

Mayor Gohman urges village to attend mine hearings and TP earns Tree City Award in 2008 for 23rd year!

By Vivian Krueger

The March meeting opened with Mayor Jay Gohman's report about the March 5th Martin Marietta hearing. A team of the Mayor, Village Solicitor Robert Malloy, Village resident Bill Hayes, CABOOM attorney Tim Mara, representatives from Indian Hill and Newtown and interested residents heard expert testimony on the land use plan of Anderson Twp and the toxic effects on vegetation and mammals if the mine is allowed. This team feels the mine will endanger Anderson Twp and surrounding communities and they will work together to stop the mine. Mayor Gohman strongly urged Village residents to attend the March 18th meeting at the Anderson Twp Center on Five Mile Rd. The meeting runs from 5:30pm to 10:30 pm. The Mayor thanked Emily Parker for her excellent communications by using the listserv and email about the mining issue. For information on the opposition, see www.saveourmiami.com. Please use the Village website complaints@terracepark.org or any concerns about the limestone mine and any other complaint questions. The Mayor ended his comments with the request that residents check with Building Official Bill Fiedler before beginning home improvements.

Mark Holcomb, Chief Fiscal Officer, said there is a small decrease of funds from Hamilton County due to a gas excise tax decrease and fewer real estate sales.

Life Squad Chief John Maggard reported 6 runs and 4 recruits will finish their training in April. He is working with Cincinnati State to set up CPR "Heart Saver" classes for residents, police and EMS. Eight people per class, lasting 4 hours will be offered at no cost to residents. Call the Village office for additional info.

Fire Chief Luke Frey announced there was a joint training session with Milford. At the end of March, there is a joint Fire/EMS mass casualty training event. A recent attempt for a FEMA grant was denied. Luke said it is difficult to get this grant two years in a row. The grant is for equipment updates and his plan is to apply next year. Four members of our force attended an auto extraction course where over 200 wrecked autos were used. Testing fire hydrants is beginning with the warmer weather. If residents have dirty faucet water, please allow the water to run for a few minutes. With spring storms coming, Chief Frey urged residents to stay away from ANY downed wires and to please call the police to report wire location.

Police Chief Hayhow reported that the Village received a \$38,000 grant for damage from the 9/14 windstorm. He discussed a water pipe line break at the end of Oxford that is causing a sinkhole by taking out soil. He considers this dangerous. Stefan Olson, of Public Works reported the repair to replace the pipe and damaged steps will cost

around \$12,000. Chief Hayhow reported that winter potholes have been repaired and asked that residents call the Village office if any have been missed.

Building Official William Fiedler reported two homes on Miami were issued Certificates of Occupancy. He expects the ISO report soon.

Stefan Olson asked that Elizabeth Burchenal be recognized for her award by Gatorade as Ohio Soccer Player of the Year. Congratulations!

Councilman Lee Cole's reso-

lution for the Board of Building Standards monthly fee of 1% passed. This assessment will be paid from building permit fees and have no impact on the budget.

Councilman Jeff Krueger reported that under the leadership of Village Arborist Randy Haller, TP won the 2008 Tree City Award. Also, the old fire bay garage doors have been replaced. A resolution for a management plan on how to handle the Emerald Ash Borer, that is slowly moving across Cincinnati, passed. There are 335 Ash trees in

Terrace Park.

A resolution for Davey Tree to clean up hanging branches and emergency tree take downs from recent ice storm damage was passed for \$2110 as an amendment to last month's tree removal resolution.

A resolution for necessary stump grinding, costing \$35 per stump, passed not to exceed \$2520. A fourth resolution by Krueger for the approval of the Community House as a polling place passed.

Councilman Mark Porst discussed the required annual Appro-

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Council urges residents to attend public hearings

By Emily Parker

Council members encouraged Terrace Park residents to attend public hearings and continue showing interest in the mining proposal at Council's February 10 meeting.

Martin Marietta Materials is seeking a conditional-use permit to set up an underground limestone mine on 480 acres of property in Newtown across the Little Miami River from Terrace Park's Drackett Field. The company is also seeking variances, one that will allow the underground storage of explosives.

"We appreciate the continued attendance of many people on this matter," Village solicitor Robert Malloy said in his report to Council. "We encourage people to continue to attend and to show up in

large numbers."

Councilman Jeff Krueger added, "We need to get people there. That's the real important piece."

Malloy continued that this is a complicated matter and the testimony that has been presented by both sides couldn't be more different.

"There are clear, distinct messages in which they'll (the Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals) have to believe one side or the other."

Malloy added that the process is not perfect, but the Anderson BZA is spending a lot of time and paying attention to what is being presented.

