

Hayhow sworn in as new police chief

By Susan M. 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.

Hail to the chief

An undertone of jubilation filled the chamber as Mayor Jay Gohman announced that Gerald E. Hayhow would officially take the position of Terrace Park Chief of Police. While the new chief's parents, children, and wife, Claire, looked on, the Mayor recognized Hayhow for his dedication to the community, and his demonstrated ability throughout the summer when he acted as Interim Police Chief and Street Commissioner. Our mayor then presented a new pin designating Jerry Hayhow chief of police. Council members joined in congratulations as Chief Hayhow thanked the Ter-

race Park community and the Terrace Park Police Force for their tremendous support. He also expressed gratitude for the help given him by Fran (officially our Assistant Fiscal Officer) and Pat, who manages the Terrace Park office.

Tattie's Gourmet Deli

Tattie Bellucci is seeking council approval for "Tattie's Gourmet Deli." Bellucci and her attorney, Daniel Utt, describe the restaurant as "upscale, gourmet, casual, and elegant, with a bright and cheerful décor and menu, including specially prepared foods." They will serve beer and wine, will offer the choice to dine in or carry out, and have anticipated that hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Tattie's would be located in the space most recently occupied by "Over Coffee," in the commercial center at Wooster and Elm. Bellucci assured council that this eatery would be "perfect for Terrace Park." The Planning Commission has

approved the restaurant use for Tattie's Gourmet, agreeing that such an establishment would indeed be an attribute to the community. The Terrace Park council members approved signage for the deli. They stopped short of an official approval, making a request of Utt and Robert Malloy, the Village Solicitor, to draft an amendment to the Terrace Park Commercial District Ordinance that would specifically allow this business to operate in the center.

"Jake braking" on Wooster Pike

Councilman Stephen Holmes discussed, and council approved, by ordinance, the prohibition of "Jake braking" on Wooster Pike. Jake braking, dynamic braking, or engine braking is used to slow a large truck, while allowing less usage of regular truck brakes. This method causes quite a lot of noise, creating a nuisance for adjacent or nearby residents. Juliann Gardner, of 3 Given Lane, has spoken to council on more than one oc-

casional about this problem.

Solicitor, Robert Malloy advised that a public hearing should be held at the beginning of the December 2005 council meeting, to approve a change to the Public Facilities District Ordinance. Councilman Holmes remarked that Chief Hayhow had researched the creation of such an ordinance and found that signage will be required. Council discussed appropriate fines and penalties that would be imposed for violation of this ordinance.

Street program for summer 2006

The officially appointed Street Commissioner Jerry Hayhow announced that the 2006 summer street repair program is in the planning stages. If a resident has a particular problem or concern about street paving, or sidewalk repair, Hayhow requests that they call him so that accurate determination of needs can be met. Hayhow also reported that the "leaf machine" is

working properly. He asked that residents do not mix brush with leaves so that the machine will remain in use for the rest of the season. He reminded residents that no brush will be picked up during leaf season, which ends November 30, 2005.

Hamilton County Park update

Donald Johns, Hamilton County Park District, updated the Mayor and council members about District's activities. He said that Hamilton County operates 20 parks and holds 15,500 acres. Approximately 13 percent of land holdings are developed into recreation facilities. On behalf of the Park District, he ensured that no more than 20 percent of the land owned by Hamilton County would ever be developed. Johns also reported that the remodeling and relocating of the Little Miami Golf Course is 99 percent complete. The County Park District will proceed with, and complete, the paving of the bike trail up Wooster to Avoca Park in 2006. He explained that Ohio Department of Transportation is doing the work from Avoca Park to Milford.

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol C. Cole

"Generation Renovation" the 2005 House Tour

I hope everyone in Terrace Park as well as many outsiders will make it a priority to attend this year's House Tour. Five homes that have been recently renovated will be featured on Sunday afternoon, December 4th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The picture to the right of this article shows 203 Marietta in the autumn of 1926. It was the West family home and the family is outside on the lawn. It's interesting to compare this picture with the one on the house tour ticket since they are very similar. This was not so true a few years ago when the early porches had been removed. Now the house again looks much more similar to how it looked in 1926 and perhaps to when it was originally built. It is

of course one of the so called "railroad" or "pattern" homes, built in the 1890s all using the same cruciform plan. We do not believe they were ever owned by the railroad but were built in an attractive area where homeowners could take advantage of the ease of transportation into Cincinnati on the railroad. They are all in J. W. Sibley's subdivisions. The West family is one of the important early Terrace Park families related also to the Robertsons (dentist at 602 Miami), Lloyds on Rugby and Sibleys.

