



## Council expresses gratitude to voters at November meeting

By Susan M. House

Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Jay Gohman thanked everyone for passage of the operating levy and bond issue that won voter approval on November 2. Although thanks went out to all council members, Mark Porst was singled out as the driving force behind the effort to educate voters and bring in this win for Terrace Park. John Maggard, on behalf of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire Chief Jeff Carle, and Chief of Police, Bob Bacon, joined in showing their appreciation for the work done to achieve victory. Maggard (who volunteers for both the Fire Department and EMS) expressed gratefulness on behalf of safety personnel saying that it is nice to know that residents stand behind them. Plans

are underway to send out specifications for bids on the new fire truck that will be purchased. Now that the levies have been approved, discussion among council members set forth a strategy to form a commission, made up of council members, Village personnel, and residents, to organize plans to build the new emergency services building and adjacent improvements.

### New trees

Councilman Jeff Koreman introduced a resolution to purchase, plant, and fertilize new trees. The tree planting to be done will be at a total cost, not to exceed, \$6,454. Council will have a special meeting in order to achieve the final approval for this resolution, in a timely manner.

### Open house a success

Carol C. Cole of 629 Myrtle reported that the open house hosted by the Terrace Park Historical Soci-

ety on November 7 was a great success with 160 people attending to view Village memorabilia from the past 100 years.

### Leaf pick-up

Chief Robert Bacon, in his capacity as Street Commissioner, reported that leaf pick-up is currently underway. The truck was down for two or three days at the beginning of the season. Too many wet leaves created an overload and subsequent break-down. The Chief says that there is one truck and four people working as hard as they can. It is requested that only leaves go in the leaf piles. Things like sticks, rocks, etc. cause damage to the leaf machine — an inconvenience for all.

### Zoning

Councilman Stefan Olson announced that the zoning review proposals have been narrowed down to two. The two firms will be interviewed and it is hoped that a rec-

ommendation for a choice will be forthcoming by the next Council meeting. Olson requests that citizens become involved in the zoning revision process by attending public meetings. He also urges that he be notified of any particular concerns residents might have, that should be considered. Carol Cole submitted information regarding the establishment of a Terrace Park Conservation District.

### Clerk of Courts

For some time Francine Glassmeyer has filled the position of

Clerk of Courts for Terrace Park. Mayor Gohman stated that Glassmeyer is a valuable and most appreciated asset to the Village. Glassmeyer has now moved from Terrace Park. To allow her to maintain the Clerk position, it was decided that Larry Williams will be appointed Village Fiscal Officer and Glassmeyer will be appointed Assistant Fiscal Officer. Council Members unanimously approved this resolution.

*Editors Note: There will not be any council report in the December paper due to the deadline change.*

## Park and Western to get speed humps

Speed humps are to be installed on Park and Western Avenues in the next several weeks. Speed humps are designed to be driven over at 25 mph or less. Signs will be installed alerting drivers of the humps ahead.

These humps will be similar to ones used on streets in other communities and are basically raised levels of pavement situated throughout a street. Please be aware of this as you drive on these two streets.

## School superintendent welcomes residents to attend open dialogue

District residents have been invited to have an "Open Dialogue with the Superintendent" with the Mariemont City School District. Sessions are held at the Board of Education Office located in the Mariemont Junior High School located at 6743 Chestnut Street. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 9-10:30 am. Concerned tax payers have this opportunity to share thoughts as well as question policy and procedure within the system. All residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

At a recent meeting topics such as school consolidation, budget, teacher assignment and the possibility of having a school psychologist available to the elementary

schools were discussed by the parents attending. Year-round school options were also addressed with regard to a national trend. The meeting was informative and interesting. Diane Donley, attending for the first time said, "I was so glad I went. It was a great opportunity for parents to discuss school issues, both the positive and the negative." Susan Austin, also attending for the first time added, "My husband and I have concerns about the financial forecast of the district that was discussed briefly at the September School Board meeting. Because of the format of those meetings, a more in-depth question/answer period is not available. This open meeting gave me the avenue to question Superintendent Gerry

Harris with regard to this issue. These meetings are designed to give parents as well as all tax payers the opportunity to really question why things happen as they do within the district. It is a great opportunity that I hope more residents of the district will take advantage of in the future. It was very much an open dialogue session too!"

