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Committee to review zoning code

By Susan M. House

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Councilman Stefan Olson reported on the action of the now formed "Terrace Park Zoning Code Review Advisory Committee." This committee will be responsible for overseeing the actions required to revise the current Terrace Park Zoning Ordinance. The committee will consist of: Mayor Jay Gohman; the Village Council Planning and Zoning Committee, Jack Brown, Stefan Chin has been highly commended in Olson, and Mark Porst; two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, David Mover and Rafael Mancera: two members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Ken Burkman and Clare Richart; two local builders, Scott Keffer and Steve Fletcher; two local architects, Rick Koehler and Jane Yancey; two members of

Jim Rauth and Carol Hird; and Tim Harth, Former Building/Zoning official. The committee has met to review proposals from consultants, narrowed the applicants to three, and identified specific issues which need to be answered.

Officer commended

Our own Police Officer Sgt. Tim a letter to the Mayor from Commander Rick Patterson, Hamilton County Police Association S.W.A.T. team. Sgt. Chin has been named a "Team Leader" and will take over all training of team members as Training Coordinator. Commander Patterson anticipates that Sgt. Chin will move into the command structure

Concerned Citizens for Terrace Park, in the near future. Chin continues to does not need to be an arrest. They for speed reduction on their street improve and update his expertise regularly. Last month he attended updated training on Asset Forfeiture Seizing of property and assets in criminal offenses by the U.S. Attorneys Office, F.B.I. and U.S. Marshall. Chin does all of our police force training and is a valuable asset to the department and the Village.

> Police Chief Robert Bacon noted that this month's incident report included domestic dispute and domestic violence calls. The Chief reminded residents that in both this type of situation and in situations where neighbors have trouble with each other, it helps to step back, be calm and try to talk things out. The Chief also emphasized that the police are there to help, and every call

are happy to help if they can.

In his capacity as Street Commissioner, Chief Bacon announced that leaf pick-up season will begin October 18, 2004, and continue through November 2004.

Park Avenue

Residents of Park Avenue spoke to Council and requested that action be taken to help reduce speed on the street where they live and their children play. Some of these people have made several visits to Council and have worked

for the past 10 years. Councilman Terry Howe later introduced a resolution to place "traffic calming devices" on Park and Western, for a price not to exceed \$7,200. Councilman Olson expressed concerns about there being no standards for this action. Councilman Howe responded saying the process that has been undertaken has created standards. Council approved this resolution, with a dissenting vote cast by Olson.

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Heroes among

By Sherry Holcomb

My son, who is five, believes that heroes are real and come with flowing capes, super-human powers and mega-strength. They are noisy and flashy and beat the bad guvs every time. He is too young to understand that our real heroes are quiet and nearly invisible to us as they serve our country in military training exercises, on ships, at the Pentagon and in war-torn countries like Afghanistan. To beat the bad guys, they have only their training, their inner strength, the support of their comrades and loved ones, and their belief that freedom is worth

This month, we are profiling some of these "heroes among us." These people are Terrace Park residents and former residents who are currently supporting America's war efforts as military personnel or civilian contractors. This is part one of at least a two-part article.



Captain David F. Bowers, U.S. Army (via email)

The son of John and Judy Bowers, David graduated from doing," Michael said. "It takes a spe-Mariemont high school in 1995 and from Southern Methodist University in May of 2000. He was commissioned from ROTC in Military Intelligence.

gade intelligence officer in Korea, David has been assigned to Hono-Iulu since June 2002 as the Philippines specialist in the Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Center. He spent six months in the Philippines supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and has briefed various agencies in Washington, Manila, and Australia on the threats in that country.

He was deployed to Iraq on July 28, 2004. David is currently a captain and will serve as an operational planner for intelligence operations. David said, "You are not going to believe this but the civilian working in my office here in Baghdad is none other than Al Singler from Terrace Park! Al is the very one who investigated my (military) clearance a few years back."

Matt Buschbacher, U.S. Navy Corpsman and S.E.A.L.s

Matt is the son of Michael and Carolyn Buschbacher and has been in the Navy for four years. He became a S.E.A.L. in October of 2001 after intense training in Coronado, California. He is currently a corpsman (or medic) with the S.E.A.L.s ton D.C." assigned to downtown Baghdad. According to his dad, Matt always wanted to become a Navy S.E.A.L.

"Matt has an adventurous spirit," Michael said. "He's a very intense, tenacious person and this (service) fits his personality. It is incredibly interesting," Michael added, "but what he personally does is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. I say a prayer every night."

