



Elm Street Safety Concerns Resident

By Katy Wood

Resident Becky Carman (104 Michigan Ave.) expressed her concerns regarding recent changes to the Elm bike path at the August Council meeting. Mrs. Carman maintained her safety fears over the removal of the bumpers, despite the argument of Councilman Dan Keefe and others that cited the advice of the Hamilton County Engineers.

Council made the bumper removal decision based upon Hamilton County research indicating bumpers dividing streets and bike paths actually increase accident danger. (See June 1998 *VV*) Funds from Hamilton County are paying for the road improvements on Elm.

Councilman Jack Brown, noting he believed Mrs. Carman spoke for many concerned residents, added that the bumpers had been stored, not thrown away, and that the changes should be considered a "work in progress."

Lt. Jerry Hayhow indicated the police department is also worried about safety on the path. The police have stepped up their patrolling of that part of Elm and will increase traffic citations as necessary. He suggested Council might look at data from the police department to further assess the safety of the bike path.

Mrs. Carman also complained of the gravel on the path from the tar and chip paving. This initiated a discussion regarding the drawbacks (e.g., loose gravel) of this type of pavement, especially on dead-end streets where children are more likely to ride their bikes and play. It was noted that this type of pavement is considerably less expensive than regular pavement.

Stephen Holmes, Buildings and Grounds Chairman shared another resident's concern. As reported by Mr. Holmes, a resident has complained of water running onto his property from the downspout of a new home built at a higher elevation. Tim Harth, Building Official, replied that the building code addresses this issue and that similar complaints should be addressed to him.

During July's meeting, Treasurer Al Roberts reported the Village had recently received a large amount of inheritance tax, \$347,000.00, and that he is looking at alternatives for an investment that would mature consistent with a planned expenditure. As of July 31, the total balance of Village funds was \$1,757,397.15. Funds are currently invested in STAROhio, the state treasurer's asset reserve fund, which provides a return of 5.49%.

Further business included:

- Officer Terry Kelly was sworn in as an auxiliary police officer. He served in Terrace Park two years ago
- Julie Rugh, Public Safety Chairman, reported she is working on the Neighborhood Watch Program. Interested residents should contact her or the village office
- Mayor Jennifer Comfort requested a special meeting of Council for long range planning. It will be held September 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Dynamic Duo: Pierce and Mimi Matthews

By Cyndy Finnigan

Like father, like daughter. Pierce and Mimi Matthews of Terrace Park have between them donated 50 years of volunteer service to the local community. Pierce retired from active duty as fire chief in 1993 but rejoined the staff as administrative assistant in 1995 and responds to fire calls when available. After her 25-year stint on the fire department, Mimi hung up her fire helmet in April 1998. Both were honored with plaques and recognition from fellow firefighters at functions upon their respective retirements.

Mimi had the distinction of being one of the first female firefighters in the State of Ohio. "There were five of us who took the 36 hours of training in 1973. There have been eleven women total who served as day-time firefighters in Terrace Park; some who were doubling as EMTs on the Life Squad at night," recalls Mimi. Mimi herself was an EMT from 1987 to 1989. She has had the longest service record of the women firefighters and was the only female firefighter on nights, as she worked days.

"People thought we were just being 'women's libbers' at first," remembers Mimi. "There were some negative comments. I genuinely became interested in firefighting through my father, and the other women wanted to be of community service." She and her father have fought a number of fires together over the years in training and in real life; both were present at the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire. "I remember fighting a barn fire in Terrace Park in a mini-skirt one night right after work," says Mimi. "I did put on some boots and coveralls and a hat."

Mimi wore different hats in her years of service; she was co-chair of the yearly pancake supper, a T.P.V.E.S. Association officer and had the recurrent logistical problem of updating the Terrace Park phone directory every two years. "I put out six phone books," she states. Her father was always there to help in these endeavors. Both Matthews agree it's been a fantastic and broadening experience. "Excuse the expression," says Mimi, "but I'm 'burned out!' Time to do something else."



Pierce and Mimi Matthews in their early volunteer years of TPVES community service. Their combined service totaled 50 years.

See a Century of Change

By Jane Harrier

An exciting exhibit will be available for viewing at the Community House on Labor Day from 11a.m. until 4 p.m. The Building Inventory Committee of the Terrace Park Women's Club has accumulated many pictures of our village. You can see them on display, grouped by years: pre-1900-1925, 1926-1950, 1951-1975, 1976-1998. Photographs of Elm Avenue and Miami Avenue will be featured. Original maps showing when houses were built and how street names have changed will be on display, as well as pictures drawn by Terrace Park students of their homes.

Women's Club members will be on hand to help you find your own home in the carefully indexed books compiled over the last two years. Someone will be available to show you how our computerized building inventory database can be used. All residents are urged to check the information on their houses for accuracy and to add any missing details.

This year another treasure hunt to preserve village history begins. A search is on to find the many romantic, colorful and often humorous stories our houses have to tell. Explore your attic and your memory if you are a long time resident. If you're a newcomer to this unique community, talk with elderly neighbors about their houses and ask them about your home. Jot down these memories in any form and send to Carol Cole at 629 Myrtle, or call 831-6771/6741. All pictures of earlier days are being collected and would be greatly appreciated.

