

Council continues debating drainage, bike path issues

By Katy Wood

Land management issues continue to represent key Council discussion points as demonstrated at the April 12 meeting.

Dan Keefe, chairman of Planning and Zoning, reported on his committee's most recent conclusions regarding water drainage issues. The committee, whose members include Keefe, Mayor Dan Startzman and Council members Al Duplace and Stephen Holmes, concur that, in lieu of requiring dry wells (prohibited by current Ohio EPA regulations) when a percentage of total property is covered by construction or asphalt/concrete, the Village might focus efforts upon enforcing existing laws regarding diverting water from one's property.

As paraphrased by Keefe, the current law states that the contour of the land cannot be changed so that water is diverted onto an adjoining private or public property. Changing the topographical contour of a property is not unusual when a

new house is built, but Keefe indicated building inspections have not stringently focused upon this detail. The Planning and Zoning Committee will continue to discuss possible criteria. "A pre-inspection utilizing Cagis maps to look at contour changes is one possibility," said Keefe.

Greg Malone (945 Elm Court), the lone resident at April's meeting, approached Council about its position regarding managing the extension of the Little Miami Bike Trail through Terrace Park.

Mayor Startzman referred to the official position established some years ago when the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) approached the Village about an extension. At that time, when ODNR valued acquiescence from Terrace Park, Village opinion was clear that paving the path was undesirable. Startzman reiterated that position, but recognized ODNR's recent intimations that plans are underway to pave the path

eventually, maybe soon. The land does not belong to Terrace Park.

Malone, who has regularly cycled on the bike path beyond Terrace Park, expressed his concerns should the path proceed through the Village. "I don't perceive the changes to be positive in terms of what we are accustomed to," said Malone. He referred to the inevitable parking and security issues, and also to the fact that, at some points, the trail is above the grade of adjacent properties.

Malone urged Council to begin negotiating our needs if the trail is inevitable. "Perhaps ODNR could route the paved area to diminish the trail's visibility," suggested Malone, noting that ODNR property extends beyond the current path. "The current trail could be used as a buffer," he added, along with other possibilities for negotiation.

Julie Rugh, who has been Council's source of information regarding the trail, appreciated Malone's concern. She explained

that she has been maintaining "an open dialogue" with ODNR, working to insure that ample parking and restrooms are planned for the Hamilton County bicycle trail project at Avoca Park. She has not been otherwise authorized by Council to negotiate with the state.

"Council has been hesitant to make a commitment to working with the state, knowing the Village's feelings [about the trail]," said Rugh, after the meeting. "But Council recognizes it may be in our best interest to do so."

Other Council business, from April's meeting as well as from the one held on May 8, included the following:

- Village Clerk, Francine Glassmeyer, was commended for results of the audit, pronounced as "exceptional for a Village." Chief Bacon also commended her for the management of the Village office during the audit
- Resident Juliann Gardner (3

Given Lane) addressed Council, imploring members to plan for increased traffic on Wooster Pike with the completion of the Milford Bridge. She referred to Mariemont's community friendly median and cross walks as a model for Terrace Park

- Resident Terry Howe (Park Avenue) addressed Council with his concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on Park Avenue
- Approval of a re-staging of the Tri-Cycles Athlete Bicycle Club sponsored races through Terrace Park that occurred here last spring. The races will take place on Aug. 26 and will involve the closing of Amherst, Harvard and part of Yale from 9:00 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m. The event will be re-announced closer to the date so those residents on the route can make arrangements
- Approval for Council member Jim Peterkin to begin developing an official Council website to provide information for residents. Peterkin requested that Building Inspector, Bill Fiedler, provide a list of most commonly asked questions with answers to make available for site users
- Approval to increase the \$605,000 budget for the water main project by possibly \$20,600. The additional funds are needed for fill material to support valves and will be used as needed
- Approval of the purchase of up to 10 new radios to enhance the outdated communication system currently used by our Fire Department, at a cost of \$3,100

There will be a special Council meeting held at 7:15 p.m. prior to the regular June 13 Council meeting in order to approve the 2001 budget.

