

## A message to residents about Village finance from Council

Dear Terrace Park neighbor,

Village Council convened in a special July 26 meeting to unanimously approve placing two levy proposals on the November 2, 2004 ballot. These levies represent additional taxes that, if approved by Terrace Park voters, would increase your overall real estate taxes 7.6 percent effective with your January 2005 tax bill.

The first is a five-year, 3.5 mill operating levy that will generate about \$332,000 per year. Increasing costs and what appears to be a permanent decline in estate tax revenue creates the need for these new taxes. This levy would cost the owner of a \$250,000 home about \$259 per year.

The second is a 25-year, 1.5 mill bond levy that would generate about

\$145,000 per year allowing Terrace Park to issue \$2.1 million in bonds. Bond proceeds will be used to replace one of our fire trucks (that is older than 25 years) and to make improvements and additions to our community building facilities. This levy would cost the owner of a \$250,000 home about \$111 per year.

In the May *Village Views*, we explained our expense and revenue situation including a precipitous decline in estate tax revenue: (see first chart below):

In June, we followed with a second letter explaining the Village of Terrace Park has not increased taxes in 12 years and that the village share of your overall real estate tax bill has declined from 22.5

percent in 1992 to 12.7 percent in 2004. We also compared the **village** taxes (excluding Hamilton County and School taxes) of Terrace Park, Mariemont, Williams Meadow and Wyoming: (see second chart below):

Both the decline in the village share of your overall tax bill and the relatively low absolute Terrace Park tax burden signal the same message. We have, and will continue to successfully control spending. We will continue to limit government services and maximize the use of volunteers. We estimate volunteers save Terrace Park between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

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	Actual			Projection	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Estate Tax Revenue	\$436,762	\$268,543	\$101,026	\$50,000	\$50,000

### Annual taxes on a \$250,000 home with \$83,333 household income

	Mariemont (working in Mariemont)	Mariemont (working in Cincinnati)	Wyoming	Williams Meadow	Terrace Park
<b>Village Taxes</b>					
Real Estate (village portion)	595	595	736	1,411	613
Earnings	1,042	208			
Association fees				295	
Income			417		
<b>Total Village tax/household</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>613</b>



**Practice makes perfect!** In a chilling accident enactment involving pedestrians and a totaled automobile (courtesy of EMT John Maggard), Terrace Park's fire department and emergency medical services crew practiced their life-saving skills. No one was injured during this drill, but the fire department received a second practice call to douse the flames when John's car was intentionally set on fire.

## EMS class to begin in the fall

By Connie Wilson, EMS Chief

When asked why they live in Terrace Park, villagers often mention that sense of community and volunteerism are important attributes of village life. One example of this spirit of contribution is the Terrace Park Emergency Medical Service, which has always been staffed by "unpaid professionals." These volunteers, your neighbors, provide 24/7 emergency medical service to our village. And their service, along with the Fire Department, saves the Village \$400,000 - \$500,000 per year!

hold a high school diploma or the equivalent, have a valid Ohio driver's license and a good driving record, you qualify to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The class begins September 7, 2004 and will be held here in Terrace Park. It will meet two evenings a week through January and will follow the school calendar. For other details, please call Janie Rount, 576-0711 or Liz Kaeser, 248-2651, or Connie Wilson, 831-8288.

You will learn skills valuable not

If you are over the age of 18,

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Terrace Park has a jewel in its own backyard. Stepping Stones, the campus on Given Road was founded in the 1960s by a group of dedicated parents of children with disabilities. Through its 1,000 volunteers, (like the young man pictured above with a young camper), Stepping Stones is able to fill gaps in service to 2,000 individuals with disabilities. Each summer, Stepping Stones offers day-camp programs for children and adults with disabilities and even offers "camperships" for 250 low-income children with disabilities who want to camp but can't afford to. Each year, Stepping Stones holds a fund raising dinner and silent auction (see page 8). This year's evening is dedicated in memory of Cathy Borchers whose dedication to Stepping Stones knew no bounds.

## Marching band seeks members

The Terrace Park Band has been marching along for 44 years in our Memorial Day and Labor Day parades. Like our Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services squads, we always need new members to keep up this tradition which has become one of the unique charms of our Village.

The parade is only six tenths of a mile and the march music is only of junior high school level. Anyone of any age with any traditional band instrument experience can be a valuable addition. Please encourage any known candidate to call Al Nelson at 831-9220 for more information and a look at the easy music we use.

### Terrace Park Historical Society

September meeting.  
September 12th at 4 p.m. in the Community Building.

Terrace Park's own Wes Cowan will be speaking on what he does — including the *Antiques Road Show*, *History Detective* and his own company and auctions. Wes even did archeological work in our area concerning the early Indians who lived here.

There will also be time for questions.

Everybody is welcome!

Let's have a good crowd to support our local historian.

### This is Terrace Park

What and where was Covalt Station?

Who was Tillie?

How many volunteers staff our fire & EMS services?

Answers to these and many more questions about village history, government, municipal services, school system, taxes and other useful information are in the recently published 35-page book— *This is Terrace Park*.

Not only is it a ready reference at home, but it makes a nice gift for relatives and friends who want to know more about where you live. The book was written and published by CCTP and is being sold at cost (\$7) in the village office.

### It's time for the pet parade!



Come join in the fun and enter your pet in our Pet Parade on Labor Day, Monday, Sept 6. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the "top dogs" (or bunnies, cats, etc.). Pets will be judged at 9:30 a.m. in front of Terrace Park Elementary School on Elm Ave. Originality and creativity will receive special consideration in the judging.

Because the Labor Day Parade immediately follows the pet contest, **it is important for everyone to be on time.** Winners will be announced and prizes awarded **before** the parade begins. We hope to see you there!  
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The deadline for the September issue of the *Village Views* is Friday September 10th.

## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: Ann Gilchrist submitted the following thank you letter several months ago for publication. Unfortunately, it was misplaced. Please accept my sincere apology for the oversight.*

To the editor:

I want to thank all the Terrace Parkers for their cards, calls, prayers and love during my recent serious illness.

Gratefully,  
Ann Gilchrist  
119 Robinwood

Dear Members of the Community,

I am writing to you today to talk about an exciting opportunity regarding the Boys and Girls Club of Cincinnati. This summer I became involved in a suit, towel, and goggle drive to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Cincinnati. The drive will take place August through October.

The Boys and Girls Club consists of many underprivileged children who do not have the financial resources in order to develop a skill in swimming. Many of these children do not even own a bathing suit.

I became involved with this project when I learned I needed surgery on my leg this summer. Then I began to assess how important swimming has been to me, and what it has done over the past ten years. Swimming has taught me invaluable lessons such as good sportsmanship, goal setting, discipline, and respecting peers and coaches, as well as a necessary life skill. I am excited to participate with the members of the Mason Manta Rays and coach Ken Heis in this promising endeavor.

Being a member of this community, I have been blessed in the sense that I have always been provided with the necessities for swimming: a suit, towel, and goggles. I am hoping that if you have any extra suits, goggles, or towels that you would be willing to donate them to those who are not as fortunate. If you have a donation, please drop them off on my front porch or give me a call at 831-8235 and I would be more than happy to come pick them up. If you would like to donate cash please send a check written to the Boys and Girls Club of Cincinnati. I would like to donate all of these items by the mid to late September. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,  
Dan Austin  
825 Princeton Dr.

To the editor:

On July 16th, my husband, Bill, fell off his bicycle and fractured his hip.

The quick, efficient response of our EMS group lessened our fears and anxiety. We are grateful to Lin Bollinger, John Maggard, Sarah Warrington, Tony Lehman and Officer Tim Chin who provided excellent care.

Our thanks to our good neighbors and friends for their concern, prayers and special deeds.

We are glad to live in such a great community.

Gisela and Bill Lock  
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### September deadline :

The September deadline for *Village Views* is **Sept. 10th**. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. All articles go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or call 576-0595 to e-mail an article.

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

### Leaving the Village

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

To the Terrace Park community:

We have been receiving many complaints about pedestrians walking in the roadways. In many incidents it is mothers or caregivers walking children in strollers that will walk two or three persons abreast and that they fail to yield to the vehicular traffic. This is not only very unsafe but is also illegal (Ord. #72.36 of the Terrace Park Code of Ordinances) and a person found in violation could be cited and fined. When you walk in the roadway without yielding to the vehicles, you cause them to go left of center, which puts oncoming traffic and the passing vehicle in jeopardy. Not to mention that if this all goes awry what could happen to your children or yourselves. Please be considerate and use the sidewalks provided, and if it's impractical or if sidewalks are not provided, then please walk single file and close to the curb. If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 831-2137.

Chief Robert W. Bacon

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Despite efforts to control spending, costs go up. We also have a need to invest in Terrace Park's long-term future by keeping our small facilities and limited equipment up-to-date with modern Police, Fire and EMS requirements. Terrace Park residents benefit from investments and planning of preceding generations who invested in land for parks and public buildings. One of the reasons our taxes are so low is because we currently make very limited investment in long-term community improvements. We need to catch-up.

The combined levies would take the village taxes on a \$250,000

home from \$613 to \$983/year, still less than Wyoming or Williams Meadow and in-line with Mariemont.

We will host open community forums on September 28, October 14, October 21 and October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building where we will share details on community building plans and village finances. We believe that residents who understand our financial situation and see the plans for the community building will vote FOR these levies. Please make every effort to attend one of these.

Sincerely Terrace Park Village Council, Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk



# American quilt society finalist

Eileen Buban has a quilt in the finals of the American Quilter's Society annual Show in Nashville, Tennessee. Her entry is in the Guild Challenge category. The American Quilter's Society Show is August 18 through August 22.

Eileen has sewn since age 13 having been taught to sew by a German seamstress at White Sands

Missile Range, New Mexico. Friends and neighbors are probably most familiar with her sometimes-elaborate children's Halloween costumes.

Her recent commission projects include portrait quilts. Whether as a wall hanging or combined with photos to create a memory quilt the result is dramatic.



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# CCDS names eleventh head of school

Cincinnati Country Day School (CCDS), a premier, independent, college preparatory school serving students from 18 months through grade 12 has named Dr. Robert P. Macrae as the eleventh head of school. CCDS, located in Indian Hill on a 64 acre campus, serves 900 students from the entire tri-state area. The appointment came after a year-long international search by a committee of CCDS board members, parents and faculty. According to CCDS Board President, Ron Tysoe, "the combination of his experience, education and personality was a perfect fit for the current needs of CCDS."



Dr. Macrae is a 1986 graduate of Wesleyan University (BA economics and mathematics/computer science) where he played varsity lacrosse and captained the varsity soccer team. He holds an MA in educational administration from Teachers College, Columbia University (focus: private school leadership) and another MA in educational administration/policy analysis from Stanford University. He received his Doctor of Education degree from Columbia in 2000.

