

Rawnsley Resides Across the River

By Ricki Schmidt

Ellis Rawnsley moved his young family from Cheviot to Terrace Park the Christmas of 1940, and 59 years later, just before Easter, he moved again, across the Little Miami River to SEM Terrace in Milford. *Village Views* toasts both the significant and the subtle roles he and his wife Bonnie played during six decades of the evolution of this Village.

Terrace Park's administration building bears their names, but their touch is felt throughout the entire Village. They worked with Grace Siegel in 1943 to organize the Village's first scout troop, with Mr. Rawnsley serving as its cubmaster. One of the founders of the volunteer Fire Department and Life Squad, Mr. Rawnsley served as Fire Chief for eight years. In 1969, he retired after 25 years on the Fire Department, and he retired again in 1991, ending his 15-year tenure as editor of *Village Views*.

Children were a special focus of Bonnie Rawnsley's life until her death in 1990. A president of the local PTA and an officer of the Hamilton County PTA, she also taught Sunday school at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for 13 years and worked in women's groups there. She dressed dolls for the Salvation Army and helped to make sure the Grove children, who lived in what is now the Wilderness Preserve, had clothes, especially after floods.

The Rawnsleys have been a vibrant force in the Village, but the longest lasting influence may be Mr. Rawnsley's histories of both St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Village itself. In 1976, he edited a his-



Esther Power captured the author at work in the Village archives researching his centennial book, *A Place Called Terrace Park*.

tory of the parish for its centennial year, and, in 1992, authored *A Place Called Terrace Park* for the Village's centennial celebration of incorporation. The original printing of 800 books has long been sold out, and several editions have appeared on the secondary market, priced as high as \$65. New Village residents, unable to purchase a copy of the history, can find it on the Internet at the Terrace Park website www.terracepark.com.

Mr. Rawnsley began his journalism career, which spans seven decades, as the editor of his high school newspaper. His work as a

correspondent on his local Passaic, New Jersey paper, covering a strike in the local textile mills, caught the attention of the Associated Press, leading to a job offer in the Trenton bureau. At that time he was the youngest person ever hired at the AP, which later moved him to Pittsburgh, where he met his wife. They were married April 13, 1929. The AP moved him again to Cincinnati as bureau chief. The AP asked him to move once more, to a prestigious position in Washington, DC, but the Rawnsleys declined, preferring to raise their family in Terrace Park.

He worked here for the *Times-Star* and then *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, where he was copy chief until his retirement. While at *The Enquirer*, Mr. Rawnsley began writing a Garden Tips column in 1958, on a volunteer basis. The paper resisted paying for the column until the American Seed Trade Association named him outstanding garden editor of 1959. He also served many years as a regional director of the Garden Writer's Association of America.

In 1979, when the Rawnsleys

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Zoe Moore asked them about Terrace Park in the 40's. She reported in *Village Views*, "Ellis remembers seeing a deer in the garden one morning while having breakfast. Bonnie recalls the Marigold Tea Room in the house at 435 Elm. 'It was a private sort of tea-room, with delightful lunches served inside. And the Post Office was in the building next to the present Post Office. Everyone had his own box, and it was a social event just to pick up your mail. The trains at the station stopped right across from the market, and we'd get off there coming home from vacations'."

Mr. Rawnsley, to this day, recalls with fondness the Terrace Park School. His children graduated from Terrace Park High School af-

ter entering the school in their early elementary years. When the family first moved to Terrace Park, Mary Lou was nine, Virginia seven and David five. Mr. Rawnsley remembers the school as the focal point for the Village.

Mr. Rawnsley was born in Yorkshire, England. At 13 he immigrated to New Jersey with his parents and sister, who is four years his senior and still resides there. Crossing the Atlantic that summer of 1920 remains a fond memory, as they had five meals each day, a veritable feast after World War I rations of horsemeat and rhubarb leaves.

His family has now grown to include 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, the last born this year and named Eliza for his mother.



Family and friends toast Ellis and Bonnie Rawnsley at one of his 92 birthdays.

TP Toasts Ellis Rawnsley

Present and past residents lift their glasses to toast Ellis Rawnsley as he moves across the river, after residing in Terrace Park since 1940:

Moving to Terrace Park only 11 years ago, I'm a relative newcomer. I find our town to be an extremely welcoming, friendly community. One of the particular delights of being here has been getting to know Ellis Rawnsley, a truly remarkable man. At 92, along with the wisdom and experience of age, he maintains, in full measure, a youthful spirit and lively interest in all sorts of things. He has a remarkable memory, a keen sense of humor and an omnivorous appetite for books.

On our regular jaunts, he finds almost boyish pleasure in inspecting timbers of an old covered bridge, examining tombstones in a pioneer cemetery, locating the Bullskin Trace or bringing home a wildflower to identify more positively.

He has done meticulous research on the Covalts and their 18th century Terrace Park stockade, the Robinsons and their circus and is now writing a fascinating biography of Senator

John Smith, who became ensnared in the Aaron Burr affair and whose house still stands on Elm Avenue.

We're fortunate to have Ellis Rawnsley and should appreciate what he has done for our town. Luckily he's now just a stone's throw away, so he's still very much with us.

—John Diehl

We lift not our glasses, but our hearts, in gratitude for Ellis. For so many, you have been the historian, the preservationist, the conscience, the engaging companion, the Village Laureate. Age has only heightened our awareness and appreciation of your youth. You retain those most cherished of childhood gifts—wonder, humor, curiosity, mischief, simplicity, passion, resiliency and forgiveness. O if we all could be so young. Thank you, friend.

—Jerry Sasson, Principal Terrace Park Elementary School

What a special friend we all have in Ellis Rawnsley. His quick humor and his positive attitude toward life make him a delight to be near. He is very generous in sharing gardening tips, as well as pretty blooms from his yard. Each year he provides beautiful dried plant material to enhance the Thanksgiv-

ing Altar arrangement at St. Thomas Church. No wonder he is an honorary member of the Terrace Park Garden Club.

—Helen Tollefsen

I was not aware of the many back-roads and historical sites there were until I joined Ellis on our Tuesday lunch outings. His knowledge and retention of all these places never ceases to amaze me. I look forward to adding more to my education from the "Ellis Essays," along with continued enjoyment with a special friend.

—Ace Tollefsen

Ellis has been a true friend, mentor and guidance counselor to me personally. He represents what Terrace Park is all about. His volunteerism, his passion for life, his caring heart...they just don't come any better. He has been like a father to me. I will miss his presence in this Village.

—Bob Bacon
Terrace Park Chief of Police

During my tenure as rector of St. Thomas, Ellis was, for much of that time, a partner in ministry as editor of *Tidings*. A quiet, thoughtful, caring and considerate man, refreshingly unassuming, who has

lived in a modest manner devoid of pride and position. Family, friends, the Village community and God's good earth head his list of values. Typically, at four score and ten, he is working on a book about John Smith, the first clergy person to serve in the Village. Praise and power to you, Ellis, from God made known to us in Christ Jesus and in whom we live and move and have our being.

—The Rev. Canon Kenneth E. Clarke

Ellis Rawnsley was instrumental in the formation of the Terrace Park Emergency Medical Service. His foresight furnished his neighbors with a group of dedicated volunteers who provided medical care year-round. From the sense of community of Ellis, and others like him, has sprung the Terrace Park tradition of volunteerism. TP EMS is one of the few remaining volunteer providers in Hamilton County.

—Connie Wilson
TP EMS Caption

Although I've known Mr. Rawnsley practically my entire life, my most vivid memories

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Mayor Proposes Wooster Pike Improvement Committee

By Katy Wood

A new job description for the position of Building Official and a new full time police officer were presented at the April 13 Council meeting, and both represent months of research and difficult deliberation.

