

Village Stretches Covid Relief Funds to Include Schools

Submitted by Sue Porter

The Village of Terrace Park is benefitting from Coronavirus relief funds and will share a portion of the roughly \$146,000 grants with Mariemont City Schools.

At its monthly meeting Nov. 4, Village Council unanimously approved a resolution to sub-grant \$30,000 to the school district for Covid-related improvements at Terrace Park Elementary and the district office.

Col. Jerry Hayhow, village administrator and police chief, presented a spending report that listed the many ways funds received from the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act have been used locally. Expenditures have covered the cost of personal protective equipment and testing for employees, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, protective screens, UV light disinfection, keyless entry and touchless restroom installations,

upgrades to the ventilation system at village offices and legal expenses associated with Covid.

He said a portion of the financial support is being held in reserve for upcoming Covid-related expenses and that unused funds will be returned. As for the sub-grant, it will be held by the school district in a restricted fund and unused funds will be returned. It is not known whether other municipalities in the school district that have also received relief funds will be making sub-grants to Mariemont Schools.

Mayor Tom Tepe thanked Col. Hayhow and Katie Lyons, chief fiscal officer, for their careful management of the grant, including research to ensure the school district sub-grant complies with government restrictions.

In other action, council members approved a resolution to the 2020 appropriations budget to reflect an increase in the tree fund

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STATE CHAMPS

Mariemont Men's Soccer Win State



Submitted by Anglea LeMay

The Mariemont Warriors Men's soccer team captured its first ever state championship on November 14th with a 4-1 victory of Youngstown Cardinal Mooney at Mapfre Stadium in Columbus. The win capped a perfect season for the Warriors, who went 23-0-0 while scoring 102 goals and giving up only 17. The perfect season was the first in Ohio Division III since 2005.

As with everything else in 2020, Mariemont's soccer season was filled with a lot of uncertainty. The season began in early June as the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) allowed teams to train early since all spring seasons had been cancelled. Forty six players participated in summer lifting programs and training at Stanton three to four days a week throughout the summer. However, right before the official pre-season was to begin in August, OHSAA cancelled all scrimmages and it appeared unlikely that a season would even occur. Despite the uncertainty, the team never lost its focus. As noted by head coach Erik Vanags, the team realized that each practice could be its last and embraced the fact that they still had an opportunity to play.

The state gave the okay for a regular season and the Warriors did not waste the opportunity. The team raced through an undefeated regular season capturing the Cincinnati Hills League title while being ranked #1 in the state for the entire year. Included in this victory string were wins over Wyoming and Oakwood, both state ranked in Division II, as well as wins over Turpin, Indian Hill and Madeira.

The Ohio Division III tournament is a long grind as there are 192 teams in Division III in Ohio. The postseason provided



The Mariemont Men's Soccer Team Roster: Luke Brothers (Senior), Henry Buck (Junior), Sam Colino (Junior), Nick Comer (Senior), Kyle Croll (Senior), Martin Eisenhauer (Junior), Evan Ekouevi (Sophomore), Braeden Ewart (Junior), Will Fahnestock (Senior), Evan Farrell (Junior), Boden Gall (Junior), Jackson Hampton (Sophomore), Jaryd Hartman (Senior), Chase Hollander (Senior), McClain LeMay (Senior), James McGrory (Senior), Maddox Miller (Junior), Stefan Nistor (Senior), Ryder Osgood (Sophomore), Kyle Romick (Senior), Jimmy Sauter (Senior) and Marko Zanardo (Sophomore).

some early drama as the Warriors needed a late comeback and overtime victory over Cincinnati Country Day in the second round of the playoffs, but the team found its footing and rolled over its last three opponents in the regional final, state semi-final and state final by a combined score of 13-1! Included in this run was a 4-0 win over Botkins in the regional final; the same team that knocked Mariemont out of the tournament the previous year.

The state championship was a crowning achievement for the entire Warrior soccer program which has grown and developed over the years. From Coach Jack Hecksher, who started the alumni game tradition, to Coach Keith Koehne and Coach Joe

Mehl, the soccer program has developed a tradition of success and achievement. Under Coach Vanags, who has the most career wins in program history, the team has had a winning season every year since 2011. Combined with soccer alumni across five decades, many of whom still reside in the District, the success of this year's squad was built off the hard work of a lot of people.

The team enjoyed incredible support from the community and Warrior Nation. Mariemont routinely had crowds that were double or triple the size of its opponents and the fan support for the state final game was so loud that it felt like a home game at Kusel Stadium. The team also received support

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Dear Neighbors,

What a year! We have truly been living in unprecedented times and I think everyone is happy for the peace and happiness of the holidays to be here as we wrap up a year for the history books. Of course I'm not just talking about the virus or the election, it has also been an historic year for our Terrace Park and Mariemont athletic teams!