411 Miami, now the home of the Keffer family, was on the Garden Club House Tour in 1962, then the home of Mrs. Joseph Scallan. Diane DeCamp, still a Garden Club member today, wrote an article at that time about the houses on the tour. "Mrs. Joseph Scallan's house on Miami is the dream house of

more than one person. The entire living room is surrounded by a wide balcony off which the bedrooms open. The colors downstairs are soft green, deep red, pink, and white. Upstairs rooms are predominantly pink. The colors may have been inspired by the living room fireplace, which is faced with white tiles painted with red and pink flowers. The curtains were surrounded with garlands of red poinsettias. Mrs. Scallan has combined Victorian antiques and accessories from all over the world." What I remember most from that house tour is the double staircase, which is perhaps the most striking feature of the whole house. There were 6 other houses on the tour that year and over 550 visitors. Mrs. Scallan lived in the house well over 50 years until her death in 1976 at 96 years old. A Cincinnati Post article in 1951



Pictured here in 1926, 203 Marietta will be one of five renovated homes featured on this year's house tour on Sunday, December 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

stated that the house was planned just for summer use but became instead a year around home.

The Mauks' house at 408 Stanton was built in the 1940s, a fairly typical Cape Cod. There was not a lot of money around at that time so building smaller homes was the norm. The Mauks' extensive renovation in 2001 has made it a much larger home but one that still seems to fit into the neighborhood. This is the only house on the tour that did not, when built, have a view of the Little Miami River.

The Wanoka Woods area was developed in the 1970s into what it is today. Earlier cottages and canoe clubs built in the area by Gus Worz were popular with summer visitors. Just across Oxford all along the Little Miami River and well beyond St. Thomas Church

was the Terrace Park County Club with its clubhouse, tennis courts and 9-hole golf course. Today Wanoka Woods features contemporary homes and the Deeters' is one of them. As is in earlier days, views of the Little Miami River remain probably the most prominent feature of these homes.

The final home, 615 Miami, is the newest and again takes full advantage of its location on the Little Miami River. You might want to look at www.tpsurvey.org to see a picture of the home as it was originally built. One might have said then that it was a contemporary chalet but that look has pretty much disappeared. It will be very interesting to see how all five of these very different homes have been re-modeled and updated for families in the 21st century.



Sunday, December 4th
Terrace Park's 19th Annual Tree Lighting

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

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

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

• For last minute luminaria, call Kimberly McCarthy @576-1197


Leaf pick up will run through the end of November. All brush pick up will stop during this time.



Please do not put brush in your leaf piles. Sticks can damage the machines.



The deadline for the December issue of the Village Views is Friday December 2nd

We'd like to thank all our contributors for being so understanding about the misprinted deadline in our last issue.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

There has been a lot of talk recently concerning the village's contract to update/harmonize its building code. As a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, I can speak first hand concerning how necessary this effort is. However, I am afraid that this task will never be finished because we will try to do too much – and end up gridlocked as we have in the past when trying to accomplish this task.

There appear to be two issues at work here:

1. The original issue of cleaning up the code, eliminating confusing parts, and putting it into a more user-friendly format.
2. Changing the code to prevent "deterioration" (whatever that is) of the ambiance of Terrace Park.

As I understand it, the current work is supposed to be accomplishing the first task. This is relatively straightforward and should be easily accomplished with a minimum of controversy. Such things as bringing all of the rules for setbacks into one section in an easily read table fall in this category.

However, in the recent meetings called to discuss these revisions, there was a very vocal minority calling for wholesale changes to the code. Such things as imposing more stringent height restrictions, more restrictive property usage, and more restrictive set-backs than currently exist have been suggested. In fact, after the first of the two meetings with the contractor performing the code update, there was a whole laundry list of **CHANGES** - not consolidations – proposed for this code.

I strongly disagree with attempting to get these in the code under this contract for the following reasons:

1. The proposals are extremely controversial, and should be thoroughly discussed before adoption. One person's "reasonable" ideas of height restrictions or land usage could unduly limit a property owner's legitimate use of his/her property and adversely affect its value.