Planning and Zoning Chairman, Dan Keefe provided a first reading of the new ordinance describing the Building Official position. After delineating the requirements of the job, the ordinance presently contains a clause stipulating the conditions constituting a conflict of interest, and a procedure to deal with actual or perceived conflict of interest on the part of the Building Official. Following a second reading in May, Council will vote on the ordinance at its June meeting. Mr. Keefe emphasized he would be willing to meet with anyone in the Village having questions or interested in discussing the job description.

In the meantime, advertisements for the position have been published (see p. 5, April *Village Views*). As of April 13, Mr. Keefe had met with several people who were interested in the position, but who

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meetings regarding *Village Views*. For many years I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Mr. Rawnsley on close to 100 issues of the paper. Every month I was amazed at how he was able to magically transform copy submitted with grammatical errors, misspellings, awkward sentence structure, etc. into interesting and well-written articles. I have to give a lot of credit to my wife, Linda, who over the years got very proficient at interpreting his seemingly cryptic proofreader's marks and editor's codes...something I was never able to master. The MacMillan families' long association with both Ellis and Bonnie Rawnsley has filled us with many treasured memories.

—Gregg MacMillan
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If I can know a man by his actions, then I know Ellis Rawnsley. His actions speak of a man who values his neighbors, a man who gives more to others than he takes for himself. Mr. Rawnsley could be the poster for Terrace Park spirit. Mr. Rawnsley has not only given years of service to Terrace Park, but he encourages and helps others to get motivated by love of community to do the same. The essence of Terrace Park, that continues to make it different from other communities, is its volunteer spirit, the belief that everyone has something to contribute and should do so as life allows. If I could point to one person who sums up that ideal, it would be Ellis Rawnsley. He will be sorely missed.

—Jennifer Comfort
Mayor of Terrace Park

I first met Ellis when he was *Village Views* editor, and I covered Council meetings for the paper. In casual conversation we discovered we had both once lived in Cheviot, and that Ellis' daughter Mary Lou and I had been in kindergarten together. Things I recall when I think of Ellis, (or Chief as I call him, harking back to his newsroom and fire department days) include:

- ❖ Teaching me the proper way to grow geraniums from seed! Dozens of them. Geranium seeds are tiny, and "so you've got to start them early, Lynn"
- ❖ His and Bonnie's generous, and delicious, dinner invitations to Terrace Parkers. I think most widows in the Park enjoyed at least one meal at their dining room table
- ❖ Ellis' Christmas gift of both red and yellow-berried holly branches from their trees.
- ❖ His deep love of reading Cheers! To the Chief for his many quiet services to the Village. Al and I cherish his friendship.

—Lynn Nelson

All of us at St. Thomas are grateful to God for Ellis Rawnsley. Thanks to Ellis, not only does Terrace Park have a well-documented history, but so does St. Thomas Church. Ellis has been a faithful, sagely presence here for more years than many of us have been alive! In a world which is constantly changing at a pace faster than ever before, Ellis represents continuity, grace and wisdom. Yet he is no relic! He is very much a person of today—interested in the world around him, vital and concerned.

As Ellis takes up his new residence across the river, make no mistake that this marks a passing of an era for our community. Yet we are grateful that he will still be near us. And we are grateful to God for all that Ellis has meant and will continue to mean to the people of Terrace Park and St. Thomas Church.

—The Rev. Donald J. Waring
Rector, St. Thomas Church

Harry and I first met the Rawnsleys at St. Thomas Church. When they heard we were going to England, they invited us to an English dinner and then showed us slides taken on their trip to England. It was a memorable evening. Ellis and I share the same birthday, December 29. For years we have walked down to the altar at St. Thomas together to have our birthdays blessed. But not last year. I began to think maybe he should be solo, receiving the accolades of the congregation without me standing there. But Ellis, you won't get away with that this year. It just wasn't the same without you. This year we are going to march down there together, and have our birthdays blessed together!

—Beth and Harry Kaufman

My memories of Ellis go back to about 1960, when we returned from army duty in San Antonio. I heard from a friend that Ellis was raising pansies to sell. It was when I went to their house to buy the pansies that I met Ellis and Bonnie. It was through this friendship that I volunteered to serve on the Life Squad, as Ellis was the Fire Chief and George Rummel was the head of the squad. Our common interests in flowers and gardening have continued our friendship to this day. I remember he raised larkspur, white phlox, eremurus and gerbera for the wholesale market in downtown Cincinnati. As he was garden editor of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* for many years, he was frequently asked to give talks to various groups. One of these talks was about the blossoms of trees, with close-up slide pictures. He asked the audience to identify the trees, and most could not.

So for all his talents, good humor and the love he gives his friends in so many ways, we wish to toast him with this—May you have many, many more years ahead with your friends and family.

—Carl and Jeanette Pruiss



Jeanette Pruiss has preserved her memory of the Rawnsley home.

How can one characterize Ellis? A gentle knowledgeable gardener? A man super skilled with words and begonias? A deeply committed and involved citizen of Terrace Park? A friend? Enthusiastically, all of the above!

I cherish most the dinners Ellis shared with Ernestine and myself. The menu was always the same—a steak and kidney pie which Ernestine lovingly prepared, and a special dessert Ellis always provided, a rock hard plum pudding with a special sauce. My contribution, as I recall, was a touch of scotch whiskey.

It is our prayer that Ellis will enjoy his new home with his many friends that spend time with him in the Village.

—Bob and Ernestine Gerhard

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The May deadline for *Village Views* is **May 10**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday May 10, 1999. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Gillian Littlehale at 2 Denison Lane.

LEAVING THE VILLAGE?

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Back in the early 80's, when parents still canvassed the Village selling Recreation Committee raffle tickets, I rang the front door bell at 717 Wooster Pike and met the most wonderful couple, who bought the full \$15 set of tickets. It was obviously my first trip to their house, because everyone knows the door to the Rawnsley house is that wonderfully welcoming back porch, which I was to visit regularly on the second Tuesday of the month. As hard as I would try to meet the *Village Views* deadline, I seemed to arrive later and later. Ellis was never mad, just disappointed at my tardiness. I'd rather he'd been mad. But Bonnie would come and sit in the chair by the sideboard as he looked over the copy at the dining room table, and I began to get my monthly reward, time with the Rawnsleys. I marveled at Ellis' ability to say the most with the least words possible and at Bonnie's talent to both understand and comfort people. I wondered if both their gifts might be rooted in their immense capacity to care.

Pat Henley, who worked with Ellis in the early days when Louise and Tom Bush were organizing *Village Views*, remembers "the main thing about Ellis and the paper was his willingness to get the job done—regardless. If someone dropped the ball, he would quietly pick up the pieces and carry on, even if it was an inconvenience to him."

Another long time friend, the Village's first archivist, Esther Powell, recalled Ellis reminiscing about his first memories in the

United States. He walked around in the evening and saw people sitting on screened porches, something not found in England. He also remembers him mentioning he weighed just a little over three pounds at birth and was put in the oven to warm while they tended to his mother. Esther also noted Ellis once said, "If an Englishman doesn't have anything to say, he doesn't say anything." That's very similar to what Bonnie always told me, "You can't argue with someone who doesn't talk."

When our youngest had the fourth grade assignment to interview someone interesting, Maren said she thought neither parent met the requirement, and she would call Mr. Rawnsley. I treasure her two-page, pencil-printed report, which describes Ellis' miniature book on roses. Maren noted it was very difficult for him to write because almost all the lines would end with a hyphen, so he would have to cut them down. An advertisement for his work described it as "a gem of concise writing. An incredible amount of information on the Queen of Flowers, including the story of the Peace Rose." All this in leather binding and less than an inch tall.

