

Zoning issues in the spotlight again at Council

By Susan M. House

Before calling the November 11, 2003 Village Council Meeting to order, Mayor Startsman asked that we all take a moment to reflect on the veterans, now and in the past, who have served to keep peace for us all at home.

Garage permit/usage questioned

Jim Rauth, 301 Wanoka Woods read a prepared statement and later handed out packages of information to council members and to all residents in attendance. Rauth's documentation concerns the building of a detached garage

on the Fletcher property at 221 Miami. He states that on November 18, 2002 preparations for construction were stopped pending issuance of a building permit. The owner was then allowed to proceed to build a "parking pad/basketball court."

The Fletchers applied for a

building permit to build a garage on November 29, 2002. A Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held December 30, 2002, and a variance was granted to build a one-car garage. Rauth made a request on December 30, 2002 for a "full and accurate account of why work was permitted to continue on this property." He again wrote a letter to the village solicitor on May 6, 2003, requesting a response. Eventually he received letters from council member Stefan Olson, but was never satisfied with the answers that he was given.

Rauth's request at this time is that council and the solicitor investigate the present use of the detached garage, and the number of cars being parked on the property. Rauth requested that this all be completed, and a letter put in writing to him, prior to the December 9, 2003 Village Council meeting.

Neighbor notice of variance requests

Discussion ensued concerning new requirements for the variance process. Solicitor Robert Malloy will draft an ordinance that will provide

for mailing of notices to adjacent neighbors, posting of a sign on the subject property, and posting on the bulletin board of any impending Zoning Board of Appeals hearings. The ordinance must go to the Planning Commission for approval before it is included in the Zoning Ordinance. It was suggested, however, that in the interim these requirements be adopted.

New appointments to ZBA and planning commission

Mayor Startsman announced that Russ Wilson has resigned from the ZBA and the Planning Commission. The mayor appointed Rafael Mancera to the ZBA. He will make the appointment to the Planning Commission by next month.

Bike trail focus

Councilman Jim Peterkin read a statement to Council regarding his involvement with the "bike trail" committee. Peterkin stated that he has spent time on in-depth investigation of the pending bike trail. He feels that much time is being wasted on unnecessary debate concerning

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News from the TP emergency services...

Your all-volunteer Terrace Park Emergency Services staff recently had the opportunity to do a practice burn with the Indian Hill Fire Department on Pipewell Road in Indian Hill. These burns, generally associated with a structure that is to be razed, give the firemen invaluable, live experience in fighting fire and sharpening fire scene skills. Please contact Chief Jeff Carle (831-4178) or Captain Jack Gambetta (831-4259) with questions.

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Photo: Jeff Gibson

An Indian Hill firefighter follows Terrace Park Captain Tony Lehman and Captain John Maggard from one of the many evolutions.



Good things are happening...Over Coffee, Terrace Park's newest (and best smelling) venture, is open for business. Serving up specialty coffees, hot chocolate and yummy treats, the coffee shop is a great place to stop for a cup of morning joe and a little work on your laptop or to meet friends and neighbors for a much needed break from the day. One of ...Over Coffee's younger patrons, scooped down a bear claw with a "warm" chocolate on a cold November morning. After chowing at the "adult" table, he enjoyed the comfort of the cushy couch.

Zoning board denies variance

By Chandi Findley

In front of a crowd of about 15 people, one long chapter in an ongoing zoning dispute came to a close. On October 29, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) officially denied the variance for a retaining wall built at 707 Myrtle.

Why was a variance necessary?

Because the wall was not built to Terrace Park zoning code specifications, a variance was requested to allow the structure to stay. In May 2003, a public hearing was held and public comments and testimony were heard. After that hearing, the Village Solicitor, Robert Malloy, was directed to draft a resolution finding that the retaining wall was not to code and no variance

would be issued.

What took so long?

Before Malloy could draft the resolution, the owners of the adjacent properties had conversations in an attempt to resolve the issue, so Malloy was told not to draft the resolution in the event that the neighbors could come to some agreement. No agreement was reached, so Malloy was told to draft the resolution.

When the resolution was presented to the ZBA, Thomas Kirkwood, the lawyer representing Zicka-Walker, the builders of 707 Myrtle, asked to introduce more

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Terrace Park twosome helps find a cure

By Sherry Holcomb

Imagine waking up one day, weary from caring for your six-week old daughter and two-year old son, concerned about your husband's recovery from major surgery, and then being told you have Hodgkin's disease. That was the reality for Terrace Park resident Roseann Hayes in April of 1999. Roseann turned to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for information, support and guidance in fighting her disease.

This may be a stretch for some, including me, but now imagine yourself with a burning desire to complete your first marathon. You join a four-person relay team and run the Flying Pig Marathon only to notice a large group of people in purple jerseys encouraging and supporting each other to complete the 26 miles. If you're villager Jim Pustinger, the impression and inspiration of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training (TNT) stay with you every day until two weeks later when you become a team member yourself.

Though Roseann and Jim came to the Society from different paths, they have both become dedicated volunteers helping to find a cure for blood-related cancers. Both say it is enjoyable and highly rewarding work. So much so, that in August Roseann and Jim began their two-year terms as board members for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's southern Ohio chapter.

Roseann is now in good health (as is her husband) and will be declared cured when she reaches the five-year milestone disease-free this coming April. She credits the Society and many others with helping her successfully battle the disease.

"I feel that I can never repay the nice things people did, the support I got and the information I received," says Roseann. "My time is well spent if I can help a little. I believe that technology, with money and resources, will provide breakthroughs in treatment. We are on the cusp of being able to cure these diseases."

As a former "customer" of the

Society, Roseann's volunteer work focuses on the services provided to patients and their families. She is the chair of the Patient Services committee which helps deliver ongoing family support programs; financial aid for patients; personal support and education for patients, their families and health care providers; and links to related community resources.

In addition, Roseann just completed training to be part of the "First Connection" program which pairs a recently diagnosed individual with someone of a similar age who has successfully gone through treat-

ment. Roseann is connecting with a patient (and family members) that live in Oklahoma. "Once you are in this club you did not choose to join, you have a bond," she says.

The services and research that the Society provides would not be possible without the ongoing fundraising that is the focus of Jim's involvement. Jim's first experience as a TNT member was his first full marathon in 2001 in Honolulu. It was an amazing event according to Jim and it led him straight into the 2002 Flying Pig Marathon. In 2003

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Please help make a child's holiday a little brighter

The Terrace Park police department, in conjunction with the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center, is once again seeking donations in the form of new toys or cash donations to help low income families in the Madisonville neighborhood. Please bring your toys or checks made payable to MEAC anytime before December 19 and help make a child's holiday a little brighter.

