

Sign Code Revisions Become Priority

Submitted by Sue Porter

Updates to Terrace Park's signage regulations weren't completed in time to avert a brouhaha in advance of the November general election. The issue began when multiple political signs were placed at the corner of UDF on Wooster Pike and Elm Avenue in violation of the current code. Since he's responsible for enforcing what's on the books and not in the works, Police Chief and Administrator Jerry Hayhow removed the signs. This led to a legal threat that challenged the First Amendment validity of the current code, and an executive decision by the mayor to waive the code and permit reinstatement of the signs.

At Village Council's Nov. 9 meeting, Mayor Tom Tepe explained, "We don't want to spend money on a lawsuit, especially while we are changing our sign code. I want it to be clear this is not a partisan issue on our part. I made the executive decision to avoid what I am certain would have been a lawsuit on the constitutionality of our sign code. It had nothing to do with whether the candidates were Republican or Democrat."

As the revisions currently stand, Solicitor Jeff Forbes is continuing to write drafts based upon every-changing Ohio law and Mayor Tepe is hoping Village Council will approve a new code prior to the primary election next year.

In monthly reports:

- **LEAF PICKUP** - Administrator Hayhow said the maintenance department is having trouble keeping up with Mother Nature. "The crew is removing leaves as fast as they can but it appears all the leaves came down at once this year," he said, explaining that the village has 16 miles of roadway, which makes for 32 miles of leaves when both sides of the streets are cleared. During a typical autumn, leaves fall gradually and the crew fills their truck every five streets, but this year they need to empty their truck after just one street. In addition to patience, Hayhow is asking residents for proper placement of their raked leaves. "Please do not put leaves in the street; it's dangerous if children play in them and a motorist doesn't see them. Also, do not park in raked leaves; they could catch your car on fire." For residents who think some streets receive preferential attention, he explained that leaf pickup follows a pre-established route.

- **CONNECTOR PATH** - Administrator Hayhow has met with regional officials about an easement to better connect Kent Circle and Denison Lane. The current paved walking path isn't wide enough to safely accommodate bicyclists, golf carts and double-wide strollers. He said dozens of schoolchildren use the path, which is preferred to the Wooster

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The Farm at Dusk

The winter sun sets over the fields at Foggy Creek Farm on Elm Avenue just as it has for over 200 years. It's one of Terrace Park and Hamilton County's oldest homesteads.

The First Christmas in Cincinnati

Covalt's Station, the pioneer fort that was located in present-day Terrace Park from 1790-1795, was constructed as the outpost for Columbia, which was not only the first white settlement in Cincinnati but in the entire Miami Purchase as well. Major Benjamin Stites and his son led the first boats of settlers down the Ohio River to establish Columbia in November of 1788 and it was located at the mouth of the Little Miami River, near present-day Lunken Airport. The fort they built at Columbia to protect themselves from Native American attack was called Fort Miami. The Covalts would arrive just over a year later, in January of 1790.

Not long after Columbia was founded, the settlers had their first encounters with the Native Americans. They were Shawnee, and they were staying at a winter

hunting camp along Clear Creek on present-day Route 32 in Newtown. The following is an excerpt from "Amid The Honorable Plenty," a newly published history of Covalt's Station. It describes the first Christmas celebrated in the Miami Purchase, as recorded by early resident Ezra Ferris.

"When December 1788 came, Benjamin Stites explained to the Native Americans that shortly it would be Christmas, a significant holiday at Columbia, and he invited their village to join the celebration at Fort Miami. Ferris later wrote,

On the approach of Christmas, preparation was made to entertain the Indians with a suitable dinner, to which Lieutenant Kingsbury and his men [soldiers] were invited. The dinner consisted of turkey pot pie, cooked in two large pot-metal kettles, over

a fire made by the side of a large sycamore tree which had been cut down outside of the fort, and a table was made in the late Kentucky barbecue style. The Indians came in, and everything moved on quietly until the dinner was made ready. When about to sit down to the table, Kingsbury with his soldiers made their appearance, of which the Indians had not been apprised, and on their near approach, seeing them armed, some of the Indians, fearing it was a hostile move, became alarmed and one of them gave a sign by whistling on his fingers, they started to run, but Major Stites by calling to them and assuring them that nothing unfriendly was intended, they returned and partook of the dinner prepared for

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Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays from the Village Views! I, for one, am stuffed with turkey and ready to get the Christmas lights up and I hope you are too.

It's a whirlwind month in the village with parties and travel, the holiday concert at the elementary school, and friends and family coming together to celebrate. December 21 will mark the winter solstice, signaling the shortest day of the year. After that we will start seeing a little more sunlight each day as we start the long climb toward spring. As the year draws to a

close, I can say once again that we have a lot to be thankful for here in Terrace Park, and this month's Village Views features a submission from a resident reminding us just how lucky we are. It's a special place made all the more special by the people who call it home. Enjoy the holidays here in the little village by the river, and until next month I remain,

Your Editor,
Steve Early

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Returns

The TP Holiday Home Decorating Contest is back! Last month's Village Views erroneously said it would be held during the tree lighting but the actual date is WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14! If you are new to TP, the contest is a chance to show your neighbors (and Duke Energy) that you are filled with the holiday spirit by decorating the outside of your home and winning money for charity! Judging will take place on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 14, and prizes will be given for Best White Lights, Best Colored Lights, and the Clark W. Griswold Award for the biggest WOW! Winners will receive a special gift and a \$100

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19th Annual MHS Alumni Game

Members of the current MHS lacrosse team along with past alumni took to Drackett field for the 19th Annual MHS Alumni Game.