Contributions, the Sequel

The staff at *Village Views* is in the process of evaluating our efficiency on many levels. Our business manager has presented us with the following facts:

- we generally break even on a "four page" paper (4 sheets, 8 sides) subject to advertisement revenue
- your contributions in 1998 total \$4031 at press time
- the average donation was \$19.20 at press time
- it costs us \$18.50 per household to distribute a year's worth of *Village Views*

As a result of this research, we are once again attaching an envelope for use in making donations to each copy of the paper, this time in eye-catching, electric orange. To the hundreds of residents who have sent in tax deductible contributions, we offer our sincere thanks. To those who also sent in comments, we took note of every idea. To everybody else, we ask you to consider making a donation to the paper. We would like to stay in the black each issue and to produce a paper based on village news and activities, not on how many pages we can afford each month. In order to do so, we truly rely on your contributions.

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To the Editor:

I want to correct a mistake in Boy Scout Creigh Long's commendable appeal, in your June issue, for books for Thomaston Woods. Thomaston Woods is not "an Inter Parish ministry community." It is an outreach activity of St. Thomas Church. More specifically, Thomaston Woods is a 100-unit townhouse complex for low- and moderate-income families. It was built in 1989 by St. Thomas Housing Corporation in conjunction with PNC Bank, Provident Bank, Banc One, and Western Southern Insurance Company, and it is located on Amelia-Olive Branch Road in Clermont County.

Founding Corporation members included Terrace Parkers Carol Peterson, Jud Gale, Helen Barnett, Alan Joslyn, Beth Kauffman, Jason Popelka and Chris & Linda Smith. Current board members include John Eberhard, Bob Lowery, John Picton, Stacie Waring, Elinor Winchester and myself.

The project's unique character lies in offering educational and recreational programs for Thomaston Woods children and adults. These programs include Head Start and the Clermont YMCA's latch-key programs for children, homework tutorials and field trips for teens, and seminars in budgeting, home buying and substance abuse for adults. Two examples of success are the fact that about a third of these families, in any given year, move into their own homes, and, second, that the first "graduate" of the Thomaston Woods Homework Room received a full 4-year scholarship to the University of Cincinnati.

I know I speak for the Corporation when I wish Creigh Long well in his Eagle Scout project. The children of Thomaston Woods will profit from this book-collecting endeavor.

Nancy Harvey, President,
St. Thomas Housing Corporation

Terrace Park Village Crime and Police Activity

Police Reports	June/July 98	July/Aug 98	YTD 98
Help Runs	17	12	124
Mutual Aid Run	23	09	93
Investigations	15	23	107
Arrest or Citations	19	16	137
Alarm Drops	00	08	40
Prop. Fd. Unsecured	11	07	49
Accident Reports	00	04	13
Domestic Violence	00	01	08

Juvenile Report:

One juvenile was cited with disorderly conduct, underage drinking and failure to comply with a police officer.

Noted:

- 3 of the arrests were for outstanding Misdemeanor warrants
- 8 of the arrests involved DUI or other minor drug or alcohol violations
- 3 of the accidents were on Wooster Pike; 1 was within the Village; no injuries involved

Village Views deadline is changing to the second Monday of every month. Articles for submission are due by 9 p.m. the second Monday of every month. **The deadline for September articles will be September 14, the second Monday of the month.**

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What's at the End of that Drainpipe Anyway?

By Mary E. Malotke

Have you ever wondered about your sewer system? This unsavory but necessary topic is worth thinking about seriously. Most communities have a variety of sewer systems:

- <regular sewers that take the sewage to a sewage treatment plant, or storm sewers that take rainwater to a river or lake
- <cavities, or aerated solids digestion and separation chambers where predigested "water" is normally sent to a creek, stream or lake
- <septic tanks, or solids separation, where liquids overflow to dry wells or leach fields, or to elevated leach systems called mound systems
- <outhouses, or privies, that are mini-septic systems without lids

In Terrace Park, we sit on a 70-foot thick sandy gravel bed above the aquifer, so water placed on or near the surface (rain, sprinklers, septic water) moves quickly down through the gravel. The rate it moves down is called the percolation rate. Terrace Park has a very high percolation rate, which is why puddles disappear so fast after a rain. Most of us have septic tanks where the liquid flows to dry wells and, in some cases, to leach fields. We have no sewer bills, since we have no sewers. The village also has some cavities, some privies and minimal storm sewers.

Sewage water that stays near the soil surface is biodegraded easily due to high levels of available oxygen. Once the water gets deeper into the gravel bed, the natural bioattenuation diminishes, and the bacteria and soap compounds degrade more slowly. The water eventually moves toward the river or the aquifer zone below the river. Problems in the water, such as chemicals or grease, can destroy your septic system or pollute our ground water.

Water leaving your kitchen sink or toilets is called blackwater or septate. This water contains human waste solids, paper, grease and food scraps. Water leaving your shower, washing machine and other sinks is called greywater and typically contains soap or cleaning products. Both wastes go down the pipe and enter a large tank in the ground that is commonly called a septic tank.

The septic tank removes solids by holding the wastewater in the tank, which allows the solids to settle and the "scum" to float to the top. The bacteria in the tank literally "eats" the solids in the tank turning them into liquids and gases. The water is bled off under a baffle that keeps the scum in the tank and allows the liquid to flow to an absorption area in the ground. The germs and some soaps are removed in the "soil treatment zone" near the surface by filtering and by soil microorganisms.

