

Miami Grove revisited

A look at what our nature preserve used to be

By Susan Abernethy Frank

Miami Grove Revisited, a program to turn back the clock and see the riverside lifestyle of what is currently the Terrace Park Nature Preserve, will be presented by the Terrace Park Historical Society on Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. in the Community Building. Those living in the village, particularly from the '20s to the '50s will recall the cottages, families, notorious café and lifestyle of the "Grove." A February 14, 1965 article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* read as follows:

"Back in the '20s, the Terrace Park setting shown in these pictures (original article had several Miami Grove photos) was a lovely summer resort. Now the 35 or so cottages of Miami Grove, on the Little Miami River, are in shambles, torn by neglect and weather and pushed about by flood water.

"It was a beautiful area before the depression," Terrace Park Mayor Carl Lindell recalled. "There were well-maintained camps used in the summer by Cincinnati area businessmen." Long-time Terrace Park residents remember a huge dance hall where well-known bands entertained resort-goers." (See accompanying photo)

After the depression, many of the cottages were abandoned. Eventually they were rented for the summer as temporary quarters to low-income families, but when the winter came many refused to leave. Former resident Paul Scott, born in the early '30s, said, "It was our home. We grew up there, went to school at Terrace Park, and stayed until the last flood of the '50s made the living conditions impossible." Paul's younger brother, Bobbie, said, "We had a trout line across the Miami River. That was often dinner. We also used to love to run through the corn fields and woods."

Unfortunately, the social stigma of the Terrace Park children and the "Groves" was a delicate situation for the teachers to handle. There was a time when the village neglected to make the much needed road repairs to the Grove because of the bad reputation of Earl's Café situated in the heart of the Grove. Several Grove residents signed a letter to Council to complain about the condition of Ford Road (leading to Miami Grove). The complaints were that the "doctors...milkman, bakers, laundry and salesmen do not like to come down to the Grove because of the condition of the road...The Red Cross complains because they have to take some of the families to the clinic and they do not feel safe.... School children have to walk or ride bikes and have shoes all dirty which the teachers do not like... About 30 families have cars and have to use the road every day... Pot holes are some 16 inches deep."

In January of 1957, Earl Runyon's Café was destroyed by fire despite the "valiant effort" of the Terrace Park Volunteers at 5 a.m. in near zero weather and several inches of snow and to get down a



Situated close to the bend on Elm near the entrance to what is now the Nature Preserve, Earl's Café was a thriving dance hall when Miami Grove was a summer retreat for people that lived in the city. This photo was taken during a flood and only the roof of the building was visible.



After the devastating flood of 1957, cabins in Miami Grove (now the Nature Preserve) were deserted.

treacherous road.

A few months later the floods came, as they did every spring, and the Red Cross came to the Grove, some in rowboats, to rescue the residents and take them to the Community House. They stayed there until the waters receded and then went back to try to salvage and repair their homes. However, after the '57 flood, the condition was so bad that most could not return to their homes. The cottages were eventually condemned. Only flood waters and adventuresome kids visited the area and they didn't stay long. The flood waters filled the Lindell property and came to the

edge of the hill at the bottom of Valley View Lane. It was like one huge lake and all you could see were a few roof tops of the cottages.

The 64 acres of Miami Grove was eventually purchased by the village. The history and stories are fascinating. Former residents Max Wiseman, Bobbie Scott and others will talk about their life and adventures in Miami Grove. Come to the March 6 program to learn more and to see interesting photos, articles and displays from life in Miami Grove.

Refreshments and social hour will follow. The program is free and open to the public.

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Photo: Sherry Holcomb

This is what renewal looks like in an urban forestry management program. Terrace Park retains a Certified Arborist, Randy Haller, who looks after the health and well being of our street trees (all trees located on the village right-of-way.) About 20 trees were marked for removal this year due to structural weakness. The hazardous trees were cut down by Chief Beaver tree service which used a crane to minimize the mess and avoid potential yard damage from falling trunks. Remaining stumps will be ground up in the spring and the ground will be seeded. "The removal sites are the first places I look to plant replacements in the fall," Haller said.

Don't know much about Terrace Park?

By Sherry Holcomb

The following is a random collection of trivia about our village. It is a mix of modern day and historical information designed to make you stop and think about this place we call home. Much of the historical information was gathered from the text of the book "A Place Called Terrace Park" by Ellis Rawnsley.

How did Terrace Park get its start?

