

## New Postage Stamps Bloom

By Cyndy Finnigan

Tribute was paid to the late artist and Terrace Park resident, Priscilla Harrison Connell, on May 28 at the Village Post Office. In 1998, the US Postal Service contacted her daughter, Pamilia Connell Grafe, to obtain permission to use one of Priscilla's images for a postage stamp. The sheet of first class stamps features four tropical blossoms—Bird of Paradise, Royal Poinciana, Gloriosa Lily and the Chinese Hibiscus. The flowers grow in Southern California, Southern Florida and the Hawaiian Islands. Priscilla's flower is the Royal Poinciana, a towering flower with orange and scarlet blooms that are about



Photos: Amy Dillman

three inches in diameter.

Priscilla was an ardent nature lover with a passion for art and photography. Extensive traveling allowed her to view nature first hand and capture it in her art. A book of her work, *Natural Impressions of Priscilla Harrison Connell*, was compiled by



two of her children, Pamilia Connell Grafe and Phillip Smith Connell.

The May 28 ceremony was brief but touching. Priscilla's husband, Paul Connell, gave a heartfelt speech about his late wife, who passed away in 1997, and gratefully accepted a framed enlargement of the tropical flower stamp. He and Pamilia served a lovely, white iced cake, decorated with tropical flowers, to those in attendance.

Far left: New postage stamps feature tropical blossoms.

Left: A framed enlargement of the stamps is proudly displayed. (l-r) Scott Connell, Pamilia Connell Grafe, Paul Connell, Paul Strong (manager Post Office Operations) and Judy Trame, Terrace Park Postmaster.

## Water Mains Replacement Reviewed

By Katy Wood

A \$750,000 water mains replacement project is essential for fire safety in Terrace Park, and may begin as early as August. Council will vote on the issue in July. Dan Startzman, Public Works chairman, and George Kipp, Village Engineer, explained the project at the June 8 Council meeting.

Most of Terrace Park's streets will be affected. Terrace Park's water mains are four inches, six inches and eight inches in diameter, depending upon when they were installed. The four-inch mains, which are approximately 80 years old, are occluded and narrowed with age. As a result, the volume of water that can pass through is diminished. Because water volume and pressure are not at acceptable limits, the fire department would not be able to fight two fires at one time, if such a situation were to occur.

The Village applied for an Issue 2 loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission to help pay for the project, but the request was recently turned down for the third time. "There was no explanation," said Startzman. "We're faced with doing this on our own."

Anticipating that financing might have to be completed over time, the total project was broken down into two phases. Kipp explained that Phase I of the project

would include the streets connected by alleys — Cambridge, Oxford, Rugby and Harvard.

If new mains are installed, the fire hydrants will be moved from the alleys to the streets.

"This will solve the current problems of hydrants becoming overgrown with weeds, and confusion about house numbers," said Kipp.

Phase I would also include Myrtle and Elm, streets that provide access to the school and to the Community Building. The remaining streets, Marietta, Lexington, Floral, Myrtle, Stanton, Park, Western and Cornell, with four-inch mains also have six-inch and/or eight-inch mains from which to pull.

Council also discussed the possibility of completing the project all at once. Kipp estimated that there would be a 5% savings in engineering costs in that case. A special meeting for June 24, to review the financing options, is tentatively scheduled, so that a resolution for the project can be presented at the July meeting.

"I believe we can finance this out of Village funds," said Startzman. "It depends on if we want to."

Council will determine if financing the project out of Village funds will meet their goal of leaving 30-33% of funds, or four months of operating costs, left in the budget.

The water main project will likely have an impact on the November levy millage.