A septic system requires very little maintenance. The most important chore is to have it pumped to remove the residual solids from the tank, every three to five years. If the solids are not pumped, they build up in the tank and reduce the available volume. This allows solids and toilet paper to flow into the leach or absorption area and plug up the pipe or the soil openings.

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Ted Gardner invites Terrace Park residents to stop in to appreciate the store's old fashioned atmosphere with an up-to-date inventory of engaging toys and trains.

Ted's Toys and Trains Joins Terrace Park Neighborhood

By Helen Fox

Ted's Toys and Trains, an eclectic toy store for kids of all ages, is enjoying an end-of-August move to the Village Center Shops in Terrace Park. Formerly located in Old Milford, this family-owned business is especially looking forward to being part of the Terrace Park community. "The focus of Ted's Toys and Trains is family, and we're excited to be located in a community which shares our focus," comments Ted Gardner, the store's owner.

"We're on the way and very convenient for stopping," continues Ted. "A stop in our toy store can be made at the same time as a dental appointment with Dr. Fritz, a framing errand at Gold Leaf, or a hair cut or manicure from Essentials." "Ease of entry and off-street parking is an important asset of our store's new location," adds Ted's wife and business partner Juliann, who helps with marketing, gift wrapping and the buying and displaying of the store's inventory. The couple's two daughters, Laura (6) and Grace (4), enjoy their jobs of approving and trying out many of the store's games and toys.

Inventory is what sets this store apart from many other toy stores — you'll find a wide variety of puzzles, games and toys meant to engage the brain or bring out the child in all of us. There are classic toys and quirky novelties, games that invite the entire family to get down on the floor and play together or puzzles meant for solitary entertainment. Many of the items will also appeal to Generation Xers as well as Baby Boomers. Plus you can try before you buy at Ted's. Ted and Juliann enjoy showing customers how to launch a flying toy, solve a puzzle or play a card game. In addition, Ted's Toys and Trains serves many train enthusiasts as this area's authorized dealer for Marklin — a German toymaker since the early 1900s.

It's downright tough to visit Ted's Toys and Trains and not walk out wearing a smile. Trains puff on tracks throughout the shop as you investigate travel games, building kits and sand box treasures. Ted and Juliann have maximized the store's space purposefully and imaginatively. "Fun stuff - wall to wall," is the way Juliann describes the environment. If you don't want to duplicate a gift at a birthday party, Ted's Toys and Trains is definitely the place to shop. Grandparents from Maine or Terrace Park can simplify their shopping by calling Ted's to see what's on their grandchild's wish list, or get information about the latest games.

Ted encourages people to look to his business as a total gift resource. "If you're trying to find one-of-a-kind imports, specific games or other unique hobby items, let us help you," invites Ted. Call @ 248-1999 or stop by 614 Wooster Pike 10 a.m. to 7p.m. weekdays and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5p.m.

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The Best Part of BP

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

"What can I do for you?"

With combined job tenure of over 80 years, the men at BP have greeted customers at the Wooster Pike station. Who are the men behind these words?

Bill Krummert, Sr. (30+ years at the station) worked for Lowell Kramer, the prior owner, back when it was known as SOHIO. Although retired, Bill still reports for work and has stayed involved with the business.

Bill "Billy" Krummert, Jr. (22 years) has owned the station for two years. "I always hung around the station, cutting grass when I was 12, pumping gas and helping out since I was 15. My dad worked 12-14 hours a day during the week and eight hours a day on the weekend, so being here was a way of being with my dad."

Joe Siddens (22 years) reports he has been fixing things since he was old enough and working ever since he began mowing lawns when he was 9. A man of many stories, he tells of a local customer whose car smelled when she turned on the air conditioner. Joe opened the hood, looked around and discovered a dead mouse next to the blower fan! Having been at the station for so long, he is planning his retirement of "watching tomatoes grow, tearing apart new things and travelling out West."

His father, who owned an auto shop, influenced Scott Keller (6 years). Together they worked on cars. "I like engine breakdowns. The more I take apart the more I like it. I like figuring out the problem right off the bat." Someday he would like to own an auto shop himself.

Cary Parks (6 years) chose mechanics because he wanted to do something he had never done before. He has a photographic memory when it comes to taking things apart and making them work. He also knows how to remain calm. Once when setting a car down, "I felt a hot sensation on my foot. I had set it on my foot and couldn't get my foot out. The other guy was at the full service pump and couldn't hear me yelling. Suddenly, Bill dropped by after golfing, heard my voice and found me. Nothing was broken."

Chris McGrath (2 years) works at BP because he likes learning something new all the time. "I like being able to figure out things on my own."

Billy loves his job because he gets to do a little bit of everything, from payroll to mechanics to talking with people. It is the latter that he especially enjoys. "You see people on a regular basis and get to know them well, even the different generations who return. People even give us their car keys before they go on vacation and tell us to do whatever needs to be done. They trust us. I like being part of this area."

Editor's Note: We would like to feature regular interviews with our commercial neighbors. If anyone has suggestions please contact Noel Julnes Dehner @831-4233.



