

“Concerned Citizens” filled the house at March Council

By Susan House

Most of the 30 members of the recently formed “Concerned Citizens of Terrace Park” (CCTP) helped fill the house at the March Village Council meeting. The group came out in numbers to demonstrate their concern about zoning issues, especially regarding those regarding recent incidents at the property at 707 Myrtle.

Jim Flynn of 709 Myrtle stated that he has spent six months challenging the building of the retaining wall and driveway next door to his home, which was built in 1937, and has seen three generations of the Flynn family flourish in the Terrace Park environment. He then announced that he has spent several weeks soliciting the help of the builder, the owner of the home at 707 Myrtle Ave., and the Village Council, to no avail. The Flynns

have consulted with Timothy Burke of Manley Burke, “A Legal Professional Association,” of Cincinnati, regarding a possible remedy. Flynn then proceeded to introduce Robert E. Manley, of Manley Burke.

Manley introduced himself as the legal representative of the Flynn family. After stating that he has worked in zoning law for a “long time” he informed Council that a letter has been submitted detailing the legal opinions of Burke and Manley with regard to the Flynn’s situation, and the “improperly approved and illegally constructed wall/driveway structure” which has been constructed at 707 Myrtle. The property adjacent to that of the Flynn family at 709 Myrtle Ave.

Following is a recap of that six page letter, dated March 11, 2003, written by Manley Burke.

- Buildable lots are virtually all occupied in the pre-eminent residen-

tial community of Terrace Park.

- Terrace Park is faced with the increased pressure to permit larger and larger homes on existing small lots, while existing homes are treated as “tear downs.”

- When the in-field approval of the driveway structure was granted by the Terrace Park Building and Zoning official, that act was in violation of the Terrace Park Zoning Code with regard to front yard and side yard setbacks, and the zoning approval process.

- The driveway structure, as built, is in excess of the 28 inch structure represented in the engineered plans submitted for approval. The wall/driveway structure rises to a height as high as 30 inches above the grade of the Flynn property, next door.

- The Zoning Code does provide for application approval of this type of change to the original Building Permit plans through the Board of

Appeals. The process includes “Notice” be delivered to adjacent and potentially affected residents. If this procedure had been followed, upon such notice, Flynn could have had the opportunity to make his position known, prior to construction.

- Pursuant to quoted Ohio law, the wall/driveway structure eliminates the concept of separation, and has destroyed the concept of a side yard setback. Ohio law provides a clear remedy for an improperly approved, and illegally constructed structure. “The municipal corporation, or the owner of damaged, contiguous or neighboring property, in addition to other remedies, may institute a suit for injunction to prevent or terminate such violation.”

- There is no doubt that the Flynn family has a right to institute such remedy. Requiring the Flynns to do so, however, puts the burden on the citizen to complete a task the Vil-

lage should have accomplished.

- Terrace Park citizens do not want to sue. It shouldn’t be their burden. If suit is necessary, it would be based on the issues outlined in the Manley Burke letter of March 11, 2003.

- Terrace Park’s Zoning Code was intended to protect property values. The Village of Terrace Park can ensure the protection of those values with the appropriate enforcement of its Zoning Code, and by providing a remedy to this situation.

In conclusion, Manley suggested that the Village has authority to remove the subject structure, and should do so, by law and in fairness to the adjacent property owner.

Flynn will provide a complete copy of the aforementioned letter to anyone wishing to receive a copy.

Following the presentation by Manley, Councilman Stefan Olson, Planning & Zoning, requested that

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Feet of fire carry dancer to Ireland

By Chandi Findley

Irish dance looks like a fusion of ballet, tap and square dancing. It is an energetic dance requiring a disciplined routine of instruction, strength training and practice...lots and lots of practice.

Ten years of such discipline, determination and love of the dance are paying off for 16-year-old Terrace Park resident Aiden Williams. Because her team placed fourth in a regional competition, she and seven teammates from the McGing Irish Dance School are headed to the World Championships of Irish Dancing. In April, they will fly to Kilarney to compete with the top one percent of Irish dancers in the world.

Aiden does not know what winning would mean, she is too busy focusing on the now to think about the future. She is conditioning with a personal trainer, continuing to teach private lessons and increasing her practice regime.

“Before the regional competition we practiced every day for three hours — but not on Fridays,” Aiden said, trying to predict the hectic schedule she will have to adhere to in order to prepare for the upcoming competition.

Meeting at the Crossroads

The type of traditional Irish group dance Aiden performs is called a Ceili. Rooted in the history of Ireland and strongly influenced by the country’s religion and politics. Even the intricate Celtic designs on the costumes are a reflection of the country’s heritage.

Dancing was a sort of an end of week celebration. After church on Sundays in Ireland, people could meet at the crossroads. Dressed in their Sunday best, long hair curled in tight ringlets, the square formed by their meeting made for the perfect dance.

“It’s actually where square dancing came from,” Aiden said.

Feet of Fire — Bodies of Ice

When British soldiers invaded Ireland, they ran the country with a tight fist. Outlawing dance, the Irish sought to outwit the soldiers. By

keeping their heads and torsos still and their arms straight at their sides, their feet could flail about in a frenzied mix of tapping and leg crossing. Soldiers peering in through the windows would be none the wiser, seeing only people moving about the room in a seemingly calm walk, Aiden said.

“There’s actually a saying, “Feet of fire — bodies of ice,” Aiden said to describe the juxtaposition of the flitting feet and statuesque torso, head and arms.

