

## AP Students Attend Council Meeting

Submitted by Sue Porter

If Terrace Park were to honor a volunteer of the year, John Maggard of Marian Lane would be a – and possibly the – top contender. Not only does he serve as emergency medical services chief but following Village Council's Nov. 6 meeting, he is also interim chief of the fire department. His appointment was made by Mayor Tom Tepe and unanimously approved by council.

"He gives more time than

he has to our community," said Tepe. "Thank you, John, for stepping-up." To which Maggard responded, "I do appreciate your approval of the change in command for me and I will do the best I can."

Attending the monthly meeting were 10 Mariemont High School advanced placement government class seniors, who introduced themselves and occasionally asked questions when they didn't understand procedures or policies. For

example, when council member John Gaskey, who oversees planning and zoning, reported a significant drop in variance requests the past four years, they learned why zoning rules are necessary. Gaskey and Solicitor Jeff Forbes also explained the variance process and said the village's recently revised building code is primarily responsible for the drop because it better

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## Dear Neighbors,

There's nothing like the holidays in Terrace Park; no matter how your household celebrates, it's a time of parties, pageants, friends, family and fun. And with the longest school break of the year just ahead, the youngest residents of the village seem more excited than ever.

There's a lot happening in this issue as we look ahead to holiday plans this month, and even start talking about next season's spring plant sale. It was a warm, wonderful autumn with flowers blooming well into November, but I say it's never

too soon to start talking about spring!

We are also saying goodbye this month to Steve Dronsfield, who we lost unexpectedly in November. Steve was not only our Fire Chief, he was also a coach, a teammate, a friend, a father and a husband and the loss of him will be felt throughout the village. You can read more about his remarkable life and so much more in this month's Village Views.

It's been another fun year recapping the highlights that defined life in Terrace Park

in 2024 and I know 2025 will bring more of the same. From grade school games to graduation gowns, you know you'll find it all right here in your favorite neighborhood paper. Thanks Terrace Park, and Happy Holidays to you and your family from all of us at the Village Views. Until next month I remain,

Your Editor,

Steve Early

## The Giving Tree

When the drone of chainsaws started on the morning of November 7, I knew it was the final curtain for one of Terrace Park's most magnificent trees. The majestic oak that stood just south of the gazebo on the Village Green had been roped off since a dangerous limb broke free the week before. After that, an examination revealed that this grande dame of the village canopy had reached the end of her life, and needed to come down before she fell down.

And what a tree she was! For more than a century the tree stood silent sentinel over Christmas Tree lightings, Easter Egg hunts, summer concerts, and Memorial Day ceremonies. Generations of Terrace Park children found respite from the summer heat under her shady arms during many Labor Day Festivals and countless bicycles were leaned against her dependable trunk before pickup games on the lawn. Still, in a matter of hours she was dismantled and fed to the wood chipper. A newcomer to the village today would never know she was there.

Of course, it's ridiculous to be sentimental about a tree; they grow, mature, and eventually die, just as all living things do. But the rich, green marquee of fantastic old trees has always been a defining aspect of our village character, and preserving it is important. In 1895, when the village founders had hardly enough money to keep the oil lamps filled, they



Now you see it, now you don't.



The Little Miami River band playing a summer concert under the shady branches of the great oak tree.

still found it important enough to spend money on the planting of 600 trees throughout the village. In 1896 they planted 100 more, and the same again in 1897 and 1898. We can thank their foresight for making this "the Park" we all love.

At the schoolyard just down Elm, two incredible trees of similar age were also lost this year, leaving the once shady playground along Marietta

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Steve Dronsfield

## Remembering Steve Dronsfield

It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of Steven M. Dronsfield, age 50, of Terrace Park, Ohio on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Steven is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer Anne Kipp Dronsfield; his cherished daughter, Mary Rachael Dronsfield; and his adored son, Walter Michael Dronsfield. He is also survived by his parents, Roger Timothy Dronsfield and Cheryl Baum Dronsfield; his sister, Trisha Dronsfield; his father-in-law, George Christian Kipp, Jr.; and his mother-in-law, Mary Gehrig Kipp. Additionally, Steven leaves behind many brothers- and sisters-in-law, as well as seven beloved nieces and nephews.

Steve was born on November 1, 1974, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and spent his childhood in northern Virginia, living at Fort Belvoir and later in Springfield. A 1993 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Steve went on to attend Roanoke College, where he played on the lacrosse team and co-founded the Roanoke Club Hockey Team. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice in 1998.

It was at Roanoke College that Steve met his wife, Jennifer. The two became friends on their very first day as freshmen and began dating several years later. Steve and Jen married in 1999 and recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, just one month before Steve's passing.

Steve served as a police officer with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C., from 1999 to 2004. While he loved his time spent with his fellow officers, his absolute favorite part of the job was connecting and supporting the kids on his beat. He embraced every opportunity to visit the local public library, where he helped kids with their homework and formed relationships with them.