The pioneers and the Shawnee Indians fought each other for it. Abraham Covalt, a Revolutionary War captain, took two flatboats jammed with 45 people; 200 head of cattle, swine and sheep; and seven horses from Pittsburgh to the mouth of the Little Miami River. In January of 1789 the boats landed at what is now Terrace Park. They established a fort known as Covalt's Station near the site of what is now St. Thomas Church.

Who was our oldest known resident?

Winning for pure longevity is Tillie the elephant who lived in Terrace Park as part of Robinson's cir-

cus. She was 120 years old when she died in 1932. School was cancelled so that children could attend the beloved elephant's funeral. The *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Cincinnati Post* published her obituary.

Though there may be others, one legendary human resident lived to be 100 years old - Rachel Corey. Rachel and her husband George came to Terrace Park in 1877 and thirteen years later they built a Baptist church here. Today the church is our community building on Elm. She died at home one day after turning 100.

What about all these trees?

The village has 2,875 trees in its inventory. These "street trees" are all located in the village right-of-way. The most prevalent species is the Red Maple at 23 percent, however 92 distinct species are represented. Since 1985 Terrace Park has been recognized for its forestry management program with the Tree City USA award from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

I want to express my appreciation to Jay Gohman, Village Council, and especially to Terry Howe for his leadership in getting the speed humps installed on Park and Western Avenues. While I know that it feels like a nuisance to many residents, I want to share my family's personal experience to lend understanding as to why it was critical to take action. Over the past five years, the following incidents have occurred on Park Avenue that have affected my family personally.

- My son, a kindergartener at the time, was almost struck by a car while on the sidewalk at the bend on Park Avenue. This car could not make the sharp turn, and went off the road and up onto the sidewalk.
- A speeding van hit a small tree close to the side of the road on Park Avenue and rolled into the neighbor's yard two doors down.
- A car ran over a heavy metal rake in our yard where my husband had been working 5 minutes earlier, mangled it, and sent it flying over the fence and into the neighbor's yard near their play structure. Fortunately, no one was in the path of the car or the rake.
- A school bus was hit at the bend on Park Avenue.
- A dog was struck and killed near the end of our driveway.
- A neighbor was backing out of her driveway, and saw a car speeding around the bend toward her. She panicked and backed into the sign at the edge of our yard.
- Last spring my son, then a fourth grader, was again almost struck by a car at the same sharp turn on Park Avenue while on the sidewalk. The car went so far off the road on this occasion that it had to back out of Mr. Proctor's yard before speeding off down Park Avenue.

At the bend, Park Avenue simply is not wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass at 25 miles an hour. Especially considering the many oversized vehicles that residents drive in Terrace Park. Regardless of the debatable amount of cut-through traffic on our street, the fact is that those who DO cut through tend to be in a hurry. Many friends who have been visiting in my yard have witnessed as cars come flying down our street well in excess of the speed limit. We can attempt to keep a short leash on our children and help them cross the road, keep them from chasing balls, and so on. However, in these many cases, adults and children are not even safe while working or playing in yards, or while walking/riding bikes on the sidewalks. Every weekday morning and afternoon there is a virtual parade of little people as the kids of Cornell, Park, and Western, as well as the many children who live on or across Wooster Pike, walk or ride bikes on their way to and from school down the sidewalks of Park and Western. We have been fortunate so far that most of the events that I have described have been near misses. These are just my family's stories. Many other residents have similar stories. Again, I want to thank council for taking action on this issue which has had many residents concerned for over 10 years.

Shannon DeCamp
715 Park Avenue

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Since being diagnosed, Hadley George and her family have learned the day to day skills necessary to live with diabetes. Fellow Terrace Park residents, Dan Neal and John Cascella, will race to raise awareness and support for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation because they "recognize the terrible daily struggles that the littlest ones in our community face day in and day out."

Imagine

Imagine your life from a different perspective. The perspective is from that of a individual living with a disease. Step outside of your comfort zone for the next few minutes and imagine what it might be like to discover that you have this disease and then to come to terms with it. Though compressed in time, it may go something like this.

Unexpectedly you have just gone from feeling perfectly fine to completely exhausted and barely able to move. You do not know why, but you feel extremely hungry, thirsty, and irritable. You may become confused and disoriented. For no apparent reason, you find that you need to visit the restroom quite often, or you experience sudden weight loss or a temporary loss of vision. Perhaps, on one particular day, you start to feel bad and you might eventually lapse into a coma. Having survived, you wake to the realization that your life, and the life of everyone around you, has suddenly and dramatically changed. You have been diagnosed with a serious disease.