2. Almost without exception, every one of the proposals would put many more lots "in violation" of the code. This would require ZBA action on **any** property change, no matter how simple and even if complying with the code. This, in turn, results in the requirement to: a) file a petition for a variance with the requisite fee; b) wait for the Board to meet; and c) cause problems if someone on the board – or the public at large – disagrees with the proposed variance. All in all, it is much simpler to keep your property in compliance!

Consequently, I recommend in the strongest possible way to Council and the Village that this "clean-up" of the code be exactly that – and nothing more. This does **not** mean that, as part of the effort, we do not solicit and collect recommended changes for the items mentioned above (land usage, building height, set back modifications, etc.). But these should be a follow-on effort AFTER we get the code cleaned up.

Sincerely,
John Bowers
106 Fieldstone Drive

To the editor:

I would like to sincerely thank the Terrace Park Police, especially Lt. Hayhow and Officer Chin, for dutifully serving as our Wooster Pike crossing guards for the past 1+ years. This is something that we've been thinking of solutions for throughout the years, and our fine TPPD stepped up to fill a gap that has truly benefited our children. The feelings of responsibility, maturity and "freedom" that it has given our kids has been very growthful for them, and fun to watch as parents! So, my heartfelt thanks goes out to the TPPD for being there day in and day out to help ensure the safety of our children on their way to school.

Sincerely,
Kelly Wittry
104 Wagon Road Lane

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2nd. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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The Dec. deadline for *Village Views* is Dec. 2nd. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. All articles go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or call 576-0595 to e-mail an article.

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Dear Editor:

Recently I visited my elderly parents at their retirement facility near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I had brought along a laptop, and with a fortuitous wireless connection, I was able to entertain them looking up interesting Internet sites. Not surprisingly, we keyed into Terrace Park, Ohio, where my parents, Bob and Hildy Jenkins, raised my two sisters and me in the 1950s, 1960s, and into the 1970s.

Appearing unexpectedly in our cyber foray were the *Village Views* articles about bringing back the Nature Preserve's original name, Miami Grove, and the Historical Society meeting that apparently provided catharsis for many past and present community members concerning the treatment "Grover's" received from Terrace Parkers during those mid-century years. I greatly appreciate the *Village Views* for providing information about entities, such as the local police, who reached out to Miami Grovers, because, as a child, I only knew that "Grover's" were always in the lowest reading groups, pariahs on the playground, and that a boy could easily demonstrate a false sense of manhood by challenging a Grover to a fight. Although I remain proud of Matt Cook's police department of the era, and St. Thomas Church's charity efforts as well, I also feel deeply ashamed of how we baby boomers treated our poverty stricken classmates.

I remember one day in first grade, walking to school with my new Robin Hood metal lunch box that I knew my mother had packed with a few special goodies, because she could not be home that day to prepare my lunch as usual. Midway through the morning another student reported to the teacher that someone had taken and eaten the food from the Robin Hood lunch box in the cloakroom. The teacher soon got to the bottom of it, and today, almost fifty years later, I can still remember what the little Miami Grove girl looked like. She was thin, with unkempt hair, and she was missing more teeth than a first grader normally does. I, of course, was missing my lunch, but, ironically, the only African-American child in the school shared his fried chicken with me at lunch, and it tasted every bit as good as what my mother had prepared for my lunch box.

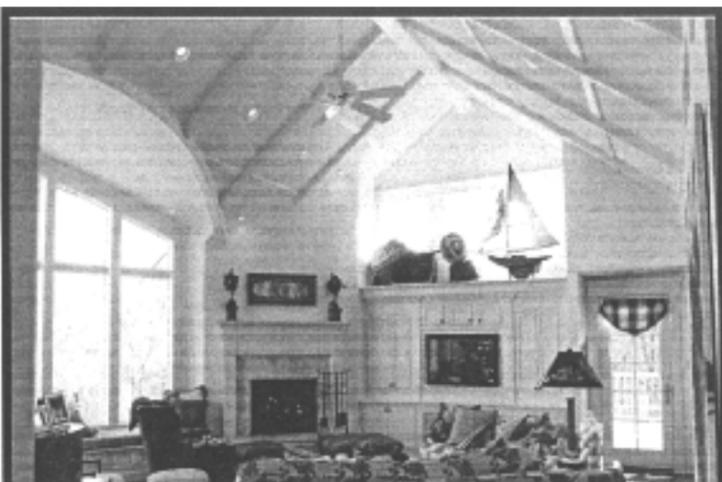
However, I came away with a much more profound lesson that day. Somehow, I realized, even at six years old, that the little girl – her name was Donna – had not stolen my food because she was a bad girl or because she was trying to do something mean to me. She was just hungry. She was hungry and there was something very wrong about that. I do not remember if my teacher or my parents helped me come to that realization, or if I came up with it on my own, but I have kept the value I learned from that incident ever since.

