

VILLAGE VIEWS

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Steve Timmers douses flames with a fire hose to keep the fire in check.

Rawnsley property burned to the ground

On February 23, 2002 the Rawnsley property at 717 Wooster was burned in a ten-hour training session by the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department. "It was a good training session," states Assistant Chief Dennis Elliot, "we learned a

lot. We started the burning as high up as possible and continued with the 'burn down' method, ending up with precisely what we wanted: a pit full of ashes." (see inside story on the thermal imaging system that was used in the drill page 5)



Photos: Diane Donnelly

John Maggard helps position a fire hose through a window.



Tim Grabenstein lets some youngsters help him direct spray from the powerful fire hose.

To Terrace Park residents:

While in Mariemont, an adult male made a questionable proposition to a Terrace Park minor. The minor had the good sense to avoid the situation and, through the parents, immediately notified Terrace Park Police. Thanks to the outstanding work of Lieutenant Gerald Hayhow, this adult is currently in custody. Union Township Police have already filed criminal charges related to a separate incident against this individual in Clermont

County. Terrace Park Police are monitoring this situation daily while gathering evidence to support possible additional criminal charges. Both the Police and Village Council consider this a serious situation. We will ensure all reasonable steps are taken to keep our citizens and children safe.

If children have received questionable advances from any adult - either verbally or in writing, we urge parents to contact Terrace Park Police at once.

Lieutenant Hayhow received a special commendation from Mayor Startzman for his excellent police work. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated village employee. All parents should talk to their children about avoiding strangers, keeping parents informed of their location, staying in groups and reporting any unusual contacts.

From: Mayor Dan Startzman and Terrace Park Village Council, Terrace Park Police

March Council Highlights

By Bren Fries

The Terrace Park Village Council met on Tuesday, March 12th. Several residents presented issues before Council. One involved a homeowner who has moved from his residence and left a large "eye-sore" in the driveway. His pick-up truck has

been used as a storage device and is a source of complaints by many neighbors. Council promised to look into ways to encourage this former resident to have the truck removed.

Boy Scout Kirby Kirby was approved for funds of \$200.00 to restore parking area at our nature pre-

Camp Dennison gravel pit faces development

By Cyndy Finnigan

Three Symmes Township developers are hoping to convert a 340-acre Camp Dennison gravel pit into a community of roughly 600 homes valued at \$300,000 to \$1 million, with three homes per acre of land. The site sits along Ohio 126.

Developers Darrell Leibson and Tim and Greg Hensley have a contract to purchase the land, states Todd Kinskey, senior planner of the Rural Zoning Commission located in downtown Cincinnati. "The property is now tied up by them for one year," he says. "They can decide if they are going to purchase it at the end of that time. It is currently zoned for heavy industrial use. They need to submit a formal zoning application to Hamilton County and appear before the county Regional Planning Commission. They are first conducting traffic and environmental studies to find out the impact the development would have on the area."

The proposed development

has prompted Indian Hill to pursue its own independent study on the effects that may be generated by 600 new residences. Residents have expressed concern over the development's impact on groundwater, sewers, surrounding roads and schools. The Indian Hill Water Works plant (which also serves Terrace Park) is positioned south of the site and could face the threat of contamination from the development, if adequate safety measures are not in place.

Indian Hill has supported a Hamilton County Park District effort to acquire the property for a regional park. A number of citizens in Indian Hill have banded together in their opposition to the Wharf Development Project, attending public zoning meetings to ask for more definitive answers to their concerns.

Terrace Park Council member Terry Howe has attended some of the meetings in an attempt to keep informed of the situation and to report back to Council.

Race for the Cure

Join the "Knead to Raise Dough" team as they participate in the 5K race or 2K fun run/walk Saturday, April 27 at Sawyer Point. The race will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

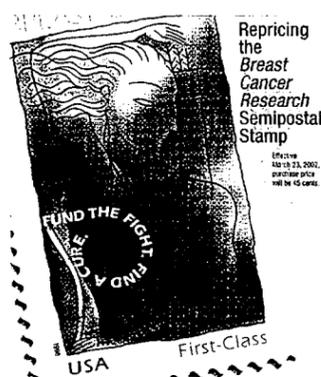
"This is the second year we've done this," says resident Robin Pendery. "We had over 100 people on our team last year, participating in honor of friends and loved ones battling this disease." The 2K fun

run/walk will be led by Terrace Park residents Rob and Jane Portman and their family this year.