"They're not following the rules of the court, but they're balancing that with moving the process along," he added.

Mayor Jay Gohman, who will testify on behalf of Terrace Park at an upcoming hearing, stated that the vibration, noise, dust, and lights created by this proposed mine will greatly impact Terrace Park in a negative way.

"Martin Marietta's proposal falls short...and endangers Anderson Township and all surrounding com-

munities," he said.

If the Anderson BZA denies Martin Marietta's application, Gohman said that Terrace Park would join Anderson Township in any potential fight.

Upcoming Public Hearings:
Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18
(the *Village Views* went to press after this hearing)
Thursday, April 2
Wednesday, April 22

Public Comments tentatively scheduled for April 22
The Anderson BZA is interested in receiving sincere, valid comments from the public.
If you are unable to attend the hearing, mail your commentary to: Paul Drury, AICP, Anderson Township Development Services Department, Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45230

Bulldog Lax off to slick start

By Tiger Nelson

Six inches of snow wasn't enough to keep the 2009 lacrosse season from starting on time. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Steve Vianello and his Bobcat front loader, Drackett field was carefully scraped off and transformed into a temporary pan-shaped box with the three foot high snow banks catching any errant balls. The afternoon sun melted a thin layer of snow that eventually crystallized when practice began, further handicapping the hardy players with slippery footing. "Bring it in boys!" At precisely 5:15 p.m. Coach Peterson's legendary growl kicked off the first practice with a round of stretching and calisthenics. A fun, memory filled practice with some skating hockey style moves was enjoyed by those in attendance until the setting sun brought the session to an end.

At press time, the season was



Brrr... The bulldogs cold start has lead to a hot season.

into its second week of games with many of the 3rd through 6th grade teams riding an undefeated streak. Head on down to Drackett on a

Sunday afternoon during a home stand and witness some of the outstanding team play these guys are displaying – you won't be sorry.

Drackett Harth's FIX-IT FORUM hits the spot

Drackett Harth Construction held its first "Fixit-Forum" on Saturday, February 28 at the Village Shopping Center. It was attended by many residents and several people from outside Terrace Park. There were 17 contractors in attendance answering questions and giving free advice.

Green ideas were widely discussed. With the new tax advantages, GREEN is IT!

In case you missed it, Drackett Harth has a printed list of the contractors that they use for new work and repairs and will provide one if you call them at 831-1111 or stop by and see Tim Harth or any of the other project managers.

Expert gives "eye opening" testimony at mine hearing

By Emily Parker

Jack Pflum, an urban planner and land use expert, stated in his testimony that Martin Marietta's proposal does not fit the land use aspirations stated in Anderson Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Pflum's testimony was presented to the Anderson Board of Zoning Appeals at their March 5 public hearing. The Board is currently hearing the Martin Marietta case that will determine if a conditional-use permit to mine for limestone in Newtown, along with other variances that include storing explosives, will be granted.

Pflum analyzed that Martin Marietta's property, that includes 480 acres near Broadwell and Round Bottom Roads, was envi-

sioned for light industry and not heavy mining operations.

"I don't think it fits at all," Pflum said. "This particular use is very unusual...to take place within a heavily-populated urban area."

Anderson BZA member Brian Elliff said that this testimony was "eye opening" and that he had been waiting for someone to address the Comprehensive Plan, also known as the "Anderson Plan."

Pflum previously served on Sycamore Township's planning and zoning commission.

To stay informed on the mining proposal, please join the TP Listserv. Go to www.terracepark.com and click on "News and Events."



Village Views reminds pet owners that Terrace Park has in effect a leash law. This means that pets must be properly confined within the boundaries of the owner's property or **must be on a leash**. For everyone's safety and as a matter of courtesy, please comply with the ordinance.



April Deadline

The deadline for the April issue is April 10. You may send your submissions to tpvillageviews@fuse.net. Please include a short description in the subject line.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:
February, 2009

On behalf of everyone in the community, I want to express my sincere thanks to Emily Parker of Lexington Ave. for her unrelenting effort to oppose the Martin Marietta limestone mine.

In a situation like this, a leader is needed to lead the charge. She has filled that role in an exemplary way.

I am sure that at times she feels unappreciated and overworked. I want to assure her that her efforts have not gone unnoticed. I also know that she is not doing this in order to receive our thanks. Her intentions are purely altruistic. I ask her to continue the fight.

In situation like this there are always leaders and followers. Then, there is the silent majority who are content to "just let things happen". Those people, more than anyone else are dependent upon leaders Emily Parker. They will never offer their thanks, they will never even realize that she is working so hard behind the scenes for their benefit. Without even knowing it they depend upon her altruistic efforts. It is on their behalf that I extend my thanks to Emily Parker.