To the residents of Terrace Park:

Those neon green signs you've seen on the village bulletin boards are still valid. Terrace Park Life Squad is still seeking new recruits for an EMT-B class to be held here in the village late this fall. Although the Life Squad is staffed and scheduled to respond to medical emergencies 24/7, we have particular need for personnel who can run during daytime hours. Please consider giving something back to this wonderful community we all share. Call **Janie Routt at 576-0711** to join Terrace Park EMS.



Deadline

The deadline for the December issue of the *Village Views* is Friday December 5th.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter will discuss such topics as moles, stop signs, trees and the need to wear a bike helmet. Please bear with me as I go. If you are not interested in moles, trees and stop signs; please at least read about bike helmets! Thanks.

To 305 Stanton, I am sorry to report, your weapon of mass destruc-tion may have disbanded the moles from your yard but they have arrived in my yard on Lexington. The moles have taken refuge in bunkers and tun-nels (in my yard) which are hard to penetrate. My best weapon are cats. I have an alliance with my cats. They have been able to keep the back yard free of moles. But they are unwilling to cross the border into the front yard. When I suggest they attack in the front I get a look from them. You know the look; it is the look you get at the Mariemont Krogers when you ask the cashier who will bag my groceries. I go it alone. I have tried to encourage the cats to cross this line and even have suggested possible sanctions yet they are steadfast. Aware of our weapons of mass destruction the cats question what weapons do the moles really possess? For now, instead of going it alone, I have chosen to sit tight and monitor the situation. I fear the cats would see me as an imperialist human if I assert my force without their support. Be sure though these moles are plotting. I suspect with their beefed up fuel supply next spring (the cicadas are coming) they will be back in your yard with avenges! Until next spring...

Recently, people in the village have become confused as to what one should do at a stop sign. Well, my son recently obtained his drivers license and in reviewing the laws it is clear that a stop sign means for you to stop. No where does it mention any circumstances where by a “rolling stop” would do! Yet it appears there may be some people in this village who feel no need to stop. What is a community to do? Well I recently was in Washington DC (see the next paragraph as to why) and there I noticed people come to a screeching stop at the first sign of a yellow light. It turns out that so many people were running red lights; they set up cam-eras to catch the people in the act, and send them a ticket! I suspect they have many rear end collisions now because boy the people of Wash-ington do stop in a hurry when they see a yellow light. This gave me an idea of what we can do here. Our neighbors, whose homes are at corner intersections, where there are stops signs in our village, could serve as picture guards. They can pose as unassuming individuals, quietly work-ing in their yard. But in reality watching for the dreaded “rolling stopper” and take their picture, catching them in the act. Then the police could give the offender their due! Other corners, where there are no homes, our village employees can be stationed, as if doing typical village worker stuff, and do the same. With such a plan we can be assured no “rolling stoppers” will go without punishment! But until such a program is up and running I would encourage each and every one of us the do the right thing. STOP!

Now for my poor trees. That's correct trees. The village has attacked my yard for the sake of uniformity. Although it is under the disguise of neighborhood environment enhancement tree program. The story, sad but true is two years ago two trees in our yard (and part of the village right of way) had to be removed. I asked the village if I could plant trees I wanted and was told I could but the village would not pay for them. So off I went. I purchased two red oak trees. These trees had sentimental value. My grandparents (both sets) lived in a complex called the Twin Oaks and yes there were lots of red oaks. So I bought these trees, brought them home, dug the holes and planted them. Over the last two years I have carefully tended them and encouraged them to relax and enjoy their new home (maybe from the get go they sensed something was amiss). Although they were sold to me as “stressed” trees I was told they would be fine (I got a good price that way). Even this past spring, Steve Smith our resident expert (nice plug uh Steve?) assured me they were doing ok. But recently the village has somehow determined otherwise. Removing my red oaks and explaining to me that our street is only to have white oaks and my trees were in the village's right-of-way. First you ask did they not give you advance notice of their intent (here is the Wash-ington part)? Yes but I was in Washington DC for two weeks taking care of my ill mother (no kidding I am not making that up). So all this trans-pired while I was gone. Oh by the way for those of you who are wonder-ing, she is doing fine. Thanks for wondering (I think this can be a made for TV movie, don't you?). Anyway why I am distraught over this event besides the above was the village's decision to remove two perfect little trees. They were not bothering anybody. They had no illness and they had not committed any offense. Is it not the purpose of this tree program to be environmentally friendly? I feel this was a grave injustice and not how the tree program should be run. I have a white pine and weeping willow in the front that is in the village's right of way. Will they be after them next!? The village has told me sorry, but too bad. Believe me I have a lot more to worry about than the trees in my front yard. So I do not intend to hire a lawyer or stage a sit in on the green. But I am asking in this public forum for the village council to do the right thing and let me at my own expense move the white oaks to my back yard and replace them with new red oaks. The trees meant much to me and I had received permission from the village to plant them in the first place. They were a memory of my past and my family. This issue will go no father than this paragraph. So I wait in hope to get a phone call from the “village people.”

The next segment of this letter is on a more serious note. It is prompted by the recent bike accident involving Mr. John Stalmaker. Last spring Terrace Park launched a community wide safety program. As an emergency room physician I couldn't help but notice one big omission. That is the need to wear a helmet when doing such activities as biking, roller blading and skate boarding. The American Medical Association reports there are more than 1 million head injuries every year in the United States. From these injuries 52,000 individuals die and 800,000 persons have permanent disability.

These numbers speak for themselves. Yet as I drive around our com-munity, I am alarmed at the numbers of children and adults who are not wearing helmets! Helmets save lives and reduce the risk of serious in-jury. In the summer of '02 a biker was hit on Wooster Pike, and if not for his helmet, he would have been killed. Although his recovery was long, he did fully recover and is living a normal life again.

For a community that prides itself on being “safe,” this is a huge omission and needs to be rectified by a real and sustained effort to make sure that everyone (children and adults) wears a helmet when out doing these activities. First, parents have to lead by example and wear hel-

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mets. Second, parents have to enforce the need to wear helmets and not tolerate their children participating in these activities without wearing a hel-met. There is no acceptable excuse. Is it o.k. for your children not to wear seatbelts? In our house the rules are simple; caught without a helmet once is a warning, a second time results in loss of that privilege for two months and donation of the item to Good Will. After the two months, replacement of that item is on their dime. Surprisingly after 10 plus years of this rule, Good Will has not received any items in this manner from my children.

To make a change in our community is to change what has become a bad habit in our culture. We all have to work hard to promote such changes. One idea to encourage helmets might be a “Wear a Helmet” program. For example, when the police see kids wearing helmets they could stop, take the kid's names and enter them in a drawing. Weekly drawings for such little prizes as a free ice cream cone at UDF or a small gift certificate to Ted's Toys. Then at the end of some designated time period, several grand prizes could be given away like new bikes, roller blades, skate boards and of course helmets!

