



From left: Sarah Sattergren, Lynley Chapman and Hayley Forst enjoy the Labor Day Festival.

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS

By Paul Pendery

There were many reasons why we were able to enjoy the most successful Terrace Park Labor Day Festival yet. Hopefully, we all remember that we were blessed with a beautiful sun-drenched weekend this year. However, even more important were the event organizers whose hard work and sincere efforts made the entire weekend such a joy for all of us. In no real order they were:

- Larry Williams - Event Chairman
- Rich Uhle - 5K Run/Walk
- Laurie Heffner - Parade
- Grace Holmes - Garage Sale
- Clare Williams - Games
- Midge and Tom Proctor - Bingo
- Matt Nickum - Dunking Booth
- Boy Scouts - Food Booth
- Rusty Wilson - Treasurer and Ticket Booth

Along with a large amount of support from many people in the community, these event coordinators were able to pull off a truly sizable task. In the end, there were some wonderful stories. Grace Holmes slept overnight at the Boy Scout Log Cabin for two nights to ensure the survival of the donations for the garage sale. Clare Williams saved almost \$1,000 by traveling to Indianapolis to purchase the game prizes. As Larry Williams said, "It was such a thrill to participate in this for the last three years. Not being from Terrace Park and watching the whole village pull together to make it all happen was a real experience for my wife and me. The community spirit has been unbelievable".

In raising over \$14,000 this year, all of us owe this group of people a tremendous debt of gratitude for their incredible effort in making this weekend such a huge source of annual income for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission. For those of us who have children playing on a TPRC team, we should be even more thankful for what they were able to accomplish. From watching families which span three generations enjoying the music on the Village Green on Saturday night, to the little kids strutting their stuff in the parade on Monday morning and then racing through the game booths that afternoon, our Terrace Park Labor Day Festival has become quite an event.

Included in our appreciation of the Labor Day Festival, we also need to remember the aim is to bolster civic pride and join our family and friends in celebrating our community. It takes a great deal of time and energy to achieve all of these goals. If you would like to be a part of next year's Labor Day Festival or a regular member of the Recreation Commission, please notify **Laurie Heffner @ 576-6320**



From left: Holly McCormack and Betsy Forst run the fish pond booth during the Labor Day Festival.

Controversy over Elm Ave. Bike Path Continues

By Katy Wood

The September Council meeting picked up where last month's meeting left off. Worry over the Elm Road bike path persists. A contingent of residents, represented by Becky Carman (104 Michigan Avenue), attended September's Council meeting, insisting the changes made to the Elm bike path have made it less safe. Mrs. Carman stated that "there is too much gravel in the path, the width is not adequate, and it is unsafe for children." Stating the curve and the section across from the swim club entrance were her biggest concerns, she recommended something "tactile" to divide the path from the street. A guardrail or collapsible barriers were specific suggestions made by residents.

Mayor Jennifer Comfort requested Public Works Chairman Dan Startzman review the possibilities. Chief Bacon, who has assigned DUI offenders to sweep the gravel previously, agreed to supervise regular re-sweeping of the path until the gravel is gone.

Mrs. Carman and others also pursued the pavement vs. chip and seal issue. Council was asked to consider gradually paving Terrace Park streets in order to increase the safety of children cycling or playing on the street.

Council members and Chief Bacon then discussed the advantages of chip and seal surfacing. Chip and seal reportedly reduces driver speed, improves traction in inclement weather and improves drainage (i.e., this type of surface can accommodate a "crown" in the street from which water drains). It is also less expensive. Council will report on the cost differential next month.

Council passed several resolutions. These included the following:

- Acceptance of a new job description for Building Official
- Approval to purchase and plant 45 new trees
- The choice of American Legal Publishing to re-codify all village ordinances. This process will provide a needed update, and will consolidate ordinances into one source
- Authorization to submit application for the same water main project denied to the village last year

The latter issue received significant attention, with Councilman Dan Startzman maintaining something must be done, even if we don't get the loan. The project would cost \$700,000.00; the village would supply 11% of expenditures plus engineering costs. The project is necessary due to the size and age of our water mains. They are becoming occluded and cannot handle the water pressure needed for adequately fighting fires. The hydrants on the alleys have smaller lines to begin with, so pose a particular problem. Also discussed was the "worst case scenario," the possibility of a school fire, which would require significant water pressure to control.