You are now required to follow a strict daily regimen that involves closely monitoring your body's blood chemistry. You may have to check it up to six or seven times within a 24 hour period. You have to change your diet and closely watch virtually everything you eat and see how it affects you. And that's not all. You must carefully plan ahead for all trips, making sure that you will have the necessary medicine and supplies. Unfortunately you can not get a flu shot, it's too risky with your disease. As you take on all of these day in and day out challenges, you may experience anger, sadness, and even depression. This disease goes everywhere with you. You just want to feel better, but you are on a roller coaster ride. Some days you're up, some days you're down. There simply isn't anywhere or anytime that you can let your guard down. Dealing with this is so hard.

A lot of things are still unknown to you and it's definitely better that way, for now. There are numerous complications associated with this particular disease. Complications affecting your eyes, feet, teeth, kidneys, heart, and nerves. You do not know it yet but this disease has shortened your life by almost fifteen years. You will never outgrow this disease and there is no known cure. The disease is often referred to as, "the silent killer," because it works from the inside out. It's sneaky and affects your entire body and even your mind.

Now imagine that you are only 6 years old. You have just stepped into the difficult, confusing, and often terrifying world of a young child with diabetes.

This scenario is a reality for many families in our community. The children and parents who have to deal with juvenile diabetes know all too well just how tough it is. Day in and day out they have to cope with the challenges of managing diabetes. Even sending their diabetic children to school becomes a challenge. Who will help check blood sugar levels or give a needed injection? Who there understands the subtleties of the disease and its effects on learning? Who will look out for the trouble signs? Who will be there to help? It does not end there either. For the parents of diabetic children, there is no such thing as an anniversary weekend away. Just try and find a sitter that understands diabetes, let alone one who is willing to give your child injections!

Perhaps you have heard about diabetes but don't exactly know what it is. Diabetes is a disease in which the body has trouble regulating its blood sugar levels. There are two major types of diabetes: type 1 and type 2. Type 1, also called Juvenile Diabetes or Insulin-Dependent diabetes, is a disorder of the body's immune system—that is, its system for protecting itself from viruses, bacteria or any "foreign" substances.

People with type 1 diabetes must take insulin in order to stay alive. This means undergoing multiple injections daily, or having insulin delivered through an insulin pump.

More than 1.3 million Americans have type 1 diabetes. Each year 13,000 children are diagnosed with Insulin-Dependent diabetes...that's 35 children each day.

There are 18.2 million people in the United States, or 6.3% of the population, who have diabetes (type 1 or 2). While an estimated

13 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 5.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they even have the disease.

There is, of course, hope that one day a cure for diabetes will be found. Although there are many organizations dedicated to diabetes research, one in particular stands out and deserves to be mentioned. Founded by parents of children with juvenile diabetes, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) has always focused on a single goal—accelerating research progress to cure diabetes and its complications. To that end, their research management process is unique—they are organized as a diabetes cure enterprise. They take informed risks, continuously monitor the global diabetes research landscape, and make research investments strategically, to ensure that resources are effectively directed to research with the greatest impact leading to a cure as soon as possible.

Their unwavering dedication has led them to spend more money for diabetes research than any other charitable organization—more than \$800 million since their founding in 1970, including over \$85 million in 2004 alone. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education. In 2004, JDRF funded 500 centers, grants, and fellowships in 19 countries. In addition, their advocacy has spurred government, especially the National Institute of Health, to increase its investment in diabetes research to unprecedented levels.

Doing their part to see that the dream of a cure becomes a reality is a team of two Terrace Park residents, Dan Neal and John Cascella. In April it's "on the road again" for

Village Calendar 2005

February

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

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

March

1 TPE PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in School Cafeteria

1 TP Garden Club Meeting, Noon at the Community Building. Program: *Step Into Your Garden – A Mosaic Workshop*. For more information, contact **Ogle Annett at 248-1453**.

3 TPE Kindergarten Registration, 7 p.m.

6 TP Historical Society, 4 p.m. at the Community Building. Come to learn more about *Miami Grove*, a TP residential area that once existed at the current site of our very own Nature Center. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact John Rockaway at 965-8660.

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

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

9 Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7 p.m. For location and more information, contact **Rhea Greene at 248-9969**.

14 AARP Luncheon, Noon at SEM Laurels. Program: Mr. William Patterson presents *Down Memory Lane – The 1940s*. For reservations, call **Betty Smith at 831-5434**.

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

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

19 Kindervelt #76 Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. on the Village Green. Rain Date: Sunday, 3/20. For more information, contact **Ann Gibson at 248-9636**.