Peg and Jack Highfield outside Milford Hardware

Milford Hardware Couple Hang Up Their Hammers

By Cyndy Finnigan

After 24 years in the business, the owners of Milford Hardware, Jack and Peg Highfield, are retiring September 30, 1998. Plans for a Caribbean cruise are in the works, as well as doing some home repair, playing golf and enjoying their grandchildren, ages four and ten months. Their customers will miss them and their personal touch. "I'll miss the people," states Peg. "It's funny, the ones who are telling us we can't retire are the ones who are retired," she chuckles. "We won't miss being tied down."

The couple generally works 9-10 hours a day, six days a week, with one week of vacation a year. Their two children worked in the store as teenagers but were not interested in following in their mom and dad's footsteps.

"The store is actually 103 years old; originally owned by Adelaide Deitrich and her brother, who were Terrace Park residents," says Jack. "Terrace Parkers have been very supportive. Pierce Matthews from Terrace Park worked with us for years." Milford Hardware is an institution in downtown Milford. "We hope that, whoever the new owners are, they will continue on as a hardware store," the Highfields said.

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In addition to regular pumping, the following potential problems and associated solutions can also be key to effective long term septic system operation:

Problem: excess water volume through the tank does not allow the solids to settle in the tank and flushes solids out into the leach field clogging it

Solution: repair plumbing leaks, particularly leaking toilets, and spread your water use out by washing clothes over several days rather than doing all your loads on one day. Make sure your roof drains drain away from your leach field or dry well

Problem: fine solids from washing machines (lint) and garbage disposals do not have the weight to settle and remain in suspension, flowing over into the leach field or dry well and clogging its pores

Solution: install lint filters on your washing machine discharge hose and do not use your garbage disposal

Problem: chemicals are flushed that kill the natural bacteria in the tank and prevent the digestion of the solids. Solids build up and clog the leach system or dry well

Solution: Minimize chemical usage, particularly of intense germ killers such as automatic toilet bowl cleaners or bleach. Never put paint thinner, gasoline or oil down your system

Problem: solids such as toilet paper, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, cigarette butts, wet strength paper towels, etc. will not decompose and will cause the solids to fill up the tanks too quickly

Solution: do not put solid paper or latex materials down the toilet for any reason. Dispose of these in regular garbage

Problem: clogged tanks or failed leach areas often trigger use of septic tank additives

Solution: septic tank additives don't fix a broken system. If a tank is overflowing or your yard is wet, the tank probably needs to be pumped. Tree roots can also clog drainage lines. Keep plantings away from soil absorption areas

These systems can work effectively and well with appropriate household habits and maintenance. It is important to engage a professional who knows how to safely pump and clean the system. Remember never to enter the tank, since it may contain deadly gases that can explode or asphyxiate a worker.

Most household sewage released by these systems wells is treated in the tanks and soil and does not harm the aquifer. However, there are some situations where septic tanks do not work well, such as businesses that have high chemical or oil usage. A septic tank is regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as a Class V Injection Well, which is a shallow waste disposal well used to release fluids above or into underground sources of drinking water. Businesses, such as auto repair shops, beauty shops, photographic processors and other potential sources of grease or chemicals, can be dangerous to the aquifer below and to the continued functioning of the injection well.

If Terrace Park is to maintain its independent "sewer system", we must work to maintain our septic systems. We must ensure that they are pumped out regularly, minimize flow, minimize chemicals put down the drain and avoid using a garbage disposal (or have a larger tank to allow for some settling). If we all work to maintain our system, we should continue to receive permits to replace our systems with similar ones as needed.

Neighbor to Neighbor

"Don't Let the Lights Go Out, They've Lasted For So Many Years..."

Barbara Howland's signature tune may go unsung as she searches for someone to light the village Christmas tree in 1998. Barbara, who is also Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the Planning Commission for Terrace Park, says she has just "too many balls in the air." In an effort to keep one from dropping, she is eagerly looking for an able-bodied replacement. "All in all," she says, "it takes only 20-30 hours to light the tree." She is happy to work with any volunteers and has maintained well-organized files of the event. So, if you feel the urge to keep the tree lit, give her a call @ **831-0721** or you may contact Cyndy Finnigan @ **831-5121**. The annual tree lighting takes place on the first Sunday in December each year, in conjunction with Kindervelt's Luminaria Lighting. Tasks include arranging hayrides, contacting Santa, coordinating with village maintenance to string the lights, etc.

MHS/ MJHS

SPORTSWEAR SALE

This year's Mariemont High School and Mariemont Junior High School's fall sportswear sale will start soon. Students in the art classes at both schools submitted designs for this year's sportswear. Jon Hanner, a high school student from Fairfax, submitted the winning design. His design will be screen printed on T-shirts and long-sleeved mock turtleneck shirts. Also offered will be fleece vests and headbands, stadium blankets, nylon jackets and pants, and sweatshirts and pants, with other Mariemont logos on them.

There will be sportswear displays at the Junior High School Open House on September 10 and at the High School Open House on September 14. Available items will also be on view before and during most sporting events through September 25.

Spring 98 Honors

Brandon Snider, son of Terry and Jean Snider of Michigan Drive, was named to the spring semester Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University. He was also awarded the Coastal Scholars Scholarship for his senior year. He is a 1995 graduate of Mariemont High School.

