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2001 Council race heats up



Seven candidates vie for four seats



Stephen Holmes



Dan Keefe



Bren Fries



Stefan Olson



Terry Howe



Mark Porst



William Molony

On November 6, 2001 Terrace Park residents will be voting for four council members from a field of seven candidates. Incumbents Stephen Holmes and Dan Keefe are running, along with new candidates Mark Porst, Bren Fries, Stefan Olson, Terry Howe and William Molony. (Council members Julie Rugh and Jim Peterkin currently have two years remaining in their terms; Mayor Dan Startzman also has two years remaining in his term.) In an effort to inform voters on how candidates stand on certain issues, VV reporter Katy Wood posed the following questions: Question 1 - In Prior elections, candidates have cited the intent to be fiscally responsible as a priority for their term. Treating this as a given, what other priorities do you have? Question 2 - Over the last few years, some residents have criticized our council for a lack of proactivity. How might you go about changing this perception given that council members are basically volunteers, often with limited time to spend due to employment and family obligations?

The following are the candi-

dates' responses to these questions:

Stephen S. Holmes

Question #1: I am interested in developing some long-range planning for the Village related to facilities maintenance, usage and needs. Council has made an initial step in this area through the facilities maintenance plan recently completed by the Village Engineer. If elected, it would be one of my goals to continue this work by utilizing the recently completed overview as a benchmark from which we can move forward to complete a master facilities maintenance and replacement schedule which can be used as both a work and budgeting guide for this council and future councils. As a part of this work, we also need to be considering the future facilities needs of the Village. In particular, the usage of the Community Building is at an all time high. Consequently, the wear and tear on the facility has increased significantly. Through the assistance of professionals who are residents of the Community, I would like for Council to develop a plan for the

possible renovation of the Community Building, as well as evaluating the future facilities needs of the Village. Included with this would also be an analysis of how to pay for such improvements.

Question #2: As a current council member, I can certainly say that at times it can be difficult to balance the demands of family and job and your duties as a volunteer. Realizing

this, I have seen firsthand how helpful it can be to have guidelines, procedures and documentation in place as people move on and off council through the election process. Consistent with this, and as I stated in my response given to the first question, I feel it is important that a master facilities maintenance and replacement schedule be created. This will help future councils anticipate the need for maintenance and re-

placement work as well as facilitate the budgeting process for such work.

Dan Keefe

Question #1: I have been on Village Council for the last eight years. In my two terms on Council the Village has not had to raise taxes. This is the accomplishment I am most

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Candidate forum plays to standing-room-only crowd

By Camilla Warrick

It's been 27 years since candidates for Terrace Park Council have had to stand before a crowd of residents and vie for votes.

Somehow the practice fell by the wayside, perhaps because many elections to Council went uncontested. But on Oct. 3rd the tradition came roaring back to life. The "Meet the Council Candidates" forum, organized by 28-year resident Al Nelson, attracted more than a 100 people — a standing-room-only crowd in the community center. It also brought television cameras from ICRC, the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission.

A recording of the session will be broadcast on Channel 4 at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25; 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26; and 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

This year, seven people, including incumbents Steve Holmes and Dan Keefe, are competing for four council posts. The other contenders are William Molony, Mark Porst,

Stefan Olson, Terry Howe and Bren Fries.

Each person had four minutes to introduce himself and to highlight his reasons for seeking office. The remainder of the agenda was determined by members of the audience who, when they arrived, were invited to submit questions in writing. Each candidate had no more than a minute to respond.

Just about any topic was fair game — including the Village budget, drainage problems, misuse of the dump, the paving of the bike trail, scofflaw motorists and zoning challenges posed by large homes on small lots.

Rich Gilchrist, a 32-year resident and past council member, monitored the clock and moderated the event. By the end of the 90-minute session, voters realized the democratic process had been put through an aerobic workout.

"It was excellent," said Amherst Ave. resident Ray Normile. "The biggest thing is it

brought out a lot of enthusiasm. People are eager to get involved."

Park Avenue resident Shelley Cowan was so impressed that she began organizing a similar event for the four candidates seeking election to the three positions opening up on the Mariemont Board of Education. She had no difficulty persuading Superintendent Dr. Gerald Harris of the merits of public discourse. "He said, 'Just tell me which building you want and what time.'"

The School Board forum is scheduled for 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 at Mariemont Elementary School, 6740 Wooster Pike, in downtown Mariemont.

Nelson takes no credit for dreaming up the candidates' night. He said former resident Ellis Rawnsley, the founder of Village Views, was the one who reminded him that forums used to be an an-

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Pancake supper
The 42nd annual Fire and EMS Pancake Supper will be November 3 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Door-to-door pre-ticket sales will begin October 21; tickets will be available at the door. Cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ten and under. Please support your local Fire and EMS volunteer services in this fund-raising event.

Four candidates seek Mariemont School Board positions



Peggy Landes



Jan Oldendick Schloss



David Moreton

Terms for two other Board members, Marie Huenefeld and Rick Koehler, end Jan. 1, 2004.

A board of education is the creation of the state legislature and derives its authority to manage and operate the district's public schools from the state general assembly. The Board has the authority and the responsibility to manage and control the school's employees and its students. Members must be quali-

fied electors, state residents for one year and of the school district for a minimum of 40 days. Terms run for four years.



Peggy S. Braun

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Council deals with full agenda

By Cyndy Finnigan

It was business as usual at the Village Council meeting Tuesday night October 10; only there was a lot more of it. Altogether, 16 resolutions were unanimously approved by Council. Passage of Resolution 10-1 was for the purchase of 51 trees for \$4,920 and Resolution 10-2 allotted \$2,142 for planting of the trees. Resolution 10-3 allotted \$3,000 for fertilization of 250 trees by Davey Tree. Resolutions 10-4, 10-5, and 10-6 dealt with flood damage repair through the Public Works Committee for streets Elm Ave. (\$39,000) Fieldstone (\$14,000) and Wagon Rd. (\$50,000.) Resolution

10-7 was for a street change order (an adjustment in funds due to the fact the contractor came in at \$4,100 lower than the estimate) Resolution 10-8 was a sidewalk change order of \$15,808.50 (this additional amount was spent in order to qualify for grants for sidewalk repair next year) 10-9 was simply a reallocation of funds and Resolution 10-10 resulted from a joint commit-

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December Deadline Change
The December deadline will be moved ahead to Dec. 3 because of the holidays.

Looking back on past elections

In November of 1987 Terrace Park had its first contest in years for mayor. After vigorous campaigning by both candidates, Jack Schmidt won by nine votes over opponent Randy Casteel. The final count was Schmidt 439 and Casteel 430. Little more than half of the registered voters (889) cast ballots in the election, with a total of 20 ballots invalidated. Bob Payne was re-elected to Council as well as John Wenstrup; both running unopposed for the two open seats.

TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY INAUGURAL MEETING

Open Meeting - Monday November 5 - 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Church Undercroft

The Terrace Park Historical Society has now been incorporated after receiving enthusiastic encouragement from the community. The first meeting is open to all those interested in learning about and preserving the history of Terrace Park. Topics to be discussed include suggested society activities and membership. Please come and bring your suggestions and ideas.

If you have questions or need further information call Carol C. Cole 831-6771

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

When my wife, Polly, and I moved to Terrace Park in 1992, we received a copy of the Terrace Park directory. The directory along with the *Village Views*, showed us the broad level of volunteer service and commitment to our village. Really, that is the ingredient that makes Terrace Park such a magical place to live.