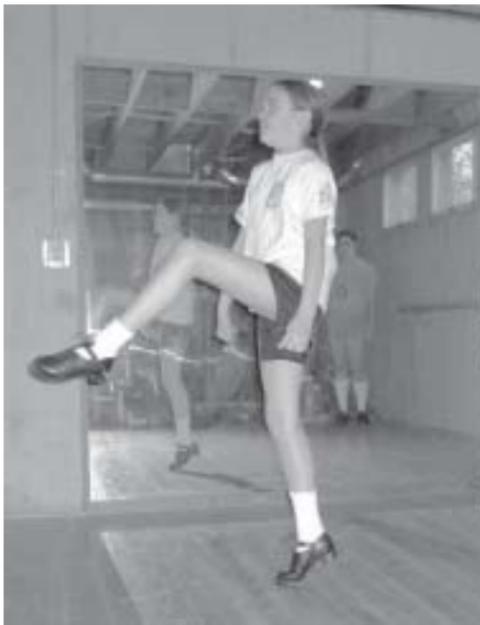
The dances are intricate routines performed to traditional jigs and other Irish music. Individuals compete head-to-head. Individual competitors take the stage with other competitors from around the world. They use the same music, but their steps are unique routines choreographed by their instructors. An added unknown at competition is the tempo of the music. Although dancers can depend on a quick tempo, live music always lends itself to a varied beat among performers.

The pressure may seem intense being so close to the competition, but 11-year-old Hannah Sexmith, Aiden’s dance student and fellow Terrace Park resident, pointed out an important advantage.

“If you make a mistake, the judge may be looking at someone else,” she said.

Concessions to modern life

Irish dancers are renowned for their intricately designed costumes and long curly hair. The costumes were originally made of velvet and were very hefty. To make the dancers more comfortable, silks are now employed. Also, fortunately, about five years ago, the governing body



Performers of traditional Irish dance, like Hannah Sexmith, are said to have “Feet of fire, bodies of ice” because of their fast moving feet and rigid torso, head and arms.



Aiden Williams’ hard shoes used for traditional Irish dancing are worn at the toe from hours of daily practice.

of the dance competitions began to allow wigs.

“It took three hours to put 90 curlers in my hair,” Aiden said of the competitions she attended before

Korean Vets

This Memorial Day the community of Terrace Park is planning to honor all Terrace Park men and women who served in the military during the Korean War crisis. If you served in the military during the Korean conflict or know of a present or former Terrace Park residents who did, please contact **Ray Normile at 831-2804** or raynormile@hotmail.com.



Hannah Sexmith and Aiden Williams celebrate a successful Irish Dancing Competition.

the wigs were allowed. Sleeping with curlers is a learned art of its own.

Another use for duct tape

Students of Irish dancing use two different types of shoes: soft shoes or “gillies” and hard shoes. The soft shoes resemble ballet shoes, except gillies are always black and do not have a hard toe to support the dancer while on her toes. Irish dancers are required to get up on their toes on “your own strength,” Aiden said.

Although when Irish dancers use hard shoes there is some similarity to tap dancing, they are very different forms of dance. “A lot of rhythms can be similar, but the components and styles are different,” Aiden said.

The hard shoes resemble tap shoes, except the tapping sound is made from something resembling

the heel of a clog attached to the bottom of the front of the shoe. Dancers must also get up on their toes when using the hard shoes.

“You always want to put duct tape on because you’re dancing on wood,” Hannah said holding out her hard shoe.

“So you don’t get splinters,” Aiden clarified pointing to the worn toe of her hard shoe.

The tie that binds

Every Thursday, Aiden works with Hannah who is also a student at McGing’s studio. In the dark at the bottom of the basement stairs in Hannah’s house, a bare bulb

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Please note

Deadline change

The April deadline has been moved ahead to April 7 because of spring break.

Letters to the Editor

A quiet reminder —

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DEAR DIARY

February 1: Ahhhh...February, the shortest month is here. The threshold of spring. The next thing I know it will be March...the grass greening...trees budding...just 28 short days.

February 3: 53 degrees yesterday and 57 degrees today. I did not even want to wear a coat...it felt like it was 70 to me. Maybe spring has arrived early. The kids cannot wait to get outside and play, ride their bikes, fly a kite.... it looks like winter may be over earlier than we thought.

February 5: Hmmm...it has gotten a little colder...oh well, I am sure it won't last.

February 6: Gee...it looks like it is beginning to snow...probably just a dusting...nothing to worry about...and the kids will love it...It would be great for them if it is enough to go sledding...heck it will probably melt by tomorrow.

February 7: Wow...over 3 inches fell...I made a dash to Kroger's to get some supplies...I sure hope that elderly woman I tripped in order to get that last loaf of bread on the shelf is okay...the EMT said he didn't think her hip was broken...she asked for my name while she was on her cell phone with her attorney...when I gave it to her she said, "Funny, you don't look like Rob Portman."

February 8: It took us nearly 30 minutes to get all three boys into sweatpants, turtlenecks, snowsuits, parkas, boots, gloves, and hats. We were outside for approximately 17 seconds before all three had to use the restroom.

February 9: They say more snow may be coming but who can trust the weatherman...speaking of which, is there any other job you can have where being wrong nearly 50% of the time puts you near the TOP of your profession???

February 10: Who would have ever thought it...the snow came as predicted...and it does not appear to be stopping. As much as I like this togetherness thing I hope the weather breaks soon. We are spending way too much time in the house. I asked one of the boys why he did not want to play outside. "Don't you like the snow?" I asked innocently. He said, "It's not that Papa, it is just that I can't play Super Mario while I am wearing mittens." Note to self: incinerate Gameboys.

February 11: More and more snow...kids out of school early due to bomb threat...probably some teen who wanted to go snowboarding...what ever happened to the days where the most obnoxious prank call had to do with running refrigerators??? More togetherness...well that's what family is all about, right???. I said RIGHT???? ANSWER ME!!!!

