

Village Views

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The Park In 1975

Mayor Frank Corbin Outlines His Views On What's Ahead For The Community

By Mayor Frank N. Corbin

1974 was a year of real accomplishment for our Village Council. A review of the minutes brings to mind such matters as codification of over 75 years of ordinances, major repairs to our bridges, beautification of the green, purchase of a new fire truck, improvement to the Village's general appearance, and, perhaps most important and difficult in these days, a year of fiscal soundness, both in terms of controlling expenditures in 1974 and building a foundation for future years.

We enter 1975 with great challenges and with great resolve to handle them to the best of our ability. On many peoples' minds today is the matter of recreation — encompassing both the school recreation field and the location of additional facilities. With Council's deliberation based on the broad citizen input on this matter, I have to be confident that the right decision will be made. This is being written before our January meeting and any action taken in January will surely be reported elsewhere. Generally, one of our greatest problems is knowing what the people of Terrace Park want. On this matter public discussion and communication have been quite broad, and we ought to have a good reading on what is wanted.

Another matter that will surely continue to be a subject of considerable moment, is the proposed office development on the west edge of the Village. As of this writing, it is reported that the E.P.A. examiner has ruled in favor of the proposed mechanical treatment plant. An appeal by Little Miami, Inc. seems assured. However, eventually some construction seems inevitable, and it will be a real challenge for Council to try to make whatever happens a credit to Terrace Park.

The earlier mentioned purchase of a new fire truck will necessitate some alterations to our firehouse. At this point, ideas are being translated into preliminary drawings. Late this year actual construction should start, so that we will have a place to house the new pumper when it is delivered in mid-1976.

We continue to work toward becoming our own Township. This has little meaning other than that it has some minor tax and revenue sharing implications. While the money involved may only amount to a few hundred dollars per year, it is still worth our efforts, as we try in all feasible ways to reduce your tax burden, by maximizing our receipts from all other sources.

The Zoning Review Board — consisting of Ken Troy, Bob Lowery, Marie Ramsdell, and Louise Halley — is hard at work. Hopefully, within a year we will have at least some preliminary reports from them on their total evaluation of our land use and zoning ordinance. Their study will be very comprehensive and should stimulate a lot of thought about where we should be heading and how best we can get there.

In November of this year there will be elections at which a Mayor, Clerk, and two members of Council will be chosen. Certainly there will be more discussion on this subject in future issues of Village Views. Now is the time for serious consideration of potential candidates to begin.

It is also time to start thinking about a suitable bi-centennial celebration. Anyone interested in helping with the program is urged to volunteer now.

Finally, we believe in responsive government. Being unable to predict what might occur during the next twelve months, it is my sincere hope that you will all keep well posted, and let me and your Council know of your thoughts. It is our desire to serve you. To do that, we must know what you want.

Council Calls For Study In Playfield Controversy

By Lynn Nelson

It was the calm before the storm, only there was no storm. A few breezes, but not the fury anticipated by many. This describes the atmosphere at the village council meeting on January 14 where a decision was again tabled regarding development of additional recreation fields at the Wilderness Preserve. Some 80 residents, of all ages, crowded the room to observe and express their opinion on this controversial subject.

The outcome was that Mayor Corbin asked Gene Desvernine to serve as council's representative to the Recreation Committee, to explore other land alternatives, costs involved, and if any federal funds might be procured to build the new soccer and ball fields the Committee desires. Desvernine is to report these findings to council before any future commitment will be voted.

Jim Allison, chief spokesman for the Wilderness Preserve Committee, in an opening statement briefed council on activity the past month. This centered chiefly on the flyer, mail-in survey, and petitions circulated among the 700 homes in the Park. Diana Durden, detailing the survey, reported that an astonishingly-high 226 replies, totaling 337 signatures, were received, with an overwhelming majority (179) in support of keeping the Preserve intact. Only 20 returns, covering 24 signatures, voted to build the fields in the wilderness area. Many residents checked more than one option.