Jim Muennich
Councilman
Terrace Park, Ohio

Dear Editor:

Terrace Park: we have an opportunity to have our opinion heard!

On April 15, the Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will conclude hearing testimony of information regarding Martin Marietta's application for a conditional use permit to store and use explosives. If approved, they will begin underground blasting and mining for limestone for a period of 50 years. It is a 50-year commitment! Who will be responsible for the impact this will have on our community: air quality, noise, dust, and structural integrity of our homes? That has not been decided. It is still unclear!

On April 15 you have two choices for how your opinion is heard: you may present your objections at the public hearing or you can submit your objections to the Anderson BZA in writing. I ask that you choose one method and be heard.

Volunteers will be delivering information about this to each Terrace Park home. This will include dates and times, how to voice your opinion, and where and when you should mail it.

Please give this good thought and express your opinion. Never before in Terrace Park's history has our quality of life been in jeopardy as it is now. Our community has a lot to lose!

Sincerely,
Sarah Harrington

Dear Editor:

"You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone" is a common sentiment that's often quoted and sometimes sung. It's profound in its simplicity and, in the case of Martin Marietta's proposal for Roundbottom Road, prophetically chilling.

When 500 large trucks are rumbling along roads leading to and from the mining site, we'll miss the good old days when traffic wasn't as hazardous, noxious or congested.

When the lights and sounds originating from the site intrude on the peace and quiet we love about our village, we'll regret not making our objections heard when we had the chance.

When the dust settles on our cars we'll wash it off, but when it settles in our lungs we'll pray that reports about its carcinogenic qualities are wrong.

Elected officials are duty-bound to act in the best interest of their constituents. This is one situation where the quality of life - and being a good neighbor - should outweigh the hopes and promises of financial gain or prosperity. Anderson Township officials have only to look at our country's broken economy to see where that sort of greedy thinking leads.

Count me among the legion in opposition to Martin Marietta's expansion proposal!

Sue Porter
202 Orchard Hill Lane
Terrace Park

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, April 10. **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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Leaving the Village

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To the editor:

I have been a Terrace Park resident for almost 50 years during which time we have greatly enjoyed the experience and the chance to contribute to a wonderful community. When I was a young boy we discovered that I had asthma and that it occasionally hampered my breathing when exercising, especially on cold days. At age 74, I am very concerned about the carcinogenic dust from the proposed mining operation. If I remain in TP and the mining operation is approved, I can only look forward to increased health problems, increased medical expenses and a shortened life - none of which are attractive outcomes. I sincerely hope the proposed mining proposal is defeated - for my health and for that of others.

Leland (Lee) M. Cole
address

Dear Editor:

Residents want to know, "What can I do to stop Martin Marietta?" After gleaning an overwhelming amount of information that has been presented by both sides, I suggest these four actions:

1. **Attend a public hearing and sign in:** Thursday, April 2 and/or Wednesday, April 22 (Our attendance speaks volumes to the Anderson Board of Zoning Appeals. Stay as long or as little as you're able. Bring a friend or neighbor, especially if they're unable to drive or need assistance.)
2. **Make a sincere and valid verbal or written public comment:** Public comments might begin on Wednesday, April 22. If you're unable to make it, write it down and send it to Paul Drury, AICP, Anderson Township Development Services Department, Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45230 or e-mail it to pdrury@andersontownship.org. If verbalizing your commentary, please consider writing it down as well and presenting it to the Board. If you have factual evidence that the mining operation could have a negative impact on your property (a homeowner's insurance policy) the BZA specifically wants to hear from you. If you need assistance with your comments, please contact Bill Hayes, WDHayes@vorys.com, or Hester Sullivan, hestersullivan@me.com.
3. **Write a letter to the editor** of the Cincinnati Enquirer, or the Forest Hills and/or Eastern Hills Journals expressing your opinions. Go to www.saveourmiami.com for contact information.
4. **Get your Anderson friends involved:** If MM's application is approved, the residents of Anderson will suffer the burden of higher home owner's taxes to cover road repair, fire and rescue training, and other possible expenses associated with the mine. Their appointed officials' decision will also have a negative impact on the quality of life of their neighbors.

Help preserve our wonderful community!

Sincerely,
Emily Parker
Proud TP resident and mother of two

To the editor:

The Cambridge Cavaliers

Three years ago the seven families on Cambridge Avenue jointly purchased a large snow blower for the use of everyone on the street.