As a corpsman, Matt is the person who must stay behind and take care of any wounded S.E.A.L.s in his unit, his father explained. If that isn't enough, Matt volunteers at a hospital in Baghdad taking care of wounded civilians many of them children.

"I'm very proud of what he's cial kind of person to do this — a combination of brave and crazy." Matt stays in touch with his family through email and via phone calls. He tells them he is scheduled to

After a tour as an assistant bri-leave Baghdad by November of this year, but some assignments are being extended.

Senior Master Sergeant Douglas B. Channer, U. S. Air Force (via

56 Airlift Squadron First Sergeant

"I still consider Terrace Park my official home. I entered the Air Force in 1975 and am still on active duty flying the C5 Galaxy. My son, Jeffery, is in the Army and was in the initial surge into Baghdad. I am hoping to soon retire and find my way back 'home."

Colonel George Eveland, U. S. Army (via email)

"I grew up in Terrace Park living at 735 Park from 1957 to 1978 and then briefly at 707 Stanton from 1978 to 80. I went completely thru TP Elementary, Mariemont high school ('74) and the University of Cincinnati ('80). I left there to start active duty in 1980 and have remained in the service ever since. Am now an Army Colonel with just over 24 years—currently stationed in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon, Washing-

Leaf pick-up will begin October 18 and run through November.

Stick collection will not occur during leaf collection.

Leaves should be left on the curb.

Remember, the machines used to vacuum the leaves can be easily damaged by sticks and other debris. Repairing these machines can be costly, so please be sure to only put leaves in the pile for pick-up.

Also, playing in these leaf piles near the street can be dangerous. As a parent, be sure to warn your children not to play in these piles and as a driver, be sure to avoid driving through a leaf pile.

Terrace Park Elementary is a Blue Ribbon School!

The US Department of Education announced that Terrace Park Elementary has been awarded the "No child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School Award for Excellence." A representative from the US Department of Education was scheduled to present the award on Monday, students and volunteers!

September 20th. The Village Views looks forward to celebrating this prestigious award by featuring an article about this honor and photos of the presentation in our next edition.

Congratulations to the staff,



Photo: Chandi Findley

Queens for a day - Co-chairs Sonya Geers (left in crown) and Cindy Brittingham got the the royal treatment in the labor day parade for coordinating this year's Pumpkin Festival.

Pumpkin Festival offers fun for all

By Chandi Findley

Don't miss one of the Terrace What is it? Park's hottest social events of the year...the annual Terrace Park Elementary Pumpkin Festival. On Friday, October 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the elementary school will be transformed into a fun-filled shopper's paradise complete with food and ghouls. Everyone from the community is welcome at the festival. Whether your children are still in strollers, learning their ABC's or already grown, come join in the fun!

The Pumpkin Festival is the parent teachers organization's (PTO) main fundraiser bringing in more than \$18,000 last year and \$21,000 in 2002. The proceeds from the festival and other PTO fundraisers are used to buy items for the school including computers and playground equipment. This year, Cindy Brittingham and Sonya Geers have taken the helm as co-chairs of the festival.

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Your all-volunteer Terrace Park Fire Department has some openings and is accepting new recruits. All training and equipment is paid for by the Village and we drill twice per month. Come to our next drill and see for yourself. This is a great opportunity for you to learn while you contribute to your Village. Contact Captain Jack Gambetta 248-9400.



The deadline for the **October** issue of the Village Views is Friday October 8th.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Neighbors —

During the past 8 months, I have discovered the real greatness of Terrace Park. Yes, we are blessed with great schools, beautiful homes on tree-lined streets and a safe peaceful lifestyle unknown to many. These things are wonderful but could be recreated in another setting. The greatness I am speaking of is community volunteer passion. Many of us first see this and or experience this passion as coaches on sports teams or volunteering at school. The majority of the volunteers begin with no previous experience. After feeling this first rewarding experience many join other volunteer organizations and grow within the community. This summer I have had the privilege of meeting a new TP resident who quickly volunteered as a head soccer coach. I think the majority of our residents never enjoyed sitting on the sidelines and that is why we have such great involvement.

After a long financial review of our Village we have calculated that our volunteer EMS/Fire save the village between \$400k and 500k per year. I believe that this organization should have up-to-date equipment and housing to operate as they are trained to do. We also need to update our Community House. This landmark has reached the point in its useful life where we need to complete a major renovation in order to secure its future use for the Village. As you probably have read in previous Village Views articles, TP needs to replace the lost estate tax revenue and will have a levy on the November ballot to cover this shortage.