There are many ways to make our community a safer place to live. Wearing a helmet is a no “brainer”!

Sincerely,
Fred Tanzer, M.D.
720 Lexington

To my fellow Terrace Park neighbors:

I want to thank all of you who have donated your old glasses to the Gift of Sight sponsored by LensCrafters and the Lions Club International. I have received many donations of used eyeglasses this past year from within the village all of which go to our optical mis-sions in various countries. I have just returned from a mission to Ecuador where we delivered the Gift of Sight to over 15,000 needy people in just five days in-cluding our 3 mil-lionth recipient, a six-year-old boy! These people are in such need and it is so fulfilling to know we can help them to see things they may have never seen before or just function better in their day-to-day lives.

I encourage you to keep donating your old eyeglasses. If you have some you would like to donate, call me at 248-9195 or drop them at any LensCrafters store. Additionally, thanks to my neighbor Micky Davis, there is a collection box at St. Thomas in the parlor.

Thank you,
Regina Sharp
209 Stanton



Regina Sharp with an 8-year-old schoolgirl who received glasses thanks to a Gift of Sight mission to Ecuador sponsored by LensCrafters.

Dear Village of Terrace Park:

Every week as I drive home from football practice at the high school back to my home in Terrace Park, I am met with a new grizzled carcass of a whitetail deer hit by an unsuspecting motorist on the side of Wooster Pike. I understand my view may be hard to understand for those not aware of the advantages of thinning an overwhelmingly large deer popu-lation. Not only could hunting reduce the risk of accidents along Wooster Pike but also strengthen the herd.

“Nature produces more deer than can be supported by an environ-ment, in order to ensure the survival of the species in our area, thinning the herd is necessary,” says Randall Williams an honor student at MHS. Obviously, eliminating these excess deer is a biological necessity, and what method used to do this is your choice. We can either continue to allow drivers of our community to be endangered by the threat of a roadway accident or we could allow a proven method of population thin-ning to do the work with no risk to the people of the village. Indian Hill has used an urban hunting program for years now, and it has yielded great success. The number of deer hit by motorists has gone down, and the health of the herd seems to be better than ever. If a program was put into place an “X” amount of hunters comprised of Terrace Park residents with council permission would be allowed to harvest deer only with bows and crossbows. Even if the idea of hunting is turned down by the council, maybe hiring a professional to monitor the population would be a wise idea. With over population it increases the risk of inbreeding leading to unhealthy deer susceptible to CWD “Chronic Wasting Disease.” I care for the wildlife of our community and strongly urge this issue. Please do not set this aside as it is a problem to be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,
Christian Hughes
120 Winding Brook Lane

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To the editor:

The Wooster Pike Option, regarding the bike trail running through Terrace Park, has many benefits, but I am still not convinced that this would be the best option. This is one of the options that most people don't know about. Instead of having four lanes on Wooster, there would be two lanes and a grass divider running down the middle. This would serve as the bike trail and a pleasant attraction to passers-by. Sure, the grassy median with some landscaping could add to the charm of the community, but I still have a problem thinking about riding my bike on a beautiful day down the busy Wooster Pike, even though the speed limit would be reduced. The lowering of the speed limit could cause other problems with the already hectic traffic. For years, the people of Terrace Park have walked, jogged, ridden bikes and even roller bladed through the scenic trail. Now, if the bike trail is placed as a median down Route 50, some of the peacefulness is lost due to the constant noises and fumes of buses, motorcycles, and cars. Part of the reason I, personally, like to go through the trail, is that I get to see some things in nature that I don't get normally: The goats by the school house restaurant, horses in nearby fields, and some other unexpected creatures along the way. I love going over the Little Miami and trying to pick out fish or blue herons, checking out the oh-so-buff boys in canoes and kayaks, and just communing with nature. Although the dead raccoons and deer are mighty tempting along Wooster, given my choice, I'd pick the live ones. I believe the bike trail needs to be in a peaceful and safe setting; not placed down the middle of a highway.

Sincerely,
Anney Castetter
3 Melissa Court

To the editor:

Living in Terrace Park for seven years, I have used the Terrace Park bike trail thousands of times. This dirt-covered trail is the remains of an old train track route. The current news from the government of Ohio is that the trail might be covered with pavement so that the Milford bike route will continue through T.P. I sincerely object to the idea of paving the nature trail in Terrace Park. When I heard about this potential project, I was outraged. The trail, to me, is a beautiful place where I can go to run or walk my dog without the trouble of other people or cars. Occasionally, I will pass a neighbor with their dog. My neighbors, along with other residents in Terrace Park live less than a minute's walk from the path. Along with disturbing wildlife, the amount of strangers riding their bikes on the trail would increase. The amount of trash would also disturb the cleanliness throughout the village. Most people in Terrace Park would agree that keeping their homes and personal lives private is of utmost importance. The cost of living in this beautiful area is very high. Many of us feel that paying home value and taxes are worth paying in order to have a sense of security. One great example of a personal experience I had on a paved bike trail occurred in the suburbs of Boston. My grandparents live in Bedford, Massachusetts, which is near a bike trail similar to the one in Milford. As I was running on the paved path I came upon a drunken man passed-out in the shrubbery! I am positive this is not something any Terrace Park resident wants to see near their homes. In conclusion, there should not be any development of a public and paved bike trail through Terrace Park.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Evans
113 Robinwood

To the editor:

Many people love to ride their bikes. Nowadays it is a very dangerous act to ride on the road. The Loveland bike path was started to eliminate this problem. As of now it starts in Milford goes through Loveland and ends all the way in Morrow. This was a perfect way for lovely Sunday afternoon bike rides and long walks. The state now is pushing forward. They want to expand the path through Terrace Park and on to Lunkin Airport. This sounds like a wonderful idea to all of the people who use the path. On the other hand the people of Terrace Park do not agree. They believe that it will bring unwanted people through the quiet town they live in. The people of Terrace Park think that this new traffic through the village will let riff raff through the trail. I think that this extension of the path is a wonderful idea. If anything it will open up the path so that the children of the village can get to the pool or to UDF with ease. This would be a much safer way for them to get around. To the users of the path they believe it is a great way of exercise and kind of brings the state together. In the voice of the user it is a great investment. To the receiver it is not the best idea. I believe that the path will be the best use of that trail. It will keep it clean and used for a good purpose.