## June Council Highlights

By Katy Wood

Council met on June 8, and a number of issues were addressed in addition to building official appointments (see p.3), the water main project and the resignation of Mayor Comfort (see p.2). These included:

- The budget for the 2000 budget was adopted
- Councilwoman Julie Rugh reported that a group of residents interested in developing plans for the improvement of Wooster Pike had met and would continue to meet. A group of residents, who attended Council concerned about plans by the

state to widen the highway, were assured that this would not happen soon or without considerable notice

- Leanna Paz (731 Elm) addressed Council representing a group proposing to replace the existing playground in the schoolyard. The primary purpose of the project is to provide playground equipment adequate for the number of children using it and appropriate for young children and toddlers. The school board has approved the plan and made space available but is not providing funding. The project is projected to cost \$33,000. A private, anonymous individual

has offered to match funds up to \$18,000. Mrs. Paz requested a donation from the Village. Mrs. Paz was questioned about the necessity of replacing the existing equipment, the cost of the project, and the possibility of locating a playground on the Log Cabin property instead. Councilman Steven Holmes was asked to review the request in his committee

- Holmes' committee will also develop a plan for use of the "Rawnsley property," which is owned by the Village
- Councilman Dan Keefe announced plans of Diamond D Investments, Inc. to build a storage building behind PNC Plaza

## 1999 Memorial Day Parade



Girls from the second grade Brownie Troop join in the parade.



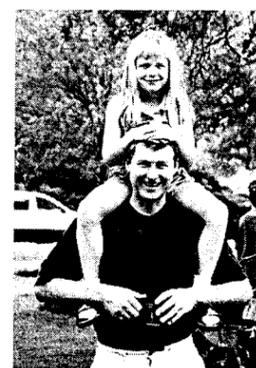
Hunter Barnhill and Colin Fisher lead the 6th grade Boy Scouts in the parade.



Lynne Nelson spreads the spirit of the parade with the volunteer "The Sometimes Marching Band".



Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hobson enjoyed the parade, their 59th together. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month.



What a great way to watch the parade! Bruce Barnhill with daughter Maddie.

Photos: Susan Austin

## Questions about the water main project answered at the June 8 Council meeting included the following:

❑ **Where will the mains be installed?**

Under the pavement so that trees wouldn't be disrupted.

❑ **What about disruption at the street level?**

One street would be completed at a time from start to finish. Access for emergency vehicles and school buses would be considered in terms of timing.

❑ **What about tap-ins for domestic use?**

The old four-inch mains would continue to supply water for domestic use, although tap-ins to the new mains would become optional at the owner's cost. This would not substantially increase water pressure for the homeowner.

❑ **What is the chance of unanticipated costs?**

Virtually none.

## Letters to the Editor

June 12, 1999

Dear Gillian,

First, many thanks for the copies of *Village Views*. I note with interest that the first edition hit the presses on or around my 10th birthday. My wife Wendy (knowing how much it all means) kept the copies you sent and presented them to me on my 40th. Dad was there, and I think I saw a watery eye, but I am never sure with him! It has taken me pretty much till now to recover from an unbelievable day.... I think that the gifts and celebrations are designed to ease the aging. Anyway if that is the case, then it worked—not least the results of the article you very kindly published. THANK YOU very much.

I have had e-mails from Carol Cole and from Tom Seiter's sister, as well as from Dom Costanzo (my old BB coach). I'm expecting one from his son Dino, who I spent much time with in TP. I also received mail from a guy called Lon Stirsman who was 1-2 years above me, but knew some of the names.

I think that the overriding response has been very warm, particularly from Carol—we shared the same neighbours I guess, but also marveling at my memory. I have been considering this. I was only 10, so an 18-month trip to the USA was a huge adventure for me. Also the effort made by people to make us welcome and comfortable was particularly memorable. The memories, therefore, are clear.

As an adult, I see my kids' friends come and go without taking a great deal of notice, so to receive mail from Dom was wonderful, particularly, as I told him, it was he who told me to steal home, and then gave me safe!!! I spent a lot of time at his house on Wooster Pike (that is a great road name, you know), but I can't believe he actually remembers me specifically, which makes it that much more generous to spend his time making contact.

Anyway Gill, many thanks once again—it really has been a very interesting and enlightening exercise, which has hopefully not finished yet. I may have to travel to Lexington in the next 4 months. If I can divert, I would love to come and visit Terrace Park (chances are probably 50-50).