When a team from TP or MHS competes in playoffs or wins the state championship, it is really a fantastic accomplishment. Many private schools have aggressive recruiting policies to stack their teams with the best youth players from across the tri-state but our teams are made up of the youth who live in the district, and nobody else. So it is our raw talent combined with incredible coaching and discipline that allows our

athletes to face and defeat any school in this state, no matter their size or recruitment. When you think about that it is really something!

There's a lot to read about this month so enjoy this issue and December in the village. If you are feeling isolated and bored with the virus continuing to spread, I encourage you to bundle up and go for a winter walk in Miami Grove, Kroger Field, or on the bike trail. All of us at the Village Views wish your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and all a wonderful holiday season. Be sure to get your luminaries and I'll see you at the tree lighting!

Until next month I remain,

Your editor,
Steve Early

TP Holiday Home Decorating Contest Returns

Submitted by Steve Early

Who has the best looking house in town during the holidays? If you think it could be your house then be sure to enter the fourth annual Terrace Park holiday home decorating contest! It is back this year, sponsored again by the Village Views and Steve Early with Sibcy Cline Realtors. With the virus keeping us more apart than usual during December, this is a great chance to make your home shine and show your holiday spirit to the rest of the village.

Our guest judge this year is Frank Marzullo, meteorologist from Cincinnati's Fox19! Frank will tour the village and pick the winners. For the first time we will have win-

ners in four different categories: Best White Lights (homes decorated with only white lights), Best Colored Lights (homes decorated with colored lights or white and colored lights), Best WOW! Factor (this is for homes that would make Clark Griswold proud- if you take it to the next level then this award could be yours), and new this year by popular demand- Best Front Door (this one is for homes with stunning wreathes or other arrangements that make your entry a true holiday beauty).

Judging will take place Sunday, December 20th at 6:30 pm so this is the evening you want your home to really dazzle.

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As in years past, every house in Terrace Park is eligible but you have to let the Village Views know that you would like to be considered for judging. Just email TPVillageViews@gmail.com or text Steve Early at 513-382-1218. Winners will receive an awesome trophy, mention in the Village Views (priceless) and

a \$100 donation will be made to the charity of your choice.

Whether you are in the contest or not, be sure to get out on Sunday evening 12/20 for a bundled up winter night walk or a socially distanced drive around the village to see all of the homes shining. And look for the winners announced on TPList and in the next Village Views!




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Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

During the afternoon of October 10, while an officer was patrolling the lot of the Miami Grove Nature Preserve, he noticed a car parked in the lot that was registered to a Milford address but contained a Miami Grove Parking Permit. The owner of the car was returning from walking his dogs and advised the officer that a resident of Terrace Park had given him the permit. The officer advised the subject that he is not allowed at the Preserve without a Terrace Park resident and a citation would be issued if he was in violation again.

During the afternoon of

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due to a rate change, acceptance of the CARES Act funds, and two increases in employee health care costs that were offset by a reduction in salary.

By proclamation, Mayor Tepe declared Nov. 4 "A. Pierce Matthews Day in Terrace Park" in recognition of his 42 years of service to the village, and as a way to express condolences to his daughter, Terrace Park resident Mimi Matthews, upon his passing Oct. 18 at age 97.

Mr. Matthews joined the Terrace Park Fire Department in 1968, was promoted to chief in 1978 and retired as chief to become the fire department's administrative assistant in 1975. He officially retired in 2010. Today, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) building bears his name and he is credited with building the foundation for one of the few all-volunteer EMS departments in the area.

At the meeting, EMS Chief John Maggard described Mr. Matthews as "well-loved and fair to a fault," and Col. Hayhow praised him "for making our village much of what it is today." Mayor Tepe took the opportunity to say that Terrace Park is a special community because of its volunteers and invited "younger, newer residents" to get

involved in school and community organizations and activities. October 26, while an officer was patrolling the area of Drackett Field, he noticed two donkeys on the field. After assessing the situation, the officer was confident he knew where the donkeys escaped from and decided to alert the farm. The owner of the farm arrived at Drackett Field and happily returned the donkeys to her farm.

On the evening of October 27, while patrolling Elm Avenue, an officer pulled over Yours Truly. In a golf cart. A golf cart. Apparently, you need a license plate to operate one of those things. Blamed it on my wife. Works every time.