Sincerely,
John Rugh
103 Wrenwood

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November

- 25 Parent/Grandparent Day for Mariemont Schools
- 26 No School K-12 Mariemont Schools
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 28 No School K-12 Mariemont Schools
- 28 Hanukkah begins at sunset

December

- 1 Early Dismissal Grades 7-12 Mariemont Teacher In-service
- 2 TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
- 2 TP Garden Club Luncheon Noon Hyde Park Country Club. Contact **Sara Osborn at 831-1136** for more information.
- 3 MJHS Holiday Concert at Mariemont Elementary 7 p.m.
- 4 Team in Training informational meeting 7 p.m. Community Building. Reserve your space with **Ann Marie Faye by calling 361-2100.**
- 5 MHS Holiday Fair 5—8 p.m. at MHS
- 5 *Village Views* deadline, Friday 9 p.m.
- 7 A Terrace Park Holiday Tradition: 6 p.m. Lighting of luminaries; 6:15 p.m. Community gathering at the Village Green (carols begin at 6:15 p.m.; tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.; Santa arrives at 6:45 p.m.)

- 8 AARP Wine and Cheese Party 1:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Contact **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650** for more information.
- 8 MHS Holiday Concert 7 p.m. MHS Auditorium
- 8 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building
- 9 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 9 Kindervelt #76 Dessert Auction 7 p.m. at the home of Vanessa Peterman, 600 Stanton. Contact **Missy Osgood at 831-2637** for more information.
- 9 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 10 TPE Holiday Program Grades K-3 at 7 p.m.
- 16 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
- 16 Terrace Park Social Club "Cookies and Cocktails" 7 p.m. St. Thomas Church. Contact **Holly DeWees at 831-3248** for more information.
- 18 TPE Holiday Program Grades 4-7 at 7 p.m.
- 19 Winter Vacation begins at end of day for Mariemont schools
- 25 Christmas

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

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

Ghosts and Mysteries

By Carol Cole

Those of you who did not attend our November meeting missed a wonderful talk by Stan Brown. He spoke about the past and present of the land between Terrace Park and the Newtown Bridge. Stan certainly sparked the interest of many in the audience to recall memories and information about that area. There is still much to learn about Kroger Hills, Avoca Park, Tex Cafe, Canoe Clubs and summer camps and we'd love to hear from anyone with further information.

Also at that meeting I followed up on an item in the recent Tracker. "Historical Fact or Fantasy?? Where, if any, are Terrace Park's Haunted Houses??" The original house at 319 Harvard I've been told definitely had a ghost. Doug Channer tells us that both his parents independently reported having seen a ghost in the house and it always did the same thing. "It would walk from the little living room and stand at the end of the bed for a minute or so and then vanish." Has anyone ever seen a ghost in the replacement house? There were houses on the river side of Miami just past the intersection with Stanton that some children certainly thought were haunted. What do people know about these and other past or present houses in Terrace Park that may be haunted?

There are mysteries or conflicting stories about several other Terrace Park houses. We have a picture of presumably the original Errett home in Terrace Park (see *Village Views* December 2002). It was on what is now Terrace Park Elementary School property at the corner of Elm and Marietta. We also have a picture of what was later known as the Errett and then the Fenton home on the same property (VV Nov 2002). Was the first house replaced with the second or was the first somehow made into the second, which looked like the still standing "Gravelotte" at 720 Elm?

Two other houses that look very much alike are 722 Park and



Historical mysteries surround many houses in the village - even this home at 723 Indian Hill.

723 Indian Hill (formerly 722 Wooster Pike). 723 Indian Hill is also a Corey house but the information we've been given about it is confusing. "This is where George Washington Corey grew up. He is the builder of 715, 722, 726 and 729 Park as well as the Baptist Church, now the Community House. George's second wife, Rachel came here in 1877." If the house was built in 1877, the same year she came here, George could not have grown up in the house he later built. Someone must know more about the Corey family.

Another house about which we need more information is 725 Wooster (VV April 2003). There are others as well. From these examples one can easily see there is much investigation still to be done. Are there people in the community who would enjoy doing some of this much-needed research? If so please let us know.

The Terrace Park Historical Society has three new trustees: Carol B. Cole, Leslie Jones and John Rockaway. Retiring trustees are Lee Cole, Julie Northrop and Ken Bassett. However, Ken will continue to be our legal advisor. We also now have a liaison between the Historical Society and the newcomers. Meghan Mills used to teach Social Studies 7-12 in St. Paul and is now a stay-at-home mom here at 615 Yale. She says her "passion is history...namely community history." We welcome Meghan and hope she will be able to interest more of the newer Terrace Park residents in finding out more about where they live.

We're coming to the end of 2003 so it's time to send your 2004 dues to Carol B. Cole, 725 Wooster Pike, Terrace Park OH 45174. Individuals \$15. Couples/Families \$25. Corporate/Business \$50. As always, we welcome new members!

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On Friday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the MariElders is having their annual holiday bazaar at the PNC Bank in Mariemont. There will be a variety of handmade crafts including snowmen, door decorations, ornaments and of course our wonderful and delicious baked goods. Please support this MariElders' fund raising event and get some of your holiday shopping done early.

Cookies and cocktails

Join the Terrace Park Social Club for some good old-fashioned cookie baking, holiday cheer, and the opportunity to meet and greet some new TP neighbors. Cookies and Cocktails get-together will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Tuesday, December 16 from 7 p.m. — 10 p.m. Ingredients will be provided, but please bring your favorite holiday recipes to share. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call **Holly DeWees at 831-3248**, or email her at waltandholly@fuse.net.

Students earn accolades in National Merit competition

Nationwide, National Merit Semifinalists are the top .5 percent best scorers of all the students who took the PSAT the previous October. These top students now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards to be offered this spring. Terrace Park resident and Mariemont High School senior David Rosson, was named a semifinalist. Emily Ehrnschwender, who attends Cincinnati Country Day School, earned a commendation for her efforts in the competition. Congratulations, David and Emily!

Boy Scouts collecting toys December 7

The Terrace Park Boy Scouts (Troop 286) are again acting as Santa's helpers this year. Working with the U. S. Post Office, they will be collecting new toys at the Log Cabin on Sunday, December 7, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring your toys to the cabin at that time. The Boy Scouts will be wrapping them for families who would not have gifts without our help. Thank you for your holiday generosity.

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Levy follow-up: third graders save money for school

In a move that would tug at any parent's heart, three third-grade boys from Terrace Park came up with a plan to fund the school if the levy should fail.

collected their own funds to "save their school." Each day, they put the money in a dental floss container and buried it on the school grounds. About 15 children were involved in the collection. Their parents had no idea what they were up to until they presented \$80 to principal Bob Denny in a plastic Ziploc bag.

"It was super secret stuff," parent David Laug said.

The boys presented the money to Susan Anthony, a member of the Residents for Continued Excellence, the grassroots levy commit-



tee, at November's PTO meeting. "It's a very special little bag," Anthony said.