February 13: The day before Valentine's Day...I do not know how much more togetherness one family can handle...and we have been together so much over the past two weeks (dear God has it just been two weeks?)...I am getting a little stir-crazy...Tammy mentioned she was a little worried about me...she said I look a little stressed lately...she said maybe it is cabin fever...she sure is an incredible wife and mother...it's just that I never noticed that she blinks so much...last night I kept counting the seconds in-between blinks...please make her stop...

February 14: We exchanged Valentine's gifts. The boys made their mother Valentine's Day cards. I made my card for Tammy too. Just something I threw together in the extra time we had in the house recently. A page for every year of Tammy's life, each page containing four panels depicting the most important events of that particular year...is it snowing ???...Oh God she's blinking again...

February 16: The kids are off school tomorrow...home....all of us...again...whose big idea was it to honor Washington and Lincoln anyway?...they could have at least had the good sense to be born in May. Oh no...it's starting to snow again...I can actually hear snowflakes now you know...really...I can...and they're getting louder...

February 17: The boys wanted to go sledding...nearly an hour to get ready and make it to the hill...then they said it was too cold...they wanted to go home...it surprised me how well they could steer that Flexible Flyer, stacked and duct taped to it as they were...let's not mention this to Mommy.

February 19: All work and no play make Jeff a dull boy. All work and no play make Jeff a dull boy. All work and no play make Jeff a dull boy. All work and no play make Jeff a dull boy. All work and no play make Jeff a dull boy.

February 21: Tammy has had 3 weeks to stare at that mudroom she wanted to change. She snow shoed to Home Depot and came back totting a sled containing 2 gallons of paint, brushes, rollers, lumber, a power saw and schematics of how to build an Amish boot bench. Then she said, "Well you looked bored."

February 24: We haven't been able to make it to the grocery for days. It is amazing what you can do with Ritz crackers and what I believe used to be salami. I finished the mudroom. Tammy said she liked almost everything but she felt the scale replica of the Sistine Chapel ceiling might disturb the children.

February 63: Yeah, right, the shortest month, please make it end...had a long talk this morning...poured out all of the scary thoughts that have been running through my head over the past several weeks of isolation...the dog still looks confused...oh well, I have to run...have to ask Tammy to tell the boys to quit banging on the basement door...I told them three times already I'd let them up before dusk...that's not more snow I hear is it???

Jeffrey Koreman

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Council meet in an "executive session" to discuss any potential litigation.

Concerned Citizens of TP

Resident Jim Rauth, of 303 Wanoka Woods, announced the formation of the "Concerned Citizens of Terrace Park" (CCTP), an informal group of Village residents who are concerned about and committed to the improvement of the Terrace Park Zoning Code. Rauth distributed a hand-out stating that the CCTP will actively work to develop a positive, cooperative, and efficient relationship with Village Council, so that there is a combined effort to accomplish needed improvements to the Zoning code and application thereof.

The group welcomes the participation and support of any interested resident. The next CCTP meeting is Monday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Pat Henley's, 327 Rugby. Residents with questions regarding this group may contact Rauth.

Community Building Update

Jim Peterkin reported on the Building and Grounds Commission committee meeting. Thirty-five residents, as well as the architects, and committee members were present. Four different schemes for the renovation of the Terrace Park Community Building were presented to those in attendance. Residents and committee members voted on the four alternative schemes. Another meeting is forthcoming and will further discuss the selected plan. The pros and cons of the plan will be considered. Plans will be made to obtain more detailed plans and cost estimates for the selected scheme. The Building and Grounds Commission would appreciate the attendance of Council members at the next meeting, so that further discussion can be held, regarding the necessary steps which would be required to implement the plan. Decisions will be made to have the estimates refined. The meeting was tentatively set, but not yet con-

firmed, for Tuesday, March 18.

Councilman Steve Holmes, Public Works, reported on the progress of the installation of pavers at Saint Thomas Church. He spoke to Mark Woolsey, Sr. Warden for the church, to find that this phase of the work is presently in the bidding process. The installation of the pavers is planned for the week after Holy Week and Easter on April 20.

Cleaning up "Five Points Corner"

With regard to the walk lights, updating of crosswalks, and clean up of nearby sidewalks at "Five Points Corner" (Elm and Indian Hill Rd., at Wooster), research was instigated by resident Juliann Gardner, 3 Given Lane, for the second time, at the January Village Council meeting. Village Engineer, George Kipp told Council that the firm of Wagner Smith has prepared a preliminary estimate of \$25,000 for signal heads and an updated crosswalk system. If a timer is also required, that could add an additional \$5,000 to the estimate. Council members agreed that a Safety Study for this intersection would be necessary, and definitely required to obtain any share of costs with the State and the Federal government. It was mentioned that ODOT has previously done a Safety Study on the Five Points Corner. Because this is a State route, there is a good possibility that the State would participate in the cost for necessary improvements to the traffic signal system. It was also agreed that the Public Works committee should investigate the possibility of obtaining federal dollars for the necessary changes.

It has been determined that the sidewalk on the overpass belongs to Milford. The Maintenance Director has made a request of the City of Milford to clean up this portion of the sidewalk.