Jamie Vogt reported the results of a petition circulated among village youth and Louise Halley tallied signatures received on adult petitions, both indicating support for reserving the Preserve for nature enjoyment only. Allison summarized the WP Committee's feeling that while they

recognize the need for additional playing fields, they believe there is a basic incompatibility between use of the Preserve for nature and for active recreation, and urged study of other alternatives.

Jim Ryan, member of the Recreation Committee, urging more fields cited the tremendous growth and interest in sports the past three years, and conceded that this interest might decline in the future, but, nothing that recreation statistics reflect current need, he said, "But to lead a program for every interested child, we need the room and we need it now."

Blake Smith from Boy Scout Troop 286, read a statement that expressed hope the Preserve would remain undisturbed. Bob Terwilleger, active member of the Preserve Committee, requested council to offer some positive decision on the future of the wilderness area, at the same time urging investigation into the possibility of Terrace Park's receiving federal funds from the Department of Natural Resources that could be applied to creating new rec fields.

Pat Henley introduced a resolution calling for council's support of the WP Committee's proposal, seconded by Dick Griffith. Under discussion, each council member spoke for the first time of his feelings on the matter. Many noted that this topic has generated more letters and phone calls than any other during their term in office. Most opposed any hasty decision. After these comments, all of which expressed hope and concern that recreational needs not be slighted or Preserve despoiled, Griffith withdrew his second and the resolution died.

Council's call for further study followed a flurry of activity which included an open forum preceding the

Recreation Committee's meeting on January 6.

The session extended into a 2 hour exchange, in which Ray Cadwallader and Carl Lindell presented layouts for creating new soccer and baseball fields at the landfill, which admittedly would cost more initially than at the Preserve, while the Recreation Committee viewed the Preserve as the best possible location.

Chairman Ed Tigner and Bob Sluka argued that the area is the only available land owned by the village that offers sufficient space for the three additional soccer fields and two hardball diamonds now needed to serve the rapidly-expanding sports program. The committee seeks seven acres of the 50-plus Wilderness Preserve acreage for this expansion.

Subsequently, on January 9, Ferd Critchell hosted a meeting for neighbors whose homes border the Preserve, plus fellow council members, to receive their feedback on the controversy.

Tax Rate 3d Highest In County

Terrace Park enters the new year with the third highest tax rate in Hamilton County, \$72.90 per \$1000 of property valuation.

The highest rate in the county is that for Greenhills, set at \$76.12. Next comes that part of Wyoming in the Wyoming School district, at \$74.82. Trailing Terrace Park is the Finneytown School district, at \$70.62.

Among other figures, the Mariemont rate is \$65.64, Indian Hill \$54.16, and Cincinnati \$50.58. The county's lowest rate is that of the Lockland School district, at \$35.64.

In all areas, school taxes were a major factor. In Terrace Park, the amount is \$48.87 of the total.

Village, School Board Plan Playground Pact

Village council is expected to vote at its next meeting on a formal agreement resolving, for a time, a dispute between Terrace Park and the Mariemont School Board.

The contract would assure retention for the next four years of the present status of the playfield at Elm and Stanton Avenues. Under it, the school board agrees not to sell the property, and the village in turn agrees not to finalize an ordinance which would have

zoned the field, and some other areas, for recreation purposes only.

The agreement came out of conferences between members of the school board and Terrace Park's Mayor Frank Corbin and Solicitor Bob Leming, and was drafted by Leming. Offering it to council, the mayor said it would assure use of the field for four years, giving council time to re-examine the whole situation with a view to possible village purchase, and would ease tension between

council and the school board.

In other actions, Council:

- * Passed 2 and 3 readings of a public intoxication ordinance.

- * Heard Clerk Don Frauke advise that an Ohio EPA hearing judge has ruled in favor of BBS Co.'s request to install a package sewage treatment plant on the land adjacent to its property at Wooster and Elm. Little Miami Inc. has requested a 30 day extension for additional comment and is considering an appeal.

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Letters

To The Editor:

One afternoon I received a rather alarming message at work. "Call Children's Hospital. Your daughter fell and cut her forehead open." Well, needless to say, I was somewhat distressed as this was the first calamity to beset our little Jill in her first fifteen months of life. It wasn't until several minutes later after a phone call to my wife, that my worst fears were calmed. Yes, Jill had fallen and cut herself, but thanks to our good neighbor, Lee Stegemeyer, patrolman Mike Wilson and life squad members Jeannie Lee, Sue Channer, Roberta Estridge and Bill Wiebold, our daughter had been efficiently and professionally rushed to Children's Hospital.