In packing our treasures for the move to Virginia, some receive special care. Among these is my collection of Bonnie's cloth baby balls, which she sewed for the St. Thomas Bazaar. I hoarded them, hoping a future Schmidt generation could feel the loving touch of Rawnsley hands.

—Ricki Schmidt

Letter from the Editor

When most people move away they leave a fond farewell and a forwarding address. Ellis Rawnsley is leaving a fan club. All of us on the current staff of *Village Views* wish him well and thank him for his years of nurturing this journalistic garden patch.

Whenever I sat next to Al Nelson as we folded and labeled the latest edition of the paper, I would hear little snippets about Mr. Rawnsley. If I were very lucky, Al had a comment from him about a community issue or a recent article. Al would always take an "advance copy" to him as part of their regular Thursday outing. I'm counting on hearing more tidbits in the future, as it is obvious this gentleman will not lack for visitors from 45174.

Good luck in your new home. Your new neighbors have a treat in store. And you may be certain your subscription to *Village Views* will never lapse.

Gillian Littlehale
Managing Editor

Letter to the Editor

April 7, 1999
Dear Editor,

In light of discussions regarding development (I won't say *recent* due to the fact that, for many of us, these issues date back well over a decade), there are still many points to be made. Maintaining what we revere in Terrace Park is something that has to be attended to on an ongoing basis.

It is possible to expand, improve, and develop while respecting the context of what already exists. Working and communicating with people, respecting their concerns, hard work, planning, and their investment in their property is the essence of "community". Being a "good neighbor" requires the integration of your wants and requisites with those of others. This small investment reaps its own reward in respect and harmony.

This should be the least we do for ourselves and our village and, more importantly, the example we set for children and future generations. Respecting architecture, history, and the environment should not be something we apologize for but work towards accomplishing. Community planning is the means to this end. Maybe the focus should shift from *keeping* what we have, to its strengthening and improvement as exemplified by our tree program.

Sincerely,
Carol R. Hird
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had not yet applied.

James (Jim) A. Pruitt was approved as Terrace Park's sixth full time police officer. The position was open to interested auxiliary officers. When introducing him, Chief Bacon pointed to Officer Pruitt's honesty and integrity as being key to his selection. He has worked in Terrace Park as an auxiliary officer since October 1997.

Mayor Jennifer Comfort proposed that Council members talk to residents, then think about forming a committee of Council members and citizens to make recommendations regarding the improvement, perhaps including a bike trail, of Wooster Pike through Terrace Park.

This was proposed following a discussion initiated by Public Safety Chair, Julie Rugh. Mrs. Rugh, upon seeing a map in the context of an Eastern Corridor investment study, which included a bike trail along the deserted railway through Terrace Park, recently spoke to the Hamilton County Engineer's office regarding their plans. The Terrace Park bike trail "was always part of the big picture or long range plan" was the response that she was given. It was explained that since the investment study is a request for funds, they had to include "everything they might do." Mrs. Rugh was assured that public hearings would be held prior to any further developments regarding the bike trail.

Council also discussed a postponed plan by Ohio Department of Transportation to widen Wooster Pike through Terrace Park. Although the Hamilton County Engineer's office also denied any immediate plans to widen the pike, Council opined that this could change at any time. Mayor Comfort's suggestion, that Council and the community of Terrace Park be proactive in deciding and lobbying for what we want to happen, will be followed up at next month's meeting.

Other business included the following:

- Council approved spending approximately \$60,000 on street repairs, the bulk of which will be used to curb and re-surface Winding Brook and Fieldstone Roads
- Council passed a resolution providing funds to design, fabricate and install a flapgate onto the water detention system in the Sleepy Hollow Subdivision. It is anticipated that this device will allow water to escape rather than back up into the subdivision
- New permanent signage was approved for the 614 Wooster Pike business district
- Julianne Gardner (3 Given Lane) addressed Council, requesting that they investigate improving the safety of the pedestrian walkway across Wooster Pike

Bacon Receives Tri-State Award & National Recognition

By Katy Wood

Chief Bob Bacon was presented with the 1999 Fair Housing Trailblazer Award at the April Council meeting. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Director of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.), presented the award. He effused, "Bob has been a leader, forward-thinking. You all should be proud."

Williams was referring to Chief Bacon's involvement in sensitizing police departments throughout the Cincinnati/Tri-State area, including our own, to fair housing issues. "People choose where they live based upon how safe they feel," in-

sisted Williams. "If the police don't respond appropriately in the face of a hate crime or incidence of ethnic intimidation," explained Williams after the meeting, "the family involved won't feel protected in their home."

Williams approached Chief Bacon for his assistance approximately 6 years ago when Bacon had high visibility within the police association. Williams was concerned with improving police/community relations and with promoting a dialogue regarding fair housing issues.

Utilizing police as co-facilitators in this process was Williams' strategy, and Bacon has been a star. "In

Village Calendar 1999

APRIL

24 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society offers workshops with the nationally known player, Tull Glazener, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Evening concert open to all, 8:00 p.m. For workshop reservations, contact **Fran Booth @ 891-7037**

24 Annual Terrace Park Elementary School grounds clean-up, 9-11 a.m. Please bring your own lawn and garden tools. Refreshments and gifts for all!

24 Kiwanis bike helmet sale, Community Building, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

25 Boy Scout food and clothing drive, donation pick-up from noon-5:00 p.m.

26 *Parent to Parent* workshop, 9:00-11:30 a.m. -**29** and 12:00-2:30 p.m., Community Building

28 Terrace Park Elementary Open House, 7:00 p.m. Parents welcome to visit classrooms and view student art show in the cafeteria

MAY

4 ELECTION Hamilton County residents vote on Issue 3, a 1.06 mil tax levy for a public safety system, Community Building. Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

4 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!

6 All-Elementary Enrichment Choir performance, Mariemont Elementary Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

7-8 Terrace Park Garden Club Plant Sale, Village Green, Friday 3:30-7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For pre-orders, contact any garden club member

10 *Village Views* deadline for articles, photos and camera-ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

10 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

10 AARP meeting, catered lunch \$5.00, St. Thomas Church, 12:00 noon

11 Terrace Park Garden Club monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Building. A tour of Mountain Laurel Gardens follows the business meeting

11 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

18 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m. Public welcome

26 All-District Elementary "String Fling" concert, Mariemont Elementary auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

28 Terrace Park Swim Club's opening swim party, "The Big Easy" featuring Leroy Ellington and the Essential Funk Band. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. **To RSVP call Karen Groppe @ 831-7711 or Sally Kippins @ 576-1556**

31 MEMORIAL DAY! Parade Participants meet behind school at 9:30 a.m. Parade at 10:00 a.m. followed by festivities on the Village Green

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communities where people are feeling oppressed by the police," said Williams, "It's good to have someone like Bob."

Williams, Bacon and other trained police officers meet with receptive police departments and community representatives at round table meetings, initially opening up a dialogue dealing with community tensions. H.O.M.E. has also developed training modules that can be tailored for individual communities.

Responding to the irony of receiving such an award in a community as homogeneous as Terrace Park, Bacon emphasized that his in-

volvement in this project has been accomplished on personal time. "But it all boils down to a human issue," noted Bacon. "If you go to Madisonville, they say, 'I'm not going through Terrace Park. They're a bunch of bigots there.' They're concerned with being ticketed here because they're African-American."

"I want to change that perception," emphasized Bacon. "I want Terrace Park to be perceived as a community open to fairness and dialogue."

Julie Rugh, Public Safety Chairperson of Terrace Park Village Council, noted, "Our police have

never been charged with mishandling situations when there were ethnic considerations. We hold a certain amount of credibility as a result." She attributed this, at least in part, to Chief Bacon's effectiveness as a trainer and to his strongly held value that police be sensitive to fairness issues.