Dr. Macrae served as the Assistant Headmaster at the Pingry School in Martinsville, New Jersey as well as the Head of both the Middle and Upper Schools. Along with his administrative duties, he taught mathematics, economics and computer science and coached soccer, hockey and lacrosse. He worked as an instructor in the Stanford University School of Education, Leadership Development Institute, and as a Financial Analyst in the Leverage Buyout Group for PaineWebber in the Corporate Finance Division. He has also served on various boards and planned and supervised the installation of a World Cup Soccer training site for the Italian National Team. "Rob's educational and work background, along with his leadership skills will help him to be a truly outstanding Head of School," said Board member and Head of the Search Com-

mittee, Dr. Rodney Geier '71. When asked what attracted him to CCDS, Dr. Macrae responded, "First of all, the school's wonderful history and academic reputation, followed by so many other attractive qualities. CCDS is a school devoted to addressing the whole child, and to developing lifelong relationships with each child in academics, sports, arts, music and drama-indeed, every area of a student's life." He continued with several other qualities that attracted him to the school, such as innovative teaching techniques, an incredibly talented faculty, dual tracking in traditional and Montessori programs, commitment to small class sizes, technology and other innovations. "CCDS represents a wonderful balance-it is a progressive school in a traditional setting," he said, "a school that tries to stay current, but does not jump on fads." Macrae also appreciates Country Day's emphasis on core values, citing the CCDS Honor Code and the emphasis that is placed on an ethical education and particularly the value of relationships.

"I love the learning that is taking place here, with a dedicated and talented faculty and intelligent and engaged students. I love the Cincinnati area. It's right for my family and good for my kids," he said. Dr. Macrae began his critical leadership role at Cincinnati Country Day School on July 1, 2004.

## Village Calendar 2004

### August

**23** First day of classes for all Mariemont City Schools

### September

**4** Community Garage Sale 7 a.m. to Noon at the Log Cabin. Proceeds benefit TP Recreation programs.

**4** Annual Concert on the Village Green 7 p.m. Bring your own blanket/picnic/beverages. All are welcome.

**6** LABOR DAY - no school.

**6** TP Labor Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. Labor Day Festival following parade until 1 p.m. at the Village Green. Proceeds benefit TP Recreation programs.

**7** TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria

**7** TP Garden Club Noon Community Building. Program: Chris Daeger from Rowe Arboretum on *Schooling your Garden*. For more information, contact **Ogle Annett at 248-1453**.

**12** TP Historical Society 4 p.m. Community Build-

ing. Speaker: Wes Cowan, Terrace Park resident, historian, archaeologist and host of PBS's History Detectives. For more information, contact **Carol Cole at 831-6771**.

**13** AARP Luncheon Noon at SEM Villa in Milford. Program: Maxine Van Aken's slide show entitled *What I Did on My Summer Vacation*. For reservations, contact **Betty Smith at 831-5434**.

**14** Kindervelt #76 meeting 7 p.m. at the home of Alison Connor, 719 Lexington. New members welcome! For more information, contact **Alison Connor at 831-4453**.

**14** TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building

**18** Terrace Park Social Club presents *Jazzed on the Green*, 6:30 p.m. on the Village Green. Reservations required. For more information, contact **Patricia Lopez at 831-9887**.

**21** TPE BOOtique 3:20 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the school. Trinkets, treats, bingo and more. Proceeds benefit TPE PTO.

**21** Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m.

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

# Labor Day garage sale

Once again it's that time of the year. Our annual Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) Labor Day Garage sale is fast approaching and items have been pouring in. This year the sale will be held on Saturday, September 4, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Log Cabin. The Garage Sale is the primary fund-raiser

by the TPRC to support our recreational programs. Donations are tax deductible and forms may be picked up at the time of drop-off.

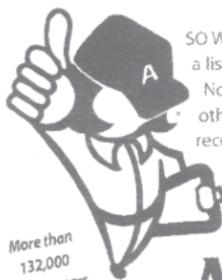
Drop-off of donations will be held on various Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Just look for the signs around the park and if

the signs are up, someone will be at the Log Cabin to assist you with your donation. If you are unable to make one of the drop-offs and would still like to make a donation, please call to make arrangements. If you have large items or furniture we will make arrangements to pick them up on Thursday, September 2, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call **Ralph (Wally) Heffner, at 831-5941 (home) or 639-9145 (work)**, to make special drop-off arrangements or to be added to the pick-up list.

We appreciate your donations of gently used items. We cannot, however, accept clothing, shoes, large appliances, magazines, encyclopedias and damaged or soiled furniture. This year, as in the past, the only "early bird" purchases will be those residents that donate at least two hours of their time in preparing for the sale.

Remember, the Labor Day Garage Sale is a totally volunteer operation and we need everyone's help in making it work. It takes a tremendous effort to collect, sort, price and prepare for the sale. Students, are you in need of volunteer hours? Helping with the Garage Sale can count as some of your hours, and it is fun. Let's all remember who benefits from the proceeds collected at the sale - OUR CHILDREN AND OUR VILLAGE. Everyone needs to do all they can to make this year's sale a great success. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours or have any questions, call the Heffners at 831-5941.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor



**Pilot John Harth**

## Local Eagle Scout flying high

John Harth (23) recently completed airline training with Chautauqua Airlines and flies region jets for Delta, US Air and United Airlines. A 1999 graduate of Mariemont High School, John attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University receiving a degree in Aeronautical Science in May, 2003. For the past year, he worked for Flight Express, flying air freight from Cincinnati and Tampa.

John, the son of Barbara and Tim Harth of Ruby Ave., started flying as a 16 year old and earned his Instrument, Commercial and Instructor ratings by his 19th birthday. He has more than 2,300 flight hours. One notable achievement was acting as his father's flight instructor for Tim's instrument rating in 2002.

John is known throughout the Village as the raffle-ticket champion of the late 80s when he won bikes for four years straight for selling the most tickets for the annual labor day celebration/fundraiser. He was also active in the local Boy Scout Troop 286 where he reached the rank of Eagle Scout.