Most of my adult life I have worked as a teacher and administrator in very high poverty school districts in southern Colorado, with my encounters with Miami Grove residents being the crucial foundation for my professional work and many personal values. I do not buy into the idea that many advocate, which is to regard poverty as innately a lack of individual initiative, and that our economic and social system will always raise all boats. Americans living in poverty do face isolation and prejudice, aggravated, at times, by intentional efforts from the "haves" to keep them in their place or, at least, to keep the "have nots" under the pecking order and beneath the radar. And, yes, it still goes on fifty years later. But, no, I was not a hero back then, as I joined in on the torment, and, rarely, if ever, socializing with "Grover's." My growing up years in Terrace Park were my first and most important encounter with people in poverty, and, instead of learning or doing something about it, I wallowed in the easy prejudice of labeling and dehumanizing a whole group of people different than me.

Now, I offer my sincerest apology for my own behavior at the expense of Miami Grove residents, but I am also expressing my deep gratitude for the life lessons I learned too. Miami Grove residents were the genuine heroes of that time, and I hope that most of them realized their aspirations, learning and growing strong from their Terrace Park experience. Thank you, also, Terrace Park, for coming to terms with a stain that could have remained hidden in the passing years, but is now a contemporary lesson in respect and encouraging dreams for all citizens, regardless of where they live or their economic circumstances. We are all partners in the American Dream for all, even if we think we are already living it.

Now the Miami Grove preserve celebrates the lush, hardwood forests on a riverbank for everyone's use. But alongside it is the evolving and improving character of my hometown... Terrace Park, Ohio.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Jenkins, Jr., Ph.D.
"Robbie" when I was growing up



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Builder's Corner

The following by Tim Harth of Drackett-Harth Construction. All builders are welcome to contribute. For more information, contact Chandi Findley at 576-0595. Please note that these columns are the opinions of the builders and are not necessarily those of the staff of the Village Views.

“Green” building in Terrace Park

By Tim Harth

Many people wonder why builders save part of a house when remodeling. The answer isn't nearly as simple as it would appear and isn't always economically wise. Green building is the new buzzword of the industry and at Drackett-Harth, we try to do our best.

We try to re-cycle as much of a house as is possible whenever we build. Recycling makes economic as well as ecological sense. We try to put as little as we can in the landfill while still building a product that the public wants to buy. Sometimes it's just not possible and sometimes the customer just wants everything new or just an empty yard next door.

The thought that we are preserving the old setbacks or re-using the septic systems isn't accurate. The building codes are there regardless of old or new (but there are some exceptions). The new Hamilton County Septic requirements require a new system even if the old one is functional. We have to appeal setback variances just like everybody else.

In remodeling the 105 Miami house, for instance, we were able

to re-use the foundation, some of the brickwork, all of the bricks, most of the hardwood floor (which was removed and re-installed), some cabinetry, some fixtures, and the driveway. Even some of the landscaping was recycled. On 103 Miami, we re-used the foundation, one complete room with shelves, fireplace, et.al., plus the hardwood. We hope to remodel the 218 Oxford house re-using a major portion of the house and maintaining the architectural integrity.

The old timers among us will remember the (former) houses at 213 Cambridge, 827 Douglas, 615 Home, 706 Myrtle and 906 Stanton; all of which were significantly recycled. The most interesting part of the process is that in many cases, it is more economical to just tear the whole house down and start over. We don't like to do that as even if it costs the same (or more) we feel that we are preserving something and doing our part to keep the landfills from overflowing. Buyers seem to agree.

Green building makes sense and cents.