At national meetings of the Fair Housing Alliance and National Association of Human Rights Workers, Williams, along with Bacon and other Cincinnati police officers, have presented their successes working with 15 Greater Cincinnati communities. "People there are surprised," explained Williams. "They don't expect to see a police chief talking about preventing civil rights violations."

As a result of such visibility, the project has achieved a national reputation. Williams and Bacon have been asked to present the training in Minneapolis on April 27.

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WAYNE PARRISH'S INSTALLATION HELD

Terrace Park resident Wayne Parrish of 2 Elm Ledge was installed as the Designated Pastor of the Loveland Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. The Presbytery of Cincinnati led the Service of Worship and Holy Communion. The church is located at 360 Robin Avenue, a block west of the intersection of Wards Corner Road and Rte. 48N. Following the celebration, the church hosted a catered luncheon in the adjacent fellowship area, Nisbet Hall.

Wayne has served as Pastor of Milford's Christ Presbyterian Church and, for the past several years, has consulted and served several local churches as a trained intentional interim pastor. Wayne and his wife Carole, and children Adam and Becca, look forward to settling into a new church family.

5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL OUTING TO BENEFIT SIDS ALLIANCE

Golfers of any handicap, mark your calendars now to participate in the annual Laura Elizabeth Pease Memorial Golf Outing, to be held Monday, May 3 at the Wyoming Golf Club. The fee to participate is \$110, which includes golf, lunch, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and prizes. A portion of the fee is tax deductible. The tournament will be a scramble format, with separate shotgun starts at 8:00 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Laura Pease died in 1995, at age three and a half months, of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. In loving memory, her family and their friends have organized this benefit outing. For reservations or information call 821-4410.

FAMILIES CREATE!

The Taft Museum offers two upcoming weekend opportunities for children accompanied by an adult, to enjoy gallery games, tours, storytelling and hands-on art activities. Paid registration of \$4 per child for members or \$8 per child for non-members is required 24 hours in advance of each program.

On Saturday, May 8, 1-3 p.m. "Fit to Print" takes the children on a treasure hunt through Rembrandt's prints in the current special exhibition. On Saturday, June 12, 1-3 p.m. "Gone Fishin'" dips the children into watery scenes found in the Museum's permanent collection. The Taft also offers Summer Art Day Camps in June and July. Call the Education Office @ 241-0343 for details.

ART TEACHERS PUBLISHED

Terrace Park Elementary art teachers Shelley Komrska and Melissa Rupe have had an article accepted by School Arts' *The Art Education Magazine*. Their article, "Sandy Skoglund: Postmodern Inspiration" describes how they exposed their students to Skoglund and modeled a project after her work. Every student in the school participated in creating a life-size "scene" of a room with walls, a desk, chair, lamp and shade. Each object was covered with pieces of uncooked rigatoni pasta. After being painted fluorescent orange and yellow, a skeleton was added and the scene was used in the school's annual Haunted House.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TO BE MAY 6, 1999

The first official call to national prayer was in 1775 by the Continental Congress for God's guidance in forming a new nation. Days of prayer have been called by many presidents. In 1952 Congress passed a law, which was amended in 1988, to designate the first Thursday in May as our country's official Day of Prayer.

People from all over the country will come together in various places—at breakfasts, in front of schools and capitols, in private homes and in houses of worship—to participate. "As Americans we may be of different educational backgrounds, races, cultures and denominations," said Shirley Dobson, "but we can agree to be united in prayer." There is great power in the gathering of God's people to pray humbly for God's will.

St. Thomas Church will be open to all for prayer from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance hall for those who choose to pray at the church at a specific time. Suggestions for prayer will be next to the front pew.

RAILROAD PHOTOGRAPHY & "THE GOOD LIFE"

The largest exhibition ever of renowned photographer O. Winston Link will be on display at the Cincinnati Art Museum from April 17-June 13. *Trains that Passed in the Night: The Railroad Photographs of O. Winston Link* features more than 75 works of art and focuses on "the good life" of small town and rural America. Link's love of trains and his sensitivity to the railroad's impact on people's lives are evident in his work. For information on this or any other CAM exhibit call 721-5204 or visit www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org.

WARRICK LEADS LWV LUNCHEON

At last month's League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area "State of the County" luncheon, Camilla Warrick of Terrace Park served as emcee. The League presented their Daniel J. Ransohoff Civic Award to Carrie Johnson of Over-the-Rhine.

Terrace Park EMS Welcomes Three New Members



New Terrace Park EMTs (l-r) Anne Bauer, Pete Findley and Janie Rountt

Terrace Park EMS is pleased to welcome three new certified EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) to its ranks. Anne Bauer, Pete Findley and Janie Rountt recently completed the training

course and certification tests necessary to run with Terrace Park's volunteer Lifesquad.

Janie Rountt, a mother of two young children, joined the Lifesquad to learn how to handle emergency

situations at home. She was also looking for a meaningful way to serve the Village.

Anne Bauer had wanted to go through the training for some time. Finally a sabbatical break in her schedule allowed her to take the course. She really enjoyed the classes, and the instructor, Brian Gulat of the Miami Township EMS, was fabulous.

Pete Findley, another parent with young children, was also interested in the training from a parent's perspective and as an opportunity to give back to the community.

TPEMS is always looking for new recruits. If you are interested in being trained with skills that last a lifetime and in giving back to your community in a vital way, call Julie Gislason @ 831-2952 or Maggie Tobergte @ 831-7166. Classes will begin again in September.



Scouts Given Guided Tour

Cub Scouts from Den 10 recently received a hands-on tour of the inner workings of the Terrace Park Police Station and Fire House. Chief Bob Bacon and Officer Doug Sowders awed the boys with law enforcement equipment. Volunteer Firefighter John Maggard let the scouts get truly involved with those spiffy uniforms. Mike Seeley leads this inquisitive den.

Top: Officer Sowders handcuffs James Cooke. Mike Seeley grins in the background on behalf of parents everywhere.

Top right: Alex Wood (left) and Arthur Wood enjoy trying on firefighter uniforms.



Chief Bacon displays firearms to attentive scouts.

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had not yet applied.

James (Jim) A. Pruitt was approved as Terrace Park's sixth full time police officer. The position was open to interested auxiliary officers. When introducing him, Chief Bacon pointed to Officer Pruitt's honesty and integrity as being key to his selection. He has worked in Terrace Park as an auxiliary officer since October 1997.

Mayor Jennifer Comfort proposed that Council members talk to residents, then think about forming a committee of Council members and citizens to make recommendations regarding the improvement, perhaps including a bike trail, of Wooster Pike through Terrace Park. This was proposed following a discussion initiated by Public Safety Chair, Julie Rugh. Mrs. Rugh, upon seeing a map in the context of an Eastern Corridor investment study, which included a bike trail along the deserted railway through Terrace Park, recently spoke to the Hamilton County Engineer's office regarding their plans. The Terrace Park bike trail "was always part of the big picture or long range plan" was the response that she was given. It was explained that since the investment study is a request for funds, they had to include "everything they might do." Mrs. Rugh was assured that public hearings would be held prior to any further developments regarding the bike trail.

Council also discussed a postponed plan by Ohio Department of Transportation to widen Wooster Pike through Terrace Park. Although the Hamilton County Engineer's office also denied any immediate plans to widen the pike, Council opined that this could change at any time. Mayor Comfort's suggestion, that Council and the community of Terrace Park be proactive in deciding and lobbying for what we want to happen, will be followed up at next month's meeting.