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## Kids, crackers and caring - reflections of a school nurse

By Sherry Holcomb

The start of the school year is a little different for Terrace Park resident Tina Hesser. Yes, she is still sending her son Whit and daughter Kristin off to college. And, 12-year-old Grant will start the sixth grade at Cincinnati Country Day School (CCDS). But after 14 years of going back to school herself, Tina will be staying home, having retired from her job as school nurse at CCDS.

"I don't think it has hit me yet," says Tina about her retirement. "I will miss it. That was 14 years of education and lots of time loving those kids. I felt as if I was 'mom' to over 850 kids each year."

A year ago, Tina told her bosses at CCDS that she would retire at the end of the school year. To recognize her years of dedication, the administration presented Tina with a beautiful university chair inscribed with her name, her years of service, and the words, "For the love of children." It is a treasured keepsake for Tina.

"Everybody tried to talk me out of retiring, but I knew it was time to



**The Hesser clan (from left to right): Vandy (a golden retriever), 21-year-old Whit (CCDS '01), Tina, 19-year-old Kristin (CCDS '03), 12-year-old Grant (CCDS 6th grade), Jersey (golden retriever puppy) and Bo.**

do something else," Tina explains. "I'm proud of what I left behind. I had accomplished my goals. The only thing I won't miss is the paperwork."

The amount of paperwork and enforcement of regulations has changed for everyone in the medical profession. According to Tina, what hasn't changed is kids' need for time and attention from caring adults. Though she has dealt with everything from sex education to

drug education and AIDS awareness to crime prevention, Tina says her primary tools of the trade are saltine crackers and ice bags.

"I started a program of magic school nurse crackers - saltines with my special spell on them," says Tina. "They cured a multitude of diseases. Kids would come to my office not feeling well and they could get a package of crackers and sit and talk for a while. I would often have 30 to

40 kids lined up in the morning for their magic crackers.

"When I started as a school nurse, my job was 75 percent physical care and 25 percent psychological," Tina explains. "Today it is more like fifty - fifty. Kids just need a safe place where they can talk."

Tina is taking that caring attitude with her into retirement. She has already started several projects and has many more in development. To stay in touch with nursing, Tina is working part time for an agency and substituting for CCDS as needed. She is also looking at returning to her professional roots in pediatric critical care at Christ Hospital.

"I have lots of irons in the fire," says Tina. "My kids and husband, Bo, are excited and have lots of plans for me, too." Tina is using her creativity and medical connections to make and sell beaded bracelets for breast cancer research. She is also interested in starting a program to raise money and make fleece blankets for homeless and underprivileged children.

Tina explains her professional and personal philosophy this way, "You just want to make people feel better."

## Help for the helpless and good news from the front

By Pat Wirthlin

I flunked the Box Top Lady position. As an involved and efficient PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) parent, I don't even measure up to the rank of "poor excuse." The Box Top Lady is the person to whom people send box tops, which the Box Top Lady is to redeem for money for the PTO. Lori Frey held this position before me and she was an excellent Box Top Lady. She said it was a "no brainer." Well, Lori, it was a "brainer," for me. I just couldn't do it. I had bazillions of box tops in my kitchen, and I couldn't cope. So I called Nikki Utt and she rescued me. Nikki is secretly an angel sent straight from Heaven to help and support the overwhelmed.

I've been embarrassed to show

my face at a PTO meeting ever since. I'm trying to sneak back in. I will try to keep you posted about the happenings at Terrace Park Elementary for the coming school year. My official PTO title is "Village Views Liaison."

Jenny Whitaker is 2004/2005 PTO President. Jenny is one of those people who is really easy to really like. She is a good leader and so calm and organized. She is a five-year Garden Clubber and held positions of Recording Secretary, Publicity Chair and Membership Chair. She is also a killer tennis player!

Jenny follows those wonderful people who have been our most recent past presidents: Denise Walter, Katie Mileham, Sandra Taylor, Mary Hyer, Tammy Fisher, Laurie Baird, and Sandy Koehler (sister of Tammy Fisher). This year's Board includes Susan Malone as Vice President, Sally Gaburo as Secretary, and Jean Marie Nelson as returning Treasurer.

I saw Jane Concannon at UDF. That busy, busy lady always finds time for a hug and a chat with her former students. She is moving from first grade to Kindergarten. Jane is now in full-time status; our

wish came true! In Kindergarten, the children attend either the morning or afternoon session. Our school still has the shorter day for those little ones.

Linda Wiley, Kindergarten teacher extraordinaire, will now be teaching second grade. Those children moving into the second grade make up a large group. That group typically has three classes each year rather than the usual two. We sure are lucky to have such fantastic teachers.

Beverly Cooke will be the new school secretary. This is really good news. It is fun to talk to Beverly, because she has a Celtic accent. Her cat's name is Autumn. Ask her what her cat's name is and you'll see!

## Mariemont Kiwanis host meeting with Rob Portman

The Mariemont Kiwanis are hosting a special night time meeting with Congressman Rob Portman on Tuesday, August 24, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

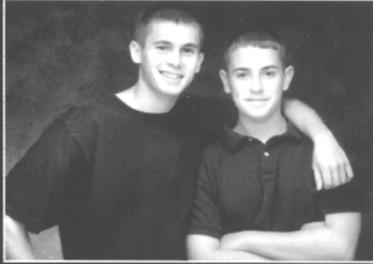
(The group apologizes that the meeting had to be rescheduled due to a recent conflict with Portman's schedule.) The meeting will be held at the Mariemont Inn in the Elizabethan room. A reception will start at 6 p.m. and the meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Members of our community are welcome to attend, dialogue with Congressman Portman, and find out what great things the Kiwanis organization does for the young people in our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jim Gore, President of the Mariemont Kiwanis, at 271-6777 if you have any questions. Once again, please accept our apology and we look forward to seeing you on August 24.