Photo: Tammy Koreman

On Saturday, November 1, the Mariemont School District 5.5 Mile Salute to Excellence featured a series of runners passing a banner of excellence along a route from Terrace Park to Fairfax. The school district has been ranked "Excellent" by the Ohio Department of Education for the past five years. This community wide event recognizes that achievement. The route connected the three major villages of the school district.

November 2003

Terrace Park Elementary PTO news

By Betsy Porst

Children sing, are you listening... Yes, it's almost that time of year to hear the voices of Terrace Park Elementary students at our annual holiday concerts. Grades K-3 will perform on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. Grades 4-6 will have their turn on Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. Both concerts will be held in the TPE gym. Happy Holidays!

Spend a second with our new second grade teacher If you've strolled through TPE this year, you may have spied a new smile in the building. She's Maura O'Connor, our new second grade teacher. She may be new to TPE, but not to the district. Miss O'Connor has taught both second and third grades at Mariemont Elementary. Prior to joining our district, she was a teacher at Cardinal Pacelli School in Mount Lookout.

Miss O'Connor attended Miami University for her undergrad degree in business, and earned her masters in education at Wright State University. Besides loving to teach, Miss O'Connor enjoys reading



Meet new second grade teacher, Maura O'Connor.

(Tomie dePaola's a favorite), cooking and traveling. So travel down to the primary wing and say welcome to Miss O'Connor!

Hats Off to Book Fair Volunteers and Patrons! The Tornado Room played host to another whirlwind success of a TPE Book Fair. Organizers Annette Askam and Julie Buechel thank everyone who helped support the fair as a worker or shopper...or both.



"Hats Off" to Book Fair 2003!

Nuts for Knowledge



For the past six years the Mariemont Kiwanis Club has been selling nuts during the holiday season to benefit the Kiwanis College Scholarship Program for Mariemont High School students. The campaign kicks off October 28th and continues through December. The nuts are attractively packaged in plastic serving trays and make excellent party accessories or gifts. Containers are \$5 each and include almonds, cashews, pecans, and either a deluxe or cocktail mixed nut assortment. Nuts will be sold at our local PNC bank and participating local businesses.

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

Troop celebrates our heritage

American Heritage Girls Troop 1776 helped teach old-fashioned games at Tom and Becky's Playland during the Tall Stacks Music, Arts and Heritage Festival. More than 230 American Heritage Girls volunteers staffed Tom and Becky's Playland, a part of Sawyer Town,

over the five days of Tall Stacks. Activities included string games, jacks, marbles, guessing games, rolling hoops, tug o'war, a straw maze and a Morse code center. Troop 1776, which meets at SonRise on Mill St., had 21 girls and parents help with Tall Stacks.



AP Scholars - Mariemont's first National AP Scholar Award

Mariemont High School is proud to announce that seventeen 2003 graduates have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. Students took AP exams in May 2003 after completing challenging college-level courses.

Daniel Maggard was Mariemont's first student to qualify for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken. Daniel averaged a

score of 4.81 over his eight exams.

Other Terrace Park residents qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Congratulations to Daniel Maggard, Meggie Safford and Jay Umbarger.

Three Terrace Park residents qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. Congratulations to Kathy Conrad, Marla Frank and Scott Williams.

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Life of Pi charms reader with creativity

A book review
By Ann Ducharme

A deeply religious Indian boy survives a shipwreck in a lifeboat. His companions are an orangutan, a zebra and a 450 pound Bengal tiger. This is the preposterous premise of Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*.

Pi Patel has a normal family with a successful father (who runs a zoo), doting mother (who thinks reading good books solves everything) and irritating older brother (who is an obnoxious jock). Pi's actual name is Piscine Molitor Patel. A dear family friend named Francis Adirubasamy receives the honor of naming Piscine at birth. Unfortunately for the newborn the family friend has a passion for swimming and the world's finest pools. He names the baby "Piscine Molitor" after a famous pool in Paris. Of course it is a matter of time before Piscine's schoolmates turn the elegant French name into another nickname — one referencing elimination. Worse still, his cricket playing brother joins in, creating a world of misery for poor Piscine.

But Piscine is not easily daunted and also exceedingly clever. Upon entry into secondary school he announces his name is actually "Pi" —

a mathematical symbol and a Greek letter. This short, enigmatic nomenclature serves him well, even inspiring other boys to adopt "Gamma," "Lamda," and "Omega" as their names. Even big brother Ravi accedes and calls Pi by his new name.

As curious as he is clever, Pi seeks out knowledge from various holy men of the village. There's just one problem. His family is Hindu and Pi finds himself drawn to the local Catholic church and the mystery of the Crucifixion. He also seeks to understand the teachings of Allah with the resident Muslim leader of the village. He never forsakes Ganesh, Vishna and the other Hindu gods and goddesses but continues to pray on his prayer rug to Allah and attend weekly mass. Pi just can't help the feeling that one religion isn't enough.

Mystified with feelings of both shame and pride, his parents are at a loss about how to support their son's spiritual quest. Soon all concerns are swept aside as the family prepares to migrate to Canada during a particularly turbulent polical time in Pondicherry, the Indian village where they live. The family business — zookeeping — is sold off in bits, retaining some of the ani-

mals for North American transport. They board a Japanese freighter boat bidding a sad farewell to their beloved homeland, anxious to start their new and chillier life in Canada.

Tragedy strikes, the boat sinks and Pi finds himself on a lifeboat with three wild animals. He knows that mental clarity and a well-considered plan is key to survival. Gradually the pain of losing his family overcomes him and his spiritual struggle is immensely moving.

The *Life of Pi* is thoroughly engaging and completely unpredictable. How the boy survives is as compelling as *Into Thin Air* (or any similar genre stories) but is especially interesting for the ingenuity demanded of the 16-year-old. It's funny, it's sweet, it's existential and sometimes absolutely weird. That it holds together as a work of fiction (and won the Man Booker Prize) is a testament to the writer Yann Martel and supremely creative writing. *Life of Pi* is absolutely charming and refreshing.

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evidence on behalf of his client. Kirkwood said that they had had engineers look at both water and safety issues and asked that a document at least one half inch thick be considered before the variance was denied. In the end, the ZBA chairman Richard Wachertman decided not to look at new evidence because a public hearing had already been held and it would cause "things to go on forever."

What's next?

The Kelly's, the owners of 707 myrtle, and Zicka-Walker now have the option of pursuing legal action and appealing the decision with the court of common appeals.

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One garden that should be anything but secret

By Betsy Porst

Nestled in the courtyard outside the cafeteria windows, lies a very special place. Too few people know the history behind it...and it's a very important one. The Reading Garden was established in the spring of 1992 dedicated to the memory of a beloved teacher, Mrs. Ann Marie Kempczinski.

