

VILLAGE VIEWS

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Snow and ice brings out the nice

By Sherry Holcomb

Sure, we could talk about the travel nightmares, the closed businesses and the cancelled holiday plans caused by the nearly foot of ice and snow that fell on December 22 and 23. But more evident and ultimately more interesting are the examples of perseverance and dedication exhibited by employees, officials and village residents during the severe weather. As Robert Bacon, Terrace Park police chief put it, "It was kind of nice. The storm brought out the spirit of people helping each other. We forgot the petty stuff for a little while."

There were small things like Council Member Terry Howe shoveling off the new speed humps on Park Avenue with his garden spade when an elderly resident on the street expressed concern. Seems the city had used salt on the snow-covered humps and when the temperatures dropped the melting stopped. So Terry, who'd left his snow shovel elsewhere, grabbed the garden spade and went to work.

"These humps were installed only a month ago, and they've been very effective controlling speed," Terry says. "We're still learning though." As for his shoveling efforts, Terry who serves on the Village



After hours of exhortation to help build "the biggest snow fort in town," Jeff Koreman gave in to his sons' pleas. The boys, Asher (10), Eli (7) and Gabe (7) almost gave up, but persevered and constructed a snow fort over six feet tall.

Council says, "I'm trying to do whatever it takes to make people happy. That's just part of the job."

There were family moments like those shared by the Koreman's when their sons persisted through

cold and fatigue to reach their goal of building "the biggest snow fort in town." In the end, dad Jeff says they were learning to finish what they start. "It was a lesson in perseverance," says Jeff. "They were ready



Photo: Chandi Findley

Although the snow and ice lent themselves to fort construction, this snowman popped up during the slushy thaw.



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

A truly tiny fashionista, this teacup chihuahua can only see over the snow with a little help from her owner, Mike Grau, and his snow shovel.

to give up after five rows of snow blocks were laid. However they stuck with it and reached their goal."

There were tense moments, like those experienced by Wendy Taylor when she realized she and her family were stuck in her driveway during a level-three snow emergency and had a wedding to get to - her own! The wedding location had already been changed and plans scaled back due to the severity of the weather. But now the bride and her three children were stuck on Douglas Avenue in an unplowed driveway. A

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Speed humps topic of debate at January Council

By Susan 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.

Roy Allan of 730 Park Avenue opened the "residents speak" portion of the Council meeting. Allan questioned the legality of the process used to approve the "speed humps" recently installed on Park and Western. He used meticulous and detailed reporting to express his disdain for these "speed calming devices." His greatest complaint is with the size and shape of the humps, and the slow speed to which he feels motorists must resort. An additional issue that he presented is the ability of snow plows to effectively plow the roads. He questioned previous neighborhood surveys and asked that Council review engineering specifications and take steps to respond to his concerns.

Five residents of Park Avenue and two residents of Western addressed Council in rebuttal to Allan's remarks. These neighbors expressed appreciation to Council and to Terry Howe for his leadership in procuring new safety for their neighborhood. Reports of past incidents involving fast moving cars that put children and pets in harms way were heart wrenching and effective. People on these streets agreed with the present shape of the speed humps and feel that they are adequate to slow driv-

ers on their streets. They are relieved and grateful.

Councilman Terry Howe wrapped up the discussion by saying that the population of children in the neighborhood is so significant and that this is a pro-active step to calm traffic on these streets. He also said that we need to test the design of the speed humps for a time to ascertain their effectiveness. He offered to speak to any one who has questions or concerns about the installation. He also reminded all that this has been a concern of the people on these streets for many years.

Police report

Police Chief Robert Bacon read a letter commending Sgt. Southers on the brave and compassionate work that he did at the Milford structure fire in December on Main Street in Milford. He went to all apartments in the building and

personally helped a family of three out of the burning building. Joe Winders and Chief Bacon both expressed their pride in the work done by this fine policeman.

Chief Bacon, in his capacity as Street Commissioner, reported that we will be able to obtain some hot black top to fill the numerous pot holes on village streets. The crew must wait for the streets to dry, however, before the repairs can be made. The chief asks for the patience of all.