Registration forms can be picked up on the Pendery's front porch. They must be dropped off at the Pendery's by April 7. If you are unable to run or walk, please consider making a donation to this cause.

The 5K race begins at 8:15 a.m. and the 2K at 9:00 a.m.

The U.S. Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp costs \$.40 instead of \$.34. A sheet of 20 costs \$8.00 rather than \$6.80, \$.06 per stamp and \$1.20 for a "book." If all stamps are sold it will raise \$16,000,000 for this vital research. What a statement it would make if the stamps outsold the lottery this week! The stamps are available at our Post Office.



serve. He will replace signage, add landscaping and in general renovate an area that has seen better days. It is part of an effort for Kirby to get his Eagle Scout rating. Council thanked him for "stepping up" on behalf of his community.

In other business:

- Mayor Startzman received from the City of Cincinnati information on the formation of "On the Same Page Cincinnati;" a city-wide club designed to "foster communication and understanding about racial issues by encouraging adults and teens to read the same book and discuss it in a group setting." More information is available at: www.cincinnati.com/bookclub/

- Chief Bacon and Village Engineer George Kipp will be meeting this month to finalize a master plan for our sidewalk repair program.

- 44 stumps around Terrace Park have been identified for removal. Council authorized funding and the work will be completed by early April. Do you have a trailer or car parked at the Dump? In an effort to clean-up our environmental services area, Council member Jim Peterkin is launching a fee-for-use plan. The cost will be \$25.

- There will be new Terrace Park signs on Wooster Pike. Mr. Peterkin received designs from the Garden Club and within the week plans to select a vendor for implementation.

- Councilman Terry Howe reported on an impact study currently underway. The study (being conducted by both Indian Hill and site developers) is aimed at finding out what effect the Wharf Development Project in Camp Dennison would have on the Indian Hill Aquifer, and

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Village Views

is seeking a new editor. Cyndy Finnigan, the current editor, is resigning. Please consider this fulfilling position; the paper is a vital component of the community.

Please call Cyndy at 831-5121 or e-mail her at cfinvilviews@cinci.rr.com if interested.

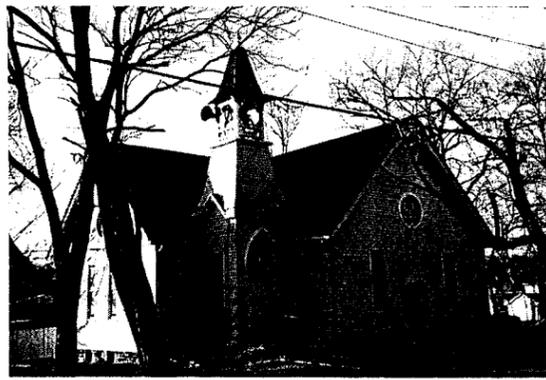
Terrace Park Residents are encouraged to attend a Village Community Meeting **Wednesday, April 24 7:30 p.m.**

Terrace Park Community Building Dr. Gerald Harris, Mariemont Schools Superintendent, will discuss the importance of supporting the May 7 school district levy. Please come and bring your neighbors.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I happened onto a wonderful treasure near our community about eight months ago and I want to share it with you. About the time I reached age 61, I began to feel something was missing in my seemingly full life. I have a wonderful wife, who is my best friend and greatest treasure. I live in a wonderful village, in a house we love. Our children have grown up to be people with good values and I had already given up most of the bad habits I had for years. So, what could be missing?