Mrs. K (as she was known by nearly everyone) was an educator at Terrace Park Elementary for nine years, teaching kindergarten, sixth and third grades. Friend and former principal, Jerry Sasson describes her as "extraordinary, a real favorite." He remembers her creative energy citing her popular Mexican Hat Dance as one of the many dances she would perform to reward student efforts.

Both Jerry and good friend, Leezie Borden agree the focus of her teaching efforts was reading. Mrs. K. was always encouraging her students to pick up a good book, and was herself a member of the International Reading Association.

When Ann was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Leezie recalls that she would schedule her chemotherapy for Fridays, so by Monday

she would be up and ready to greet her students for another week of learning. "She really took time with each child and was always looking for teachable moments," Leezie reminisces.

On July 14, 1991, Mrs. K.'s fight with cancer ended. The community wanted to honor and keep her memory, and the focus wasn't hard to find — reading. With a combined effort from Mrs. K.'s family — husband, Dick, son, Christopher and daughter, Cathy — and the Terrace Park community soon a two-part memorial was underway. (Here's where we return to the garden!)

Roughly \$10,000 was raised to distribute books to inner city and rural schools that would benefit most. Jerry recalls the day a truckload of titles was delivered to Rothenberg Elementary in the spring of 1992. Special bookplates were placed in each book honoring Mrs. K.'s memory.

Also that spring, the Reading Garden was dedicated at a ceremony during the annual Open House. Volunteers spent days creating the garden to act as a retreat and memorial to a much loved and



A memorial to Mrs. K. hangs in the entry hall at TPE.

missed member of the TPE family. For those who knew Mrs. K. it seems her strong, energetic presence (complete with Boston accent) will never be forgotten. For those of us who never knew her, her love for learning and reading are lessons we can all embrace.



Flu/cold season and you

By Fred Tanzer, MD

It is that time of year again. Fall is here and the first round of upper respiratory infections (URI) and colds are here. Flu season is soon to follow. In fact, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting a big flu season.

The American Medical Association (AMA) reports the average adult will get between four and six colds a year. Children often catch

more than nine colds per year! So, what can you do?

Colds and URIs

We catch colds from other people. Viral droplets are spread by hand-to-hand contact, sneezing, and coughing. Good hand washing helps reduce the spread of these viruses. You cannot get colds from exposure to cold weather, or by being chilled or

over heated. Symptoms of a cold include: runny nose, cough, watery eyes, scratchy throat, mild fatigue and slight fever.

To treat a cold/URI you first and foremost must remember that colds/URI are caused by viruses. Antibiotics do not work on viruses. You can treat your symptoms with cough and cold medicine for runny noses and coughs, and Tylenol® or Advil® for aches and pains. It is also important to drink plenty of fluids and listen to your body. Colds/URI often last one to two weeks and sometimes as long as three weeks. So be a "patient" patient and remember that if you see your physician for such ailments you will probably not get an antibiotic for this type of illness.

Flu season

Flu season is soon to be here! Although it is a little early to be seeing the flu, the CDC reports documented cases already in Texas and other states. If you need a flu shot it is not too late and you should get one now! Currently the CDC recommends the flu vaccine for people over 65 years of age, women in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during influenza season, persons with one of several chronic illnesses (heart, lung, kidney, asthma, HIV/AIDS or any other illness or condition that suppresses the immune system), as well as health care workers. For the 2003-04 influenza season, influenza vaccination also is encouraged, when feasible, for children six to 23 months of age and their household contacts and out-of-home caregivers; because young children are at increased risk of influenza related hospitalization. For 2004-05, influenza vaccination will be recommended for these groups for the first time.

Flu shots are being given at many area pharmacies and physician offices. New this year is FluMist, the first nasal mist flu vaccine in the United States. Cost is its only downside. So for now you can expect to still get an injection.

If you catch a cold/URI treat your symptoms, practice good hygiene, and give it time. And if you are in need of a flu shot, get out and get one soon!

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Jim became a "mentor" for the Flying Pig, running and supporting other team members with the mental and physical preparations and fundraising for the race. Now as a board member, Jim is on the TNT committee, the marketing committee and works on corporate sponsorship. He is still training for marathons and serving as a mentor.

"The Society's overall mission is about finding a cure and I'm pretty impressed with how focused they are," Jim says. "It is pretty easy to become involved when you have a great mission, you see direct benefits for patients and their families and you develop great relationships.

The Team in Training program is unique. I've seen people who didn't think they could run or walk three miles, eventually go 26. I've seen people that didn't know freestyle swimming learn the stroke and complete a triathlon."

The TNT program is the "signature" fundraising program for the Society and since 1988 has raised \$430 million nationally with more than 190,000 runners, walkers, bikers and triathlon participants. It is the number one endurance training program in the country. The program gives participants training and expert coaching; a hero (patient) for inspiration; education on equipment, nutrition and injury prevention; fundraising tools; and support with mentors and

group training sessions.

Though you can train on your own, the success of the TNT program has been in its group approach. Training groups are starting to form for an April triathlon in Tampa, Fla. and for the Flying Pig marathon in May. Anyone interested may attend a TNT informational meeting on Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at the Terrace Park community building. Reserve your space with Ann Marie Faye at 361-2100.

Says Jim, "There are groups training for events all the time and there is always someone that is going your pace." If endurance training is not appealing, the TNT group always needs volunteers to man water stops, organize runner packets and fulfill other duties. To find out about TNT volunteer opportunities, contact Betsy Ruwe at 361-2100 or visit the website at www.teamintraining.org/sohp.

There are several activities in the upcoming months that offer opportunities to get involved with the Society, provide financial support or take advantage of their services. These include:

• **Reverse Raffle.** Tickets are available now for a raffle with a grand prize of a 2003 BMW X5 (an SUV). A maximum of 999 tickets will be sold at \$150 each or five for \$600. One hundred ticket holders and their guests will be invited to a dinner at the Westin Hotel on January 29 where 25 winners will receive prizes and the grand prize will be awarded. Contact Roseann Hayes at 248-2619 for raffle tickets.

• **Pennies for Patients.** In January students from participating schools will collect donations and earn prizes for their classrooms. Mariemont schools have participated in this event in past years with much success.

• **Survivorship Program.** On March 6, 2004, the Society will present "Cancer: Keys to Survivorship." This program is open to any individual who has been touched by any type of cancer (blood-related cancers, breast, colon, lung, etc.).



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Terrace Park resident Jim Pustinger was up early on a Saturday morning to work with this "team in training" (TNT) that will compete in a marathon and raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Groups are starting to form for the Flying Pig marathon and anyone interested may attend a TNT informational meeting on Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at the community building. Reserve your space with Ann Marie Faye at 361-2100.