Regards,  
Jon Waterman  
Buckinghamshire, England

Dear Residents of Terrace Park:

Have you met Dan and Debbie Beresford? Dan and his wife Debbie live on Indian Hill Road in Terrace Park and have been residents since the fall of '87. They have been married for 19 years. Dan and Debbie are a delightful couple who demonstrate a cheerful and positive attitude, despite Dan's disability, the result of a driving accident. Since then, Dan and Debbie's lives have become much more complicated, causing a need for assistance.

I have had the great pleasure of meeting Dan and Debbie as a result of my wife's prayer group, and we have been friends since early spring. In an effort to assist this wonderful couple, we are looking for volunteers to help with minor home repairs. Do you have four hours per month to spare? If you can help, please give me a call.

You will be glad you did.

Proud to be a friend,  
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**Village Views will not be publishing a July paper. The deadline for August ads is August 9. Call Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388 for further ad information.**

Photographs are accumulating briskly in my office! If anyone cares to claim photos previously submitted to *VV*, please contact me @ **831-6248** to make arrangements. It goes against my grain to throw photos away, but after 18 months some of them are getting dusty.

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### Letter to the Editor

On behalf of the Terrace Park Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. I think if the sun is shining, the happy part is inevitable. But it's the safe part I'm asking for help with. Your police department staff has received numerous complaints about cars not stopping for stop signs, and on many occasions it's a neighbor. I did some calculating and determined if you stop at **every stop sign** in the Village for three seconds, it will take you approximately two minutes and ten seconds. Everyone knows that no one has to go through sixty stop signs to leave home. So please save yourself \$70, and, at the same time, give your neighbors a little piece of mind by coming to a complete stop.

Also, keep your eyes on *Village Views* for upcoming events and programs from your police department! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
Lt. Jerry Hayhow  
Terrace Park Police Department

## Mayor Comfort Announces Resignation

By Katy Wood

Mayor Jennifer Comfort announced at the June Council meeting that she would resign as mayor of Terrace Park in August. Comfort's husband has accepted a new job in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the two of them will move there.

Councilman Dan Startzman serves as President Pro Tem and will automatically fill the Mayor position. Startzman announced at Council that he will run to fill the position again when the current Mayor's term is up in December.

"The regulations won't allow me to resume my council seat, once I have assumed the Mayor's position," explained Startzman. "So I'm going to run for Mayor when this term is over." Startzman's council term runs to the end of 2001.

Council has 30 days to fill the council seat vacated by Startzman. If this deadline is not met, the Mayor will appoint someone to the position.

Any resident interested in the open council seat should contact a council member.

## Please Recycle Prescriptions

By Bunny Proctor

The second collection of leftover prescriptions by Twelve Baskets Medical Delivery will take place on **Saturday, July 3, from 9 a.m. until noon at St Thomas Church.**

The medications donated last month, totaling six pounds from 20 persons, were mailed to CrossLink, International, a charitable medical supply ministry in Falls Church, VA. They distribute to clinics and Christian ministries worldwide. Some of the humanitarian assistance is sent to prison hospitals in Third World countries, where supplies and conditions are appalling. Contributions of partially-

used, unexpired prescriptions, packaged alcohol wipes, sealed pills, unopened ointments and first aid products are acceptable. If there is a question, a nurse and pharmacist are on hand to evaluate the donation. We do not send over-the-counter medicines in capsule form, liquid medications or narcotics.

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## In the Neighborhood

By Noel Julnes Dehner

### Lawn Care

"When I worked for a well known, traditional lawn care company, we got blood tests every six months to see if the poison was in our blood," recalls Derrick Green, lawn care specialist. "If our blood tested at a certain level, we'd be reassigned to a different job until the level went down.... sometimes for three months. Nobody knows what poisonous spray can do to your system."

In Derrick's opinion, liquid herbicides can be more toxic than dry ones because they are more concentrated and while the treated leaves are still wet, people and pets can easily come into contact with the poison. However, the liquid is less expensive and works quicker than dry herbicides, which can take a season to work.

