

## January 2018 Council Minutes

Submitted by Martha Lewis-Rassi

The January 9, 2018 meeting of the Village of Terrace Park village council was called to order by Mayor Tepe and began with his report.

**Mayor:** Mayor Tepe congratulated the four recently elected and sworn in members of the council and gave a special welcome to new member Lauren Ingebritson. The Mayor announced an open meeting on January 10th with Hamilton County and the Village's sewer committee to have a conversation about the possibility of sewers in the Village. No decisions will be made during or after this meeting, as these are just preliminary discussions, with a report to be given back to Council.

**EMS:** The EMS responded to a total of 142 dispatches in 2017, consistent with prior years. The Department assisted with two serious house fires in Miami Township, both due to the unusually cold weather. Mr. Maggard requested that residents consider participating in the next training class as the current one will be completed in March.

**Fire:** Two training sessions have been held this month. The department also assisted Milford with a garage fire and assisted Milford and Anderson's departments to quickly put out a kitchen fire in the Village. Mr. Frey requested residents to have chimneys cleaned and inspected. Also, he gave a reminder again to be sure house numbers are prominently displayed to assist emergency workers in finding homes. Please checkout the Facebook page of the Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services. As

always, Mr. Frey requested that residents consider becoming trained to be a member of this volunteer service.

**Police/Village Administrator:** Work has been completed on the Village's liability insurance as well as a compliance report for water control in the Village. Progress is being made on the needed Hamilton County hazardous emergency plan that must be updated and submitted every five years in order to receive federal funds.

**Planning/Zoning:** Chair, Regina Sharp presented a resolution to confirm the appointment of members of the Village's Planning Commission. The members are: Jay Messner, David Moyer, Tom Tepe, Regina Sharp, and Jay Gohman. The resolution was passed. The next resolution presented and passed was to confirm the appointment of members of the Terrace Park Zoning Board of Appeals. Members are: David Brittingham, Doug Burgess, David Moyer, Amy Nisonger, and Steve Holmes.

**Finance:** Mr. LeMay presented a resolution authorizing the purchase of a backhoe to replace the 17-year-old current backhoe. The resolution was passed. Mr. LeMay noted that the funds for the purchase were already in the budget. Mr. LeMay then noted that the current tax levy is up for renewal. He stressed that this renewal will NOT raise Village property taxes. He also noted important numbers that of the current property tax bill only 16% is for the Village's budget with 18% going to Hamilton County and the remainder for the school



New Councilmember Lauren Ingebritson (left) along with re-elected Members Lehman, Sharp and LeMay were all sworn in by Mayor Tepe at noon on New Year's Day.

district. This renewal is a replacement for the current tax levy and not an increase. The current budget allows for the Village to maintain cash on hand to cover 10.3 months, important for stability.

**Public Works:** A resolution was presented and passed directing the Village's administrator to enter into a utility relocation agreement with Duke Energy of Ohio. This resolution only allows Duke Energy to use the Village's right of way. Mr. Lindell encouraged residents to review the map on the Village's web site to see what areas will be involved in the placement of these utility underground lines, at no cost to residents. Duke Energy will contact each house to offer them the opportunity to participate.

**Renewal of Tax Levy:** The current tax levy of the Village will be up for renewal.

## Warrior Dogs Dominate Tournament

The Warrior Dogs, an indoor soccer team made up of eighth grade boys from Terrace Park and Mariemont won the League Championship at Cincy Sports Nation at the end of December. The team consisted of Liam Carlsen, Sammy Henkel, Zamir Thoman, Evan Farrell, Braden Ewart, Colin Chen, Boden Gall, William Steele, and

Wyatt Payne. The team finished the tournament with eight wins and zero losses, sweeping the competition and taking home the championship. Cincy Sports Nation is a new facility with indoor playing fields in Milford. The Village Views congratulates the Warrior Dogs on a great win!

## River Reflections

Submitted by Polly Bassett

*(Editor's Note: Polly Bassett has lived in her beautiful Miami Avenue home overlooking the river for more than thirty years. She has been kind enough to share with us her reflections on life with the Little Miami. Be sure to look for Mrs. Bassett's reflections on the other seasons in upcoming issues.)*

**Winter**  
Of all the seasons, we think winter on the river is the most beautiful. The water becomes a gorgeous clear green/blue. Rocks  
*(continued on page 3)*



Polly Bassett

## Frosty & Sam

A couple of mid-January snowfalls brought a welcomed snow day at Terrace Park Elementary and left the village a winter wonderland. By January 20th, melting temps made the snow perfect for snowballs, snow forts and of course, snowmen. Here we see Sam Dunning and his larger-than-life frosty friend on Home Street.