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

24 Spring Vacation begins at end of day for all Mariemont District students

27 Easter

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

the two members of Team Silver Streak Racing as they seek to raise awareness and support for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Dan and John will be hitting the road for the second year in a row as they participate in the 2005 running of One Lap of America. Last year, the pair drove in the famous event which took them on a non-stop, 6500 mile journey across the US and back in only a week. Along the way, they raced at eight of the country's most famous race tracks and participated in almost twenty timed racing events, all virtually without any sleep!

"We love to race and want to help; it's that simple," said Dan Neal who formed the team in 2002. "We recognize the terrible daily struggles that the littlest ones in our community face day in and day out," said teammate John Cascella. "We want to do what we love to do and do it for a

purpose," the teammates expressed. Because of these sentiments, the team was compelled to support Juvenile Diabetes Research, and raised approximately seven thousand dollars last year through corporate and individual contributions. The two hope to double that amount this year as they sacrifice a week of sleep, decent meals, creature comforts, and a set of perfectly good tires to raise local awareness about this insidious disease.

You can help support Team Silver Streak Racing by contributing to their efforts individually or by becoming a sponsor of the team. Please visit RacingWithAPurpose.com for more information on the event, the team, the disease, and the purpose. You may also call Dan at 235-4624 or John at 265-9468 to discuss the event and how you can help.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

Brosch and Deepe named to Deans' lists

Sarah Brosch earned a spot in the "Highly Distinguished" category for faculty honors for achieving a 3.9 of a possible 4.0 during the fall semester at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Sarah is majoring in Athletic Training with a minor in Exercise Science.

Erin Deepe was named to the Dean's List at Ashland University for earning a grade point average greater than 3.5 of a possible 4.0 during the fall semester. Deepe is majoring in Fashion Merchandise.

Kindergarten Registration Parent Information Night

Parents of children entering kindergarten for the 2005/2006 school year are invited to attend the Registration/Parent Information Night on Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the library of Terrace Park Elementary. School representatives will be available at this time to discuss the kindergarten curriculum and answer any questions you may have. Registration packets will be available mid-February from the area preschools and in the office of the elementary school. Please bring the completed registration packet with you to the Registration/Parent Information Night, or return the packet to the office by April 29, 2005. Keep in mind that children registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2005.

This night is for adults only.

For more information, please contact Beverley Cooke at the Terrace Park Elementary school office at 272-7700.

Anderson Senior Center Volunteers needed

Volunteers for Anderson Township, California, Mt. Washington, Newtown and Terrace Park areas are needed for the Meals-On-Wheels program. Won't you be a part of our volunteer team and help care for the homebound in your community by delivering meals? Volunteers make a difference... in the lives of the older adults who receive meals... in the lives of our grandmother and grandfather, our mother and father, our sister and brother, our aunt and uncle, our cousins, our children. They brighten the lives of the needy and the lonely with a cheery smile, a hug, and a warm handshake. Won't you volunteer? It only takes about an hour of your time if you volunteer once a week. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer or if you would like to volunteer, call Sarah Mellish, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at 474-3100 or visit our website at www.lifesphere.org.

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Dana Rolander deals black jack to Dee Walter and Janet Morgan at the Second Annual TPRC Monte Carlo Night held January 29 at St. Thomas. The event was once again successful in raising significant funds for Terrace Park recreational sports.

Terrace Park residents raise \$25K for Kindervelt!

In an unprecedented bout of generosity and community engagement, the Terrace Park Kindervelt Chapter #76 raised more money in a single event than before in its history of fundraising, maintaining TP's Kindervelt chapter status as the second largest fundraising Kindervelt chapter in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Approximately 120 Terrace Park residents danced and partied the night away on February 12 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church to celebrate the fundraising efforts of our Kindervelt chapter, which raises money to benefit Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Merchants and individuals from the Greater Cincinnati area gave generously to help with the fundraising. More than \$7,000 worth of donated items were auctioned and raffled, while local merchants and individuals also donated sponsorship monies. This community generosity through sponsorships and auction donations helped the TP Kindervelt chapter raise approxi-

mately \$25,000, all of which will go directly to CCHMC.

Kindervelt would like to thank our generous sponsors and other donors for this year's event: SYSCO, Pro-Copy, Bassett and Platte Design Build Group, Fletcher Homes, Latitudes Café in Milford, Ogle Annett, Amy Minor, Jack Brown, Attorney, Corporate Printing, Architects Plus, Lawscapers, Michaelson Homes, United Dairy Farmers, Jane Yancey, Architect, Colliers, Turley, Martin and Tucker, Vivian Garrison Krueger Insurance, Bzak Design Group, FMH Consulting, The UPS Store in Mariemont, Digestive Health Network, Lundeberg Chiropractic, and an anonymous donor.