Believing that dry herbicide is the product of the future, Derrick

and his wife, Julie, formed Derrick's Green Care: Custom Lawn and Total Landscaping. Green Care designs landscapes, and plants and maintains grass, beds, flowers, trees and shrubs. Grasscutting is also available. During the winter, Green Care does plastering and painting for customers. Terrace Park residents interested in Green Care lawn and landscaping services can call 541-3781.

Decisions about lawn care are complicated because there are many lawn care products, liquid and dry, with varying ingredients. Information about specific ingredients is available from the US Environmental Protection Agency, "usepa" on the Internet. The EPA's Home Page contains a pesticide database. Concerned by the amount of pesticides in the modern environment, the US EPA is currently re-doing "tolerances" of pesticides, (defined as anything that kills bacteria.) Not only lawn care products but also disinfectants with Lysol, Purel and Dial hand soap are being evaluated.

### Swift Feet Greet the Season

The Memorial Day Walk and Run in Mariemont is now a tradition. Seven participants were from Terrace Park. Dan Austin, 11, participated in the 18 and under divi-

sion and placed 6th/69th overall, with a time of 22:23. John Borchers, in the 40-50 division, placed 11th in his age group/49th overall, with a time of 24:28.

Terrace Park "Walkers" included Louise and Jim Stalnaker, Betsy Porst, Betsy Ecker, and Holly



### New Appointees Take Over Building Official Tasks

By Katy Wood

Council appointed a new Building Official and a Building Official assistant at the June 8 meeting.

The new Building Official is William (Bill) Fiedler. Fiedler has an architectural business and is a com-

mercial Building Official in Madeira. He is certified as a plans examiner and a building inspector.

Fiedler's assistant will be William (Bill) Halley, who will be involved with on-site inspections. He was also appointed Aerobics Inspector. Halley is a certified building inspector and works as a construction superintendent in Madeira. He grew up in Terrace Park and was a 1982 graduate of Mariemont High School.

The new job descriptions for both of these positions, also approved on June 8, include conditions regarding conflict of interest. Neither Fiedler nor Halley will be involved in architectural or construction work in Terrace Park.

It was estimated by Councilman Dan Keefe that Fiedler, who will

make \$35 per hour, will earn approximately \$15,000 per year based upon the time spent by Tim Harth in his role as Building Official. Harth made \$6,000 per year. Halley will make \$30 per hour, plus receive \$500 per annum for aerobics inspection.

Keefe, who apologized for his "reactive rather than proactive" response to village residents' concerns about the Building Official position, also appointed Tim Harth as a consultant during the transition. The transition period was designated as July 1 through December 31. Harth will receive a fee of \$35 per hour.

There was some disagreement among council members regarding the appointments, having nothing to do with appointee qualifications. Julie Rugh stated that Council "should have stood behind Mr. Harth," while Dan Startsman argued in favor of "keep[ing] the Building Official a resident of Terrace Park."

But Steven Holmes, who voted with the majority for the appointments, noted, "We've batted this ball enough."

McCormack. Betsy Porst and Holly McCormack broke personal goals of finishing the 5K walk in less than forty minutes.

From left to right: Dan Austin, Betsy Ecker, Betsy Porst and Holly McCormack.

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## Academic Honors Abounded at CCDS

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### Middle School:

*Grade 6* Will Cleary, Ben Tanzer, David Tapke  
*Grade 7* Ric Coleman, Chase Sheils  
*Grade 8* Eric Brengle, Sandra Buban, Kristin Hesser, Matt Willis

### Upper School:

*Grade 9* High Honors (4.0+): Rebecca Parrish  
 Honors (3.3-3.9): Lisa Grever, William Yokel,  
*Grade 10* Honors (3.3-3.9): Dan Long  
*Grade 11* High Honors (4.0+): Laura Willis, Jared Wachterman  
*Grade 12* High Honors (4.0+): Adam Parrish  
 Honors (3.3-3.9): Matthew Buban

During Country Day Awards Ceremony several Village upper school students received awards. In addition to Adam Parrish's high honors accomplishment, he was a National Merit Finalist, received the Scroll Award and had been named a member of the Cum Laude Society in his junior year. Adam will be attending Wesleyan University in Connecticut in the fall. Graduating senior David Lowery will be attending American University in Washington, D.C., Johann Hindert will be attending Kalamazoo in Michigan, and Matt Buban will be attending St. John's College in Annapolis, Md.