Please see the accompanying article on the front page for information about the Service Department's activities during the snow emergency.

Building and zoning

Bill Fiedler, Building Official, reported on upcoming zoning board of appeals hearings. He also noted that the construction at 801 Stanton has been stopped, on an order from the building department, because

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Service Department vital during level 3 snow emergency

As street commissioner, Police Chief Robert Bacon provided the Village Council with a summary of the Service Department's activities during the December 2004 snow and ice storm. Here are some highlights from that report.

Following is a list of the three levels of snow emergencies with descriptions of road conditions and cautions to motorists. The December storm was deemed a Level 3 snow emergency.

Level 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads can be very icy. Motorists are urged to drive with extreme caution.

Level 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow and can be very icy. Motorists are urged to avoid being out on the roads. Drive only if you feel it is absolutely necessary. Motorists are urged to drive with extreme caution.

Level 3: All roadways are closed to driving motorists, except for emergency personnel. No one should be driving during this condition unless it is an emergency. Street parking is prohibited. Any vehicles parked on the roadways that intrude with the plowing of streets can be cited and towed. Any motorist that is on the roads unnecessarily can be cited.

The Village's Service Depart-

ment has two primary goals during snow emergencies. To make sure the hills and intersections are clear for safety reasons and to get the primary roads cleared for traffic. Also, the parking area by the fire house must be clear so the life squad and fire department can get the equipment out of the garages in case of an emergency. Once these goals are achieved, work begins on secondary streets and cul-de-sacs. Alleyways cannot be plowed because a plow would push the gravel into yards. Salt spreaders are located on the sides of the trucks, broadcasting the salt, therefore, all the salt would land in backyards and not in the alley.

Keep in mind that the Service Department had to tackle the effects of the storm short one man (due to vacation) and one truck (due to a loose transmission).

"I have been with the village for 24 years and have seen everything from the small to the major storms," Chief Bacon wrote. "I am confident that our maintenance, police and volunteer departments did an amazing job under the circumstances. Watching neighbors and village employees all out helping each other in trying times was a true statement of what this village is about."



The deadline for the **February** issue of the *Village Views* is Friday February 11th

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

The most heart-warming gift we received during the holidays arrived four days after Christmas. We had been visiting grandchildren in Connecticut. While there, we heard the news of the big winter storm back home. We knew that in addition to the deep snow, the streets would be plowed, leaving a high dike of icy snow at the entrance to our driveway.

Driving home from the airport on December 28th we wondered how we'd get into our house. I'm 87 and hobble around with a cane. Imagine our grateful relief when we arrived at 905 Elm. We found, thanks to the hard work and generous kindness of our next-door neighbor, Paul Duplace and his daughter, with some help from another good neighbor on Myrtle who happened by, the snow and ice had been shoveled from the driveway with plenty of room to park the car and a wide path had been cleared all the way to the door.

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John and Jane Diehl
905 Elm

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The February deadline for *Village Views* is Feb. 11th. 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

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Dear Editor:

It seems as though we can't go a month without hearing about another indecent act of hazing in the United States. Whether it is involved with elementary school, high school, or college, there are many incidents involving dangerous hazing. I have experienced it myself, but never to the extent of abuse, or where it was a case where I wasn't in any danger. I think there are two different types of hazing. There is a less dangerous type that most of us are exposed to. This can be anything from carrying an upperclassman's books, to buying them a soda. The other type might be considered more hazardous. This is more common among initiations from hurting people to making them complete impossible tasks. Either way, hazing needs to come to an end.

Some may say that hazing is a tradition and just a little fun. In some ways it may be, but is it considered fun when someone dies? Forty-three of the 50 states have anti-hazing laws, but this still doesn't stop it, it only deals with it after it occurs. This is not enough. When polled, most students say that they have been picked on or hazed. Does this mean to say that those who have been hazed themselves go right back and do it to someone else? This needs to be ended once and for all. No one deserves such harsh treatment, especially when people are being seriously hurt.