Free Classical Music Concert

The St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Concert Series will present a classical music program, BUILDING A BRIDGE OF MUSIC, on Sunday, August 30, 1998 at 4p.m. at the church, 10345 Montgomery Road. Featured are vocal soloists Peter and Anna Kokorev and pianist Polina Besselko from the Moscow Music Conservatory. No admission charge, a free will offering will be collected for the musicians.



Grace Holmes smiles beside a load of donations.

Attention Terrace Parkers!!!

If you or any of your friends have any items (excluding major appliances and clothing) you are planning to give or throw away, PLEASE give it to the Labor Day Garage Sale!! I am collecting items NOW! I will pick up your leftover garage sale items too! Suzanne Kite of Coldwell Banker/ West Shell Realtors has generously donated a storage facility to the Labor Day Garage Sale, making early collection possible. If you have ANY donations, please call **Grace Holmes @ 831-4181**. Thanks!!

Kiwanis Club Fundraising Fair

On Sunday, September 13 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. the Mariemont Kiwanis Club will hold an ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR at the median strip on Wooster Pike just west of Mariemont Square. Eighty-eight arts and crafts booths will be available for your browsing pleasure. Raffle tickets will be sold and Best of Fair awards will be presented. Proceeds benefit the Mariemont High School Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club, its meeting schedule and activities, should contact **President Jim Downing @ 271-0685** or **Club Secretary Rob Porter @ 793-1751**. Men and women who live in or have an interest in the communities of Fairfax, Mariemont, Plainville and Terrace Park are welcome.



Investment Firm

Announces New Staff Member

Judith S. Elliott of Terrace Park has joined Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. as Operations Manager. She served Terrace Park as village clerk for eight years and as a member of the volunteer life squad for four years. She brings 26 years of experience to her new position.



Graduate Receives Highest Honor

Anna Yokel of Terrace Park was recognized by Cincinnati Country Day School as a representative of "those qualities for which we would like CCDS to be known." She received the school's highest honor, the Country Day Award, at a June 1998 ceremony.

Wandering Cat Needs Identity

Found: Black, brown and white tiger cat with green collar and small green bell. No ID tag. This cat periodically shows up at my house. If this is your pet, please call. We wish to return it safely whenever it wanders. **Ruth Oberle @ 831-3963**.

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Ted Gardner invites Terrace Park residents to stop in to appreciate the store's old fashioned atmosphere with an up-to-date inventory of engaging toys and trains.

Ted's Toys and Trains Joins Terrace Park Neighborhood

By Helen Fox

Ted's Toys and Trains, an eclectic toy store for kids of all ages, is enjoying an end-of-August move to the Village Center Shops in Terrace Park. Formerly located in Old Milford, this family-owned business is especially looking forward to being part of the Terrace Park community. "The focus of Ted's Toys and Trains is family, and we're excited to be located in a community which shares our focus," comments Ted Gardner, the store's owner.

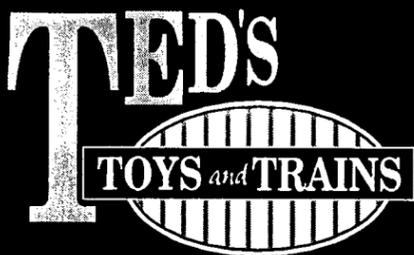
"We're on the way and very convenient for stopping," continues Ted. "A stop in our toy store can be made at the same time as a dental appointment with Dr. Fritz, a framing errand at Gold Leaf, or a hair cut or manicure from Essentials." "Ease of entry and off-street parking is an important asset of our store's new location," adds Ted's wife and business partner Juliann, who helps with marketing, gift wrapping and the buying and displaying of the store's inventory. The couple's two daughters, Laura (6) and Grace (4), enjoy their jobs of approving and trying out many of the store's games and toys.

Inventory is what sets this store apart from many other toy stores — you'll find a wide variety of puzzles, games and toys meant to engage the brain or bring out the child in all of us. There are classic toys and quirky novelties, games that invite the entire family to get down on the floor and play together or puzzles meant for solitary entertainment. Many of the items will also appeal to Generation Xers as well as Baby Boomers. Plus you can try before you buy at Ted's. Ted and Juliann enjoy showing customers how to launch a flying toy, solve a puzzle or play a card game. In addition, Ted's Toys and Trains serves many train enthusiasts as this area's authorized dealer for Marklin — a German toymaker since the early 1900s.

It's downright tough to visit Ted's Toys and Trains and not walk out wearing a smile. Trains puff on tracks throughout the shop as you investigate travel games, building kits and sand box treasures. Ted and Juliann have maximized the store's space purposefully and imaginatively. "Fun stuff - wall to wall," is the way Juliann describes the environment. If you don't want to duplicate a gift at a birthday party, Ted's Toys and Trains is definitely the place to shop. Grandparents from Maine or Terrace Park can simplify their shopping by calling Ted's to see what's on their grandchild's wish list, or get information about the latest games.

Ted encourages people to look to his business as a total gift resource. "If you're trying to find one-of-a-kind imports, specific games or other unique hobby items, let us help you," invites Ted. Call @ 248-1999 or stop by 614 Wooster Pike 10 a.m. to 7p.m. weekdays and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5p.m.

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The Best Part of BP

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

"What can I do for you?"

With combined job tenure of over 80 years, the men at BP have greeted customers at the Wooster Pike station. Who are the men behind these words?