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In his monthly report, Mayor Tepe thanked residents for passing the 2.8-mill renewal levy on the Nov. 3 ballot, which was approved by a possibly record-setting 82 percent of the voters. "We promise to spend your money wisely and only on needed expenditures in the best interest of the village," he said, adding that voter support is never taken for granted and residents are always welcome to review financial records and offer input. He also thanked residents for exercising Covid-cautious protocols on Halloween.

Other reports:

•Chief Maggard said classes for new EMS recruits have begun and four Terrace Park residents are participating.

•Jeff LeMay, finance chair, also addressed the resounding renewal levy support. "The voters have said it is money well spent, so thank you," he said, and asked that levy campaign signs be returned his front porch for use when another renewal levy is on

the ballot

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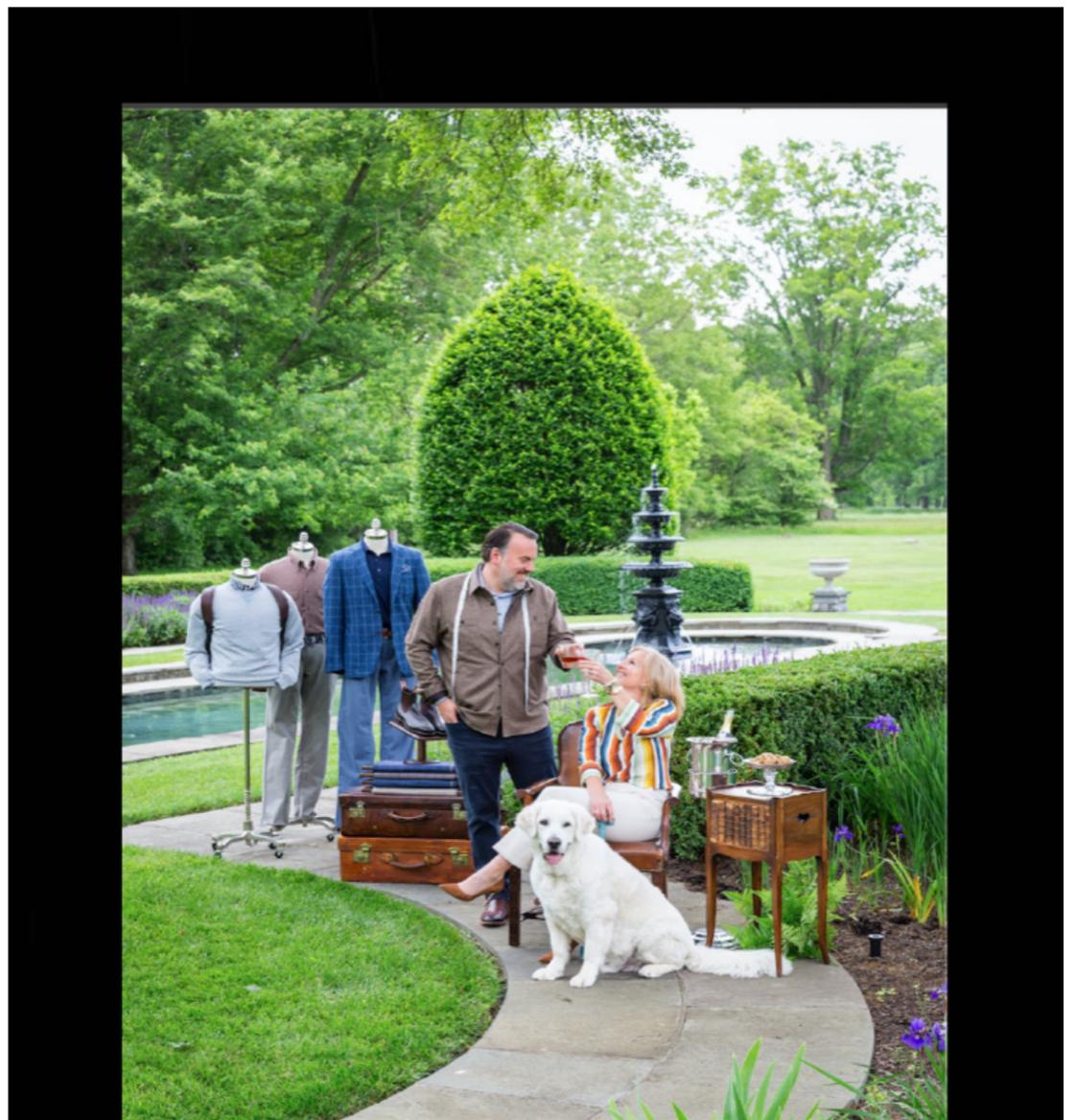
Terrace Park Pumpkin Contest 2020

Submitted by Jon Dickinson

Despite the strange times we live in, Halloween was a smashing success in Terrace Park this year. Perfect mid 50's weather, a rare Blue Moon, and many trick-or-treaters. The annual pumpkin contest held on Instagram @tppumpkin provided many great photos and weight guesses. Channel 5 WLWT attended the event and documented it for the evening news. This year's winner is Willow Gilmore who provided the first ever perfect guess of 1030 pounds!!! Her only comment was "I'm candy drunk."



