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Marian Lane Repairs On Council's To-Do List

Submitted by Sue Porter

With photo documentation in hand and her neighbors' best interests at heart, Meghan Latimer attended Terrace Park Village Council's April 2 meeting to ask for repairs on the Marian Lane cul de sac. As was explained, truck traffic, parked cars and motorists who have strayed from the street have gradually weakened the road's shoulder, creating deep ruts that retain water runoff and erosion that has caused the pavement to deteriorate.

Councilmembers were sympathetic to her plea for help, and Administrator Jerry Hayhow offered several solutions during the discussion. He said he'd find a way to fix the street and the blacktop funds to do it. Several councilmembers asked for copies of the photos for their files.

As a follow-up to last month's swearing into service of seven Terrace Park Fire Department volunteers, Mayor Tom Tepe welcomed Kyle Welling, another member of the class, and administered the oath to him.

In official reports:

• Tepe said newcomers to Terrace Park will be welcomed at a special event April 30, at 6 p.m. in the Community Building, and he again asked motorists to drive carefully and watch-out for children.

• Emergency Medical Services Chief John Maggard said more than 60 citizens received CPR training at two sessions organized by Bo Hesser. A make-up session will be offered April 29 at the fire station.

• Hayhow said Cincinnati's eastern suburbs, including Terrace Park, are seeing an uptick in criminal activity by thieves who pose as water line, electric or other service providers to distract residents while accomplices enter homes and leave with valuables. "Please call 911 if something doesn't feel right," Hayhow said. "If it turns out to be a legitimate service call, we will be kind. But if it is not, we want to protect our residents from harm."

Council passed the following measures:

• Thomas Wells, who retired in July 2023 as chief of the Springdale Police Department after 33 years in law enforcement, was hired for \$1 a year as an auxiliary police officer. Police Chief Hayhow said Officer Wells will not be on patrols in the village but will instead offer the department training and consulting services.

• An amendment to the "publication by posting" ordinance received its third reading and was approved. As a result, residents and interested others will now receive official notices via the village website and postings at the administration building. In response to residents' requests, a small bulletin board may be placed on the village green for notifications as well.

• Since the village no longer employs an arborist and outsources the work instead, council approved moving money from the salary and benefits accounts to the tree budget account in the 2024 operating fund.



2030 Eras Tour

The Terrace Parkl Elementary 6th grade class performed to top songs from their kindergarten to current 6th grade year during last month TPE talent show! Congrats to the graduating class who will be moving on to middle school next year!

Dear Neighbors,

People often joke that in Cincinnati we move right from the depths of winter into the humid pit of summer and we skip spring altogether, but that can't be said this year. It's been a colorful spring from the first snowdrops that broke ground in February to the purple wisteria that's blooming now. (if you missed the incredible wisteria along Wooster Pike just west of Terrace Park, make sure you catch it next year!)

Prom has now passed, the boy scouts have delivered their mulch, and the Garden Club plant sale is just around the corner. The Terrace Park Swim Club website is already taking dues for the upcoming season and all of this means that summer is just around the bend.

In this issue of the Village Views we have some photos of the great eclipse last month, news on a local gymnast, and a delinquent drone causing trouble for Lunken Airport. Next month will feature our Class of 2024 grads and kick off the summer season in TP. You know you can count on the Village Views to bring you the summer swim team coverage, the best vacation photos, and the latest financial report from the lemonade stand sector of our local economy. It's all part of the lazy, warm days that make up summer life here in the little village by the river.