Other business included the following:

- Council approved spending approximately \$60,000 on street repairs, the bulk of which will be used to curb and re-surface Winding Brook and Fieldstone Roads
- Council passed a resolution providing funds to design, fabricate and install a flapgate onto the water detention system in the Sleepy Hollow Subdivision. It is anticipated that this device will allow water to escape rather than back up into the subdivision
- New permanent signage was approved for the 614 Wooster Pike business district
- Julianne Gardner (3 Given Lane) addressed Council, requesting that they investigate improving the safety of the pedestrian walkway across Wooster Pike

Bacon Receives Tri-State Award & National Recognition

By Katy Wood

Chief Bob Bacon was presented with the 1999 Fair Housing Trailblazer Award at the April Council meeting. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Director of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.), presented the award. He effused, "Bob has been a leader, forward-thinking. You all should be proud."

Williams was referring to Chief Bacon's involvement in sensitizing police departments throughout the Cincinnati/Tri-State area, including our own, to fair housing issues. "People choose where they live based upon how safe they feel," in-

sisted Williams. "If the police don't respond appropriately in the face of a hate crime or incidence of ethnic intimidation," explained Williams after the meeting, "the family involved won't feel protected in their home."

Williams approached Chief Bacon for his assistance approximately 6 years ago when Bacon had high visibility within the police association. Williams was concerned with improving police/community relations and with promoting a dialogue regarding fair housing issues.

Utilizing police as co-facilitators in this process was Williams' strategy, and Bacon has been a star. "In

Village Calendar 1999

APRIL

24 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society offers workshops with the nationally known player, Tull Glazener, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Evening concert open to all, 8:00 p.m. For workshop reservations, contact **Fran Booth @ 891-7037**

24 Annual Terrace Park Elementary School grounds clean-up, 9-11 a.m. Please bring your own lawn and garden tools. Refreshments and gifts for all!

24 Kiwanis bike helmet sale, Community Building, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

25 Boy Scout food and clothing drive, donation pick-up from noon-5:00 p.m.

26 Parent to Parent workshop, 9:00-11:30 a.m. -**29** and 12:00-2:30 p.m., Community Building

28 Terrace Park Elementary Open House, 7:00 p.m. Parents welcome to visit classrooms and view student art show in the cafeteria

MAY

4 ELECTION Hamilton County residents vote on Issue 3, a 1.06 mil tax levy for a public safety system, Community Building. Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

4 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!

6 All-Elementary Enrichment Choir performance, Mariemont Elementary Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

7-8 Terrace Park Garden Club Plant Sale, Village Green, Friday 3:30-7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For pre-orders, contact any garden club member

10 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera-ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

10 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

10 AARP meeting, catered lunch \$5.00, St. Thomas Church, 12:00 noon

11 Terrace Park Garden Club monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Building. A tour of Mountain Laurel Gardens follows the business meeting

11 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

18 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m. Public welcome

26 All-District Elementary "String Fling" concert, Mariemont Elementary auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

28 Terrace Park Swim Club's opening swim party, "The Big Easy" featuring Leroy Ellington and the Essential Funk Band. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. **To RSVP call Karen Groppe @ 831-7711 or Sally Kippins @ 576-1556**

31 MEMORIAL DAY! Parade Participants meet behind school at 9:30 a.m. Parade at 10:00 a.m. followed by festivities on the Village Green

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communities where people are feeling oppressed by the police," said Williams, "It's good to have someone like Bob."

Williams, Bacon and other trained police officers meet with receptive police departments and community representatives at round table meetings, initially opening up a dialogue dealing with community tensions. H.O.M.E. has also developed training modules that can be tailored for individual communities.

Responding to the irony of receiving such an award in a community as homogeneous as Terrace Park, Bacon emphasized that his in-

volvement in this project has been accomplished on personal time. "But it all boils down to a human issue," noted Bacon. "If you go to Madisonville, they say, 'I'm not going through Terrace Park. They're a bunch of bigots there.' They're concerned with being ticketed here because they're African-American."

"I want to change that perception," emphasized Bacon. "I want Terrace Park to be perceived as a community open to fairness and dialogue."

Julie Rugh, Public Safety Chairperson of Terrace Park Village Council, noted, "Our police have

never been charged with mishandling situations when there were ethnic considerations. We hold a certain amount of credibility as a result." She attributed this, at least in part, to Chief Bacon's effectiveness as a trainer and to his strongly held value that police be sensitive to fairness issues.

At national meetings of the Fair Housing Alliance and National Association of Human Rights Workers, Williams, along with Bacon and other Cincinnati police officers, have presented their successes working with 15 Greater Cincinnati communities. "People there are surprised," explained Williams. "They don't expect to see a police chief talking about preventing civil rights violations."

As a result of such visibility, the project has achieved a national reputation. Williams and Bacon have been asked to present the training in Minneapolis on April 27.

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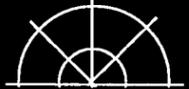
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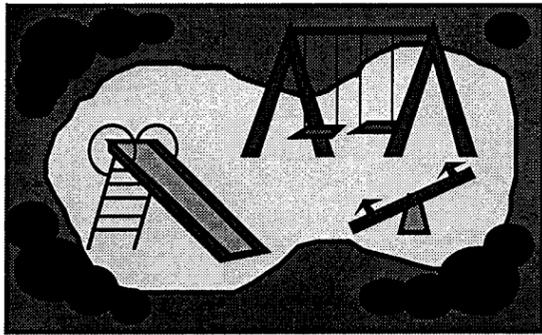
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Operation Playground

By Leanna Paz



update the playground so we can maintain a gathering place that is safe, close to home and used by all of our residents. Whether it's to push your visiting grandchild on the swing, or to stay after

We have formed a committee of neighbors, not a voted or elected group, just a group who has put forth the time and energy it takes to propose the replacement of the existing playground at the school and to add a new structure for our littlest neighbors. We have all heard the complaints about our playground, and many of us have used neighboring parks. Thus, we decided to take action.

After contacting the Parks & Recreation Commissioner of Indian Hill to seek information regarding their existing play structures, we consulted David Williams & Associates, a playground design company. We talked of endless possibilities, and after many weeks, we settled on a preliminary drawing. Also, we discussed with them the addition of a "tot lot," for ages 2-5, which will replace the existing physical fitness course the school has already scheduled for removal over the summer.

We appreciate all the hard work and effort our neighbors put forth in building the existing facility. However, we believe it is time to

school to play, we think investing in a new playground will benefit us all.

Our goal is to raise approximately \$30,000, and we have opened a bank account at the local PNC Bank. With the funds collected, we will purchase the two new playgrounds, plus picnic tables and benches. We realize this is a large amount of money, but if we contribute as a Village, it can be accomplished. All donations, large and small, will help us reach our objective. Please make your contribution to "Operation Playground" and send it to **Alison Connor, 723 Floral Avenue**. Also, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or to honor a special child, plaques will be available to put in different areas on the play structures.

We have copies of the proposed play equipment, and we believe this project will greatly enhance our community. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call Holly Bortz, Alison Connor, Leanna Paz or Wendy Taylor. Together, we can make it happen.



At WCPO are (l-r): Evan Kokoruda, Chris Egasti, Davis Conway, George Myatt, Mr. Jansen, Wes McKeown, Mickey Humler, Henry White and Jack McKeown.

Webelos Visit WCPO

On March 8th, Den 11 Webelos of Pack 97 completed their Communications Activity Pin by visiting with Dennis Jansen on the set of WCPO news. The scouts observed the broadcast, both in the studio and from the control booth. After touring the set, Mr. Jansen treated the scouts to pizza and pop and awarded them their pins.

Issue 3 Need Acknowledged, Cost Questioned

By Katy Wood

Council supported Issue 3 with a split vote at its April meeting.

On May 4, Issue 3 will be on the ballot for the voters of Hamilton County. Issue 3 is the Emergency Communications Levy, proposed to replace a 40-year old, badly outdated system of communication used by our firefighters and police.

Desperate for its passage, the Association of Police Chiefs of Hamilton County approached individual communities to pass resolutions supporting Issue 3.

