following scouts won in these categories:

- Most Creative:** Grant Koszycki
- Silliest:** Arthur Wood
- Best Paint Job:** Evan Seeley
- Most Realistic:** David Dillman

### Pack 97 Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place:** Nathan Maggard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Grant Brendamour
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Ben Seeley
- Den Winners:** Will Cleary, Sam Amis, Tim Finnigan, Ryan Folan, Nick Crosswell, Neal Hartman, Mickey Humler.



Picture to right. The first big spenders at the opening of the UDF store are from left to right: Panny Cowan, Annie McCormack, Julie Keys, and Julie McCormack. Manager Louise Ammon in background.

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## Summer Fun 1998!

Mark your calendars!! Registration for Summer Fun 1998 will take place on Monday, June 8, 1998, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. SF activities will begin on Tuesday, June 9, 1998 and continue through Thursday, July 2. Again this year, SF will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m., Crafts/Hands-On Activities in the school cafeteria and Outdoor Games/Activities on the school playground.

All children of Terrace Park residents, who have **completed** Kindergarten through sixth grade, are eligible to attend SF. Emergency Information and Activity Interest Forms must be completed by parents/guardians prior to child's participation in SF. SF packets will be sent home through students' backpacks during the month of April. Packets will be available for children who do not attend TP Elementary. In addition to the three days of on-campus activities, field trips to Lake Isabella for fishing and the UDF Commissary to watch ice cream production have been planned. The Ropin' Rockets, a very talented Double-Dutch Jump Rope Team, will perform their competition routines and give one-on-one instruction to anyone who's interested!

Summer Fun is sponsored by the Terrace Park PTA, the Village of Terrace Park, and the Terrace Park Recreation Committee. If you have any comments or questions, please call **Julie Smith @ 831-0091**.



Sixth Grade Champion Basketball Team! Winners of Mariemont Tournament and Metro Tournament. Record 16 - 0. Left: Robby Brown, Ted Winters, Whit Howland, Brandon Kocher, Tyler Schloss, Michael Morgan, David Rosson

## Summer Fun Needs Your Help

Volunteers are needed to coordinate and/or oversee Summer Fun Activities. If you have a special talent to share, or if you enjoy being with children, your help would be greatly appreciated! High School seniors needing community service hours could earn 30-40 hours and have fun at the same time. Call **Julie Smith @ 831-0091**.

## TPRC TEAMS EXCEL IN SEASON FINALE

by Paul Pendery

There were two teams from Terrace Park who closed out the basketball season with outstanding performances in the Metro League championships held the weekend of March 13 - 15. The sixth grade girls team, coached by Fred Albrecht and Dave Troller, runners up in the friendship bracket while the sixth grade boys team coached by Scott Rosson and Scott Morgan, won the tournament championship.

By the time the tournament started, coach Albrecht and coach Troller both felt their sixth grade girls team was coming together and on a roll. Even though they had gotten off to a sluggish start while going 2-8 in the first 10 games, the coaches agreed the team still played hard during competition, without a key player or two in many of the games. Down the stretch, the girls won five games in a row, including three in the tournament, to send them into the friendship bracket championship. In the final game against Milford, Terrace Park led the entire game until the final minutes, before losing by three. In the end, coach Albrecht praised his players fighting spirit, not only in the championship game but in the effort to get there as well.

In the Metro Tournament championship for sixth grade boys, the team from Terrace Park was matched up against a very good Mason Black team. Coach Rosson described the team from Mason as a dominating team that featured excellent passing and solid team basketball. His assessment seemed accurate as Mason broke out to a quick lead, building it to as much as 12 points early in the game. Terrace Park patiently fought its way back, narrowing the margin before taking the lead very late in the game. In the end, Terrace Park squeaked by with a 37-35 win in a hard fought championship game. According to coach Rosson, it was a great effort, as all the boys were able to contribute to the team victory.

## MARIEMONT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SPRING SPORTSWEAR SALE

Mariemont Junior and Senior High schools are once again offering the Mariemont Logo sportswear for Spring. Articles of clothing include....

- Long Sleeve Denim shirt, all cotton. \$35.00
- Long Sleeve White Tee, crew or turtle neck, all cotton. \$23.00
- White Pique Golf Shirt with 2" extended tail. \$25.00
- Short Sleeve Tee, ash color, all cotton. \$15.00
- Short Sleeve White with Navy Trim Tee, all cotton. \$19.00
- Nylon sports bag, imprinted logo. \$20.00

All items have the embroidered Mariemont sportswear logo which was displayed during the Fall Sportswear sale. Samples and order forms are available by calling Sue Keffer @ 248-8776. Or...stop by 7 Denison Lane and pick up an order form from the envelope on the front porch.

We're also interested in knowing what you'd like offered for the Fall Sportswear sale. We're considering offering Polar Fleece vests, Polar Fleece Headbands, Nylon pullover lined jackets, Nylon zipper lined jackets and Nylon pants. We'd like your feedback! What type of clothing would you like offered for the Fall Sportswear Sale?

Proceeds benefit the Mariemont Junior and Senior High PTO student activities.

### TPRC LOOKING FOR COACHES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL T-BALL

Terrace Park Recreation Commission is seeking volunteer coaches for the T-ball instructional league set to begin play in early May. The league is instructional only and does not require previous coaching experience. Practices are tentatively set for early Saturday afternoons. Please contact **Tammy Fisher @ 248-1279** if you are interested.

Also please call Tammy Fisher if you would still like to sign your child up for T-ball. Five and six year olds are all welcome.

Fall Soccer sign-ups will be in May. Registration forms will be sent out through TP Elementary the second week in May. Registration forms will also be available the second week in May on the front porch of 600 Stanton Ave. Questions? Call **Theresa Bain @ 831-2032**.



Sixth grade girls basketball team. Top left: Coach Dave Troller, Laura Ward, Coach Fred Albrecht, Center from left: Claire Keys, Emily Ehrnschwender, Katy Keffer. Bottom from left: Emily Moorhead, Katie Troller, Megan McCarthy, Jordan Albrecht