My family for one is grateful and appreciative of the life squad and the many members who so freely devote their time to it. Again, a sincere thanks.

Doug, Gale, and Jill Wiik
 418 Cornell Avenue

Dear Editor,

I am against soccer in the Wilderness Preserve. It is a very nice place. And I agree with Mrs. Henley. When the games are played people will not be quiet. With all the yelling that the soccer teams do. They will scare all the animal life away and if baseball is going to be there too, the coach and his whistle will also scare animal life away. When my dad and sister and me went down it was beautiful. The birds were singing and we heard the water rushing, it was so quiet. Even if it was in the fall, it was very pretty. The shrubs and grass rippled in the wind. I am definitely against it being turned into soccer field.

Sarah Stegemeyer (Age 9)

Thanks to the 235 families who returned the questionnaire circulated by the Wilderness Committee. Results showed the council that there is overwhelming support for protecting the Wilderness Preserve as a natural area, but that many citizens also believe there is need for some more space for recreation.

Diana Durden presented each councilman with five pages of collected "comments" from citizens. I am sure they will all appreciate knowing the thoughts of their constituents.

Pat Henley
 Village Council

Amy's Off To Down Under



Tazuko Oshima, right, gives Amy Washburn a farewell hug before Amy left for a year in New Zealand. Amy joined other U.S. American Field Service students at San Francisco on January 13 for the flight to downunder. She will live with the Kevin Ashley family in Waimate, South Canterbury and will attend Waimate High School. The Lew Washburns are Amy's parents.

Tazuko is the Japanese AFS student at Mariemont High School this school year and lives with the Jud Gale family.

The picture was taken at the annual AFS weekend at MHS when all the AFS students in the Cincinnati area are entertained by high school families.

Cherry Named President

Newly elected officers of the Terrace Park Swim Club Board of Trustees are: president, Doug Cherry; vice-president, Administration, Gene Desvernine; vice-president, pool and grounds, Bob Sluka; treasurer, Peter Minges; secretary and social program advisor, Trish Bryan; swimming chairman, Bob Morrison; membership chairman, Barb Johnson; tennis chairman, Karen Roberts, and assistant, pool and grounds, Hugh Williams.

SKATING, ANYONE?

Terrace Park Skaters are offering \$10 family memberships to cover the last eight skating sessions on Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Cincinnati Gardens. Call the Halleys at 831-0970 for your membership.

CLEANING UP?

Redecorating? House-cleaning the attic or basement? Ann Gilchrest and Edna Stites ask that you again remember the Labor Day Festival's garage sale as you come across any give-aways. They're interested in all items except clothing. Ann and Edna will keep your donations should storage be a problem.

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Village Bulletin Board

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 Feb. 12 - 9 a.m., at JoAnn Kennedy's, 313 Oxford.
 Subject: Adult and Juvenile Justice. Call Judy Reynolds, 831-4187. Sitting available.

T.P. PLAYERS
 Annual Dinner-Show, Community House, Feb. 13, 14, and 15.
 Reservations only, call early.

CHILD STUDY GROUP
 Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. at Connie Nordlohs, 819 Floral.
 Representative from "Frame and Save" demonstrating. Guests welcome.

CLODHOPPERS
 Sat., Feb. 8, at T.P. Country Club, annual formal dance. Call Cindy Hudson for reservations, all welcome. 831-2146.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
 Monday, Feb. 17, President's Day.

HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING
 7:45 business meeting followed by "Activities Fair." All extra-curricular clubs, teams and endeavors showing their accomplishments. Parents of 8th graders: Orientation starting at 7:30. February 6 at 7:45 p.m.

GARDEN CLUB
 Feb. 4, Community House, 10 a.m. workshop "Decorating Ukranian Easter Eggs" by Mrs. Melnyk. Call Mrs. Inga Ritchie, 831-4924.