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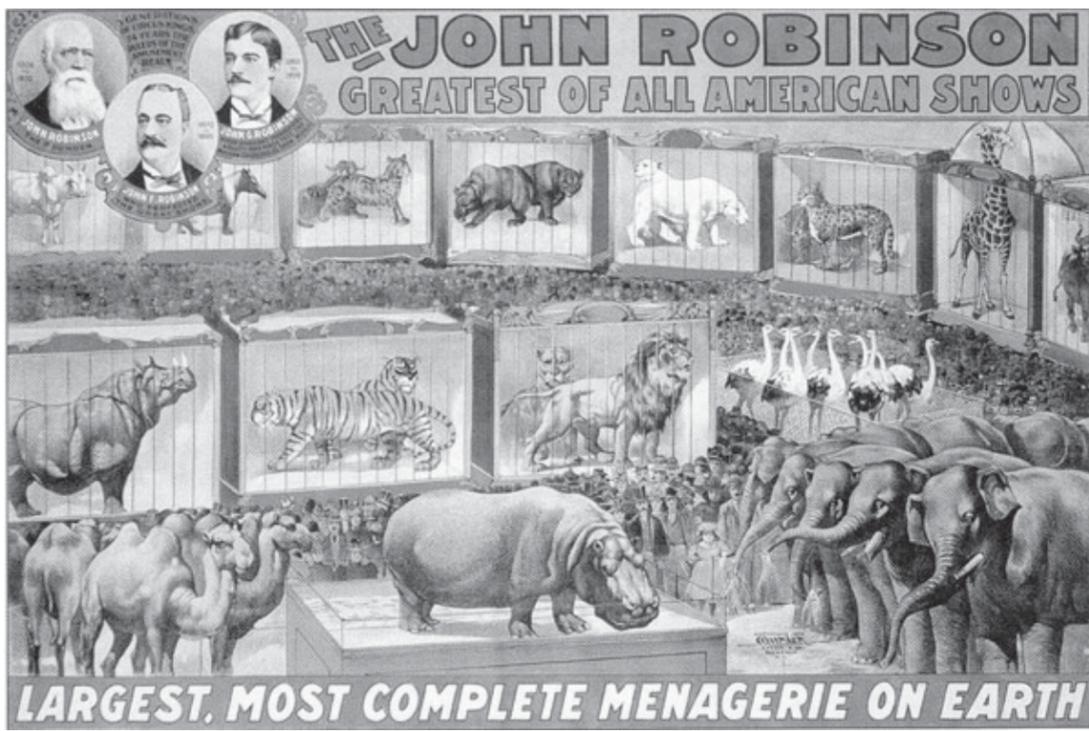


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A poster from the heyday of the John Robinson circus. Perhaps some of the animals that came to live in Terrace Park served as the artist's models.

## Terrace Park Historical Society

*"Tracking our past and present for the future"*

By Carol C. Cole

Again I'd like to share with readers a story from a previously unknown source. Sometime last fall I heard via e-mail from Holly Metz, a guest curator with the Hoboken New Jersey Historical Museum. She was working on a publication that has now come out: "City Animals. A History of Our Changing Relationship With Other Hoboken Residents." (If you'd like a copy, and it really is interesting and very well done, you can get one for \$15 post paid from Hoboken Historical Museum, P. O. Box 3296, Hoboken NJ 07030.) Holly was wondering if we have any information about a Robinson Circus elephant named Lizzie. Unfortunately we do not but we did give her some help concerning the Robinson Circus. Here is what she wrote about Lizzie.

"Sometimes circus performers - human and animal - made headlines when the companies' carefully orchestrated activities went awry, and threats of danger and potential death, always an undercurrent in their shows, became reality. On March 31, 1913, the front pages of the New York Times, Hudson Dispatch and Jersey Journal reported the startling death in Hoboken of an elephant from the John Robinson Military Circus (1). Five elephants, after performing stunts during a week-long engagement on 14th Street in New York City (including the firing of cannons and miming rescues), were transported just before midnight by ferry to Hoboken. Third-generation Robinson Circus owner John G. Robinson was working with his trainers to bring the elephants to railroad cars waiting to take them to their next venue in Cortland, New York. Lizzie, the largest of the troop, alarmed by a train roaring overhead on the elevated line, broke away from her trainer, "leaped over a low stone wall into Ferry Street" and "trumpeting madly,"

began to "plunge along Washington Street to Newark Street." The streets were crowded with people returning from New York, and news reports describe women pulling their children to safety and the racing elephant overturning a heavy milk wagon. Robinson and his crew, soon accompanied by a crowd of hooting men and boys, chased Lizzie and tried in vain to capture her as she rushed down the Christopher Street slip into the ferry-house. The Jersey Journal account described ferry attendants attempting to stop the elephant by beating her on the head with boat hooks, but she pushed through the iron gates and on to the ferryboat Drummond, which was tied up for the night.

With a mad cry the beast lumbered aboard the boat, bounded through the wagon cabin and plunged into the Hudson... For ten minutes she surged in the river, trumpeting violently and slashing the water with her trunk and feet. After a little, however, she emitted one more cry and sank to the bottom.

Robinson who had tried with his assistants to rescue Lizzie by pulling her in with a strong rope, "sat down on the deck and cried like a baby. He had had Lizzie nearly all the twenty-five years of her life." The following day, Lizzie's body washed ashore at Staten Island. "Rumors were flying around that a vessel has been driven ashore in

the storm," the Staten Island World announced. "Investigation revealed the carcass of an elephant floating around in about thirty feet of water." By evening, "fully three thousand people had gathered on the foreshore to view the body," the Hudson Dispatch reported, "and the police had to be called out to maintain order." Lizzie's body was to be transported to Fire Island for burial but no record of the interment has been found (2).