Village Views needs your help!

Has anyone out there
 ❖ done something
 ❖ seen something
 ❖ known something
 ❖ missed something
 ❖ heard something
 ❖ felt something
 that Terrace Park should be aware of? If so, please let a VV volunteer know. We want the paper to reflect all interests, but to do so, we need information from a wide variety of sources.
 Please help!
 Call Gillian Littlehale @ 831-6248.

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"The Tomato Lady"

A part of Terrace Park history, now only a sweet memory

By Kelley N. Smith

On March 5, 2000, all Terrace Park residents lost a part of our unique history and charm. Mrs. Ruth Oberle, better known to most as 'the Tomato Lady', died at age 84. Ruth resided at 333 Harvard Ave (adjacent to the end of the Village Green) where she and her family tended a large garden in an adjacent lot every summer. Each summer, when the tomatoes were ripe and delicious, she rolled her heavy tomato stand to the back



The gardener tends her crop with a smile.

of her property on Amherst Ave. For 18 years, she sold tomatoes for about 75 cents a pound to passers-by. The amazing thing about Ruth's tomato stand is that all sales were on the honor system. She even left out a jar, or moneybox, of her own money, singles and coins, so customers could make their own change. In the 18 years of the tomato business, she only had one theft. Her honor system sign spoke volumes about life in Terrace Park, and it also spoke volumes of Ruth's trust in others.

If you were a new resident to the Park, as Tim and I were in 1995, this tomato stand was an amazing phenomenon to see! Having moved here from

the fast paced life of Dallas, Texas, we felt like we had been placed in a time warp, back to days we had only heard about as children. We knew we were in a special place, where people still believed in and trusted each other. Ruth's tomato stand was part of that Norman Rockwell persona that our Village displays.

Living across the street from Ruth, our family came to know her in many special ways. We were amazed at her perseverance in doing the things that meant a lot to her, even when it was obvious she must have felt bad physically. An example of this was her respect for the American flag she displayed in front of her home everyday. Unlike most of us, she took it down at ev-



Ruth greets some customers at her honor system vegetable stand.

ery sunset. Every morning, no matter how severe the weather, she would come out bundled up in mittens, hat, and coat to hang it again. She had a great respect for the simpler life—a reverence for the past she had known.

She was also known to many as a loving caregiver of children. She babysat many of our Terrace Park children through the years, and became very close to them and their parents. Among those families were the Powells, the Whites, the Osbornes, the Singulars, the Austins, and the Comisars. She continually asked about the children that she had cared for, even after they were grown. I'm sure there were many others who knew her that way, and miss her dearly. Ruth's daughter Edna now carries on the tradition—tenderly caring for our children and several other families' children as well.

Ruth was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where she attended regularly while her health allowed. She maintained an old Ford Falcon, that she would not trade for anything, and loved to drive it to service on Sunday.

Six daughters, a brother and ten grandchildren survive Ruth. One of her daughters, Doris Welz, now temporarily resides in her house on Harvard Ave. Ruth's grandmother bought the house in the early 1900's, and purchased the garden lot a few years later. Ruth first lived in Terrace Park with her father in the 1930's, and then permanently moved in the Park in 1962.

The family has no intentions, at present, to continue the tomato stand. Ruth's brother Richard has entertained the idea of doing it occasionally. It was a lot of work for Ruth and her family. During the past 3 years, as Ruth's health was failing, Richard did all of the gardening, and two of her daughters, Edna and Doris, maintained the stand. It gave Ruth a great deal of pleasure to look out at it.

Ruth and her tomato stand recaptured for all of us that sense of faith and trust that we have for each other as neighbors of Terrace Park, a trust that has been lost in many communities. Thank you, Ruth, for making Terrace Park such a special and unique place to live, for reminding us of times gone by, for being such a positive part of our history and for helping us to appreciate the simple things. We will all miss you!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Residents of Terrace Park-

We wanted to drop a note to thank you again for all of your incredible generosity towards Kylie last year surrounding "her" Labor Day Parade. Kylie still tells everyone about being a princess in a parade and carries her photo album with her to show.