The answer was, although I had never been an advocate for organized religion, and even though I had tried to be a good and generous person, something was missing. I was missing a more formalized relationship with God. Oh, I know, sounds corny, but it's true. I needed a forum which would help me to secure my faith and find peace with my failures. I needed a place to help me find ways to give back for my good fortune. So, I started to go to church. I enjoyed the sermons and the music, but in eight months not a single soul made any attempt to form a relationship with me. Now, I understand that I made no more effort than they did.

One night while we were having dinner with some old friends, I talked about my feelings of really not being wanted or welcomed. One of my friends said, "there's a cute little white Methodist church up in Miami, why don't you try it?" So that Sunday I drove to Miami and as the service was starting I went in. Almost every person who attended that day came over, shook my hand and said welcome to our church. There may have only been 24 or 25 people there, but I received more warmth in one day than I did in eight months at a church with weekly attendance of about 300.

Since that day I have rarely missed a Sunday and have become active in the church, although no one coerced me to do so. There are only about 60 members and weekly attendance is small. We are blessed with a wonderful minister (Anita Grau) who has a warm sense of humor, keeps everything very casual and intimate. Worshiping God in such a friendly environment is truly a blessing and I'd like to invite you to visit us in our beautiful little white church. You may find Miami Methodist a blessing for you too and I can assure you we will consider your visit a blessing. The church is on the corner of RT. 126 and Wards Corner Rd. Service is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Charley Hughes
6 Edgewater

To the Editor:

On December 4, 2001 I bought a house at 819 Lexington Avenue in Terrace Park. The house had been on the market for quite some time and was in need of major repair and remodeling.

Because the price I paid was different than the Hamilton County Auditor's tax base for the house, I appealed to the tax board for fair market taxation equal to the price I paid. After internal and external inspection of the property by Hamilton County, submission of the purchase contract, legal paperwork and photos taken by Hamilton County, I was granted this new tax base.

Approximately two weeks later, I received a registered letter from C. Bronson McCord, Attorney representing the Mariemont School Board. The Board of Education appealed the Hamilton County Board of Revisions decision. I was required to appear downtown at a hearing on Monday, February 25 at 1:00.

Because of the time and preparation involved, I called Mr. McCord to ask if I could fax the paperwork to him to save us both a trip downtown. I told him what I had which included an affidavit from the attorney for the property, his statement that it was an arms length transaction; meaning there were no other agreements, no relationship, etc., a clean sale. I had a letter from the realtor who sold me the property, statements from the plumber and electrician, and comparison sales for the year 2001. Mr. McCord told me that he would see me at the hearing.

The hearing lasted approximately ten minutes. The Board reviewed my paperwork, looked at the photos from me and the Hamilton County Appraiser and upheld their original decision.

The purpose of this letter is to question the attorney fees paid by the Mariemont Schools for such a waste of time. I am sure they were charged for preparation, hearing time, and travel. This matter could have been settled in a few minutes and a lot less expense. Is this a usual thing for the School Board to do? If so, our money is surely being wasted.

Sincerely,
Joanne Kennedy
819 Lexington

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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April Deadline :

The April deadline for *Village Views* is **April 8**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday April 8, 2002. **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**.

To our readers:

Here are some of the guidelines we follow when writing the *Village Views*.*

1. Verbs HAS to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat)
6. Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments.
11. Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
12. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. One should NEVER generalize.
15. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
16. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
17. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
18. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
19. The passive voice is to be ignored.
20. Eliminate commas, that are, not necessary. Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.
21. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
22. Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.
23. Understatement is always the absolute best way to put forth earth-shaking ideas.
24. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
25. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times: Resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
26. Puns are for children, not groan readers.
27. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
28. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
29. Who needs rhetorical questions?
30. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
31. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

*Early April Fool's! (from the VV staff)

The last to go.....

By Cyndy Finnigan

Postal worker Jack Egbers is following in his brother Bill's footsteps and leaving Terrace Park after 17 years of service. Jack, who resides in Independence, Ky., will be relocating to the Dalton Street Post Office where he will make a career change and move into Building Maintenance. "It's a good opportunity for me with good chance of advancement," he says. "It's also closer to home." Jack knows he will miss the people and the area but, as he states, "the transition to the Milford office motivated me to look around." The post he is taking is actually one he applied for about six years ago. It didn't work out for him then "but it is now," he concludes.