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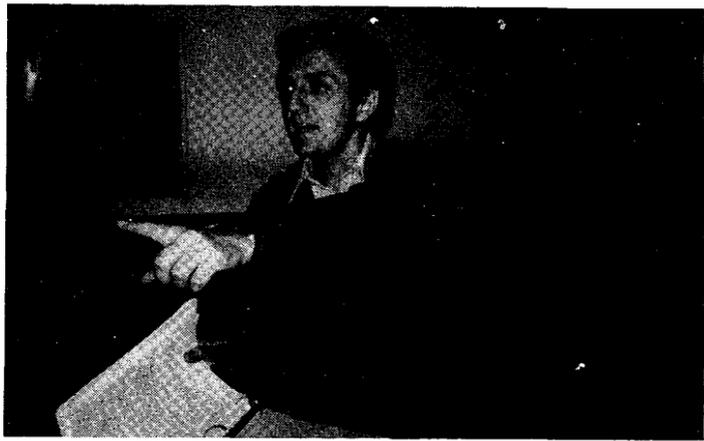
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To Present A Dinner Show



Terrace Park's Music Man . . . Tom Ryan conducts a rehearsal of the upcoming players show

This year's version of the Terrace Park Players Dinner Show, "Are You Ready For This?" will be performed February 13, 14 and 15 at the Community House. Tom Ryan is the director. Producers are Frank and Lee Corbin, Bobbie and Bill Rope.

An evening of fun and good food is promised starting at 7:02 with an "attitude readjustment hour" (BYOB - beer and set ups will be furnished), dinner at 8:05 and show time at 9:13. Tickets are \$4.50 per person.

Because of the limited space in the Community House, an early ticket inquiry is recommended. For reservations call Connie Pannkuk at 831-5073 or Mary Lake Norvell at 831-6784.

Cast members this year include: Aleene Ballard, Flack Douglas, Tom Grate,

Arnora Hummel, Jhon Marshall, Sandy Megowan, Dave Pannkuk, Peg Pettit, Marian Richardson, Tom Ryan, Bob Sachs, Pat Straley, and Rosie Wehrmeyer.

New Neighbors

Al and Arlene Hoeweller, 330 Rugby, from Cincinnati 831-0227

Malinda Easterday, 624 Yale, from Springdale with Richelle, age 6 831-8211

Lois and Charles Fowler, 105 Wrenwood, from Hyde Park, with Linda 11, Bonnie, 8, Stephen 6, 242-0251

Dorothy and Joseph O'Reilly - 610 Wooster from Grand Rapids, Michigan, with Carey - 8, Kevin - 6, 831-9406

Becky and Larry Decand, 601 Myrtle, from Mt. Lookout with Robin - 5, 831-3844

Don't Throw Those Greeting Cards Away

For the past five or six years Ruth Lanner has been a self-designated official collection depot for used Christmas cards.

In recent years Christmas cards have been furnished to the Log Cabin summer program, the St. Thomas Sunday School and the Terrace Park Garden Club for boutique items for the House Tours. They have been used in craft demonstrations which were presented to senior citizens groups, garden clubs, etc.

So don't discard those Christmas cards pitch them Ruth's way at 621 Yale Avenue or call 831-2989 for speedy pick-up service.

Do you enjoy entertainment that is fun? MAGIC SHOWS for parties - birthdays (especially for children) Ned Bachman 831-6446

SHOW BOAT'S 'COMING

Are you a banjo player, a tap dancer, a spoon player, a bellringer, an harmonica virtuoso or a cut-up with the musical saw?

Terrace Park Players are looking for such talent, along with others, for a musical slated to take the boards some time in April.