Kylie is doing *great* and is attending regular pre-school and starting to play soccer. Her health is stable, and she has gained back all of her weight that was lost in the hospital.

We go back for a scan to check on tumor growth. With a 50% regrowth rate, we are praying hard for a good outcome.

Thank you again—you are all very special to Kylie and her family.



Kylie Harris at age 4!

Mac and Rachel Harris
Conyers, Georgia

Open letter to the Park:

We would like to thank you for all of your kind words, love and remembrances for Sandy. We doubt you know how much the family drew from that to help us get through a most horrible time. No matter where we go our hearts will remain in the Park. To the youth teams of Terrace Park that play on Saturday and Sunday, go win games for Sandy—she loved all of you.

Thanks again, and may the Lord Bless You.

The Baker Family
Mariemont, Ohio

May 1, 2000

To the Residents of Terrace Park:

As summer draws near, I would like to make a couple of suggestions to all of us that might make our community an even better place to live than it is already.

First, to make your neighbors and yourself more comfortable, how about considering not using power equipment [lawn mowers, weed eaters, blowers, etc.] after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

I know most all of us have had the occasion of sitting down to a nice quiet evening of peace and quiet when someone nearby fires up the power mower. We might even be having a family dinner or party when the din starts. If you can't get to cut your yard before six o'clock on Saturday or Sunday, there are some enterprising young fellows in the neighborhood who would gladly cut your grass. I'm sure your neighbors would appreciate your consideration.

Secondly, as a longtime resident of Amherst Avenue at the Village Green, I am becoming more concerned about the speed of cars and children at play on the Green. Youngsters play on the Green, and run across Amherst and Elm while many cars travel on the same streets. Often the speed of the cars is greater than 25 m.p.h. There is a potential for an accident. Anyone driving should slow down and be alert for the kids. Parents of teenage drivers should caution them to watch their speed.

Terrace Park is a great place to live. Let's make sure we make it a better place for our children and neighbors.

Sincerely,
Ray Normile
609 Amherst

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. **Send to *Village Views*, P.O. Box 212, Terrace Park, OH 45174, e-mail to GILViews@aol.com or fax to 831-4581.**

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June Deadline :

The June deadline for *Village Views* is **June 12**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday June 12, 2000. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Gillian Littlehale at 2 Denison Lane. Thanks.

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April 23, 2000

Dear Fellow Dog Owners,

Do you know where your dog is? Mine is in my yard. Unfortunately, so are at least two other dogs on a regular basis. My recently installed fish pond has become a favorite bathing spot for two dogs in the neighborhood — a black lab with a red mesh collar and a chocolate lab. I have never been able to get close enough to read the tags on either one, so I can't call the owners directly.

If I had a farm pond, I would not be writing this note. Every time one of these dogs goes through my pond, they turn over the plants (in some cases destroying them) and destroy the surrounding landscaping. So far I have not lost any fish. In case you are wondering, my dog, who would love to go into the pond, does not, as he is blocked by his electric fence.

Having a dog is great fun. Ours is a full-fledged member of our family. Please take responsibility for your pet and comply with the leash laws in Terrace Park.

Terry Pardue
305 Harvard Ave

VILLAGE VIEWS

Please don't let her put us in the trash! Take us home instead! We are 27 months worth of *Village Views* photographs, stuffed and suffocating in a file cabinet on Denison Lane. The Editor is planning to invite us to the Memorial Day Festivities. We will be on display on sheets of cardboard Monday, May 29, on the Village Green, grouped by topic (parades, sports teams, school events, etc.) Anyone who would like to take us home may do so by giving a nice *Village Views* volunteer a few coins. We are being sold for 10 cents a piece or 3 photos for a quarter. Proceeds from the photo sale will go to the Recreation Commission. Please save us from the trash and put us on your refrigerators to enjoy! **Feel free to call Gillian Littlehale @ 831-6248 for more information.**



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Mother's work is never done

By Karen Groppe

This past week my son graduated from high school. It was a beautiful ceremony, and no one could have been prouder and happier for him than his mother. After the Pomp and Circumstance and the whirlwind of family hugs, laughter and photos, out the door he flew, to celebrate with his friends, using those new wings of freedom I knew would carry him through his life, without me.