The Village of Terrace Park has always been known for understated beauty, limited government and financial responsibility and will continue to maintain these qualities. I hope you will join me in support of these great volunteers and our Village on November 2nd.

Sincerely, Jay Gohman, Mayor 100 Marian Lane

To the Editor:

As a 33-year employee of the City of Cincinnati with an office in City Hall, some workdays bring a complicated tangle of disgruntled citizens, politicians and administrators, with each pursuing their own agendas. Comparatively, observing our community's government processes and how citizens relate and participate in them cooperatively, has been a satisfying experience, until recently.

I have been aware of the on-going challenges to the village zoning process, but a letter sent by a member of the organization Concerned Citizens of Terrace Park causes me to speak out on behalf of our friends, the Fletchers. To begin with, the letter being addressed to "Our Neighbors At..." was offensive considering the tone and subject of the letter. There was nothing neighborly about this mailing. Believe me, I have heard it all when it comes to citizens unhappy about government processes, but I feel this mass mailing goes far beyond concern for the community.

Put simply, the property at 221 Miami Avenue is beautiful. From the exquisite landscaping to the structures, the expansion of the original house and the construction of the much-maligned detached garage, the integrity of the neighborhood and houses surrounding it has been kept in tact. I can understand that the remodeling, expansion or even tearing down of some of the quaint or unique structures in Terrace Park is sometimes met with remorse, but the house that existed at 221 Miami prior to the Fletcher's remodeling, was plain and actually, rather ugly. The result of the Fletchers occupying this corner is stunning. Not to mention they have created a warm, inviting home with functional and attractive spaces in which their family can live and play.

As for the use of the much-debated garage, honor student teenagers re-painting a car within the confines of a structure attractive enough to live in, I repeat, within, not in the driveway or yard or street; what on earth could be wrong with that? Perhaps, it would be more palpable if the teens were cooking some crack? For heaven's sake, what's happened to support for constructive home-based activity for youth?

The attempted degradation of this fine family is shameful and not true to the sense of community that Terrace Park has always exemplified. Steve and Debbie have generously contributed their time and financial support to Terrace Park and Mariemont Schools. From PTO to coaching sports to providing the carriage rides at the tree-lighting festivities at Christmas, they have supported this community. And, their business has resulted in many new and improved beautiful homes and helped to raise the values of all homes in Terrace Park. They do not deserve this kind of

In summation, I want to recognize the fact that the basis for the complaint is a perceived ignoring of zoning regulations that "Concerned Citizen" wants corrected, but I offer what I perceive is that a citizen complaint has turned extremely and very inappropriately personal. At the point a family, including the children, are being publicly besmirched with a mailing sent under the guise of neighborly, I think goes beyond common decency.

I encourage anyone who feels the same, let the Fletchers know...you've got a friend in me.

Sincerely, Karen Groppe 831 Indian Hill Road

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October deadline:

The October deadline for Village Views is Oct. 8th. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. AII 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 @831Heroes continued from front page



Alan and Joe Singler New Mexico Military Institute

Second Lieutenant Joe Singler, U.S. Army Rifle Platoon Leader, First Battalion 152nd Infantry Regimen

Joe is the 22-year-old son of Alan and Connie Singler and a senior at Indiana University. A Criminal Justice major, Joe will graduate in May and then wait for an assignment to meet his four-year military commitment as part of the army's early commissioning program. Joe now serves with a National Guard unit in Indiana. His mother is not surprised that Joe wants to be a career military man.

'This was in his blood," Connie said. "I should have known when he was always running around in G.I. Joe outfits as a kid." Connie said Joe tact Sherry Holcomb at 576-6065.

even tried to get his senior year of college waived so that he could join his National Guard unit when they were assigned to Iraq. His request was denied, but after he graduates in May of 2005, Joe will be assigned to active duty.

"I feel like this is a mission, a calling," Connie explained. "They (son Joe and husband Alan) are serving their country and we all know freedom comes at a price. I just want them to be back home safe."

Chief Warrant Officer Alan Singler, U.S. Army Military Intelligence

Alan Singler is still active in the Army and in fact returned this past December from an assignment in military intelligence at Guantanamo Bay. His current assignment in Baghdad, however, involves working for a military contractor as a civilian. Alan left for Baghdad this past March and his work has landed him in the same office as Captain David Bowers, a Terrace Park resident and Army intelligence officer mentioned elsewhere in this article.