Council members did not quibble regarding the apparently obvious need for a new system. Problems with the current system have to do with radio congestion due to the system operating beyond capacity, and to the inability of one department to talk to another, or interoperability.

Radio congestion results in delays getting an open channel to speak, interfering with speed of response. Garbled communications also occur, increasing the likelihood of missing crucial information. Additionally, in Terrace Park, "dead spots" interfere with the ability to communicate out of our community at all.

During the recent tornado, the value of interoperability was made apparent. With police officers from all over Hamilton County, including Terrace Park, attempting to work together in severe circumstances, they were unable to communicate among each other via radio. As a result, efforts to plan quickly and to cooperate efficiently were compromised.

In addition, Terrace Park police were recently frustrated in an attempt to apprehend a suspect driving through Indian Hill, due to their inability to communicate with the Indian Hill police.

There was considerable discussion, however, regarding the extreme cost of the system, \$63.7 million, and the method, a tax levy, being used to raise funds.

"35 communities have endorsed passage of the levy, but some reluctantly," noted Solicitor Robert Malloy. A discussion ensued regarding the county's spending priorities. Some grumbled that this system is clearly needed more than new stadiums, suggesting Hamilton County ideally should have existing tax money to pay for a new system.

Council passed the resolution, but with a statement attached emphasizing its desire that County Commissioners make an effort to hold down operating costs.

Council representative Julie Rugh explained that a copy of the resolution and stipulation will be forwarded to the County Commissioners, with a request that Terrace Park be represented on the board of trustees that oversees how funds are spent.

Building Inspector Sought

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In addition, the applicant should understand that the Building Inspector may not operate or be affiliated with any business such as a real estate broker, builder, developer, engineer or architectural design firm which may involve real estate in Terrace Park, except for a personal residence.

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Help Runs	08	26	49
Mutual Aid Runs	07	19	35
Traffic Arrests or Citations	46	48	94
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	33	21	54
Other Arrests	09	19	28
Alarm Drops	08	07	19
Property Found Unsecured	07	08	24
Accident Reports	04	01	09
Domestic Disputes or Violence	01	02	04
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	13	06	39

Juvenile Report:

Nine juveniles were charged with underage consumption of alcohol. One was charged to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court rather than to the Terrace Park referee, as it was his second charge in two weeks.

There has apparently been a great deal of interest in the "chicken" incident reported last month in the *Eastern Hills Journal*. Three Terrace Park juveniles were caught lying down in the middle of Wooster Pike by a Terrace Park police officer. The boys explained that a dare was involved. The police officer spoke with them, took them home, and reported that their parents responded appropriately.

Noted:

Terrace Park police officers appear to be persistent. After receiving two complaints regarding the reckless operation of a vehicle on Terrace Place, the police officer, who was given a license plate number by one resident, located the car owner's address in Kenwood. The man answering the phone was apprised of the situation, admitted that his son was playing in a baseball game in Terrace Park, and agreed to have a word with him.



The good citizens pose at the end of a job well done.

Little People Put in Big Effort

By Noel Julnes Dehner

The morning after the March 8 snowfall, Helen Campbell (108 Michigan) grudgingly peered out her window to assess the condition of her blanketed steep driveway. To her surprise, fourteen children were busy clearing off her driveway and using all sorts of shovels, including a dustpan. Helen's neighborhood helpers include: Connor, Bradley

and Jane Carman; Laura, Meg, Emily and Evan Finch; Christian and Grace Lehman; Amy and Timmy Sattergren; Alex Wilson and cousins Patrick and Adam Cuiccio. As a reward for their thoughtfulness, Steve Wilson took the children on a sled ride.

Helen Campbell has a message for the children, "Thanks for the good deed!"

Mothers Are the Best!

Heritage Village honors Tri-State mothers with free admission Sunday, May 9. A Sunday afternoon stroll and a fascinating look the architectural and cultural heri-

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Perhaps you know why women over fifty don't have babies: they would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.

One of the life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can make a woman gain five pounds.

I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

Life not only begins at forty, it also begins to show.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

If at first you don't succeed, see if the loser gets anything.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

I had to give up jogging for my health. My legs kept rubbing together and setting my clothes on fire.

Amazing! You just hang something in your closet for a while, and it shrinks two sizes.

It is bad to suppress laughter; it goes back down and spreads to your hips.

Age is important only if you're cheese or wine.

The only time a woman wishes she were a year older is when she is expecting a baby.

Freedom of the press means no-iron clothes.

Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but she can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.

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An Easter Egg Hunt on a sunny spring day makes the little ones smile.



Shane Smith, pictured above, makes his prize winning United Dairy Farmer purchase at noon on March 27.

Blake Smith, pictured left, poses with his new Beanies at 4:00 p.m. on March 27.

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Smith Brothers Become Basket Cases

By Gillian Littlehale

For the bargain price of \$1.07 for four hotdogs, Terrace Park fifth grader Shane Smith became the 200,000th customer at United Dairy Farmers at the corner of Wooster and Elm. As one UDF staffer noted, "He's a regular customer, and that's the kind of winner we hoped for! That makes it nice." On March 27, the new TP landmark was celebrat-

ing the first anniversary of its opening day with candy Easter eggs, extra low prices on favorite items and NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace's race car in the parking lot. For his investment, Shane went home with his lunch and an Easter basket brimming with summertime treats, including UDF gift certificates, jars of ice cream toppings, boxes of cones and coupons for free ice cream.

The good luck story continued at the Kindervelt-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt later the same day. Blake Smith, age 3, won the big raffle prize. His winnings were the inedible, but highly coveted, Easter basket stuffed with 26 Beanie Babies. So okay, if any member of the Smith family wins the Memorial Day raffle too, we'd better call Ripley's *Believe It or Not!*

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Terrace Park Swim Club Season News and Announcements

By Debbie Kokoruda

Another summer is right around the corner, and the Pool Board and staff are getting ready for a fun and successful 1999 season. The pool will open on Saturday, May 29 to kick off the Memorial Day weekend.

Also, the adult opening pool party will be held on Friday night, May 28, so save this date! This is the last opening adult party of the century, and will be a celebration you won't want to miss! "The Big Easy" is the theme and will feature LeRoy Ellington and his Essential Funk Band. Cocktails, dinner and a night of dancing are planned. Look for your invitation to arrive in May.

Additional announcements for

the season include a new Pool Manager and Tennis Pro. The Board is excited and pleased to welcome back Kurt Yates as Pool Manager and swim team coach. Kurt has been affiliated with the T.P. pool for five years and most recently was the '98 season Assistant Pool Manager and swim team coach.

Also, a big welcome to Lee Koogler, who will be the new Tennis Pro. Lee comes to TPSC from Kenwood Swim and Tennis Club where he was their Head Tennis Pro since 1997. He currently attends University of Dayton School of Law, and has been their Assistant Men's Tennis Coach since '97.

During the month of May the Pool Board, Kurt Yates and his staff

will be opening the club and sprucing up the grounds. On May 15, the Board will be planting flowers. If you have a green thumb and would like to help out in this activity, just bring your garden trowel!

To keep up with all the news and announcements of this summer's pool events, look for your "Smash and Splash" newsletter coming in mid-May. The newsletter will provide details on swim and tennis lesson schedules, tennis league schedules; swim team practice and meet schedules; as well as the monthly social events scheduled for you and your family.

For more information on T.P. pool membership, please contact **Marilynne Chapman @ 248-4705.**

Gentlemen, Start Your Engines

By Jane Yancey

The Terrace Park Cub Scout Pinewood Derby of 1999 took place on Sunday, March 21. The Cubs created some of the fastest cars ever raced on the TP track. Each boy designed and built a car out of a kit containing a chunk of pine and four wheels. Lots of cutting, sanding, painting weighing and, most significantly, adding graphite, yielded the most aerodynamically efficient Pinewood racers ever.