Our next project is the Easter Egg hunt, scheduled for March 19. Everyone enjoys this popular community event, as the Easter Bunny hops onto the scene, kicking off the egg hunt, and a community carnival complete with games and face painting, a bake sale, and pony rides. We hope to see you there!

Terrace Park Kindervelt Chapter #76 Easter Egg Hunt

One of Terrace Park's favorite community events is just around the corner! Help us welcome Spring the TP way by celebrating with the Easter Bunny, and enjoying family, friends, food and fun!

Kindervelt Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Terrace Park Village Green

Egg Hunt Pre-Registration Form

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Phone _____

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Egg Hunt Age Groups: 0-2 yrs.; 3-4 yrs.; 5-6 yrs.; 7-8 yrs.

Event and game tickets (circle one) - (10 for \$5) (20 for \$10) (30 for \$15) (40 for \$20)

Make checks payable to Kindervelt #76.
Mail to Ann Gibson, 807 Poplar Ave., Terrace Park

For additional information on registration, event tickets, volunteering, or sponsorship, please phone Ann Gibson at 248-9636 or Julie Koehler at 248-4080.

Rain Date: Sunday, March 20

Stepping Stones seeking volunteers

Stepping Stones Center in Indian Hill is now offering a unique opportunity for members of a church group, university class, sorority or social club to volunteer with preschool age children Monday through Friday. Ten or more individuals are needed to volunteer two days per month for approximately six hours each day.

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Police report

Identity theft was reported by a resident who received a letter from Sam's Club informing her of approval of a credit application she had not initiated. A business account using her name and social security number as well as her father-in-law's address had been opened and charges up to \$10,000 established on it. Credit bureaus were notified and, to date, the victim has not been billed.

Suspected prowlers were observed by a homeowner at the property behind hers. A second story window accessible only from the roof was open and what appeared to be flashlight beams were seen inside the house. Upon investigating the officer dispatched found a teenage occupant and friends who claimed they were playing hide and seek. The parents were not home, however police called the mother. She asked the officer to order her son to remain at home and requested that his companions be returned to their respective homes.

A 30 mm military round was found in the attic by the new owner of an empty house on Wooster Pike. Police contacted the Hamilton County Bomb Squad whose personnel retrieved the round and transported it to the firing range where it was destroyed.

Police responded to a neighbor's concern for an elderly resident on Princeton Avenue.

Vandalism was reported by a

homeowner on Marietta. The doorbell rang but when the resident responded no one was there. A substance with a foul odor had been sprayed on the storm door. No damage resulted as the material could be washed away.

On Wooster Pike a speeding violation resulted in the arrest of a village resident. The driver was cited for DUI and speeding. His vehicle was towed and he was driven home.

Police received a report of jewelry missing from a box in a resident's upstairs bedroom. The victim of the apparent theft had noticed that the items were gone several weeks after an electrician had replaced an upstairs switch but, thinking nothing could be done, had not made the report immediately. Investigation is underway.

Other matters to which officers responded included:

- a deer struck on Wooster Pike near New Street
- an automobile accident that occurred on Miami Avenue when someone backing out of a driveway struck a passing car. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage
- a domestic violence incident
- an assist to Newtown police with a domestic violence incident in that community

No fire runs were reported. The EMS unit had four runs: one on Floral, one on Rugby and two on Stanton.

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Which is our favorite ice cream?

According to the experts at United Dairy Farmers, vanilla wins the popularity contest. It's not because we're plain folks. The scoopers at UDF report a lot of mixing, blending and topping going on.

What about schools?

Terrace Park had its own little red schoolhouse built in about 1840 adjacent to the present school. Over the years the school grew and moved around until the present Elm Avenue site was deemed to the city in 1873. A high school was established – the only one in the area – in 1886. Pressure from the state to consolidate caused major debate as to whether Terrace Park would join Indian Hill or Mariemont. In 1957 everything changed when Terrace Park became part of the Mariemont school district. The current elementary school was built in 1913 (see if you can spot it on the building) with additions added in later years. There are currently 23 teachers educating 319 students in grades K through 6. Drive by the school on Elm Avenue when the sun is out and discover nearly 319 bicycles parked out front!

Who knows what TPRC means?