Thanks to the Cavaliers, Phil Forbes, John Harrington, Kevin Ward, Jeff Koreman and the Hart boys if they are available, plus Bill Pendl's supervision, our driveways, sidewalks and steps have been cleared, sometimes before some of us are even out of bed.

This letter is to thank them for all of us for their enthusiasm and good work.

Thanks Cavaliers - Well done.

Thanks also to Randy Haller and his tree management. We did not experience severe electric outages due to the heavy ice and snow the way we would have if the trees had not been pruned and cleared. The road crews of course did their usual good job.

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Mr. Good was the hero next door

By Joseph D. Hammons
(Son of Jon and Joy Hammons)

On Thursday, October 30th 2008, a long-time resident of Terrace Park, passed away quietly and peacefully in his hospital bed. Mr. Burton Good, who was 89 years old, resided at 408 Marietta Avenue. He had been battling various health problems that are common with our elderly. Burt is survived by his wife Helen and their close family friend, Joan Glick. I grew up next to the Goods and I'd like to share a memory or two, as I think Burt's life warrants some of my time.

As we look back on our childhood, you may remember the "scary old man" on your block. He was someone who kept to himself for the most part and probably spawned ridiculous rumors or urban legends, perpetrated by kids with overactive imaginations. He may have given you a scare or two if you walked through his yard too often, or particularly if you ventured there to retrieve a ball. Well, back when we were the neighborhood kids, Mr. Good was that man to us. He was the man on the street to be reckoned with, or at least that was what our little brains thought. Why was he so "mean and grumpy"? Maybe he just hated kids. Maybe he ate kids for breakfast. Or looking back, maybe he was just having a bit of fun with us from time to time. But either way, my friends and I agreed to take turns going to get that errant football, if our misfortune was so great that it went into his yard. Woe to the boy who drew the short straw! It all seems so silly now. But remember, when you're a kid you know everything and grownups don't know that much. And people are who you think they are.

I grew up, went to college and started a career. In 1999, for varying reasons, I started to do some volunteer work with veterans and veterans' groups. Having always had a profound interest in history, that seemed to be a good fit. When I began work with the National WWII Memorial in Washington D.C., I was blessed to meet and befriend many veterans of that war. It was around this time that my parents informed me that Burt Good, our long-time neighbor, was in fact, one of those whom we sought to honor. Mr. Good? Scary, grumpy, "Keep your ball out my yard", Mr. Good? No way. But indeed he was.

Life is all about learning lessons.

During Christmas of 2000, one month after attending the groundbreaking ceremonies of the Memorial in Washington, Mr. Good was kind enough to sit down with me in my parents' home. He reminisced about his war. Burt fought in the Aleutian Islands Campaign, a

relatively obscure aspect of WWII if you are less than a "history buff." Obscure perhaps, but far from insignificant. The Aleutians are a large chain of islands situated off the coast of Alaska. They had much strategic value to the Japanese and the Allies alike. Starting on June 3, 1942, Japanese bombers started to attack certain parts of the islands. Naval and ground battles followed through 1943, the most significant probably being the bloody contests at Komandorski and Attu. The fighting at Attu was sometimes beyond brutal, including Japanese banzai charges and hand-to-hand combat. Approximately 6000 men lost their lives on those frozen landscapes, 1500 of them being American servicemen. We should couple those sobering statistics with the untold suffering of innocent Aleut civilians. Men, women and children faced death, imprisonment, displacement and internment because of a war being fought in and around their homes.

Mr. Good was a member of the 344th Fighter Squadron, 11th Army Air Force at Attu. His experience included flying combat missions in P-40s and later the legendary P-38 Lighting. Like many P-40 pilots of his day, he was anxious to be rid of that plane, often thought of as slow and antiquated versus its adversaries. He and his brethren were more than happy to step into the likes of a P-38, which became notorious for its speed, agility and lethality. As he went on to teach me, in some ways the weather conditions were more dangerous than the Japanese. The climate and terrain were absolutely unforgiving and could make existence miserable. Most every pilot feared crashing in the sea more than dogfights with the Japanese air force. "You could survive being shot down by an enemy plane. But you would probably not survive the temperature of the waters below", he told me. And it was almost an impossibility that a pilot would be rescued in time to prevent hypothermia and death.

I enjoyed immensely the war stories passed to me from Mr. Good, but he taught me something else. Mr. Good wasn't at all the crotchety, intimidating, "scary old man" that I remembered as a child, better yet manufactured as a child. He was in fact nothing but kind, engaging, and very gentle. You might even say heroic. Again, more lessons learned.

Now he was no longer "Mr. Good". From then on, he was "Burt."