Bill Krummert, Sr. (30+ years at the station) worked for Lowell Kramer, the prior owner, back when it was known as SOHIO. Although retired, Bill still reports for work and has stayed involved with the business.

Bill "Billy" Krummert, Jr. (22 years) has owned the station for two years. "I always hung around the station, cutting grass when I was 12, pumping gas and helping out since I was 15. My dad worked 12-14 hours a day during the week and eight hours a day on the weekend, so being here was a way of being with my dad."

Joe Siddens (22 years) reports he has been fixing things since he was old enough and working ever since he began mowing lawns when he was 9. A man of many stories, he tells of a local customer whose car smelled when she turned on the air conditioner. Joe opened the hood, looked around and discovered a dead mouse next to the blower fan! Having been at the station for so long, he is planning his retirement of "watching tomatoes grow, tearing apart new things and travelling out West."

His father, who owned an auto shop, influenced Scott Keller (6 years). Together they worked on cars. "I like engine breakdowns. The more I take apart the more I like it. I like figuring out the problem right off the bat." Someday he would like to own an auto shop himself.

Cary Parks (6 years) chose mechanics because he wanted to do something he had never done before. He has a photographic memory when it comes to taking things apart and making them work. He also knows how to remain calm. Once when setting a car down, "I felt a hot sensation on my foot. I had set it on my foot and couldn't get my foot out. The other guy was at the full service pump and couldn't hear me yelling. Suddenly, Bill dropped by after golfing, heard my voice and found me. Nothing was broken."

Chris McGrath (2 years) works at BP because he likes learning something new all the time. "I like being able to figure out things on my own."

Billy loves his job because he gets to do a little bit of everything, from payroll to mechanics to talking with people. It is the latter that he especially enjoys. "You see people on a regular basis and get to know them well, even the different generations who return. People even give us their car keys before they go on vacation and tell us to do whatever needs to be done. They trust us. I like being part of this area."

Editor's Note: We would like to feature regular interviews with our commercial neighbors. If anyone has suggestions please contact Noel Julnes Dehner @831-4233.



Peg and Jack Highfield outside Milford Hardware

Milford Hardware Couple Hang Up Their Hammers

By Cyndy Finnigan

After 24 years in the business, the owners of Milford Hardware, Jack and Peg Highfield, are retiring September 30, 1998. Plans for a Caribbean cruise are in the works, as well as doing some home repair, playing golf and enjoying their grandchildren, ages four and ten months. Their customers will miss them and their personal touch. "I'll miss the people," states Peg. "It's funny, the ones who are telling us we can't retire are the ones who are retired," she chuckles. "We won't miss being tied down."

The couple generally works 9-10 hours a day, six days a week, with one week of vacation a year. Their two children worked in the store as teenagers but were not interested in following in their mom and dad's footsteps.

"The store is actually 103 years old; originally owned by Adelaide Deitrich and her brother, who were Terrace Park residents," says Jack. "Terrace Parkers have been very supportive. Pierce Matthews from Terrace Park worked with us for years." Milford Hardware is an institution in downtown Milford. "We hope that, whoever the new owners are, they will continue on as a hardware store," the Highfields said.

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In addition to regular pumping, the following potential problems and associated solutions can also be key to effective long term septic system operation:

Problem: excess water volume through the tank does not allow the solids to settle in the tank and flushes solids out into the leach field clogging it

Solution: repair plumbing leaks, particularly leaking toilets, and spread your water use out by washing clothes over several days rather than doing all your loads on one day. Make sure your roof drains drain away from your leach field or dry well

Problem: fine solids from washing machines (lint) and garbage disposals do not have the weight to settle and remain in suspension, flowing over into the leach field or dry well and clogging its pores

Solution: install lint filters on your washing machine discharge hose and do not use your garbage disposal

Problem: chemicals are flushed that kill the natural bacteria in the tank and prevent the digestion of the solids. Solids build up and clog the leach system or dry well

Solution: Minimize chemical usage, particularly of intense germ killers such as automatic toilet bowl cleaners or bleach. Never put paint thinner, gasoline or oil down your system

Problem: solids such as toilet paper, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, cigarette butts, wet strength paper towels, etc. will not decompose and will cause the solids to fill up the tanks too quickly

Solution: do not put solid paper or latex materials down the toilet for any reason. Dispose of these in regular garbage

