

Duke Taking Residency For Three-Year Project

Submitted by Sue Porter

Though Duke Energy's massive gas line replacement project won't begin until early 2025, preparations are underway at Terrace Park's Environmental Services Center to create a base for operations. As Administrator Jerry Hayhow explained at Village Council's Sept 3 meeting, equipment and supplies will be stored there to avoid traffic issues and eyesores along local streets.

The project, which is expected to take three years, will require retrenching and in some areas pavement removal to replace aging steel pipelines with plastic pipes leading to 95 percent of local homes.

Hayhow will be working closely with Duke representatives and will keep village residents updated through the CodeRED system.

CodeRED is a free online service that provides registered residents with timely announcements and updates on official business. Sign-up instructions are available on the village website www.terracepark.org or by texting "terracepark" to 99411 with a smartphone.

In council action, an ordinance for 2025 funding to remove diseased trees, trim healthy trees and plant new ones was approved. Regina Sharp, councilmember responsible for buildings and grounds, said the village's new arborist will oversee the work at the same rate as 2024.

In his monthly report, Mayor Tom Tepe again called on motorists to "look out for kids because they aren't looking out for you." He also reiterated remarks he'd made at the village's annual Labor Day celebration, where he thanked residents who'd made

the day's family bike ride, ice cream social, parade and festival possible, and then called upon younger residents to become community volunteers.

John Maggard, Emergency Medical Services chief, also addressed the need for residents to support the community with their time. He said that of the three volunteers who joined the department this year, no one resides locally. To raise awareness and hopefully recruit residents for the next training class in January, the department is hosting an open house Sept. 14.

Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield reminded residents to have their fireplaces inspected and cleaned before starting their first fires this fall. He also reiterated Hamilton County's burn ban and reminded residents that open burning and the burning of brush and leaves are prohibited. However, the use of personal firepits is permissible if they are not left unattended.

In his report, Police Chief Hayhow said that a portable speed display sign has been purchased to help the department collect information on speed, time and traffic patterns. The data will be used to strategically place officers and ultimately reduce residents' complaints about speeding motorists.

Regarding money matters, Chief Finance Officer Katie Lyons said the annual audit is ongoing and Jeff LeMay, councilmember who oversees finance, said Terrace Park has received second-half funding from property owners' taxes paid to Hamilton County and the current budget is being met.



She's a Yankee Doodle Dandy

There will be one more person in line to vote at the community house this November as TP's Beverley Cooke is now an American citizen! The ceremony was held on September 17 and family, friends, and co-workers both past and present gathered afterward at Little Miami Brewing for a surprise celebration. A native of Wales, Beverley has been a resident of Terrace Park for more than 25 years, raising two children here, and she is known to many families as the long-time face in the front office at Terrace Park Elementary. Congratulations, Beverley!

Dear Neighbors,

Well, the golden month of October has arrived but as we continue to bake in the sun during this endless drought, it looks like it's going to be the brown and dry month of October this year.

I can only remember one other year in my lifetime when we had drought conditions this severe in Terrace Park and that was the late 1980s. This was long before emails and automated "Code Red" calls, so a different colored flag was flown over the community house each day. Red meant no watering white signaled it was ok to water. Let's hope rain brings an end to it soon!

If you've kept up with

your council minutes then you know that we are in for a very long project with Duke Energy starting next spring. It looks like it could drag on for years, so enjoy the peaceful autumn and winter here in the little village by the river because it may be awhile before it's quiet again!

There's plenty to read about this month in the Village Views as we celebrate the milestones, accomplishments and future plans of your neighbors. October is always a busy month here in Terrace Park, capped by our favorite holiday- Halloween! If you're thinking about writing to TPList and asking if we can move trick-or-treating to the weekend, I'll save you the

time- the question has been asked before and the answer is always no. We always celebrate Halloween on Halloween Night. It's a Thursday this year so be sure to catch the parade of costumes around the school which is held just after lunch on the 31st, and then have your candy ready to hand out that night from 6-8pm.

Hard to believe we will be on to November after that but it's coming fast. We'll be talking about holiday lights and luminaria before you know it so enjoy autumn while you can. Until next month I remain,

Your Editor,
Steve Early

Garden Club's Autumn Bounty Sale Returns



Submitted by Nancy Aubke

The Autumn Bounty Sale occurred on September 21 and the Terrace Park Garden Club appreciates your incredible support of our Fall and Spring plant sales. This photo from last year's sale shows two adorable little girls with their selection of pumpkins and Mums. We hope you are enjoying the seasonal plants and produce you chose this year! Look for lots more photos in the next issue.