I have had a long career in public service as a supervisor with the National Labor Relations Board. I was a fact finder, negotiator, advocate, and decision maker. I made difficult, unpopular decisions. I was fair and impartial and respected by my peers. I supervised a team of agents specializing in compliance. All of this work required frequent and direct contact with many State and Federal agencies as well as with media, law firms, corporations, unions, and citizens from all walks of life. My wife also enjoyed public service as a lead teacher, teaching kindergarten in Cincinnati Public Schools for over 25 years.

I knew that 4 seats on Council would be up for vote this Fall. I, too, wondered if there would be enough candidates to make a contested election. I was encouraged to run as were 6 other good candidates. At age 61, I am the oldest and the only candidate who is retired. That may be one of my best qualifications. Retirement provides me with flexibility to determine how I will spend my time. I can be around during the daytime to observe how our money is being spent.

As a 9+ year resident, I have a good understanding of the key issues and priorities facing Village Council. Fiscal responsibility does lead the list followed by: traffic safety; staffing, funding, and maintaining the Volunteer Emergency Services; improved management and supervision of village employees; storm water runoff and drainage; zoning; development of Ellis Rawnsley property; development of the bicycle trail; improved management and supervision of the Environmental Services Area (ESA) storage lot; proper maintenance of village property and buildings including Village Green bulletin boards, and welcome signs.

These issues will keep all of us busy. My personal priorities are issues dealing with safety. Because of my background as a volunteer educator at the Cincinnati Nature Center, I will also be inclined to take a special interest in the Terrace Park Preserve and in Kroger Hill Farm Park. Finally, my 22+ years as a long distance runner and bicyclist gives me an appreciation of the beauty and benefit of the Little Miami Bicycle Trail.

I have the interest, the time, and the talent to serve on Village Council. But, I need your vote. Please remember to give one of your votes to candidate William A. Molony.

William A. Molony
MBA
Xavier University 1965

Dear Neighbor:

I would like to thank all of you who attended "Meet the Candidates Night" on Wednesday, Oct. 3. Also, special thanks go to Al Nelson, Ray Normile, and Rich Gilchrist who organized and ran the event. It was a chance to hear all the candidates and judging by the turnout there seems to be a lot of interest in what direction the next council will take. I also want to assure you that while safety for all citizens is a priority of mine I will pursue all other issues with the same passion and energy that I have displayed for making our streets and community a safer place to play and live. I will make sure that, no matter who comes before council, your concern will be listened to with respect and openness. We all live in Terrace Park because of its unique attributes not found in many other places and I will work hard to make it even better.

Thank you,
Terry Howe, candidate for council
716 Park Ave.

Dear Editor:

In light of recent events in New York and Washington, it almost seems petty to discuss local issues. But I can't seem to shake some thoughts on the St. Thomas building project. Even though it is too late to stop what has already begun, questions still linger. To wit:

How does our little village benefit from a \$13 million addition to the church? What does a community of 800+ families need with such an imposing edifice? How do you justify using the philanthropy of Kroger and Meijer to finance such a selfish project? Wouldn't that money have done more good feeding 13,000 needy families for a year in the US? Or 100,000 desperate and dying people overseas? If our village was of any concern, couldn't we all have benefited from burying all of our utility lines, enhancing the quality of life and safety for all of our residents? Or improving our schools? What was council thinking about when they approved the removal of hundreds of trees and wildlife habitat? Isn't this about egos and vanity, the insensitive compulsion of people who mostly live outside the village? Wasn't that precisely the admonition of the Bible about the pharisees, the money lenders in the temple and camels passing through the eye of a needle? Why didn't anyone go door to door and find out how your neighbors felt? Where is the sense in it all?

Every time I drive by the destruction on Miami, I almost want to cry. Maybe it's the war, the tragedy of the World Trade Center, or just the wistfulness that comes as one grows older. I don't know. But I DO know this: I'm proud to live in Terrace Park, I'm proud to be an American, and right now, I'm embarrassed to be an Episcopalian.

William R. Weakley
710 Stanton Ave

Corrections: In the September issue we incorrectly identified Cal Fries as Nick Fries. We apologize for this error.

Correction to September Council report - Concerning Joyce VanWye - The date should have been July 17 rather than August 17. The flooding problem was caused by the broken culvert which is the responsibility of the Village of Terrace Park.

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. See below.

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November Deadline :

The Nov. deadline for *Village Views* is **Nov. 12**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday Nov. 12, 2001. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Cyndy Finnigan 128 Winding Brook Lane.

Village Views welcomes readers to submit their ideas for articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

LEAVING THE VILLAGE?

Subscriptions are available for \$18.50 per year. To subscribe call **Gerri Kennedy @831-2388**.

Terrace Park Residents:

In response to discussion at the October 3 Candidates' Forum, the volunteer Terrace Park Emergency Medical Service (EMS) assures you that we are alive and well. Your dedicated, reliable neighbors provide emergency medical care 365 days of the year and will continue to provide professional service.

In all volunteer organizations recruiting is an ongoing process. Due to changes in staffing levels, EMS has advertised the need for new volunteers regularly. Terrace Park residents have responded to these requests and each year EMS training classes are held in Terrace Park, with all training expenses paid by the village. Flexible and creative scheduling has enabled EMS to accommodate the needs of our personnel and maintain the highest standard of care.

Comments were made about the community's need for a new ambulance and its approximate cost. The figure mentioned at the meeting was far higher than the actual cost should be. Traditionally, Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services (the group of firemen and EMS who provide village phone books and cook the Pancake Supper) has provided a portion of the funding for village emergency vehicles. EMS will also make a significant financial contribution from an inheritance and donations.

Terrace Park's current ambulance was purchased in 1983-84 and was re-chassis'd in 1993. The patient compartment remained the same, and, due to the bid process, was reinstalled on a non-standard chassis/drive train. The hybrid nature of the rebuilt vehicle necessitates routine maintenance and repair at many different service facilities. Although the mileage is relatively low, engine wear is significant due to long periods of time spent idling. The frequency of repairs is increasing and the nature of these repairs has become more costly. Vehicle dependability has become an issue. A new ambulance would provide reliable transportation and new technology would improve patient care, comfort and safety.

Please contact us with questions.

Connie Wilson, Chief, TPEMS
Candy Wachterman, Assistant Chief
Bruce Long, Captain
John Maggard, Captain

PS. Want to volunteer? Call Julie Gislason 831-6952.

To the editor and residents of Terrace Park:

I would like to take a few moments to update you on Council's current position on the speed reducing measures that have been proposed. Every person on Council wants our streets to be safe, although not every person on Council agrees with suggestions of speed humps, more stop signs, closing certain streets, or purchasing a Smart Machine at a cost of \$11,500. All suggestions have been researched and I will be glad to discuss the details with you. The fact of the matter is, it is us, Terrace Park residents, who are speeding on Terrace Park streets! It is our children, our neighbor's children, and our friends who we will hurt or kill when we speed. Chief Bacon assures me the police department is giving warnings and tickets to residents. From the number of phone calls I receive at my home complaining of speeding on TP streets, I can assume we are not listening to the warnings. Do we really want to pay the police department to give us tickets so that we can pay them again? What I suggest is that we fix our speedometers and drive 25 mph in Terrace Park. Or perhaps Council should take the advice of current candidates: install "My children play here," signs.

I would like to remind residents in this election year that Council members always consider and often research your suggestions and concerns. In my opinion the gap between Council and residents is communication—not quality.