You may think that this is strictly the guys who might be involved in these rituals. In fact, recently, there was a hazing incident in New Hampshire known as "The Powder Puff Incident" (Powder Puff is a type of touch-football league for girls). About a year ago a group of older girls went through the annual ritual of being initiated into Powder Puff, only this time it got out of hand. Nine girls were hospitalized with serious injuries, and fortunately, there were no fatalities. This could happen to you, a friend, or a family member; so before any loved one gets hurt, let's work to ending hazing. As a parent, ask your kids about bullies, ask your friends, ask anybody. You need to tell any authority in your community, or talk to your school district. It is important to these bullies to serve their punishments.

Sincerely,
Will Kippins
408 Washington

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the speed bumps that are going to be put on Park Avenue. I think that tax money doesn't need to be spent on something this minor. The *Village* could spend it on better things like the elementary school, police, or firefighters. Policemen could use the money for improvements and advancements in their cars, like computers that would enable them to keep the community safer. The all-volunteer fire department could use new uniforms, new lifesaving equipment, and training for the volunteers. Saving a life is more important than slowing cars down on Park Avenue. In addition to that, teenage drivers will look at these speed bumps as more reason to go faster and fly over them in their Jeeps. I think that the speed bumps are unnecessary and a waste of the tax payers' money.

Park is not one of the main streets in Terrace Park so it is not worthy of receiving speed bumps. I do understand that people drive fast on Park, but I see people speeding down Miami Avenue, the street that I live on, every day. If Park needs speed bumps, then the rest of the streets in Terrace Park need them too. Rather than spending money to put speed bumps on the street, the police department, which is very close by, should put one of their speed detectors on that street. They need to monitor these detectors also. This way, the drivers would be aware of their speed and since the police station is near by, the police could pullover some of the drivers that are speeding. The proposed speed bumps are avoidable and there are simple solutions to the speeding problem.

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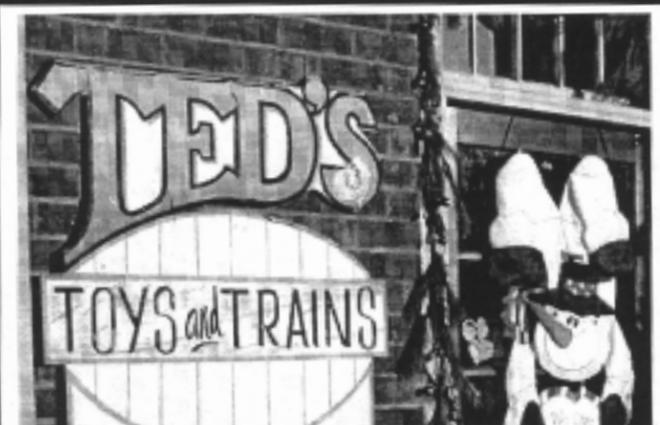
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Terrace Park Postmaster Ronda Kuhn displays what served as her "kitchen" and "bedroom" the night of December 22. She stayed overnight at the village post office so as not to miss work during the big snowstorm.

call came in to the police cruiser with Lieutenant Jerry Hayhow at the wheel and mayor Jay Gohman riding along with shovel in hand.

"Her truck was slipping and sliding around when we got there," said Jay. "We couldn't even tell where to start shoveling, but Jerry managed to get Wendy's truck unstuck and in position to drive down Douglas and get to the church (Anderson Hills Methodist). I told her that if she ran into trouble and needed somebody to perform the ceremony to give me a call." As reported in the Cincinnati Enquirer, the wedding turned out "beautiful and definitely unforgettable."

Though that situation stands out, Jay says his biggest impression after the storm was that of residents helping each other. "I was clearing my driveway Thursday when Jerry Hayhow came around," said Jay. "I jumped in to see how things were moving. I'd never experienced a level-three emergency before. It was nothing too glamorous, I'm just out with a shovel checking on things."

