

Forum, Miami Grove and building code highlighted at council

By Susan House

Want to see the action but missed the meeting? 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 Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Jay Gohman thanked Al Nelson for his endless work in the neighborhood and specifically for organizing the Village Council Candidate's Forum on October 6. At the forum, Mayor Gohman, the councilmen who are running for re-election — Stefan Olson, Terry Howe and Mark Porst — along with incumbent member Jack Brown and new council candidate Jim Muennich talked about plans and goals for the coming council term. The Mayor expressed gratitude to Muennich for "stepping up" to run for the council seat which will be vacated by Stephen Holmes. Holmes has served on the Village Council for eight years. Mayor Gohman also expressed thanks to Chuck Stutenroth who was the event moderator, and Shelley Cowan who coordinated the question and answer portion of the forum.

Miami Grove Nature Preserve

Mayor Gohman reported that the dedication ceremony of the nature preserve as The Miami Grove

Nature Preserve, on October 9, was a very moving occasion and a roaring success. Former Miami Grove residents attended and were honored by the mayor in what Councilman Howe described as "a very moving tribute." A copy of the dedication plaque was on display at the council meeting. All who attended were in agreement that it was a worthwhile event. Mayor Gohman thanked Councilman Jeff Koreman for "a wonderful job working on the Miami Grove project."

Building code

Building Commissioner Bill Fiedler presented a new edition of the Residential Building Code that became effective in February, 2005. Council adopted the code for Terrace Park, which Fiedler says has new criteria for home building. Energy efficiency, wind bracing, and some seismic code requirements are included new requirements. Fiedler stated that the new requirements will place more of a burden on architects and homeowners. Fiedler also talked about ISO requirements regarding building permits and homeowners insurance. The new rules require issuance of building permits when applicable. Non-permitted work could eventually result in non-issuance of

homeowners insurance. Mayor Gohman ends every "Mayor's Report" by reminding residents to check with the office if they are contemplating any construction work on their home or property.

Bike trail

Councilman Koreman said that he has recently sent the "bike trail" memo of agreement to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The Village Council is requesting changes in the agreement including easements for drainage and a note that the only entrance would remain on New Street. Staff, or Council, should also have the ability to close off other access points if they become a problem.

Wrenwood Lane footpath
Martin Fryer, 12 Denison,

spoke on behalf of himself and other Denison residents, saying that they do not want improvements to be made to the footpath that is used for travel from Wrenwood Lane to the Terrace Park Elementary School. Fryer also requested that the Village Council see to it that any access to Denison from the upcoming bike trail is closed off as homeowners are concerned about potential traffic.

Three councilmen volunteer to run for reelection



Councilman Stefan Olson



Councilman Terry Howe



Councilman Mark Porst

Muennich steps up to run for vacated council position

To the Community,

As many in the community know, there are four open positions on Village Council up for election on Nov. 8th. Three incumbents have chosen to run for reelection. Steve Holmes, after eight years of service is not running for reelection. Since I am the only non — incumbent to file a petition at the Board of Elections, it appears all but certain that I will be serving on Village Council beginning in January of 2006. Accordingly, I want to offer a brief background on myself and my thoughts on the community.

My wife Ann and I, along with our two boys, Adam and Peter, moved to Terrace Park in the summer of 1998. We previously lived in Kenwood and our boys attended Indian Hill Schools. We chose to move to Terrace Park specifically for the benefits of the Mariemont school system and for the tranquility, security, and sense of community that we knew existed in the Village of Terrace Park.

We have not been disappointed. Terrace Park is certainly a rare exception in this age of subur-

ban sprawl and transient life styles. We have been blessed with neighbors, classmates and friends that have truly made our lives richer. We have received so much from this community. It is with this sense of gratitude and indebtedness that I have decided to run for the office of Village Council.

I have lived in the Greater Cincinnati Area my entire life. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 1973, I served a brief, post-Vietnam tour in the United States Air Force as a pilot. Since then I have been self employed in various business endeavors and currently own and operate a publishing company. I feel that my background and experience makes me uniquely qualified to serve on council. I am used to making decisions and taking action.

I was not motivated to run for council because of a particular issue or disagreement. I am not doing this to drive an agenda. That is not to say that I think we don't have issues and problems. The issues that I see before us are the ones that are being addressed by the current council, most notably, the completion of the new zoning code and the monitoring of the upcom-



New candidate Jim Muennich

ing construction of the new community facilities. I know all of the current council members personally and feel that we will have a good working relationship as we move forward with those issues.

In the future there will be new unforeseen issues that will need to be addressed and resolved. I look forward to working with the current council on those issues as they arise. I am prepared to do the work necessary to help lead us through the ongoing business of directing and managing village affairs and look forward to the opportunity to serve.

Jim Muennich
406 Washington Ave.



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

A beautiful fall afternoon made for a successful 2005 Boutique. (Left) Nick Cinquina got a "witch's" hand full of popcorn from the treat's table (right) where Janie Routt splurged on a yummy cupcake. (see PTO News, page 4)



Scott Overbey chowed down at last year's EMS Pancake Supper.