From Bengals cheerleaders to a family of gnomes, the pumpkins on the corner of Stanton and Lexington brought lots of fun during an unprecedented time!





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MHS Girls Soccer Wins CHL

Submitted by Jeff Megowan

The 2020 girls soccer team was loaded from top to bottom, a coaches dream come true. On defense there was a returning All American and two All League Terrace Parkers in Avery Messner & the now famous Peyton Shoemaker. Our goalie, as good as she is, had a boring year from lack of shots on goal! The defense kept their kitchen clean and the cow bells ringing! The offense, centered by Olivia Tritsch, had multiple options to work with in Marley Megowan and Maddie Murphy. All three were all-CHL and league leaders in total points. Mariemont, undefeated at 17-0-3, is no stranger to the Regional Finals having been there the year prior. To get out of Cincinnati and make a run for state they'd have to take down CHL arch-rival, Madeira, and face the DIII defending State Champs in

CCD. A pure 4-0 beat down of Madeira gave the kids hope, especially after tying CCD earlier in the year at their grassy field. The stars seemed to be aligning, this was our year, CCD was on a rebuild and filled with underclassman. Being second in state rankings, the showdown would take place on our quick turf. Let's just say the road still goes through CCD and most likely will for years to come, given the recruiting scholarship machine they've become. I'd rather win with our home grown local girls and trust me next years team will get another chance. There's a ton of young talent coming back for Mariemont and if you haven't seen Murphy play.... She's worth the price of admission. Congratulations to the girls on a phenomenal year that may linger on as the one that got away.....



The Mariemont Girls Soccer Team Roster: Sarah Comer, Delaney Osgood, Lillian Sharp, Peyton Shoemaker, Kendell Spreen, Olivia Tritsch, Erika Dewey, Mary Frye, Emma Lundeberg, Maddy Murphy, Shannon O'Brien, Noel Ridge, Myah Giordullo, Abbie Lyons, Marley Megowan, Avery Messner and Madison Schwartz

Mariemont Football, One Heartbeat

Submitted by Jeff Megowan

When the 2020 football season started, Senior Captains Jeb Lindell, Max Megowan & Seth Greene knew that this team had a chance to be special. Putting aside the cloud of covid, the glaring questions of a depleted line, and the unknown style of a new head coach, they moved forward with the program mantra of "One Heartbeat". The success of this team ended with the longest playoff run to the Division V regional semifinal since 2003, but their legacy could be the leadership example left behind for years to come. The recipe for success is simple; when you get the entire team united and respected, no matter the class or personality, the sacrifices asked becomes a love for the game. Many of our boys, because of the size of our



school and the desire to win, never come off the field, playing both offense and defense. In the spirit of the team, Seth Greene even sang the National Anthem

and made popcorn at halftime! Get your popcorn ready because the foundation and future looks bright for Mariemont football.



Mariemont Tennis Dominates

Submitted by Kristi Benner

It has been an exciting year for women's tennis at Mariemont Junior and Senior High Schools. The 2020 junior varsity team went undefeated; 25-0. The Varsity team sent 7 girls to District and had an incredible season. They ended the season with an awesome record of 17-3. The team went on to win their flight of the Coaches Classic. Claire Soller and Logan Wilhelm won first doubles champs, Caroline Soller and Lucy Neville won second doubles champs, and Ella Malafa won 3rd singles champ!

The girls went on to play sectionals at Mason High School on October 6. It was an unreal effort by all of the girls at sectionals. They ALL advance to sectional semi finals/finals qualifying them all to move on to Districts! The next stop was the ATP Tennis Center on October 15 to play their



district matches. The Lady Warriors played well and battled, but unfortunately, this is where the season ended.

Of course, with this incredible season comes some honors for this hard-working group of ladies. The final city coaches poll found the Lady Warriors tennis team ranked #3 - just behind Indian Hill and seven hills. The highest rank in over 10 years! The final state coaches poll found the Lady Warriors tennis team ranked number #10 in the state! Way to go, Ladies!

Exciting times for Mariemont Tennis!