Maybe not glamorous, but for the people who got some extra help "digging out," the shoveling duo of police lieutenant and mayor were a welcome sight. They weren't the only dedicated folks around. According to Jay, "there were tons of people getting out and saying 'hello' and helping their neighbors. People were cleaning walks, sharing snow blowers and walking dogs."

There were even a few residents (four) who stopped by the Terrace

Park post office that day. They were surprised to find the door open and Postmaster Ronda Kuhn behind the counter as usual. What wasn't usual was that the snow emergency had closed other nearby post offices and even kept delivery trucks from making the trip from downtown. Why, then, was the Terrace Park "outpost" open for business?

Seems Ronda had watched the heavy snow falling and heard the reports that roads would be bad or even impassable the next day as the storm continued overnight. So, she decided to stay overnight Wednesday to make certain she'd be at work the next day.

"I've worked here 20 years and this is the first time ever that (downtown) has not delivered," explained Ronda. "About 10 years ago the postmaster and I stayed all night during a snowstorm. We shoveled off and on all night, but the next day it was business as usual for the post office."

Ronda assumed business would continue Thursday until she called the Milford post office and reached an employee who happened to live nearby who said they were closed. Then one of the Terrace Park carriers, Jamie Mallott called Ronda and said, "You know we're not going to deliver today." Apparently, no one had thought to call the post office and say, "You're not supposed to work today."

Ronda explained that she had lots of offers for rides and food from concerned friends and residents.

Village Calendar 2005

January

24 Mariemont Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.

27 New Family Welcome Night presented by Terrace Park Social Club, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Kids and spouses welcome. For more information, contact **Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn at 831-1866.**

27 Mariemont Foundation Meeting, 7:15 p.m. at the MJHS Library

29 Monte Carlo Night fundraiser, sponsored by Terrace Park Recreation Committee. 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. For more information, contact **Paula Albrecht at 831-1790.**

February

1 TP Elementary PTO Meeting, 9:30 School Cafeteria.

1 TP Garden Club Table Settings Luncheon, "Around the World in Eighty Days." Noon at the Community Building. For more information, contact **Ogle Annett at 248-1453.**

8 TP Village Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building

9 MHS PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

9 Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Melanie Stutenroth, 401 Marietta. For more information, contact **Rhea Greene at 248-9969.**

12 Mardi Gras fundraiser, sponsored by Kindervelt #76, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. For more information, contact **Rhea Greene at 248-9969.**

14 Valentine's Day

14 AARP Luncheon, Noon at SEM Villa in Milford. Program: Mr. Kevin Gerndt on Occupational Therapy. For reservations, contact **Betty Smith at 831-5434.**

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

16 MJHS PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

21 President's Day - No school for Mariemont District students

24 Mariemont Foundation Meeting, 7:15 p.m. in the MJHS Library

28 Mariemont Booster Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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

"People were so nice," says Ronda. "We have a microwave, a coffeemaker and a refrigerator, so I had some food. And I had brought my pillow and a blanket just in case."

There is a small television as well, however it gets only one channel, which was constantly broadcasting information about the snowstorm. So when Ronda closed up on December 22, she made some coffee and a corndog, mopped the floors, read a little from her book and then gathered up some mail bags onto a cart for a bed. After what must have been a long night, Ronda woke up, had some coffee and leftover cookies and opened up shop for half a day.

"It was worth it," Ronda says. "I felt like I was doing what I was supposed to do. After all, the motto says 'neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night will keep us from our appointed rounds.'" Indeed, several folks "made the rounds" looking after friends, family, neighbors, constituents and even those holiday greeting cards, it seems.

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Neighbor to Neighbor



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On December 12 it was beginning to look a lot like Christmas as some diligent members of Boy Scout Troop 286 gathered at the log cabin to wrap gifts donated by local residents. The event, held in conjunction with the Cincinnati Postal Service, was a great success!

TP Boy Scouts active during end of 2004

By Cory Grever (Troop 286 Scribe)

The Boy Scouts have been busy in November and December. The annual pancake supper went well and the food was great once again. A big thanks to the chefs of the night the TP emergency medical services crew and the TP firefighters. The following Scouts and fathers helped with this great fundraiser, Dennis, Austin and Evan Kokoruda, Bo and Grant Hesser, Grant and Reid Brendamour, Elliott Hanes, Dillon Wilson and Cole Wilson, Taylor Frohmiller, Hank Powell and Branden Gulick.