There were winners for Most Creative, Silliest and Most Realistic, which were selected by a knowledgeable panel of judges.



Some boys saw this as an opportunity to be creative in a different

The distinguished judges, looking baffled, were Pat McGoff, Marshall Formby and Officer Doug Sowders.

Native American Culture Celebration

The rich and diverse history of Native American people is to be celebrated at Heritage Village Museum in Sharon Woods, on Saturday, May 1, noon-5:00 p.m. Featured are traditional storytelling, songs, drumming, dances, authentic attire and more. The United Remnant Band of the Shawnee Nation and representatives of the Cherokee Confederacy will be on hand to celebrate and share their culture. This opportunity to learn more about 19th century Ohio history is included in the cost of Museum admission, \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12 and \$3 for seniors. For more information call **Dave Wolfenberger @ 563-9484.**

Blue-Green Stains?

By Jim Fox, Superintendent Indian Hill Water Works

If you are an Indian Hill Water Works customer and have noticed some blue-green staining on your water fixtures in recent months, a solution should soon be at hand. In November 1997, the Water Works discontinued the feeding of a treatment additive known as zinc orthophosphate to allow a pilot study on copper corrosion by the USEPA. The Water Works had been feeding zinc orthophosphate at 0.5 milligrams per liter, or parts per million, for approximately five years but requested the assistance of the USEPA to improve the conditioning of the water. When the feeding of zinc orthophosphate was discontinued, the water became slightly more corrosive to copper piping in some homes. Since the beginning of March 1999, enhanced treatment has been in effect to improve the conditioning of the water.

According to the USEPA, "Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level [1.3 milligrams per liter] over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor." The Indian Hill Water Works officials are confident the current modified treatment will bring the copper levels within the action level, and they will continue to monitor the copper corrosion levels carefully. Questions can be directed to the Water Work's superintendent @ 576-8460.

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The famous Pinewood race track in action!



The trophy winners! Back row (l-r) Alex Wilson, Eric Rugh, Joshua Paz, Evan Kokoruda, Steven Helmrich, Aurie Delano. Front row (l-r) Grant Koszycki, Luke Schneider, Evan Seeley, Joey Beyersdorfer, Daniel Whittlesey, Gavin Donley.

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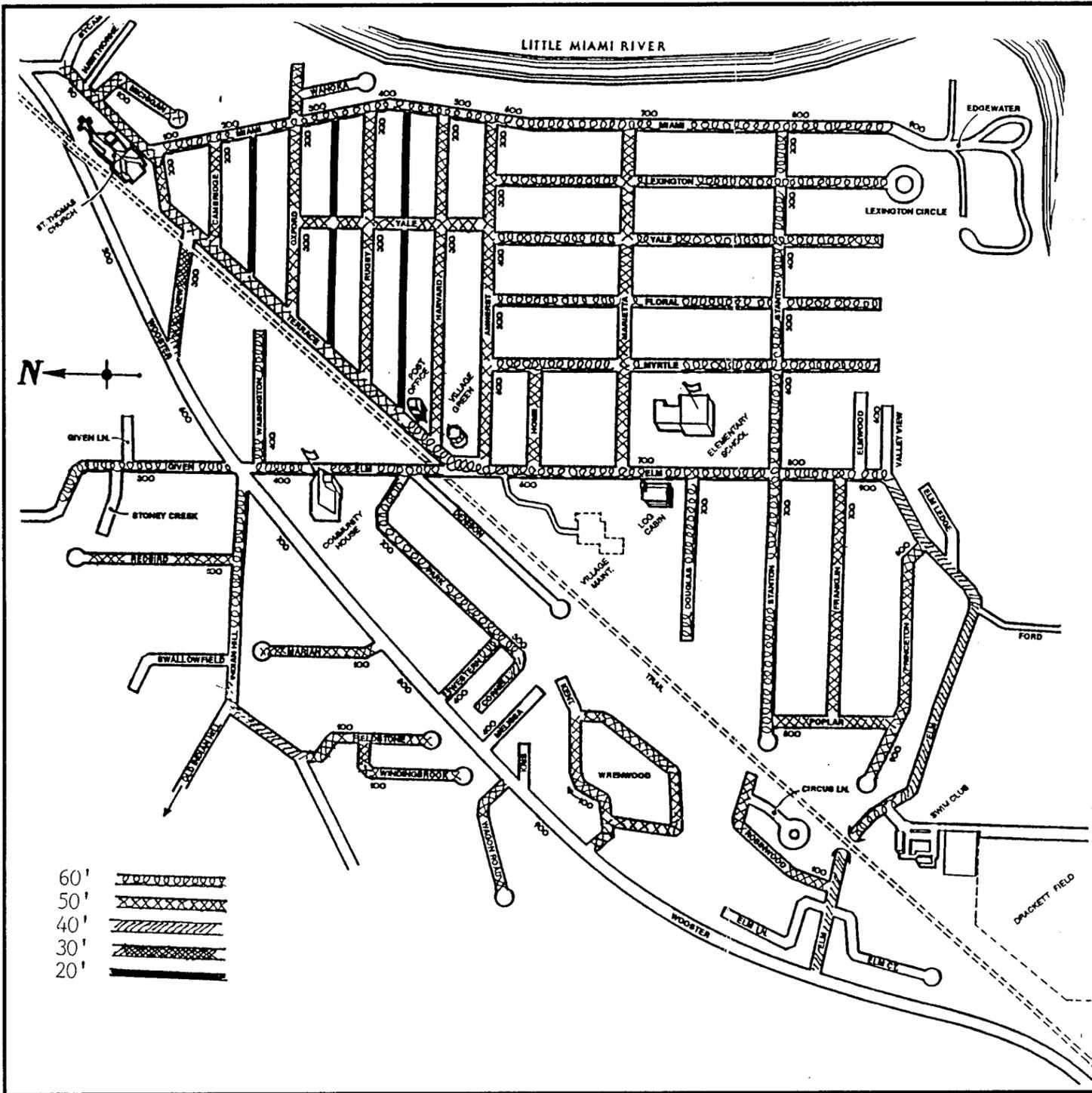
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The Water Works solicited recommendations from local retailers as to copper stain removal. Meyer Hardware, HQ and Furrow all suggested a product called CLR, which is designed to remove stains

from fixtures, sinks, tubs, etc. As with any commercial product, the Water Works urges customers to follow manufacturers' directions carefully. Failure to do so could cause damage to the surface being treated.

Village Receives 14th Annual Tree Award

Terrace Park has more trees (2,745) than it has residents (2,133), and the careful attention those trees receive from Arborist Randy Haller and from a comprehensive tree plan has been honored

once again. On Friday April 23, in Springboro, the Village will be awarded its 14th Annual Tree City USA Award by the National Arbor Day Foundation.



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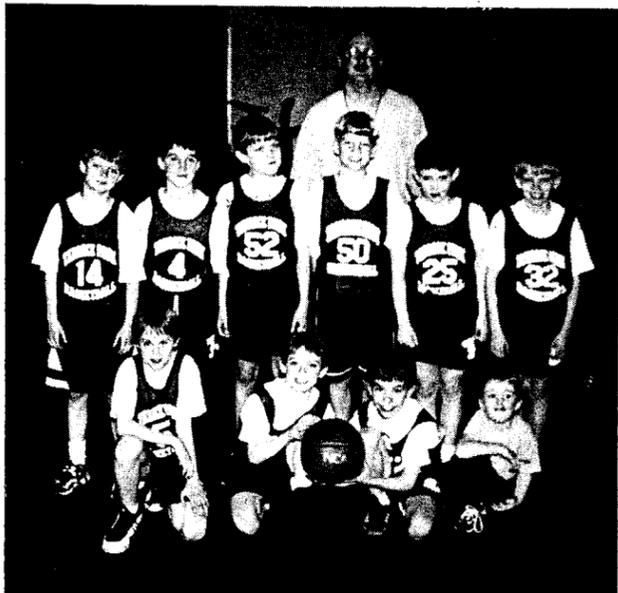
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Terrace Park Sports

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Front Row (l-r) Jeffrey Schubert, Davis Conway, Chris Egasti, 4-year-old Assistant Coach Cody Glenn Miller. Second Row (l-r) Peter Muennich, Billy Brengle, Ben Richart, Neal Hartman, John Austin, Micky Humler. Back row Coach Pete Miller.