**Terrace Park
Emergency Service
45th Annual
Pancake Supper**
Saturday, November 5th
Terrace Park Elementary
School Cafeteria
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$6/adult, \$4/child

Fall Mountain Dulcimer Festival this weekend

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society presents Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly for Mountain Dulcimer workshops and evening concert, Saturday, October 22 at the Terrace Park Community Building. This internationally known folk duo have taught and performed delightful traditional Appalachian and Celtic music and dance throughout the British Isles and Appalachian United States.



Workshop #1: 10 a.m. Children's songs on the Mountain Dulcimer
Workshop #2: 12:45 p.m. Harmony Voice and Improvising
Workshop #2: 2:30 p.m. Songs of the Carter Family

Cost: \$15 per workshop. Concert: 7:45 p.m. \$5 donation; children 12 and under are free.
Audience: arrive by 6:30 p.m. and enjoy free Open Stage performances.



*To all the ghosts and goblins,
who'll be out to trick or treat,
play it safe, buddy-up,
and look both ways when you cross a street.*

The Terrace Park Police Department

Leaf pick up begins October 15, and will run through the end of November. All brush pick up will stop during this time.

November elections: Tuesday, November 8, 2005 in the Terrace Park Community Building, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.



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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Terrace Park resident:

Village Council asks all Terrace Park voters to approve a "renewal" of our 9.5 mill operating levy this November 8th. Voting "FOR" this renewal will not increase your real estate taxes.

The Hamilton County Auditor periodically assigns higher appraised value to Terrace Park residential and commercial real estate. Increasing property values are the positive outcome of living in an excellent community. The Hamilton County process of assigning higher appraised values to your home **does not increase your real estate taxes or the revenue collected by Terrace Park from this 9.5 mill operating levy.** To compensate for higher appraised values, the auditor simultaneously makes proportional reductions in the "effective" millage that is actually used to calculate your tax bill. Again, voting "For the tax levy" to renew the 9.5 mills will not increase your real estate taxes.

Our goal is to maintain the high quality services you expect from Terrace Park. This operating levy is the village's single largest source of funds. We are constantly looking for ways to save money and are committed to operating as efficiently as possible. We have benchmarked Terrace Park's expenses to those of comparable neighboring communities. The combination of volunteerism and limited small government make us very efficient. Please help us maintain Terrace Park services by voting "**FOR THE TAX LEVY**" to renew our 9.5 mill operating levy on November 8th.

If you have any questions about village finances or your real estate tax bill, contact Mark Porst at 513-576-1645.

Sincerely,
Terrace Park Village Council
Jack Brown, Stephen Holmes, Terry Howe, Jeff Koreman, Stefan Olson, Mark Porst, Mayor, Jay Gohman & Treasurer, Larry Williams

To the residents of Terrace Park:

Do you want to serve on Village Council? Me neither. Are you grateful for the service of Jay Gohman, Jack Brown, Stephen Holmes, Terry Howe, Jeff Koreman, Jim Muennich, Stefan Olson and Mark Porst? You should be. Do you know the status of the Bike Trail or Storm Water flooding? Is \$20,000 a year too much or too little for sidewalk maintenance? What is a New York Roosevelt Democrat and is Jeff Koreman one? What is *Stream 27*? What are the issues surrounding septic vs. sewer? Are we getting a new fire truck? A new firehouse? Why are there no Council Women? Is Stefan Olson really as conservative as his dress implies?

Go to a Town Council Meeting. Educate yourself. If you believe in government of the people, for the people and by the people (and I'm going to go out a limb here and guess that you do) you will participate in your own local government. These people are passionate, thoughtful folks who give their time in service. They deserve our gratitude and our involvement.

Terrace Park Town Council doesn't serve cosmos, but they do serve a cocktail of responsible self-governance stirred by healthy debate with a twist of independent idealism.

Ann DuCharme
323 Harvard

To the Editor,

This letter is regarding the Wrenwood footpath. Two years ago I became a Terrace Park resident when I married Jack who has lived here for over thirty years. His children used the footpath without any problems as did generations of other Wrenwood children. Having lived elsewhere, I appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of Terrace Park. What's not to love? I am a veteran first grade teacher of 29 years, and I, too, want what is best for the Terrace Park children. The lovely tree-lined footpath is quite adequate and is a great connector to the other side of Terrace Park.

Apparently, this small group of Wrenwood families need to remember that the footpath is also traversed by many adults who walk their dogs or just want to take a leisurely stroll without encountering speeding bicycles or skateboards.

In closing, I urge the adults who love the footpath just the way it is to jump on board and put an end to this foolishness that seems to be triggered by a select few. Please step up and help preserve one of Terrace Park's treasures.

It is my belief that Council will say "enough is enough" and put an end to an issue that has been totally blown out of proportion.

Sincerely,
Georgetta Gambetta
One Kent Circle

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

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

To the residents of Terrace Park:

On August 3, my wife Ruth died peacefully in her sleep. My first call was to 911. Tim Chen arrived within minutes, followed by Mary Kipp, Tony Lehman and John Maggard with the life squad. Together they did what was necessary, but most importantly they were so very kind and thoughtful. I cannot thank them enough.