On November 20 and 21 the troop went to Carriage Run Stables in Lebanon, Ohio to spend a weekend learning about horseback riding and a chance to earn a horsemanship merit badge. The scouts include John Austin, Grant and Reid Brendamour, Taylor Frohmiller, Alex Gulick, Hank Powell, Cole and Dillon Wilson and Austin Kokoruda. The boys experienced two days of intensive training on horse safety, grooming, horse care, use and care of tack and of course, riding and learning to control a horse in an effective manner.

In early December Troop 286 went to Climb Time for a fun filled evening of climbing and a sleep over. Many scouts were able to complete the climbing merit badge that night and all had a wonderful time.

Later in December the troop worked on earning a woodworking merit badge at the Log Cabin. On

Sunday December 12 the troop gathered again at the Log Cabin to wrap Christmas presents to be donated and passed out by the Cincinnati Postal Service. This year the scouts received a record number of over 100 presents for all ages thanks to the generous support of many Terrace Park families. Next year there will be additional drop off times for more contribution and convenience. Thank you everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

On December 19 the Scouts and their parents honored Steve Smith at a retirement party recognizing his years of service in Scouting. All together Steve has participated in scouting duties for almost 20 years. Recently he served as Scout Master for the past four years and assistant Scout Master before that. Steve has been a part of Terrace Park Scouting for almost 15 years and the Indian Hill Scouts prior to moving here. Steve was presented with a plaque honoring his years of service and all greatly appreciative of Steve's dedication, loyalty, and passion for scouting. He will significantly be remembered and missed... THANKS STEVE!

This is just a reminder that the ANNUAL MULCH SALE is approaching. It is a chance for the Boy Scouts to raise money for the troop with their one and only fundraiser of the year. Boy Scouts will soon be coming around to each house and taking orders. If you do not get contacted feel free to call Dennis Kokoruda, Scout Master, at 831-8736.

Things uncovered when the snow melted Terrace Park PTO monthly update

By Pat Wirthlin

Fluent ninos

Buenos Dios! This is how your local Terrace Park Elementary (TPE) first-grader might be greeting you in the future. Michelle Klink, Jean Marie Nelson and Sybil Schooler are heading an effort to bring foreign language to the elementary school curriculum. They are gathering ideas and information, so if you have anything to offer, please give them a call. Children learn languages so easily. When my brothers attended TPE, French was a standard part of the curriculum. It was phased out by the time I attended.

Sharing files

Terrace Park Elementary continues to move to higher levels of technology. The "Virtual Private Network" will allow students to access their school computer files from their home internet connection. This is a major new help when it comes to an involved project or paper. Should the parent teacher organization (PTO) make a project of furnishing computers and internet connection to children who do not have this support at their homes? What do you think?

Nice begets nice

It looks like we are starting a new custom of giving. Paula Albrecht headed the PTO's first "Caring and Sharing" program in December, with the help of Deborah

Barton, Roseann Hayes, Kirsten Ahrens and Dave Laug. We were able to quietly furnish Christmas gifts to seven families. Keep your eyes open for this next year. It is such a simple way to give. The volunteer parents did all of the shopping, then displayed the items in the cafeteria. All we needed to do was "pick" our item, pay for it, then wrap it right then and there.

God bless Terrace Park

A student I know quite well "forgot" his unlocked bike at school on Thursday. He "remembered" about it the following Tuesday morning, five days later. Sure enough, the bike was still in its parking spot, waiting for its owner. We are so lucky to live in Terrace Park! What a sad story this could have been in so many other parts of our area.