Thank you for listening,
Julie Rugh, Safety Chairman

Janet Sarran, *Travel Consultant*

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proud of. For the past six years I have been the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee. There are several issues that I would like to discuss that are of importance to the Village.

To understand the financial status of the Village you must go back to my first term in Village Council. At that time the Village had an excessive surplus and Council was considering reducing tax levels. The Village Council made the decision to operate a yearly deficit as a means of reducing the surplus. However despite our best efforts to reduce the surplus, it kept growing. This was due to payments from the inheritance tax. In 1999 our surplus reached 2.1 million dollars. In 2000 the Village replaced the water mains in the older streets of our community. This cost was \$800,000. At the same time payments for inheritance taxes began to phase out. At the present time the Village has a surplus of 1.2 million dollars. However, we are running an operating deficit of approximately \$250,000 each year, i.e. the Village spends \$250,000 more than it realizes in tax revenue. Any decisions made by the next Village Council must be reconciled with this fact.

The Village is prone to water run-off problems. Many of these problems are beyond our control due to our location. Despite our best efforts we can not repeal the law of gravity. Storms such as the one that occurred in July are going to cause damage despite our best efforts. In the aftermath of this storm the Village spent over \$40,000 to repair damage on Winding Brook and Fieldstone. This was for damage to streets and public property. But this is only part of the story. Many homes and personal property were damaged by this storm. Much of this damage occurred where the creek flows across private property. This is a very difficult situation. The Village can not make improvements to private property. Yet most of this creek is on private property.

However, beyond flash flooding there are steps the Village has taken to prevent water run off onto adjacent property. During my term as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee the Village has required water run-off studies as a condition for receiving a building permit on large construction projects on homes within the Village. These studies must be conducted by an engineer or certified landscaper and

attempt to insure that any construction projects in the Village will not result in water being diverted onto adjacent property. The requirement for a water run-off study is at the discretion of the Village Building Official or Village Engineer. I see this requirement for water run off studies as a condition for obtaining a building permit increasing in the future.

The Village has a tremendous need for more athletic fields. Village Council is cooperating with the Board of Education, Mariemont and Fairfax in an attempt to obtain athletic facilities in Avoca Park.

The Village Council is improving the infrastructure of the Village. This is an ongoing effort. In addition to replacing water mains, the Village has replaced sidewalks along Wooster Pike. All of this is in addition to our annual sidewalk and street repair program. The Village has also made the decision to remodel the Community Building. We have completed an evaluation of our facilities and we are now asking local architects and builders to suggest plans for the Community Building.

The Village has a problem with speeding. This problem is due to residents not outsiders. The problem is pervasive throughout the Village. It is not limited to one street or area. The problem must be addressed on a Village-wide basis. A very frustrating aspect of this situation is speeding and ignoring of traffic regulations by the young people in our Village. As a group, young drivers are the source of many of our problems. The remedy for this situation is simple: Enforcement. Enforcement. Enforcement. The police should patrol the Village streets like they patrol Wooster Pike, with no warning tickets passed out.

Question #2: By its very nature Village Council, like all forms of government, is often slow to react. The primary purpose of our Village government is to take money from people and redistribute it in the name of the common good. The Village government also places restrictions on the use of private property in the form of zoning regulations and traffic laws. All of this is done to achieve goals that improve Village life. Recognizing this, some restraint is prudent when dealing with peoples' property and funds.

Due to the nature of the relationship between our Village government and residents, the dealings of Village Council must be open, honest and subject to review. This contributes to the sense of govern-

Village Calendar 2001

OCTOBER

27 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society Music Festival featuring Susan Trump. Workshops offered at 10:00 a.m., 12:45 and 2:30 p.m. with pizza lunch. Buffet dinner at 5:00 by reservation; \$10. Open stage at 7:00 p.m. Evening concert at 8:00 p.m.; \$5 donation. For details contact Pam at 860-5539 or Fran at 891-7037.

28 Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks back one hour.

31 HALLOWEEN! Village siren sounds at 6:00 p.m. to indicate the start of Trick or Treating. Ends at 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Village curbside leaf collection continues through November 25. No large brush collection at this time.

3 Terrace Park EMS Annual Pancake Supper, TPE cafeteria, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Adults \$4, children \$2. New phone directories also available.

6 ELECTION DAY. Polls open in the Community Building at 6:30 am. and close at 7:30 p.m.

6 TPE PTO meeting, cafeteria, 9:30 am.

7 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting, luminaria kit making, Community Building, 6:30 p.m. For information contact Elaine Fening @ 831-8371.

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

12 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads, 9:00 pm

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

13 Terrace Park Garden Club holiday workshop, Community Building, 12:00 noon. For membership information contact Kathi Milam @ 248-8232.

13-15 Terrace Park Elementary "Books Are Magic" Book Fair, tornado room. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. For information call Beth Smith @ 831-8687.

15,17,18 Mariemont High School fall play, "Alice in Wonderland," MHS auditorium. For information call 272-7600.

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

23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

28 Terrace Park Police Department "Computer Crime Seminar" featuring a representative from the Hamilton County Sheriff's department to discuss protecting kids from unwanted solicitation, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

Please submit calendar information to Susan Austin @ 831-8235 at your earliest convenience.

ment "inertia." While the wheels of government are slow to turn they do move.

In my eight years on Council, meetings have been open, publicized and with few exceptions very poorly attended. In eight years I have never seen a resident appear at a budget hearing.

As chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, I am also a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. All zoning regulations must originate in the Planning and Zoning Commission. During my tenure we have evaluated all zoning laws in the Village from all sides. We have investigated imposing restrictions on building height, size and volume. After a comprehensive examination we came to the conclusion that existing regulations were sufficient. Where there is the perception that structures were too big, it was very often because the property was next to a lot that was out of variance with regulations, i.e. a substandard lot. As a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, I also have been involved with the proposed addition to St. Thomas. This addition to the church has been one of the most controversial issues in recent memory.

As a member of the Safety Committee, I have attended numerous meetings to investigate traffic in the Village, provide budgetary

guidelines and listen to the concerns of citizens. One of the most common concerns is in regards to speeding in the Village. It is one of the strongest concerns not only of myself, but of all members of Council, the Mayor and all members of the police force.

As a member of the Public Works Committee, I have attended numerous meetings related to the infrastructure of the Village. We have just completed a major sidewalk renovation program on Wooster Pike. This is in addition to our regular sidewalk and street program. Last year we spent more than \$800,000 replacing water mains in the older streets in the Village. More recently we have just committed to renovating the Community Building. Very often, residents can come

to the conclusion that the Village Council is not "responsive" to the "will of the people." Often individuals or groups come to Council to request funds be spent or regulations be changed. When these requests are not met it is easy to come to the conclusion that Village Council is not proactive. What citizens must realize is that Council must address the needs of the entire community in making decisions.

The perception that Village Council is not responsive is something I often hear with regards to zoning laws. What citizens must realize is that the Village already imposes significant restrictions and financial burden on property in the

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Evelyn Mottern Celebrates 97th Birthday

By Robin Pendery

Mrs. Mottern of Redbird Lane has seen a few birthday cakes in her day. 97 to be exact! Born Evelyn Baker on October 9th, 1904 in Norwood, Mrs. Mottern along with her late husband Joe and her son Bill, moved to Terrace Park in 1968. When asked to give her name she will say, "Mottern, like modern, but crazy about antiques." You can tell this is true by seeing the antique gas lamp outside her home that still



burns a gas flame as it did from its perch in old Oakley many years ago. Mrs. Mottern started Welcome Wagon in Mariemont in 1952 and continued to bring baskets of goodies and warm welcoming visits to new neighbors for 39 years. Mrs. Mottern has been a garden club member and continues to tend to her many plants both inside and out. When asked what the most life-changing thing she has seen in 97 years she answered with certainty, "Oh, the television!" An embroidered wall hanging in her living room sums up Mrs. Mottern's outlook the best. It says, "Old age is not for sissies." Happy birthday Mrs. Mottern, and many more!