In fact, if you enjoy the local coverage from the Village Views, we are asking you to consider making a small donation for the future of the paper. We are essentially volunteer run and we do everything we can to keep the cost of advertising very reasonable, even in the face of rising production costs. For decades the Village Views would include an annual solicitation

for donations in one of the issues, but we have not done it in many years now and the coffers reflect as much. We are not in financial trouble, but we need to keep our eyes on the future. There's more information in this issue about how you can give and I hope you will. Small town newspapers are a dying breed, and here in the smallest of small towns, we hope to keep the Village Views coming to your mailbox every month for years to come with all the news you need from pancake dinners and sports champs to lost dogs and donkeys. It's a unique paper for a very unique place. So until next month I remain,

Your Editor,

Steve Early

See You on the Dark Side of the Moon

Life in Terrace Park and across most of the country came to a standstill on the afternoon of Monday, April 8, as the 2024 solar eclipse captured the nation's attention. Mariemont Schools dismissed students at noon and while some of your neighbors travelled an hour north into the path of totality, there were also gatherings at the elementary school, Stanton and Drackett Fields, as well as yards across the Park.

The weather cooperated and a warm, sunny, ideal spring day set the stage for the solar show. At Drackett, dogs and kids ran free, pop up soccer and lacrosse games formed, and the



A pop-up eclipse party at Drackett.

What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library

- May 2024

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Movers & Shakers Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

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Star Wars Day — Saturday, May 4 All day

Participate in our Jedi Training, crafts, and photo opportunities. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Coding Club — Tuesday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

Learn to code with new games and challenges every month. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Legos @ the Library — Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

Show us what you can build and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts.

Tweens and Teens Pokemon TCG Club — Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m.

Learn to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, challenge other trainers, trade cards, and make new friends. Bring your own cards or play with one of our decks. Ages 7-14.



Adults

The History of Your House — Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Visit to discuss the resources available through the library for property research

Book Chat: Local Author Erin Jamieson — Tuesday, May

Pick up a copy of Jamieson's Sky of Ashes, Land of Dreams at the branch, then come ready to chat with Erin!

New Baby Bootcamp — Thursday, May 9

Drop in, or stay all day, to learn about literacy, development, cpr and more!

Mariemont Mystery Book Club — Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss The Long Call by Ann Cleeves. Copies available at the branch.

Book Club — Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. Copies available at the branch.

Watercolor Landscape — Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m.

This watercolor landscape class will explore using watercolor to depict nature. Registration Required.

Adult Tabletop and Puzzle Club — Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

Come roll the dice, strategize, and puzzle your way through a fantastic evening of fun.

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, May 17th. Please limit length to 350 words. Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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The deadline is Friday, May 17th at 9 p.m.

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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Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

On 3/6, an officer was called to Stanton Avenue for an 18-month-old who locked himself in the bathroom. The officer was successfully in opening the bathroom door, and all was ok! It appears this toddler was just getting some early practice at being a dad as yours truly has pulled this move many times in the past.

On 3/16, an Officer was dispatched to the area of Elm and

Wooster Pike for a large drone that flew within 50 ft. of the airpath of a plane dispatched from Lunken Airport. The complainant stated that the drone was spotted in this area hovering about 3,000 feet in the air. The Officer thoroughly searched the area but was unable to locate a drone. Let the conspiracy theories begin TP! Was it a UFO (UAP)? The Easter Bunny? An Egg-stra Terrestrial?





Periodically, The Village Views finds it necessary to ask the community for support and it's been quite a few years since the last time we asked. Our support is primarily from advertising by local businesses and we're hoping not to have to increase their rates. During and after the pandemic, many small businesses have been struggling.

The Village Views is a 501(C)3 non-profit, so your donations may be tax deductible. Contributions can either be mailed to: Village Views, PO Box 212, Terrace Park OH 45174 or you can Venmo to: @VillageViews

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1983 Bonnie Tyler power ballad, "Total Eclipse of the Heart" was blasted from more than one bluetooth speaker as the moon bluetooth speaker as the moon blocked out over 99% of the sun overhead. The temperature dropped, the breeze picked up, and the security lights in the baseball dugouts came on as the false dusk settled over TP for more than four minutes.

There won't be another eclipse visible over North America until 2044 and Ohio won't have such great seats for that one. So until then, here's a few memories from "The Great American Eclipse of 2024".



The Mackeys experienced totality in Rushville, Indiana



Charlie and Grant Renneker in the backyard.