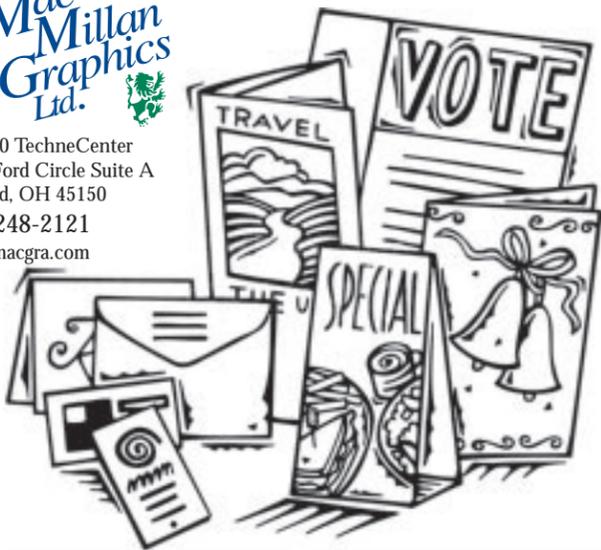
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Village Calendar 2005

NOVEMBER

23 NO SCHOOL

24 THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

25 NO SCHOOL

26 Mariemont Alumni Lacrosse team versus the current High School team. Stanton Field 2 p.m. Contact **Steve Peterson** for more info.

DECEMBER

3 TPRC Youth Basketball Games begin

4 Terrace Park Garden Club House Tour—**Sara Osborn**, Chairman, call for more information **831-1136**.

4 Annual Tree Lighting on the Green

5 ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 11:45 a.m. at China Buffet on Route 28 across from Castrucci Ford. NOTE NEW LOCATION. New members welcome. For more information contact **Bob Halley 831-0970**

5 Early School Dismissal

6 Terrace Park Garden Club Holiday Luncheon at Hyde Park Country Club, 12 noon, cost is \$18. All are welcome. Call **Jill Kelly** for more information or to make a reservation, **965-0819**.

6 TP Elementary PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m.

7 TPE K-6 Holiday Choral Concert, 7 p.m.

12 AARP Meeting, 1p.m. (NOTE change from usual 1:30 time.) On the program is Mike Pendell and “Songs of the Season.” For more information, call **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650**.

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

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

14 The Annual Terrace Park Historical Society Holiday Party, 7p.m-9pm. at Linda and John Rockaway's home “Gravelotte,” 720 Elm. Desserts, wine, coffee, and fun !!!!

15 TPE 5-6 Holiday Band/Strings Concert, 7 p.m.

20 Winter vacation begins at end of school day

20 Board of Education Mtg at MHS 7:15 p.m. Public Welcome

21 Winter Vacation, NO SCHOOL. School resumes January 3, 2006.

25 Christmas

26 Hanukkah and Kwanzaa Begin

31 New Year's Eve

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

Brownies make blankets for those in need

In typical Terrace Park fashion, the third grade brownie troop reached out to help others this fall. The 36 members of Troop 7988 made 18 polar fleece blankets to be donated to Project Linus. Project Linus is a national not for profit group which provides handmade blankets to individuals in need. The brownie blankets may end up with a child whose home was destroyed by a recent hurricane, or the blanket may keep an infant warm in the hospital. Sometimes, even an adult is comforted by a blanket from Project Linus. The brownies happily fringed and tied the polar fleece during one of their many meetings held at the elementary school. They also adorned the blankets with a personalized card wishing the recipient well. The girls learned the invaluable lesson that no matter what your age, it feels great to reach out a helping hand, especially when it's holding a fleecy blanket.



Top row from the left: Annie Wirthlin, Ellen McCreadie, Gusty Pohlman, Elsa Hermanson, Ellee Kennedy, Haley Schooler, Liz Buechel, Kila Tripp, Bailey Greene, Juliana Overbey, Allie Guist, Katie Gaburo, Elizabeth Kirkhorn, Mackenzie Kaschalk. Middle row from the left: Jennifer Saxton, Maddie Timmers, Chrissy Gohman, Gretchen Wittry, Maeve Harrington, Madison LeMay, Celia Ahrens, Elyse Ehrnschwender, Mariana Flynn, McKenna Corson, Natalie Utt, Emma Toman. Front row from the left: Lindsey Siegfried, Reagan Greene, Katherine Straley, Spencer Peppet, Allie Smith and Astrid Questel. Not pictured: Haley Jacobs, Kayla Lee, Grayson Snyder and Teanna Whitehead

Protecting yourself and your pipes

Water main breaks and pressure disruptions occur throughout the year, but the likelihood increases during colder weather. The Indian Hill Water Works would like to know if there are any special water needs in the community, such as continual pressure for prolonged periods during kidney dialysis. If so, please contact Jim Fox, water works superintendent, at 576-8460. This knowledge can assist the Water Works in providing better service for those in need of special attention.