Veterans generally become very uncomfortable when their name and the word "hero" are in the same sentence. I have never known one who did less than wince and/or shake their head when confronted with the idea. Almost to a person, they will set the record straight, and insist that the "real heroes" are those who never came home—young men and women whose lives were cut short by the consequences of our world's most extreme politics. I suppose it is all relative.

Over the years, my relatively modest work with veterans' organi-

zations has blessed me many times over. Men and women who served in many different capacities have taken the time to talk with me and teach me, most of whom would later send to me letters, pictures, personal manuscripts and more. I have documented all of it, in order to record my personal experiences with our nation's "greatest generation". And all of those mementos are kept lovingly in a large scrapbook, which I absolutely treasure today. Among those priceless artifacts is a letter to me from Burt.

As I now have children of my own, I hold the contributions of Burt and those like him even closer to my heart. I am quite cognizant of their sacrifices, more so now than ever. That comes partly with the inheritance of fatherhood. I of course want my children to live long, healthy and successful lives in freedom, to thrive in this greatest nation on earth. At risk of sounding cliché, Burt helped to make all that possible. Every time we take our boys back to Terrace Park to see their grandparents, I point out to my 4 year-old the white house on the corner, situated right next to my parents' house. I say to him, "Do you remember who lives there? Mr. and Mrs. Good live there. And remember how Mr. Good was in the big war a long time ago? He is a hero." My son, Leo, is currently going through an "army phase", obsessed with all-things military. So he is more than happy to hear about Burt, what he did and how he did it. It helps even more that Burt's duties included flying the P-38, Leo's favorite plane, piquing his interest that much more.

Now that Burt has passed on, I guess I'll have to revise my talk with Leo and place Burt in the past tense. But rest assured that I will never forget to tell his story to my children. As he and his brother grow up, they will learn about what the word "hero" means and to whom it applies. Unfortunately, I think it gets

Village Calendar 2009

MARCH

26 – 28 MHS Spring Musical, 7:30 p.m. each evening and 2 p.m. on March 28

27 Elementary Report Cards go home

28 Easter Egg Hunt on the Village Green, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., sponsored by Kindervelt #76. Proceeds benefit the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Division of Asthma Research. Come and enjoy food, fun, and activities. Meet the Easter Bunny. For more information, contact either Emily Parker at 444-4058, thecincyparkers@mac.com or Claudia Brunner, brunner.claudia@gmail.com, 239-3451. Look for more information on the community bulletin boards or the Terrace Park web calendar.

APRIL

6 – 10 Mariemont Schools Spring Break

8 – 16 Passover

12 EASTER

11 KV #76 meeting Anyone interested can call Meghan Mills for details on time and location, 831-4170.

13 AARP Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Freedom Center Presentation "The Making of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center" Call Harry Knope for more information, 831-8583.

14 Garden Club, noon at the Community Building. Olde Garden Shack Tour—"field trip to Indiana"

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

14 Fine Arts Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

15 MJHS PTO mtg., 9 a.m.

17 MHS PTO mtg, 8:45 a.m.

20 Athletic Boosters, 7:30 p.m.

22 Mariemont School Foundation Mtg @ MHS 7:30 p.m.

24 MHS Prom, 8 p.m.

25 MHS After Prom 1 – 4 a.m.

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thrown around loosely in our society, too many times being used to describe star athletes and celebrities, often the epitome of the self-absorbed. The heroes I know have names that are known to few people outside of their families, friends, and those with whom they have served. They have volunteered to possibly endure the worst that existence has to offer, to possibly suffer the immediate and long-term effects of physical and/or psychological wounds and shock that only war can provide. But they do their jobs anyway, in spite of all that, first and foremost for their brothers and sisters in arms. And at some point the results of their sacrifice trickles down and settles on the rest of us, regardless of politics, opinions or worldviews.

So, I will choose to think of Burt Good being in a better place without war, without pain, without all of this life's imperfections. But none-

theless, it is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to him. As is said in military circles, when one of its own passes on:

Blue skies my friend. Rest in peace. Your name has been recorded in the final manifest. See you at the last rendezvous. Most of all, thank you for your service and your sacrifice.

Because of all the memories made, the wisdom gained, and the chance to know him, I am grateful to Burt. And because of that I'd like to say one last thing to him. I hope he would understand what I mean:

Sir, I'm no longer sorry that my football landed in your yard.

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Women's retreat featured Terrace Park residents

"Faith or Fear: Where Do You Stand?" That question directed every activity offered at the two-day women's retreat hosted by Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church at Hueston Woods Lodge in mid-February.

A capacity crowd heard a keynote address by Gia Tatone, an author and educator from Pittsburgh, that was supported by presentations from six members of

Armstrong Chapel, including Beverly Dziedzic and Sue Porter from Terrace Park. Emotions ran the gamut as the program moved from a comedy-based fashion show to worship and quiet time for reflection.