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them, well pleased, but could not account for the hot pungent taste of the pot-pie. From that time the Indians and the white people kept up almost daily a friendly intercourse, until the former left in the spring to return to their village to prepare for a summer crop, but on leaving they stole and took away

with them what few horses the white people had, which was at that time a severe loss(20).

What happened next? Get your copy of "Amid The Honorable Plenty." It's available now from BarnesAndNoble.com. Or you can order your copy today from author Steve Early at 513-382-1218 and get it in time for Christmas!

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Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

During the afternoon of 10/7, an officer observed a subject sitting on the sidewalk in front of UDF with his head on his knees. The subject quickly jumped up and began talking to the officer in an excited manner. The subject advised that he didn't know where he was going but that he lost his phone while in route to wherever he was going. A quick name search by the officer revealed that the subject

has several warrants and we can now assume the subject is less excited.

During the evening of 10/22, while patrolling, an officer observed that there was trash (TV, Lamps, Videos, Bed Frame, etc.) set outside a residence three days early before normal trash pickup. The officer attempted to contact the owner but did not have success. A copy of the ordinance was left on the front door of the residence.

Dear Editor

Kids & Kritters...Terrace Park has been acknowledged as the best neighborhood in the Cincinnati area. Is it because of the neighbors?

No matter the weather, there are walkers, runners, kids walking their pets, riding their bikes and trikes, gathering at the UDF, which has replaced the drugstore of my youth.

All of the village is a school zone, alive with activity. Open electric carts carry the smallest of passengers, in all kinds of weather, to every corner of the community. They sometimes

dart from driveways into the street, making the 25 mph limit seem way too fast.

Small children ride their tricycles on the streets and sidewalks, with pets in tow.

Pets are not to be overlooked, as they are members of a family and cared for as such. Also there are the occasional skittish squirrels and suicidal chipmunks to be avoided.

Old people would be lucky to live out their remaining years in such an environment, as it is so reinvigorating.

James Baker, Terrace Park

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Pike alternative. State officials will review the matter and a decision is expected in 6-9 months.

DUMP CLEAR-OUT - Councilmember Regina Sharp said the Oct. 30 deadline for removal of items stored at the environmental center was observed and only several boats and a trailer remain. She offered kudos to

residents for respecting council's action.

MAYOR - Tepe said there was a record turnout of voters on Election Day this year and he thanked those who ran for office. He appealed to everyone using village streets in the dark to wear reflective clothing and to make sure their golf carts are easily seen.



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- Friday Expeditions programming for junior high students
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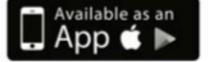
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Terrace Park, OH



A Bridge To The Past

Submitted by Steve Early

What you see here is an early photograph taken in Terrace Park around 1902. The photographer was standing on Miami Avenue, across the creek from the new Covalt Station restaurant, and looking toward New Street. It would still be five years before St. Thomas Church was erected so the view was unobstructed all the way to New Street. The house on the far left is the original 305 New Street, built in 1865 and razed in 1996. The stone tunnel you see supported the railroad (now the bike trail) over Red Bird Creek. Just in front of and below the railroad tracks you see the trestle for the Cincinnati, Milford & Loveland Traction Company. Their tracks once ran right through the village. The tracks were not finished when this photo was taken and service from Madisonville to Milford began in 1903.

The streetcars left from a station on Erie Avenue and travelled east through present-day Mariemont. Look behind the Great Clips on Wooster Pike near the Walgreens and you'll see part of the old streetcar bridge support along Spring Street. From there it ran alongside the Pennsylvania Rail-

road tracks (now the bike trail) toward Terrace Park. Once it reached our village, the streetcar veered away from the railroad through the current swim club property. If you look, you can still see the crumbling stone supports of the streetcar bridge over the creek there, between the current Stumps Lane bridge and the tunnel on Elm Avenue. The streetcar line then followed Elm up the hill into the center of the village. The flat, raised, stretch of grass that runs along Elm Avenue across the street from Lindell's farm was the old trackbed along this portion of the line. Once the tracks reached the Village Green, they veered right and followed Terrace Place, rejoining the railroad as they both ran toward Milford. The concrete corner bench that still sits at the intersection of Rugby and Terrace Place was built as a stop for the streetcar and there is still an old utility pole from the streetcar days in front of this bench as well.