Oh, how it hurts to say it. I blinked and eighteen years passed. This was much more than graduation day. To me, it marked the end of my son's boyhood and the beginning of his manhood. A time in life when "Mom" isn't the center of his world any longer. How did it happen? I check the mirror, and the face I see just couldn't be the mom of a "man". In fact, if I look hard enough into that magic mirror in my mind, I can see a twenty-something me, holding a darling, tow-headed little boy on my hip, and he's hugging me as though his life depended on it. Back then it did. And how I loved the very thought of caring for and nurturing this little wonder of mine into adulthood. I've done it, so why does it hurt so much?

After he left to go to a party, I went into his room and found his

cap, gown and dress clothes left in a pile on his unmade bed (a no-no in our home), and I was pleasantly reminded that, "Wow, he still needs me." Arranging clothes on hangers is a skill he has had trouble mastering over the years. Training in that area would have to continue. I then decided to do a thorough check of his room to see just how much he really needs me.

Thank goodness! Under his bed I found a large plastic bag stuffed with at least seven pairs of dirty, wadded-up socks, a muddy pair of very large gym shoes, some melted Easter candy and two damp shirts, which had what appeared to be green mold growing on them. Then I found his retainer hidden behind a baseball trophy, indicating to me that this device, which is supposed to be worn each night in his \$5000 mouth, hadn't been touched in quite sometime.

To my delight, I found lots more evidence that I still haven't finished this job I started so few years ago. Happily, I'll have to continue to nag, praise, correct and, of course, love that almost-grown child of mine.

Author's note: Jason is now 21, living with the guys, working, still in college, and will be always one of the three lights of my life.

Village Calendar 2000

MAY

26 Terrace Park Swim Club opening party, "Hot Flamingo Nights at TPSC", 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner by Chateau Pomije, music by Leroy Ellington and the Essential Funk Band. **For information call Karen Groppe @ 831-7711 or Sally Mercurio @ 576-1556**

29 MEMORIAL DAY. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. with festivities and bake sale on the Village Green immediately following

JUNE

2 Mariemont School District summer begins. Early dismissal

5 Summer Fun registration, TPE cafeteria, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Summer Fun is a three-week program open to all students who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. **For information call Lynda Mackey @ 831-2575**

6 Summer Fun begins! Crafts and activities every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. through June 22nd in the TPE cafeteria or on the playground. **For information call Lynda Mackey @ 831-2575**

6 Terrace Park Garden Club monthly meeting, Community Building, 12:00 noon, brief meeting with field trip to follow

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

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

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

13, Summer Fun Better Babysitters course, TPE 15 teachers lounge, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Open to all children in the fifth and sixth grades. **Contact Julie Smith for information @ 831-0091**

18 Terrace Park Swim Club Father's Day celebration. Discounts at the grill for all dads, door prizes

20 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m.

28 Terrace Park Swim Club Ladies Day, box lunch, fashion show, tennis tournament

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Science Fair update

Reeve Kennedy, an eighth grader at Seven Hills Middle School, participated in the Ohio Academy of Science Regional Science Fair held at Miami University in Oxford on April 1 and the State Science Fair held at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware on Saturday, April 29. She received ratings of Excellent and Superior for her science fair project, "Pawedness in Cats." Several Terrace Park cats contributed to Reeve's research. Reeve is the daughter of Anne Broussard and Bob Kennedy.

Keffer at Valley Forge Youth Conference

Charles Keffer IV of Terrace Park recently completed a 4-day Spirit of America Youth Conference at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. A student at Mariemont High School, Chas was one of 120 students sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars. Topics discussed and debated were free speech, locker searches, use of metal detectors, the Internet, etc. The program is designed to motivate students to think about their goals and values, focus attention on opportunities and choices they have, build self-esteem and self-reliance and promote responsible leadership.