Historically, change within the Mariemont City School District has involved tax payer through group meetings or forms. Dr. Harris asked the residents their feelings about different issues that have been brought up in the past several months. A December meeting is planned on Thursday December 9, 2004. All residents are encouraged to attend.



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Council members wore their gratitude on their sleeves (or in this case the Community Building) after voters passed both an operating levy and a bond issue on Election Day.

## Halloween Fun 101



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

This year's parade at the Terrace Park Elementary was visited by a host of cleverly costumed students including pirates, cats, ghouls, and even the three blind mice. President George W. Bush and his entourage took a break from a hectic campaign trail to make a special appearance at the festivities.

### Help brighten a child's Christmas by donating a toy

Noon – 3 p.m.  
Sunday, December 5  
Log cabin

Drop off an unwrapped child's toy and the Terrace Park Troop 286 Boy Scouts will wrap them. Gifts will be donated to the Cincinnati Postal Workers "Letters from Santa" toy drive and given to children throughout Greater Cincinnati.



### December deadline change

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the *Village Views* December deadline has been moved to Friday, December 3rd

**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

Recently the residents of Terrace Park were asked to vote on a bond issue to enhance and remodel the existing Community Building in Terrace Park. Over 60 percent of the voting residents voted YES to remodel and repair this aging building. In 2005 your yearly tax dollars will be at work with the rehabilitation of this building.

There is also a building in our community that is valuable community resource. It is in need of significant repair and a group has formed to raise funds, not tax dollars, to repair the HVAC and locker rooms. The Mariemont High School Pool Committee has been independently raising private funds for two years. The cost of renovation of the HVAC and falling ceiling is \$500,000. Members of the Pool Committee have worked in the community at concession opportunities and at the 2003 summer Village Meet at Terrace Park Swim Club to raise funds. Private donations have already been accepted.

This committee is short of the \$500,000 goal.

Many of you will see your taxes increase in 2005 to help the Community building. As the "end of the year let's make a tax deductible financial donation to a great cause" time period comes, won't EACH OF YOU that VOTED FOR the Community Building, donate to another very worthy cause? This community resource could certainly improve and expand its usage if adequate heat and ventilation were available.

Historically many of the top student athletes in our district have been involved with the swimming programs offered through the Mariemont Aquatic Club, or the Junior High and Senior High Swimming programs. The Polar Bears swim three days a week for physical fitness with early morning swims. Last year pre school swimming lessons were offered for the first time and filled to capacity. It is a valuable community resource and it needs your help NOW.

Brochures detailing exact donation levels as well as plans can be obtained from Henry Thoman or Susan Olson. Please contact Henry Thoman at 7 Denison Lane with your tax deductible donation to the Mariemont School Foundation Pool Renovation Fund.

We are very fortunate to have an indoor pool available for our residents. It needs help though and there just aren't enough school district dollars available to get the job done!

Sincerely,  
Susan Austin  
825 Princeton Ave.

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3rd. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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**December deadline :**  
The December deadline for *Village Views* is Dec. 3rd. 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.

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Letter to the Editor,

We write this letter to express our sincere appreciation to Village Council for all of their efforts in support of our volunteer EMS and Fire Department and our gratitude to the residents of Terrace Park this past Election Day for passing the bond issue.

This major step forward will assure the future of these necessary services in our community and provide an up-to-date facility where we will continue to train those of us who currently serve and all those who will follow.

It is very gratifying to know that when there is such a need, Terrace Park steps up to the plate.