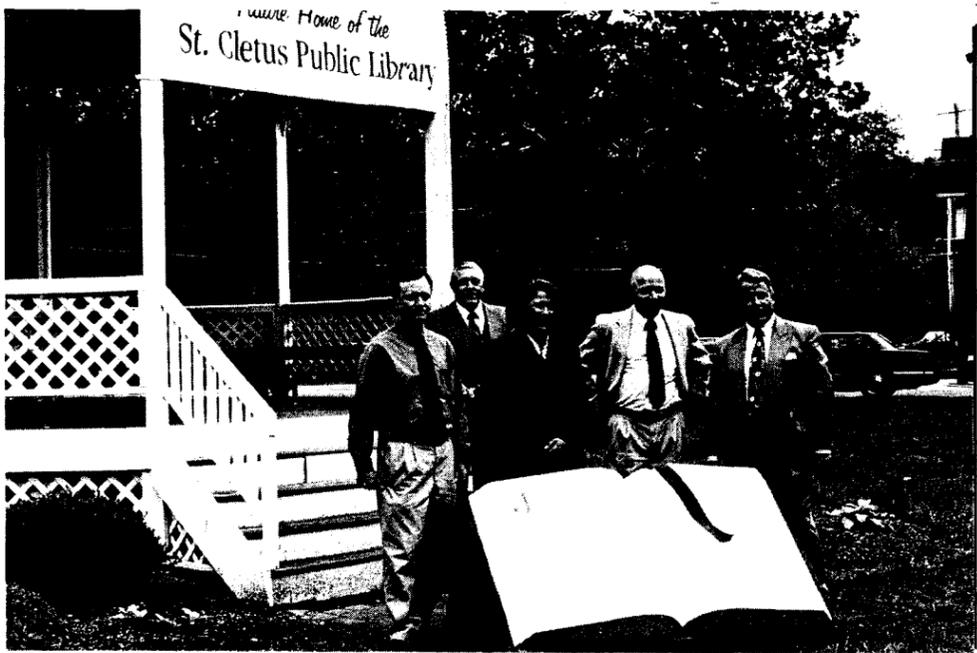
Problem: clogged tanks or failed leach areas often trigger use of septic tank additives

Solution: septic tank additives don't fix a broken system. If a tank is overflowing or your yard is wet, the tank probably needs to be pumped. Tree roots can also clog drainage lines. Keep plantings away from soil absorption areas

These systems can work effectively and well with appropriate household habits and maintenance. It is important to engage a professional who knows how to safely pump and clean the system. Remember never to enter the tank, since it may contain deadly gases that can explode or asphyxiate a worker.

Most household sewage released by these systems wells is treated in the tanks and soil and does not harm the aquifer. However, there are some situations where septic tanks do not work well, such as businesses that have high chemical or oil usage. A septic tank is regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as a Class V Injection Well, which is a shallow waste disposal well used to release fluids above or into underground sources of drinking water. Businesses, such as auto repair shops, beauty shops, photographic processors and other potential sources of grease or chemicals, can be dangerous to the aquifer below and to the continued functioning of the injection well.

If Terrace Park is to maintain its independent "sewer system", we must work to maintain our septic systems. We must ensure that they are pumped out regularly, minimize flow, minimize chemicals put down the drain and avoid using a garbage disposal (or have a larger tank to allow for some settling). If we all work to maintain our system, we should continue to receive permits to replace our systems with similar ones as needed.



Actors gather in front of the Terrace Park gazebo, cleverly disguised as the "future home of the St. Cletus Public Library." Second from left is Charles Goetz.

"PEOPLE LIKE US"

By Katy Wood

Art imitated Terrace Park life recently on the Village Green. On a sweaty August afternoon, threatening but not delivering rain, approximately 80 people inhabited the green making a movie.

More than thirty were crewmembers filming, directing or otherwise organizing the fifty or so actors and extras, as well as numerous regional actors from Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, these included Terrace Park residents who volunteered their time for a crowd scene. Also present was ex-resident, and former Terrace Park Player, Charles Goetz, who plays the mayor of fictional St. Cletus, a town similar to Terrace Park.

Cincinnati Rob Kennedy, with wife Lesley, wrote the screenplay for "People Like Us", a family drama involving intergenerational conflict and a bit of intrigue. He is also director and co-producer of the independent film, his first. When scouting for locations, Mr. Kennedy was looking for a place with a strong small town feel, almost rural. "Terrace Park was the winner by far," claimed Mr. Kennedy. Line producer Marion Schniegenberg added that the gazebo and commons area were location requirements. These provided an ideal backdrop for a scene involving the groundbreaking ceremony scene "starring" those T.P. extras.

I spoke with the Hadian family of 716 Myrtle Avenue, who were going to leave town on vacation as soon as their stint as "faces in the crowd" was over. Having theater background, Amy and Greg Hadian were prepared for the waiting and inevitable boredom they were encountering and agreed it had been a worthwhile family experience. Twelve year old Shani Hadian, on the other hand, "thought it would be shorter" and wanted lunch and air conditioning.

Ryan Wenstrup (110 Wrenwood) and Jacob Starks (609 Miami), who admittedly "had hoped to be a stunt double," were offered the added adventure, during a lighting set-up, of filling in as stand-ins, albeit sitting in the beat up car used throughout the film. John Harth (306 Rugby) was excited about the next day's shoot which would involve not only exterior shots of his house, but filming in his very own room.

The production is a small, independent endeavor financed by executive producer and local businessman, Tom Shepherd of Shorn Sheep Productions. Mr. Kennedy, who previously worked as a pharmacist and later as a corporate video producer, characterized the project as fun, but "grueling" schedule-wise. He appreciated the cooperation of Terrace Park and "the leadership for welcoming us in."

Mr. Kennedy is hoping "People Like Us," to be completed by the end of 1998, will be picked up for distribution. In the meantime, it will be entered in film competitions and festivals to increase its visibility. He was much too exhausted to be thinking about a location for the premiere, but he really ought to consider the Mariemont Theater. Don't you agree?