Receiving special awards at the eighth grade graduation ceremony was Terrace Parker's Eric Brengle, who received the Ramsey R. Wright.

### UC Award Goes to TP Resident

Sue Porter has received the Intern Supervisor of the Year Award from the University of Cincinnati Communications Department. She is the manager in the Corporate Communications Department of the E.W. Scripps Company and Vice President of the Scripps Howard Foundation.

### CAN'T LIVE ALL SUMMER WITHOUT MARKET DAY?

Terrace Park Elementary PTO is having a *Market Day* sale 7/14 at the Community Building

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## Montessori Program Honored

Crystal Dahlmeier, of Terrace Park, teacher at the Xavier Montessori Lab School, accepted an award on behalf of the school from the Cincinnati Association for the Education of Young Children. The Xavier program is one of only two in Greater Cincinnati area to win this mini-grant, to be used to enable the teachers to implement an art curriculum.

Jean Lloyd, right, of CAEYC presents the award to Crystal Dahlmeier

## Sixth Graders Go out on Top



Photo: Carol and Allison Barnes

The graduating class performs a spirited "Top Gun" routine as a fitting end to their elementary school careers.

On June 4, beginning with a buffet breakfast in the school cafeteria, the TPES Class of 1999 enjoyed graduation festivities with their families and teachers. Following breakfast everyone trooped to the gym, where the rest of the school and staff shared in the awards and diplomas. The younger students were particularly delighted to see the popular "Top Gun" number again.



### High School graduate Rachel Eberhard

### Honors Graduate to Attend UC

Rachel Eberhard of Terrace Park was graduated with honors from Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan. A theatre design major, she won The Young Artist Award, the school's highest honor. As a Cincinnati Scholarship recipient, Rachel will be majoring in Interior Design at UC's College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning in the fall. She is the daughter of Rachel and Mark Eberhard.

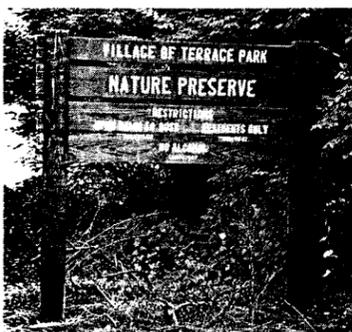


Photo: Joddy Perry

### New Name—New Sign

The Terrace Park Preserve by the Little Miami River has a new name, and Randy Haller, our Village Arborist, has made the attractive new sign. Many thanks, Randy. It's possible that most of us long-time residents may go to our graves calling it "The Wilderness", but we have hopes that those still unborn will grow up calling it "The Nature Preserve."

## 5K Right in your own Backyard!

Runners and Walkers are invited to take part in the first Legg Mason SteppingStones 5K on Saturday, July 3 at 8:00a.m. The 3.1-mile race starts and ends at Armstrong Chapel, and the advance fee is \$15, or \$18 on race day. Participants are invited to get sponsors, and all proceeds benefit Stepping Stones Center. Stop by Stepping Stones at 5650 Given Road or the Running Spot East in Milford to pick up an entry form.



Steph Jones (far left) and Cathy Borchers (far right), along with Patty Duplace (not pictured), are Terrace Park residents active in this fund-raiser for Stepping Stones Center.

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Mutual Aid Runs	12	21	68
Traffic Arrests or Citations	59	72	227
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	17	31	102
Other Arrests	20	18	66
Alarm Drops	11	03	33
Property Found Unsecured	01	05	30
Accident Reports	01	05	15
Domestic Disputes or Violence	01	01	06
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	06	37	92

### Juvenile Report

- There was no juvenile activity reported by the police!
- Chief Bacon did report the presence of fake I.D.'s, and that they are available over the Internet. Beware.