Sincerely,  
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# TP Boy Scout troop 286 update

By Cory Grever

On Sunday, September 26, 2004, the Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop 286 held a Court of Honor to recognize merit badge achievement and rank advancement. Eight members of the troop achieved a total of 55 merit badges. Most of these badges were earned during the weeklong summer camp program at Camp Friedlander and are required for advancement in ranks. Advancing from Tenderfoot to the rank of Second Class was Elliot Hanes. Cory Grever advanced from Second to First Class, and Dillon Wilson advanced from First Class to Star. The Terrace Park troop has an excellent reputation for scouts advancing to the top rank of Eagle Scout and currently Randall Williams and Brandon Gulick are awaiting paperwork approval and a Board of Review for this advancement.

Troop 286 would like to announce the appointment of Dennis Kokouda as Scoutmaster replacing Steve Smith who resigned after many years of service. Steve will continue to be an advisor of Troop 286. The troop also welcomed new scouts Reed Brendamour, Austin Kokoruda and Grant Hesser.

Other recent events included 12 scouts serving dinner to the home-

less folks at Nast Community Church in Over-the-Rhine; a woodcarving workshop; and a backpack packing demonstration by senior scouts Randall and Brandon in preparation for the Cumberland Gap hiking trip. Five scouts and their fathers braved the elements and hiked 7 miles up the gap to a 1000-foot elevation at the abandoned Hensley Settlement. They carried all food, water, clothing and personal items on their backs. The Hensley Settlement was established in 1905 but abandoned in the 1950s after the children and grandchildren moved to nearby towns. The foliage was awesome and one of the highlights was climbing an 80-foot vertical rock. It was an awesome Saturday night campout.

Don't forget to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER on Saturday, November 13, 2004. The scouts will be in full force to help. Anyone interested in scouting should contact our new Scoutmaster Dennis Kokoruda 831-8736 or visit the scout's web page on the Terrace Park Website for more information. [www.terracepark.org](http://www.terracepark.org)

Lastly, don't miss the opportunity to brighten someone's Christmas by dropping off an unwrapped toy at the log cabin on Sunday, December 5 from noon to 3 p.m. The boy scouts, working in conjunction with the Cincinnati postal workers "Dear Santa Letters" program, will wrap the gifts.

## Village Calendar 2004

### November

23 TPE Parent/Grandparent Day

24-26 No School for Mariemont District students

### December

3 TPE Featured Author Visit. Renowned storyteller and composer Rick Sowash will speak to TPE students and the general public (appropriate for ages 5 and up) at 9:15 a.m. and 9:55 a.m. For more information, contact **Will Hillenbrand at 831-5830.**

3 MHS Holiday Fair 5-8 p.m. at MHS gym. Everyone is welcome.

5 *A Terrace Park Holiday Tradition*: 6 p.m. lighting of luminaries; 6:15 p.m. community gathering at the Village Green (carols begin at 6:15 p.m.; tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.; Santa arrives at 6:45 p.m.).

6 Early Dismissal Mariemont students in grades 7-12

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

7 TP Garden Club Holiday Luncheon, Noon at Hyde Park Country Club. For more information, contact Ogle Annett at 248-1453.

7 Hanukkah begins at sunset

8 TPE Holiday Concert for Grades K-3, 7 p.m. in the TPE Gymnasium

9 Kindervelt #76 Dessert Auction 7 p.m. at the home of Vanessa Peterman, 600 Stanton. All proceeds go to the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program. For more information, contact **Alison Connor at 831-4453.**

9 MJHS Holiday Concert 7 p.m. at Mariemont Elementary

13 AARP 1:30 p.m. at SEM Villa in Milford. Program: Wendy VonHolle with Christmas Melodies. For more information, contact **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650.**

13 MHS Holiday Concert 7 p.m. at MHS

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

15 TP Historical Society 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House 7-9 p.m. at Gravelotte, home of John and Linda Rockaway, 720 Elm. For more information, contact **John Rockaway at 965-8660.**

16 TPE Holiday Concert for Grades 4-6, 7 p.m. in the TPE Gymnasium

17 Winter Vacation for Mariemont District students begins at the end of the day

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

25 Christmas Day

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

## Terrace Park Historical Society

"Tracking our past and present for the future"