## Terrace Park Swim & Tennis Club Seeks Social Committee Members

It may be freezing outside, but the Terrace Park Swim & Tennis Club is already looking forward to some summer fun around the pool. Social chair Anna Arnold is looking for committee members to join in planning and implementing a variety of fun social events

for the 2018 summer season. Her goal is for the committee to be a diverse group of members working together for a summer that everyone can enjoy. The board encourages anyone who would like to make great things happen at the pool to join the social committee.

Several event ideas were discussed at the last board meeting and there will be a lot more exciting news to share soon. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anna Arnold at AnnaChristineArnold@gmail.com or by phone at 404-567-0367.

## Village Calendar 2018

**February – Happy Hot Breakfast Month!**

**6 MAA Meeting, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**6 TPE PTO Meeting, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**8 Terrace Park Garden Club, Community Building social beginning at noon, followed by short business meeting and speaker to begin around 1pm. Speaker from the Cincinnati Museum Center to present information about The 1937 Ohio River Flood. Community welcome.**

**10 Cream Cheese Brownie Day**

**12 Board of Education Meeting (tentative), 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**13 TPE Recognition Night, 7 p.m.**

**13 Village Council, 7:30 p.m. (open to the public)**

**14 Happy Valentine's Day! 14 Sewer Feasibility Committee, 6:30 p.m. (open to the public)**

**15 Kindervelt #76, 7:30 p.m. at Kendra Scott in Kenwood Mall (On Thursday because of Valentine's Day)**

**16 Mariemont Academy (no school for students), 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**18 Drink Wine Day**

**19 President's Day - No School**

**22 MHS Night of Singing Choir Concert, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**23 MJHS Night out at MHS, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

**24 World Sword Swallowers Day**

**26 MJHS Winter Sports Awards Night, 7:00 PM**

**27 MHS Strings Extravaganza, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**28 MHS Band Bash, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**28 MHS AFS Day**

Please e-mail Hester Sullivan at hestersullivan@me.com with calendar information.

## Sewer/Septic Update

On January 10th, 2018 several members of the Sewer Feasibility Committee met with officials from Hamilton County and the General Health District for an update on Terrace Park's septic/sewer situation.

The county has committed to spending their resources to study the feasibility of bringing sewers to the village boundary and they have asked the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) to find an independent engineering firm to determine costs. These costs should take six to

nine months to determine.

The committee members present repeatedly stressed to the officials that some residents want to invest in their homes but feel paralyzed by the current septic tank demands. The committee asked how to help these residents and the county and MSD basically said that until an actual plan is in place, their hands are tied.

The Committee is on hiatus until they get the results from the Hamilton County study.

## Police Report

Police investigated four separate reports of suspicious vehicles and resolved two animal complaints.

Officers followed up on complaints of two underage parties and spoke with the parents of those involved.

**VV Deadline - Friday, February 16th, by 9 p.m.**  
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# “Open Your Heart” for Stepping Stones: Fundraising Dinner Benefits People with Disabilities

Submitted by Christine Guillory

This Valentine's season, Stepping Stones invites the community to “Open Your Heart” at the agency's 10th annual fundraising dinner Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Eddie Merlot's restaurant in Montgomery.

The elegant evening includes an hors d'oeuvres reception, three-course dinner with wine or beer, raffle, and a show and sale of items made by individuals enrolled in Stepping Stones' Adult Day Services program for adults with disabilities.

“Since volunteering at Stepping Stones in high school, the organization has held a special place in my heart,” Patti Zesch of Indian Hill, this year's event chair, said. “I quickly learned that the needs of the participants are not dissimilar from my own -- we all crave inclusion, fun, and growth. Stepping Stones

offers enrichment opportunities that genuinely change the lives of the people it touches. What's more, Stepping Stones brings light to those who volunteer as well.”

Zesch is joined on the organizing committee by Debbie Alf, Indian Hill; Gigi Heidt, Hyde Park; Terri Hogan, Amberley Village; Angelia Hutchison, Madeira; Mary McGraw, Indian Hill; Jen Parry, Madeira; and Dina Taylor, Blue Ash.