The acronym stands for the Terrace Park Recreation Committee, Inc., founded nearly 37 years

ago. This is the all-volunteer group that brings us baseball, soccer, softball, basketball, lacrosse and "Summer Fun" programs for our kids. It also means that all participants should follow the organization's motto of "Play Safe, Play Fair, Be a Team Player and Have Fun."

Who keeps us safe?

A dedicated police department, a volunteer fire department and a volunteer life squad serve the village. Twenty-four hour police protection was first established in 1964 and today includes six officers and an auxiliary unit. The fire department began operation in 1944 with a pump, some hose and other government issued equipment mounted on a used pick-up truck. Two years later the first commercially-built fire truck arrived to modernize the department's fire fighting ability. The life squad formed in 1964 in response to some tragic deaths. Today trained volunteers continue to provide round-the-clock response to emergencies in the village.

Who was our biggest sports hero?

There may be differences of opinion here, but recognition certainly goes to Terrace Park's Eppa Rixey who was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1963. Rixey was a left-handed pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds who lived on Miami Avenue. Though Rixey was an

import from Virginia, his wife Dorothy was born here. Rixey pitched for the Reds from 1921 to 1933.

Did the Boy Scouts build our log cabin?

No, they didn't. It may look like some sort of pioneer outpost, but our landmark log cabin (on Elm and Douglas) was built in 1936 to be used by the early Boy Scout troop. The construction took place during the great depression years when Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers were given civic projects to complete. The cabin was designated a "village recreation facility" to meet regulations and the work was done by a WPA crew. The cabin was enlarged in 1983.

When did we get a Village Green?

The Garden Club was established in 1921 and nine years later took on the project of developing the Village Green. The city bought the pieces of property where the green stands for \$11,000. Today the Garden Club continues to support civic beautification projects throughout the village.

When did the circus come to town?

John F. Robinson bought a home and brought his circus to spend winters in Terrace Park around 1888. At its peak it was the biggest circus in the country and had a noticeable presence in the village when the animals and performers weren't traveling. Numerous stories, both recollections and newspaper accounts, recall the more than 30 years that Robinson's circus stayed in Terrace Park. Robinson himself is listed as one of the "founding fathers" of the village. He was said to be "big, portly and profane," which makes it all the more interesting that he was responsible for building the St. Thomas parish a church in Terrace Park. It is reported that Robinson financed the construction by charging \$5 a person to witness the marriage of a couple in one of his lion cages.

How can I find out more?

If you find yourself wanting to dig up more information about our village, you can find the Rawnsley text on the Historical Society website. You can also visit www.terracepark.com and www.villageofterracepark.org.

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Two New Eagle Scouts join the community

Cory Grever Scribe Troop 286

Eagle Scout is one of the most honorary awards available to earn. To become an Eagle Scout requires dedication, commitment and a lot of time. The Eagle Scout award is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts. 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 receive the Eagle Scout rank. It is also one of the best activities to have on your résumé for college. Troop 286 is proud to count two new Eagle Scouts in their ranks. Brandon Gulick, son of Rich and Carol Gulick of Milford, and Randall Williams, son of Clare and Larry Williams of Terrace Park, deserve a huge round of applause for their great, contribution to their community and all they have done for Boy Scout Troop 286.



Photo: Cory Grever

Brandon Gulick

Brandon's Eagle Scout project involved the renovation of a statue area on the property of the Anathanaeum of Mt. St. Mary, a local Monastery in Mt. Washington. Father Smith recommended Brandon talk to the head groundskeeper who suggested renovating an area containing an old statue of Mary. The project was to include general landscaping and the addition of pavers to the site. After project approval, Brandon, his brother and father surveyed the site discovering rocks in the ground. These rocks, when mapped out, revealed the shape of an "M." Excavation of the site and research determined the "M" was more than 40 years old. Phase two began with Brandon's family, grandfather from Niles, Ohio included, helped dig out the area where the pavers were to be laid. The pavers took almost 10 hours on both Saturday and Sunday with seven people working on the project each day. After the pavers were laid, fresh mulch was placed around the statue and hostas were planted in the bed. Finally, benches were placed on the sides of the pavers creating a beautiful area for contemplation.

Brandon stated that although this was essentially the end of his scouting career, as he knew it, he also hopes to stay involved with the troop. "Boy Scouts is one of the greatest organizations that I have ever been a part of and I hope to have my future children become involved," said Brandon.

Brandon attends Milford High School where he is an honor student and plans to attend the University of Dayton on a scholarship where he will study Biology. He wants to eventually become an astronaut.