Armstrong Chapel is located at the corner of Indian Hill and Drake Roads in Indian Hill. Its membership is from more than a dozen communities in Greater Cincinnati.

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Terrace Park third graders portray our nation's top execs

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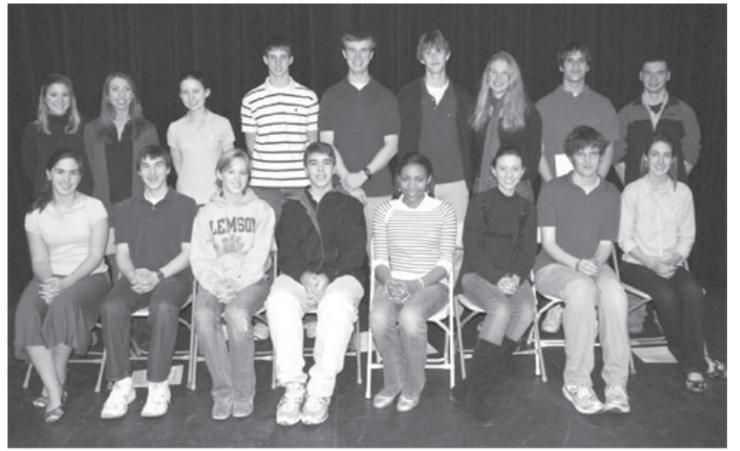
In celebration of President's Day, each third grade students researched and portrayed one of our country's commander-in-chiefs. They posed for their official group portrait and returned to their classrooms where each presented details on the life and contributions of their president.



Terrace Park 3rd grader, Alexandra Kauffman adjusts her mustache for her portrayal of President Grover Cleveland.



A salute to Michael Lopez for his impersonation of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Seated from left to right: Allison Lazarus, Thomas Langlois, Allison Rue, Maxfield Victor, Anna-Alycia Tucker, Marianne Yacyshyn, Kevin Breneman, Bailey Kielarowski. Standing from left to right: Hannah Loudermilk, Amanda Meixner, Sara Yacyshyn, Fletcher Pease, Will Portman, Reed Caron, Jayne Caron, Isaac Guttman, Sebastian Koochaki

Porter named to Dean's List

Carrie Porter, a student in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Students on the Dean's list have attained a grade point average of at least 3.70/4.0.

Northwestern is a private research and teaching university with an enrollment of approximately 7,500 full-time undergraduate and approximately 7,000 full-time graduate and professional students on campuses in Evanston and Chicago.



Kathy Coates and Julie Parker's third grade students at Terrace Park Elementary pose for a unique presidential portrait.

CCDS inducts Lazarus and Portman into Cum Laude Society

The Cincinnati Country Day School chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducted 13 new members this year including Terrace Park's own Allison Lazarus and William Portman. The Cum Laude Society was founded at the Tome School in Maryland in 1906 with the purpose of encouraging and recognizing true scholarship among secondary school students. The Cum Laude schools represent academic institutions of the highest caliber in the United States — in fact, they represent the top one-tenth of 1 percent of all secondary schools in the US. Among the more than 27,000 secondary schools in the US, just

over 300 have been awarded membership during the past 102 years. Approximately 4000 students are inducted nationwide each year. At CCDS, students are inducted into the Society on the basis of their grade point averages during the previous year and the first semester of the current year. Ten percent of the members of each graduating class are inducted as juniors, and an additional ten percent are inducted as seniors. They are honored at an Upper School assembly in February, and then again at a dinner in March, where they receive their Cum Laude pins.

Council continued from front page

priation Ordinance.

Councilman Jim Muennich presented two resolutions. The first was a formal authorization to ODOT to manage the construction of the project funded by OKI for the 2011 Streetscape Enhancement/Median Project. The second was to begin the engineering work by CDS. Jim stated that OKI has posted our project on their website and he feels the plan is funded with zero chance of failure of funds. Preparation of plans could take up to 15 months. By having the plans ready, the project could potentially move ahead of schedule. Jim received Council congratulations for his work on this major project.

Councilman Terry Howe presented a resolution to renew the ambulance maintenance contract for \$2200.