Letting residents see behind the scenes

Councilman Jim Peterkin initiated a discussion regarding the presumption, by some residents, that the Council is inactive in some ar-

Village Calendar 2003

March			
24	No School K-6 Teacher Comp Day	11	Spring Break Begins at End of Day
25	TPE Everybody Counts Week	14	AARP meeting 1:30 p.m. Community Building. Program will feature Bernadette J. O'Connell from Pro-Seniors.
27	Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library	14	TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building
April		20	Easter
1	TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	21	School Reopens
1	TP Garden Club Noon Community Building. Loveland Greenhouse Tour — Spring Preview (brief meeting at noon; tour begins 1 p.m.)	21	Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
7	MHS Fine Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22	Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
8	TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building	24	MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
9	MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.	24	Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library
9	All Elementary Strings/Band Info Night 7 p.m. Mariemont Elementary	26	TPE Clean-up Day 9 — noon

eas of concern. Peterkin stated that, residents are often unaware of the work that is being done by Council members on projects, problems, organization of activities, etc., because they are not published to the public. He suggested that perhaps a list should be organized, and maybe even published, showing the on-going start up activities, research being done, project feasibility and problems that are being investigated by Council.

Councilman Terry Howe inquired as to the possible need of a

Village Administrator, or even a City Manager, as most municipalities employ such an administrator. The discussion was ended, with the suggestion by the Mayor that the active list idea might be adequate.

In other business

• William Fiedler, Building Inspector, submitted the report to Council, of Building Department Services, for January and February, 2003. The report lists all building department activity for the month. During the month of January, 17

building permits were issued. Ten permits were issued in February.

• Mayor Dan Startzman remarked that he had received a letter on behalf of the Mariemont School Board,

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April 13 th	ANGER MANAGEMENT	April 27 th	THE MISSION THAT SHAPED OUR PAST

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We Knead to Raise Dough!

By Robin Pendery

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race For The Cure will be held this year on Saturday, April 26 at Sawyer Point. This is a 5k race & 2k fun run/walk. 13,000 walkers and runners are expected to participate in this awesome event to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer. Why not join in as part of a team called "Knead Raise Dough?" Last year our team was the largest non-corporate team and raised over \$4,000 for the cause. One hundred percent



Whittelsey joins area realtor

Terrace Park resident Debbie Whittelsey has joined Comey & Shepherd Realtors as an associate specializing in residential sales. She has been a licensed realtor since 1983 and has also spent 19 years in sales and marketing with Delta Air Lines/Worldspan.

Debbie has a long list of volunteer activities including: Junior League of Cincinnati (Membership Vice President; Terrace Park Elementary PTO, Everybody Counts Chair; Kindervelt; and Dress for Success. She has received the Junior League Starlight award as well as a Mariemont High School award, both recognizing her for volunteer excellence.

Congratulations, Debbie!

of your registration goes toward this cause, whether you do the race or not. Here is how you can help:

1. Pick up a registration form at any Terrace Park bulletin board and sign up to be part of "Knead Raise Dough" (team #161).

2. Stop by to buy bread from Robin Pendery on Wednesdays to support this worthy cause (the dough is rising!).

3. Log on to the website www.KomenCincinnatiRace.org and register on team #161.

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Curing cabin fever and more

By Sherry Holcomb

There are almost as many ways to deal with "cabin fever" as there are gloomy days in February. For two sisters, Denise Hall of Terrace Park and Valerie Bayer of the Eastgate area, the solution lies in getting involved and getting active. Denise is busy organizing a wine tasting to help support her sister's commitment to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. For her part, Valerie is busy raising funds and training to complete a "century" bicycle ride of 100 miles in one day.

They both are looking forward to the wine tasting event at 7 p.m. on May 3 at the Terrace Park community building. "This is a good opportunity to be with friends and neighbors, get rid of cabin fever, and do something good for those who can't do it themselves," says Denise. "As a Terrace Park resident, I'm hoping to see my long-time friends and lots of new friends attend the wine tasting."

All the proceeds for the event go to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and are part of the \$3,900 Valerie is committed to raising. "As a nurse, I can't cure these dis-

eases," says Valerie. "Something I can do is raise money for research to find a cure."

So, Valerie lifts weights, rides the stationary bike and completes training rides when weather permits. She is motivated by her personal goals, by her very positive professional experience working with oncology patients, and by the story of her "hero," 12-year-old Jennifer from Mariemont. Jennifer was diagnosed with leukemia two and a half years ago and is currently in remission.

"This ride is a huge challenge and a big commitment," says Valerie. "It is important for Jennifer and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and for me to achieve this personal goal." Valerie

adds that last year, 30,000 people were diagnosed with blood-related cancers in the United States, but survival rates are improving and research is finding new and better treatments.

When Valerie begins her ride on June 1 in Nevada, she'll not only have the support of her sister and the Terrace Park wine tasters, she'll also be riding alongside her brother Robert Lyons of California. For additional moral support, Valerie's husband will join her for a portion of the nearly 10-hour ride.

To contribute to Denise and Valerie's effort by enjoying some fine wine and supporting a good cause, please mail in the reservation slip printed in this edition of *Village Views*.

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Council continued from page 3 expressing gratitude to the Village for opening the Terrace Park Community Building for use during the "random security threat." The Mayor and Chief Bacon noted that the incident was handled efficiently, utilizing the recently implemented "Disaster Preparedness Plan" that seems to be working well.

- The Mayor discussed his receipt of notice of three State of Ohio grants, as part of bi-centennial activities. Terrace Park, if qualified, could receive \$15,000 for planting trees.

- The Center Health District reported that in 2002, 10 baby boys and 10 baby girls were born to Terrace Park parents. The average birth weight of the newborn babies was 9.75 pounds. The report also stated that 22 deaths occurred in 2002, in Terrace Park, the oldest person being 98 years old.

- Candy Wachterman, Assistant EMS Chief, reported that there are now five new members on the Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Squad.

- Councilwoman Julie Rugh, Public Safety, requested that the resident requirement for Terrace Park Volunteer EMS personnel, be waived so that Sarah Warrington, a resident of Indian Hill, living very near to Terrace Park can join the Volunteer EMS squad.