The Indian Hill Water Works would also like to remind you that water pipes need extra protection in colder weather. Take special care with pipes that are exposed to cold air directly or are located next to outside walls or walls next to unheated garages. Wrapping pipes with insulation or letting water faucets drip during extremely cold temperatures may prevent your water pipes from freezing.

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To Apply: Applications are available from the Postmaster. Return the completed application to the Postmaster, Terrace Park, OH. Please address all inquires to the Postmaster, Terrace Park, Oh 45174-9998 (513) 831-5867

Neighbor to Neighbor

Terrace Park Elementary PTO news

In true Thanksgiving spirit, the Terrace Park Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (TPE PTO) would like to thank the Terrace Park community for shopping the stacks at the annual Book Fair. The proceeds of this event help stock the library shelves with current selections for the kids.

Parents and grandparents are invited to cruise the halls and classrooms of TPE this Tuesday, November 22 for our popular Parent-Grandparent Open House. Pre-order your pre-holiday lunch through the office. Thanksgiving break begins at the end of the day.

Ring in the December holiday season at Mariemont High

School's 7th annual Holiday Fair, Friday, December 2 from 5-8 pm. There's food, games, shopping and fun for everyone.

Take note (musical note, that is): Terrace Park Elementary holiday concerts are configured a little differently this year. On Wednesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. all general music students kindergarten – sixth grade will perform a wonderful choral concert. On Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m., the fifth and sixth grade band and strings students will entertain with an instrumental performance. Can't choose? Come to both!

Want to order from Market Day, but don't have a TPE student? No problem. Just go to www.marketday.com and specify Terrace Park Elementary for order pick up. Also, it's easy to get your TPE Kroger card to support TPE with your everyday purchases. Just call Susan Venderbush (248-2991).

Take a stroll through the new TPE PTO website! Go to www.mariemontschools.org, click on Parent Organizations on the left side menu, then click Terrace Park PTO. You can even access Wednesday envelope information and forms! Enjoy!

Next general PTO meeting: Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Happy Turkey, everyone!



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

Minnie (a.k.a. Principal Linda Lee) and Mickey (a.k.a. Secretary Beverley Cooke) led the TPE Halloween parade.



Three's a charm when it comes to winning Pringles.



Thanks to Pumpkin Fest Co-Chairs Cindy Brittingham(I) and Sonya Geers for heading up another great pumpkin fest. The carved and decorated pumpkins were "Frankly" the best!



Author Jim Trelease was the featured speaker at the Mariemont School District's first ever "Parent In-Service" program.

Jim Trelease program makes parents laugh out loud

By Denise Walter

The Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park Elementary PTOs/PTAs recently collaborated to sponsor Mariemont School District's first ever "Parent In-Service" program. Best selling author Jim Trelease addressed more than 200 preschool and elementary parents on Tuesday, October 11th at the Mariemont High School auditorium. Trelease is the author of *The New York Times* bestseller, *The Read-Aloud Handbook* and has been the subject of three Dear Abby columns. His presentation focused on "READING ALOUD: Motivating children to make books into friends, not enemies."

"American literacy scores," Trelease declares, "are due in large part to the fact that two-thirds of our children don't like to read. No player in the NBA was born wanting to play basketball. The desire to play ball or to read must be planted. Shooting baskets with a child creates a basketball player; reading to a child creates a reader."

In his presentation, Trelease used an anecdotal style that rings with humor and enthusiasm. While the program is about children's reading, its content is aimed at an adult audience. Citing dozens of

titles and demonstrating simple techniques involved in reading aloud to children, Trelease traced its need from the cradle to adolescence. "Research tells us reading proficiency is the key to student success in every area of curriculum. This knowledge make his message one that is critical to our educational success," said Linda Lee, Terrace Park Elementary principal.

The father of two grown children, Trelease also addressed common parent concerns like reading in bed, sports-obsessed fathers and television. Terrace Park resident, Mariemont district father and children's author/illustrator Will Hillenbrand summed up the presentation by saying, "An evening with Jim Trelease provided our parents with a wonderful opportunity to discover how they can enjoy and share their love of books with the people that mean the most to them, their children."

The district committee was comprised of PTO/PTA parents from the villages of Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park as well as Mariemont City Schools district administrators. The committee spent several months preparing for the evening and spreading the word about reading aloud to your children prior to the presentation.