How's the water supply?

The summer of 1999 presented some unique problems to the Indian Hill Water Works. Although the water treatment plant had plenty of capacity, the wells were suffering from a drought. The rains this winter and spring have allowed the aquifer to be recharged to normal levels. A tenth well will be added in 2000. This will increase the wellfield capacity from approximately 6 million gallons per day to 7 million gallons per day.

In addition to the new well, the Water Works has implemented a Wellhead Protection Program, to monitor and control natural and manmade pollutants that might contaminate the aquifer. Within the next two years monitoring wells and land use regulations will be established within the wellhead protection area. Any questions may be directed to **Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent @ 576-8460.**

Yardwaste drop-off

Evans Landscaping, 3700 Roundbottom Road, Newtown, is one of 3 sites operated by the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services to provide free yardwaste recycling. The site is open for free yardwaste drop-off during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. It is also open during through December 30, 2000, on Saturday and Sunday, from 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Accepted items are: leaves, grass clippings, brush, garden waste, tree trunks, Christmas trees and prunings from trees or shrubs. Last year, more than 33,500 cars went through Hamilton County's drop-off sites and over 1,806 tons of yardwaste were recycled. **For additional information, call 946-7755.**

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Fire Department welcomes new members and tests hydrants

The Terrace Park Fire Department has seven newly trained and qualified members of their crew. The new members are Patrick Dougherty, 115 Wrenwood, Luke Frey, 714 Myrtle, Marc Micholson, 117 Wrenwood, Robert Routt, 607 Myrtle, Robert Sexsmith, 304 Miami, Steve Timmers, 600 Myrtle, and Timothy Werdmann, 6 Kris Circle. Welcome aboard!

Most Village residents are aware of the water main and fire hydrant replacement that is currently under way. This project will be finished in the next month. The

Fire Department has started testing all of the hydrants in the Village, completing the testing by the end of the summer. The drills are the second Sunday morning and the fourth Monday evening of the month. If your water color is off, it is because sediment has been stirred up in the water main. In this case, let the cold water run until it flows clear again. While inspecting the hydrants, it has also been found that two have been damaged by unauthorized use. Use of hydrants by anyone other than the fire department is against the law.



Gala success

The sixth annual "Of One Heart" gala recently raised more than \$40,000 for Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati. Welcoming the 330 guests to the gala's dinner, dance and auction at the Regal Hotel are, from left: Candace Grafton and Jane Bosse, both of Terrace Park, and Lisa Zimmerman, Mariemont resident and executive director of Pregnancy Care,



a non-profit organization that offers housing and prenatal care to women in crisis pregnancy situations.

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Rain or shine, children bring their baskets to the Kindervelt Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Green. The lucky little lady at left has a warm jacket trimmed with bunnies.

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It can't be Halloween already, can it? According to the calendar it's spring, but the PTO Pumpkin Festival Committee couldn't resist offering up these tasty treats to the Village. Tickets for the "Beetle Mania" car raffle, to be held October 27, 2000, are being offered for sale at the Memorial Day Bake Sale. A sample ticket, **not authorized for use**, is shown below. Only 1000 tickets, priced at \$50 a piece, will be sold. The winning ticket holder will receive a 2001 VW Beetle GLS. Tickets will also be available for sale throughout the spring and summer. The first 50 tickets are to be sold as the "Early Bug Special" and will be placed in a separate drawing for 2 tickets to the Progressive Dinner in

March 2001. For more information on the raffle, call **Sharon Bollman @ 248-9888**.

This year's Pumpkin Festival will still include the ever-popular Bid N Buy, Cakewalk and carnival games. Funds raised from recent Festivals have provided new computers for the school library, and this summer the PTO Purchasing Committee has authorized the renovation of the Art Rooms. The next project the PTO hopes to tackle is replacing the cafeteria tables with ones that fold down, to maximize use of space outside of lunch hour. To learn more about the Pumpkin Festival, feel free to call **Festival Chairperson Paula Albrecht @ 831-1790**.