In 2005, Steve and his family relocated to Terrace Park, Ohio, shortly after the birth of his daughter. He embraced the role of stay-at-home dad during her early months, a time he truly enjoyed. Steve later returned to work in Washington, D.C., in 2007, contributing to the Pentagon Renovation Project. In 2010, he became a Special Agent with the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency. While Steve took pride in his work, it was the people he worked with every day who brought him the greatest joy. For Steve, it was always about the relationships he built along the way.

Steve had a true passion for serving his community. In 2012, he joined the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department and was honored to be promoted to Chief in 2018. He was truly dedicated to the fire department, holding a deep respect and genuine care for every member of his team. Steve had a remarkable ability to recognize each firefighter's unique strengths and made it a priority to encourage them to take on roles where they could excel and thrive.

Steve's true second home was on the ice. He was an avid ice hockey player and coach and a charter member of the Indian Hill Winter Club. Steve loved men's league hockey and rarely turned down a request to substitute for other teams when they were short on players. This act of of subbing for others became affectionately known as "pulling a Drons". Whether playing for his own team or subbing for others, Steve brought his energy and love of hanging with his teammates and competitors to every game. Afterward, you would always find him sharing a beer and catching up with the guys.

But Steve's passion was, no doubt, coaching kids. He

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

Youth 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.

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.

CSI Science: Presented by Hamilton Co 4H — Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 4-5 p.m.  
You will learn the science of crime scene investigation. Each activity explores a different sleuthing skill like fingerprint identification, analyzing evidence, and developing critical thinking and inquiry skills.  
For Ages 8+. Registration required.

Legos @ the Library — Saturday, Dec.14 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Show us what you can build and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts.

Stem Discovery Day — Wednesday, Dec. 11 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 K-8.  
Pokémon Trading Card Game Club — Saturday, Dec. 21 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.

Adults Which Craft: Knitting and Crocheting Group — Saturday, Dec. 7 AND Dec. 21 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.

DIY Pinecone Craft — Monday, Dec. 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Make your own small pinecone wreath to bring home! All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Mystery Book Club — Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
Join us to discuss A House Divided by Sulari Gentill. Copies available on the Hoopla app.

Book Club — No December Meeting  
Book Club resumes on January 27

The library will close early at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 for New Year’s Eve.

and bring their skates-or borrow a pair from the club-to enjoy some time on the ice in Steve’s memory.  
In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to The Steven Dronsfield Foundation. Inspired by Steve’s passion for hockey and his iconic #21 legacy, the foundation is dedicated to empowering youth to “Play Hard, Dream Big.” Through its efforts, the foundation continues Steve’s mission of fostering opportunities for young athletes to pursue their dreams and develop a love for the game that meant so much to him. Donations in Steve’s honor will help ensure his spirit and commitment to making a difference live on. Donations may be sent to The Steven Dronsfield Foundation, c/o Indian Hill Winter Club, 10005

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, December 13. 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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Village Views welcomes readers to submit articles: promo-tions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

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Police Report

Submitted by Eric Schmidt  
On 10/14, an officer was dispatched to a residence on Miami Avenue because there were two individuals wearing uniforms, helmets, and they were armed with rifles. Rifles?! In our little village down by the river?! Did Halloween come early? Football players with guns?! So many questions. As the officer arrived, he spoke to the homeowner, and further information revealed that the Subjects had rang the

doorbell and as the homeowner approached the door, both Subjects ran to the backyard. The homeowner advised that she forgot her husband made an appointment to have their gutters cleaned. Both Subjects were wearing uniforms and were wearing helmets as part of their employment. I wonder where the rifles came into play here. We may never know, and this one will haunt the village for as long as we live.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
I read with great interest your recent article in the Village Views titled “When UC Took Their Lumps from Stumps”. I am a long time Stumps Boat Club member and also serve as the chair of the Club’s History Committee. I thought you might enjoy some additional history related to the Stumps football team and the Club’s sports history.

The Stumps football team did indeed beat the UC football squad back in 1902, 23 – 0. The Stumps team then beat the UC squad again in 1904, 6 – 0, a season in which UC was otherwise undefeated. Based on our research the two teams did not play in 1903. No doubt the UC team was trying to rest up from the 1902 loss, before taking on again the mighty Stumps team. Those games were played at Carson Field which is where Nippert Stadium is located today. It is my understanding that the field is still actually named Carson Field, with the stadium being the James Gamble Nippert Nippert Memorial Stadium. The field is apparently named after Arch Carson who was the UC physical education director around the turn of century.

Enclosed is some information related to the UC football record for the years 1902 – 1904. Also enclosed is a copy of a photograph of the Stumps football team, along with a listing of the players, from either 1904 or 1906. One of our members found this photo in an old Spaulding Football Guide from that period. They look like a pretty stout bunch, despite being called the “Stumps” team.