John Robinson remained deeply devoted to the remaining elephants in his care. Even after bankruptcy forced him in 1916 to sell most of his equipment and animals to other circuses, he kept four elephants on his Terrace Park, Ohio, property, which had always served as their winter quarters. After Robinson's death in 1921, his widow continued the practice and the elephants became an unusual fixture of the village. Local historians report "it was commonplace to see an elephant pulling a plow for a spring garden" or wandering around Terrace Park streets (3).

(1) The drowning of the John Robinson circus elephant in Hoboken is described on the front pages of the following March 31, 1913 newspapers: "New York Times"; "Jersey Journal"; and "Hudson Dispatch".

(2) Staten Island World, 5 April 1913; Hudson Dispatch, 1 April 1913.

(3) Ellis Rawnsley, "A Place Called Terrace Park".

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## Kiwanis 18th Arts and Crafts Fair to benefit MHS students

Sunday, September 12 is the day of the 18th annual Kiwanis Arts and Crafts Fair on Wooster Pike in Mariemont. The fair benefits the scholarship fund for academically worthy and needy Mariemont High School college-bound students.

A hundred exhibitors will be showing a wide variety of unique original arts and crafts ideally suited for home or office décor, gifts and collections. There will be unusual toys, Halloween/ Thanksgiving/ Christmas items, jewelry, dolls, baskets, wood/metal/textile/ceramic crafts and a variety of paintings and photography from artists in four states. Many of the items will be

available at no other location.

At the 2002 fair, Terrace Park artists Susan Amis and Erin Rosson were recognized for their award-winning ceramics and beaded jewelry.

Proceeds from this and other Kiwanis activities have provided more than \$100,000 in scholarships to MHS college-bound graduates. For more information on this fair or the Kiwanis club, contact any member in Terrace Park; Jack Smith, Matt Nickum, Mike Pope, Pete Stites, Roger Stafford, Bob Lowery, Lee Cole, Tom Crosby, Ray Normile, Jim Rauth or Fair Chairman Al Nelson at 831-9220.

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After completing the coursework and passing a licensure test, EMT's are licensed by the State of Ohio for three years. The Village requests that EMT's volunteer for a least the length of their certification. (Most of us are long-time members because we committed to the work, each other - and you!) We will instruct you in our local protocols. Ambulance inventory, driving and radio training will also be completed at this time. Continuing education is also required - you must attend at least one training per month.

So how much time must you

commit? Duty time means only the time you are on call for emergencies. Pocket pagers enable personnel to participate in normal activities within Terrace Park's boundaries while being on call. A commitment of one shift per week is required. Day crew staffs 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 6 p.m. to midnight is staffed by Evening crew, and midnight to 8 a.m. is worked by the Midnight crew. A weekend shift (48 hours, served either all at once or in two 24 hour shifts) is required approximately every other month. Friday evenings are staffed by Evening and Midnight crews - approximately one Friday every five weeks.

You will incur no expense. The Village of Terrace Park provides all training and equipment (light, siren, pager and a uniform which includes jacket, shirt, vest and sweatshirt). During class time,

reimbursement is available for necessary babysitting fees.

Most of us had no medical background when we began our "unpaid professional" careers. We are teachers, accountants, artists, consultants, business professionals, and parents, with a common goal: helping our neighbors in medical crises. We are all active and busy with our friends and families, yet each of us fits this worthwhile commitment into our lives. Please join us! Become a Terrace Parker who finds the time to provide our community with this invaluable service.

## Local residents form Bassett, Stewart & Platte llc. Design/Build Group

Considering home improvements? A new Terrace Park-based company emerged in May that may be able to help. Local residents Gary Bassett and Stephen Stewart along with Kurt Platte of Hyde Park have joined forces to form Bassett, Stewart & Platte llc. Design/ Build Group.

This new venture is the result of a merger between Bassett Development and Mallory Homes, owned by Gary Bassett, and Kurt Platte Architects. Their new company specializes in residential design, custom building and remodeling.

"The balance between the three of us works well," says Gary. "Our combined experience provides our clients with diverse insight into their projects. We are also excited about the broad range of services that we can offer."

Gary, Stewart and Kurt's combined talents bring more than 50 years of experience to the building and home-remodeling arena. Each has a history of individual success in his field. Gary, a Terrace Park native, formed Bassett Development and Mallory homes in 1992. His company specialized in custom homes, room additions and developing in-fill lots throughout the city, particularly in Mt. Adams, Columbia Tusculum and Hyde Park. More recently, he launched Terrace Park Painting & Carpentry.

This company, whose signs you've likely seen around the Park, now operates under the umbrella of Bassett, Stewart & Platte.

Stephen has been building homes since he was 15 years old. He started by working in the summers during high school. After finishing school, he realized his summertime interest would be a lifelong career. He began specializing in framing, trim carpentry and remodeling projects, such as room additions and finishing basements. He was working with Gary at Mallory Homes when they met Kurt.

Kurt is a licensed architect with 18 years experience in architecture and nine years in commercial construction. "After seeing both sides of the industry, I have been fortunate to join forces with Gary and Stephen," Kurt said. "Together we are able to offer both services - design and construction."

So, if you are considering a home project, whether it be a custom home, an addition or renovation to your current home or even a project such as painting, building a custom barbecue or a wine cellar, Bassett, Stewart & Platte llc. Design/build Group can provide the services you need.

"We can transform your house into the home of your dreams," said Stephen.

And that they do.

## Anderson Senior Center hosts community events

Ice cream social with the "Monday Night Big Band" - Monday, August 23, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Members: \$3.50, guests: \$4.50

Want to have an evening of fun? Delight your taste buds with your favorite delicious ice cream and enjoy a relaxing evening of fun at the Anderson Senior Center while listening to your big band favorites. And, kick off your shoes and dance! Don't forget to invite your friends and family. Tickets/information: 474-3100.