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Neighbor to Neighbor

Mariemont School Foundation Gala

The Mariemont School Foundation is excited about its upcoming Fall Gala, 5-7 p.m., Sunday, November 11 at the Terrace Park Country Club. This year's limited edition print by wildlife artist John Ruthven, is a spectacular red tanager in a blooming magnolia, which is the final print in a four print series. John Ruthven will be at the Gala and will personalize prints upon request. The highlight of the evening is the live auction of the original painting, original sketch and printer and artist's proofs.

The Mariemont School Foundation provides resources to enhance the learning experience of the students and community. Since its inception five years ago, the Mariemont School Foundation has, among other things, provided computers for the three elementary school libraries, participated in the Mariemont High School auditorium renovation, built the Kusel Stadium entrance, provided scholarships for students, computer training for the community, and other vital needs to our students and community.

The cost of the Gala, including the Ruthven print, is \$150 (couples need only purchase one ticket.) Prints may be purchased for \$130.00 each. For information, please call **Tim Zaring at 561-6176.**

National Merit Semifinalist

Congratulations to Mariemont senior and Terrace Park resident Victoria Thoman. Victoria and two other Mariemont High School students were among 16,000 Semifinalists in the 47th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, offered next spring. The students were eligible for the original competition based on their 2000 Preliminary SAT scores.

Mariemont High School presents "Alice in Wonderland"

This year's fall play, Alice in Wonderland, promises to be entertaining for the entire family. Not only will this play entertain children with the colorful costumes, dream-like set and crazy characters, but adults should also find it very enjoyable. This version of the play takes Alice (Suzie Augsburg) on a journey through Wonderland to find a way to become a part of adult society, but still keep her innocence and childhood imagination. She is guided on her journey by a number of familiar characters. She is never without a queen or king (Stephen Carley, Claire Keyes, Jessie Rogowski and Angie Williams) to give her advice. There is always the White Rabbit (Kyle Hampton) to chase. And there are many other fun characters she meets along her way. The fall play will be Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 9 and under. Thursday night will be a special student night. All students can buy tickets for the reduced price of \$3 for that performance. The play's director is teacher Carrie Dattilo.

Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the Mariemont High School boys' varsity soccer team. The team was this year's CHL Champs! Keith Koehne is the head coach; Logan Phillips is the assistant coach.

Nuts for Knowledge

For the past five years the Mariemont Kiwanis Club has been selling nuts during the holiday season to benefit the Kiwanis College Scholarship Program for Mariemont High School students. The campaign kicks off October 16 and continues through December. The nuts are attractively packaged in plastic serving trays and make excellent party accessories or gifts. Containers are \$5.00 each and include almonds, cashews or pecans; or a deluxe nut assortment. Nuts will be sold at local banks in Fairfax, Mariemont, Plainville and Terrace Park. (Fifth-Third, PNC, Provident and Star) and at participating local businesses.



Please support the annual Nuts for Knowledge Campaign. Last year the Kiwanis awarded four Mariemont students a total of \$10,000 college scholarship money. Terrace Park Kiwanis, Lee Cole, Tom Crosby, George Hay, Al Nelson, Matt Nickum, Ray Normile, Jack Smith, Roger Stafford and Peter Stites, along with Mariemont Kiwanis members wish you Happy Holidays and look forward to your support.

Neighborhood kids help the cause

By Jenny Whitaker

Children may not fully understand the magnitude of what happened on September 11, but many surmised people were in need of help after such a tragedy. When Terrace Park Elementary announced it was collecting money for the Red Cross relief fund, our kids took action. Lemonade stands



Claire Whitaker, Leigh Fisher and Mari Mileham sell cookies and lemonade for a good cause.

popped up all over the neighborhood with a new purpose. One ambitious group took advantage of the early morning soccer crowd at Drackett field and sold coffee, doughnuts, and beaded flag pins. Another group, knowing dog walking is a popular sport in Terrace Park, made gourmet dog biscuits and sold them on the Village Green. The third grade class made patriotic jewelry and held two lunch time sales. A

similar sale was conducted by the fourth grade class, donating their proceeds to Manhattan's New School, an arts and literary institution in New York in need of funding.

To all the friends and neighbors who paid \$5 for a 25¢ cup of lemonade, these children thank you. Not only have they learned about helping those in need, they will always remember this lifelong lesson in patriotism.

Plaque dedicated to avid gardener Effie Miller

Cindy Carrigan spoke at a plaque dedication ceremony in honor of the late Effie Miller. The dedication was held at the TP Post Office in September. Attending the ceremony were Effie's son, Dale Miller (standing) and her brother Glen Homan (sitting) along with friends and neighbors of the beloved Mrs. Miller. The plaque in front of the post office reads "In memory of Effie R. Miller, postmaster from 1950 to 1972. Her love of gardening was surpassed only by her love of this Village and its people. Friends and family, 2001."



Kindervelt #76 Presents Terrace Park's 15th Annual Luminaria Sunday, December 2, 2001

Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will once again sell luminaria kits in connection with the 15th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on the Village Green, Sunday, December 2nd. Luminaria kits contain 20 candles, 20 white paper bags, approximately 15-lbs of sand and instructions for assembly.

Luminarias can be placed along your sidewalk, driveway, or street. The fire siren will sound at 6:00 p.m. to signal the lighting of the candles. If the weather is poor, no siren will sound and the lighting will be postponed for one week. Festivities on the Village Green will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Don't miss this magical start to the holiday season in Terrace Park! Please complete the order form below and mail by November 4th to Holly McCormack, 706 Park Avenue, Terrace Park, OH, 45174. Please make checks payable to Kindervelt #76.

Kindervelt members will also be taking phone and door-to-door orders for luminaria kits from October 20th -November 4th. If you have questions, please call **Holly McCormack @ 576-0884** or **Julie Morgan @ 248-1488.**

All proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center.

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Who's that squirrel?

By Gillian Littlehale

No matter how cute and cunning, squirrels are still wild animals. When the Smith family on Harvard took on the responsibility of nursing a small, abandoned squirrel back to health, they steered themselves to that fact. The only one who has not recognized reality is the squirrel himself. Once a hurt, scared baby, Sammy the Squirrel has tripled in size and embraced the good life on Harvard Avenue.

On September 10, Tim Smith came upon the family dog lying very still beneath a tree. There between the dog's paws were two baby squirrels; up in the tree was a squirrel nest. One squirrel did not survive, and the other was injured. A few calls to animal control authorities led the Smiths to embark on their rescue efforts. "Sammy" was placed in a cat carrier with nesting material for a bed, but since his recovery he has been known to prefer sleeping with sixth grader Eric Smith.

Water through a dropper and soft food bits off a toothpick have made him sleek and strong. A gourmet at heart, Sammy is exceptionally fond of shelled black walnuts. Peeled grapes and tomatoes, smooth peanut butter and waffles are also choice dining selections. But his hands down favorite is chocolate birthday cake. At Eric's birthday party in late September, Sammy discovered an unfinished slice of mousse cake and wasted no time burying his face in the soft filling. Covered in chocolate and growling his displeasure, Sammy was returned to his cage, where he licked himself clean. Apparently all those calories agreed with him.