As you point out in your article, in addition to football, Stumps also fielded a baseball team at one time, which we

understand was also quite successful. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of a poster which hangs in our Clubhouse, advertising an upcoming Stumps baseball game scheduled for August 12, 1906. The Club also has two former Members who are in the baseball Hall of Fame, Warren Giles, President of the National League for many years, and Cincinnati Reds pitcher, Eppa Rixey.

In addition to football and baseball, in the past the Club also had quite an active tennis scene, at one time having its own clay courts. Consistent with the name of the Club, boating and canoe races were also very popular at one time as well as a variety of other sports. These days the Members spend more time enjoying meals together then fielding teams, although golf is frequently discussed and enjoyed by the Members.

The photograph shown in your article of the pen and ink drawing of the Stumps Clubhouse with a quail in the foreground, is to the best of our knowledge one of three that John Ruthven made of the Clubhouse. A limited number of prints were made of these works, which were made available to the Members. An original of one of the drawings hangs in the Clubhouse today. John Ruthven was a long time and treasured member of Stumps Boat Club.

Thank you for sharing this unique piece of Terrace Park history and I hope you enjoy this additional bit of history to add to your story.

My Best,  
Stephen S. Holmes  
823 Miami Avenue  
Stumps Boat Club, History Committee Chair



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coached boys and girls lacrosse and ice hockey. He was known and will be remembered for his amazing ability to instill hard work, dedication and discipline in his players while also building strong relationships with them where they knew he had their back.

Steve’s greatest love in life was his family. He adored his wife and his kids and he always made sure everyone knew it. The one line he was never short on saying or showing to his family was simply “I love you.”

A service to honor and celebrate Steve’s took place on Monday, November 25th, at St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park, OH., with a Celebration of Life afterward at the Indian Hill Winter Club. Children were warmly encouraged to attend

Kickoff the Holidays with the TP Tree Lighting

Support Children’s Hospital and kick off the holiday season in Terrace Park at Kindervelt’s Luminaria and Lighting of the Green Event held on the Village Green! Held in conjunction with the Scout Troop 286 Toy Drive and the Holiday Lighting Contest sponsored by Steve Early with Sibcy Cline Realtors, this is the kickoff to the holiday season that you and your family don’t want to miss!

On Sunday December 8th, light your luminaria bags and then head to the

Green at 6:00pm for the festivities. Don’t forget to bring a new toy to donate to the toy drive, and cast your vote for the house with best holiday lights in the village! Kindervelt #76 looks forward to celebrating with the Terrace Park community!



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addresses homeowners' current needs.

Police Chief Jerry Hayhow, in his role as village administrator, said Duke Energy is on target to begin its three-year gas line replacement project in January and residents will be kept informed on the village website and through CodeRED, a free online service that provides registered residents with updates on official business. Sign-up instructions are available on the village website [www.terracepark.org](http://www.terracepark.org).

org or by texting "terracepark" to 99411 with a smartphone. Duke will also have a website and a telephone hotline residents can use to get answers to their questions. Among project details:

- Detours will be minimal and work around the school will be done during summer break.
- Duke will be storing equipment at the environmental center to avoid traffic issues and eyesores along local streets.
- The project will require retrenching and in some areas pavement removal to replace aging steel pipelines with plastic pipes leading to 95 percent of local homes.

Once completed, residents should not reignite pilot lights on their own. Duke will send trained contractors into homes for that purpose. If a resident is uncomfortable having an unfamiliar person working in their home, a police department representative will upon request accompany them.

In her monthly report Chief Fiscal Officer Katie Lyons said the Hamilton County Auditor's office, which uses its real estate assessment fund to pay for property reappraisals every six years, returned an excess of \$18,578 in property tax receipts to Terrace Park.

Council member Lauren Ingebritson, who oversees public safety, said her committee is considering a change to the section of code that would allow for an increase in the number of officers appointed to volunteer fire and emergency departments.

EMS Chief Maggard said an appeal for recruits on the Terrace Park list serve resulted in eight local volunteers for the training class that begins Jan. 21.

During the comments portion of the meeting, council member Regina Sharp noted that more than 80 percent of the village's registered voters participated in the general

election Nov. 5.



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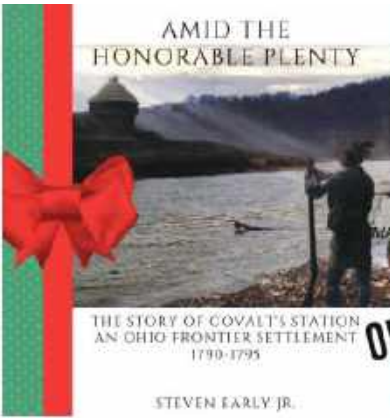
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### Christmas Caper

Saturday, December 14, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.  
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### Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.  
Join us for this beautiful annual tradition of a service of Lessons and Carols, featuring music of the Advent and Christmas Season!