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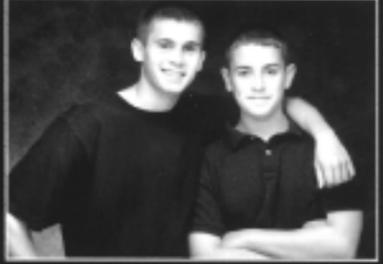
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Police report

A shattered window and pry marks on a door and window at Drackett & Harth Construction on Wooster Pike were noticed by an officer on patrol December 10. Investigation revealed that the apparent attempt at forced entry had failed. The office and surrounding businesses were checked and found to be secure with contents intact.

December 12 two broken windows were reported at the Community Building. The responding officer found nothing disturbed in the building. He taped the windows making temporary repairs until replacements are installed.

Suspected natural gas leaks were reported December 16 on Harvard Ave. and December 19 on Terrace Place. Police and the fire department secured the areas and stayed on site until Cinergy crews arrived.

A resident on Rugby Ave. re-

ported theft of an inflatable holiday decoration from his yard. The item was located in a yard on Lexington Ave. to that homeowner's surprise. It was returned to Rugby without incident.

Domestic violence and dispute necessitated police assistance twice.

New Year's day a car went out of control on Elm Ave. and crashed into a yard.

Terrace Park Police were requested to provide mutual aid to Milford police with several problems including an agitated female, a domestic argument, breaking up a fight and a hit and run accident. Terrace Park also assisted the Milford Police Department in evacuating a burning building and controlling traffic in the vicinity of the structure.

The fire department had four runs including the aforementioned gas leaks and EMS answered four calls.

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol C. Cole

Our fourth annual Christmas Party at Gravelotte was a great success as usual. At the excellent suggestion of Linda Rockaway, something new was added. Each member was paired with another member (no husband and wife teams) to play a game. Pictures of current Terrace Park buildings or areas were to be paired with pictures of the same location at an earlier date. We may use this game with different pictures many more times in the future as people found it interesting and it made people look more carefully than they might have otherwise. If you missed this opportunity to view and match these pictures, they are on display in our rooms at St. Thomas where you can come play the game on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. or at other times by appointment (call 831-6771).

Some of the pictures were new to people. There was one I had not shown before but which I had written about several times in the past. In October 2004, I wrote about the International Style home at the corner of Stanton and Floral Avenues. I also mentioned that there used to be another International Style home at 323 Harvard Avenue. Recently Joanne Kennedy gave



323 Harvard Ave. before renovations



323 Harvard Ave. after renovations

us some wonderful pictures of the 323 Harvard home as it was when she and Paul bought it in 1981 and

after they did some work on it. The 1981 picture I presume shows how the house looked when it was built in 1936 for Alvin Schmithorst. According to the Kennedys there was thick concrete between the floors of this house so it was as much as possible a fireproof house. There was also a rope ladder upstairs for escape in case of fire. The Kennedys made some changes in the rooflines as well as removing metal railings and increasing the size of a downstairs front window. This can be seen in the second picture. I expect some of you will remember this house when you had friends living there.

Now I want everyone to look forward to our next meeting at 4 p.m., Sunday March 6, at the Community House when Susan Frank will feature Miami Grove. She will bring in speakers who lived there as children and will first give a brief history of the area which is now our nature preserve.

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All proceeds from this event support St. Thomas Nursery School. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Tracy Holden at 831-8376.

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of issues with the height of the new house and the original topography of the land, with regard to drainage. Fielder has requested that he meet with the Terrace Park engineer to go over the drawings that were submitted to him by the builder's engineer.

Right-of-way issues

Councilman Jack Brown spoke to emphasize that his committee and Chief Bacon are working on a number of issues with regard to properties that are not in compliance with the ordinance governing right-of-way. It was noted that some residents feel singled out for violation of the ordinance. In fact, this is a detailed and complicated process. Councilman Brown and Chief Bacon are working to review properties and it will take some time to get to all. Council continues to issue the request that any resident wishing to make improvements in the right-of-way contact the village office prior to doing so.

The flood of January 2005



Ellie Pohlman visited the serpentine wall and took the above photograph of the Ohio River as it overflowed its banks.