Alan keeps in touch with Terrace Park and his family primarily through email. With her husband half a world away, Connie said it is not easy. "It gets lonely," explained Connie. "But, as Alan says, if the work he's doing can save one boy's life, it is worth it.

"Through generations my family has always fought for freedom for our country," Connie said. "That's what makes this country powerful, that there are people willing to do it."

If you have information about other heroes among us for the second part of this article, please con-

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SonRise to participate in worldwide spiritual growth campaign

A Sonrise Community Church news release

America and 40 other nations have participated in "40 Days of Purpose," the spiritual growth campaign launched by one of America's largest churches, Saddleback Church, two years ago.

churches will take step two in what Saddleback Church founding pastor Rick Warren is calling a "trilogy of campaigns" designed to move churches into implementing God's five purposes in the world.

Warren, author of the bestselling book The Purpose-Driven *Life*, calls this follow-up campaign "40 Days of Community." SonRise Community Church meeting on Sundays at 10am in Mariemont High School is making plans to participate in this pilot campaign that begins October 3, 2004.

Jeff Arington, pastor at SonRise, says, "We believe that in our fast-paced society, people are hungry for real community. SonRise wants to provide that community, members of SonRise community! We are excited about the opportunities that this campaign offers to express God's love to individuals and families in practical ways by helping us all learn to live "Better Together."

"Many churches have reported that 40 Days of Purpose was the most transforming event in their congregation's history," Warren says. "Thousands of church leaders have written us saying, 'Our church will never be the same' and 'This is the greatest thing that has ever happened in our church.' One pastor wrote, 'I've seen more growth in our members and our church in 40 days than in the previous 13 years.

"But the biggest response by far has been 'What's next? Our church is growing; our people are

Fourteen thousand churches in excited. Everyone is on the same page and moving in the same direction. We have more energy and enthusiasm than we know what to do with. Now what? Where do we go from here?'

Warren says 40 Days of Com-This fall hundreds of those munity moves people from focusing on God's purposes in their personal lives — "What on earth am I here for?" - to focusing on God's purposes in their church and community — "What on earth are WE here for?"

"The campaign will water the seeds of the purposes that were planted in people's lives through 40 Days of Purpose," Warren says. "It's a necessary step for maintaining healthy, balanced, purposedriven lives.

"The primary focus of this campaign is on fulfilling God's five purposes together by deepening the sense of community within the church and reaching out to the community around the church.'

In order to reach out to the small groups will be participating in service projects as diverse as women's post prison ministries, nursing home ministries, Young Life, elder home chore projects, international student ministries, homeless related ministries and many more.

In The Purpose-Driven Life, which now has sold more than 16 million copies, Warren identifies the five purposes as worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission.

A third spiritual growth campaign to be launched in the fall of 2005 will focus on God's purposes around the world. For information about SonRise Community Church and 40 Days of Community, visit the SonRise website, www.sonrisechurch.com or call 513-576-6000.



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Village Calendar 2004

October

1-2 Homecoming Weekend for MHS

- TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
- TP Garden Club visits the Dayton Arboretum. Lunch at 11:45 a.m., tour begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ogle Annett at 248-1453.
- MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 11 AARP Meeting 1:30 p.m. SEM Villa in Milford. Program: Dulcimer Society of Cincinnati. For more information, contact Virginia Marquett at 831-2650.
- 12 TP Village Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 13 Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7 p.m. Location TBD. For more information, contact Alison Connor at 29 TPE Halloween Parade 12:20 p.m. 831-4453.
- 14 Open Forum on TP Tax Levies 7:30 p.m. Com- ends with the sounding of the siren) munity Building

- 15 No school for Mariemont school district teacher in-service
- 15 TPE Pumpkin Festival 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 16 Rosh Hashanah
- 18 Mariemont Boosters Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting MHS
- 20 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 21 & 26 Open Forum on TP Tax Levies 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 28 Mariemont Foundation Meeting MJHS Library
- 31 Halloween (trick-or-treating 6-8 p.m., starts and

Please call Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619 with calendar information

Council continued from front

August council highlights

Brinkman warns of possible tax rollback elimination

Tom Brinkman State Representative visited the August Terrace Park Council Meeting. He discussed several issues including the State of Ohio's four billion dollar budget shortfall.

Brinkman said that one of the most active items on Governor Taft's agenda is to eliminate the property tax "rollbacks." This would mean that instead of paying 84 percent, as we now do, of the effective mill age. based on property value, on the property tax bill, taxpayers would pay the full 100 percent. Councilman Porst remarked that this would effectively be a "hidden" tax increase that is not called a tax increase. Brinkman encouraged letter writing by constituents to inform legislators of concerns about this important issue. (Addresses for our representatives can be found in the Terrace Park phone directory.)