There's no business like the postal business for the Egbers clan. According to Jack "five out of eight of us in the family ended up working for the post office." Brother Bill, who left the Village last year after

27 years of service, is now at the Sharonville bulk mail center. His wife Jenni, who was also a letter carrier in the Park, works there too; they have a little boy, Sam. Jack will be joining his brother Rick at the Dalton Street office; his sister Sue is a letter carrier in Sharonville and another brother, Bob, is retired from the postal service.

"I loved the people in Terrace Park," Jack states, "they made it so nice; just a wonderful place to work."

Routes one and three are now up for bid; substitutes are temporarily covering these positions.



Vic Billingsley, Bill Egbers and Jack Egbers. Vic retired in 2001 after 32 years; Bill in 2001 after 27 years and Jack in 2002 after 17 years. The three postal workers carry 76 years of service in the Park among them.



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Mariemont School news

Mariemont School District to ask voters for a 9.95 mill Operating Levy.

By Julia Mace

The 2002 Levy Committee will be chaired by Sandy and Terry Donovan of Mariemont and Mark and Betsy Porst of Terrace Park.

Village Chairpersons are: Tina and Brad Mattix, Fairfax; Christy and Joe Kauffmann, Bruce and Meredith Atherley, Mariemont; Sandra and Ford Taylor, Breck and Mindy Weigel, Terrace Park; Wendy and Mike McCracken, Williams Meadow. John Jones of Terrace Park is the treasurer.

In agreeing to lead this levy campaign, Terry and Sandy Donovan, who co-chaired a tax levy campaign in 1995 said, "We moved to Mariemont 15 years ago so our children could attend the Mariemont schools. We are supporting this operating levy to ensure Mariemont retains its talented teachers and staff, and is able to continue to attract highly qualified teachers. We are proud of our schools and what they have been able to help our children achieve."

Betsy and Mark Porst stated, "We feel very fortunate to be a part of such a successful school district. Mariemont offers the best of both worlds: a school community small enough to provide truly personal attention while the caliber of staff and curriculum rivals any large district. It's a balance that can't be easy to maintain, but it's essential to our children and to our community."

The Mariemont City School District has maintained its place in the top 1% of the 613 school districts across the state, scoring 100% on every state report card since its inception. Mariemont ranks in the top 9% of all schools in Ohio in proficiency test scores. Over 90% of Mariemont graduates attend college.

Since its last levy four years ago, the district has worked to retain small class sizes, added additional Advanced Placement and Honors classes, and conducted an in-depth review of the math, social studies, and language arts curricula.

Recent technology upgrades have provided students with greater learning opportunities, enhanced teacher collaboration and allowed parents to monitor lesson plans and communicate with teachers more conveniently.

After a district-wide safety audit, the district has strengthened security by upgrading the fire alarm systems, placing telephones in every classroom and re-keying each of the facilities. In addition, security cameras are being installed in all buildings. The change in the phone system has proven to be a cost savings to the district.

"This tax levy is needed to help make our current salary schedule more competitive, enabling us to attract and retain effective teachers and to continue our tradition of ex-

cellence," said Dr. Gerald Harris, superintendent.

Anyone wishing to help with the levy is asked to contact the levy committee.

What's in a mill?

By Cyndy Finnigan

A mill is 1/10 of a cent, and produces roughly \$1.00 per \$1,000 of property. The Mariemont School District is asking for a 9.95 mill levy to be passed in May, which would bring in about \$2.4 million a year to the district. The thrust of the levy, according to Mariemont Schools, is to bring teacher salaries in line with what other teachers in suburban Hamilton County are getting paid. Mariemont teacher salaries currently rank in the bottom third in the county; the levy would boost them to the top third. (80% of the funds generated would go towards teacher salary increases.) The levy would add approximately \$300 per \$100,000 of property owned. If you have a home valued at \$350,000, you would pay about an additional \$1,050 in taxes a year. Collection would begin in January 2003.