To prepare the little fellow for the inevitable return to the wild, Tim and Eric used fallen tree limbs to help Sammy learn to climb. When



Photo: Kelley Smith

Eric Smith and Sammy the Squirrel perching on his shoulder.

first introduced to his home tree, the novice climber froze in fear on the trunk and had to be carried back to the house. That has changed, and now Sammy and another, surviving sibling, "Sally," are seen scampering through the high branches. Even though he enjoys his natural environment and stays out for days at a time, Sammy still returns to sleep in the Smith's house on cold nights. When he wants to be let in, Sammy sits at the back door and squeals for someone to come for him.

Sammy loves company, and any villager with a pocket full of nuts is welcome to visit, according to Kelley Smith. He has made a guest appearance at Kris Safford's science class with Eric. He is obviously multicultural, able to travel happily between different worlds. However, if Sammy starts insisting on a weekly allowance and the keys to Tim Smith's car, we will know he has become a true suburban squirrel.

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Village. Real estate is by far our most important source of revenue for Village funds. Current zoning regulations place considerable restrictions on the location of structures on a lot. Individuals invest a lot of time and effort in maintaining their property within the Village. The imposition of further restrictions based on relative qualities such as style and color would be an unfair burden on property holders.

The impression that the Village is unresponsive with regards to speeding and traffic patterns is another widely held impression. What citizens must realize is that traffic patterns and speeding problems are not confined to one area of the Village. These problems exist in all parts of the Village, not just one street. This problem must be addressed everywhere in the Village. Closing a street or restricting parking on a street does not solve a problem, it only moves the problem some where else.

Stefan Olson

Question #1: Terrace Park is a unique community with a rich tradition of volunteerism and community involvement in addressing the needs of our village. If elected, I would work to make sure that the Village Council serves as the leader in maintaining and encouraging that tradition. The Village is faced with

challenges in the future which can only be addressed with the knowledge and support of the residents. In order to do that, the Council needs to promote participation, not discourage it. The Council needs to work at ways that will make information regarding issues that affect the Village available to residents as well as establishing ways that encourage citizen input and Council response. Utilizing the Village Views, the Terrace Park Web Site, and regularly-scheduled Village Forums at the Community Building could all work to make the Council accessible to the Village. The Council also needs to hold members responsible for timely response to residents' inquiries.

Another part of our heritage is our location along a National and State Historic and Scenic River, the Little Miami. Many of the actions we take have an impact on the river and its tributaries as well as drainage in the Village. Our zoning regulations need to be examined as well as examining what we as a village can do to mitigate damage to the Little Miami, its tributaries, and more importantly, to our homes and properties. The preservation of open space and wise decisions with regard to development and land use will help to preserve the mix of housing stock, encourage percolation of rain water, and maintain those natural and man made assets that make Terrace Park so special.

Question #2: In order to change that perception, the council needs to take active steps to BE proactive. In order to be proactive, the council needs to be aware of the concerns of the citizens, potential challenges to the Village, and the fiscal realities in addressing those. In addition, informing the public of meeting times of all Council and committee meetings and the agenda of those meetings would help the public be informed. By holding open discussions informing the public of the issues and in developing plans and schedules to address them, the Council can work towards re-establishing a reputation of pro-activity and effectiveness. The timely execution of these steps will contribute to the effectiveness and the ability to regain the residents trust.

With regard to the limited time to spend due to employment and family obligations, much can be accomplished via the internet and through good planning. The Village residents entrust individuals to be council members and to fulfill those obligations. I would honor that trust and do all I could to make myself available to residents and to address the needs of the Village.

Mark Porst

Question #1: Thanks to all who came out on October 3 to meet Village Council candidates. One issue I feel strongly about is the safety of Terrace Park residents, especially our children. The biggest safety risk in Terrace Park involves cars. Many residents share my perception that cars are speeding and ignoring stop signs. We need to quantify the problem, set specific goals and take action. A starting point would be more speed limit signs. Getting kids involved through a campaign contest would be a positive way to make it a

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Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Erin Rosson (left) and Susan Amis pose with their artworks at the Artistic Originals Homeshow in Mariemont September 28 and 29. Featured in their display were handpainted furniture, ceramics and picture frames.

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nual occurrence. "In June I said it was going to happen before a single person had even filed," Nelson said.

He made that promise in a letter-to-the-editor of the Views in which he criticized the performance of the current Council and encouraged other residents to seek office. Five people responded. Both Nelson and Normile said they grew frustrated when they urged improved maintenance at the Village Green and were ignored for months. In addition to a more responsive government, each man is calling for a renewed commitment to volunteerism on the part of every resident.

—Dan Keefe said he'd like to see a renovation of the Community Center and the procurement of new athletic fields.

—Stefan Olson, who has a degree in city planning and work experience with the county soil and water district, noted that "a lot of our water problems are related to the diminishment of pervious areas."

—Terry Howe, who has campaigned unsuccessfully for speed humps on Park Ave., charged that with the current safety committee "someone will have to be killed" before heightened traffic safety becomes a reality.

—Bill Molony, a career negotiator with the federal government, said he had no fear of the paving of the bike trail, saying Terrace Park could encourage the state to put parking and bathrooms in Avoca Park.

—Steve Holmes advocated the eventual installation of sewers, saying "on-site disposal of sewage may be historic, but it's not particularly quaint."

—Bren Fries, who described the Village as "a little frayed at the edges," would like to get more work and increased efficiency from full-time employees.

—Mark Porst, a Procter & Gamble executive, called for a more open and available Council and said he wanted to focus on the Village budget and safety issues.

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Police Beat

Terrace Park Police activity from 9/11/2001 through 10/08/2001 is as follows: There were five alarm drops, three residents locked out of their vehicles and one out of their residence. They aided EMS in a run, checked on welfare of a resident, investigated property damage at a residence (broken window), and at Drackett Field (lacrosse goals broken). There were two reports of lost or stolen property (cell phone from a residence and a bicycle from UDF parking lot) and a theft report in which an independent contractor performing work for Hinner's Marathon pocketed \$200 for additional parts, but never returned with the parts or money. The case was investigated by Lt. Hayhow who was able to locate the individual and the \$200.

TP Police went on three mutual aid runs; one of which was to back up Newtown Police confronting a subject with a firearm and another to Walton Creek where the Hollywood Video store was held up. The suspect was not found. Traffic stops resulted in six DUI arrests, one no operator's license, three marijuana possession arrests and seven arrests for outstanding warrants. There were 35 traffic citations meted out and 25 traffic warnings given. Four auto accidents were reported.

A report was filed by a Terrace Park woman who, while on her way to work from her residence, noticed a white male following her in his car. Upon arriving at work, she got out of her car; the man got out of his vehicle also, took several pictures of her then drove away.

Fire Chief Jeff Carle marks his 20th year in Fire Department

By Jack Gambetta

Terrace Park Fire Chief Jeff Carle has always liked large, exciting machines. As a five-year-old he hopped a freight train that passed within a block of his home. The neighborhood firehouse was about the same distance away, and the excitement that it provided during his childhood is what started what has been his lifelong love of fire engines.

Married for 32 years, Jeff and his wife Debbie moved into Terrace Park about 24 years ago with a two year old son and soon had a baby daughter and later another son. One day after Jeff went to work, Deb awoke to smoke in the house and called the

Fire Department. The volunteer Fire Department was quick to respond, act, and be friendly as they resolved the problem. One of the firemen was Tim Harth who later asked Jeff to join the Fire Department; and without much hesitation he did.