Ruth loved Terrace Park and enjoyed living here for 41 years in houses on Stanton, Western and Wanoka. While her three sons attend Mariemont schools, Ruth locally was a Visiting Poet in the schools, den mother and advertising manager for the Village Views. Later in life she found the time to join the Terrace Park Garden Club where she not only enjoyed the company and friendship of her contemporaries, but really loved to get to know the "younger" women in the park and returned from the meetings pleased to have learned about their lives and appreciative of their caring about her.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have been so kind and supportive during this unexpected and difficult time. Terrace Park really is a special place and I was fortunate to not only have found my dear Ruth here, but to have Terrace Park as my home.

Jim Rauth
301 Wanoka Woods

To the Village Views editor:

As the owner of an apparently "functionally obsolete" Terrace Park home, I wonder about Tim Harth's conclusions that (1) the few houses recently sold in the Park have been "about \$1 million each" and (2) much of the village housing stock is functionally obsolete and is not what buyers want. As to #1, the local realtors will need to weigh in with exact numbers, but I see something different. I have clipped many of the newspaper's weekly sales reports for several months and my clippings show 19 sales – 11 under \$500,000, 5 from \$500,000 - \$700,000, and 3 over \$900,000. There no doubt have been others, at various prices, that I missed. Regardless, most sales appear to be of moderately priced, presumably functionally obsolete, houses. Which leads to #2: There clearly are quite a few people who want to live in Terrace Park, even if not in a 4,000 square foot, \$1 million house. The village prides itself on a mix of residents, from those wanting "starter" homes through to "empty nesters." Do we want to become a community of \$1 million houses, that get ever taller because there is no space to go sideways or back and that strain our drainage and septic systems? Or do we want to retain our mix, which also has value? I seriously doubt that our property values will stagnate and decline if home remodeling and construction are limited to those compatible with the land. Builders and over-enthusiastic owners might take a lesson from a gated South Carolina coastal community with which I am familiar: After community outrage erupted over the construction of an enormous home (locally referred to as the "hotel" at XYZ address), the town enacted square footage limits based on lot size. At some point, we in Terrace Park also may scream "enough."

Patricia Lowry
303 Marietta

To: The Village of Terrace Park Council and village residents.

Please keep the footpath that runs from Denison Lane to Kent Circle looking as unspoiled as it is now. The people whose property the footpath goes through are very pleased with the repairs that have recently been made and feel they are perfectly adequate and in keeping with the surroundings. It is truly a waste of taxpayers money to go back now and blacktop or cement (heaven forbid) this rural footpath. We certainly do not need this path to become an artery to the new bike trail below. This footpath was never intended to be anything more than a convenient way for the children of Wrenwood to walk to school. Those who wish to ruin this country path should teach their children that life is not one smooth super highway. There are little bumps and turns along the way. How dreadful to not appreciate the beauty that we have here in Terrace Park.



The footpath connecting Wrenwood and Dennison Lane.

Yours Sincerely,
Mary and Martin Fryer
12 Denison Lane

To the editor:

Our family would like to thank all the Terrace Park Board Members for the outstanding job they did at the pool this year.

We found the pool much improved in many ways and have never enjoyed it so much. The landscaping was spectacular and so well kept up.

The extra week of swimming was so nice and we appreciate the board's efforts in going above and beyond.

Sincerely,
The Albrecht Family
411 Cornell Ave.

Mike Stefani was always prepared with a smile

By Friends of Mike

Mike Stefani was a special friend and neighbor who lost his struggle with heart disease last month. After many years of battling, Mike was very excited to be considered for a transplant. All of his friends and family were shocked and saddened by the news that Mike did not survive.

Mike was an Emergency Medical Technician who volunteered with the Terrace Park EMS. He is remembered by his fellow volunteers as able and serious, with an ever-present twinkle in his eye and an easy smile. Mike's wry sense of humor often eased tensions in difficult situations and he made us laugh when we took ourselves too seriously.

Neighbors on Yale remember Mike's preparedness. He owned whatever tools anyone would ever need – and knew how to use them. Mike loved his John Deere tractor and found excuses to use it. He loved to tend his garden, mow his grass and was forever moving logs around – rain or shine! Mike had a generator and we were so jealous when the power went out and we would hear him firing it up.

We will remember his positive attitude, his willingness to help others and that he made a difference. We will remember Mike's courage as he faced a disabling disease with humor and optimism.

We miss you Mike, and are proud to have been your friends.

A group called TNT – twenty-four plus years old and still going strong

By Julie Northrop

It was Sunday, July 12, 1981. A group of about 20 Terrace Park couples carpooled to Hawk's Nest State Park near Ansted, West Virginia, arriving in time for an evening picnic. The main reason for the trip was to raft The New River the next day with Dough and Jeff Proctor's nearby Class VI River Runners. Some of us also brought our tennis rackets. After Monday rafting and dinner that evening, those of us who planned to play tennis the next morning met in Ted and Julie Northrop's room in the park lodge. We drew names to decide who would play who in the next morning's mixed doubles tournament. Prizes were plastic glasses marked with the park emblem.