Locks of Love



Olivia Saulnier (left) and Grace Gardner got 10 inches of hair cut to donate to "Locks of Love" on November 15, 2004. Locks of Love is an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer and other diseases requiring treatments that cause hair loss. Both girls are 10 years old and in the fifth grade.

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Terrace Park MHS and MJHS students earn awards

Randall Williams earns Eagle Scout Award

Mariemont High School (MHS) senior Randall Williams received the Eagle Award, the highest advancement rank for Boy Scouts. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 286. To earn the Eagle Scout rank a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Only four percent of all Boy Scouts reach Eagle Scout rank.

Miami writing awards

Seniors Carrie Porter and Randall Williams received ratings of outstanding at the Miami University Scholastic Writing Awards. This program evaluates and honors writing from high school students across Southwest Ohio. Area schools bring teams of students to share their writing, receive feedback and collaborate with other high school scholars.

The seniors were selected to attend the Miami workshop by the high school English department. Carrie Porter had her writing selected for the Awards publication "Student Voices." Only eight pieces of writing from Greater Cincinnati high schools were chosen. The selection was made by Miami English professors.

Advanced Placement Scholars

MHS is proud to announce that several students and graduates have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. Students took AP exams in

May 2004 after completing challenging college-level courses.

Students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average of at least 3.25 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Congratulations to graduate David Rosson and seniors Hannah Pardue and Randall Williams.

Students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. Congratulations to graduates Sam Cowan, Jessica Pardue and Katharine Troller and seniors Taylor Folan, Carrie Porter and Nicholas Sexmith.

MHS offers twelve AP Exams.

Eighth grader accepted to Honor Band

Mariemont Junior High School eighth grader Stuart Simons was accepted as a member of the Ohio Music Education Association's District 14 Junior High Honor Band. Over 250 students in Greater Cincinnati auditioned for the band and only 85 were selected.

MHS nominated for Blue Ribbon Award

MHS is one of 14 public schools in the State of Ohio to be nominated for the U.S. Department of Education's 2005 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The final determination will be made next fall. If MHS wins this award, it will be its fourth Blue Ribbon Award. It will also be the only school in the state to be honored this many times. Congratulations to the students, teachers, parents and members of the community for their effort to achieve this outstanding tribute.



Photo: Chandi Findley

Crossing guard Timmy Sattergren helped students cross Marietta at the corner of Elm. All sixth grade students are expected to participate in the program.

Neither rain nor snow will keep the TPE crossing guards from their posts

By Chandi Findley

Student crossing guards are as much a part of the Terrace Park landscape as kids walking to the elementary, lunch-time picnics in the schoolyard and bikes piled up on the first day of school. These youngsters are empowered to help soothe the nagging worries of parents whose children walk and may not look both ways before crossing the street.

Just the facts

The crossing guard program is run by the sixth grade teachers Ann Muennich and Robert Fleckenstein. The tradition predates Fleckenstein's 16 year tenure at the elementary school.

All sixth grade students will serve as a crossing guard at some point during the school year. Currently, the guards are rotated in and out of service every other week.

There are about 10 guard posts throughout the Little Miami

side of Wooster Pike in Terrace Park. The guards are in place before school, before lunch, after lunch and after school. Guards are usually posted on the route nearest their homes.

An additional post was added recently at the back of the school because the parking lot has become a safety issue. At dismissal times, students would run into the parking lot looking for their parent's car. Now a guard is posted at the lot to help ensure a safer crossing.

Even in inclement weather, the guards will be at their posts.

"It's unbelievable that these kids go out and tolerate the weather" Fleckenstein said. In fact, the only time the guards aren't at their post is if there is thunder and lightning in the immediate area. "Overall they do a fantastic job."

And, as with anything, feedback is vital. Fleckenstein welcomes the input of the community.

"I know they're trying to do their best," Fleckenstein said. But, "I cannot react to situations I don't know about."

Just for motorists

The crossing guards are trained to help students cross the street only when the intersection is clear, meaning, that there are no cars waiting at the stop signs. If a driver stops and insists that the guard cross the students, the guard will cross them, but it is safer for everyone if the guard has a clear view of all roads and there are no cars. Therefore, motorists are encouraged to go through the intersection and let the guard wait with the students until the intersection is empty.