As Jeff puts it, "That early memory causes me to feel really good about helping the community and having the responsibility for protecting our neighbors and their houses whenever possible."

That same incident made Jeff realize that in a small community like Terrace Park, the residents who volunteer to train and be ready to come to the rescue of their neighbors are extremely important.

Twenty years later, Jeff still



serves his community as Chief of the Fire Department. On October 1st, Jeff retired from a career of 30 years with Proctor and Gamble and plans to remain on our Fire Department. Many thanks to Jeff Carle for his contribution to our community.

Thermal Imaging system sought by Fire Department

By Rob Sexmith

Fire and smoke kill quickly. Seconds count. I arrive at your smoke filled house never having been inside and I don't know where your kids sleep or the location of your coffee table, where a person could be lying underneath, unconscious. Upstairs and downstairs, smoke fills the rooms and there is zero visibility. Fanning off my partner who follows the outline of the wall, I sweep the middle of the room with an ax handle. By touch alone I must discern each item I encounter. Seconds become minutes as we go from room to room - if we even get the chance. Fire spreads and the air becomes more toxic, more deadly.

Search and rescue scares me more than fighting fire. I fear being too late, or searching the wrong room first. I search a room the best I can, but if it's too big I just might miss someone in the middle of the room.

If I could search using sight and not just touch, I could identify victims sooner, and get them out from

the hazard to seek medical attention and increase their chances of survival. A technology called thermal imaging is the solution. Thermal imaging gives sight to a fire fighter in total darkness and total smoke.

T.P. Volunteer Fire Department seeks donations to its Thermal Imaging Fund.

Our Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department recently established an ad hoc fund for the purchase of one firefighting approved thermal imaging unit to cost between \$20,000-\$25,000. This unit, when funded and purchased, will be used in primary search and rescue of fire victims. Please contribute what you can and increase T.P.F.D.'s chances of saving lives.

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Thermal imaging allows a person to be seen in a smoke filled room.

Thermal Imaging Fund
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The Terrace Park Police Department, in cooperation with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, will be sponsoring an adult education forum on computer crimes at the Terrace Park Community Building, on November 28, 2001 at 7 p.m.

Topics will include:

- Protecting your computer from potential intruders, hackers and viruses.
- Learning how to retrieve the history files, the proper physical location of the family computer and the different types of protective software available.
- Internet safety; protecting your children from pornography, unwanted conversations and theft.
- Any questions you may have will also be welcomed.

The guest speaker will be Investigator Rick Sweeney from Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Computer Crime Division

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If you have any questions regarding this upcoming session, please contact Lt. Hayhow at 831-2137

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community project. Beyond signage and broad involvement, Council needs to give TP police support to enforce our laws then publicize progress. We can do this! Slowing down from 35 to 25 miles per hour adds less than two minutes to a trip between opposite ends of the village. A second area to which I am committed is citizen participation and council accessibility. Council needs to listen to questions and consider input. We then need to make clear choices and close the loop with people who take the time to get involved. This reinforces volunteerism while creating a close link between active citizens and Council.

Question #2: Limited time and volunteer status of Council members makes proactive planning a necessity. Being proactive requires less time, not more. We need to understand what's most important to residents (one great suggestion was a resident survey) then communicate what we will and will not work on. A simple plan with goals and a system to track results is the first step in reinvigorating a proactive Council. On specific areas, we need to change our approach to perennial problems. A great example is unused vehicles and equipment stored at the dump. Council has suf-

fered a painful process getting legal clearance to remove junk cars (a problem they inherited.) One idea would be to mark-off and assign specific slots. Owners would register and pay below-market rent that would cover administration cost. The rent agreement would also allow TP to provide proper notification then tow vehicles that fall behind in payments. Vehicles and equipment left in unassigned slots would be towed immediately. The last piece of proactivity is long-term planning. I would like to build on some existing work to ensure we have a clear vision for Terrace Park's future.

Terrace Park is a fantastic place to live. We have far more blessings than problems! I encourage everyone who is registered to vote on November 6. I hope you will give me the chance to apply my management and financial skills to keep our Village a special place. A brief background on me and other candidates is available at the League of Women Voters web site <http://www.smartvoter.org/oh/hm/>. Please punch "Mark for the Park!"

Terry Howe

Question #1: As we all know, Terrace Park is a wonderful place to live and raise our families. When my wife Heather and I were looking for a place to live in the Cincinnati area

we kept coming back to Terrace Park. Seeing all those unlocked bicycles in front of the school, the tree-lined streets, and the Norman Rockwell-like settings told us this was indeed a special place to live. Since moving three years ago and experiencing the sense of community that abounds here, it appears our decision was the correct one. This will be a great home to raise our two small children, Allison and Kyle.

Issues that I feel strongly about include safety and a Council that is responsive to its citizens and proactive in the way it conducts business. With the growth of our population under age 18 (a 27.2% increase from 1990 per the census) and the rising affluence of our community there are now many more children as well as many more cars that use our streets. Safety for all of our citizens is a main priority and is definitely an issue that we can't afford to be reactive. When faced with safety issues I will be proactive in keeping our citizens safe.

Question #2: We also need a council that responds in a timely fashion to the requests of its citizens. It seems to be a common complaint from residents that Council "doesn't care" or won't devote the time to investigate problems and concerns. Residents should be listened to with respect and should be treated equally no matter what issue they bring to council's attention. I have attended many Council and committee meetings over the last two years and have seen this inaction in person. A Council with fresh faces and new ideas will greatly improve these current conditions. In addition to a more "user friendly" Council there needs to be a proactive approach to village maintenance, village financing (our budget surplus is dwindling and planning for this

should begin now,) and the Village organization itself (we need to make sure things are run in the most efficient and cost effective manner.)

The most important aspect of getting this new proactive approach in place is to get Council members who are willing to devote the time necessary to make it happen. Essentially, Council members are volunteers. But, like any worthwhile cause, if you are going to volunteer for something, you should give an effort that gets the job done. I am a small business owner and have the flexibility and the desire to devote the time it takes to do it right. How about your vote in November. Together we can make our home even better.

Bren Fries

Question #1: My main priority would be to "reconnect" our citizens to the workings of the Village Council. I propose that an in depth survey be circulated to every residence in Terrace Park. Its main idea would be for us all to spell out clearly and identify the issues that we find important in our community. Council would then use that information to create a blueprint of action for Terrace Park going forward. Goals would be established in both the short and long-term.

Coupled with the survey, I plan to involve our concerned residents as much as possible. A simple gathering at the Community Center on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to discuss where we are and where we are going. Something like "Coffee with Council"....perhaps?

Secondly, I plan to fold the results of our survey into a better organization of our dedicated municipality. Until we work with the police and maintenance folks to define a written description of responsibilities, then just how high can our ex-

pectations be? We owe it to our citizens and village employees alike to identify what we expect. I simply consider that smart business whose time has come.

Question #2: In my view, anyone who attended the Candidate Forum saw some highly motivated individuals ready to tackle the tough issues that lie ahead. We should be well aware of the responsibility that comes with Council, and I trust that each person on the ballot is prepared to put forth the effort involved in being part of a Council that works for its people.