### Christmas Services @ St. Thomas

Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
Family Service & Pageant | 4:00 p.m.  
Harp Carol Prelude | 7:30 p.m.  
Festive Choral Eucharist | 8:00 p.m.  
Harp Carol Prelude | 10:30 p.m.  
Solemn Choral Eucharist | 11:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 25, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

### Bach Ensemble Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8 | 7:00 p.m.  
Mark your calendars and join us for *Christmas at St. Thomas* with the Bach Ensemble, featuring *Magnificat* and Cantata 63 by J. S. Bach. Visit [bachensemble.org](http://bachensemble.org) for ticket information.



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## Fall Brawl Champs

Terrace Park's 6th grade boys won the Mason Fall Brawl "A-Division" Championship on Nov 3, beating four Division 1 schools during the course of the tournament. The boys, coached by Todd Johnston, Mark Foxbower, and Spencer Dunning, continue TP's legacy of excellence in lacrosse. Congratulations, boys!



## The Icedance Biketh

A group of Terrace Parkers recently made the trek to Northern Michigan to compete in the "Icedance Biketh Challenge", a 32 mile mountain bike race. Pictured above from left to right are Nick Waterson, Hannah Rhodes, Natalie Quinn, Kyle Quinn, Dan Pike, Christy White, and Chris White. Congratulations!

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# It's a White Squirrel Christmas from TPHS

Submitted by Katy Chisom

Terrace Park's white squirrels may be elusive, but they are a unique feature of our shared history. This year the Terrace Park Historical Society is recognizing the squirrel in a couple ways. In collaboration with Terrace Park Elementary's wonderful art teacher, Ann Hobart, TPHS hosted an ornament design contest and encouraged all young artists living in the village to submit their best designs. This year's theme was "A White Squirrel Christmas". TPHS received 63 entries for the contest and we are excited to announce the winning design was created by fourth grade TPE student Devin Patel! Devin's design is a timeless tribute to the unofficial village mascot and features a snowy scene with a white squirrel wearing an adorable hat and pair of mittens.

TPHS would like to send a big thank you to Devin Patel for sharing her talents and creativity with us all. Additionally, thank you to Terrace Park Elementary's Tami Croll and Anne Hobart for supporting this effort.

Additionally, TPHS has created a small White Squirrel Lego set. With 51 pieces, this set is probably best for those age 8 and up. The set comes packaged in a gift box making it a perfect stocking stuffer and will look adorable on anyone's desk or window sill.

Starting in early December, TPHS will be



The new TPHS holiday ornament featuring artwork by TP's Devin Patel. Available now!



The White Squirrel Lego Set, Available now from TPHS.

selling the limited edition ornament for \$20 each and the white squirrel lego kits for \$15 each. Every ornament or kit sold helps keep Terrace Park's history alive through supporting the maintenance of the TPHS Museum & Archives. Cash, check and Venmo are accepted. To place an order, text or email Katy Chisom at

(949) 939-8885 or katherine.chisom@gmail.com to confirm availability. Items will be delivered locally or pickup can be arranged. Ornaments and lego kits will also be available for purchase at the TPHS Museum & Archives (100 Miami Avenue) starting December 5th during our regular office hours (Thursdays 1-4pm), while supplies last.

# Celebrate the Season with St. Thomas Church

See below for the full schedule of special Christmas programs open to the whole community:

Bach Magnificat Concert-Sunday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

The Bach Ensemble and Chorale will present a concert of Christmas Masterworks on Sunday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. The highlight of the evening will be a performance of Bach's Magnificat, a virtuosic setting of the traditional canticle of Mary. The piece is set for five-part chorus and large orchestra, including three trumpets, timpani, oboes, and strings.

This performance is the second of the Ensemble's new concert series. In October, Dwight Parry and Christian Purcell wowed audiences with a wonderful program of music for oboe and voice. Next March, Cincinnati Symphony concertmaster Stefani Matsuo, alongside her husband and Cincinnati Symphony cellist Hiro Matsuo, will perform works for solo string instruments by Bach.

The Magnificat was first written in 1723 soon after Bach began work as the Thomaskantor (Cantor of St. Thomas) in Leipzig. Ten years later, he revised the work into the form that became a beloved and exciting work for nearly three hundreds years. You want to invite friends to come to St. Thomas this holiday season to hear the walls reverberate with excitement!

Tickets for the concert are available through the Bach

Ensemble's website: [www.bachensemble.org](http://www.bachensemble.org).