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Mason Fall Brawl Lacrosse Champs



Submitted by Joel Hern and Bret Fiorina

Mariemont youth lacrosse competed in the Mason Fall Brawl lacrosse tournament and saw success at all levels. This was the first tournament for our 3rd and 4th graders and they did great and improved

each game. Our 5th grade team was extremely competitive and also played great team lacrosse. But the sixth grade boys stole the show and won the championship! The boys played great, fought hard and brought

home the championship! Terrace Park boys on the team included Ethan Hern, Ben McClorey, Owen Dunning, Nick Rhodes, Boden Guido, Stefan Kempiners, Talon Estep, Henry Brown.

Lance Hollander honored as Kiwanis President

Submitted by Alex Lange

Lance Hollander was honored as the outgoing president of Mariemont Kiwanis at the 55th anniversary dinner held at the Terrace Park Country Club on Nov. 10.

During Hollander's tenure, Kiwanis instituted a new fund raiser and was able to continue doing the good work that the community has come to expect from Kiwanis, in spite of the ongoing pandemic.

Additionally, the new leadership team was introduced at the dinner, including Michael Pope (president, MHS Class of 1965), Don Keyes (president elect) and Regina Stalzer (vice president). Matt Nickum and Betty Clingerman continue as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Kiwanis serves the youth of the Mariemont City School



District with Builders Club, Key Club, Winners Walk Tall, mentorships, HOBY leadership conference and scholarships. The Kiwanis of Mariemont Youth Foundation is a 501-C3 and any contributions to help enable Ki-

wanis to continue at its high level of service to the community should be sent to 2 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227.



Making Spirits Bright

On behalf of the Terrace Park Garden Club, Lois and Bob Knox have volunteered for several years to decorate the Village Green gazebo for the holidays. Each year, they have added their magical touch to make the gazebo a warm welcome to the Village Green. Let's raise our cups of cheer to Bob and Lois in thanks for such a great job!

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Mariemont Scouts Christmas Tree Sales Return for 28th Year

Submitted by Erika Turan

The Scouts of Mariemont Troop 149 will return for their 28th consecutive year of Christmas tree sales on Black Friday, November 27. Located on the lawn of the Mariemont Municipal Building at 6907 Wooster Pike, the Scouts' Christmas tree lot is an annual tradition for many in the area. The Scouts offer extended Black Friday hours: noon to 8 pm, so you can kick the season off right. The tree lot will have COVID-safe protocols in place, including special shopping hours for those at higher risk. All shoppers are asked to wear a mask.



Immediately after being cut down, Fraser firs and white pines ranging from five feet to 12 feet tall are brought by truck from a family-owned farm. The troop receives several shipments during the season so you know you're getting a fresh tree. Thick, fresh pine roping, tree stands and tree disposal bags are also sold at a Santa-friendly price. The local Girl Scouts sell fresh, hand-decorated pine wreaths.

With twinkly lights overhead and holiday music playing throughout, shopping for your tree is fun and easy. Plus, the Scouts carefully

place every tree on a stand, making it easy to inspect from all angles so you can make sure you're getting the perfect tree. The tree sales are Troop 149's only fundraiser. As such, every Scout will volunteer for a minimum of 24 hours at the tree lot – rain or shine – in addition to his or her other extracurriculars, sports and academics. Every tree includes a fresh cut, branches trimmed following your instruction and mounting on your car for no additional charge. The Scouts

will even happily take a photo of your family with your new tree.

Credit cards, cash and check are accepted, making payment quick and easy. The lot is open daily November 27 to mid-December (or until they run out of trees, so don't put off your shopping). Learn more about the tree sales, including hours and events, at Troop 149's Facebook page: Facebook.com/ScoutChristmasTree or at mcc149.com/tree-sales.