By Carol C. Cole

"Concrete homes ARE NOT NEW" is the title of an article in the Sunday, October 24, 2004 Cincinnati Enquirer. Of course we've known this for a long time in Terrace Park since we have poured cement houses in Terrace Park dating from soon after cement came to the United States. Stan Brown bought a box of books recently at auction and in the box was Highway Engineering Handbook, 1960. I quote from that book. "Cement is an age-old product, but Portland cement is relatively new, dating only from 1824, when the first patent was granted. Credit for its invention goes to an Englishman, Joseph Aspdin. The new cement was named "Portland" both to set it apart from its more primitive ancestors and specifically because the color of concrete made from it resembles the color of natural stone quarried on the Isle of Portland, off the southern coast of England. Portland cement was introduced to the United States shortly after the Civil War, being shipped over as ballast about 1870."

Perhaps some of you will remember by article in the June 2002 issue of *Village Views*. In it I tell this story about the building of the Community House and some Corey houses on Park Avenue. They were "built of poured concrete, brought as ballast on sailing ships from Europe. The story goes that during a depression, recession or panic as it was then called, the owner of some barges on the Little Miami River suffered bankruptcy and Corey was able to obtain the powdered cement from the barges at auction for almost nothing. The buildings were poured a few feet at a time using hand made forms." Now we have proof printed in a book of this story and how Corey came to be able to build in what became Terrace Park some of the earliest cement buildings in the United States!

"History Detectives" had an interesting program recently about a concrete home in Union, New Jersey. Evidently Thomas A. Edison in the early twentieth century was interested in the possibility of build-



**Poured cement houses (like the one pictured above) are an intriguing part of home-building in Terrace Park.**

ing concrete low cost homes for workers. He wanted "to help society by mass-producing affordable housing." Edison didn't build the concrete homes in Union, but Charles Ingersol and his brother, who became wealthy selling dollar watches, decided to take up Edison's idea. The neighborhood of houses in Union was built by Charles Ingersol in 1917 using Edison's plans. The last couple of sentences in the "History Detectives" program reads, "Despite the best efforts of Edison and Ingersoll, their idea of poured concrete homes for the masses never caught on. Fewer than a hundred were ever built, making these home in Union even more remarkable."

The recent article I mentioned above tells of "an authentic, one-of-a-kind Frank Lloyd Wright home that is on the National Register of Historic Places." It was built of solid concrete just 50 years ago. The article goes on to say that "concrete is an appealing material because it is so durable. When insulated properly, it requires very little energy to heat and cool. The dense exterior walls are, by nature, soundproof." There seem to be many advantages to buildings made of concrete, but it's not inexpensive and one has to find a builder who is familiar with cement building techniques.

Another book owned by Stan

Brown is Plain Concrete, by Edward E. Bauer, published in 1928, and written for undergraduates at engineering colleges. The picture at the head of this article is from this book. The caption under the picture reads, "All walls, floors, partitions, roof, gutters and down spouts are poured monolithic reinforced concrete. Excepting the door and window frames and wooden trim, nothing used in the entire construction is inflammable. Note the architectural features in the poured concrete."

You probably all know the story of the Ingalls building downtown on the corner of Fourth and Vine Streets. It's the world's first reinforced concrete skyscraper and was constructed from 1902-03 by the Ferro-Concrete Construction Company. That's the same company that built our "International" style home (corner of Floral and Stanton) of which I wrote last month. People at the time were so sure that a reinforced concrete skyscraper could not stand that they stayed up all night after its construction waiting for it to fall. It's still standing!