Libby Gohman was one of many volunteers manning the games tables.

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Police report

When police apprehended a vehicle for a traffic violation on Wooster Pike, the driver exited the vehicle in the UDF parking lot. He threatened the officers with a tire iron, vulgar language and aggression and was arrested for aggravated menacing.

Two incidents involving suspicious vehicles were reported. One vehicle was parked in the St. Thomas lot. Two males were cited for possession of marijuana. The second vehicle was parked on the grass at Drackett Field. The owner complied with the officer's order to move and no further action was taken.

A resident reported identity theft when the issuing bank of a credit card reported use of the card for five purchases not made by the holder. The card was cancelled; the case is under investigation.

A home owner on Amherst reported property damage from eggs thrown on a vehicle and on Halloween decorations. The perpetrators are being sought.

Someone reported observing a person with a gun on the bike trail between New Street and Elm Avenue. No suspect was located.

A motorist on Elm Avenue was stopped and charged with littering and alcohol consumption.

The department responded to requests for assisting one resident with an injured dog and another with corralling a loose dog.

Police received a complaint concerning noise from construction being done after restricted hours.

Assistance was provided to a resident threatened with domestic violence.

Terrace Park police provided assistance to departments in Milford and Newtown and a SWAT operation in Evendale.

The Fire Department had one run for an electrical fire in a dryer outlet.

The Life squad had seven runs.*

*Please note: Information pertaining to the number of squad runs contained in this report is taken from the police report and includes only those runs in which the department was on scene. Therefore the number in this report does not always accurately reflect the actual total for a given month.

Mariemont Schools Superintendent Dr. Gerald Harris works to improve Ohio education

Recently, Superintendent Dr. Gerald Harris was appointed to several statewide committees focused on improving public education in Ohio:

Alliance for ADEQUATE School Funding – The System Improvements Work Group

This study group of Ohio school Superintendents and legislators has been assembled to develop a list of priority legislative initiatives to provide essential improvements to public schools and to develop a strategy for accomplishing those goals during the current legislative session. The committee's primary focus is the improvement of public school funding.

Board of Trustees of Management Council of the Ohio Educational Computer Network (MCOECN).

Chairman of the committee that oversees the Regional Technol-

ogy Center for the state of Ohio – HCCA (Hamilton/Clermont Computer Agency).

According to Dr. Harris, working on the state level to improve education is part of his job description, "By being involved in both regional and state organizations that address school funding and the statewide technology network, I can help assure that the interests of Mariemont and similar districts are recognized. It is imperative that our voice be heard and considered in Columbus." He also points out that, "Statewide involvement also pro-

vides access to many national organizations and an opportunity to garner much deserved recognition to our district. With close to 16,000 school districts in the nation, many much larger than Mariemont, I believe it is incumbent to be active at all levels of educational management to promote and protect the residents' investment in their award winning schools."

Dr. Harris currently teaches in the graduate program at Xavier University and sits on the Advisory Council for NKU's College of Education.

Kiwanis Holiday Nuts for Knowledge



The Kiwanis Club will again be offering attractively packaged Holiday Nuts in four choices. Premium A grade cashews, salted pecans, deluxe party mix and deluxe mixed nuts suitable for holiday gifts are just \$6 per package.

They will be available at bank counters throughout the Mariemont School district, including PNC in Terrace Park. Phone orders placed by December 5 for three or more packages can be delivered by December 10 by Kiwanis members. To place orders, please call Lee Cole, Hill Fjord, Kyle Gearhart, Bob Lowery, Al Nelson, Matt Nickum, Ray Normile, Mike Pope, Jim Rauth, Jack Smith, Roger Stafford or Pete Stites.

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MHS Holiday Fair is coming to town

It's become an official tradition – the 7th annual Mariemont High School Holiday Fair opens the season for the district schools community. On Friday, December 2 from 5 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Holiday Fair 2005 will offer festive fun for everyone. Best of all, it's run through the talent and enthusiasm of the students — representing dozens of Mariemont high school clubs, teams and classes.

so much more. Bid on the fabulous items in the popular silent auction. Make sure to end your night with a sweet treat.

Holiday Fair is one community event where everyone gets into the spirit of the season – from pre-

schoolers to high school seniors to senior citizens. You are cordially invited to bring the whole family to help celebrate and to support our high school students at the same time. Make it your family tradition this year.