We had so much fun with that very unofficial tournament that Ted asked if the group would like to play tennis again that evening at Terrace Park Swim Club. No one said no and Tuesday Night Tennis (TNT) was officially launched. After playing each Tuesday night, we would dine at the Wooden Nickel (now gone) in Milford where Jeanette, an especially caring waitress, took care of us and looked forward to our visits. When the temperature dropped and it was too cold and dark for outdoor evening tennis, we would meet at St. Thomas and walk to the "Nickel" or sometimes the Millcroft (also gone).

In 1983, Ted approached the group with another idea – a winter road trip to the French Lick Resort in French Lick, Indiana. It wasn't too difficult to come up with forty willing takers. On Friday, January 13, 1984, we left Terrace Park on a chartered bus arriving at the resort in time for dinner. Mixed doubles on their indoor courts went on all day Saturday and again Sunday morning before we departed for home. These trips continued annually through 1993. One last road trip was made by some members of the group in 1997 to Pipestem State

Park, also in West Virginia.

Mostly we now take turns hosting the group for dinner in our homes, with occasional restaurant dining. We have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and retirements. We have rejoiced over happy occasions and supported one another when there is sadness. In 2003, we planted a tree at Terrace Park Swim Club in memory of Shirley Brown. Recently a plaque was added to that tree to also memorialize Jane Pendl, Roger Belanger, Bob Grund, Fred Graumlich and our "founding father," Ted Northrop.

Twenty-four plus years have gone by since we started the group. With few exceptions, we've gathered every Tuesday night since that first one in July, 1981. That is over 1,200 Tuesdays! Although health problems have curtailed tennis for some, we all still enjoy the dining and camaraderie – this very special group called TNT.

Mariemont HS receives fourth Blue Ribbon and makes history

When U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, announced the winners of the 2005 Blue Ribbon Schools Award, Mariemont High School was on the distinguished list, making education history as the first school in Ohio and one of the first in the nation to receive the award four times. Mariemont was honored with the recognition of excellence in 1984, 1989, 2001, and now for 2005. District Superintendent Dr. Gerald Harris commented, "There are close to 16,000 school districts in the nation. Mariemont has put itself at the top by winning another Blue Ribbon for the high school. The board of education and the administration extend their congratulations and gratitude to the students, staff, parents, and community for bringing

this award to our schools."

The *Blue Ribbon Schools Program* honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. The award provides a platform for a school to be nationally recognized for its academic achievement and to be honored as one of America's most successful schools. Nomination is also a way to acknowledge the hard work of students, staff members, families, and the community. According to Dr. Harris, "It would be impossible to overstate the significance of this unprecedented 4th national award for high scholastic achievement by Mariemont High School. Mariemont is truly one of the nation's lighthouse districts. Not only does the award represent sustained academic excellence but outstanding performance in different target areas highlighted by the federal government over the years: geography, technology, leadership, meeting the needs of each and every student, etc."

The ceremony for the *Blue Ribbon Schools Award* (BRS) will be held in Washington, D.C. on November 10-11. Two people, high school principal Dr. Jim Renner and a teacher, have been invited to the ceremony where the school will receive a plaque and a flag signifying

Village Calendar 2005

October

- 21 Terrace Park Pumpkin Festival 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 27 Mariemont School Foundation Meeting at MHS, 7:30 pm.
- 29 2nd Annual Backyard Brew Ha Ha, at 3 Given Lane, 7pm to 12 midnight, \$35 per person. Live music by the Bluebirds, pig roast, hat and wig contest, plenty of brew, bonfire. Tickets available at the Terrace Park Elementary School Pumpkin Fest. For reservations call **Leigh Saulnier, 576-1581**. Proceeds benefit Terrace Park Parent Teacher Organization.
- 30 Day Light Savings Time Ends, FALL BACK 1 Hour
- 31 HALLOWEEN
- 31 Terrace Park Elementary Halloween Parade, 2:00 p.m.
- 31 Trick or Treat, 6 – 8 p.m. Listen for the siren to mark the beginning and end of trick or treating.

NOVEMBER

- 1 TP PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 1 TPRC Youth Basketball Practice begins
- 1 Terrace Park Garden Club, A Williamsburg Christmas, see and learn about Williamsburg style holiday arrangements. Noon at the Community Building. Call **Jill Kelly, 965-0819** for more information.
- 2 MHS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. NOTE: Evening Meeting
- 5 Youth LaCrosse sign-up at the TP Community Building, 9 a.m.-noon
- 5 Pancake Supper to benefit the Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services. 4:30 – 7:00 at TPE cafeteria. Tickets will be sold door to door beginning October 23. Tickets also available at the door. For more information contact **Sue Keffer 248-8776**
- 6 The Terrace Park Historical Society Presents: "EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR HOME AND MORE" 4 p.m. at the Community Building. Refreshments will follow. Free and open to the public.
- 7 ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 11:45 a.m. at China Buffet on Route 28 across from

Castrucci Ford. NOTE LOCATION CHANGE. New members welcome. For more information contact **Bob Halley 831-0970**

7 – 10 TP Book Fair

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

9 Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Call **Rhea Greene at 248-9969** for more information.