Calling All Veterans

Mariemont High School will hold a Veterans Day assembly on November 11 and wants to invite local veterans to appear, be recognized, and be part of the program. Any participating veterans need to arrive to MHS (I Warrior Way) by 1:30pm. Please contact teacher David Wolfford, dwolfford@mariemontschools.org or 513-272-7640 to RSVP.



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What’s Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - October 2024

Youth– Please note, our storytimes have changed!
Movers and Shakers — Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
You and your child will shake it together! Sing, dance, and enjoy music, movement, and fun. Ages 1-4.

Library Babies — Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories and movement. Ages birth – 18 months.

Toddler Storytime — Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music and fun. Ages 18 months-36 months.

NEW! KinderBridge Storytime — Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Get ready for kindergarten with stories, songs, and hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 4 – 6 years.
Stem Discovery Day — Wednesday, Oct. 9 AND Oct. 23. Drop in anytime between 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
We offer a variety of hands-on STEM activities designed to inspire and educate. Recommended for grades 2-8.

Legos @ the Library — Saturday, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Show us what you can build and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts.

Crafternoons: Spooky Slime — Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 3:30-5 p.m.
Create eerie, oozy slime that’s perfect for the Halloween season. For all ages! Registration recommended.

Pokémon Trading Card Game Club — Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.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 7-15.

Spooky Ooky Time with May Festival MiNiS — Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m.
Wear your costume and get ready to learn some fun sing-along songs for the season!
R2-D2 Library Visit — Saturday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Zoom over to the Mariemont Library to meet a life-size, working R2-D2 astromech! Chat with its creator, Steve Mays, and embark on a Star Wars scavenger hunt. Costumes are welcome!

Mariemont Monster Mash — Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wear your favorite costume and dance the night away. Venture into our spooky tunnel (if you dare!) and enjoy a thrilling scavenger hunt. Plus, there will be plenty of library goodies for everyone. For grades K-6.

Adults Which Craft: Knitting and Crocheting Group — Saturday, Oct. 5 AND Oct. 19 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Bring the knitting or crocheting project you’re working on to the library and work with others.

Mariemont Mystery Book Club — Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss Wicked Autumn by G.M. Malliet. Copies available at the branch.

Your Library is Your Free Kindle Resource — Friday, Oct. 11 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Bring your mobile device, along with any questions that you have about searching, borrowing, and managing Kindle titles through Libby, and join us as we learn all about accessing your library’s Kindle collection.

Book Club — Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss Olga Dies Dreaming by Xochitl Gonzalez. Copies available at the branch.

tickets are just \$10. But for the ultimate experience, buy the family VIP tickets for \$75. VIP tickets include two chairs, one large LaRosa’s pizza, movie snack box (candy, popcorn, chips), beer/wine, souvenir cups, a halloween treat, water/ Gatorade, and glow trinkets! In case of rain, the event will take place in Community Building. Questions: please reach out to Samantha Hawks (samanthahawks1@gmail.com)

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 11. 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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Police Report

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

During the month of August, Officers received multiple calls to assist in removing snakes from residences IN MILFORD! We did it, TP! The snakes have migrated to Milford. I was incredibly nervous after seeing a few recent posts on TP List regarding massive snakes in the neighborhood. This crime reporter does not do snakes. Goodbye sneaky snakes!
On 8/7, an officer

encountered two subjects (heroes) that had been soliciting door to door without a permit. Both Subjects stated they work for a pest solutions company. Let that sink in. A pest solutions company! Think the snakes got wind of these fine gentleman wandering around the neighborhood?! There is no other explanation. Thank you “pest solutions company”!

Letter to the Community

To the residents of the Mariemont City School District:

As real estate professionals working and living in the school district, we want to share our perspective on the proposed Mariemont City Schools Levy, Issue 27.

It’s fairly simple. Communities are defined by their schools, which in turn impacts the value of their homes. The number one factor bringing new families to our neighborhoods is the excellent reputation of the Mariemont City School District.

Our schools’ high achievement and strong support is a huge selling point to buyers and often the reason they end up purchasing in our community. The district’s reputation for quality programming, staff and

administration has a positive impact on the value of our homes.

Let’s come together as communities and support our number one asset, our schools. Please join us in voting FOR Issue 27.