Tickets are \$185 per person. The cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by seated dinner at 7 p.m. Eddie Merlot's is located at 1080 Montgomery Road. Valet parking is included. To order tickets, visit [CincyOpenYourHeart.org](http://CincyOpenYourHeart.org). For more information, contact Libby Odenbeck, 513-965-5103.

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 10 p.m. on Friday, February 16th. **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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# What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - February

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 Ages 1-4.

**Library Babies — 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays**  
 Have fun, meet other parents and babies, and promote early literacy!  
 Ages 6-18 months.

**Tales to Tails — 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8**  
 Read a story to Bonny the therapy dog.  
 Ages 5-10.

**Crafty Kids — 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8**  
 Make and take a fun craft.  
 Ages 5-10.

**Teens Low-Tech Gaming — 1-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19**  
 Drop by for board games and snacks!  
 Ages 10-18.

**Adults Which Craft? Needle Craft Club — 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3 & 17**

Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework — whatever you like to do.



**Easy...But Beautiful: Dotty Heart Mugs — 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5**

Use metallic and colorful Sharpies to stipple a heart pattern using the mug handle as a template. Mugs provided or bring your own if you have a favorite.

**Book Club — 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22**

We will discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Copies will be available at the branch.

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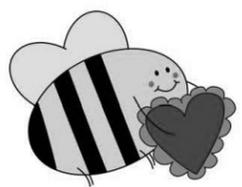
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# River Reflections

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below the surface show clearly, and reflections of the white sycamore trunks stand out against the darker water. In the late afternoon on a sunny day, a rosy glow hits the top of the trees and outlines layers of purple hills. This is a most peaceful and quiet time.

Woodpeckers become very prominent as they peck up and down the tree trunks. The red belied woodpecker arrives several times daily at the suet feeder announcing his coming loudly with a harsh staccato call. Unfortunately, the starlings argue and quarrel around the feeder discouraging the smaller birds.

At night some thirty to forty twinkling lights appear across the hills, such a contrast with the dark, dense wall of trees that stands out against the summer nighttime sky.

Snowflakes blow in waves as they fall across the expanse beyond us. Cardinals appear to feed in great numbers before it snows- almost more predictable than a barometer, they are.

On an early snowy morning, the river looks black and translucent. Like a ribbon it runs through the white fields. Small icy patches drift down and ice frames the edges of the water.

One afternoon a handsome

red-tailed hawk appears and perches for a long time on a sycamore limb directly across from the house. He rests and preens, occasionally turning his head almost completely backward while glaring at a small flock of crows that pesters him. He is a majestic bird with his russet tail feathers and arrogant head. I watch him a long time and wonder if he sees me.

There is hope that spring will soon come. Although it is the last of February, the birds are singing longer and louder. I hear the killdeer for the first time since fall.

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# Cub Scout Shoe Drive Starting on the Right Foot

Submitted by Andrew Potter and Todd Albrecht

The Cub Scouts will be coming door to door collecting used shoes for people in need and to support micro-enterprise. This will be the second year of collection in Terrace Park and will take place on Sunday, February 4th. The shoes do not have to be in great condition as they will be sent to the Soles4Souls factory where they are processed and



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## Souper Bowl...?

Submitted by Ted Lizak, Boy Scout Troop 286

When the wind bites and the weather gets cold, the nation goes inside and does something that brings us all together: we watch football. However, there are many people around Cincinnati who can't watch football - they aren't as fortunate as we are. This is why Terrace Park's Boy Scout Troop 286 in conjunction with St. Thomas Church are once again collecting goods for the "SOUPer bowl of caring", an event in which food and other necessities are gathered and given to Interparish Ministries, and the local St. Vincent De Paul.

Items that can be donated are not just limited to canned goods.

poo, deodorant, toothbrushes and mouthwash are also appreciated. The scouts will pick up goods on the afternoon of February 4th. Please leave your donations in a bag on your porch/doorstep by 12:00 noon and the Scouts will pick them up that afternoon. There is also a donation drop off at St. Thomas.

The Scouts have also recently come back from their winter campout at Yellow Springs, for a weekend of hiking, home cooked meals, and fellowship. If you know a young person who likes learning new skills, helping others and outdoor adventures, encourage them to come join us.