Stephen Holmes reported that action had been taken to secure and fill the cannons on the green following an accident on Labor Day.

Lastly, commendations were given to the following:

- Maggie Tobergte, for recruiting 6 new EMS recruits
- Grace Holmes, for her effort in making the Labor Day Garage sale such a success
- The Police Department and EMS for their handling of several particularly challenging situations during the last month



Jerry Fitzgerald and his group of supporters after completing the walk for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Fitz's Feat Raises Funds

On May 17, 1998 dozens of volunteers from Terrace Park, Cincinnati, Indiana and Atlanta had one thing in common. They joined Jerry Fitzgerald in his quest to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis.

Cheers from neighboring porches launched the Fitzgerald team as they walked down Amherst from the Village Green starting point. Dogs, children, senior citizens, medical professionals, co-workers and family members—as well as a police escort—provided ample evidence of the importance of this event. On a joyously decorated gurney, lent by Terrace Park Life Squad, Jerry was escorted by red-shirted "pushers" on his journey, which led them to raise over \$10,000 to be used in fighting this disease.

Terrace Park Elementary Earns High Rating

Congratulations! 98% of Terrace Park Elementary 6th graders and 90% of the 4th graders passed all five parts of the 1998 Proficiency tests last Spring. This is quite an accomplishment for our school and ranks us at the top of our state. Out of 611 school districts in Ohio, only ten were rated highly effective. Mariemont received this elite rating!

Building Boom, Builders' Dream

By Camilla Warrick

Within the next year a \$1 million home should go up in Terrace Park.

That's the prediction of local building inspector Timothy Harth, who is also one of the busiest contractors in this area. He won't say where the new structure will be or whether a purchaser is in the wings. Further, he said, "I don't know who is going to build it, but I know I'd love to. The site has been acquired."

Harth, a partner in Drackett-Harth Construction, said villagers should expect to see more new, big, expensive homes in their neighborhoods. Why? "The market," he said. "As the market allows it, we'll see more of them. When Steve Fletcher sold his Elm Street home for \$600,000, that started the boom in \$600,000-plus houses. That showed us they were reasonable here."

A longtime Terrace Park resident, Harth actually wears three hats in the village, not two. He is also the council-appointed inspector of septic and private aeration systems. He juggles these duties without conflict, he said, and is surprised by people who think that he would tolerate overlap. "When I'm the builder or my partner has anything to do with the project, or even when my dog walks across a building site, I don't do the inspecting," he said. "We have a contract with Savage Walker Engineers to inspect. This is due to a real or perceived conflict of interest."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Terrace Park Recreation Commission I would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 1998 Labor Day Festival and all the weekend activities a huge success. There are countless people who pitch in and get things done to produce what has become a weekend event for the entire community.

The Labor Day Commissioner Larry Williams and his wife Clare worked long and hard on all aspects of producing the Run/Walk, the Concert on the Green, the Garage Sale, the Parade and the Labor Day Festival. Larry and Clare have a talent for getting things done, and their efforts and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

Grace Holmes, the Garage Sale Chairman, went over the top with this year's sale. Grace and her purple pick-up truck went all over Terrace Park and beyond collecting 'once loved items' and turning them into treasures. There are people from social service agencies and children's needs programs who wait for this sale every year to purchase items, at reasonable prices, for their programs. Many of the items that all of you donate go to people who might not otherwise be able to afford them. Grace and her entire 'crew' deserve many thanks for all their work.

Lastly, I would like to thank Sy Swart for always being there when something needs to be done. Sy is the first one to arrive and the last to leave whenever there is work to be done, and his determination and kindness make every project run smoothly. Thanks, Sy, for all your effort on behalf of the children, coaches and parents of Terrace Park.

This community has long supported the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, in good times and in bad, with volunteer time, money and emotional support. Labor Day Weekend was another great example of your commitment to the children of Terrace Park. Thank you.