Steve Fletcher, 221 Miami addressed Council. He said that he wished to take a moment to again set the record straight. He said he has been a builder for 21 years. He said he has always applied for and received permits for the work that he has done. He said he took out seven permits on the house at 221 Miami Ave., during the process of construction. He feels that he has done everything properly and correctly and has the right to enjoy his property. He assumes that the Village would want cars off the street, as the one

is not operable. His garage was the subject of Jim Rauth's letter to residents, sent out in August, Councilman Olson said that the zoning ordinance does not address the number of cars that can be parked in the garage, but refers to the size of the opening in the garage.

He also said that since the zoning code is a burden on private property, when it is found to be ambiguous, the ruling would always be in favor of the homeowner. When other Councilmen raised the question as to the significance of Rauth's letter, Olson responded that when our City Solicitor was asked if the garage situation was illegal he responded that it was not.

Yale setbacks questioned

Jim Flynn, 709 Myrtle, passed out packages to Council containing drawings depicting the front yard setbacks on homes at 710 to 718 Yale Ave. Flynn stated that some of the front yard set backs are not consistent with the 50 foot zoning ordinance requirement. He feels that the community should enforce the setback requirement. Flynn then asked if Terrace Park's Building Inspector Bill Fiedler could use an assistant. He then said he would like to know how the Building Department works. Flynn said that we are all at risk. He said that the final responsibility rests with the Council and the Mayor.

Fiedler offered that some homeowner applications have been denied because of setback requirements, and that applications are checked for proper setbacks. Olson continued, saying that these problems can occur because of our current zoning code. He reminded that

he currently is storing in his garage there is an on-going effort to revise the zoning code so that it is not written in an ambiguous fashion. He offered to meet with Flynn to look at his alleged zoning code violations.

Kudos for work on budget

Mayor Jay Gohman made a point to thank Mark Porst and all Council and staff members who worked diligently on necessary Terrace Park budget revisions. Francine Glassmeyer reported that approval from the Auditor's office has been received for the property tax levy which will be placed on the November ballot. Councilman Porst reminded that; although the property tax needs to be raised to meet financial requirements, our Village presently saves \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year because of volunteerism.

Fire Department Chief Jeff Carle described problems that the department is currently experiencing with the siren that alerts the neighborhood of serious weather problems. We are currently experiencing problems with county radio transmissions and therefore can not always receive the signal. To insure dependability, Carle suggested moving the antenna to Indian Hill.

Solicitor Robert Malloy initiated a discussion regarding neighborhood solicitation. Chief Bacon stated that presently the Village cannot stop people who are advocating their beliefs and opinions as long as they are not selling anything or soliciting for funds. The Chief said that homeowners must be on a list at the police department, and post their property with "no solicitors/ no trespassing signs" to prevent those soliciting funds or selling. This type of solicitor must register with the Village office. If a resident asks someone to leave and they do not, call the police department. Malloy will write and present an ordinance regarding this issue.

Councilman Jack Brown said that a Storm Water Management meeting was held in August. Although letters notifying residents of this meeting were sent out, there was a very low resident turn-out. He reported that residents who alter areas within the street right of way can cause serious problems. All residents are urged to contact the Village Office for Public Works for approval of any changes or alterations of "right of way" property.

Councilman Olson reminded all residents not to dump landscape materials in stream beds. This is important for proper storm water management.

An ordinance is underway for the control of blight and disease of shade trees within the Village. This will require the levy of an assessment on properties to pay for this work.



Neighbor to Neighbor

News from the school front

By Pat Wirthlin

Good Times at PTO

Home away from home ... this is how I would describe the first PTO meeting at Terrace Park Elementary School. Children are welcome. They have a good time in the sixth grade and doing art while their parents attend to parent/teacher matters. There is much squealing and door slamming while the children come out and check to see that Mom or Dad is alive and well.

Terrace Park's own children's author, Will Hillenbrand, received applause for his long-term commitment to the "Author Visit" program. Will was quick to give credit to Co-



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Beverly Cooke school secretary (Beverly was introduced in the August edition of the Village Views)

Chair Linda Ramey, the Mariemont tant survival tools including ear-School District and other committee members. Many children benefit from the program because the different authors will visit all three elementary schools in the district.