Three Alleged Burglars Who Went Through a Saloon in Camden City Run Down, Captured and Lodged in the County Jail

*(Editor's note: This article appeared in The Cincinnati Enquirer on Friday, October 12, 1883. This is the closest thing to a 19th Century Village Views Police Report as one will find, including descriptions of the suspects with their "black stiff hats and glib tongues". Camden City was the name of an early attempt to establish a town here before Terrace Park was incorporated in 1893. It is interesting to note that the names "Terrace Park" and "Camden City" are both used in this article. Iuen's Tavern was located at the present site of United Dairy Farmers. The Broadwell house near Mt. Carmel stands today. This article is reprinted with all original spelling and punctuation.)*

The boldest burglary ever consummated in the east end of this county was consummated early yesterday morning at Camden City, a small village a few miles from Madisonville upon the premises of Jas. Iuen, a saloon and grocery keeper. The burglars effected an entrance and carried off the safe, containing about \$250 in money and a lot of valuable papers, such as notes, deeds, &c. They used a small truck to take it to a hay-stack in a field about a mile distant, where they secreted it, and it was by following the track of the truck that the safe was afterward found and

# An Exciting Chase.

a clew obtained as to their whereabouts. Iuen discovered his loss about 5 a.m., and called up his boys and the neighbors. He suspected two strange parties who had eaten an early breakfast at his place Monday morning, and also dinner there next day, claiming they were in the neighborhood to find work. Iuen remarked to his boys: "It's those fellows with the black stiff hats and the glib tongues. Let's after them."

Search was made in every direction, and finally the safe was traced to its hiding-place as above related. It was found unopened, but terribly battered, the burglars having used picks, sledge-hammers and spikes in their desperate efforts to get at the contents. Tracks were seen leading toward the Miami River and followed. On the other side persons were found who had seen suspicious characters going down the river bank. Following hotly on the trail the pursuers came in sight of the men in a corn-field, who, on discovery made for the underbrush, where they were found, after half an hour's search, lying flat on their faces. This was about eleven o'clock, and the crowd of pursuers, consisting of Iuen and his sons, Will Nixon, Oscar Kauffman, Thomas Kelly, Ed Stevens, Will Lemons, Jos. Watson, Henry Cordes and Constable Miller, took the men over to Madisonville before 'Squire L.W. Clason, where they gave their names as Thomas Mitchell, William Childs, and Matthew Ready. After the testimony for the prosecution Mitchell, sworn, testified: "Left the Bethel after 4p.m. Wednesday; went out

to Pendleton on Little Miami Railroad, and bought three tickets at Tusculum to ride to Terrace Park; conductor carried us to Milford, where we were in a saloon until nine o'clock; then went south past a railroad crossing to the river and across, where we got in a corn-crib about ten o'clock. The others were with me. About four or five o'clock a man woke us up, and we told him we were taking a snooze. About daylight we got out to hunt something to eat; went down the river, and saw the parties after us; tried to keep out of their sight, because we did not know what was up. They took us in custody. Yes, admit we were at Iuen's Monday and Tuesday getting meals, but were looking for a job, and paid for all we got."

The testimony of Childs and Ready was about the same.

'Squire Clason deemed the testimony for the prosecution sufficient to warrant him in binding them over to the Grand Jury in the sum of \$500 each, and, having no bondsmen, they were taken in charge by Constable A.S. Miller, who delivered them safely into the custody of Jailer Brady at the County Jail about ten o'clock last night.

The residence of Ambrose Broadwell, Esq., near Mount Carmel, about two miles distant from the scene of the other burglary, was also robbed the same night about 2 a.m. of nearly \$300 in money and valuable papers, &c. There is no clew, unless it was the same parties who are under arrest for the Iuen burglary.

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# Garden Club Revisits Great Flood of 1937

Submitted by Maria Bagley

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Park Garden Club and our guest speaker from the Cincinnati Museum Center, Tuesday, February 6th, at the Community Building. A time to socialize and enjoy refreshments will take place from



**Floodwaters on the Ludlow Avenue viaduct, January 26, 1937**

from noon until about 12:30, then a short business meeting followed by our speaker.

Mark your calendars for our popular table-setting event at which we will be honoring women in history. This occurs on Tuesday, March 6th. Viewing will begin at 1:00 and close around 4:00. The community is welcome. More details in the next Village Views.