St. Thomas Christmas Pageant- December 24th, Christmas Eve at 4pm

St. Thomas will again present The Great Old-Fashioned Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 4pm. Participation in the pageant is open to all children ages 2-13. Children ages 5 & up will be assigned a part at the first rehearsal. Ages 2-4 only need come the night of the pageant. Participation is open to all St. Thomas parishioners, Terrace Park neighbors, families, friends! Email Dr. Monroe for more details at [cmonroe@stthomasepiscopal.org](mailto:cmonroe@stthomasepiscopal.org). Rehearsals for ages 5 and up will be as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 24, 11:15-12:00 p.m. (parts assignment)

Rehearsals take place during Sunday Formation Class, 9:15-11:15am, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22

Monday, Dec. 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Dress Rehearsal)

Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. (Holy Eucharist and Pageant)

Lessons and Carols-Sunday, December 22, 5:00 p.m.

The St. Thomas Parish Choir and Choristers present a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.. An annual offering at St. Thomas for decades, this service features beautiful music of the season paired with timeless readings that tell the story of Jesus' life. Come bask into the beauty and holiness of this ancient tradition.

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Avenue now baking in the sun. It seems a lot of the old guard trees that survived the twentieth century may now be reaching the end of their lives, and a stressful late summer drought this year was surely no help. It

can be tempting to plant trees that grow quickly and mature in 30 or 40 years, but we need to make sure that we, as a village and as homeowners, are also planting the kinds of wonderful American hardwoods that are native to Ohio and will someday give the grandchildren of today's first graders the same green wonderland that we enjoy today.



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382-1218 or [tpvillageviews@gmail.com](mailto:tpvillageviews@gmail.com).

Questions? Call Steve Early at 382-1218.



Christmas in Terrace Park, 1965



Christmas Tour

Mrs. John Rugh, Mrs. John Eberhard and Mrs. Leon Jones show some of the decorations to be used in the 10th annual Terrace Park Christmas home tour Sunday, December 12. With the Community House, 428 Elm Ave., as the cen-

ter, the tour will include the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lindell, Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Troy and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams. Homes will be open from 1 to 4:30 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. Mrs. Eberhard is general chairman of the tour, sponsored by the Terrace Park Garden Club.



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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
815 Myrtle Ave	3 Bed - 2.5 bath	\$740,000	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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Beekeeper Jay Snider with a honey encased board from an active bee hive.

## Just BEE You

Submitted by Janet Saran

On Monday October 21st, the Terrace Park Woman's Club opened their 118th year with an unBEElievable presentation on harvesting bees. This year's theme, "Queen of Thrones", was exemplified by Jay Snider's

presentation on The Queen Bee. For most, it was the first time to see the inside of a hive, to feel the weight of the honey encased board, and to see just how Jay Snider gets his honey from the hive: in street clothes! The presentation was engaging and fun with a few drops of honey dripping on the Community

House floor. We welcomed four potential new members and would love to welcome more. Our fall lineup is just beginning. Contact President Sandy Ader at 513-831-8953 for more info. And if you want to see Jay Snider in action, check out his YouTube video under Jay Snider Beekeeping.

## News From The Garden Club

Submitted by Frances Stafford

Since that very, very dry spell in October this year, we have now had about 4 inches of wonderful rain; the best thing for our trees and bushes going into winter. Just when I thought everything had closed down for the season, my yard is re-energized, and everything is perking up and putting out new green growth. I trust that everything will renew itself again next spring.

And so, we come to rethink our flower needs for next spring and summer. Please note the plant sale order form for our sale on May 4th. It is the last page of this issue of Village Views. You may pre-order and know that everything that you want will be selected, and ready, and delivered to your yard at planting time. This is our major fundraiser and allows us to beautify the village. For example, this year the Club has gifted the village with a huge TV system in the Community House. It may be used by any group and will allow for power point presentations, movies, and many more applications. You will also enjoy the decorations on the gazebo that the club undertakes each Christmas and the bridge boxes that have been replanted for the fall season.

Terrace Garden Club is a great social group with wonderful meetings, speakers and activities. Usually we meet at noon on the first Tuesday of the month. Each year we have an evening meeting at 7pm to

which we invite our significant others and the whole village.

January 7th, at 7pm, 2025 we have a very, very, special program. Steve Mazlowski, an internationally acclaimed wildlife photographer, naturalist, author and film maker will share his award-winning film "Wildlife Photographer: The Life of Karl Mazlowski". He will also discuss the vital importance of birds and what we can do to better support them. Everyone is welcome to attend. Snacks

and wine provided.

We have a full calendar throughout the year, and we encourage anyone with an interest in gardening to join us at noon on the first Tuesday of the month. Novice and experienced gardeners are all very welcome. For more information, please contact Lucy Maish at 513-310-1492 or Tina Hesser, Membership Chair, at 513-520-8912.