11 VETERAN'S DAY

12 Mariemont Schools Foundation – Chair-ity Auction. An Evening In Chair-adise, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Cincinnati Sports Club RSVP to chair.auction@gmail.com or **Karen Herkamp 6931 Mt. Vernon Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45227 \$40/ person; \$75/ couple**

14 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call **Vera Hodges at 831-7919**. Jack Hale from the Ohio Department of Public Safety discusses "When to Give Up the Keys and Collision Avoidance."

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

17 Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. JHS Cafeteria. Public Welcome. NOTE: Time, Date & Location Change!

17 Mariemont School Foundation Meeting at MHS, 7:30 pm.

23 NO SCHOOL

24 THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

25 NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

3 TPRC Youth Basketball Games begin

TP Historical Society DATES TO SAVE FOR 2006:
Sunday Feb. 26: "Romance of the River" by Jane Greene. Jane grew up in Terrace Park. She will talk about the history of the Greene Line, the Delta Queen, and about the steamboat days on the Ohio River.

Sunday May 7: "The Early Settlers of the Lower Little Miami River Valley" by Fred Rutherford. Fred will talk about Covalt Station and the other early settlements along our stretch the Little Miami River. Fred and Terrence McConville are co-authors of the book "Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami Valley."

Please call **Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959** or email **hestersullivan@yahoo.com** with calendar information

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Neighbor to Neighbor

Six Mariemont High School seniors named National Merit Commended Students

Mariemont High School was honored to receive the news that six students scored in the top 5% of all juniors who took the PSAT last school year. The National Merit Commended Students were: Evan Conzett, Brian Cornwell, Cate Ebel, April Isch, Aaron Roberts, and Grant Rosson.

According to high school Principal Dr. Jim Renner, "The outstanding success of our National Merit Commended Students is a tribute to the exceptional academic program that is in place K-12 in the Mariemont School District. These students epitomize the mission of the school district: teaching the scholars of today to become the leaders of tomorrow."

National Merit and AP Recognize TP CCDS Students

Cincinnati Country Day School proudly announced that Terrace Park resident Alex Ehrnschwender was among eleven seniors recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Because his score was in the top five percent of more than one million students who took the test as juniors last fall he was named a National Merit Commended Student.

Terrace Park resident, Eduardo Mancera, was honored as a AP Scholar by the College Board. Ehrnschwender was honored as a Scholar with Distinction.

Mariemont HS Juniors excel in National Writing Contest

The Ayn Rand Institute received over 14,000 submissions from high school students all over the nation last school year for the 2005 *Anthem* essay contest.

Three Mariemont H.S. Juniors placed as Semi-finalist in the writing contest. Julia Smith, Katie Donovan, and Brendan Ayer were each recognized for their writing proficiency with a thirty dollar cash prize.

Mariemont High School Class of 1995

A 10-year reunion will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2005 at Hyde Park Tavern & Grill. \$20 a person includes dinner by the bite and a cash bar. Send name and contact information to Julie Koehler@hotmail.com for yourself and if you know how to contact classmates.

Genealogy

Is anyone in Terrace Park interested in starting a Terrace Park Genealogical Society? That would be another good way to gather information about Terrace Park families. Contact Carol C. Cole 831-6771 or cccole4@juno.com.

Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 29
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7701 Kenwood Road
8 a.m. to noon
Sponsored by the Ohio U Chapter of T.T.T. National Society
A society whose purpose is to raise funds to send girls to summer camp.
Contact:
Sallie Lyons at 831-4671 or
Dru Stockwell at 561-0279

Terrace Park Elementary PTO news

Nobody does Halloween better than the Terrace Park Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and 2005 is no exception! The TP community once again celebrated the season at the Boutique (see photo) and the Pumpkin Festival. Countless 'thank you's to all who participated in our school's largest fundraiser.

On Halloween day, be sure to come see the parade of ghosts, witches and Harry Potters who will haunt the block around TPE at 2 p.m. sharp.



NOW YOU SEE THEM AND SOME YOU DON'T. Some of the hostesses for the Brew Ha-Ha gathered to concoct another magical evening for the Terrace Park PTO to be held on Oct. 29th. at 3 Given Lane. The backyard party will feature the Bluebirds from 7 p.m. till midnight. All are invited to don their craziest wigs or hats, and enjoy lots of yummy pickin's from a roasted pig and plenty of bubbly in brew. Pictured (l-r) are Sue Hermanson, Emily Machles, Holly McCormack, Leigh Saulnier, Holly Long, Betsy Porst, and Cindy Brittingham. The other hosting families working behind the scenes are the Gaburos, the Gardners the DeCharme-Murphy family and the Stutenroths and Cinquinas. A donation of \$35.00 per person may be made to the TPPTO and given to Leigh Saulnier at 576-1581.

The next general meeting is Tuesday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria with a purchasing committee meeting the following day also at 9:30 a.m.

"Enter the Kingdom of Reading" at the 2005 TPE Book Fair! (see ad) November 8-10. Hours: Tuesday 3-8 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The TPE website is now up and running. It's the handiest place to get all your PTO info. You can access it by going to mariemontschools.org, and clicking Terrace Park Elementary, then clicking PTO news. Enjoy!