Once a levy is voted in, it cannot bring in more money than it was designed to bring in initially: e.g. the 9.95 mill levy designed to bring in \$2.4 million a year cannot bring in more than \$2.4 million in ensuing years. We have 85 mills currently on the books in the Mariemont School District, but according to Treasurer Natalie Lucas the "real effectiveness of the 85 mills is essentially only 40 mills because of increased property valuations and millage rollbacks." The current 9.95

mill continuing operating levy, passed in 1998, brings in about \$2.2 million a year, making it in effect a 7.95 mill levy.

In 2000, a 2.3 mill bond issue was passed, which provided the district monies for capital improvements (\$8 million). The district has 25 years to pay back the borrowed bond (with interest) at an average of 2.3 mills per year. Bond issues differ from levies in that they are for fixed amounts of time, not continuing, and funds generated can only be used for capital improvements. The projects funded from the 2000 bond issue are due to be completed in 2003.

Village Calendar 2002

March

23 Kindervelt #76 Annual Easter Egg Hunt 1-3 p.m. at the Village Green. \$5 per child. Call **Holly Bortz @ 831-1652** with questions

28 Mariemont School Foundation meeting 7:30 p.m. at MJHS Library

28 Early dismissal. Spring Break begins

April

7 TP Historical Society meeting 4 p.m. at Community Building. Call **Carol Cole @ 831-6771** with questions

8 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads, 9 p.m.

8 School reopens

8 AARP 1:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Guest speaker Greg Curless from K-Kids program. Call **Virginia Marquett @ 831-2650** with questions

8 Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building

9 TPE PTO meeting 9:30 a.m.

9 TP Garden Club meeting noon at Community Building

9 TP Village Council meeting 7:30 p.m. Community Building

10 MHS PTO meeting 8:45 a.m. C-20

10 Kindervelt #76 meeting 7 p.m. at Holly Bortz's home, 618 Floral. Call **Elaine Fening @ 831-8371** with questions

16 Board of Education meeting 7:15 p.m. at MHS

18 MJHS PTO meeting 8:45 a.m.

22 Early dismissal

22 Booster meeting 7:30 p.m.

24 Dr. Gerald Harris will discuss the school district levy 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building

25 Mariemont School Foundation meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library

27 Terrace Park Cleanup Day 9 a.m. to noon at Terrace Park Elementary

27 Kindervelt #76 Wine Tasting Fundraiser 7:30 p.m. to midnight at home of Holly and Adam Bortz. Call **Elaine Fening @ 831-8371** for reservations

Please call **Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619** with calendar information

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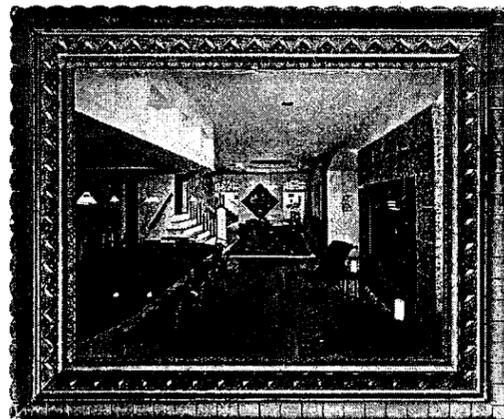
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Police Beat

The following is a description of Terrace Park Police activity from 2/12/02-3/11/2002:

The police assisted in five Life Squad runs and four Fire Department calls. They assisted four residents who were locked out of their home or vehicle. They checked on seven alarm drops (all false) and a complaint of vandalism (damage to a car on Lexington).

They assisted a disabled motorist and checked on the welfare of a resident. The police investigated a case of reported theft of checks with forgery, a theft of a cell phone from a vehicle, and looked into charges of a contractor owing money to a

resident.

There were four arrests of DUI and one arrest for marijuana possession. There were nine cases of individuals being picked up for outstanding warrants. They provided mutual aid to Milford at the Holiday Inn Express for an individual in possession of cocaine. They also provided aid in Milford for a possible suicide attempt and vehicle tampering. They aided Newtown in a traffic stop for stolen plates and a domestic dispute. The police provided back-up for a domestic dispute in Ivy Hills.