### Noted

- The police have stepped up patrol of speeding and stop sign violations. As reported by Chief Bacon, warnings were issued for a week prior to active ticketing. The step-up is due to resident complaints to the police department.
- It was discussed in Council that speeding down Elm, around the bend, and along the bike/walk path leads to veering into the path, now especially in use by swimmers. **The police and Council ask residents to please drive slowly along the bike/walk path!**

## Classical Music Finds a New Audience



Photo: Jenny Whitaker

(l-r) Kiki Bussell, Diana Belland, Tim Kloth and Erik Anderson at TPES

By Jenny Whitaker

The sounds of Beethoven resonated through the halls of Terrace Park Elementary May 7, when Dr. Tim Kloth and Annette Askam, PTA Fine Arts Chairman, hosted the Belland Piano Trio.

Classical music? Big yawn! Right?

Not that day. Diana Belland,

pianist and Northern Kentucky University professor, captivated her young audience with a forty-five minute program that demonstrated how beautiful, emotional and humorous classical music can be. She provided an informal atmosphere with the children sitting casually around her, violinist Kiki Bussell and cellist Erik Anderson. A short explanation was given before each piece with selections from Bloch, Mendelssohn and Beethoven. A great deal of hand waving followed during the question and answer session when the children asked such questions as "Do you really like to practice?" and "Why is the cello shaped like that?". All questions were fielded with great enthusiasm and humor.

Diana is the recipient of a Northern Kentucky University Faculty Project Grant to set up free concerts at ten area schools. She, Kiki and Erik divide their time between teaching and performing at various venues.

*Rosell Shundich*

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TP Newcomers is welcome to ANY ideas, suggestions and comments. We would especially like to thank those who contributed endless hours of their time to help establish and maintain this unique opportunity that we have to get to know our neighbors. We encourage you to re-join and share your past ideas and successes with us. If you have any questions, please call **Sally Gaburo @ 831-6573** or **Leanna Paz @ 965-0846.**

Our first general meeting will be held on September 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Gaburo, 440 Elm Avenue. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**



Photo: Rosemarie Brown

**First graders Blake Fletcher, Sarah Reising, and Max Pendery, smile as they receive their serviceberry trees from the Terrace Park Garden Club.**

*By Jenny Whitaker*

A tiny tree grows in our backyard. The Terrace Park Garden Club gave it to my daughter, Emma, on Arbor Day last year. For one year, it has survived bumps from my zealous lawnmowing, winter winds bending it to the ground, and jumprobes tethering it's trunk in many games of cowgirl. Imagine our surprise this spring when beautiful white bell-like flowers appeared on its slender branches. The expression of wonder and joy on Emma's

face when she observed this phenomenon was one I'll never forget.

That same expression was seen on the faces of forty-two children on April 30 when the Terrace Park Garden Club continued it's annual Arbor Day tradition. For decades, the club has purchased and presented trees to Terrace Park elementary first graders on this special day. Rosemarie Brown and her committee spent a pleasant afternoon in the classroom reading the book *Arbor Day* by Jani Gill. The children learned that Arbor Day, first introduced in Nebraska in 1872, was established to stress the importance of forest preservation. Public schools often take an active role in promoting this important holiday. Who can forget "I think that I'll shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree..."? Following the reading, the children were given their own tree to take home and plant in their yards.

Randy Haller, Terrace Park urban forester, selects and delivers the trees to be given to the children every year. He likes to choose a smaller understory type of tree because of the numerous larger species already growing in Terrace Park. He tries to offer a diverse selection of specimens native to the area. This year a serviceberry tree, a hardy tree with copper leaves in the fall and starry white flowers in the spring, was chosen. Other trees given in the past include a crabapple in 1995, a dogwood in 1996 and a silverbell in 1997. Randy mentioned, "I really like to see the kids carrying their trees down the street... the trees are like my babies." He reminded us, once planted, they need loving care. The dry spring season we've experienced this year is a concern. Remember to water newly planted trees often, he says.

Thanks to the Terrace Park Garden Club, our children cannot only help to beautify our neighborhood but also witness the miracle of nature first hand with their very own tree.