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Dan Keefe took in the show with neighbors at Drackett Field.



Emma H, Emma P, Austin R, Pruitt R, Miller R watching the eclipse from TP.



Terrace Park Elementary students enjoyed an v release from school to take in the view



It was a viewing party on Lexington Ave. Terrace Park Elementary students enjoyed an early release from school to take in the view!



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Obituary

Esther H.M. Power, 99, of Cincinnati, OH passed away quietly on April 3, 2024 after a long and fruitful life. Esther was born on November 12, 1924 to Raymond Moore and Grace Brinton. Esther, wife of the late Paul F. Power, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati, is mother of Laura Hobson, Anthony (Holly) Power, Paul (deceased) (Dawn) Power, and Edward (LiLi) and grandmother to Kyle, Grace and Angela. Esther graduated from the Wilmington Friends School in Delaware and Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. She was formerly active in the PTA, League of Women Voters, and UC faculty wives' groups. Her interest in researching local history led her to volunteer in the archaeology department of the Cincinnati Museum Center for twenty years after several years helping at the Cincinnati Historical Society. She later served as volunteer records keeper and archivist for the Village of Terrace Park in the 1990s. She loved the challenge



of finding new information and sharing what she learned with others - either in written stories or themed postcard collections. Esther often had a jigsaw puzzle to work on – and to make it a challenge without using the cover art. Esther's life was celebrated on Friday, April 19 at Spring Grove Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to the Cincinnati Museum Center. Online condolences may be made at www.springgrove.org

Esther H.M. Power

SUMMER FUN

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Mark your Calendars!

ALL WELCOME! Details to Follow...

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Questions: Contact Sonya Geers 📉 sgeers@stthomasepiscopal.org

Get ready for for Family Nights this Summer at St. Thomas!

Movie Night at St. Thomas 8/9 6:30pm

NIGHTS

Garden Club Flower Show Coming: "Floral Reflections of Terrace Park Landmarks"

Terrace Park has many beautiful and well loved features. If you are someone who appreciates the gorgeous gardens and iconic landmarks, then please join us at our flower show at TP Community Building on 4th June 2024, 3-5pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy photographs and floral arrangements depicting special places including St. Thomas Church, the Little Miami River, the Log Cabin, and TP Elementary School.

For those of you who

enjoy plants, there will be displays of horticultural items grown by garden club members. There will also be some cute cacti and fairy gardens for the kids to enjoy. This is a free event for all TP residents and guests. Refreshments will be served and visitors can be entered into a raffle to win a beautiful flower container.

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OTR Museum Presents Immigrant Experience

The Over-the-Rhine Museum is delighted to invite you to an intimate fundraising event on Saturday, May 18th at 10:30 AM at First Lutheran Church, 1208 Race Street in the second floor gallery.

Historian Andrew Houghtaling opens a new window into daily life in early Over-the-Rhine in his newly published translation of Frederick Finnup's little-known memoir, The Story of My Life. Prussian immigrant Frederick Finnup arrived in Cincinnati as a five-year-old in 1845. He lived in Cincinnati for twenty years and fought with a local regiment in the Civil War. After the war he moved to Indiana and then Kansas. At the end of his life he penned a memoir for his children including vivid details of his time in Cincinnati. Houghtaling has just translated and annotated this all-but-forgotten memoir. This event will feature a discussion of Finnup's time in Cincinnati and of Houghtaling's experience deciphering and providing context



for the handwritten memoir. Ticket purchase includes a copy of the book, The Story of My Life, and catered breakfast.

Tickets can be purchased for \$65 each at otrmuse-

um.org/events. Breakfast begins at 10:00 AM. Proceeds support the Over-the-Rhine Museum. Space is limited to 40 attendees.

Summer Fun with MariElders

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Avery!

Steel City Shoot Out Tournament Winners



Three Peat

Congrats to the Mariemont 5th grade team who won their third straight Steel City Shoot Out tournament!



Three Peat

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Champs

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Submitted by: Simone Kempiners

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