- The Fire Department is acquiring a compressor for filling the fire truck water tanks. This will place them in a much more "ready" mode, and will be much more efficient overall. Presently the fireman must go to Indian Hill and wait for two hours while the tanks fill.

- The County is in the process of

implementing an 800 MHz radio system. Our Fire Department will have the new radios, which will be paid for by the County. This will be a great improvement, as the Terrace Park Fire and Emergency Services will be able to communicate with all departments, and other police and fire departments. The alert system is being evaluated and a new system, also 800 MHz, will be implemented as soon as possible.

The Chief said that the Police Department will also get a 800MHz radio system. Currently the towers are still not operational, but are expected to be ready in the near future.

- Chief Carle remarked that it is FEMA grant time again. Terrace Park will apply for a \$50,000 grant, which was received last year, in the hope that it will again be granted.

The Chief noted that, as the Saint Thomas remodeling project is almost complete, the Fire Department will require hose packs to fit the installed fire system implemented in the new addition.

- Councilman Jim Peterkin requested a resolution payment of \$1,189 for tree stump removal for the Village trees that have been removed because of disease or blight.

- Council member Julie Rugh asked about the problem with garbage collection being done prior to 6 a.m. Council member Steve Holmes responded by saying that he has been in touch with the contracted garbage collection company many times, and has received no cooperation thus far. He is now at the point of needing to speak to the Village Solicitor regarding the proper course of action to correct this situation.

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Lopez family makes community home

By Sherry Holcomb

According to Patricia Lopez, the most well known member of her family is Sasha, a six-year-old rambunctious Siberia Husky. Sasha, a second anniversary present from husband Marvin, doesn't like the confines of her yard and occasionally wanders the neighborhood making new friends. Somehow that seems appropriate, since making friends and being close to family are the main reasons the Lopez family moved to Terrace Park last July from Boston, Massachusetts.

In fact, it was a visit to see Patricia's sister, Ann-Stewart Kirkhorn, that first brought the Lopez family to Terrace Park. Ann-Stewart is a three-year resident of Terrace Park and shared many neighborhood stories with her sister.

"The stories we heard of luminaria night, Christmas celebrations, pumpkin festivals, carnivals and parades made Terrace Park feel like a place where we wanted to raise our family," Patricia says. "We love the sense of community with the elementary school, people out walking their dogs, the soccer fields, the swimming pool and more."

For the Lopez family, which includes two-year-old Michael and one-year-old Caroline, deciding to live in Terrace Park was much easier than actually finding a house. Marvin is a gastroenterologist who did his residency and fellowship in Boston. When he secured a position with the Digestive Health Network in Anderson, Marvin and Patricia came to

town with a two-day deadline for finding and purchasing a home.

At 5 a.m. on day two of their search, Patricia and Marvin discussed their dwindling options. "It would be a shame to know that a place like Terrace Park existed and we didn't do everything we could to live there," Marvin said.

That morning they set out with new resolve and a revised list of requirements and made an offer on their new home at 820 Stanton Avenue. The house has everything the Lopez family needs except a fourth bedroom; so they will be adding on to accommodate visiting friends and family.

After leaving a full-time job in Boston, Patricia is glad to be home raising her two young children in our village. Patricia says the atmosphere here has helped her make the transition. "There are lots of clubs and opportunities to meet people without working in an office," says Patricia. "The social outreach you have here is great."

In addition to social activities, the Lopez family enjoys snow skiing, water activities and reading. Marvin also likes to golf in his free time. Patricia says a wider walking or biking trail along Elm down to the pool would make their family outings even better.

Looking back, the Lopez family feels that their realtor spoke the truth. "If you move to Terrace Park," the realtor said, "you are buying more than a home, you are buying a community."

Terrace Park Historical Society Needs

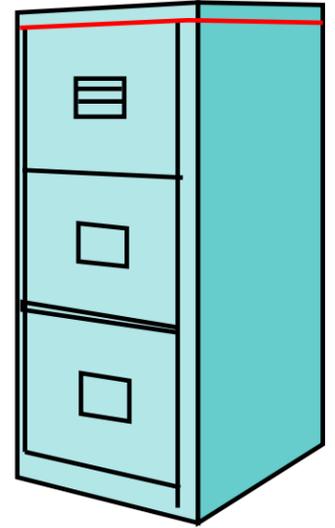
By Carol Cole

The Terrace Park Historical Society is very much looking forward to our move back to more permanent quarters at St. Thomas Church. When this will take place we do not yet know but we are hopeful that we will be in our new and larger quarters by late spring or early summer. We are starting to plan for that move now. At that time we will have many new needs with which we hope some members of the community will be able to help. St. Thomas has most graciously offered us space but probably

not much more. If many of our needs could be met with either new or more likely used items we would be very grateful. Items needed include:

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A Hint of Mt. Vernon in Terrace Park

By Carol Cole

As no doubt you all know we are currently celebrating the 200th anniversary of Ohio becoming a state. A sign has been put up on the fence in front of the Elm Avenue Lindell property: "Ohio Bicentennial 1803 — 2003. Home of Elder John Smith. 1st US Senator from Ohio." In the February 1981 issue of Village Views there appeared an article by the late Met Aichholz with the above title. I think the article is worth reprinting here.

During the last 40 years, I have had the pleasure of returning to Terrace Park daily from Cincinnati, and my route into the Park is by way of Elm Road from Wooster Pike. My spirits are always brightened by the scene it affords. After going through the tunnel and passing Stump's Road, the panorama unfolds into a scene as beautiful as to be found anywhere in America.

Across the meadow is the Smith Farm with the house nestled in a maple grove. The view continues for a quarter of a mile, then up the hill to the subdivisions. My personal description of this scene is — "It's the Mt. Vernon of the Little Miami Valley."