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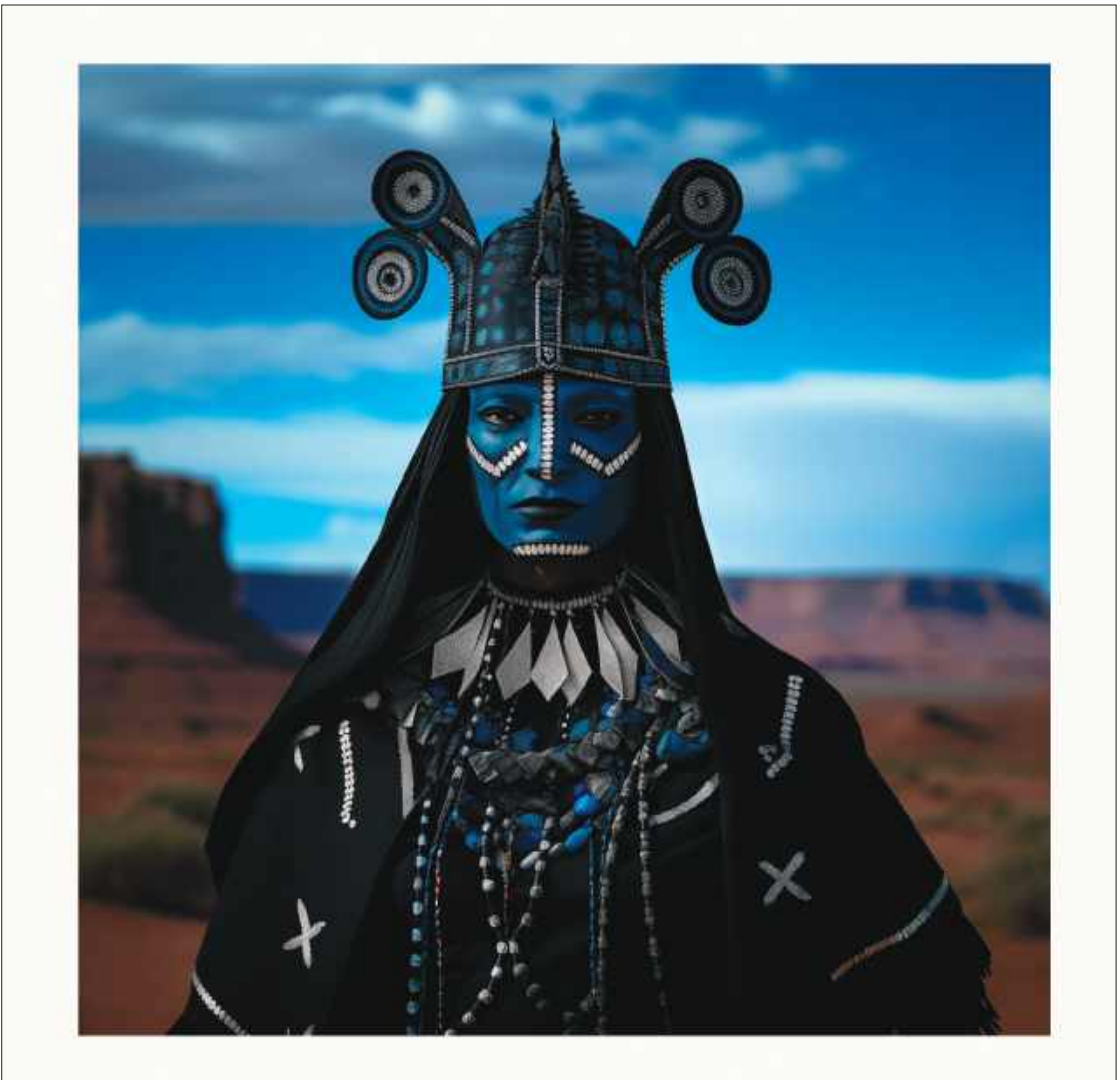
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Blue Kachina by artist and TP native Tim Harrier.

# Tim Harrier’s Blue Kachina Shines at Paris’s ‘Corporeality’ Exhibition

(Paris, France) Eisele Fine Art Gallery is pleased to announce artist Tim Harrier, a Mariemont High graduate who was raised in Terrace Park, has been invited to exhibit in Paris, France in conjunction with Art-Icon during Paris Photo Days. The internationally renowned photography exhibition “Corporeality” will be held at the Bastille Design Center, a stunning 19th century building with more than 1000 square meters of exhibition space, parallel to the important photography fair Paris-Photo from November 8-10, 2024

This year’s theme “Corporeality” will cover a wide range of representations of the body - be it full-length images, portraits, detailed studies of body parts, or any other creative expression that embodies the theme of corporeality. The exhibition delves into the evolving role of the human body within the digital age, traversing

the timeline from early photography to contemporary digital media.