Council meeting broadcast schedule

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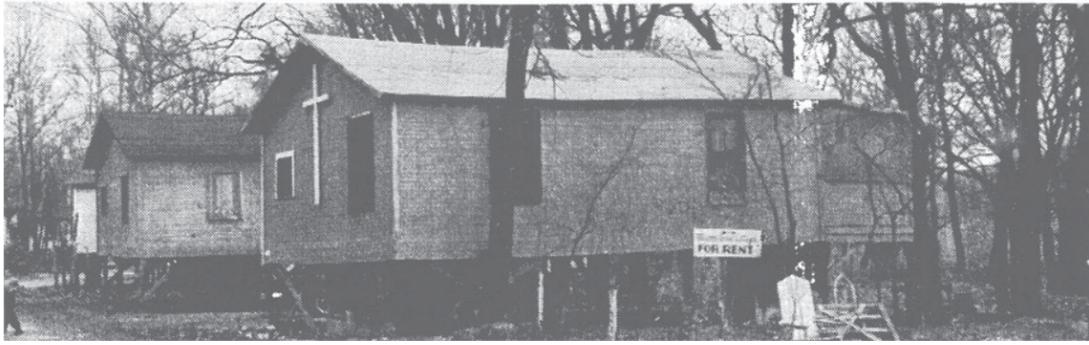
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Tracking our past and present for the future



The Church Center in Miami Grove is one of the typical dwellings converted by the Laymen of St. Thomas for Sister Brooks' program.

By Carol C. Cole

This month I'm continuing with Paul Naylor's oral history.

Paul Naylor taught Sunday school for many years in Miami Grove. He gives a wonderful description of the area. If you went down there you'd think you were going into a river camping area with small cottages up on stilts - not anything Country Clubby. The street there was packed mud - OK only when it was dry. The people living there were not wealthy people. One of the better, unoccupied cottages was set up for Sunday school where Paul and Stewart Proctor taught the little children. The man (Alvin Hodges) who owned the whole area lived in the big white house with columns (907 Elm Avenue) right ahead of you before Elm turns to go down the hill towards Miami Grove. He collected rent from the residents but did very little towards upkeep.

Paul went down one Sunday and Stewart the next. The residents set up a picnic table for them in good weather, maybe as long as a couch, or maybe a little longer, where they taught the children, mostly little kids. The older ones went to church for Sunday school but the parents didn't want the little kids leaving the area so the parents stayed right there during Sunday school. Stewart or Paul sat at the table with probably 3 children on each side of them and probably 7 or 8 on the other side.

Then Paul describes the catastrophic flood that swept through the whole area in the middle to late 1950s. The whole area was covered with 4-6 inches of mud. Both water and mud had gone through all the cottages, which Paul describes as "nice little places", devastating everything - just awful. After the flood Paul found a nice young man down there with a big workhorse hooked up to a railroad tie. He was trying to drag out the street with the railroad tie. When Paul suggested he'd have to get something better than that for the job at hand, the man said that was all he had so that was what he'd have to use. That was the end of Miami Grove as we knew it. Paul and Stewart knew that many people in Terrace Park didn't want Miami Grove to be there but they went down there anyway because they thought the people needed something. After that flood the people disappeared and Paul didn't know where they went.

Paul talks about several other people he knew in Terrace Park, not always with favorable comments. He knew Jim Parker, who was Vice President of the Kroger Company. Evidently he and his son spent some time down at the dump (where the Environmental Services and Maintenance Building is now) hunting rats. Carl Lindell owned a large amount of land but it was subject to flooding, just like Miami Grove. People behind the Naylor's on the other side of Harvard Avenue (the Startsmans) had horses. John Gehrig and his wife Bonita were

also members of the Clodhoppers so the Naylor's met them there. John was an attorney and Bonita was very active in a lot of village organizations. While Geri Naylor was involved in various village activities, Paul went along with whatever she wanted to do but he was busy practicing law and running the lawyer's club, of which he became president. He was in real estate law.

Then the interview turned to the early development of Terrace Park and the fact that Camden City, platted in small lots, preceded Terrace Park. Paul's work in real estate was not in Terrace Park. Instead he managed four Savings and Loan banks.

The first thing Paul liked about Terrace Park was its serenity. The second was having people around him, "not on my back," but just

around. Paul obviously has loved living in Terrace Park. From his perspective now it seems to have gone by very fast. He could write a book about it all perhaps called "How to Live and Have Fun or How to Live and Love or whatever." Then he was asked about his "words to live by." "First, live with yourself. If you can't live with yourself, you're out of luck. You first have to do that. ... I sit here hour after hour by myself and you have to be happy with yourself or you're really lost. Because there are a lot of times in your life, and especially when you get older, when you're going to be living with yourself. And you can find something to do, in this day and age, you can watch the History channel, which I do quite often." Most of the things that have made Paul happy are his contacts



The Lindell house and barn in the 1937 flood.