President Jenny Whitaker afcafeteria room watching movies fectionately refers to Cindy Brittingham and Sonya Geers as the "Pumpkin Queens." They already are hard at work on the Pumpkin Festival. This event is the PTO's biggest fundraiser. It will be held on Friday, October 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pumpkin Queen-ette Holly Long received applause as returning Bid-n-Buy Chair. This silent auction is typically the festival's most profitable event. The Bid-n-Buy committee needs and welcomes donations of services, goods or cash from the community and businesses. Sybil Schooler, Pumpkin Queen-ette in charge of decorations, suggested a cash contribution to sponsor centerpieces for those of us who are creatively challenged. I'll be sending her my check! Contribute some cash and donate some auction items. Call Holly at 831-4101, or Sybil at 576-1571.

> Interesting item: all students and their parents will be able to check grades and progress reports on-line this year.

> The Board presented Principal Linda Lee with an emergency survival gift basket for her first visit to Camp Kern with the sixth graders. The basket contained impor

plugs, pain medication, mini fan, and bug spray.

New Faces



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Maria Childs, the new second grade teacher, is as nice and sweet as can be. The young inhouse experts describe her as "very funny; good reader; fun." A native Cincinnatian, Mrs. Childs attended Purcell Marian High School and the College of Mount Saint Joseph. She is the mother of two boys, ages 7 and 5. Her husband is a captain at Little Miami Fire and Rescue. This is her fifth year teaching in the district. She is Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach at Mariemont High school!



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Darrell Deskins is our new Head Custodian. He has done a wonderful job polishing up the school. This is not an easy task considering the age of our facility. Mr. Deskins comes to us with the experience of having been custodian at Mariemont High School and Junior High.

Welcome Mrs. Childs and Mr. Deskins!



Members of Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop 286 take a moment's rest from a week of canoeing, kayaking, hiking and camping in

Boy Scouts "High Adventure" summer '04

By Joe Grever

Earlier this summer several members of the Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop 286 embarked on a weeklong trip to Montana to explore the scenic Missouri River and Glacier National Park. Members participating were Joe and John Austin, Dave and Grant Brendamour. Steve and Taylor Frohmiller, Joe and Cory Grever. Robert and twins Cole and Dillon Wilson, and Steve Frohmiller's cousin Roger Ohlman from Louisville, a 30-year canoe and hiking enthusiast. After arriving in Great Falls, Montana in early July, they were escorted to Coal Banks Landing on the Missouri River where they put in for a four day 50 mile canoe, kayaking, hiking trip retracing the steps of Lewis and Clark, even camping at some exact Lewis and Clark campsites. Every bend in the river seemed to bring ever-changing and fascinating vistas to this fun filled and relaxing venture thanks to the gentle current. The trip provided a real sense of the tremendous tenacity, courage and hardships

the Clark expedition endured foraging a way to the West Coast.

After canoeing, the troop drove five hours to Glacier National Park for three days of hiking and exploring some of the most beautiful and spectacular scenery in the states. Along the way we saw mountain goats, rams, deer, eagles, rattlesnakes and bear tracks (no bear). We all enjoyed seeing and learning about glaciers, unfortunately we also learned that they may not be around for future generations. The boys did find time for a snowball fight. The week ended with a night stay at East Glacier Lodge, a rustic turn-of-the-century abode.

Summer "High Adventure" is certainly the highlight for the troop, however, throughout the year, the scouts are involved in several regional weekend campouts and a variety of other fun and educational activities. Anyone interested in joining or inquiring into boy scouts should contact any of the above mentioned or Riley Humler.



Civics lesson



A group of Terrace Park Elementary students participated in a spontaneous clean up and weeding of the area surrounding the gazebo the day before Labor Day. Top row (left to right): Peter Laug, Asher Koreman, Daniel Simons and Mac Nelson. Bottom row: Chris Simons, Eli Koreman and Gabe Koreman.

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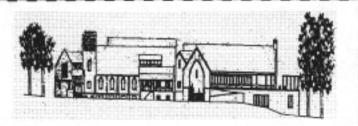
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Terrace Park Historical Society

"Tracking our past and present for the future"

Wes Cowan and new co-presidents for the Terrace Park Historical Society

By Carol C. Cole

Wes Cowan was the speaker for the September meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society and if you missed the meeting you missed a great treat! We had well over 50 people in attendance. Wes lives in Terrace Park (747 Park Avenue) but is known all over the United States (and perhaps the world) through his participation in Antiques Road Show, History Detectives and his own Historic Americana Auctions. If you look him up on the internet you will find a great many entries about him and his work. Part of his talk dealt with small local historical societies like ours, and I hope in the future Wes may be able to give us additional useful information about what we should and should not be doing.