COME TO THE TERRACE PARK ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR

November 8, 9 and 10

Tuesday 3pm - 8pm

Wednesday & Thursday 8am - 8pm

To volunteer: please call Nikki Utt @ 831-5229 or the Library @ 271-7711.

THE TERRACE PARK GARDEN CLUB presents

Generation Renovation

The Terrace Park Garden Club, with assistance from the Terrace Park Historical Society, will present their traditional holiday home tour on Sunday, December 4, from 1-4 p.m.

"Generation Renovation" will feature the spectacular, remodeled homes of Laurie and Kim Baird, 203 Marietta Avenue, Judy and David Deeter, 307 Wanoka Woods, Elaine and Tim Fening, 615 Miami Avenue, Sue and Stock Keffer, 411 Miami Av-

enue and LouAnn and Andrew Mauk, 408 Stanton Avenue.

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Police report

A Denison Ln. resident reported theft of two cell phones and a laptop computer from two vehicles parked in his driveway. The items were not located and investigation is ongoing.

Theft of a flower urn from a home on Rugby Ave. was also reported.

Officers responded to the report of a possibly suicidal subject. The person was examined and deemed not to be a threat to himself.

Two residents reported observing lights moving or flashing in neighboring homes. The responding officers found a TV on in one residence and an electrical short causing malfunction of a lamp in the other.

A possible water leak was reported at a house on Miami Ave. the owners of which were away. Police were able to enter the home with a key kept on their board at the owner's request. No damage was found but a toilet was running. In-

dian Hill Water Works was summoned to turn off the water from outside.

Other reported incidences to which police responded were:

- Two loose dog complaints - one on Miami Ave. and one in the wilderness area.
- Criminal mischief at a home on Lexington Ave. that had been toilet papered.
- Two domestic disputes.
- A downed street sign at Amherst and Myrtle.
- Discovery of a firearm in a garage on Wooster Pike. The gun, believed to have belonged to the owner's ex-husband was released to the temporary property box.

Mutual aid was provided to Police Departments in Fairfax, Milford, Mariemont and Newtown. EMS reported three runs. The fire department had one run because of downed power lines.

"Welcome home!": Miami Grove dedication ceremony reaches out!

By Susan Abernethy Frank



Dottie Bowman, former Miami Grove resident and committee member for the Oct. 9 dedication, with Dolly Starr, wife of Earl and Gladys Runyun's (Earl's Cafe) grandson, Stanley.(now deceased)

October 9, 2005 The Miami Grove Nature Preserve is a reality. The skies may have been gray and the air chilly but when Mayor Jay Gohman exclaimed "Welcome home!" to the many former residents of Miami Grove and their families, the warmth radiated. Many who grew

up in Miami Grove had a reunion as the artist rendering of the plaque to come was unveiled. Busken Bakery donated a beautiful commemorative cake, Jack Gambetta strummed the guitar and conversations flowed as many recognized each other after years of separation. Approximately 80 former and current residents were there. The Miami Grove Nature Pre-

serve is now open to all.

Names and addresses were taken so that the Historical Society can make contact and arrange for some oral histories. The stories of growing up on the Little Miami River and of the lifestyle in the 1930s-1950s are worth recording.

And P.S. the Boys Scouts did a great job of clearing the trails and the TP police provided great assistance with the set up. Thanks to all!!!!

The Terrace Park Historical Society Presents:
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Mr. Matthew Carle, Public Relations Director in the office of Rebecca Groppe, Hamilton County Recorder, will walk the audience through a project researching a few Terrace Park homes using the records of the County Recorders Office. His sample homes will be 716 Floral, which may have been built as early as 1890, and 505 Miami, which was a summer cottage from the early 1900's. Mr. Carle will also tell:

- how to find out about the history of **your** home and/or neighborhood
- how to gather information on liens, easements, rights of way and other attachments to **your** property
- how to access records also at the Offices of the Auditor, Treasurer, Engineer, Clerk of Courts and CAGIS, both in person and on the web.

Refreshments will follow. Free and open to the public.
DATES TO SAVE FOR 2006:
Sunday Feb. 26: "Romance of the River" by Jane Greene. Jane grew up in Terrace Park. She will talk about the history of the Greene Line, the Delta Queen, and about the steamboat days on the Ohio River.
Sunday May 7: "The Early Settlers of the Lower Little Miami River Valley" by Fred Rutherford. Fred will talk about Covalt Station and the other early settlements along our stretch the Little Miami River. Fred and Terrence McConville are co-authors of the book "Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami Valley."

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Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol C. Cole

I was not intending to write a *Village Views* article this month since Susan Frank I think has several things in and Julie Northrop has written an article about TNT (Tuesday Night Tennis). I'd like to call your attention to that article since I'm sure it gives some good historical information about that group.