George Washington Corey didn't build a great many cement buildings, but certainly the few he did build have lasted already well over a century. Poured concrete doesn't seem to be a very popular home-building material but it certainly continues to intrigue people.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Master of Tall Tales coming to TPE

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004  
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.  
or  
10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**Terrace Park Elementary School Gym**  
(please – adult guests only)



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Terrace Park Elementary Librarians Sandy Wittman-Shell and Diane Gunter.**

A dazzling story teller is coming to town. Rick Sowash, The Master of Tall Tales, will be here in December. Terrace Park Elementary School Librarians, Sandy Wittman-Shell and Diane Gunter, invite all adult Terrace Parkers to join the school children to witness how this wonderful story-teller amazingly and delightfully brings his stories to life right before your very eyes. That includes you TP Women's Clubbers, who last year donated his book, "Critters, Flitters and Spitters." If you don't come, you'll wish you did.

## Fall festivities abound at TPE

### PTO News

By Pat Wirthlin

#### Pumpkin Fest

A smashingly successful Pumpkin Festival produced \$23,000 for the Terrace Park Parent Teacher Organization. PTO President Jenny Whitaker could not say enough about those many helping hands that made the event such a success. We should all recognize that our teachers and staff contributed raffle items such as pet sitting and calligraphy lessons that raised \$1,000 of the profit. "Principal for the day" and "Secretary for a Day" are always perennial favorites of bidders. Special recognition should be given to the students, who raised \$500 with items such as pet sitting and babysitting. Fourth-grader Julia Murphy's Snow Day Cocoa Kit was a top seller. The Woodruff brothers' contributions of leaf raking and bating practice were priceless. A sunset cruise on the Ohio River donated by the Bortz family brought the highest bid of the event.

Superintendent Gerry Harris wants all of us to know that these PTO funds provide things for the school and the students that could not be provided under the school's tax supported budget. In past years, PTO funds have funded the purchase of laptops, locking computer cabinets, portable bleachers, cafeteria tables, and a defibrillator, among other things.

#### "Brew" Ha Ha

The triumphant "Brew" Ha Ha is the talk of the town, raising \$3,000 for the Pumpkin Festival. Ted and Juliann Gardner (aka Ted's Toys and Trains) were brave enough to contribute their home as the stompin' and dancin' grounds for this \$25-per-head party. It was just extraordinary. In the hat and wig contest, Ellie Pohlman won "scariest" with a tong through her head. Libby Gohman won "funniest" with her Marilyn Monroe wig and cat glasses. Walt Bessey won "most cre-



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**A sea of lollipops attracted this young gameplayer at the Terrace Park Elementary Pumpkin Festival.**

ative" as a soccer ball head. Jennifer Michaelson won "most resourceful" as a pizza box. One hundred percent of the proceeds went to the PTO. Thank you so much to party coordinators Leigh Saulnier and Juliann Gardner, and their committee of their husbands, the Wittrys, Hermansons, McCormacks, Longs, Machless, Graumlachs, Porsts, Gaburos and Cinquinas. You sure know how to put on a party!



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**First-grader Will Hobart brought home a blue ribbon in the K-3 uncarved pumpkin decorating competition at the festival.**

#### Other news to note:

- TP Elementary is right up there with Starbucks and the city of San Francisco – The school is now wireless!
- A form of a flu type illness hit the school very hard. One day in November, 85 students (out of 320) were absent because of illness.

Do what you can to avoid the bug!



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Jennifer Michaelson's (pictured with husband Mark) pizza hat boxed won the "most resourceful" hat prize at Terrace Park's first (and hopefully NOT last) fundraising Brew Ha-Ha.**

## Mariemont High School National Honor Society inductees

The following Mariemont High School students and Terrace Park residents were inducted into the MHS National Honor Society on November 4. Congratulations to Allison Barnes, Laura Cash, Nicholas Sexmith, Brian Walker, Daniel Aus-

tin, Laura Carrigan, Emma Castator, Caitlin Ebel, Jonathan Groppe, Julie Keys, Nathan Maggard, Katie Morgan, Allison Perry, Hayley Porst, Morgan Reidl, Grant Rosson, Lily Vonderheide, and Ellis Ward.



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# Police report

Burglary, theft and domestic violence commanded the attention of Terrace Park police during October.