Laurie Heffner

President, The Terrace Park Recreation Commission

Dear Editor and Friends,

What a WONDERFUL TPRC garage sale. What a HUGE success! We made over \$8,000 (The final numbers will be printed in the October *Village Views*. Last year we made \$5,600.)

I'd like to thank a few special people for all their time and help. Joy and Doug Hammonds were unbelievable. Doug helped me move all the "treasures" from the five storage areas. Joy helped "process" all the treasures. Special thanks to Linda Ross, Betsy Ecker, Betsy Porst, Jennifer Vedder, Beth Srofe, Diane Donley and Jan Dever (awesome workers!) for helping process, set-up and sell. This year we added delivery to our menu. Thanks to Steve Holmes, Sy Swart, John Bollinger, Bob Ross, Greg Hadjian, Bruce Barnhill, Jim Peterkin and Day Jordan for being great deliverymen.

Thanks to Suzanne Kite, Coldwell Banker/West Shell, for supplying us with our first storage area. She got us started. Thanks to the Toberges for loaning us their garage when all 5 other areas were filled! (We filled their garage too!)

Thanks to all who donated. Without your treasures we couldn't have this sale. I have decided to start accepting donations immediately! Please call me @ 831-4181 for a pick-up.

People ask me why I do this job. It really is a labor of love. I have met so many people, young, older, new, longtimers. I like feeling connected to all these people. People love giving away their treasure to a good cause. TPRC is just that. They provide a wonderful sporting opportunity for our children. They keep Drackett Field beautiful. All the proceeds go to help maintain our fields, provide the proper equipment needed and buy uniforms.

My heart felt thanks to the TPRC for the gift certificate for dinner at the National Exemplar. Boy, do I need dinner! To all who helped, my heart is filled with love and thanks! What makes this sale a success? People's willingness to give of their time and work together. Thanks to every person who made this sale a huge success.

Sincerely,
Grace Holmes

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Alcohol, Auto Theft and Arson Challenge Law Enforcement

By Katy Wood

Chief Bob Bacon's report to Council provoked significant discussion. At the September 8 meeting, Chief Bacon reported that a large teenage party involving significant alcohol consumption took place on "the island" in the Little Miami River on August 12 and 13. The next day an auto theft and two incidents of vandalism were reported to village police. By August 16, the Terrace Park police had recovered the vehicle, stolen from a residence on Marietta Ave., charged eight teens (seven juveniles) with criminal trespassing and charged three juveniles with auto theft. Chief Bacon stated that it is probable the auto thieves will be sent to juvenile prison.

None of the teenagers involved were Terrace Park residents. The temptation of such parties was noted, however, with Chief Bacon pointing out that serious criminal behavior resulted, most likely, as a result of alcohol abuse.

A second incident involved a Port-O-Let burned on the green on Labor Day. No one has yet been charged with this crime. Fire Chief David Glassmeyer and others remarked on the potential consequences of this act, given the dry weather. Councilman John Finnigan warned that such "pranks" are seen as criminal offenses by the law.

Terrace Park Village Crime and Police Activity

Police Reports	July/Aug	Aug/Sept	YTD
Help Runs	12	11	135
Mutual Aid Run	09	08	101
Investigations	23	20	127
Arrest or Citations	16	35	172
Alarm Drops	08	02	42
Prop. Fd. Unsecured	07	05	54
Accident Reports	04	00	13
Domestic Violence	01	00	08

Juvenile Report:

- 3 juveniles were charged with auto theft
- 7 juveniles were charged with criminal trespassing
- 1 juvenile was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia
- 1 juvenile was charged with possession of marijuana
- 3 juveniles were charged with underage possession of alcohol

Noted:

- 9 of the arrests were for outstanding Misdemeanor warrants
- 5 of the arrests were for DUI
- One of the DUI arrests occurred in the UDF parking lot during daylight, with an alcohol blood level of .329

Did You Know?

The T.P. police have stopped numerous speeders traveling down Elm Ave. along the bike path.