Sincerely,

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Calling all Chefs, Bakers, Foodies and Mixologists!

Your local Kindervelt Chapter #76 is organizing a 2025 Terrace Park Cookbook centered around gatherings. We are looking for your amazing recipes to share with our wonderful community. This can be any special recipe you have, we will be including: recipes for small and large groups, formal and casual, cocktails and mocktails, smoothies, coffee drinks, soups, salads, entrees and desserts! Additionally, we are looking for kid favorites, meal train ideas,

potluck recipes, appetizers & more!

When you submit: Please include your first and last name, how long you have lived in the village, and tell us about your recipe (origin, something it pairs well with, anything fun to share, if your recipe is gluten free, paleo, keto, vegan, etc.)

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Garden Club Donates Smart TV

Most of you know that one of the main roles of the Garden Club is to beautify the village by supplying and maintaining the beds and bridge boxes with beautiful colored flowers. But did you know that TPGC does many other things, including running capital projects to donate items to the village? This is made possible by your generous purchases from the Spring and Autumn Bounty sales combined with help from the Gatch Foundation.

In the past, the garden club mainly donated outdoor items including park benches for the village to enjoy. This year they decided to do something different and donate an 85 inch smart TV and stand for the community building. This is a win-win because it eliminates the many glitches and technology issues the garden club had with past guest speakers, while providing an improved facility that all village

groups can use.

The TV system is already up and running and is now the property of the village. This means that other Terrace Park groups that reserve the building through the village office can access it as well. The club plans to use it for all upcoming events, including the table setting event on October 1st, which is open to the public. The club hopes to see you at the event and hope you make as much good use of the TV as they will!

The Terrace Park Garden Club would like to take the opportunity to thank the village office, EMS and village resident Bill Evans for the great support and partnership in completing this project. Thanks to the Gatch Foundation for their ongoing generosity to the club. Finally, thanks again to all TP residents for your ongoing support of the club!



TP Resident Offering Seasoned Firewood Delivery & Gravel Top Dressing

Looking for seasoned firewood this year? Fall is just around the corner, so it's time to get your wood delivered and stacked for those fire pits and fireplaces. Terrace Park's Alec Vianello is selling a mixture of seasoned hardwoods that come split with some smaller pieces that are perfect for kindling. Alec, a graduate of Mariemont High School and Miami University, can deliver and stack the wood at your TP home. Do

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He has done several tree lightings in TP as well as

Mariemont, Milford, Erlanger and St Ursula Villa. Throughout November, he shoots hundreds of family Christmas photos with various photographers throughout the tri-state. Hometown Santa now has several "real bearded" Santas that visit churches, schools, community events, country clubs, restaurants and homes.

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Project SEARCH made such an impact that it wasn't long before companies across the country and around the world learned about the



Terrace Park Resident, Erin Riehle

groundbreaking program. They saw the value of a strong and diverse workforce that includes people with all abilities and established Project SEARCH sites in their own offices. And those companies and others

helped expand the program worldwide through generous donations.

Through patience, understanding, hard work and education, Erin has helped thousands of young people realize their potential. And more than that, she's helped employers and communities understand that when someone has different abilities, they're capable of great things.

What started as an experiment in a basement classroom at a Cincinnati Children's Hospital main campus has grown to include more than 700 training and employment sites worldwide. Soon, Erin will retire knowing that she's changed thousands of lives.

MariElders Autumn Reminders

As fall unfolds with its vibrant colors and crisp air, it's a time to reflect on the season's lessons about change. Just as leaves fall to make way for new growth, this is a great opportunity to review and adjust your plans for the future.

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. Use this time to review your medical plan and make any necessary changes. Additionally, consider creating or updating your advanced care planning documents. Discuss your healthcare wishes with your family, doctor, and attorney to ensure all of you are clear about your future wishes.

In this season of transition, let's support each other through both joyful and challenging conversations. Whether you're enjoying cozy moments or facing difficulties, remember you're not alone. Embrace the changes fall brings and lean on your community for support. Together, we can navigate this season with grace and resilience.