Investigations involved two burglaries, both on Indian Hill Road. On October 4 police found that access to a home had been gained by forced entry. Drawers had been overturned and closets disturbed during theft of items from the house. October 16 a second burglary at another home was reported. It was believed to have occurred between October 9 and 16 when tools were removed from the garage.

Thefts of items from a vehicle parked on Elm Ave., of checks from a mailbox on Cornell and of political campaign signs from yards on Dennison, Floral, Miami, Myrtle, Park, Stanton, Wooster Pike and Yale were reported.

Police responded to two calls involving domestic violence - one on Rugby and one on Fieldstone.

October 23 officers pursued a vehicle which had run a stop sign.

When stopped, the driver, identified as a village resident, was found to be in possession of an open container and appeared to be inebriated. The subject resisted arrest, became combative and used foul language. Milford police provided assistance in cuffing the driver who was taken to Milford where a breath test confirmed DUI. Paperwork was completed and the subject was transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center.

In other matters police responded to reports of a suspicious vehicle parked in a driveway on Elm Avenue, an unknown individual sleeping in a resident's vehicle and a telephone harassment complaint.

Six drivers were stopped for traffic violations on Wooster Pike. Three of those were found to have outstanding warrants and village officers assisted the issuing municipalities.

The Life Squad performed six runs and the Fire Department one.



## Sunday, December 5th

### Terrace Park's 18th Annual Tree Lighting

*Illuminate your home with Kindervelt 76's luminaria, then follow the lights and make your way to the Village Green for all the warmth and community spirit to carol and celebrate this holiday season.*

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

- \* Santa's elves with trinkets for all good little boys and girls, courtesy of **Ted's Toys and Trains**
- \* Traditional photo with Jolly Old Saint Nick, sponsored by **Ogle Annett of Coldwell Banker/WestShell**
- \* Horse-drawn holiday wagons rides, Generously provided by **Fletcher Homes**.
- \* Caroling with Terrace Park's finest singers and musicians, including the **St. Thomas Children's choir**.
- \* Candlelight on the Green graciously provided by **Debbie Whittelsey of Comey and Shephard**
- \* Bag Dinners, hot cocoa & cookies on sale to warm your holiday spirit with the **6th grade Junior Girl Scouts coffee donated by Renee Tetrault of Over Coffee**

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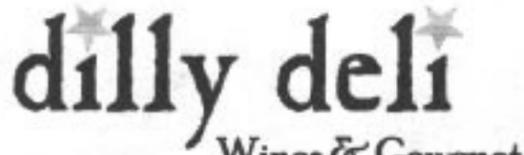
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# From horse shows to trunk shows

By Sherry Holcomb

How do you go from a hobby of peddling jewelry from a small booth at horse shows to operating a thriving retail jewelry and gift shop representing over 45 designers and artists? Donna Griffin, owner of the "One In A Million" shop in Terrace Park has done just that, and still isn't quite sure how it all happened so fast.

"It is the most amazing thing and I'm having so much fun," said Donna. "I have Arabian show horses and thought I could help a friend and start something new by selling silver jewelry at the horse shows four years ago. Now it has mushroomed into a passion."

Donna's love for unique, artist-created jewelry and gift items has grown into a new retail location at 614 Wooster Pike, between Over Coffee and the PNC Bank. The new location features twice as much square footage as the store's previous site. The extra space has been filled with new designer jewelry, more high-quality furs, a unique selection of gifts and gift baskets and a workshop for artist Catherine Strange who is creating custom silk flower arrangements. Customer interest and requests necessitated the move, according to Donna.

"They love the unique and one-of-a-kind items we carry and kept asking for more," she explained. "We simply ran out of space at our former location." A lot of work went into getting the new store ready and a grand re-opening allowed customers, contributing artists and the staff to celebrate on November 4.

"The best part of this experience is the relationships that have developed with the artists and customers," Donna said. "The artists are creative, but don't have a regular outlet for selling their pieces. This store helps keep them motivated to create new designs."