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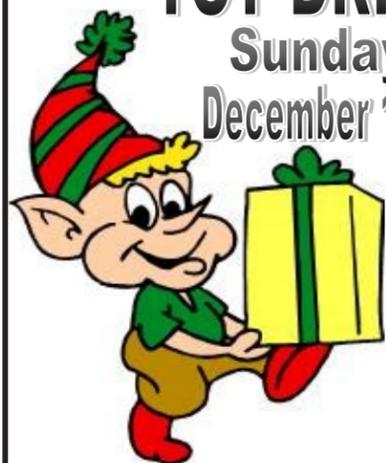
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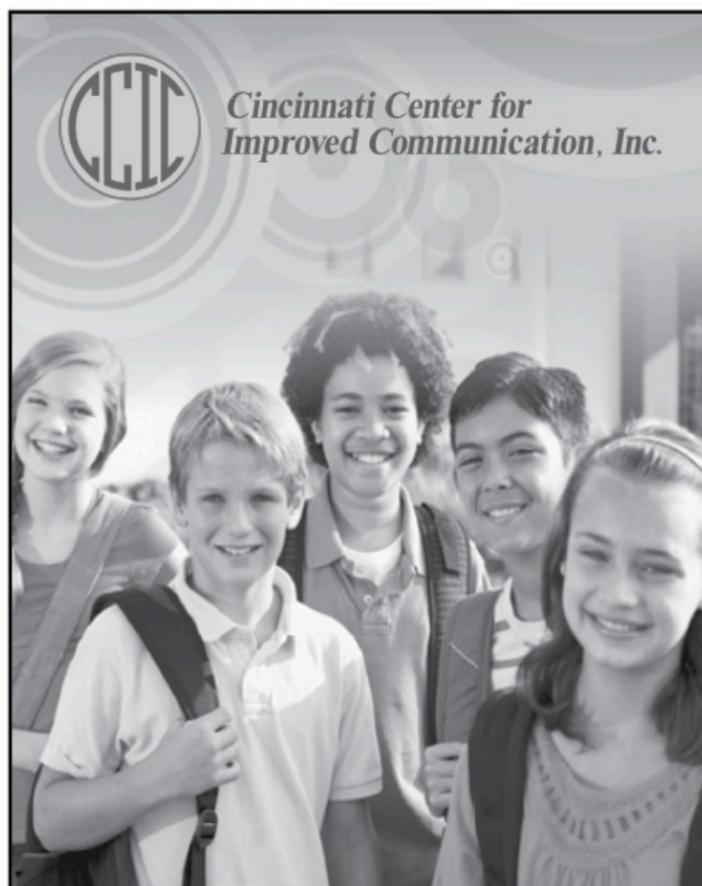
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2 Fritters Day	14 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	30 Bacon Day
3 Make a Gift Day	15 - 18 MHS Exams	31 New Year's Eve
4 Bartender Appreciation Day	16 - 18 MJHS Exams	LAST DAY OF 2020!
5 Bathtub Party Day	17 Re-Gifting Day	
6 St. Nicholas Day - put out your shoes!	18 Underdog Day	
7 Walt Disney Day	19 Look for an Evergreen Day	
8 Village Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	20 Go Caroling Day	
9 Christmas Card Day	21 - 1/3/2021 Mariemont Winter Break	
10 - 18 Hanukah	22 Date Nut Bread Day	
11 Lost and Found Day	23 Festivus	
12 Gingerbread House Day	24 Egg Nog Day	
13 Kindervelt #76 Luminaria Night - order your luminaria and light	25 Christmas	
	26 - 1/1/2021 Kwanzaa	
	27 Visit the Zoo Day	
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Holiday Gifts from TP Historical Society

Submitted by Marcia Moyer

Cincinnati's beloved wildlife artist, John Ruthven died in October at age 95. A few years ago the Terrace Park Historical Society was honored to host an evening with John Ruthven during which his talk ranged from growing up in Cincinnati to the many worldwide adventures he had while following animals in their natural habitats. The evening showcased one of his paintings which featured an animal in Terrace Park's own habitat - our beloved White Squirrel.

A Terrace Park resident commissioned the painting in 1981 and it remains in his private collection. The painting was on display the night of the talk and the Historical Society was given permission to

create notecards featuring the image. It seems timely to offer them for sale once again. The cards are available for \$10 per pack of eight.

This past spring a Terrace Park mystery woman, Bramble Merriweather, brought another whole species to Terrace Park. The fairies which arrived to the delight of many young children are now featured in two different jigsaw puzzles, a 99 piece and a 198 piece, both with oversized pieces perfect for small hands. Great Christmas gifts, available for contactless purchase, they are \$20 and \$25 respectively.

Call or text Marcia Moyer at 680-4322 or Sylvia Stirman at 658-8751 to purchase these or any of the other items featured on the website: tphistoricalsociety.org



Kindervelt #76 Update

Halloween Spooktacular Movie on the Green Success

On the eve of October 23rd, the ladies of Kindervelt 76 held the first annual Halloween Movie Night on the Green. Co-chairs Kari Moore and Amy Roe were excited about this event which replaced the annual Costume Sale typically held at the Community Building. The weather could not have been more perfect -until the storms came around 8:30 PM, but most of the kiddos had plenty of fill of candy, popcorn and Halloween movies by this time. A huge thanks to our members and especially our committee: Rachael Detwiler, Lauren Pommert, Michelle Randall and Kate Webster who helped make this event such a success raising \$1377.85 for Cincinnati Children's Hospital. We had a ton of fun while raising funds- as always!!