However I've recently had an e-mail from Jan Watkins giving some information about what happened to the Miami Grove area after the 1959 flood drove residents out of that area. "I was pleasantly surprised to see Terrace Park on the front page of this morning's Enquirer! I found the article interesting and feel that recognition of the former residents of that area is important. However, from an historical perspective, I suspect a small part of history has been forgotten. Prior to the early 1970s, that area was simply a flood plain area where birdwatchers hiked and other residents walked their dogs. Sometime after 1973 there was a strong move to convert the land to soccer fields. A small group was formed to preserve that land as a natural area. I was a member of this proactive group, as well as Louise Halley, Pat Henley, Margaret Whitehouse, Bob Terwillegar and two sisters whose family owned Milford Hardware (Adelaide and Vera Dietrich). ... One of the most important projects this committee undertook was developing a flier/survey and distributing it (with the assistance of the local Scout troop) to each residence in the Village. We were successful and the area became known as the Terrace Park Wilderness Preserve. ... The committee also provided some supervision of maintenance, i.e. creating and maintaining trails,

erecting and maintaining the first bulletin board. Louise was the member who kept in contact with the Village maintenance crew, as well as being listed in the TP Directory as the person to call for information. Had not all this been done, what was once known as the "river area," Terrace Park Wilderness Area, Terrace Park Nature Preserve might now be identified as Terrace Park Soccer Fields." I hope many of you were able to attend the renaming of that area on the 9th of October. The new name,

The Miami Grove Nature Preserve, keeps memories fresh both for people who lived there and for people who just enjoyed (and still do) walking in this natural area.

This is just another example of the wonderful information the Historical Society receives from time to time from residents and in this case a former resident. Perhaps you'd be surprised to know that we very often hear from former residents who quite obviously are still interested in what goes on here and have something to contribute.



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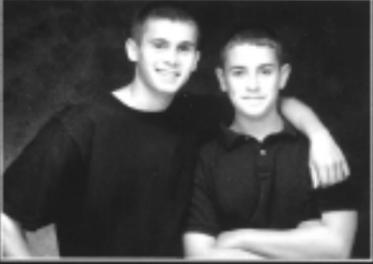
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Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will once again sell luminary kits in connection with the 19th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The fire siren will sound at 6 p.m. on December 4th signaling everyone to light their luminaries. All of the festivities on the green, including the tree lighting ceremony, will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. If the weather is poor no siren will sound, and the lighting will be postponed for one week.

Kindervelt members will be selling the luminary kits door-to-door throughout the next few weeks. Luminary kits contain 20 candles, 20 white paper bags, approximately 15 lbs of sand, and instructions for assembly. Each kit costs \$12 and can be placed along the sidewalk, driveway or street. If you have not been solicited by a Kindervelt member by November 15th and would like to place an order, please call Kimberly McCarthy (576-1197) or Abby Messner (248-1164).

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The Terrace Park Historical Society's new board members are (l-r) Sandy Koehler, Lou Ann Mauk, Debby Gammons Pendl and Frances Stafford.

TP Historical Society announces new board members for 2005

The Terrace Park Historical Society has elected 4 new Board Members. They are Sandy Koehler, Lou Ann Mauk, Debby Gammons Pendl and Frances Stafford.

Sandy Koehler and her husband Rick moved to Terrace Park in 1976. They have raised 5 children in the village: Page, Erick, Chase, Reed, and Max (still in high school). Erick Koehler married Julie Porter, also a Terrace Park native, and they now live in the village with their 3 children. **Lou Ann Mauk** and husband Andy came to TP in 1987. They have 2 children in Mariemont schools, Hannah and Oliver. Lou Ann is the liaison between the schools and the Historical Society.

Debby Gammons Pendl grew up

in Terrace Park and moved back here when she married Bill Pendl in 2001. Debby is the daughter of longtime Terrace Park residents, Bob and Helen Gammons. (now deceased). The family came here in 1950 and other than a few years in Illinois, stayed until 1985. Debbie was living outside the village from 1972 until 2001 but kept her village interest and continuing membership in St. Thomas Church.

Frances Stafford and husband Roger came from England to TP in 1977. They raised their 2 sons, Alex and Neil, (graduates of Mariemont High) here and are now about to move to their 3rd Terrace Park home.

All of the above are very involved in the community and will be visible assets to the Historical Society.

Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter geared up to raise money for Children's Hospital

By Ann Gibson

Terrace Park Kindervelt #76, part of an independent Cincinnati-wide non-profit group that raises money for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC), is geared up for the 2005-2006 fundraising year with a schedule of community-wide fundraising activities designed to reach out to all Terrace Park residents, their families, and guests for participation and fellowship.

The annual Terrace Park Kindervelt fundraising and community activity schedule for this year includes: Luminaria sales, the neighborhood holiday decoration kick-off in December (Sunday, December 4, 2005); Mardi Gras, a festive party for the Terrace Park community, this party is the largest revenue generating fundraiser for Terrace Park's Kindervelt chapter (Saturday, February 25, 2006); the Easter Egg Hunt, a fun family tradition to welcome the Spring season (TBD); and Ladies Day at the Terrace Park Swim Club, a day of fun and festivities important to the revitalization and camaraderie of TP Mommies and guests every summer (TBD).

Because the fundraising activities are planned, organized, and implemented by volunteers, the community's dollars go far for CCHMC. Terrace Park's Kindervelt chapter is one of the top three revenue generating Kindervelt chapters in Cincinnati, which raised close to \$29,000 last year. Terrace Park Kindervelt additionally raised \$2,000 within the chapter membership over the 2004 holidays to help 12 needy families with sick children at CCHMC.