The "perception" of a lack of proactivity is definitely reality to some. No question should go unanswered, no issue ignored. Being a part of Village Council will, no doubt, be an opportunity to get involved much more than the second Tuesday of each month for a few hours, and I look forward to that. As an airline pilot, my schedule allows me to be home quite often during the day. I can dedicate a significant amount of time to the day-to-day "maintenance" required on Council. Addressing individual as well as collective issues is the nature of this job. If a problem arises, I want to hear about it. I want my phone to ring. Our EMS answers the call, our Fire Department answers the call, and so should Council. That's all part of the spirit of volunteerism that makes Terrace Park such a unique and special place.

William A. Molony

Question #1: My priorities include issues involving safety and quality of life in Terrace Park. With regard to safety, we need a properly equipped, trained and staffed Volunteer Emergency Services and Police Department. We all use the Village streets: pedestrians and drivers. The need for safe driving and bicycling and rollerblading and walking must be emphasized. We do not want a tragedy. We enjoy our green spaces. We must properly manage and supervise our resources and employees.

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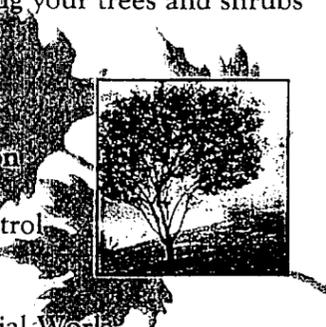
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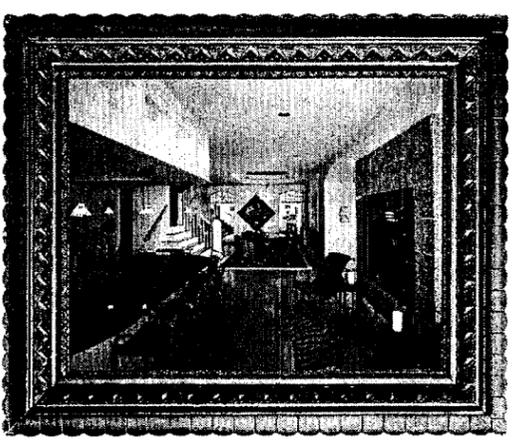
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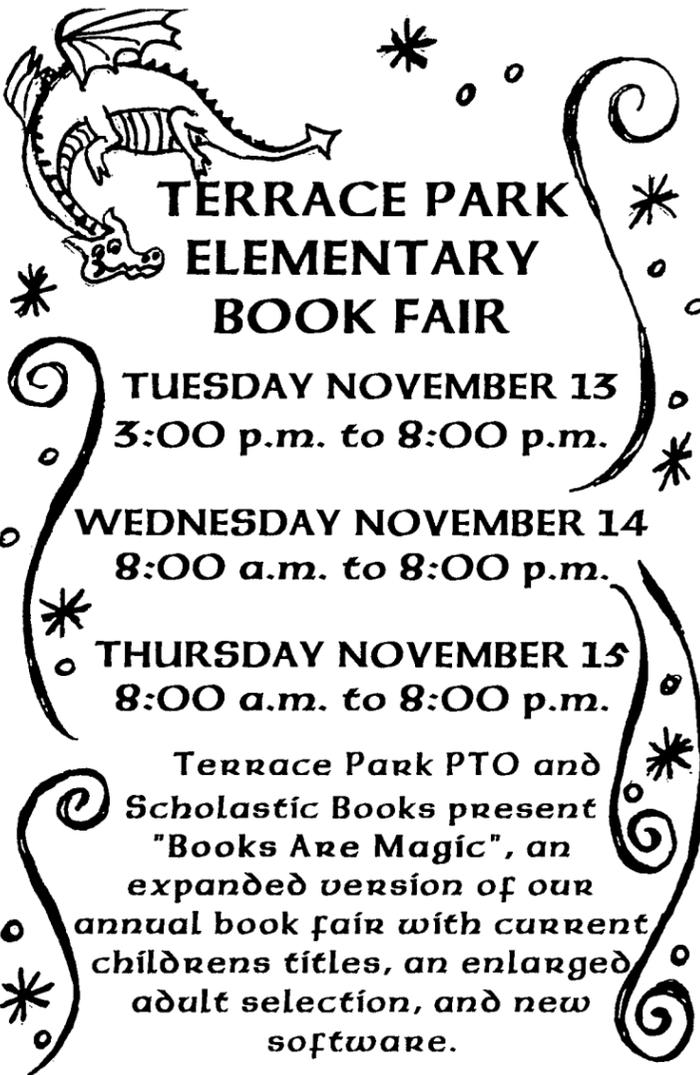
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The charm and magic of Terrace Park is dependent on a high level of volunteerism. A quick glance through the first 8 pages of the Terrace Park Directory shows the depth and breadth of volunteer commitments to our Village.

Question #2: I am 61 years old, healthy and retired from my professional career. Perhaps that is one of my best qualifications for a seat on council. My time is flexible; I can be available during daytime hours to check on the work of the Village.

However, all Council members are volunteers often with limited time to spend due to family obligations and employment. The duties of a Council member were never considered to be a full-time position. The members serve basically without pay. The good news is that "service" is their motivation. The additional good news is that our Village has been served by talented and willing volunteers. Their level of education, experience and commitment is remarkable.



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tee meeting in which the razing of the Rawnsley property was recommended in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Resolutions 10-11 and 10-12 allowed for the swearing-in of auxiliary police officers Edward Schinkel and Spencer Bischoff. In Resolution 10-13, \$800 was allotted to the Summer Fun program. Resolution 10-14 designated an applicant's agent to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Assoc.) from Savage Walker to represent Terrace Park, and 10-15 was a budget appropriation of \$103,000 in emergency funds to cover repairs needed from flood damage. (FEMA will reimburse 75% of the \$103,000 and an additional 12.5% of the total will be provided to Terrace Park from the state.) Resolution 10-6 accepted rates and amounts from the county auditor concerning tax levies; an amount of \$589,292 which we will begin to receive in Feb. and which will go into general funds.

In other business: Public Works met at length to discuss the rehab of the Community Building, with the consideration of renovation vs. replacement, and ways and means of financing the project. Dan Keefe suggested a master plan should be sought for the Community Building and the Rawnsley property.

It was noted that Sgt. Chin and P.O. Pruitt have finished their training in terrorism attacks and the police department is on high alert; with a meeting with Firechief Jeff Carle in the works to go over a disaster plan. Mayor Startzman reported on a notice he had received from the Hamilton County Health Depart-

ment concerning two cases of the West Nile Virus having been discovered in Hamilton County.

Officer Bacon, in his capacity as Street Commissioner, commented on the excellent high-voltage demonstration given by Cinergy October 8, and requested that residents be encouraged not to put foreign objects in leaf piles during leaf collection. Building Official William Fiedler stated there has been a problem with subcontractors washing concrete trucks in the public right-of-way and causing damage to tree roots. He said they will be cautioned and then cited if they continue to do so.

It was decided that a sound system will be rented for the Village Green for Labor Day, Memorial Day and the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. It was suggested by Garden Club that local architect Jane Yancey design Village entrance signs.

Village Engineer George Kipp reported flood repair costs have escalated 100%. He has submitted the paperwork to FEMA regarding flood damage reimbursement. Council member Dan Keefe noted "it was a shame residents from Fieldstone and Winding Brook were not present to witness the amount of work Mr. Kipp had put into these repair projects," a sentiment which was echoed by Mayor Startzman.

A resident voiced criticism of early construction noise which was disturbing him; he also asked that police encourage spectators at Stanton Park to park at the Elementary School. Jim Peterkin, Rules and Law, will look into the parking situation and Village Solicitor Bob Molloy will investigate the ordinance on construction hours.