Start the evening with a pizza or spaghetti dinner in the school commons. Then head to the gym for carnival, sports and video games. Complete your holiday shopping with Mariemont sports-wear, Art Club masterpieces, Environmental Club home décor and

Mystery library in Milford

The Milford Mystery Library is a hidden gem that has almost all of the new mysteries plus many volumes of old mysteries written by your favorite authors. It is on Water Street in the first building on the left off U.S. 50. (Water Street is the first street after you cross the bridge.) It is only open from 11 a. m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and they welcome all Terrace Park residents. It also has several books on tape. The librarians are very friendly and will be happy to sign you up as a member very quickly. There is no cost.

Several of us have been members for many years and have thoroughly enjoyed the convenience and service.

If anyone has any questions or would like author recommendations please call John Hodges at 831-4832.

Don't worry about your water during that long awaited vacation

If you are going on an extended vacation, you can contact the Indian Hill Water Works Billing Office to have your water service temporarily discontinued. The Water Works will turn off your service at the street, and you will not be charged for water service in your absence. This can also prevent a water leak from occurring while you are away. You or a designee must be there when the water is turned back on. There is no charge for reconnection during business hours, however customers will be charged for any overtime incurred during non-business hours. The Billing Office can be contacted at 561-6679.

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The Terrace Park Historical Society is reaching out to all villagers for support. For the first time ever, we have sent a membership solicitation letter to all residents. This article will serve as a follow-up. We hope to have a large percentage as members: this means YOU!

Our slogan "Tracking our Past and Present for the Future" tells only part of the story. As we all know, Terrace Park is very unique. We want to preserve that and to continue to foster an appreciation in our community for the wonderful qualities we now have. In this spirit, some of our ideas for future discussion and planning include:

- more publications
- more communication with village residents, former residents and friends
- promoting more acquisitions
- increased membership and visibility
- more meetings of special interest to membership
- more educational programs for children within Terrace Park Elementary, Mariemont School District and other youth groups
- an improved and maintained webpage

Pancake Supper



Life squad member Michael Welch showed off his culinary finesse at the annual EMS pancake supper.



Allie Howe hammed it up for the camera.



Reid Brendamour joined with other boy scouts to help clean up the TPE cafeteria.

- more information and history of homes
- more displays which can be easily taken to program sites
- promoting volunteerism for our projects
- long term project for our very own history museum facility

All TPHS members receive a copy of our newsletter, **TRACKER** and invitations to special showings and the annual December holiday party. The types of memberships are:

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Bulldogs win U-8 SAY championship

The Terrace Park Bulldogs, a U8 boys soccer team coached by Paul Montgomery, Phillip Maloney, Pete Findley and Sean Curran won the Cincinnati Hills SAY Soccer tournament on October 30th. With the help from the faithful cheering of family and friends, the boys really turned it on in the last game to win 4 to 1 against a previously undefeated Madeira team. The win was a nice end to a 9-1 season. The Cincinnati Hills SAY league includes teams from Terrace Park, Mariemont, Madeira, St. Michaels and Glendale recreational soccer organizations.

Leaking dollars – TPRC learns water can be costly!

By Tricia DiMichele, www.tprc.net

One thousand four hundred and thirty cubic feet of water consumed at the Drackett Field since 2002? Since the only use of water at Drackett Field was three water fountains, either we had a lot of thirsty young athletes in Terrace Park, or something was amiss!!!

The Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) spent much of the summer doing some detective work with Indian Hill Water Works

and Phil Wittry, President of the Terrace Park Swim club to figure out what was going on. Since the Drackett Field branches off of the Swim Club main line, the consumption is read off of the Swim Club meter...making figuring out what was going on even more complicated.

In the end after a lot of digging (in both dirt and data), Sy Swart, TPRC Commissioner of Fields and TPRC President Rick Mileham found out it was two underground leaks near the fountains that had

caused a considerable increase in the Swim Club water bill... \$3,575 to be exact!

Once the problem was identified, hard work by Sy Swart and the generosity of Bill Drackett, who donated equipment, operator and 3 tons of gravel (yes, 3 tons) and Plumber Clarence Prewitt who worked at a discounted rate - the leaks were fixed for much less than originally expected. Indian Hill Water Works also discounted some of the money TPRC owed for the water loss as well so while TPRC still owes a couple thousand dollars, it could have been much worse!



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