Harrier’s contribution, Blue Kachina, is an arresting visual that captures the artist’s adept fusion of traditional photography with cutting-edge digital techniques, a hallmark of his innovative practice. The piece is not merely an image; it’s a narrative—a spiritual and earthly dialogue that channels transformation, balance, and the cyclical nature of existence. It invites viewers to reflect on humanity’s intricate relationship with the earth, grounding itself in a timeless spirituality that resonates deeply, especially in today’s fast-evolving digital landscape.

Harrier’s series Shamans & Spirit Guides has been lauded for its visual power and profound messaging. In Blue Kachina, his exploration of spiritual themes extends beyond the aesthetic, invoking a meditative

experience that prompts the viewer to ponder the human quest for meaning amid technological and societal shifts. The work serves as a metaphor for hope and transformation, a reminder of the balance between technology’s potential for good and its darker implications.

For more information, contact Eisele Fine Art Gallery: Website: [www.eiselefineart.com](http://www.eiselefineart.com) / Phone: (513) 791-7717.

# Outdoors, December 1969

By Ken Troy, reprinted from the December 1970 Village Views

It was a beautiful day last December twenty-sixth. It had snowed the night before- several inches of pure white powder, and the sun that morning burst out of the east in a glory befitting the day after Christmas.

A walk that morning was most invigorating, it was a glad-to-be-alive day. Snow was everywhere, the limbs of every tree covered as if an albino snake rested comfortably there. The breezes were ever so slight, not enough wind to increase the chill factor, and it just couldn’t make up its mind to blow from the south-east or the north-west- just little puffs now and then.

The walk took me down Rugby, then north on Miami to Oxford and to the river. A gentle gust raised slight mother-of-pearl clouds of snow or created tiny funnels of swirling white. Some of these last were clockwise and others counter-clockwise.

The kids were ice skating on the river and some had brought snow shovels, pushing such ahead of the skates and clearing a large area for skating, and perhaps to play hockey. A young lad was sitting on the bank, waist deep in snow putting on his skates, the same boy I’d observed the previous summer sitting in almost the same spot, tailor-fashion, (and in ninety plus heat) patiently waiting for a catfish to run with the bait.

I turned and then meandered up Redbud Creek through the hollow on the south side of Wooster Pike. Just above St. Thomas more little indians had abandoned sleds and were swinging off the hill

from a wild grape vine while contemporaries tried to nail them with snowballs.

On the other side of Wooster Pike the creek itself became more alive. Nuthatches and titmice scolded me, cardinals looked then ignored me, and the crows alternately soared, glided and dove in their seemingly endless circling above me. At least it looked endless, but I knew they were looking for carrion or something else crows consider delectable.

Up on the hill of Camp Stepping Stone wild squeals of delight emanated from the young sledders as the tiny ones drug their feet in fear and the older boys pridefully displayed bravery with their reckless speed.

Just ahead was the natural bridge of an old tree that had fallen across the creek. It too had its snow blanket, but much to my surprise a weasel, with a field mouse in his mouth, was crossing this bridge. The weasel was still reddish brown, unlike his northern kin who were now snow-white having already lived in some months of nothing but snow. He was as surprised at me as I at him. He had disappeared just in time as a hunting Cooper’s Hawk appeared sweeping low over the adjacent field.

That night The Cincinnati Post and Times Star headlined its front page “Few creatures stirring - Snow doldrums hit us.” Who selected the headline? Who wrote the underlying article? I don’t know, but both missed.

Merry Christmas, and Fax Vobiscum!

# The Cookie Caper is Coming

The Annual St. Thomas Christmas Cookie Caper will be held Saturday, December 14, 10am-1pm. This annual holiday event is open to the community. Cookies, candies and holiday treats are for sale plus a raffle of beautiful, themed baskets. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets and will be for sale and drawn the day of the Caper. Cookies of

your choice will be sold by the pound.

Proceeds from the Caper support families in need in the area through IPM Food Pantry. The church is located at 100 Miami Avenue, Terrace Park. Come join the fun at an event that supports a wonderful ministry.

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**What is the Mariemont School Foundation (MSF)?**

MSF is a group of committed residents who realize the District’s public funding is insufficient to support many important educational initiatives and extra-curricular programming. We are thrilled with the passage of the recent levy in favor of Mariemont Schools, however, it reminds us how challenging it is to provide important “extras” - extracurricular activities, experiential learning, and opportunities for all of the students in the District. MSF funds initiatives that we believe are important and should not be “extra” - including resources for student mental health by increasing the availability of school counselors for our District’s students.

MSF also provides substantial financial support for other activities, including:

- **Warriors Beyond** programming at all of our campuses
- **World language** instruction and the **Explorations** program in our elementary schools
- Friday **Expeditions** programming for junior high students
- **Master classes** and our **Intersessions** 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).

These initiatives impact every student in the District, and the Board hopes to continue to expand the offerings so that every child who is educated through the District has access to both the resources they need and extra offerings that enhance their educational journeys.