There were 72 traffic citations issued and 40 traffic warnings given out.

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Fire Department drill demonstrates need for thermal imaging system

By Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Elliot

On February 23, 2002 the Terrace Park Fire Department burned the building at 717 Wooster Pike behind the Village Community Center at 428 Elm Road. This is village property that is to be utilized by the Village. The Village allowed the fire department to burn the structure to provide training that cannot be duplicated except in actual live fire conditions. We did a room to room search in smoke; both in fake smoke and in real smoke to find victims that were placed in rooms. Council members Rugh, Porst, Peterkin, Howe and Holmes participated in the theatre smoke drill to observe how fire fighters work in these conditions. They donned equipment and got to experience first hand how the thermal imaging systems work. "It was amazing," said Holmes. "I couldn't see my hand in front of my face, but using the system I was able to see where the victims were. It was utterly amazing and I think it would be a real life saver."

The thermal imaging camera is used to locate people in smoky conditions as well as locate the seat of a fire so it can be extinguished more quickly. It is also used to check for fire extension in walls and ceilings so the fire is completely located and extinguished.

The Terrace Park Emergency Services have started a fund to purchase one of these cameras. The cost is between \$14-16,000. We have raised \$6,000 to date towards the purchase of one of these cameras. We are a non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible. Please send your donations to: Terrace Park Voluntary Emergency Services (T.P.V.E.S) at



front row (l-r) Lieutenant John Maggard, Chief Jeff Carle, George Kipp (safety) second row (l-r) Rick Hamm, Luke Fry, Marc Michaelson, Steve Timmers, Pat Dougherty, Captain Jack Gambetta, Captain Tony Lehman, Lieutenant Tim Grabenstein, Bob Donnelly (safety) third row (l-r) Tim Werdemann, C.J. Humler, Robert Sexmith, Robert Routt, Engineer Chris Rugh, Assistant Chief Dennis Elliot, Mark Castator

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Garden Club Plant Sale funds neighborhood projects

By Jenny Whitaker

You'll notice in this issue of the *Village Views* an order form for the Terrace Park Garden Club's annual Plant Sale. Please take note of the sentence on the form "...Each year the proceeds from the Plant Sale are used to support the maintenance and planting of the Memorial Plant bed, Wooster Pike beds and other community beautification projects."

"What projects?" you ask. Let's take a walk together through the Village:

We'll begin at the Village Green. Much of the landscaping you see has been funded by the Garden Club. The black wrought iron benches were placed there in 1993, about the same time a light was purchased to illuminate the flag. The stone work at the entrance, including the bench, was refurbished and new plantings installed for the club's 75th anniversary. As you cross the street, look to the right. All the beds and plantings along Terrace Place were purchased with club funds. The Memorial bed, developed to honor deceased Garden Club members, brightens the intersection with pansies in the spring, artfully arranged annuals in the summer and mums in the fall.

Head down to the Community Building. The landscaping in front of the building, soon to be planted with summer annuals, and the sign, were funded by the Garden Club. A club member privately donated the flag pole. Another member planted bulbs which are blooming now, in the bed



Garden Club dollars have funded many projects over the years. In 1993, two iron benches were purchased for the Village Green. Stone masons work to replace a walkway in April 1995.

by the ramp entrance. Peek inside. With the club holding its monthly meetings there, they like to contribute to the building's upkeep. In doing so, they have purchased a new stove, window blinds and new lighting over the years. Festive wreaths and bows have decorated the building and street signs for the winter holidays as well.

If you stroll up to the elementary school, you'll see evidence of the club's work all around the grounds. A beautification project in the early nineties led to the planting of dogwoods, sweet bay magnolias, pyracantha and hundreds of bulbs. An American Liberty elm tree was purchased as a gift to the school in commemoration of the town's Centennial in 1993. Dollars were given to help fund the Reading Garden developed by the school's PTA in honor of beloved teacher Ann Kempczenski. Every Arbor Day you'll see first graders carrying home young trees donated by



the Terrace Park Garden Club to plant in their yards.