Carl and Frances Lindell purchased the farm in 1937 for Judge Simon and Maude Ross who prized it highly before building another house in the Park.

At the northeast corner of the



The Lindells posted this banner to celebrate their home's role in Ohio's 200 year history.

property is a commemorative bronze tablet, dated July 4, 1976: "Honoring John Smith, first Settler on the Land, First Ohio Senator 1803-1808 and Advisor to President Thomas Jefferson."

The Smith house was built during the life of Covalt Station (1789 to 1795), which is commemorated with a bronze tablet on Miami Avenue at St. Thomas Church. Smith brought his wife and seven children

to live here. A visitor from London remembered the date of February 1797, in his diary and memoirs.

The house originally had four rooms and a loft. A separate building housed the kitchen. The house faced the river with a long veranda. An addition was added to the east side and there are now five rooms on the first floor and two and a half on the second. The addition was built by Fritz Huber and Hume Corwin about 45 years ago.

The farm consists of 18 acres separated by a creek into 10 acres along Elm Road and eight acres along Stump's Road.

The interior of the house has been completely preserved in its early Ohio decor, including the beautiful pine floors and panes of handmade glass. Mrs. Lindell's furnishings have been carefully selected to correspond with the period. A visit is like going back two centuries and a corresponding reduction in tempo.

The Smith Farm has been mentioned in several historical publications and the probably date the house was built is 1795. Certainly no article would be complete without the mention of Aaron Burr.

After Burr's famous duel with

Alexander Hamilton, he traveled to Cincinnati and was a guest of Senator John Smith on two occasions, in May, 1805, and again in September, 1806. At that time Thomas Jefferson was President and Burr was Vice President.

Smith then owned 710 acres in the Little Miami River Valley and operated two grain mills on Round Bottom road. There was a ford in the river in the area of the Wilderness Preserve, as attested by Ford road, which runs off Elm Road at the memorial site.

In 1806, rumors circulated in the East of a conspiracy being developed by Burr and Smith to separate the Western States from the Eastern. These were proven false as both Burr and Smith were acquitted. In 1809, Smith sold his property to Zachius Biggs and moved to Louisiana, where he died in 1824.

In 1976, as part of the 200th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration the house became officially registered with the Ohio Historical Site Preservation Advisory Board. Its history has been well documented. On Labor Day 1976, a 50-year Time Capsule was buried at the north-east corner of the property.

Today Pax (a grandson of Carl and Frances Lindell) and Abby Lindell and their two children occupy the home which they still maintain in the character of the period.



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Jazzed on the Green

Save the date Saturday, June 7

How would you like to spend a warm summer evening on the Village Green dining with friends and listening to a live jazz band? Here's your chance. On Saturday, June 7, the Terrace Park Social Club (formerly the Terrace Park Newcomers) is sponsoring Jazzed on the Green.

You and your adult friends (the kids will have to miss this one) will have an opportunity to purchase an eight top table with chairs for your dining and listening pleasure. The fun begins before the event when you pick a theme for your table. Your food, decorations and creativity will set the tone for the evening.

When it comes to a theme, whether it be simple elegance or a casual BBQ, only your imagination is the limit. Ideas could include Americana, Hawaiian, TV or movie themes. It's completely up to you. To add to the fun, there will be a contest for the best table decorations.

Interested in attending, but don't know who to sit with? The Terrace Park Social Club will be spon-



soring a table. This table will offer a great opportunity to meet some of your TP neighbors.

The evening will officially begin at 5:30 p.m. Tables will be ready by 4 p.m. for decorating. The music will start at 7 p.m. More details will follow. In the meantime, mark your calendar, get your group together and start planning your theme and menu. This promises to be a terrific evening.

If you need more information or have any questions, please call Sybil Schooler at 576-1571.

Terrace Park Garden Club

The Terrace Park Garden Club hosted the Mariemont Garden Club for a joint meeting. The featured speaker Cindy McCord of Affordable Ponds and Gardens provided information on backyard water gardens. She suggested using plastic liners and digging 24" deep. Delicious sandwiches and deserts were also a highlight.

For all who have ordered pansies from the Club, delivery is scheduled for Thursday March 20 at Jane Allan's 730 Park Ave. Any questions please contact Betsy Ecker 248-1813. Thanks to all who ordered annuals and pansies as the

monies raised are used to beautify Terrace Park.

After a brief meeting on April 1, we will be going on a field trip to The Loveland Greenhouse. This is sure to be refreshing and perennials will be available for purchase.

Terrace Park Garden Club is pleased to announce the new officers for the 2003-2004 year. The Club will hold its May 6 meeting at Culinary Sol in the Rookwood Commons. After a presentation by Amy Tobin "Fresh Food from the Garden" the installation ceremony will be held. President Sara Osborne, Vice President Tami Blowers, Recording

Secretary Karen Ballinger, Corresponding Secretary Annette Askam, Treasurer Ogle Annett, Members at Large Betsy Ecker, Jenny Whitaker, Marla Bagley, Shirley Brown and Lucy Maish- past president.

This month's gardening tip: Spread your Preen now to prevent seed germination and you will have a lot less weeding in the spring. You may put it under your mulch or on top. However, it will not prevent the maple whirly copters from sprouting. When you plant your annuals you will need to reapply Preen where the soil has been disturbed.

New name for Terrace Park Newcomers

There's a new name for an old group in town. Terrace Park Newcomers has changed its name to the Terrace Park Social Club. The group, which was founded more than a decade ago as a way for newcomers to get involved in the Terrace Park community, continues to grow.

"The Terrace Park Social Club will still place a strong emphasis on greeting new neighbors and providing resources, but we have many active members who are not new to the community," said Sybil Schooler, Social Club president. "We wanted a name that would better reflect who we are."