When One In A Million first opened in December of 2003, it was more of a showroom that attracted customers from Terrace Park and Indian Hill. Now that the retail store has an established name and larger location, it is attracting people from as far away as Dayton, OH and Lexington, KY.

"The people part is what I like the most," Donna explained. "It is very rewarding." She will feature some of the new and earlier artists



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Donna Griffin, owner of One in a Million, offers her customers artist-crafted jewelry and gift items.**

at upcoming special events. On January 29 "Vintage Valentines" will showcase modern heirloom jewelry; on February 26, "Blissfully Wed" will present a marriage of bridal and fashion jewelry with a focus on

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\*8:00 p.m. - Choral Eucharist, Messiah Choir  
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# What is Kindervelt?

## Terrace Park group kicks off 2004 – 2005 fundraising year

By Ann Sergeant Gibson

The Terrace Park Kindervelt #76 chapter is already in full swing with planning and executing this year's fundraising activities. Approximately 40 women, all volunteers, from Terrace Park have been knocking on doors and collecting orders and money in preparation for the community's Luminaria holiday event scheduled for December 5. As you are ordering your Luminaria kits, attending the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, or attending Ladies Day at the TP Swim Club, have you ever wondered what Kindervelt actually does? What is Kindervelt?

Kindervelt is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that was established in 1973 to raise money

for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). Since its inception in the Cincinnati area, Kindervelt has donated close to \$12M to CCHMC. Each community who wishes to participate can start its own Kindervelt group in their community. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to join. The goal of "Having fun while raising funds" is key in that there are no financial quotas. Because all activities are planned, organized, and executed by volunteers, the dollars raised by Kindervelt go far in the community. Legal counseling and services are provided by CCHMC.

The Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter is currently in its 21<sup>st</sup> year of sponsoring community activities

and fundraisers in Terrace Park to raise money for CCHMC. Some of the Kindervelt fundraising activities include the annual Luminaria Holiday event, the Easter Egg Hunt, Ladies Day at the Terrace Park Swim Club, and the annual Mardi Gras party. A new fundraiser planned for the 2004 – 2005 year is a mini-marathon.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is rated one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the United States. Money raised by Kindervelt groups has supported medical research at CCHMC, as well as the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment designed to help diagnose and treat pediatric illness and injury. Kindervelt donations also help provide proper health care and treatment for sick children of families who cannot afford health care for their children.

Monies raised by Kindervelt members have saved the lives of children, provided treatment where none could have been given, and assisted the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in becoming and continuing its status as one of the top pediatric care centers in the country.

Kindervelt monies over the years have helped in the purchase of tomographic unit for the radiology department, life-support equipment for the cardiac care unit, a special microscope for cancer research, and other life-saving and research equipment. Kindervelt funds have also led to the development of the division of infectious diseases, the Kindervelt Cardiovascular Research Endowment Fund for research, and the Kindervelt Professorship of Pulmonary Medicine, securing CCHMC's position as a national leader in molecular genetic research. Funds raised have also supported the Kindervelt Trauma Center, located in the emergency department at CCHMC, as well as the Kindervelt Critical Care Program, offering state-of-the-art care to children who need intensive monitoring and treatment.

Kindervelt recently completed a five-year commitment to the Division of Adolescent Medicine, offering resources and support for adolescents and the physicians who treat them. Kindervelt's 2005–2008 commitment of monies will benefit the Cincinnati Children's Division of Developmental Disabilities. The CCDDD services the multi-disciplinary diagnostic and treatment of children ages 0 – 21 with developmental disabilities including: Autism, Mental Retardation, Down Syndrome, learning disabilities, ADHD, dual diagnosis (mental health/mental retardation), infant assessment services, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, and Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome.

For more information on the Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter activities, contact Terrace Park Kindervelt President Allison Connor at (513) 831-4453.

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On a beautiful Sunday in October, children (and adults) from the 600 block of Yale got to hang out with their neighbors at a block party.