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Pedestrian Safety

By Officer Doug Sowders

In 1990, approximately 6,500 child pedestrians were killed in traffic accidents in the United States. Many of these accidents could have been prevented if the children had known and practiced pedestrian safety. While adults generally recognize the dangers of carelessness around auto traffic, children are often more impulsive and less aware of the dangers. According to the National Highway Safety Administration:

- ❖ Most young people are injured near their home
- ❖ Most accidents happen between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Most accidents occur in fair, warm weather
- ❖ Twice as many boys are injured than girls

An effective pedestrian education program should include the following steps:

- ❖ Focus on the ways children usually behave around traffic
- ❖ Teach skills rather than information; children learn by doing
- ❖ Use realistic settings for practice sessions
- ❖ Reinforce positive behavior

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From left: Sandy Koehler, Boo-tique Chair, Denise Guttenberger, Pumpkin Festival Assistant Chairman, Sandra Taylor, Pumpkin Festival Chairman.

"Terror Park" Elementary Ghouls Up for Pumpkin Festival 1998

It's almost the witching hour for the frightfully fun Pumpkin Festival at "Terror Park" Elementary. Festivities begin on Tuesday, October 6 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. with the ever-popular Boo-tique featuring a bizarre bazaar of Halloween novelty items and tantalizing taste treats! A change this year will be that festive mums, cornstalks, gourds and pumpkins will all be available that day without our pre-ordering. First come, first served! **NEW THIS YEAR:** highly coveted Pumpkin Festival T-shirts (see logo to right) can be picked up that day for those who pre-ordered. There will be a few shirts available for impulse buying.

Then on to the main event on Friday, October 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m. After you drop off your carved or decorated pumpkin for judging, the whole family can head to the Pumpkin Patch Café for hot BBQ & pizza and cold drinks. Then visit all your favorite haunts like Casper's Corner, the Bid-n-Buy extravaganza, gym packed with fun & games and the chambers below where the Haunted House rests in peace!

All residents, young and old, are encouraged to show your Halloween spirit and support your PTA

Right: The Girl Scouts of Summer

Terrace Park Scout Troop #3430 (5th grade) celebrated summer with a night of Cincinnati-style fun. First we dined on barbecue aboard a BB Riverboat cruise. Then we docked at Cinergy Field and cheered the Reds on to a decisive victory against the Twins. Oh, what a night!

Girl Scout Registration

Terrace Park Girl Scouts are now registering for the upcoming year. We would like to extend an invitation to those girls who were not involved last year. We have established troops for first through sixth graders, and each year we form a troop for kindergarten girls. Please call **Susan Sattergren @ 248-2702** for more information.



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PTA Evening Program

Talking to Children About Sexuality

The Terrace Park PTA will present an evening lecture and discussion on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Amy McMahon, Executive Director of Social Health Education, will speak on the topic of sexuality education. She will address such issues as: the relationship between positive parent-child communication and self esteem; the effect lack of communication can have on attitudes and behaviors; how to find "teachable moments;" how to determine which issues are appropriate at which age; ways to initiate communication about sexuality and values; and the role of formal sexuality education programs.

Social Health Education, Inc. is a non-profit agency funded primarily by United Way/Community Chest. Its job is to develop healthy sexual attitudes and behaviors through enhancing self-esteem and promoting effective communication and decision-making skills. Social Health Education works with schools, community groups and religious organizations to provide information and education programs to parents, teachers and children.

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Sounds Like a Broken Record!

By Rich Uhle

Seven records were broken on Sunday, September 6, in Terrace Park. The sunny morning saw 59 walkers and runners in attendance to participate in the annual Labor Day Weekend 5K. Six age group course records, set by all ages and both sexes, resulted from this record-breaking participation.

Nick Thoman set the Boys 12 and Under record in 24:45. His cousin Matty Latessa, age 8, ran an amazing 27:08. Sarah and Susan Kipp won the Junior Girls, and Becca Vianello won the Senior Girls' race. Becca's teammates from the Mariemont Cross Country team, Mara Cunillife and Sarah Black also looked strong, beating all but the top men.

Kevin Keefe, age 15, won the Senior Boys in 20:01, establishing a Boys 16 and Under record. John Alan Srofe won Boys 14 and Under, while Mitchell Frey took first in the Novice division. Both John Alan and Mitchell ran with their dads. The boys looked decidedly fitter than the dads did.