Also, the guards' jobs tend to become more difficult during inclement weather because there are more cars at the school. Not only does this increase traffic, but the cars tend to be parked along the curb right up to the intersection. Cars parked too close to the crosswalk can obstruct a guard's view of the street.

Not just for fun

The crossing guard program serves several functions. Obviously, the goal is a safer environment for the other students coming and going to school.

"The whole idea of the program is to prevent an accident and not have to react to one," Fleckenstein said. And, "it is meant to instill a sense of duty and responsibility to the community," he added. "Most of them take the responsibility very seriously."

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Terrace Park Sports

Get involved! Terrace Park Recreation Committee positions open

By Tricia DiMichele

As the New Year begins, the terms of four members of the Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) have come to a close. The TPRC is actively looking for volunteers to fill three of the four positions.

For those of you new to Terrace Park, the TPRC is a non-profit organization founded in 1968 to "organize and supervise recreational activities and to provide facilities for such recreational activities for the residents of Terrace Park." Said another way, the committee is responsible for raising all the dollars, recruiting all the resources, maintaining all the local fields and organizing and running all of the sports for the Terrace Park Recreational Sports Program. If your kids have played any Terrace Park recreational sport, they have benefited from the efforts of the TPRC.

The committee is made of 13 members including a President, Secretary and Treasurer, five individual Sports Commissioners (basketball, lacrosse, baseball, softball and soccer) as well as Heads of Fields, Summer Fun, Labor Day, Fund Raising and PR/Website. They meet the second Monday evening of each month at St. Thomas Church.

Being a member of the TPRC is a great way to get involved and give back to Terrace Park while benefiting your kids (or grandkids) at the same time! Read on to see if you might be interested in volunteering for any of the three open positions.

Soccer Commissioner:

Jeff Jackson is ending his three-year term as TPRC Soccer Commissioner. According to Jeff, the role involves organizing volunteers to run all soccer teams in Terrace Park, including sign-ups, collecting fees, ensuring necessary equipment is available, passing out equipment, working with referee coordinator, working with Cincinnati Hills SAY, SAY North, and field caretakers, developing a budget, attending Cincinnati Hills SAY meetings and functioning on the board of Cincinnati Hills SAY.

To do this takes 10-15 hours monthly June-July, about 30 hours August-October and one-two hours for TPRC meetings the rest of the year.

Jeff says that watching the kids have so much fun makes all the effort worthwhile! If you think you might be interested in the role, please email Jeff at jeffjackson@cinci.rr.com or call him at 248-0005.

Head of Fundraising:

Paula Albrecht is completing her three-year term as head of Fundraising. This role consists of

overseeing the planning and execution of the Monte Carlo Night fundraiser. Specifically she has been responsible for acquiring sponsors, food, games, and items for the silent auction, sending out invitations, setting up the event and recruiting volunteers. To do this takes about 16 hours per month November, December and February and 40 hours in January (the month of the event).

Paula says the best part of this "fun" role is being able to raise vital money for the recreation committee with an event where Terrace Parkers have such a good time. If you think you might be interested in the role, please email Paula at jpbalbrecht@zoomtown.com or call her at 831-1790.

Head of Labor Day Festivities:

Wally Heffner is closing out his term as head of the TPRC Labor Day Festivities. The key responsibilities of this position are to organize, coordinate and oversee the execution of the Labor Day Garage Sale and the Festival on the Village Green. This takes about 15 hours the month of August, most of the Labor Day weekend and five hours monthly for the rest of the year. According to Wally a lot of great volunteers helped him to pull the events off with great success.

For Wally the reward of volunteering for this role has been being able to give back to the community that has given so much to his kids. If you are interested in succeeding Wally in this position, please Email him at rheffner@cinbbb.org or call him at 831-5941.

In addition to these three roles, Paul Smith is also closing out his term as Treasurer however his successor has already been identified.

Our thanks go out to Jeff, Paula, Wally and Paul. It is volun-



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