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Address	Beds - Baths	Sold Price	Reed & Roe helped:
123 Windingbrook Ln	4 bed - 2.5 bath	\$420,000	Buyer & Seller
330 Harvard Ave	3 bed - 2 bath	\$568,000	Buyer
3 Melissa Ct	3 bed - 2 bath	\$590,000	Seller
120 Winding Brook Ln	4 bed - 2.5 bath	\$625,000	
765 Wooster Pk	3 bed - 3.5 bath	\$675,000	
114 Fieldstone Dr	4 bed - 2/2 bath	\$699,000	
603 Floral Ave	3 bed - 2 bath	\$700,000	Seller
207 Marietta Ave	4 bed - 3.5 bath	\$810,000	
501 Miami Ave	4 bed - 2.5 bath	\$873,000	Seller
925 Elm Ct	4 bed - 3.5 bath	\$955,000	
212 Miami Ave	5 bed - 3/2 bath	\$1,355,000	Buyer
12 Denison Ln	5 bed - 5 bath	\$1,375,000	Seller
OFF MARKET SALES:			
829 Princeton Dr	2 bed - 2 bath	\$610,000	Buyer
728 Miami Ave	3 bed - 2 bath	\$675,000	Buyer
406 Western Ave	4 bed - 2/2 bath	\$819,000	Buyer & Seller
907 Elm Ave	3 bed - 2.5 bath	\$990,000	Buyer & Seller
300 Rugby Ave	5 bed - 3.5 bath	\$1,025,000	Buyer & Seller
731 Elm Ave	5 bed - 4/2 bath	\$1,150,000	Buyer
108 Miami Ave	4 bed - 3/2 bath	\$1,160,000	Buyer & Seller
718 Yale Ave	4 bed - 4.5 bath	\$1,325,000	Buyer & Seller
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Terrace Park, OH

Backstage at the Haunted House

by Steve Early

When you are a kid growing up in Terrace Park, there are some annual traditions that you really look forward to every year. For me, it was the first day that the pool opened in May, the Labor Day Festival in September, and more than both of those- the haunted house at the Pumpkin Festival in October.

Now if you are reading this and thinking, “There’s no haunted house at Pumpkin Fest”, you are correct. It hasn’t been a part of the fundraiser for years now. I believe that’s because of insurance concerns, but in the 80’s and 90’s it was undoubtedly the most popular attraction of the spooky evening. While the bid-n-buy, cake walk, and other games went on, the line for the haunted house would form all the way down the main hall of the school.

Part of the draw was the old school building itself. Prior to the massive renovations in 2011, the original brick section of the school was essentially unchanged from 1913. This meant that the high ceilings, cloak rooms, dark stairs and old windows that were a part of every busy school day, seemed to take on an eerie, sinister appearance when encountered in the dark of night.

The massive old gymnasium, where the festival

was held, took up the entire rear portion of the building, which is essentially where the kindergarten and pre-school rooms are today. On one end of the gym was a large stage and curtain, and “the haunted house” was back there. You entered from Mrs. Henley’s music room, (now an intervention/IEP space), and an ancient door from the back of her classroom led through a dark, narrow, passage behind the stage that seemed to have been built for jump scares. And while standing in the long line waiting your turn, the screams and laughter from those already inside only seemed to heighten one’s youthful expectations. At the end of your haunted tour, you scrambled down a narrow set of stairs on the side of the stage and back into the bright lights of the festival.

Oddly enough, the space where this haunted house was held is one of the few places from the old building that still exists. In the rear of a supply closet in the current school, a locked door leads to this old backstage space, even though the stage itself is long gone. It is full of ductwork and wires now, but it still looks and smells exactly the way it did in 1986.

That’s about the year the haunted house began. In the beginning it was just a few parents in homemade disguises

hiding in the darkness, but it seemed to expand every year, growing in sets, props, costumes and scares. By 1992 it moved to the basement of the old school, which was even creepier than the backstage area. Accessed by two dark, narrow staircases just outside of the gym doors, the space had once been locker rooms and showers in the old high school days, then became a Cold War fallout shelter in the 1950s, and was finally just a cavernous storage space by the early 90s. But what a great place it was to encounter a monster in the dark!

Part of the fun was knowing that the witch was just Ashley Seta’s mom, the fortune teller was Tina Hesser, and the zombie behind the old boiler was just your soccer coach. But for one night only they were the terrifying ghosts and ghouls who make Halloween the festive tradition that children so love in Terrace Park.

I spoke to Marcy McClelland Schutte who started the haunted house, and John Wenstrup, who expanded in later years. With great fondness, both recalled memories of long hours working together with other parents to make the event such a success for the kids. Like the Labor Day Festival Garage Sale, the haunted house is only a memory now, but one that every kid who grew up in Terrace Park still remembers with a smile.



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