Photo: Cory Grever

Randall Williams

Randall Williams did his project for Long Branch Farm, which is a working farm operated and owned by the Cincinnati Nature Center. It is primarily used for summer camps and school field trips. The project itself consisted of two parts: building a hay wagon

and clearing a path and building steps down to a pond.

The pond area was very overgrown with poison ivy and briars, making it inaccessible to groups of children. Randall's group spent a day clearing out a path to the pond and constructing a slope on which they could build steps. The steps took another day to construct and secure. The hay wagon was built on an existing chassis and Randall based his design upon another wagon owned by the farm. It took two long days to build and quite a lot of lumber and hardware. The dimensions on the deck of the wagon are 8'X14'. The farm uses the wagon to transport feed for the animals. The project totaled 190 hours of work between seven guys and Randall's parents. 21 of those hours were simply planning: phone calls, drawing up plans, meeting with district officials, coordinating work days, purchasing materials, and so forth.

Randall attends Mariemont High School where he is a senior. He was recently selected as a National Merit Finalist. Randall started his scouting career here in Terrace Park as a Cub Scout in second grade. His brother Scott has also achieved Eagle Scout ranking.

Also during the month of January there was a skiing trip to Perfect North Slopes and Village Councilman Stefan Olson came to the log cabin one meeting to talk to the Boy Scouts about Citizenship in the Community as part of a major badge necessary for progressing to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Lastly don't forget the last minute order for the annual and only Boy Scout fundraiser, THE MULCH SALE. You should have been contacted by now by a scout or have had an order form left in your door. Please call the mulch HOTLINE- 831-0728. If you receive your mulch on a skid, please return your skid to the log cabin or the scouts are charged \$10 per skid.

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CCDS recognized for curriculum innovation

The National Association of Independent Schools (www.nais.org) has recognized Cincinnati Country Day School as a Leading Edge Program for the FOCUS Project. "FOCUS: An American Teenage Vision" is an annual project that challenges student photographers at seven public and private schools from New York to California to document teenage identity in the 21st century.

Pat Bassett, Head of NAIS wrote: "It is my great pleasure to inform you that your school's application for Leading Edge Program recognition has been deemed as the exemplary submission for Curriculum Innovation in the division for medium-sized school: Congratulations! In reading over the summary from the application, I was struck by the level of commitment and the effectiveness of the commitment, both testaments to the quality of the school."

The FOCUS project reflects the culture of Cincinnati Country Day School, which is dedicated to the arts, technology, diversity, student-centeredness, and the sense of local and global community membership. The school's technology-rich

environment serves as the foundation for this multi-school collaboration. Cincinnati Country Day School hosts a project website (<http://focus.countryday.net/>) with galleries, press media and discussion critique. Video conferencing provides a personal interface between partner schools. This year, the zenith of the project was a student-curated exhibition at Cincinnati's Contemporary Art Center.

Students bridge the gap of geography, culture, identity and class to cut through to the core of shared experience. Guided by documentary photographers and project mentors Mary Ellen Mark, Wendy Walsh and Josh Withers, the FOCUS students investigate themes of intimacy, self identity, alienation, and emergence and document the reality of life as they perceive it. The CCDS faculty leaders of FOCUS are Carole Lichty-Smith, Chair of Upper School Arts, Kelly Hammond, US Humanities and Technology, and Anna Binkley, Technology Coordinator.

Two years of FOCUS workshops, online critiques, publications, and an exhibition are just the

beginning of an infectious teenage movement. More than 200 students have participated in the project from coast to coast. Life-long friendships have been formed between students who otherwise would never have met. Educators and students are collaborating on a book project showcasing FOCUS work, outlining lesson plans, and offering commentary from the project mentors. In addition, a traveling exhibition of student works is planned.

One FOCUS student calls the project "a movement to liberate students and their work." By involving public and private schools that are socially, ethnically, and culturally diverse, FOCUS helps students break down societal barriers and create a single voice through images

CCDS will be honored during the Opening Ceremony at the NAIS Annual Conference this month, where they will receive the award.

Terrace Park students currently involved in the project include Heidi Yokel, Elyse Rowe, Megan Hunt and Eddie Mancera.

Terrace Park Historical Society Membership Form

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Things you can find at Terracepark.com

Have you visited the Terrace Park website lately. If not, you might be surprised at the resources available on line. Check out what the site has to say about the following links available from the home page.

Village Calendar: keep up-to-date with what's going on in the Village - meetings, events, music and more!

Village Views: past issues of the *Village Views* are available in PDF format.