Dessert Auction Gets Back to It's Roots

The Kindervelt Dessert Auction will be a year like no other this year and we would like to extend the invitation to any ladies who would like to join us! Dress up or dress down - whichever you prefer to Zoom into an evening where we take the Dessert Auction back to its roots and bid online for some gorgeous desserts.

When: Dec 10, 7:30 PM

Where: Your living room via Zoom

Have an amazing dessert you would like to donate? Reach out to Kate Foxbower (513-238-7983, kfoxbower@gmail.com) and she will get you all set up!

The Holidays are Upon Us!

Despite the unique challenges

of 2020, one thing remains certain as we welcome the holiday season! Over 6,000 luminaries will line the streets and Green yet again as neighbors gather to enjoy a beautiful winter stroll on Sunday, December 13. What a truly magical evening in Terrace Park! Join family and friends at the Village Green for the annual Tree Lighting (socially-distanced, of course!). Order your Luminaria kits now! Each kit costs \$20. Order forms should be arriving in your mailbox soon, or you may email Abby Reckman (abbyreckman@gmail.com). Also don't forget to purchase a chance to win the opportunity to "Turn on the Lights" of the Village Tree on the Green!

In addition to Luminaria & Lighting of the Green, this year, Holiday Magic will be held on the same day. Since many children will not get an opportunity to visit with Santa this year due to COVID, Santa will go through the village on a horse-drawn carriage so children can see him and hear him speak in a socially-distanced manner. He will stop at 4 "watch spots" where he will speak for a few minutes to those gathered. He'll be departing the Community Center at 5:00pm, heading south on Elm, turning left on Stanton, left on Myrtle, left on Amherst, and heading back to the Community Center at 6:15pm.

More information regarding the evening's adjusted holiday activities will be announced over social media and TPList in the coming weeks! Be sure to follow Kindervelt #76 on Facebook at Kindervelt #76 and on Instagram @tpkindervelt76.

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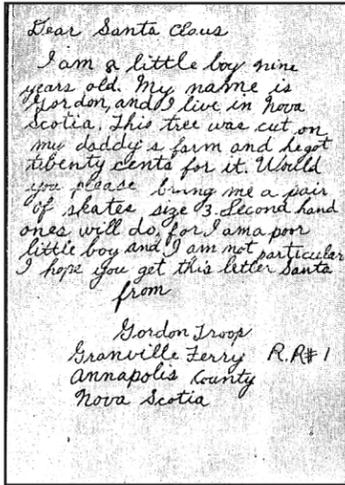
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Yes Gordon, There is a Santa Claus

Submitted by Steve Early

When Mary Emery was designing and building Mariemont in the 1920s, she hired some of the nation's most prominent architects to design cul de sacs of matching homes that reflect the English feel of the village. Albert Place is one such street. Ten white brick cottages surround a grass courtyard with the style and character of a medieval English village. The street is beautiful all year long, but when decorated for the holidays it really shines.

During the 1950's the residents of Albert Place would have a Christmas tree delivered and decorated in the grass courtyard between their homes and while one long-time resident would play an old pump organ, the neighbors would sing carols around the tree before gathering at one of their homes for coffee and hot doughnuts. It was a wonderful tradition for many years. But one year, 1952 to be exact, when the annual tree was delivered, the residents of Albert Place were surprised to find a hand written note that had been rolled up and tied to an inner branch. When unrolled it read:



Granville Ferry R.R.#1
Annapolis County
Nova Scotia

It seems that young Gordon, believing this tree was headed for Santa's workshop, thought he would send along his Christmas wish in a note to the big guy, himself. Fortunately for Gordon, the tree ended up in a place almost as magical as the North Pole... and Santa answered. The residents of Albert Place sent Gordon a new cap, mittens and muffle, a new pen and pencil set, and of course, the money for a brand new pair of size 3 skates. Weeks later, a surprise thank you came from Canada. Gordon had sent them ten corsages of pine springs and cones, handmade by the sender, one for each home. They arrived a little dried out after the long trip but were cherished by the residents of Albert Place. It was a Christmas they never forgot, and one Gordon probably didn't either.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy nine years old. My name is Gordon, and I live in Nova Scotia. This tree was cut on my daddy's farm and he got twenty cents for it. Would you please bring me a pair of skates size 3. Second hand ones will do for I am a poor little boy and I am not particular. I hope you get this letter Santa from,
Gordon Troop



MSF Seeks Your Support

Submitted by Jeremy Martin

The Mariemont School Foundation (MSF) invites you to participate in our most important event of the year, the Annual Fund Drive. It is because of the generosity of families like yours that the Mariemont School District will be able to continue its long history of academic excellence.