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Terrace Park Sports

Bill Pendl: Still King of the Courts

By Camilla Warrick

For a guy who's been winning tennis matches for 55 years, Bill Pendl has a peculiarly lopsided memory.

He can tell you about the match he lost in Canada four years ago, 7-6, 6-4. Of course that was to the world champion in masters competition, 60-year-old division.

He can tell you about dropped shots he didn't quite reach on various blistering afternoons. Or, he'll be happy to describe this summer's tournament in Holland when he and his doubles partner got to the finals of the "Nederlandse Open Veteranen Kampioenschappen," were up three set points in the second set and then went on to lose in a tiebreaker, 10-8.

"Now that's exciting. See, it's the losses I remember," said Pendl.

If you don't know him, Pendl is that fellow you sometimes see in tennis shorts at the Post Office in mid-January, the one who seems to have a year-round tan and an ear-to-ear smile.

Terrace Park is home to some fine tennis players, including past winners of the acclaimed Cincinnati Met Tournament. But Pendl has more than 40 Met championships in various age divisions, numerous other victories across the United States and a spot on the Gordon Cup Team. He could be called the Village Ace.

A few years ago, he was ranked 31st in the world in singles in his age division. In the United States, he's 24th in singles, and he and his doubles partner, Dick Crawford, hold the number 5 spot.

"Tennis isn't just a sport to me. It's a way of life."

That was particularly true this summer when he and Crawford, a retired professor of Physical Education at the University of California Berkeley, took off for Europe where they played four major tournaments in five weeks, visiting six countries and sleeping in 14 different beds.

They competed in the French, Dutch, German and Swiss International Veterans Championships.

They played nearly every day, sometimes twice and occasionally three times. "It's hard on the body — sometimes grueling," he said. In Switzerland, for instance, he played a singles match for two hours and twenty minutes, rested an hour, then played a three-hour doubles match. This was in the Alps, where the thinner air and higher altitude did make a difference.

How did he do?

Not bad. He didn't lose until the semi-finals in singles and the quarter-finals in doubles. That, however, followed winning the doubles finals in Germany; making it into the semi-finals in singles and the finals in doubles in Holland; winning the doubles finals in France, as well as the back-bracket in singles.

European tennis etiquette requires the winner to purchase his opponent a beer, right after the match. Although he's not much of a drinker, Pendl wasn't about to break this rule. However, on the days he had to return to the court, he'd just take a few sips.

As a survivor of prostate cancer, his concern is to get plenty of water. He didn't even consume much of the wine and cognac he won by the armful in the French tournament, which was underwritten by Martell, the famous distiller. This took place in the picturesque town of Cognac. (One of his snapshots shows deer frolicking on the hotel lawn).

Pendl and Crawford, who've been doubles partners for six years, stayed in a lavish, old chateau, where the rooms rent for more than \$500 a night. However, since Crawford had won the singles competition last year, they got their lodging free of charge.

Friends and acquaintances are always asking Pendl, 69, what he does to keep in shape. Number one, he doesn't jog. "I'm saving my

knees for tennis. Besides, have you ever seen a smiling runner?"

Next, he begins each day with 20 minutes of stretching while still in bed, followed by three minutes of eye exercises. These not only have improved his vision, but he thinks they've benefited his game. (stop him in the post office and he'll give you a demonstration).

The other thing he does is play the game he loves — three days on, one day off. And finally, he competes. On October 7 he left for the National Clay Court Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn. (Due to Village Views publishing cycle, we can't report those results in this edition). Some of the tournaments he wins have cash prizes and all have trophies, plates, or medallions. A few years ago he decided to recycle some of his trophies, sans nameplates, to inner-city youth organizations. He thought it would help lower the cost of hosting tournaments for kids. So he went to his basement and came up with more than eight dozen trophies. Yes, about 100 pieces of hardware. But no, that wasn't the entire haul.

He did save some favorites, including the trophy he won at age 14 when he became table tennis champion of South Bend, Ind. That was the same year he started playing outdoor tennis. By the time he got to DePauw University he was



In Klosters, Switzerland after beating Germany's #4 player 7-6, 6-3.

ready for the varsity team, which he played on for four years, serving as captain for three. As a senior, in 1954, he was named the university's Athlete of the Year.

Pendl continued to play after college, during his stint in the Air Force, his 38 years with IBM and throughout his marriage. He and his wife, Janie, moved to Terrace Park in 1967 and raised their three children (Holly, David and Jeff) in the house on Cambridge that Pendl still occupies. Janie died in 1991. Another generation of Pendls will be

going through local schools. Holly and her husband Adam Bortz live on Floral and are the parents of three young children, Connor, 5, Janie, 3, and Brayden, 1.

Pendl is now engaged to Debby Gammons Kauffman, who also grew up in Terrace Park, attended T.P. Elementary and graduated from Mariemont High School. Her parents, Bob and Helen Gammons, were long-time Terrace Park residents before moving to Miami Woods in Milford. Bob, who died this summer while Pendl was in Europe, was an avid tennis player until the week before he passed away. Bob instilled in his daughter a love of the game and an understanding of tennis "as a way of life."

Ms. Kauffman, received regular telephone reports from Europe from Pendl and Crawford, whom she dubbed "The Boys." She then dispatched e-mails to family and friends reporting on their saga. She scrupulously recorded scores and wasn't shy about describing some really good ones. In Switzerland, Pendl beat Germany's No. 4 player, 7-5, 6-3 — after being down in the tie-breaker 1-5.

Pendl acknowledges that while he remembers the losses, it's those hard-fought victories that he savors. So far, none can top the match two years ago in Florida. "It was a hot afternoon, I was down 5-1, forty-love, triple match point and I came back to win it. The match took five hours."

That's why we call him Ace.

Lacrosse becomes official sport at Mariemont High School

By Camilla Warrick

Lacrosse, the fastest growing sport in the United States, has become an official sport of Mariemont High School.

The Board of Education, acting with the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Gerald Harris, approved the move on September 18. Both boys and girls, on varsity and junior varsity teams, will begin competing in the spring of 2002.

"This is a wonderful new sport for Mariemont in that there are now 13 high school lacrosse teams in Cincinnati," said Steve Peterson, president of Mariemont Lacrosse Inc. (MLI), the non-profit club that has been instructing and launching young players for a number of years.

MLI's high school boys' team has already attained Division II status. All those players, except for six who live outside the district, will be absorbed onto the school-sponsored team.

The high school teams will also be fed by the 150 kids in this school district who are currently playing lacrosse on junior high and youth teams. New players are also welcome to go out for the team. Peterson said coaches will not be making cuts this year.

Lacrosse is an exciting, high-scoring spectator sport. But it's probably even more fun to play. Transitions from offense to defense and back again can occur almost instan-

taneously. The sport involves running, catching and throwing and demands a high level of overall fitness. High school players will do weight and speed training pre-season.

Boys' rules require gloves, pads, helmets and mouth-guards. Girls, who do no body checking, get by with only a mouth-guard. Gloves are optional.

Most players and parents who get a taste of lacrosse become ad-

vocates for the sport. Its increasing popularity parallels the growth of soccer in the 1980s. Peterson is aware, however, that change isn't easy for everyone in the community to embrace. That point was brought home recently when he discovered that two goals owned by MLI and kept at Drackett Field were badly vandalized. "It's a shame and a waste," he said. Goals cost \$600; nets \$250.

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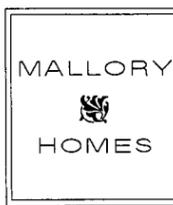
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