By Pete Miller

The Terrace Park "Commandos" 4th grade basketball team won the Metro League 4 East Championship this season with a

9-1 record. Each individual player received a very nice trophy from the league, along with a team trophy to donate to the TPES wall of fame. The victories were team efforts all season. Congratulations to all!

This was the boys' first year shooting at a ten-foot basket, and at times it showed. As the season progressed, we actually left the gym one night after shooting practice with the backboard still hanging on the gym ceiling. The boys won their games with a stingy defense that set up their offense. They were a very competitive bunch of boys. One opposing coach responded to his loss to us with a remark on the aggressive and super competitive spirit of our team. He wanted to know how I developed that trait. I responded, "Six out of nine of these boys have older brothers. I guess that they just got tired of being pushed around in the driveway by older brothers. You can't coach that."

My wife Julie and I want to thank the mothers of the team, who were so generous and giving to cook dinners for one week with the mid-season arrival of our second son, Cole Miller. The dinners were delicious, each and every one, and to think we were afraid it was going to be spaghetti every night. To the players, I think the parents beat you in the Lads-Dads & Moms game! See you this summer!

Mariemont High School Winter Sports Awards

Boys Basketball	6th Man Award - <i>Suzanne Harbison</i>
Most Rebounds - <i>Andrew Martin</i>	Leading Shot Blocker - <i>Lindsey Rogers</i>
Warrior - <i>Joe Campo</i>	Captains - <i>M.J. Zaring, Sarah Crosby, Ashley Will</i>
Best Free Throw % - <i>Will Minor</i>	
Leading Scorer - <i>Branden Fisher</i>	Wrestling
Most Improved - <i>Joe Denker</i>	Warrior - <i>Zach Shimp</i>
Captains - <i>Will Minor, Jason Mondy</i>	
Cheerleading	Swimming
Captain - <i>Shannon Luhn</i>	MVP - <i>Leah Ross</i>
	MVP - <i>Forrest Kennedy</i>
Girls Basketball	Warrior - <i>Jeff Krueger</i>
Warrior - <i>Sarah Crosby</i>	Captains - <i>Megan Fallon, Becca Vianello, Jeff Krueger</i>
Leading Rebounder - <i>Sarah Crosby</i>	Larry Lyons Memorial Achievement Award - <i>Molly Smith</i>
	Sub Club Star - <i>Leslie Lakamp</i>

Some Buzz from Buz

By Buz Ecker

Several people have asked me why I had the nerve to step into the Council/Building Inspector mess with my guest column last month. Here's why—there is *nothing* I could do to top what my good friend Tim Harth did to me. I was at the Kroger Pharmacy picking up a prescription not long ago. Tim walked by and asked me in a very loud voice, audible to everyone even remotely near, "Picking up your Viagra, Buz?" There was no response to that question which could take the edge off, so I turned beef red and sank into a puddle on the floor, surrounded by the smirks of all the women around, including the pharmacy staff. Oddly enough, one woman did ask for my phone number.

Now to baseball! My close friend Skip Kirby and I have been coaching boys' baseball since Day 1, many years ago. He is a great coach, but he has to deal with me, too. I am immersed in baseball from January to July. I think of nothing else. During these six months, Skip has to control my excesses everyday to make things

happen. In return, I have to translate his responses to my often-lunatic ideas and decipher what he really means. Here is my version of "What Skip Really Means" when I give him an idea:

Skip says, "Let's do it!"
Skip means, "We may try it later."
Skip says, "Sounds good."
He means, "Sounds good, but not around here!"
He says, "Yes"
Means, "Doubtful."
Says, "I don't know."
Means, "Throw that idea in the fire!"
Says, "No, Buz!"
Means, "Go home for the rest of practice."
Says, "We're lucky to have you, Buz."
Means, "Go drag the fields!"
Says, "Let's institute that idea now."
Means, "Grab what you can and run for the hills!"

From all this madness, we are able to coach together.

4TH Grade Girls League Champs

By Paul Pendery

Thanks to information from an anonymous source, *Village Views* was able to find out about the TP Recreation Commission's fourth grade girls' basketball team and their league championship. The girls were coached by Branden Fisher and Chuck Bell. Coach Fisher did, in fact, confirm that his team won the regular season league championship on the final day of the season. After winning the first eight games, the girls suffered their first setback in a stunning defeat that left them a bit rattled going into the final game. Gathering themselves, the girls turned in one of their best performances of the year by crushing Madeira for the championship.

Talking with Coach Fisher, he stated this team was especially satisfying for two reasons. "First", he said, "these girls were wonderful team players and really pulled for each other. I am really proud that every single girl scored sometime during the season. That doesn't always happen". He also went on to say, "the other great thing about this team is there were two girls who improved tremendously over the course of the year, Chelsea Albrecht and Laura Finch. They really deserve the Most Improved Player Awards for their great play towards the end of the season. They showed a remarkable turnaround by season's end. That's what it's really all about".



The team members are: (Standing, l-r) Sarah Donley, McKenzie Bell, Chelsea Albrecht, Jayne Fisher. (Kneeling, l-r) Julia Wilson, Laura Finch, Kari Bollman and front and center, official team cheerleader Leigh Fisher.



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Terrace Park Soccer Commissioner Needed

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission is looking for a volunteer to fill the soon to be vacant position of Soccer Commissioner. If you are interested in volunteering please call **Theresa Bain @ 561-9877** or **Larry Williams (TPRC President) @ 576-1568**.

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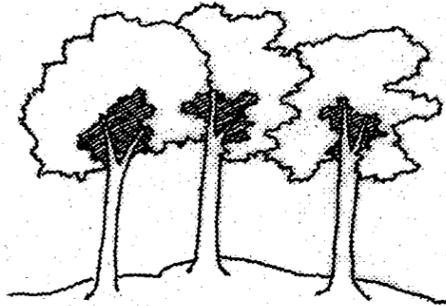
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- ◆ We feel strongly obligated to gather as much information as possible before any suggestions or formal proposals are offered to Village Council. Although many people have attended public meetings, there are still numerous residents who have not voiced their opinions.
- ◆ **Please take the time to answer the questions on the reverse and mail to Linda Naylor, 401 Stanton. Your opinions are valuable to us and to the Village. All responses are very much appreciated and will be kept confidential.**



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2. In your opinion, are we experiencing a shift in the balance of 'greater good' for the entire community to 'greater good' for developers/builders only?
3. When altered/improved, should issues like drainage, fencing, driveways, outbuildings and lighting be overseen? Should there be a paid overseer of ongoing projects to protect contiguous property owners' rights in these areas? Are there other issues? What are your specific concerns?
4. Are you in favor of the Village of Terrace Park employing an independent Building Inspector who resides outside the community?
5. How much of an issue should an adjacent owner's privacy be?
6. Should there be an Independent Architectural Review Board to supplement our building code in subjective and aesthetic areas and/or to approve plans for new construction?
7. Should there be a building scale and environment ordinance which defines the maximum allowable size and height of a residential building relative to its lot size?
8. Do you have any specific concerns regarding safety issues that arise during construction?
9. What other 'quality of life' issues do you feel need to be addressed by Village Council?

Signed

I am a Village resident but wish to remain anonymous. _____