Before Wes spoke we held our annual meeting. Carol B. Cole, Treasurer reported that we have 103 memberships (many of these are family memberships so they represent more than just one person) and a balance of \$4,764.47 in our treasury. We increased our board size from nine to eleven members, each person serving for three years with staggered terms. New people on the board are Susan Frank and Meghan Mills. We also have established a life membership of \$1,000 for those who are interested in supporting our organization in a bigger way. Of course donations of any size in addition to yearly dues are welcome at any time.

The board elected Terrace Park natives John Rockaway and Susan Abernethy Frank co-presidents. They are very excited about keeping the momentum going for the organization, inspiring new memberships, and activating more of the current members.

John was born in Terrace Parl in 1938, graduated Terrace Parl High School in 1956 and then wen to the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, graduating in 1960. John and his wife, Linda, vis ited Terrace Park frequently in the



747 Park Avenue, home of Shelley and Wes Cowan — our very own *History Detective*.

1960s before John's parents, Dottie and Jack, moved to Florida (1970). John's love and memory of Terrace Park stayed with him and in the late 1990s he and Linda purchased "Gravelotte" at 720 Elm. They moved to that home in 2001.

Susan Abernethy Frank was born in Terrace Park in 1942 (daughter of Edna and Philip "Bud" Heil), graduated Mariemont High School in 1960 and graduated the University of Cincinnati in 1964. Susan and husband Bill Abernethy moved back to Terrace Park in 1968, and raised both of their children. Scott and Molly, in Terrace Park. In 1990 Susan's love for Terrace Park inspired her to produce "Terrace Park, With Love," a video scrapbook of the wonders of the village. The video was dedicated to her father who also loved Terrace Park and had "discovered" it when he was a small boy and loved to fish in the area. This same video is still available from the Terrace Park Historical Society for \$12, or in DVD format for \$15 - an excellent Christmas present idea! Su-

san currently lives in the historic district of Newport, Kentucky with her husband, John Frank. She still keeps in close touch with the village and is very excited to co-chair the Historical Society.

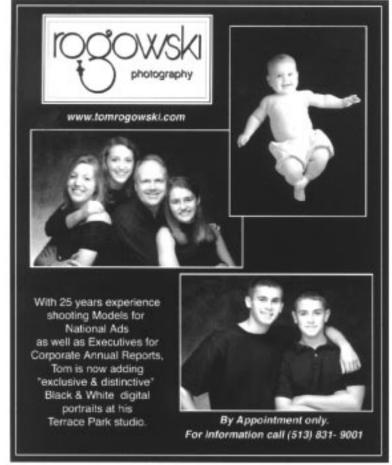
John and Susan look forward to more involvement with the schools and to getting the exciting and interesting history of the village to the children and newer residents. Their first program, in November, will be an open house at the Terrace Park Historical Society head-quarters at St. Thomas Church. They plan to have a spring program on the history of Miami Grove (now the wilderness preserve).

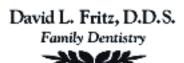
John and Susan want to remind all residents of all ages that a membership to the Historical Society is a great holiday gift for friends and family whether current or past residents of Terrace Park. If you're not a member yourself this is a good time to join. Please visit our website www.tphistoricalsociety.org for more updated information or contact Carol B. Cole at 831-5161.

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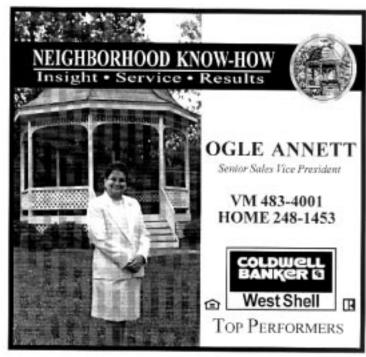
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Park's labor day festivities wouldn't be complete without hats from Ted's, the garden club float, a ride on dad's shoulders, (bottom row from right) little boys and their bikes, Lt. Jerry Hayhow and his bike and goldfish.



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pneumonia shots will be given. These shots are again free to Medicare Part B holders. If you do not have Medicare Part B, the charge is \$20 for the flu shot and \$30 for the pneumonia shot. Information/ registration: 474-3100.

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Oktoberfest — Friday, September Freedom Center — Monday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.