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Rector, Robert Gerhard home - 831-3605

Associate; Fred LaCrone home - 831-4087

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. holy communion

9:30 a.m. family service

11:00 a.m. holy communion

Other churches in the vicinity are:

Baptist First Baptist Church of Milford

Community Mariemont Community Church

Presbyterian-Episcopal Indian Hill Church

Roman Catholic St. Andrew's Church, Milford

United Methodist Armstrong Chapel, Indian Hill

Milford Methodist Church

SCHOOLS

Terrace Park Elementary, K-5 831-2485

Mariemont Middle School, 6,7,8 272-2720

Mariemont High School 271-8310

Board of Education 272-2722

Robert Crabbs, superintendent

Miscellaneous

Post office 831-5867

Postmaster James Simonton

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6 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday - No Sunday collection

Mariemont Library 271-3268

Madeira Library 561-8282

Milford (Clermont County) Library 831-0117

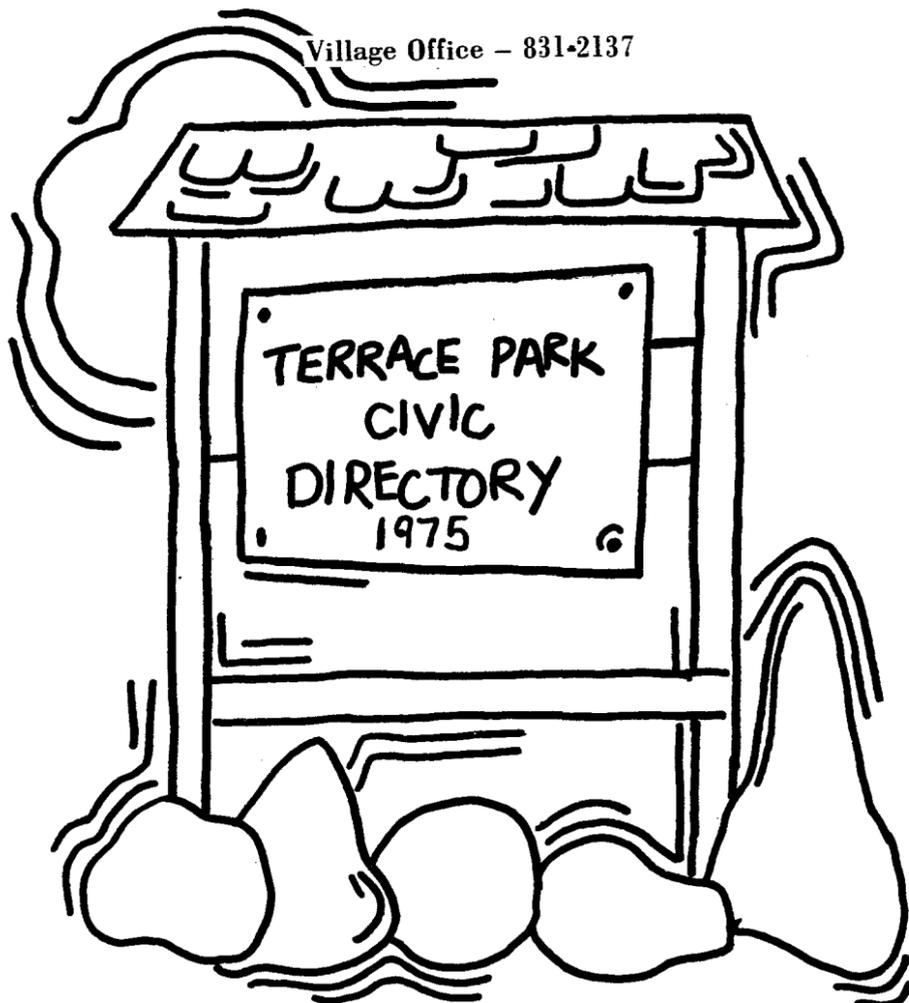
Terrace Park has three precincts, all housed at the Community Building. For voting information, call Hamilton County Board of Elections. 621-9801

Emergency Numbers

Police 825-2280

Life Squad and Fire 825-2260

Village Office - 831-2137



VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Mayor Frank Corbin 831-6271

Councilmen

Dick Bowman (Finance) 831-3534

Ferd Critchell (Public Works) 831-3762

Gene Desvernine (Rules and Law) 831-9698

Dick Griffith (Safety) 831-7863

Pat Henley (Bldg. and Grounds) 831-2147

Bill Ryan (Planning and Zoning) 831-0983

Clerk Donald Franke 831-5339

Treasurer Al Roberts 831-2427

Solicitor Robert Leming 831-3977

Engineer Carl Lindell 831-2361

Bldg. Inspector Ed Smith 831-7474

A Rare Woodpecker Makes A Comeback

"Near size of a crow; sooty-black with long red crest, white stripe on side of head and neck, conspicuous white patches in wings." The description could go on to say "master woodchopper," for this fine bird, a pileated woodpecker, can split off large slabs from decaying stumps, strip bushes of bark from dead trees, and chisel large holes in either sound, dead or decaying wood.