Sister Edna Brooks of the Wayside Cathedral Staff, attached to St. Thomas, Terrace Park, ministers to the children of Miami Grove along the Miami River bank. That is a large pet raccoon, belonging to one of the children, on her shoulder.

with people. "I'm glad I was in the law practice where I was in contact with people. I'm glad I went to schools. I'm glad I did certain things. I'm glad I was in the Navy for 3

years, close to 3 years. All of those things brought me in contact with human beings, some of which were not quite good. Others, most of them, were very good."

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Historical Society bestows highest honor on Coles

In recognition of their outstanding service to the Terrace Park Historical Society, Carol and Lee Cole have received the organization's "Thanks for the Memories" award. To commemorate the recognition - the highest honor awarded by TPHS and the first of its type - the Coles were presented a framed copy of Stan Thomson's watercolor painting of the Terrace Park tunnel.

Among the many ways the Coles have made and preserved memories:

- With a group of seven other people, founded TPHS in 2001 and served on the original board; Carol served as the society's first president;
- Retrieved archives that were going to be disposed of by the village;
- Moved archives and operated society from their residence during construction of the addition at St. Thomas Church;
- Continually update and add information, including census data, to our two websites (www.tpsurvey.org and www.tphistoricalociety.org);
- Researched and verified building dates for houses eligible for the society's historical house plaques;
- Lee set-up and offers technical support of society's office equipment;
- Lee works at the Hamilton County Recorder's Office to add an index of Terrace Park deeds for the house survey;
- Carol co-authored with Esther Power a book about the land that



became Terrace Park, which includes many pictures and maps; Carol researched and provided information for display boards, including before and after pictures of Terrace Park homes, for the society's first historic house tour in 2007;

• Carol has been responsible for writing articles for *Village Views* since the beginning of TPHS and, for the past three years, for the society's Tracker newsletter; also Carol works regularly at the TPHS archives, researching, organizing and adding information.

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**Historical Society spotlights
Fresh Air Farm**

The Terrace Park Historical Society's next public program, April 26, will turn the spotlight on the Fresh Air Farm, the predecessor to Stepping Stones Center on Given Road.

Presenters will be students from Dr. Rebecca Bailey's local and regional research methods class at Northern Kentucky University, who are doing an historical documentation project about the history of Fresh Air Farm.

The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. with refreshments, followed by the presentation at 4 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community Building. It is free and open to the public.

Fresh Air Farm dates back to 1884 when Thomas and Mary Emery helped found the Fresh Air Society to give Cincinnati's indigent inner-city mothers and children a summertime retreat. Operations at the first site, a home in Tusculum, proved successful and in 1897 about 20 acres were purchased on Given Road and named Fresh Air Farm.

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squad will see two new coaches in Adam Bortz and Jeff Dunning. "With only one home game on the schedule, and a couple dates with three games, it's clear they have put some obstacles in our way" said second year coach Hayes, a transfer from the boy's

program. The team practices have had a positive impact of Coach Brittingham "I have seen some girls teams in my day, and this is the strongest ever." Because of goaltending uncertainty, the Bulldogs start the season ranked 4th nationally.

Front Row L-R Hayes Snyder, Sam Bassett, Wilson Bucher, Jacob Herring Back Row L-R Coach Pete Miller, Cole Miller, Patrick Mileham, Ethan Kennedy, Coach "Bearcat Al" Singler

Terrace Park Swarm 4th grade boys Metro League Champs

By Pete Miller

Congratulations to the Terrace Park Swarm 4th Grade Boys' Basketball Team, who won the 2008-2009 Metro 4B Basketball League, while compiling a record of nine wins and one loss. The team earned its nickname by playing like "Swarming Bees," on defense all year long. The Swarm held their opponents well below their scoring average all year and played outstanding team basketball on of-

fense, with most players scoring in every game. Each player progressed during the season, while learning the fundamentals of the game. Coach Pete Miller and Coach Al Singler stated that "This was an outstanding group of players, each wanting to better themselves and their teammates throughout the season." Congratulations boys! Keep shooting the basketball this summer to get ready for next season!



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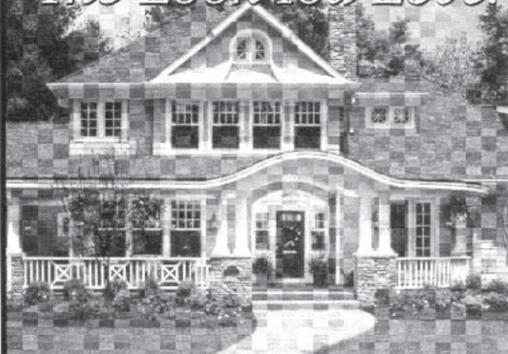


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