To kick-off the event, TPES Principal Jerry Sasson is seen purchasing the first two "Beetle Mania" tickets from raffle Chairperson Sharon Bollman.

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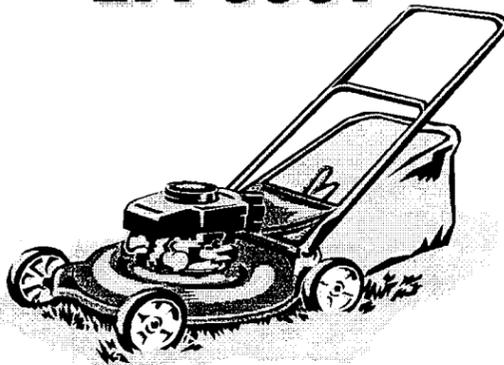
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Mutual Aid Runs	11	14	49
Alarm Drops	5	7	23
Property Found Unsecured	4	5	20
Animal Complaints	6	1	18
Domestic Disputes or Violence	0	3	6
Accident Reports	2	3	9
Traffic Arrests or Citations	72	109	341
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	14	22	99
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrants)	13	6	35
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	8	5	38

Juvenile Report

Two juveniles were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Noted

The police department will soon make available clip-on flashing lights for night-time joggers/walkers.

I feel like a kid among the big guys

By Pat Wirthlin

Talk about parliamentary procedure!

Lynette Overbey has been Kindervelt 76 Treasurer for the better part of the past 450 years. This is because she comes highly qualified (as a lawyer), and because no one else would touch the position with a ten-foot pole. When I volunteered to become Treasurer, Lynette and the other members circled around me, jumped, shouted and danced; then each one invited me to become their long-lost cousin, to come to eat, drink and live with them. When the dust settled, Lynette (in her inimitable Lynette way) told me, "Well, Pat, you can volunteer all you want, but this is a Board position, and you need to be elected." I started to worry about how I dressed, the caliber of my ancestors and what kind of pet I should own. At the next Kindervelt meeting, I allowed as how I had not yet been elected as Treasurer. Everyone in the room shouted, "YOU ARE ELECTED!" Now, *that* is what I call an election, Lynette.

As future Treasurer, I will be keeping an eagle eye on the bottom line around here. Most of Kindervelt's activities are for the purpose of raising money for Children's

Hospital. Throughout the area, Terrace Park's Kindervelt 76 is known as a very, very, very big contributor. This generous community outdoes itself for Kindervelt. We suspect that some of you buy those luminaria kits each year, only to stack them in the garage next to the others. You have also been graciously generous with the Easter Egg Hunt, Wine-Tasting, Markt and book purchases.

Karen Groppe is finishing her term as Kindervelt 76 President. I think of her and realize I am not anything like Karen. I like to do as little as possible and be recognized as a very important person. Karen does so much that is behind the scenes and unrecognized. She introduced a "Beach Party in January" at Children's Hospital this past year as a pick-me-up for the children during the post-holidays blues. This activity did not add a nickel to the total dollar amount raised during her presidency... but who could ever put a price on the help to sick children. She has made a point of keeping herself and everyone else focused on Kindervelt's heart and soul. Karen is just a good person, and that is all there is to it. We are lucky to have her.

I wonder just how loudly everybody shouted to elect *her*.

Watch the birdie!

By Nancy Meyer

Row House Gallery has announced the scheduled appearance of Terrace Park artist, Mark Eberhard, in a premiere show called "Watch the Birdie: Bird Portraits in Oil." Eberhard will appear during the show's opening weekend of May 20-21, with receptions on Saturday, 5:00-8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. The show will remain through the end of May.

"Mark's work is significant," commented friend and fellow artist, DeVere Burt. "He is one of the great technical painters working today and has an amazing ability to capture his subjects with extraordinary detail. Mark's background is in fine arts, yet he displays such a comprehensive anatomy for the birds he paints. His knowledge of comparative subject matter research satisfies



On view at Row House Gallery is Eberhard's oil painting, "Blue-Throated Macaw."

even savvy observers, and the uniqueness he provides is in the grand play of light and shadows."