Moped Safety

By Officer Doug Sowders

Every summer we see an increase in moped operation around the village. Operators of mopeds need to understand the safety measures that should be taken to insure their well being. First, anyone who operates a moped must be of age and licensed to do so. The moped itself should display a vehicle license issued by the state. The operator must obey official traffic control signals, signs and other traffic control devices that apply to vehicles. On roadways, moped operators should ride as close as possible to the right-hand side. It is illegal for anyone to carry a passenger unless the moped is designed and equipped for that purpose. Operators of mopeds are subject to any penalties resulting from violations of the traffic laws.

Second, several safety rules may reduce the number of accidents involving mopeds. Before riding a moped on a roadway, go to an area where there is no traffic and practice riding. Learn how fast it accelerates and stops. Test its turning radius and maneuverability. Once on the roadway, always look out for the other motorist. Listen for vehicles coming from behind, a good practice that may prevent a mishap. Ride a straight course and do not compete with other drivers. Mopeds do not have enough power and speed to stay with fast-moving traffic. Unexpected road hazards such as sand, gravel and wet leaves have caused serious moped accidents. The best way to prevent accidents is to be aware of these hazards and steer away from them. Safety and fun can go together!

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The Terrace Park Sluggers, a 7th and 8th grade softball team, finished their winning season with a 2nd place trophy in the Fairfax Softball League. Coached by Diane and Jerry Govert and Harry Badanes, the team had a 6-1 record, and was "a wonderful, fun bunch of girls."



Back Row: Kelsey Walker, Carrie Badanes, Brooke Seward, Chelsea Mitchell, Lauren Fisher, Amanda Maloney, Megan Govert
Front Row: Gretchen Perry, Amy Fisher, Meredith Siegman, Rachel Norris, Bethany Whittelsey, Lindsay Deeter, Erin Nickum



MHS GIRLS FINISH STRONG

The Mariemont High School softball team finished their winning season record, reaching the semi-finals. Terrace Park residents Amanda Ervin, Courtney Merten and Katie Porter received Honorable Mention at All-State. Other Terrace Parkers, shown in the photo with the entire team and coaches, were Shannon Call, Erin Govert and Chase Koehler.

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LABOR DAY 5K RACE

By Rich Uhle

The annual Terrace Park 5 kilometer (3.1 miles) will be run Sunday, September 6 at 9 a.m. The course begins on Elm in front of the school and circles around Miami with a turnaround ending back at the school.

Past champions Eric Moyer, Mark Porst, Mike Folan, Cindy Gorman, Grace Proctor and John Alan Srofe are expected to defend their titles. All walkers and runners are welcome. It is definitely not too late to start training!

The course is flat and known for fast times. Eric Moyer holds the course record set in 1997. Signup begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Log Cabin. Walkers and runners will all start together at 9 a.m.

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TP Newcomers welcomes ANY ideas, suggestions and comments. We would especially like to thank those who contributed endless hours of time to establish and maintain this unique opportunity. We encourage all to re-join and share your past ideas and successes with us. Please call **Sally Gaburo @ 831-6375** or **Leanna Paz @ 965-0846.**

A general meeting will be held on September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of **Leanna Paz, 731 Elm Avenue.**

Recreation Committee Plans Labor Day Weekend Festival

The Terrace Park Labor Day Festival, sponsored by the Recreation Committee, will once again offer a weekend of fun for all. Festivities begin Saturday, September 5 with the Garage Sale at the log cabin from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Sunday registration for the traditional 5K Fun Run/Walk will be at 8:30; the race begins at 9 a.m. The Parade on Monday at 10 a.m. will be followed by the Carnival on the Village Green. Proceeds from the weekend Festival, coordinated by Larry Williams, help finance Recreation Committee activities and responsibilities.

- the Saturday Garage Sale, chaired by Grace Holmes, will offer an endless variety of useful and novelty items. Be sure to go through some of your treasures and contribute.
- the 5K Fun Run/Walk, chaired by Rich Uhle, is open to the serious runner and casual stroller, young and old. Prizes in numerous categories will be awarded immediately following the race.
- the traditional parade, organized by Laurie Heffner, will feature floats, kids, bikes, antique cars, bands, fire trucks, ambulance, police, local celebrities and pets. All participants should meet behind Terrace Park Elementary School at 9:30 for the 10 a.m. start out Myrtle, up Stanton, across Yale and down Amherst to the Village Green.

After the parade, the carnival begins. Until 2:30 p.m., our favorite rides and games, Bars and Bells, Instant Bingo, Goldfish and Moonbounce, will be back, as well as a few new additions. Clare Williams is chairing game booths. Matt Nickum is lining up local celebrities to take turns in the Dunking Booth. The ever-popular Bingo, organized by Midge and Tom Proctor, will be under the big tent and will feature bonus prizes and "celebrity" bingo callers.

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This year, they are hoping to have friends and neighbors as part of their team. Here's the great part about joining this walk: not only are you helping to find a cure for this serious and costly disease, you get to have fun in the process. Every walker raising \$100 in pledges gets free admission to King's Island on walk day.

This year Kathy Schubert is serving on the JDF Walk Committee as a Parent Perspective Representative. To help build corporate teams, she visits companies and tells the Schuberts' story of living with diabetes. In closing she states, "With your help, Jeremy and all those with this disease will receive the greatest gift that I, as well as any parent of a child with diabetes could possibly give them - life without diabetes - THE CURE."

If you can join the Schuberts' team for this wonderful cause or would like to make a donation, please call **Kathy @ 248-2836.** They hope some of you will join them. The more, the merrier!

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