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Front Row (l-r): Claire Butler holding little sister Johanna, Erin Purcell, Paige Powell, Mari Mileham, Hillary Purcell Middle Row (l-r): Rachel Littlehale, Miss Clancey, Stacy Purcell, Brooke Parker, Megan Strickland, Louise Myatt, Sarah Sylvest Back Row: Claire Whitaker, Katie Buechel, Elizabeth Arington, Leigh Fisher, Jordan Walter, Emily Taylor, Audrey Askam Not pictured: Kakie Gohman and Gretchen Weigel

## Daisy Girls Pay a Call

On a sunny afternoon in May, eighteen Daisy Girl Scouts from Troop #1451 enjoyed a visit with long-time Village resident Libby Clancey of 306 Stanton Avenue. The kindergarteners sat on the lawn and enjoyed a snack, while Miss

Clancey shared interesting stories of how Terrace Park has changed over many years. Before leaving, the girls sang a few songs, showed Miss Clancey how to do the "secret friendship squeeze" and posed on the porch for the above photo.

# My Goodness, Look at Me Now- I'm a Terrace Park Mom

By Pat Wirthlin

I grew up in Terrace Park, and I'm back again. We've met and re-met some wonderful people since we moved here in August. Here are just a few:

Yvonne Martin and Gary Coyan own the house that was my childhood home. They have done some great things to the house ... like hang my bedroom door back on its hinges. My brothers were dismayed to hear that Yvonne and Gary removed the entryway closet to make a hallway straight back from the front door to the kitchen. How are their children ever supposed to sneak out of the house when the parents can now see both doors from the kitchen? When you filch a can of frosting, where are you supposed to hide it if you can't eat the whole thing at once and there is no front closet in which to stash it? How is a kid supposed to survive?

My first 'Couples Dinner

Group' met at the home of Kathi and Vince Milam. They are so nice. I brought dessert. Chris Ryall kept telling me, "it's OK, your dessert just fell," as if it were a cake rather than the refrigerated delight it was supposed to be. I reassured him several times that my dessert was perfectly fine.

I joined Kindervelt. Beth Srofe was the president of Kindervelt this past year. Sometimes Beth would lose herself and blurt out, "sign up Patty Seiter for the bake sale." Everybody would stare blankly, recognizing that Beth has had a long year. Beth's mom knows who Patty Seiter is, because Mrs. Griffith was my fourth grade teacher. I wonder if Mrs. Griffith liked me as much as I liked her.

Leanna Paz has become a good friend. She is such an inspiration. To name just a few of her activities, she coaches soccer and t-ball, she is a scout leader, she co-chairs Newcomers, she participates

in Kindervelt, she helped start Operation Playground, she spearheaded an Honduran relief effort, and she helps neighbors pull weeds. I was thinking of sending her my taxes to do this year as just another community service. At the very least, she could come over and pull some of *my* weeds. Leanna is a Georgia girl. Her Southern graciousness and sweetness became most apparent when we hosted the Newcomers Spring Barbecue at our house. Leanna would helpfully follow up with me during the planning process. "Do you have someone bringing a fixins tray?" she would ask. On the day of the party, she quietly asked about the fixins tray again. Finally, I asked, "Leanna, what is a fixins tray?" She replied, in her gentle way, "Oh, you know...it is a tray full of fixins."

I joined a Christian book club, but quickly beat a retreat from that situation. Crissy Holcomb held the first meeting at her house. Don't get me wrong, Crissy is really nice and very kind and accommodating. All of the women in the group were exceptional. The thing is, all of these women actually read the assigned book for the month and were prepared to discuss it! I thought I was doing pretty well by getting to page twenty.

Carolyn Frey was one of the first people to warmly welcome me to Terrace Park. I remember her as that little teensy-weensy, tow-headed Carolyn Getgey who shyly hid behind her mother's leg. Her daughter, Allison, is now that same diminutive tow-headed-hidden child. What a wonderful wife, mother and friend that little one turned out to be.

I am running out of steam. Next time I'll tell you about more people I have met and re-met (unless you call and say, "don't do that to me, Pat."). OK, I'll do one more paragraph.