Once through Terrace Park, there was a barn where the streetcars could be stored. The enormous red brick "barn" still stands and is part of Alma Granite, located between Terrace Park and the Milford bridge. Due to disagreements over use of the railroad bridge

into Milford, the CM&L Traction Company built a bridge of its own over the Little Miami River. It was destroyed in an enormous 1913 flood, the worst deluge that the Little Miami has ever seen, but the concrete supports for that streetcar bridge are what you see rising from the water today when you're on the current Milford bridge and look downriver.

Remnants of the old streetcar line in and around the village are reminders that if you keep your eyes open, there are traces of Terrace Park's past to be found all over the village.

Stepping Stones to Host 15th Annual Open Your Heart Event

Stepping Stones will host the 2023 Open Your Heart dinner on Tuesday, February 7, 2023! Celebrate the event's 15th year benefiting Stepping Stones' mission to build pathways to independence and promote inclusion for people with developmental and physical disabilities. Supporters can get together in person at Eddie Merlot's for a cocktail hour, a premier raffle, artwork created by Stepping Stones' participants and more! Alternatively, supporters can order take & bake; bake meals that will be delivered directly to their homes. Opportunities to support the raffle and other initiatives will also be available online. Event tickets are \$185 per person. To order tickets

and learn more about Open Your Heart, visit CincyOpenYourHeart.org. For more information, contact Sara Schaser at 513-965-5103 or email Sara.Schaser@SteppingStonesOhio.org.

Stepping Stones is an impact agency that proudly serves more than 1,100 people with disabilities in day and overnight programs that increase independence and promote inclusion. Founded in 1963, the agency provides educational, recreational and social programs at locations in Batavia, Indian Hill, Norwood and Western Hills. For more information, visit www.SteppingStonesOhio.org.



Pathways to Independence for People with Disabilities

TPHS Annual Meeting Coming

The Terrace Park Historical Society Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 4pm at the Community Building, 428 Elm Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about our activities during the previous year and our plans for 2023. Mem-

bers are welcome to participate in elections for our Board of Trustees. Our current Trustees are Laurie Baird, Marcia Moyer, Ogle Annett, Susan Rodgers, Sylvia Stirsman, Suzi Ricketts and Susie Gray. Hope to see you in January!



Cast of Blithe Spirit

The cast of Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit at MHS. The fall play ran during the weekend of November 18.

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Christmas Caper

Saturday, December 10, 2022 | 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Join us for this festive traditional cookie, candy, and baked goods sale, including a raffle to win various gift baskets. Proceeds from this bake sale benefit local families in need through the St. Thomas Discretionary Fund and InterParish Ministry.

Christmas at St. Thomas

Saturday, December 24, 2022
Family Service & Pageant | 4:00 p.m.
Festive Choral Eucharist | 8:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service | 11:00 p.m.
A 1/2 hour carol prelude precedes the 8 & 11 p.m. services

Sunday, December 25, 2022
Christmas Day Eucharist | 10:00 a.m.

Seven Hills Baroque Advent Concert

Sunday, December 11, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.
Please join us as our ensemble-in-residence, Seven Hills Baroque Ensemble, presents a concert of early music centered on the theme of Advent.

A Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 5:00 p.m.
We invite you to join in this wonderful tradition of ushering in the Christmas season with lessons from scripture and carols sung by our Parish Choir and congregation.

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Do You Have Experience Writing Grants?

TP Fire Dept. needs your help! Contact Jeff Carle at 513-831-2196 for more info.

Never Too Early To Dream of Spring

This is a reminder that the Garden Club will be holding its major fundraiser on May 6th, 2023. Please get ready to put in your order for our fantastic flowering annuals by late February 2023.

Look for the order form in the January and February issues of the Village Views.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Returns

The TP Holiday Home Decorating Contest is back! Last month's Village Views erroneously said it would be held during the tree lighting but the actual date is **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14!** If you are new to TP, the contest is a chance to show your neighbors (and Duke Energy) that you are filled with the holiday spirit by decorating the outside of your home and win-

ning money for charity! Judging will take place on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 14, and prizes will be given for Best White Lights, Best Colored Lights, and the Clark W. Griswold Award for the biggest WOW! Winners will receive a special gift and a \$100 donation will be made to the charity of your choice! The contest is sponsored by the Terrace Park Village Views and Steve

Early with Sibcy Cline Realtors. It's free to enter but you must let the Village Views know that you want your TP home to be considered by Dec 12. Please don't nominate a neighbor's house. It's a nice gesture but it's confusing to everyone, especially if they don't know you're doing it. You can email your house info to TPVillageViews@gmail.com or text Steve Early at 513-382-1218. Thanks and Happy Holidays!



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The next deadline for Village Views is Friday, December 15th. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. All advertisements go to Gregg MacMillan at macmillan@mac.com. All articles go to Steve Early 382-1218 or tpvillageviews@gmail.com. Questions? Call Steve Early at 382-1218.

Advertisements for Village Views may be placed in a variety of sizes. A business card size (2x4) is only \$24 per month. A classified ad is \$10 to Village residents only. Payment must accompany ad. Call Business Manager Gregg MacMillan @ 702-9370 for additional rates. Village Views welcomes your business.



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