Well known for his acrylics, Eberhard has chosen this show to unveil his works in oil. "The natural fluidity of the oil paints versus the quick-drying acrylics provides the agility I was looking for in painting these bird portraits," said Eberhard. "The oils have captivated me. I will use acrylics for selected work, but plan to continue with oils as a primary focus in my future work."

Eberhard is a nocturnal painter, diligently making time for art five (late) nights a week, while managing a full-time day business in partnership with his wife, Alice. A book given to him by his grandparents at age five fostered his fascination with birds. He paints only birds. His passion for nature, its forms, colors and textures form the basis of his paintings. While not trained in pterylography (the study of feather tracks), he has shown a great mastery of this technology in his paintings.

The "Watch the Birdie" show will include 25-30 original works. One of the pieces, "Blue-Throated Macaw," is currently on display at Row House and available for viewing on their website <http://www.rowhouse.com>. Eberhard earned an MFA from Yale University. His work has been shown in both regional and national exhibitions, including the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum's "Birds in Art" and the Society of Animal Artist's "Art and the Animal," where he won the coveted Award of Excellence. One of his paintings was selected to be part of the Society's Year 2000 Tour, and three of his paintings are included in the book, *The Best of Wildlife Art 2*, available in bookstores.

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The display was designed along the lines of an old English country rose garden and named "Fourteen Gatehouse Road". The garden contained old fashioned climbing roses from South Carolina, a reflecting pool, an orchard, rose lined walkways leading to two stone gatehouses and clipped boxwood gardens within the display. Annuals such as white geraniums, impatiens, delphiniums and foxglove

were used. The Abbottswood garden was awarded the Country Living Gardener Award for the use of hardscape in their garden for the second year in a row as well as a gold medal for design excellence for their third consecutive year.

The garden was dedicated to the crew who helped build the garden. The group included Terrace Park residents Glenn Lindahl, Beth Smith, Dan and Jill Freshley, Cary Powell, Tami and Steve Blowers and Jenny Whitaker, as well as many others. Everyone worked through the night before the show opened. They finally left the exhibit to get their children off to school and some much needed rest.

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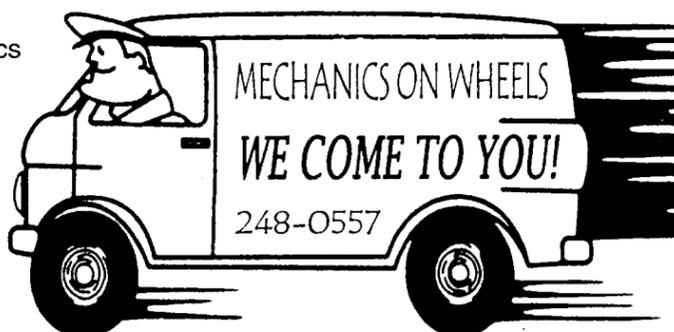
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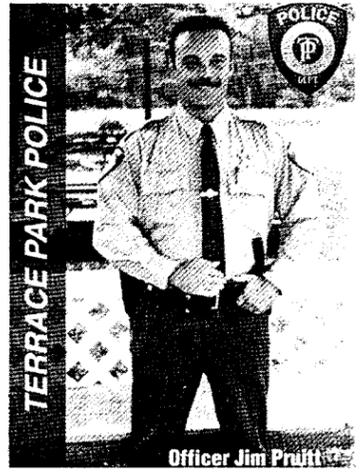
Consie Berghausen and Leanna Paz, level 4.5 players who play for the Camargo Racquet Club singles team, finished their 17-week season with a major win. As members of the Greater Cincinnati Interclub Tennis Association, their team won the Division 2 Championship this month at the Queen City Racquet Club.

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Date	Time	Place	Contact
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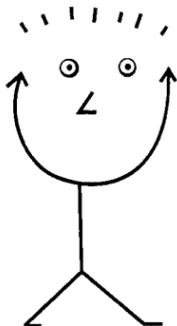
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