## Yale Avenue block party

By Lanie Grever

Wow, what a turnout the 600 block of Yale Avenue and the corners had for a wonderful get together on Sunday, October 24, 2004 — more than 60 people. There are many new residents and lots of young children. Since our last block party several years ago these are the new residents: on Amherst the Robinsons, the Crowleys, on Yale the Mackay-

Lufkins, the Bells, the Mills, the Colemans, the Osbornes, Sophia Cheng and the Cullinas, the Rebers and on Marietta the Dimicheles. Hamburgers and hotdogs as well as hors'd'oeuvres and salads were served. A special thanks to Megan Mills, Roseann Hayes and Louise Cottrell for their organizational skills for this fun event.

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Austin and Dupre named Academic All Americans

Dan Austin and Wren Dupre, juniors at Mariemont High School, were recently two of four male Ohio student athletes honored as Academic All Americans by USA Swimming. This award reflects academic achievement in the classroom and outstanding swimming achievements in the water. Required qualifications for nomination included academic performance with an accumulated grade point average of greater than 3.5 and participation and scoring at Junior National or National level swim meets in the academic year of 2003-2004. Both boys were nominated by their year-round coach of the Mason Manta Rays, Ken Heis, and the Mariemont High School Guidance Department.

Dan and Wren have been swimming year round together since the age of seven. Through the



Dan Austin (left) and Wren Dupre, juniors at Mariemont High School, were named as Academic All Americans by USA Swimming. Only four male Ohio student athletes were named.

years both boys have received numerous athletic awards including recently being named Swimming All American roster with John Austin and Nick Thoman during the sum-

mer for their record setting performance in the 400 yard freestyle relay at the 2004 State High School meet as Mariemont Warriors. Wren also received individual Swimming All American honors with his State High School performances in the butterfly, his specialty.

When asked how she felt when Wren received this award, his mother, Emily Dupre of 153 Wrenwood smiled and said, "We continue to be amazed with his daily work ethic and drive to succeed. We are so proud of his accomplishments." Joe Austin, Dan's father added, "Both boys work so hard and are committed, both in and out of the water. In fact, I am not sure you will find more determined young men in this community. It is truly an honor for both of them. We are looking forward to their continued success in High School swimming at Mariemont this winter. The Swimming Warriors are a fun group to watch!"



Drackett Field is looking its best in 20 years thanks to the efforts of the Terrace Park Recreation Commission.

## Drackett Field gets a facelift

By Bren Fries

Have you been down to Drackett Field lately? If not, it might be a good time for a visit. Under the supervision of TPRC's Sy Swart and the tireless efforts of Field "technician" Don Fisher, Terrace Park's facility for baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse looks every bit as good as it did more than 20 years ago.

Christened in 1983, Drackett Field was truly a community effort to sponsor recreation sports in the Village. At the base of the park's flagpole is a plaque listing the names of those involved in the development of the area. It was their vision to provide a safe, top-flight facility for our kids to enjoy the excitement and lessons of team sport. However, over the years, Mother Nature had taken her toll and both

the ball fields and structures began to show the effects of time.

Under the leadership of President Matt Nickum, the TPRC Board laid out an aggressive plan to renovate nearly every aspect of the facility. Since the plan's inception more than 18 months ago, we are proud to report that the following repairs have been made:

- The access road has been professionally tarred and chipped, similar to streets in the Village
- The ball diamonds have been re-sized to league specifications and laser-graded to maximize water runoff capabilities. Backstops and fencing have been repaired and painted a distinctive forest green color.
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This has been no small undertaking. Simply maintaining the grounds is a job in itself. The noteworthy effort of Sy Swart, Don Fisher and Alex Swart are a big reason for the success of this endeavor. But mostly, thanks go to the residents of Terrace Park who support TPRC fundraisers throughout the year. It is important to note that no municipal funds go toward the viability of Terrace Park Recreation activities...we have been able to improve Drackett Field because of the generosity of so many in the Village who participate in our annual Labor Day festivities and "Monte Carlo" night at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

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