**How can you help?**

Our efforts require resources, including the generous contributions of our District families who are in a position to give. Every gift enhances the educational experience the District is able to offer to its students. Thus, we invite you to GIVE to the MSF’s Annual Fund Drive.

Donations can be made via our website at <https://www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org/annual-fund-drive> or you can mail a check to MSF at 2 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, OH 45227.



Thank you for your support,

*Tracie Wichman*  
Tracie Wichman, President

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Terrace Park Garden Club  
2025 Plant Sale Order Form

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(A): POTS - \$5.75 (Pots are 5")	Sun/Shade	Quantity
Angelonia - 18"-24"	Sun	
Blue Bi-Color		
Dark Purple		
White		
Dahlias 8"-10" (can be planted or grown on the patio)	Sun	
Pink		
Purple		
Yellow		
Geraniums (Fischer Hybrid, not seed Geraniums)	Sun	
Dark Red		
Hot Pink		
Salmon		
White		
Herbs	Sun	
Cilantro		
Parsley		
Green Basil		
Lavender		
Mint		
Oregano		
Rosemary		
Sage		
Lantana - Proven Winner	Sun	
Landscape - 24"-30"		Mixed Berry
		Yellow
Bandana - 12"-26"	Sun	Mixed Berry
		White
		Yellow
Petunias - Trailing (No Dead-Heading)	Sun	
Calibrachoa Mini-Bloom Proven Winner		Orange
		Pink
		Red
		Yellow
Super Petunias Proven Winner (great in window boxes)	Sun	
		Light Blue
		Purple (with dark vein)
		Vista Bubblegum
		Magenta
5" Easy Wave Petunia (great for landscape)	Sun	
		Pink
		Red
		White
Begonias - Baby Dragon Wing	Sun/Shade	
		Pink
		Red
		White
Double Begonias	Sun/Shade	
		Orange
		Red
		Yellow
Foliage and Filler Material	Sun/Shade	
		Diamond Frost Euphorbia - White
		Sweet Potato Vine - Lime Green
		Sweet Potato Vine - Red
		Thin Grass Spikes - Green
		Trailing Vinca Vine - Green & White
New Guinea Impatiens 8"-12" Mounding:	Sun/Shade	
		Pink
		Purple
		Red
		White
Impatients - Hybrid Double (rose-like blooms all season)	Shade	
		Salmon
		Pink
		Purple
		White
		Mezzo (white & green)
Torenia - Trailing - Blue	Shade	

(B): FLATS - \$20 (Flats Include [18] 4"Pots)	Sun/Shade	Quantity
Alyssum - Creeping - White	Sun	
Begonia - Bronze Leaf 8"-12" Mounding	Sun/Shade	
		Pink
		Red
		White
		Mix
Begonia - Green Leaf 8"-12" Mounding	Shade	
		Pink
		Red
		White
		Mix
Impatiens - 10"-12" Mounding	Shade	
		Hot Pink
		Red
		White
		Mix
Marigolds - 10"-12" Large Head	Sun	
		Orange
		Yellow
Marigolds - 8"-10" Small Head	Sun	
		Orange
		Yellow
Salvia 8"-12" Grape Clusters on Spike - Blue	Sun	
Salvia 8"-12" Spike Blooms - Red Hot	Sun	
Zinnias - State Fair 23"-36" Large Blooms Mix	Sun	

(C): MISCELLANEOUS PLANTS and HANGING BASKETS	Quantity
Baskets - \$30 (10" Monoculture)	
Baby Dragon Wing Begonia - Pink	Sun/Shade
Dragon Wing Begonia - Red	Sun/Shade
Double Impatiens 3 Way - Mixed Color	Shade
Supertunia - Mixed 3 Colors	Sun
Caladium-Elephant Ear - \$6 (5" Pots)	Shade
	Pink
	Red
	White
Geraniums - \$20 (10" Patio-Best Deal in Town!)	Sun
	Pink
	Red
	Salmon
	White
Mandevilla - \$40 (10" Tropical Climbing)	Sun/Shade
	Pink
	Red
Vinca Mounding - \$20 (Flat of [18] 4" pots)	Sun
	Pink
	Red
	White
	Delivery Option for mid May
Boston Ferns - \$25	Shade

TOTAL ORDER			
Plant Material	Quantity	\$/Item	\$ Total
(A): No. of 5" Individual Pots		\$ 5.75	
(B): No. of Flats with 4" Pots		20.00	
(C): No. of Misc. Plants/Hanging Baskets			
Baskets - 10" Monoculture		30.00	
Caladium - Elephant Ear 5" Pots		6.00	
Geraniums - 10" Patio		20.00	
Mandevilla - 10' Tropical Climbing		40.00	
Boston Fern		25.00	
D): Donation			
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