Mrs. Wiley, my oldest child's Kindergarten teacher, is a whiz. Wait until next year, when she gets my son, Mikey and his friend, George. Mikey is torturing me at home. Every conversation starts with, "you are a mean mommy." Yet, he has to be in the same room with me AT ALL TIMES...AHHHHH. Mikey plays with George Long. They have some world-class fights. Yesterday, Mikey chased George home and made him strip. (George was wearing Mikey's clothes). This made George so mad that he chased Mikey back to our house. Our obliging neighbors didn't even blink, as these running, ranting angels roared through town, one naked as a blueberry. God Bless Terrace Park.



Former TP Girl Scout Troop # 198 recently gathered for their last activity before graduation from high school. The girls and leaders spent the weekend at the Dracketts' Lakeside cottage on Lake Erie. Front row(l-r) Betsy Crowwell, Jill Gislason, Candace Brown, Lisa Sarran Back row (l-r) Suzanne Lakamp, Amanda Forbes, Leah Ross, Jill Crowwell, Shannon Callahan, Leslie Lakamp, Erin Govert, Chase Koehler, Molly Smith, Catherine Picton

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Terrace Park Youth Wins Gold

By Paul Pendery

Ty Hall, a 10-year-old fourth grader at Cincinnati Country Day School, was awarded two gold medals by the AAU/USA (Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. - Affiliate of the USA Junior Olympics). Ty's select in-line hockey teams, the Cincinnati Crusaders 10 and under team and the Team Extreme 12 and under team, swept the Cleveland Regional Qualifying Tournament held May 21-23. Both teams were undefeated, earning them first place medals. In the past year, the



10 and under Crusaders have taken first place in 5 other regional tournaments. They are now seeded to participate in the prestigious AAU National Championships to be held

at Disney World in August.

Ty has been playing select ice hockey since the age of six and just this year began playing in-line hockey. He started ice-skating when he was four. He enjoyed it so much he eventually took enough interest in ice hockey to borrow some equipment from his neighbors, the Clearys, and began playing. While he plays all of the positions except goalie, he says he enjoys passing, shooting the puck, and just skating around. He has enjoyed playing either ice hockey or in-line hockey in cities like Toronto, Cleveland and Nashville. Even though his favorite sport is hockey, he also enjoys playing soccer. Ty is the son of Denise and Brent Hall.

## Operation Playground Update

We are pleased to report that the Mariemont School Board has approved our proposal to replace the playground at our school. The new playground unit will offer many options and play areas for children of all ages and will be handicapped accessible.

Terrace Park is a unique and charming community and our elementary school is without a doubt its cornerstone. Our community thrives because of the environment it offers to our children and with your support, the new and improved playground unit will certainly enhance our efforts to provide a safe and fun area for the enjoyment for our families.

Drackett & Harth Construction Company has graciously offered to remove the existing playground free of charge. In addition we are thankful to a local charitable foundation that has promised to MATCH EVERY DOLLAR that we contribute up to \$18,000. The generosity and support has been truly overwhelming, but, needless to say, we still need your contribution to

reach our objective.

We would like to take the opportunity to also thank the many families who have already made their generous contributions. In the August publication of *Village Views*, we are planning thank every family that has contributed to our cause. We also would like to thank for the support and kindness to those who wish to remain anonymous.

Let's not wait! Please contribute today! We will not be able to order the new playground until our objective of approximately \$33,000 has been reached. Please send your contribution to **Alison Connor @ 723 Floral**, made out to **Operation Playground**.



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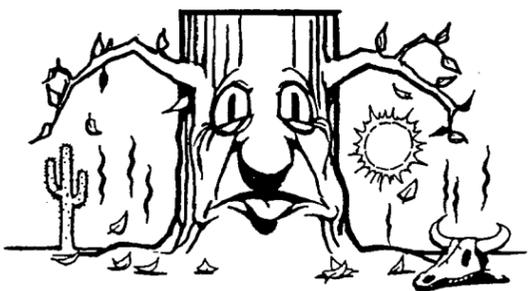
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