Speakers will address topics such as "how to effectively communicate with your physician," "how to manage complex insurance issues," "dealing with fatigue during treatment," and others to be announced.

There is no cost for this program that will be held at the Wellness Community facility in Blue Ash. Contact the Society's office at 361-2100 to get on the mailing list or to register for the program.

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alternative plans for the trail, which for one thing, are cost prohibitive.

He feels that the focus should be on making the best of the plan to run the bike trail along the railroad right-of-way, which seems to be inevitable. Major concerns are access, noise and view. He feels, however, that the most important issue is parking. Peterkin stated that unless he can be directed to spend his time on these relevant issues he will be forced to resign from the Council's "bike trail" committee.

Building permit fees

Building permit fees, which have not been increased in three years, will be raised to bring fees in line with Hamilton County Building Department fees.

Terrace Park.com

Councilman Jim Peterkin announced that the Terrace Park website is up and running and is linked to the T.P. survey and the Historical Society web sites. Peterkin thanked Lee Cole, of 629 Myrtle, for his help in developing forms for the website.

Traffic safety on Park Avenue

Shannon DeCamp, of 715 Park Ave., spoke about traffic safety problems on Park Ave., citing several incidents within the past 12 to 18 months. Councilman Terry Howe said that he has looked into this problem previously and promised to

research this on-going problem.

Leaves galore

Chief Bacon reported that a few "large drops" of leaves have kept the staff working non-stop to keep up with the job. The mayor reminded all residents that leaves are not to be piled on the street. Roads are often narrow and piles of leaves in the road leave no place for traffic. Leaf collection will continue until the end of November. (*editor's note: please be sure to remove sticks and rocks from your leaf piles. These items break the machinery costing the village time and money.*)

Broadcasting council meetings

Councilman Howe reported that installation of the sound system for the community building will soon commence. He is hopeful that the December Council Meeting will be televised on cable.

Howe reported that his committee is continuing to research the possibility of hiring a part-time Village Administrator.

Election note

Terrace Park voters again turned out to vote. Sixty-five percent of registered Village voters showed up to cast a ballot. According to Voter Registration officials, the overall Hamilton County turnout was at 34 percent.

Congratulation to our new mayor-elect Jay Gohman and councilmen-elect, Jack Brown and Jeff Korman.

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TOP PERFORMERS

Community policing at its best

By Susan House

Terrace Park Police Chief Robert Bacon just spent his 24th Halloween in Terrace Park, and once again, children and parents alike had a fun filled and safe Halloween. Although we still take the “age appropriate” actions to protect our children, because we have Chief Bacon and the Terrace Park police force, I think not one of us had a care when the six o’clock whistle blew, and the trick-or-treaters were on their way.

Chief Bacon came to Terrace Park in 1979 as an auxiliary officer with a starting pay of \$1 a year. The Chief worked his way through the ranks and contributes a great deal of his success to the chance that he was given by his mentor, Chief Ron Pottorf. Chief Bacon has dedicated his loyal career to Terrace Park partly because of the trust that was put in him by Chief Pottorf, and greatly because of the Terrace Park Community.

Chief Bacon is a past president of the Hamilton County Police Association which is made up of 48 Hamilton County Police agencies. In addition to other volunteer activities, the Chief has coached a Milford community basketball team for the past 11 years. He told me that this has given him the opportunity to help children who might not otherwise be given a chance.

Our Terrace Park police department is the perfect example of “Community Policing.” The willingness of our officers and chief to work as a team creates an efficient, active and very “resident friendly” police force. All officers are ex-

pected to make decisions on their own and as a team. In addition to their involvement in all seasonal and other village activities, our Terrace Park police hold an annual “Third Grade Sleep Over” at the log cabin every year where pizza is served, basketball is played, water balloons are tossed and a good time is had by all. Our department, in conjunction with Mariemont and Fairfax, is also sponsoring junior high community dances this year. For the holiday season the police department collects toys and coats (new and softly used) for the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center.

In addition to Chief Bacon, our police department is made up of five full time police officers and eight auxiliary officers. This enables the department to keep two police cruisers on the streets at all times. Along with the performance of their regular duties, our police officers in Terrace Park all participate in the administration and daily operation of the police department.

Lieutenant Jerry Hayhow is our Assistant Police Chief. He is responsible for the specific operation of the police department. As assistant to Chief Bacon, Lt. Hayhow also holds the title of Assistant Street Director. Hand in hand with his local responsibility, Lieutenant Hayhow is currently the President of the Hamilton County Police Association.

Sergeant Tim Chin is certified in all police training areas such as; defense, weapon training, including weapon retention, disarming and physical arrest, traffic stops, fire-

arms qualification and handgun training. Because of these qualifications, he is available to do in-service training for our own police officers. Sergeant Tim Chin is a member of the upper echelon of the S.W.A.T. team for the Hamilton County Police Association, which is a very sophisticated team of doctors and police professionals who are on call “twenty-four, seven.” In October, Sgt. Chin taught at the American College of Emergency Physicians Conference on “how to deal with violent people in the emergency room,” and is often asked to speak and teach at various similar seminars and conventions.

Sergeant Joe Winders is the Terrace Park Police Traffic Safety Officer. He is in charge of all activities which involve enforcement of traffic laws. Sgt. Winders has responsibility for all equipment certification. He goes out to do safety talks at our schools and associated agencies. He is also the much needed T.P. police force “computer guy” (which is much needed, and appreciated, today by any organization).

Police Officer Doug Sowders shoulders all of the administrative responsibilities that keep the police office going. He keeps track of all inventory and supplies and manages this busy office.

Police Officer Jim Pruitt is the department’s driving instructor. He is responsible for instructing all officers in remedial driving skills courses. Another responsibility for Officer Pruitt is the property office, where all confiscated items are held. He is also the Field Training Officer, in charge of all auxiliary police officers.

Terrace Park police officers are required to obtain certifications yearly in areas of self-defense, weapon retention, weapon disarming and physical arrest. Our officers are actually required to do certified firearms training four times a year. Each officer does a yearly remedial driving course. In addition to the required courses and certifications, our force personnel attend, and teach many important police training seminars. They do all of this so that they will remain aware of current police practices, and are well informed and aware when action is required. Our officers also have families and communities in which they are active and involved.

One of the reasons that our Terrace Park community feels so safe, and is so safe is because our officers “go the extra mile.” They help with “behind the scenes” fam-



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

Top: These bags of jelly beans were among the many incredible costumes in the Terrace Park Elementary Halloween parade. Right: Even TPE kindergarten icon Scooter the snail joined in the fun.



ily problems, stop and take time to talk to our children and teenagers about subjects of interest and of help to them, and provide a wonderful relationship with our schools, and the students therein.