Notice the beds along Wooster Pike. Dormant now, they will soon bloom with color to greet those who enter our neighborhood. Members often take the time to plant annuals around various street signs as well.

The green thumbprint of the Terrace Park Garden Club can be found everywhere in our Village. Many more exciting projects are planned for the future, but the club can't do it alone. Thank you to everyone who supports their fund raising efforts. The Plant Sale will be held May 17 and 18 on the Village Green. Pre-orders will be taken by any Garden Club member beginning March 26th. Please contact Chairman Betsy Ecker at 248-1813 with questions.



The Kroger Traction Line in 1904

Terrace Park Historical Society

By Carol Cole

By popular demand, David McNeil is returning to tell us more about Traction Lines in Terrace Park and to show us some pictures as well. If you missed his February presentation, this is your chance to learn something about the Swing and Kroger Lines, which came through Terrace Park along with the railroad. All these rail lines were an important part of life in Terrace Park in an earlier day. (For more information about the February meeting please read the article in the February *Village Views*.)

Because of the enthusiasm shown about where these Traction Lines went, we are inviting anyone interested to take a ride/walk out with Stan Brown to look at what can still be seen of where these lines went. If you are interested, please call Carol C. Cole at 831-6771 and we will set up tours.

Here again we print a listing of new members of the Terrace Park Historical Society since the

February issue of *Village Views*:

- Sam & Mary Cone
- Mary M. Davis
- Susan Abernathy Frank
- Riley & Anne Humler-Bauer
- Don & Ellen Beth Irie CA
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Wouldn't you like to see your name on this list next time? If so, please send your check for \$15 individual, \$25 couple/family or \$50 business/corporate to Bill Holloway, 309 Terrace Place, Terrace Park, OH 45174. As of this printing we have 82 memberships!

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our water supply as a result.

• Many of us currently have areas on our lots used for off-street parking that lie within the village setback. Council member Steve Holmes and his committee have been meeting to detail specific guidelines on what is appropriate in terms of space and materials used in creating that room for our vehicles. Specifically, Council is interested in ensuring that the land used is still capable of appropriate drainage and doesn't channel water back onto our streets. Expect to see detailed guidelines in the months ahead as the Village attempts to allow for adequate parking while

preserving what area we have for drainage. On a similar note, a resident was granted Revocable Street Privilege to make detailed improvements to her Miami Ave. residence in light of the heavy parking traffic she receives in the vicinity of St. Thomas church.

• A long-range planning committee met last month to commence discussion on options for improvements to the Community Building.

• The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting a stream education seminar. Included will be the opportunity to participate in a stream walk within the creek that runs along Fieldstone Drive through Terrace Park. A tenta-

tive date in late April or early May will be announced soon.

Council Question and Answer

Do you have a question for council? Any problems you would like addressed but cannot attend a meeting? Then this is for you! As a way to increase the dialogue between Council and the Village, I will be posting questions by fellow residents along with the response by the appropriate Council member. Simply give me your questions and I'll match it with the person best qualified to get you an answer.

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*7:30 p.m.

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*12:00 p.m., *7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday
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Old fashioned barn raising

By Cyndy Finnigan

Local resident and builder Stock Keffer is going to build a barn the old fashioned way; using wooden pegs to secure the carefully fitted logs. "It will be a timber frame structure like the barns of 150

years ago that the settlers built," says Stock. He's creating the structure in part to aid Bonnie Mitsui of Turner Farm in Indian Hill who needs the barn for storage. He is also indulging a creative dream of his own: to build a log dwelling.

During his 20-year career as a builder in Terrace Park he has often thought about erecting a log house. "I'm a carpenter by trade and I'm fascinated by how the pioneers fashioned these structures with their hands." Stock did a lot of research for the project by reading and then "I just sort of laid it all out. I figured the amount of lumber I would need and gave Bonnie the price (Stock is donating his time) and then ordered the lumber from a mill in West Union, Ohio. I actually started cutting the frame a year ago and I have been working on it when I can. I have the parts stored in a warehouse off Wooster Pike."