TPListserv: the purpose of the TPListserv is to promote discussion and communication about community issues and events in Terrace Park. It's easy to subscribe (and unsubscribe) to the TPListserv.

Online Directory: the "Do-It-Yourself" directory allows you to enter your own email, hobbies, website, and more. To see the entire list (members only), click on the display all entries button.

Clubs and Associations: information about the garden club, Newcomers, AARP, Swim and Tennis club, EMS, Woman's Club, Kindervelt, Recreation Committee, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Wilderness Preserve, PTO, St. Thomas Church, Historical Society and the *Village Views*.

Building Survey: the Building Survey is a Woman's club project to record information about all the buildings in Terrace Park, both past and present.

Historical Society: the Terrace Park Historical society collects, maintains, and stores historical papers, documents, and artifacts pertaining to the Village and educates about its history.

Contacts and Resources: village council, police, fire, EMS, schools, neighboring communities, and more!

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The Community Health Assessment process began in November 2004 and will continue through April 2005. Get involved in the Community Health Assessment

process. You can participate in one of two ways:

1. Community focus group - Focus groups consisting of 12-15 people will be held throughout Hamilton County and will provide an opportunity to share opinions about public health issues in your community. You must be at least 18 years old to attend. Call (513) 946-7808 to sign up.

2. Community Health Assessment survey - If you are unable to attend a focus group, you can complete the Community Health Assessment survey. To get a copy of the survey, please call (513) 946-7808. The survey is available online at www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org.

Your participation in the Community Health Assessment process

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Terrace Park Sports

TPRC changing of the guard

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In January Matt Nickum's term as President of the Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) ended, bringing to a close more than seven years on the TPRC – five of those as Baseball commissioner and two as President. Matt's association with the TPRC has been long and varied. Since the mid-nineties, not only was Matt a commissioner and President, he also helped coach and assistant coach both baseball and basketball. In his early days he even managed the dunk tank at the Labor Day fund raiser on the Village Green!

It was Matt's desire to "up-

hold the basic fundamental of the forefathers who created TPRC and Drackett Field that all children of Terrace Park have an equal chance to play a sport" that kept him so involved in TPRC for so long. To that end, there have been many significant TPRC accomplishments under Matt's leadership. They include the revamping of the outdated bylaws of the committee, the creation and maintenance of the TPRC website, the creation of the Monte Carlo fundraising event and the renovation of Drackett Field and the road leading to Drackett Field. Matt is especially proud of the

700 feet of water line they had to run in order to bring fresh water for kids to drink from as they played on the field.

Taking over as President of TPRC is Rick Mileham who also has a long and varied history with the TPRC. His involvement goes back to when he played rec sports growing up in Terrace Park. In fact he was playing baseball at Drackett Field the day it was dedicated! He has also coached for both the basketball program and the new Mariemont Youth Football program.

Coming on board as president, Rick's biggest goals are to keep the tradition of rec sports in Terrace Park going strong and to explore the idea of a community-wide rec program with Mariemont and Fairfax – a model that had been very successful for LaCrosse.

As incoming and outgoing TPRC presidents, both Rick and Matt exemplify the passionate volunteerism that makes Terrace Park such a special place for families to live.



Front row – Katie Buechel, Emily Taylor, Hillary Purcell, Erin Purcell
Back row – Coach Arrington, Coach Buechel, Claire Whitaker, Elizabeth Arrington, Louise Myatt, Brooke Parker, Coach Taylor

Sixth grade champs!

The sixth grade girl's team coached by Ford Taylor, Joe Buechel and Jeff Arrington won their division in the annual Mariemont Holiday Classic basketball tournament in January. They conquered teams from Madeira, Mariemont, New Richmond,

and Sycamore with their impenetrable defense and great passing. Many of the team members have played together for years, some since second grade. This team is currently undefeated (7-0) in the Metro Basketball Association League.

Time to sign up for Mariemont Youth Football

The Mariemont Youth Football Association (MYF) will have sign-ups for returning and new players and cheerleaders for the upcoming season on Saturday morning, February 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The sign-ups will be held at the Mariemont Community Church Parish Center. MYF has separate teams for five age groups: the 5 and 6; the 7 and 8; the 9; the 10; and the 11 and 12 year old divisions.

Children in the Mariemont School District who live in the communities of Fairfax, Mariemont, Williams Meadow and Terrace Park are eligible. MYF participates in the Clermont County Youth Football League and will have a 10-game schedule this season. The participation fee is \$75 for football and \$15 for cheerleading. Protective equipment is provided by MYF. Please contact Dan Utt (831-5229) with questions.



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