Monies raised by Kindervelt members have saved the lives of children, provided treatment where none could have been given, and assisted CCHMC in achieving and continuing its status as one of the top pediatric care centers in the country. Kindervelt monies support medical research at CCHMC, enable the purchase of equipment to help diagnose and treat pediatric illness and injury, and provide proper health care and treatment for sick children of families who cannot afford health care for their children.

Since its inception in 1973, the almost 40 city-wide Kindervelt chapters in Greater Cincinnati, including southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky, have donated close to \$13M to Children's Hospital. The monies generated by Kindervelt groups from 2004-2008 are slated to go directly to the Cincinnati Children's Division of Developmental Disabilities, which treats 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. Kindervelt city-wide last year raised close to \$450,000 for CCHMC's Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter is currently in its 22nd year

of sponsoring community activities and fundraisers for CCHMC. Kindervelt membership is open to anyone who wishes to join, and the group is always looking for enthusiastic new members. Terrace Park's Kindervelt Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at a member's home. For more information on joining Kindervelt or to make a donation, please call Rhea Greene at (513) 248-9969.

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Each May USA Swimming reviews academic and swimming performances of more than 240,000 high school swimmers around the country. Swimmers are reviewed based on coach or high school recommendation. In October the governing body of USA Swimming selects the Academic All American Team by state. This year Ohio had only five girls and seven boys achieve this honor.

Each candidate is evaluated on academic performance in the classroom and to be considered must have completed their sophomore



year and maintained a grade point of 3.5 or higher. In the pool they must have performed at the USA Senior Sectional level or above in the spring or summer.

Amanda Smith is a junior at Indian Hill High School and is the daughter of Frank and Julie Smith

of Indian Hill. John Austin, son of Susan and Joe Austin, is a junior at Mariemont High School. Wren is a senior at Mariemont and is currently being recruited by colleges nationally for NCAA Division I swimming. Wren is the son of Dave and Emily Dupre, 115 Wrenwood

Terrace Bull Dog Lacrosse enters 10th Year

This is the ten year anniversary for the Terrace Park Bull Dogs youth lacrosse program that is sponsored by the Terrace Park Recreation Commission. Boys and girls from Terrace Park, Fairfax, and Mariemont participate in this youth program which each spring has roughly 125 players in grades 3-6. Most of these kids continue on to play lacrosse through high school, where there are now about 300 kids playing lacrosse throughout the school district.

The goal of our youth lacrosse program is to teach the kids to play good lacrosse, create a love for the game and sense of community. Lacrosse is parent and player friendly in that the season runs from February – May, with two practices per week and a game. Games are 40 minutes long.

Many kids are able to play lacrosse quite well after just a few weeks of practice. Lacrosse favors speed, quickness, stick skills and field vision; so size is not a major factor in success.

If your child is interested in la-

crose, more information may be found at www.tprc.net, or you may contact coach Steve Peterson at 248-4119. Sign ups for the coming season are on Saturday November 5, 2005 at the Terrace Park Community Building from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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The Coordinator must:

1. Be in town the last two weeks in June
2. Enjoy teaching crafts to kids — or be willing to coordinate the work of other volunteer parents who do. (In addition to crafts, we

have also featured cooking, science and music days.)

3. Shop for and purchase all supplies, snacks and equipment.

4. Plan four field trips

5. Schedule volunteers to manage/work on the playground to facilitate the "outdoor fun" aspect of the program.

6. Schedule parent and student volunteers to assist with indoor activities.

7. Be willing to periodically attend monthly TPRC meetings held the second Monday evening of the month.

Roseann Hayes, the coordinator the program for the past few years notes "This is a great way to get to know the children in the neighborhood — your child's peers."

If you are interested in the position or have questions, please call Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619 or haze@cinternet.net.

Pool renovation fundraising culminates with relay to the finish

"A Relay to the Finish" with swimmers from the Mariemont Junior High, Mariemont High School, Mariemont Aquatic Club, and the Polar Bears in November culminates three years of fundraising efforts by the Mariemont Pool Committee. "There will be a marathon relay from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with community swimmers using all six lanes to fundraise for the pool," pool committee member Kyle Roberts explained. "At this point

we are 75,000 dollars short of the goal for the project. Our deadline for the in-hand donations is February 2006."

The Mariemont School Board has appropriated money from the capital improvement fund to pay some of the expenses associated with the heating and air conditioning, ceiling and lighting enhancements that will take place the summer of 2006. The balance of \$179,000 will be secured through private donation. "This renovation has been needed for some time. The heating and air conditioning unit alone is expensive because it is a special unit needed for the typically humid environment in the pool area." Kyle elaborated. Ceiling tiles have often fallen into the pool during swim practices, children have complained of freezing air temperatures upon exiting the pool for years. The lighting will be addressed with the removal of the ceiling.

Community members are encouraged to donate to this valuable community resource. For further information regarding tax deductible donations for the pool renovation through the Mariemont Schools Foundation contact Kyle Roberts at her email address: daveandkyle@earthlink.net.



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