Bo Uhle won the Boys 10 and Under class, and his brother Grant won the 18 and Under walking division. Gavin Donley, Chris and Luke Porst, Michael Srofe and Joe Fening were all division winners in the Fun Run. Look for these fast guys in the big race next year.

Sandra Taylor won the Women 30 and Over division in a record 22:21. Jenny Whitaker was second in a very strong Women's field. In the Women 40 and Over, Grace Holmes was first, followed closely by Camilla Warrick.

For the second straight year, Mark Donley handily won the Men 40 and Over race. Jim Treftz was also a repeat in the Senior division.

Mark Porst (18:13) won the Men's Open division for at least the third time. Mark was pushed early by Becca Vianello. George Comfort was second, followed by Kevin Keefe, Mark Donley, Paul Gibby, Dan Keefe and Steve Conway.

The field was weakened by the absence of Village record holder (16:29) Eric Moyer. Eric, on hand as a race official, reported he is now retired from the St. X Cross Country Team. Said Eric, "I know I'll never beat Mark Porst or my record time again, so I don't need to run the race again."

TERRACE PARK 5K RECORD HOLDERS

Eric Moyer	Men's Open	16:29	1997
Mark Porst	Men 30 and Over	16:33	1997
Mark Donley	Men 40 and Over	20:09	1998
Jim Treftz	Men 60 and Over	26:50	1998
Cindy Gorman	Women's Open	19:31	1996
Sandra Taylor	Women 30 and Over	22:21	1998
Grace Holmes	Women 40 and Over	23:19	1998
Nick Thoman	Boys 12 and Under	24:45	1998
Kevin Keefe	Boys 16 and Under	20:01	1998
Grace Proctor	Girls 12 and Under	24:34	1996
Becca Vianello	Girls 16 and Under	21:10	1997

Hamilton County Siren Signals

Siren Signals are tested at noon throughout the county on the first Wednesday of the month. For test purposes each sound will last for one minute.

STEADY TONE—A TORNADO WARNING or a SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING during a TORNADO WATCH. When there is a threat of a tornado in Hamilton County the outdoor sirens will sound steady tones for three (3) minutes. Go to a safe place when the weather threatens. If time permits, turn on radio or TV for emergency information. Have battery-operated radio available.

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Repeated soundings of the sirens indicate additional warnings are being issued. Radio or TV will give ALL CLEAR.

Eating Well While Doing Good

By Julie Smith

As you have probably noticed, school is back in session. Back-to-School means many things to many people. For many Terrace Elementary PTA volunteers, Back-to-School means back to finding creative ways to raise funds for activities and improvement projects. In the past few years, funds generated by the PTA have been used to renovate the school library, paint student lockers in each classroom, purchase air conditioning units for each classroom in the building, as well as many other projects.

The PTA sponsors four on-going fundraising efforts:

1. Grocery Store Gift Certificates—Kroger gift certificates can be purchased for regular shopping. The certificates spend like cash at all Kroger stores. The PTA earns 5% of all certificates sold. Contact Lori Frey @ 831-1409 to order.

2. Market Day—This is a fundraising food co-op. Each month you receive an order sheet offering over 150 restaurant quality food products. Fill out the sheet, return it as directed and pick up at the school on the designated day. The PTA earns 10% of sales. Contact Cynthia Johnston @ 248-2124 or Claire Richart @ 576-6735 for an order sheet.

3. Big G Box Tops for Education Program—General Mills will pay the PTA for each qualifying box top from General Mills cereals, yogurts and fruit snacks. A list of qualifying box tops is available from Julie Smith @ 831-0091. Accumulated box tops can be mailed or dropped off at the school.

4. Campbell's Labels for Education Program—Campbell's Soup Company offers a wide range of products for the school to earn when qualifying product labels, lids and proofs of purchase are redeemed. A list of qualifying labels is available from Julie Smith @ 831-0091. Please send all saved labels, lids and proofs of purchase to the school.

Whether your support of these programs is large or small, it will be greatly appreciated by the students of Terrace Park Elementary School. Any questions can be directed to the fundraising chairs listed above. Thank you for giving us your time and attention.

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