The actual barn raising will be April 13 at the farm. "We hope to get started around 8:00 a.m. The public is welcome to come watch, join in the pot luck meal if they wish, and help in the project." Stock hopes to have the frame raised that day, which would take approximately six to eight hours. "The frame will actually be raised using a crane due to liability issues and man power," adds Stock.

"I have come to develop a great appreciation for hand tools," he states. "It's very time consuming but highly rewarding to see how it all fits together."

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Terrace Park basketball teams shine

Two Terrace Park boys' basketball teams excelled this season. The fourth grade team, coached by Mike Holcomb and Chuck Bell, finished in first place in their division with a 10-0 regular season record. The team lost 25-22 to Glen Este in the second round of the league tournament.

The team members are: (Terrace Park Bulldogs) Parker Bell, Michael and Daniel Carrigan, Sam Franer, Ben Holcomb, Mitchell Kaesar and Will Portman.

The fifth grade team, coached by Jeff Arington and assisted by Brian Weaver and Scott Rosson,

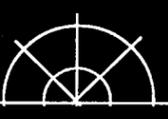
also finished the regular season first place in their division with a 9-1 record. The team lost 53-20 to Sycamore in the third round of the league tournament. The team members are: (Terrace Park Dunkeroos) Zachary Arington, Grant Brendamour, Gavin Donnelly, Spencer Nickum, Evan Rosson, Justin Sims, Hunter Tickle, Alex Walk and Nick Weaver.

Congratulations boys and coaches! For more information on league and tournament results for all recreational teams, visit the web site for the Milford Basketball Association at www.mba hoops.com

Mariemont High School Swimmers At State

The Mariemont High School swim team made waves at this year's state competition. Several Terrace Park residents swam at the state swim meet. Juniors Casey Clukey and senior Victoria Thoman swam in the 200 and 400 free re-

lays. Casey also competed in the 50 free. Sophomores Nick Thoman, Ted Winters and senior John Carrigan swam the 200 medley and the 100 breast. John also competed in the 200 IM. Kevin Maness is the team's coach.



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Terrace Park Recreation Commission appoints new members

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission recently appointed new officers and several commissioners to fill the positions of individuals who have retired or made a move on the TPRC. Rich Beyersdorfer is the new President, replacing outgoing President John White. Andy Mauk remains as Treasurer and Bill Gislason takes over for outgoing Secretary Paula Albrecht. The Commissioners are as follows: Administration: Rick Mileham. Baseball: Matt Nickum. Fields: Jeff Carman. Labor Day: Wally Heffner. Lacrosse: Steve Peterson. Soccer: Paula Albrecht. Softball: Jeff Jackson. SummerFun: Lynda Mackey.

The TPRC oversees recreational athletic activities for Terrace Park youth. Established in 1968 as a non-profit organization, the TPRC relies on volunteers to coach, raise monies and manage the assets. A 12-member Board of volunteers meet monthly in the St. Thomas Undercroft. Meetings are open to the public and participation is encouraged. "We are only as good as the people who support the program. We need strong and sustained parental involvement," says Board President Rich Beyersdorfer, "with a continuing need for coaches, officers and Board members."

TPRC is funded by fees charged for participation in athletic

programs and by two fundraising events: The Labor Day Festival and the Labor Day Garage Sale. The money goes to pay for uniforms and equipment, fund league and referee fees and maintenance of Drackett Field, the Commission's major asset. The property was purchased in 1968 from Hamilton County with private money donated by local residents who saw the need to provide a place for Terrace Park children to play sports. A brick monument next to the shed at Drackett Field bears the names of the original contributors. The field was named after Bolton Drackett, who was the major contributor. In the event the premises cease to be used for recreational purposes, title to the premises shall pass to St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Two other local fields used for athletics are Stanton Field and the small baseball diamond next to the elementary school. The Mariemont School District owns and maintains these and has priority over the usage of the fields.

Further information concerning the TPRC and specific sport information can be found on their website: TPRC.net. It can also be accessed by going to www.terracepark.com, clicking on Club tab and then on Recreation Committee.

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