Our Terrace Park chief and police officers do much more than that which we see. I give them a wave as they pass by to acknowledge my appreciation for all that they do, much of which is never known to those of us who live in our protected neighborhood.


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Thanksgiving Services



We have so much for which to be thankful. St. Thomas and Terrace Park are greatly blessed.

Bring your thankful heart to one of these services and join with us to praise our Lord and remember the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Thanksgiving Eve*
Wednesday, November 26th
7:30 pm
Holy Communion Rite II
Music by the Children’s Choir

Thanksgiving Day*
Thursday, November 27th
10:00 am
Holy Communion Rite I

From flipping pancakes to dousing fires, TP EMS volunteers do it all!



Working with crews from Indian Hill and Montgomery, firefighters gained practical experience by igniting fires and using different fighting techniques to extinguish them. Additionally, they practiced venting, firefighter accountability and scene management skills. Special thanks to those willing to enter a burning building EIGHT times in order to learn how to better protect Terrace Park residents and property!



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

Top: Nothing’s better than sticky, sweet pancakes served up by the local fire and life squad. The residents that make up the fire department and life squad wear many hats—including that of short order cook at the annual pancake supper.

Photo: Jeff Gibson



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The department’s new thermal imaging camera, paid for in part by generous donations at last year’s Pancake Supper, recorded temperatures in excess of 800 degrees in the structure fire. The camera enables firefighters to detect heat signatures through smoke and walls for search and rescue operations.

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Sunday, December 7, 2003

6:00 Light luminaria 6:15 Carols begin 6:30 Tree lighting 6:45 Santa arrives

The flipping of the switch this year goes to our kid-a-bay winners, Beth & Paul Smith

- Santa's elves with trinkets for all good little boys and girls
- Traditional photo with Jolly Old Saint Nick, sponsored by Ogle Annett of Coldwell Banker/WestShell
- Horse-drawn holiday wagons rides, Generously provided by Fletcher Homes.
- Caroling with Terrace Park's finest singers and musicians
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Thank you to those that generously support this tradition!

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Terrace Park Sports

Soccer Season Comes to a Close

The soccer season is now over, and the *Village Views* did not receive the usual deluge of information about our local teams. Hopefully, this season was just as fun and successful as the last several! The editorial staff has come to the conclusion that almost everyone must have been too exhausted to make the deadline for this issue, so if you would like some coverage for your team in next month's issue, please let us know in the next couple of weeks.

At least one team still had energy to burn at the conclusion of the season and had enough left to contact us to tell us about it. Paula Albrecht's U10 boys' team challenged their parents to a final match. As expected, the team and coaching staff took it to the parents and won by a 2—1 score. All had a good



Paula Albrecht's U10 boys soccer team finished the season with style by switching gears and letting their parents "run the tunnel" after defeating the adults 2-1.

time, and the victory was extra special as each boy had at least one of their parents on the field with them in their final game.

Smitty's Sporting Journal

By Eric Smith

"Additionally, guides have the knowledge and expertise...When they stop the boat and tell you to start fishing, you have an above-average chance to catch fish. All you need to do is follow the guide's advice..."

Jimmy Houston, Hooked for Life

The Cumberland River snakes south through very nice farmlands, woods, and gentle countryside. Many local residents have boated on the Cumberland Lake above the dam, in the all too brief Midwest summers we enjoy. Very few know about some of the world-class trout fishing on the Cumberland River below the Wolf Creek Dam. This is mainly accessible by floating either in canoes, drift boats, or jon-boats.

The Cumberland River is only about three hours away. If you're lucky like I was, you will sleep while your dad drives the 200-mile trip, listening to Lyle Lovett and other questionable music. (Good thing I had my own music and some headphones.) When you wake up, you should be in Russell Springs, where there are some very good, cheap but clean motel rooms, like the Springs Motel. The Springs is perfect for fisherman. There are also some big chain motels in town, but if you stay at the Springs you can save your money and apply it to new fly line, waders, flies, etc. Another nice place to stay is the Lake Cumberland State Resort Park lodge.

At the motel you can catch a few zzzz's until the phone rings at about 6 a.m. Hopefully, on the other end of the line will be Bob Gray, a most excellent local Cincinnati fishing guide. Bob is a Mariemont resident and my dad tells me he can often be found at the local Starbucks. You can reach him at (513) 561-0203 or at ffbobbygray@aol.com. If you want a

great guide contact Bobby Gray!

Bob used to be with Angler's Outfitter's in Milford, and later with Delamere and Hopkins in Hyde Park. He is extremely knowledgeable, friendly, and patient with both rookies and experts. Best of all, Bob has a modified jon-boat with a jet-drive outboard, which is perfect for drifting down shallow rivers and being able to motor back upstream to take another drift through a promising run.

At the Cumberland, you might hook up with either brown trout or rainbow trout. There are some good-sized fish too, although many are in the 10"-14" class. New restrictions will go in next year, as the river is being managed better for quality fish rather than put and take eating. Fly fishing is fortunately growing in popularity on the Cumberland.

Popular fishing methods include dry fly fishing, and nymph fishing. One popular technique is to use a nymph with a second fly tied in a dropper configuration. Flies need to be pretty small, usually size 16 or 18 if using nymphs. Good choices are copper johns and various pheasant tails.

Coming up: You may be getting ready for deer hunting, which for archers has already started. October is a good time to check your freezer and use up any venison that's left from last year. We hope to be hunting in West Virginia on my grandfather's farm in a few weeks.

Next time: duck hunting, venison recipes, and deer hunting checklist.

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Eric Smith (left) and a rainbow trout taken with guide Bob Gray from the Cumberland River, KY in October.

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

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Spotlight on: Ty Hall

By Lon Stirsman

Ty Hall is a ninth grader at Cincinnati Country Day School who started playing organized hockey when he was five. When he was nine, he added inline (roller) hockey to ice. For the last several years he has played for the Cincinnati Swords, a regional inline team. There are nine boys on the U14 team, and players live in Columbus, Dayton and Lexington as well as greater Cincinnati. They travel on a tournament circuit about 10 times a year, and compete in the elite bracket, the higher of two in the sport.

Youth hockey at this level requires a huge time commitment, and one that parents Brent and Denise are happy to make as they are obviously enjoying the ride. Ty's

team participated in several national competitions over the summer and did extremely well. The team won the championship at a national tournament held in Raleigh, NC, and took the silver medal in the Junior Olympics in Detroit. At the Junior Olympics, over 200 boys participated and Ty was ranked 13th overall in total points scored.

Ty plays almost year round and during this past summer season, he was also a member of a second regional team, the Lexington Snake Eyes. He still plays ice hockey in the winter, as well as soccer for Country Day and indoor lacrosse. Since there are 24 hours to use in each and every day, he is now thinking of taking up golf.

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