Through the Terrace Park Social Club residents have an opportunity to join many neigh-

borhood groups and activities. Ladies' Bunko, Men's Friday Night Poker, Book Clubs, Couples Dinner Club and Park Days are just a few of the club offerings. The TP Social Club also offers fun community activities throughout the year, which in 2003 will include Family Pizza Parties, Jazzed on the Green and the Family Splash Pool Party.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Terrace Park Social Club, please contact Sybil Schooler at 576-1571. If you are new to Terrace Park and would like to be greeted, please let us know by calling Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn 831-1866 or Kellie Minifie at 248-1776.

Dancer continued from front page

lights the way to a specially constructed and cushioned wood floor. The girls danced to a fast beat, pounding the floor and making it vibrate. Their arms were held straight at their sides. Within minutes they were winded and ready for a break.

"Stay up higher on your toes next time," Aiden advised.

Hannah started her routine again — feet scuffing and tapping, arms and back rigid. She jumped high off the ground.

"That was good," Hannah said, obviously pleased by the precision

of her own move.

"That was good!" Aiden agreed. "That was very good — why don't you dance like this all the time."

After the lesson, they sat on the front stoop of Hannah's house, talking about their love of the dance. Hannah started moving her hands, her toes tapping slightly.

"Really, it's just pure fun," Hannah said. "You have to give up practically everything likable in your life — but it's worth it." She started humming a quick paced tune.

"I would dance in the grocery store aisle just because I can't get dance out of my head," Aiden added her leg picking up the beat of Hannah's music.

The rhythm consumed the two girls — the music and movement spanning the years and connecting them to the rich and turbulent history of Ireland, but more importantly, connecting them to each other.

Following is an excerpt from a fundraising letter from the Friends of Irish Dance. The group is trying to raise funds to help send the McGing Irish Dancing Team to the World Championships.

The dancers on this Ceili team are Brianna Blahnik of West Chester, Megan Kenny of Deerfield Twp., Hannah Kuenneke of Delhi Twp., Jenny Mehl of Blue Ash, Maggie O'Donnell of Landen, Mary Kate Reilly of Westwood, Rachel Stegeman of Covedale, and Aiden Williams of Terrace Park. We are asking you to be a part of the team by sending a donation. Help these girls represent the City of Cincinnati, the State of Ohio and the United States of America at the World Championship. For a donation of \$150 or more the Ceili team would perform a half-hour show at your function. Shirts are also being made for the team that would list sponsors on the back. For questions or additional information please contact (Amy Walsh-Kuenneke) at 513-992-6650.

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Terrace Park Sports

TP Hoops Report

By Lon Stirsmen

Another season has concluded for the Terrace Park elementary school recreational teams and the early (but unconfirmed) Associated Press reports show a high degree of success. A total of 13 teams from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades participated in the year-end Metro tournament, and nine of those teams advanced to at least the semifinals in the various brackets.

In the 6th grade, a boys' team coached by Rodger Davis was

tournament champion in the middle bracket, as the team beat Sycamore, 28 — 25. A second team coached by Jeff Arington made it to the semis before losing to that same Sycamore squad 34 — 21. In the upper bracket, the girls' team coached by Jeff Jackson was upset by Goshen in the semifinals, 30 — 26. Fortunately, the girls were able to comfort themselves by looking back on such achievements as an undefeated regular season record and a victory in the mid-season Mariemont tournament.

In the 5th grade, two girls' teams coached by Paul Smith and Dan Neal lost in their semifinal

match-ups to teams from Madeira and Fairfax.

Making a strong statement about the overall depth and athleticism of the class, it was this year's 4th grade teams that made the most noise in the tournament, as all six recreational teams played in the tournament. One of the girls' teams, coached by Ford Taylor, was tournament champion in the upper bracket. This team capped an undefeated regular season by squashing Fairfax in the finals, 22 — 8.

As for the boys, all three teams made it to the championship games in their respective brackets. The team coached by Fred Albrecht took home the championship in the lower bracket by thrashing a team from Madeira, 30 — 13. Tim Fening's squad went down in a close one in the middle bracket finals, losing to Indian Hill 17 — 12. In the upper bracket semifinals, Tony Lehman's team engaged in a shootout with a fierce rival from Mariemont, taking the game 31 — 30 on a last second basket. The entire team, coaches, and extensive support staff immediately adjourned to a well-known Milford establishment for a grueling strategic planning session. Unfortunately, it appears that not enough effort went into the after hours preparation as the next night, a strong Lakota team took home the championship 20 — 15 in the final game of the tournament.



Girls sixth grade team front row l-r: Elizabeth Burchenal, Elizabeth Beyersdorfer, Molly Umbarger and Andie Jackson. Back row l-r: Sarah Dillman, Amy Sattergren and Meredith Freshley. Not pictured Coach Jeff Jackson and Coach Jay Umbarger.



Boys fourth grade team l-r: Coach Jeff Jackson, Johnny Wirthlin, Grant Hesser, Drew Fields, Keeky Jackson, Barrett Albrecht, Mikey Wirthlin, Coach John Wirthlin. Not pictured Head Coach Fred Albrecht, Chris Walker and Andy Gorman.



Team Fening: 4th grade boys front row, (l-r): Luke Glaser, Wes Woodruff, Alex Utt, Tim Purcell, Joey Fening, Collin Delano. Back row: Coaches Dennis Purcell, Tim Fening, Dan Utt

TP has two fourth grade Metro League Champions

The Terrace Park 4th grade girls' basketball teams had another very successful season. Two of the teams won their respective metro

basketball leagues with only one loss between them all season. Congratulations to both 4th grade teams.