Sing-a-long with Mike Pendell - Tuesday, August 24, 10:30 a.m. Members: \$3.50, guests: \$4.50.

Back by popular demand, talented musician Mike Pendell will

join us at the Anderson Senior Center to play all of the old favorites. There will be a time for your requests and a chance for you to sing-a-long. Invite your friends and enjoy the afternoon together! Tickets/information: 474-3100.

Scrapbooking secrets at the Anderson Senior Center - Wednesday, August 25, 10 a.m. Members: \$2, guests: \$3.

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# Drain, dunk and protect

Homeowners can help reduce pesky mosquito population and prevent West Nile Virus

Cicadas aren't the only flying pest homeowners will see this year. With warm weather comes mosquitoes, but the Hamilton County General Health District is advising homeowners to Drain, Dunk and Protect now and throughout the summer to help reduce the mosquito population and the risk of West Nile Virus (WNV). WNV is a viral disease that can be transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.

Hamilton County Health Commissioner Tim Ingram suggests three simple steps you can take to help eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home and avoid mosquito bites:

## Drain

- Remove any standing water from your property. Some typical items homeowners should check for standing water include old tires, pet bowls, buckets, flower pots, children's toys, and similar items that could hold stagnant water and become mosquito breeding sites.
- Clean up litter or other incidental items in your yard. Even something as small as an upturned bottle cap can become a breeding site for thousands of mosquito larvae.
- Change the water in birdbaths every three to four days.
- Drain small puddles after heavy rainstorms.

## Dunk

- Apply mosquito larvicide, sometimes called mosquito "dunks," to areas of standing water that cannot be drained. The "dunks" are environmentally safe and won't harm pets.

## Protect

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed.
- Make sure windows have tight-fitting screens - repair tears or holes in screens.
- Be aware of peak biting periods - night and early morning are peak periods.
- During peak periods, wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing - long sleeve shirts, pants and jackets.
- Use appropriate insect repellents on exposed skin. Most effective repellents contain DEET (N-diethyl-metaoluamide). Carefully read all instructions on the label before each application:
- Choose a repellent that offers appropriate protection for the amount of time you will be outdoors. A higher percentage of DEET should be used if you will be outdoors for several hours while a

lower percentage of DEET can be used if time outdoors will be limited.

- Though it is safe to apply separate sunscreen and insect repellent products, DEET should not be used in a product that combines the repellent with a sunscreen.

- The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend using DEET on children under 2 months old.

Though the risk for contracting West Nile virus remains low, everyone should be aware of the symptoms commonly associated with the virus. For most healthy adults the symptoms are very mild and may include:

- fever
- skin rash
- headache and body aches
- swollen lymph nodes

About 20 percent of infected people will develop West Nile fever with symptoms listed above.

Approximately 80 percent of people (about four out of five) who become infected with WNV will not

have any type of illness and may never know they were infected. Less than 1 percent of people infected with WNV will develop severe infections (West Nile encephalitis or meningitis) with symptoms including neck stiffness, disorientation, convulsions, muscle weakness, and, in rare cases, death. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

While all residents of areas where virus activity has been identified are at risk, people over age 50 have the highest risk of developing severe WNV infections. Symptoms are usually felt three-to-14 days after infection. Anyone experiencing any of these symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for evaluation.

For more information on WNV, please contact the Hamilton County General Health District at (513) 946-7832 or visit our web site at [www.hamilton-co.org/boh](http://www.hamilton-co.org/boh). And remember, for a mosquito-free summer, Drain, Dunk and Protect!



Alex enjoys a rare outing fishing at Stepping Stones.



Some of the dinner/silent auction committee members (l-r): Melanie Weiner, Paula Albrecht, Connie Laug, Chandi Findley and Juliann Gardner.

## Stepping Stones Dinner and Auction - Monday, September 13th

Fun and fabulous auction items headline the annual Stepping Stones Dinner & Auction at Terrace Park Country Club on Monday, September 13th. Guests will bid on sports memorabilia, vacation getaways, basketball games and jewelry as they enjoy food and drink - all to raise funds for Stepping Stones Center.

Stepping Stones Center is a nonprofit, United Way Agency that has been serving individuals with

disabilities since 1963. They operate two locations and serve more than two thousand children and adults with mental, physical and emotional disabilities each year. In addition, many local teenagers find rewarding volunteer work at Stepping Stones each summer.

If you would like to learn more about the Auction/Dinner, or to contribute an item, please contact Theresa Ciampone at Stepping Stones Center (831-4660).

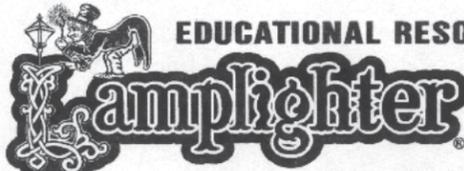


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## Summer Fun helped beat the doldrums

Summer Fun is an annual two-week event organized by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee. For the second year running, Roseann Hayes coordinated the "inside" program to include arts and craft days, field trips to a dude ranch, Lowe's, and Kid's First and a visit from Mad Science scientist. The kids even made apple pies from scratch! Julie Smith took command of the outdoor activities with games like capture the flag. The program would not be possible without the help of the many moms and dads that came to lead a day of crafts, chauffeur, supervise, or simply help sweep the floor. Kudos to all involved for yet another great event!

**Top picture:** At Lowe's in Milford, the Summer Fun kids built emergency meeting place signs and planters (complete with a marigold). Not only did the kids get to keep their projects, they got an apron and safety goggles, courtesy of Lowe's.



Chaperone Emily Kaiser lends a helping hand.