At the turn of the century, naturalists were concerned that "log-cocks," as they were commonly called, might be headed for extinction. As pioneers cleared millions of acres of mature hardwood forests - and shot the birds for sport and food - log-cocks declined rapidly and even disappeared over much of the Northeastern United States.

Fortunately the birds have learned to live among smaller trees such as those found in the second-growth forests which are now beginning to cover many abandoned, unproductive farms. Along with adapting to smaller trees, they are less shy than formerly and will occasionally visit feeding stations to feast on suet. In fact, a growing number of Village residents have seen this spectacular bird searching our trees for insects.

Be sure to look upward if you hear loud, powerful blows overhead. You may be the next to thrill to the mighty "log-cock"!

Coming Back To The Park
... a pileated woodpecker, pictured in the village by Bob Halley

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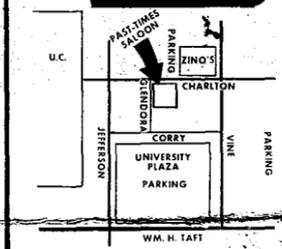
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- Police will check homes of absent residents.
Fill out form at village office. (Or call.)
- To reserve Community Building for meeting or social affair call village office.
- Check at office before putting sign on village bulletin boards.

REMINDERS

- Outdoor trash burning - prohibited by state law.
- Bicycles - children are encouraged to ride on sidewalk, but watch for pedestrians. Register bikes at annual inspection in September or at police department.
- Shooting of firearms - prohibited in village except on approved range.
- Railroad - private property, no trespassing.
- Dogs must be under control of owner at all times. Terrace Park has had leash law since 1955.

VILLAGE OPERATION

- Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building.
- Mayor's Court is held twice a month, at discretion of mayor, at 7:30 p.m. at Community Building.
- Village office 831-2137
Hours - 8:30 a.m. - 12 and 1 p.m. - 5
- Police Chief Robert Hiatt 831-2137
Administrative matters and information, only.
- Police help, including dogs 821-2280
- Fire Chief F. Lee Stegemeyer 831-0828
- Fire Department and Life Squad Emergency . . . 821-2260
- Planning and Zoning Commission
Ray Cadwallader, chairman 831-1935
- Zoning Board of Appeals
John Getgey, chairman 831-6356

CLUBS

- Call officer listed for information about these organizations.
- Child Study Group
Mary Maxon, chairman 831-8853
- Clodhoppers and Couples Club - dance group
Cindy Hudson 831-2146
- Garden Club
Kath Startzman, president 831-2028
- T. P. Players
Joyce Van Wye, president 831-2059
- League of Women Voters
Judy Reynolds, chairman 831-4187

SCOUTS

- Cubs, John Gislason, Cubmaster 831-0699
- Scouts, Jim Allison, Scoutmaster 831-2832

GIRL SCOUTS

- Bobbie Vastine, neighborhood director 831-8556

RECREATION

- Log Cabin Area - large paved play area and basketball court. Call police to have court lighted.
- Wilderness Preserve - 62 acres along Little Miami River at end of Ford Road has chipped paths, picnic table. It is open to residents from dawn to dusk. Overnight camping permit from police department.
- Terrace Park sports activities are organized and sponsored by the Recreation Committee, a volunteer group. They help underwrite costs with income from Labor Day Festival.
- Fall - Soccer (girls and boys 6 - 18)
Football (boys 9 and 10)
- Winter - Basketball
Riflery
- Spring - Baseball (boys) (T-ball)
Softball (girls)
- Summer - Log Cabin - recreation and crafts for boys and girls 6 - 12 - afternoons
Chairman of Recreation Committee - Ed Tigner, 831-1863
831-7321