A representative from the Freeing us for this fun-filled lunch time dom Center will be at the Anderson Senior Center to give an update on the programs and events which will take place over the next year. This is a great opportunity for you to have your questions answered and to learn more about history. Information: 474-3100.

In the Garden with Ron Wilson — Thursday, October 7, 10 a.m. Suggested donation: \$2

Ron Wilson of Natorp's will be On Friday, October1, flu and at the Anderson Senior Center with fall gardening tips. He will talk about "putting plants away" for the winter and will answer all of your gardening questions. Come to win several door prize give-a-ways, such as colorful plans and decorative baskets. Information/Registra-







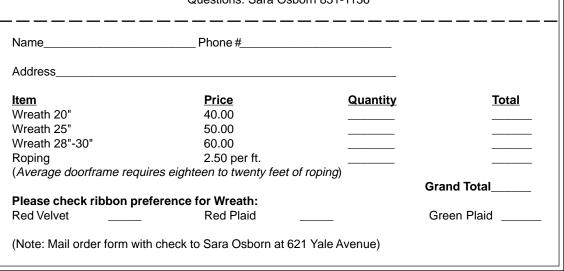
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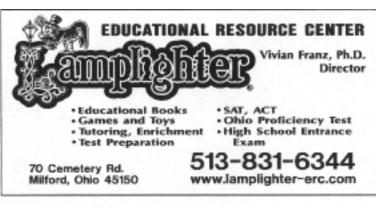
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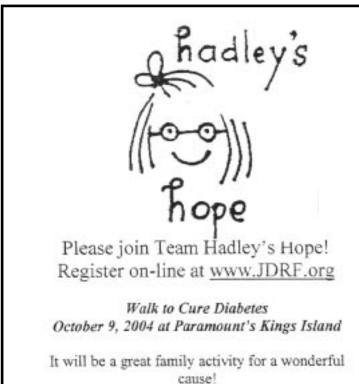
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Good eats

You can grab a bite to eat at the café (located in the cafeteria). Offerings will include pizza and barbeque (pulled-pork) sandwiches. Don't forget to round out the meal with a stop at the sweet shop located in the sixth grade lunch room.

The cakewalk is always an easy way to win a delectable dessert. It's a great excuse to have some delicious treats over the weekend.

Activities

The evening will be filled with games and other activities. Games for children of all ages will be in the gymnasium. If you have a younger child, you may want to visit the third grade hallway to enjoy games geared specifically toward them.

And, of course, what pumpkin festival would be complete without a haunted house — or two. Younger children may want to visit Casper's Corner. Located on the stage in the gym, this brightly lit, sweetly decorated area will delight rather than scare preschool and younger elementary aged children. The haunted house, in the tornado room in the basement, is geared toward older children. Under the creative direction of David Laug and Nisa Simons, this dark and spooky walk-through Pumpkin Festival staple will surely give even the bravest souls the willies.

Great buys

The ever popular Bid-n-Buy will return this year. Traditionally, this silent auction offers vacations, sports tickets, craft items, jewelry, gift certificates to restaurants and retail shops, artwork, home made dinners, and, of course, the ever-popular keepsake class projects.

Bidders can place bids by registering for a number then writing down their number and bid on the appropriate bid sheet located near the item. As in any auction, the bidding continues to rise throughout the evening, so participants must keep an eye on the items they want in order to assure they have the winning bid when the auction ends.

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Terrace Park Sports

Kids on the court

Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club's Junior Tennis Club Championship was held August 7th. Head Pro John Seiter made this quite a festive occasion with pizza and trophies for all.

12 and Overs

Some of the top junior players in Terrace Park and Mariemont participated in the older division, including Gavin Donley, Amir Rezayat, Jack McKeown, Johnny Wirthlin, Tim Finnigan, Maddie McGrory, Marcy Allen, Julia Wilson, and Alek Widmer.

Tim Finnigan received top honors, followed by Johnny Wirthlin in second place and Julia Wilson in third.

11 and Unders

The fierce athletes who played in the younger division were Emmett Saulnier, Nick Peterman, Brennen Warner, Drew Hyer, Elizabeth Keller, Andy Wittry, Mikey Wirthlin, and Blake Adams.

Mikey Wirthlin earned first place honors, with Andy Wittry finishing second and Brennen Warner finishing third.



Pictures: Roger Stafford

Shown above in the 11 and under division, left to right, are Andy Wittry, Head Pro John Seiter, and Mikey Wirthlin.



Shown above in the 12 and over division, left to right, are Johnny Wirthlin, Head Pro John Seiter, and Tim Finnigan.

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