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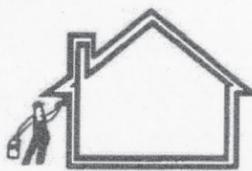
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The team of Hayes, Hayes and Rolander took home the cup, winning 6-3.



Goose, Henry, and Tracey Motto looking nice on ice.



The Great Ones... (L to R) Todd Motto, Bill Hayes, Marc Michaelson, Nate Michaelson, Henry Rolander, Oliver Reinecke, Cooper Hayes, and Drew Serraino

## Recreation Commission Welcomes New Board Members

Submitted by Danielle Haugh

Terrace Park residents are very fortunate to have a community filled with dedicated volunteers who spend countless hours giving their time. With the New Year came a new Terrace Park Recreational Commission Board. The new board members look forward to adding their passion for youth athletics to TPRC.

A huge thank-you to the outgoing commission board members – Stacy McClorey (President), Holly Bortz (Treasurer), Lisa Meqowen (Secretary), Mark Kennedy (Basketball) and Erick Koehler (Soccer).

Incoming board members include:

President – Josh Deeter  
Treasurer – Hersch Patel  
Secretary/Communications – Danielle Haugh  
Soccer – Shaedyn Bogle and Ben Stevens

Basketball – Adam Merten and David Laite

Baseball – Brian Bortz and Todd Tritsch

Lacrosse – Micheal Rutz

In September of 1968, the Recreation Commission was established to “Organize and supervise recreational activities and to provide facilities for such recreational activities” and for over 40 years youth athletics has been a cornerstone of our community.

To keep youth sports in Terrace Park, the commission highly relies on fundraising. One of the largest fundraisers is the Labor Day Festival held on the Village Green and a coordinator is needed to keep this tradition going. The festival coordinator delegates and communicates with festival chairs (games, set up, volunteers, parade and sponsorship). The coordinator also is the point person to

answer questions from the community and also communicate all festival news via the list serve, Village Views, etc. If you are interested in this position, please contact Josh Deeter at [josh@deeteradvisory.com](mailto:josh@deeteradvisory.com).

Registrations are still open for Terrace Park Baseball. Go to [www.tprc.net](http://www.tprc.net) for more information. Make sure you are up-to-date with all things Terrace Park sports via Facebook at Terrace Park Rec Commission and on Instagram at [tprcbulldogs](https://www.instagram.com/tprcbulldogs)



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# February Family Fun

Submitted by Danielle Haugh

The month of February is not only about candy hearts and cupid, check out several Family Fun events this month in Cincinnati. There is something for everyone in the family from plotting penguins to maple-syrup making!

Join the crew from Madagascar: A Musical Adventure when they take the Taft Theatre stage on February 10th through the 18th. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – A Musical Adven-

ture “follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin’ friends including hilarious penguins as they escape from their home in New York City’s Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien’s Madagascar.” For a complete list of show times and to purchase tickets go to theatre website at [www.thechildrenstheatre.com](http://www.thechildrenstheatre.com).

Start thinking about summer camp during Cincinnati Family’s Summer Camp Adventure Fair.

The fair starts at 10am until 2pm on Saturday, February 17th at the Blue Ash Recreation Center. Learn more from representatives of area day and residential camps who will be available to discuss camp details, deadlines and much more.

Have a maple-syrup lover in the family? Visit the Cincinnati Nature Center for maple syrup making and guiding sap collecting. There are guided and self-guided hikes. On Saturday, February 17th from 8:45 am to 9:45

am and 10:45 am to 11:45 am preschoolers and caregivers will have an up-close experience with maple syrup evaporator, sugaring tools like skimmers, filters, thermometers and much more! To learn more about this event and other upcoming activities go to [www.cincynature.org](http://www.cincynature.org).

Adopt the perfect pet during the annual “My Furry Valentine Mega Adoption Event” on the 10th (12 to 5pm) and 11th from (10 am to 5 pm) at the Sharonville

Convention Center. There will be over 500 adoptable pets including dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and other small critters from area rescue and shelter organizations. Visit [www.myfurryvalentine.com](http://www.myfurryvalentine.com) for more information.

Happy Valentines Day from my family to yours! Please contact me at [dmhaugh@gmail.com](mailto:dmhaugh@gmail.com) with any events or locations to be part of future Village View’s Family Fun articles.

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