Fourth grade Metro League Champions: (front row, l-r) Katie Buechel, Emmie Stehling and Samantha Grau (back row) Emily Taylor, Brook Parker, Claire Whitaker and Louise Myatt (back row) coaches: Joe Buechel, Ford Taylor (Head Coach) and Glenn Whitaker.



Team Lehman: 4th grade boys standing (l-r): Christian Lehman, Keith Henneberry, Coach Tony Lehman, Drew Hyer, Jeremy Green, Assistant Coach Gary Coyan. Kneeling: Nick Stirsmen, Connor Coyan, David McCormack.



Fourth grade Metro League Champions: (front row, l-r) Megan Strickland, Gretchen Weigel, and Mari Mileham (back row) Emma Brittingham, Leigh Fisher, and Audrey Askam (back row) coaches: Branden Fisher (head coach) and Rick Mileham.

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Eastside Winter Sports Club set for fall 2004 launch

An idea that was originally scratched out on a cocktail napkin by several friends over adult contemporary beverages, now looks like it is destined to become a reality. The Indian Hill Winter Club (IHWC), the proposed name of the new facility, will provide Eastside families with recreational and social activities that can bring friends and families together during the winter months. And with this winter being one of the longest and coldest in recent memory, it's hard to argue with the logic of having a unique winter sports lodge for families to enjoy just minutes away.

The IHWC will offer a range of amenities and activities for members including three paddle tennis courts; a regulation ice rink for family skating, figure skating and youth hockey, a mini-gym for pick-up hoops games and kid oriented activities like volleyball and dodge ball, a large stone fireplace inside the lodge and an outdoor fire-pit for socializing with friends, and a club room with a large screen TV for viewing major sporting events like the NCAA Tournament in a relaxed, friendly, smoke-free environment.

"We basically came up with the



idea because we were bored and tired of the dreary Cincinnati winters," said Mike Collette, an Indian Hill resident. "We decided that what we needed, was a winter version of the community swim club concept we're all so familiar with. Just as the swim club is a focal point for social and recreational activities during the summer months, the winter club will be the place you can come spend an afternoon with your family when it's two in the afternoon on an ugly winter day and you've run out of ideas to entertain the kids."

The club's Steering Committee, which consists of residents not only from Indian Hill, but from Terrace Park, Mariemont, Loveland, Camp Dennison, and Sycamore Township, just secured an option to purchase a 22 acre field near the intersection of Ward's Corner Rd. and route 126 in Miamiville. "We were looking for a scenic location that had that rural, rustic feel, with plenty of open space around us," said Collette. "We really like this location for that reason. It also offers great views of the Eastern Hills and is right next to the Loveland Bike Trail."

Jamie Burchenal, a Terrace Park resident and Steering Committee member, shares Collette's passion for the project. "I love the idea," said Burchenal. "The floor plans and model are really exciting. I can see families actually looking forward to winters with a facility like this nearby."

Nearly 200 membership appli-

cations have already been received for the limited 375 membership spots available. The Steering Committee expects to be at full membership within the next 60-90 days. Terrace Park residents who are interested in learning more about the project and requesting a membership application, can visit the Indian Hill Winter Club website at www.IHWinterClub.com or contact Jamie Burchenal at 831-4313 or Mike Collette at 271-3037. In addition, membership information packages will also be available on the Burchenal's front porch. Residents should feel free to stop by and pick one up whenever it's convenient.

Finally, an "open house" will be held at the Burchenal's house on April 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. so residents can view the scale model, see photos of the proposed site and talk to Steering Committee members further about the project.

"We are counting on having a healthy contingent of Terrace Park residents when the club opens in fall 2004," says Collette. "It's a young, vibrant, physically active community that will really enjoy all the club has to offer."

Please contact Lon Stirz if you have an idea for a sports related article. Email: stirz@fuse.net



Terrace Park Timberwolves: front row (l to r) Chris Simons, Kelly Cotes, Nolan Fry and Cody Miller. Second row (l to r) Coach Eddie Cotes, Sammy Gould, Asher Koreman, Nicholas Malone, Jack Gould and Coach Pete Miller.

Timberwolves play to learn

Congratulations to the Terrace Park Timberwolves, Second Grade Boys Basketball team on a successful basketball season. The players and coaches had a fun season learning the great game of basketball. The boys did a great job of playing team basketball as each player scored a basket during the season. (The Timberwolves even scored some baskets for their opponents.)

As League Rules dictate no official score is kept, the team had no wins, no losses and no ties. The players claim to have had a seven wins and two losses season though. Coaches Pete Miller and Eddie Cotes want to thank the players and parents for their support of the program. It was exciting seeing the boys' progress from the first practice to the last game of the season.

See you next year!

The following photo was accidentally omitted from the last issue of the Village Views.



Evan Kokoruda beats the odds.

The most exciting match of the CHL wrestling championships, held at Indian Hill, took place in the 116-pound championship. Eighth grader Evan Kokoruda of Terrace Park faced off against the prohibitive favorite and number one seed from Maderia, a wrestler who had defeated him twice earlier in the season. The Maderia boy took an early lead, but Evan stunned both him and the crowd with a reversal, pinning him in the process. As the Mariemont fans came to their feet and erupted in cheers, Evan, apparently overcome by the emotion of the moment, turned and rewarded us with a smile.

The CHL coaches acknowledged Evan's accomplishment by naming him Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

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 **TP three-on-three basketball tournament**

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission will be holding a three-on-three basketball tournament over the Memorial Day Weekend at the Terrace Park Elementary Playground. The Tournament will be open to all 4th through 12th graders living in the Mariemont School District. Sign-up sheets will be available on-line and at all area district schools starting in April. Further information will follow. Start thinking about your team!

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