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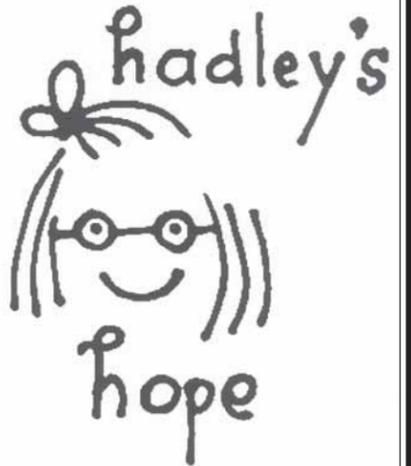
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## Scouts return to Cub Adventure World

Cub Scout Pack 97 returned to Cub Adventure World (CAW) once again. Five plucky boys spent their week involved in activities that no boy could resist...BB guns, archery, hiking, camping out under the stars, goofy skits, obstacle courses, polar bear swimming, campfires, and infrequent showers.

Den leaders, Steve Gorman and Jon Saxton, led the boys on their four day camping adventure. Pack 97 earned an Honor Unit

award for completing a service project, participating in a flag lowering ceremony, doing a campfire skit and song, and demonstrating all-around Cub Scout spirit.

This was the last year at Cub Adventure World for our fearless leaders. Next summer, they will be camping with their Boy Scouts at Camp Freidlander. Some lucky Cub Scout leaders will have the opportunity to carry forward the torch of Pack 97 pride at CAW for the summer of 2005.



The Cub Scout Adventure World campers from Terrace Park's own pack 97 (left to right): Back Row: Akela Gorman and Akela Saxton Front Row: Braden Stautberg, Ben Gorman, Sam McManus, Connor McManus and Jonathon Saxton.

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Labor Day - fun and fundraising

By Tricia DiMichele,  
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As the Terrace Park Labor Day festivities fast approach, most of our community looks forward to a sleepy early morning bargain browsing at the Garage Sale, a lively parade and a few hours of fun-filled chaos and socializing at the festival at the Village Green.

To the Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) however, these events aren't only about closing another summer with a bang, but also about critical funding for Terrace Park's recreational sports programs. The Labor Day festival typically generates about \$12,000 for the TPRC- close to half of that coming from the Garage Sale.

There are two factors increasing the importance of this type of fundraisers to TPRC. First, the TPRC is committed to trying to keep their registration fees flat from year to year. Second, TPRC is 100 percent self-funded, meaning it does not get funding from other Terrace Park budgets. According to Paul Smith, TPRC Treasurer, Terrace Park and Mariemont have comparable registration fees, but Mariemont receives additional funding as well as facilities maintenance from their village. Because of TPRC's need for additional funds beyond registration fees, they have

added an additional annual event to the one on Labor Day to help raise money. This past February they held the first Monte Carlo Night at St. Thomas with great success.

So what exactly does all this money pay for? First, each sport uses registration fees to cover league fees, referees, balls, equipment and uniform replacement every 4-6 years. Then, any additional registration proceeds as well as much of the fundraising dollars go toward insurance coverage and maintenance of Drackett Field. This maintenance includes everything from mowing and fertilizing the grass to field prep to port-o-let rental and totals a significant \$20,000. Lastly, there are large non-recurring expenditures that TPRC must cover. The most recent example of this was the resurfacing of the back road at Drackett Field. Past expenditures include replacing the field maintenance tractor, installing drinking fountains at Drackett Field and adjustable backboards for the basketball hoops at the elementary school.

So, at this year's Labor Day Garage Sale go ahead and buy that well-read, slightly musty paperback book or that wicker basket that you haven't quite figured out how to use - you'll be buying a lot more than you think!



**Champions!** Left to right, front row to back row: Row 1: Paul "All Star" Flynn, Griffin "All Star" Donnelly, Andy "All Star" Witrtry, Kaleb "Most Improved Hitter" Iles, Cole "All Star" Decamp, Nick "Mr. Clutch" Fries, Connor "Most Enegetic" McManus. Row 2: Nate "Longest Hit" Wagner, Sloan "Rookie of the Year" Buron, Luke "Most Improved" Porst, Mikey "Most Hits" Wirthlin, Anthony "Throw of the Year" Williams, Chase "Most Tenacious Hitter" Stutenroth, George "Most Improved Infielder" Long, Coaches Phil Witrtry, Joe Wagner, Jack Smith, Dan McManus and Pat Long.

## TP home of four Tealtown League "All Stars"

The Terrace Park Bulldogs finished the season with 14 wins and five losses, the "best" record in the "Minors" Division of the Tealtown Little League. This was followed

by being one of the final "four" undefeated teams left in a 32 team "regular season ending" tournament made up of teams from Anderson, Newtown, Bethel and Tealtown. The four All Star players indicated in the caption were selected by the Tealtown Little League to be members of the league All Star team to play in the "District 9" Tournament for the right to play in the State Tournament. Terrace Park had the most players (four of 12) on the team.

Overall their experience playing "Little League" (vs. Knothole) for

the first year was very positive. As you may know, "Little League" with the most "kid friendly" rules, is the leading youth baseball program everywhere in the world except in the Cincinnati area. It is the program that leads to Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn. where the best team in the US plays the best team from the rest of the world. Most of today's professional players have played Little League. The Recreation Commission is planning to consider increasing Terrace Park's participation in "Little League" next year.

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## Boy bonks ball

Eleven year old Johnny Wirthlin has been blazing through the Cincinnati Junior Satellite Tennis Circuit. This summer, he played in five tournaments for those players 12 years of age and under. He won four of the tournaments and placed second in one tournament. Spectators have referred to him as that boy with "ice in his veins," because of his very calm demeanor. Way to go, Johnny!

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