Gifts of ANY size are important in providing an enriched environment for our outstanding school district. Our united effort is more critical than ever before. Please consider a gift to benefit our children and our community.

The MSF is an independent non-profit 501-(c)3 organization that was formed in 1996 by a group

of committed parents and residents who realized that our school district could not afford to support every initiative that could enhance the educational experience of our children. Private funds were needed to bridge the gap. We provide financial support to the District to fund educational initiatives and extra-curricular programming that fall outside the District's annual budget, including:

- World language instruction and the Explorations program in our elementary schools
- Friday Expeditions programming for junior high students
- Master classes and our Inter- sessions for the high school
- District-wide initiatives, such as
- Life and Leadership Series focusing on issues of wellness, college readiness, and careers
- Scholarships and Special Funds to support individual student needs and travel-based programs, including Camp Kern (elementary), the

Washington DC trip (junior high) and the Global Leaders Summit (high school).

The uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus, the need to serve remote and in-person learners, and reductions in state funding are putting further strain on our District's budget. Our goal this year is to ensure that the District has the funds it needs to maintain its legacy of academic excellence despite the challenges of navigating the pandemic. Our efforts require resources, including the generous contributions of our District families who are in a position to give at this time. Thus, we invite you to GIVE to the MSF's Annual Fund Drive: All In for the Mariemont Experience.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made via our website at <https://www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org/annual-fund-drive>. Thank you for your support!

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throughout the year from people like Tiger Nelson, a Warrior soccer alumni who videos every game and provides free commentary, Mark Gall who keeps the team's stats and Tom Nerl, who is simply the best athletic director in the business.

Finally, while the alumni, coaches, parents and community were integral to the team's success, the players were simply remarkable. The team was led by an amazing group of seniors who all played a key role in the team's success. For the first team in program history all 11 starters were all conference. The

team produced the CHL Player of the Year and the CHL Coach of the Year. Coaches from other teams commented that they had never seen a team like this at the Division III level. In the end, it was simply a perfect ending to a perfect season!

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

Submitted by Henry Thoman

According to CNN, "Some of the richest suburbs in the United States have carbon footprints 15-times the size of less affluent neighboring districts." <https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/20/us/wealthy-american-homes-higher-carbon-footprints-trnd/index.html>. We live in one of those affluent communities and we should be asking ourselves, every day, what can we do to reduce our carbon footprint?

There are a number of websites out there that can help us make carbon smart choices. For example, <http://www.globalstewards.org/reduce-carbon-footprint.htm>, provides 20 suggestions. Some require a little work, but some of them are pretty simple and might even be good for you. I've picked a few that I think are particularly relevant to our community.

#3 - Minimize driving. If you're headed out to UDF, the post office, the elementary school or the pool, consider riding your bike or walking instead of driving your car or your golf cart (which, while better than a car, is charged with electricity generated primarily from carbon based sources). Good for the environment and the exercise is good for you.

#7 - Reduce energy usage. Great tips, but here's a personal observation. I walk my dog around TP in the early morning. Even though we live in a very safe community with comprehensive nightly police patrols, most houses have multiple outdoor lights on at 5:00 am. Many Halloween/Christmas displays are lit through the night. Let's turn things off and save on our energy bills while reducing our carbon footprint.

#8 - Buy local foods and eat smart. Many thanks to the Rameys for demonstrating what a buy local

model looks like in our village. But we can all do more. Look closely at the charts in suggestion #8 and try to adjust your eating habits accordingly (Ok, maybe skip the suggestion on chocolate). Not surprisingly, there's a very close correlation between eating healthy and eating carbon smart.

#12 - Composting. It's simple, inexpensive and the result provides a great base for our garden beds. You can also teach your kids some valuable lessons; composting is a great supplement to recycling.

#14 - Solar panels. While we live in a tree lined community, many (probably most) of the houses and outbuildings in the village are positioned in ways that support effective, efficient placement of solar panels. Worried about the appearance of your house? Take a close look around the village. There are several houses with solar panels in the village, but you probably haven't noticed them. Solar panels are a good environmental choice and a good economic choice. The pay-back period on an investment in solar panels will likely be between 6 and 8 years.

Smart environmental decisions have an impact that goes well beyond our village. They're closely aligned with important social justice initiatives. The history and the science are clear: 1. environmental issues have a disparate negative health impact on disadvantaged communities; and 2. the needs of wealthy communities create much of that negative impact.

So, there you have it. You can save money, improve your health, improve the environment, teach your kids important lessons and promote social justice. Seems like a no-brainer.

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