

Village Views

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Our Village Labor Day

Terrace Park will hold its customary Labor Day celebration on September 6, proceeds of the day's events go to support the Recreation Committee. Here's the schedule:

9:15 a.m. — Registration of youngsters participating in the annual parade, with Vic Cooper in charge.

9:30 a.m. — Judging of entries, including pets, decorated bicycles, floats and costumes.

9:30 a.m. — Parade moves off, the youngsters being joined by bands, 25 antique cars and police and fire units. The route is via Stanton, Yale and Amherst Avenues to the village green.

10:30 a.m. — Opening ceremonies at the green, the award of parade prizes.

Activities thereafter, arranged by Linda McCormick, include bingo, other games, booths offering baked goods, hot dogs and hamburgers and other goodies. A major feature will be the garage sale arranged by Pete and Edna Stites and Jim and Ann Gilchrist.

Part of the green will be given over to a volleyball tournament being arranged by Dwight Wagner. Would-be players can register there if they haven't made prior arrangements.

5:30 p.m. — Award of raffle prizes set up by Larry and Becky Deckert.

Pat Brandt is overall chairman for the festival.



New On The Life Squad

Just certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and sporting their uniforms as new members of the Terrace Park Life Squad are, left to right, Nonie Ward, Mary Malotke and Connie Wilson. Other new members certified but not present for the picture are Sally Gilchrist, Sally Pschesang, Robert Jenkins and Richard Mittendorf . . . Photo by Sally Kniffin.

World's Fair Is Theme For September Show

Terrace Park Garden Club will hold its annual flower show at the Community House on Tuesday, September 14, open to the public from 3-5 p.m.

All amateur gardeners of the village are invited to enter the horticultural division. The classes are so varied that specimens of most flowers, shrubs, indoor plants, herbs and vegetables are acceptable. A special invitation is given to all the young people of Terrace Park under 18 years of age to enter the Artistic Design Division, Junior Class.

Schedules and information may be obtained from Carol

Hird 831-9204 or Ruth Rugh 831-4230.

All exhibits must be at the Community House between 9 and 11 a.m.

Entries in the artistic division, limited to members of the Garden Club, will follow a World's Fair theme.

With Marilyn Weyer as club president, the show has Carol Hird as general chairman, assisted by Faye Corey, staging; Effie Miller, classification; Frances Marsh, registration; Cindy Longano, placement; Ann Gilchrist, judges; Connie Pannkuk, dismantlement; Ginny Jacobs, cover design, and Frances Stafford, publicity.

Police Move Against Noise and Vandalism

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported at the August meeting of village council that he has filed a complaint with the county sheriff's office about loud music coming from the Golden Pheasant on Roundbottom Road, and also reviewed procedures to be taken by residents who are planning large parties.

When he receives notice of such a gathering, he asks the hosts to inform their neighbors and to make sure parking by guests will not impede emergency vehicles. But he added that notifying him of the party does not give permission to disturb others with late night noise or loud music, and that if complaints are received he will act on them.

Pottorf noted that serious damage has been done lately to some area swimming pools by vandals throwing in charcoal or lawn chairs. Incidents of egg-throwing against houses and cars also have

been reported. Pottorf said he will prosecute the vandals whether they are children or adults. He asked residents to keep him informed of any property damage, however slight.

Council concurred the need for parents to be aware of their children's activities.

Councilman Bill Konold moved adoption of new rules and procedures for council meetings which would bring them in line with state statutes. Changes are primarily in the necessary three readings for ordinances and major resolutions, the posting of notices in five places in the Park of these actions, recording voting on each ordinance and keeping a book of ordinances in the village office.

Mayor Rockel expressed reservations on some parts of the proposal, however and council felt, that in the absence of Councilman Gil-

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New Trash Pickup Regulations Set

New regulations governing trash pickup were outlined at the August council meeting by Police Chief Ron Pottorf, who also serves as village street commissioner.

Nearly all the community's trash disposal needs will be handled by the present contractor, Rumpke, Inc. The exception is heavy brush, which will be picked up by the village crew each Monday as usual.

But all bagged grass clippings, leaves, small brush clippings and any other items which can be bagged or boxed are to be put out for collection with other trash at the regular weekly collection each Tuesday. Heavy items — old refrigerators and such — will also be picked up, but the village office must be notified by 2 p.m. on the preceding Friday so that proper arrangements can be made.

Pottorf said the new arrangement will provide for

better use of village crew time at minimal cost. The additional Rumpke collection, he said, will cost approximately \$35 per week. Previously, he noted, the village crew spent a day making the collection and another day hauling it to a dump near Morrow, where the village had to pay \$25 for the dumping privilege.

While the village has been able to compost much material, Pottorf said that handling bagged clippings had become counter-productive. The clippings did not decompose until the bags split, and removal of the plastic was a time-consuming nuisance.

Pottorf emphasized the major brush piles put out for collection on Mondays should be tied for easy handling. Special arrangements should be made with him, he said, if work such as clearing a tract of trees and shrubs would need removal of several truckloads of material.

Concern Is Voiced Over Bike Trail Plan

With possible opening of the old Pen Central right-of-way as a bicycle trail next summer, Terrace park is developing concern over safety considerations and some lack of communication.

Some 46 miles of the abandoned right-of-way, from Kroger Hills just west of Terrace Park to Roxanna in Greene County, have been acquired by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The department is contemplating development of the strip for hiking, bicycle and horseback trails, starting with the seven miles between Kroger Hills and Loveland.

But Councilman Bolton Drackett and Les Overway noted that the village had been given no opportunity to provide input on the proposal, having received no notice of a hearing of governments and planning agencies held in Loveland July 29. Drackett said there were serious questions concerning maintenance, patrolling of the strip, and protection of abutting properties.

Council's intergovernmental affairs committee, headed by Drackett, is preparing a statement of the village position on the project.

Roger Hubbell, chief of the office of outdoor recreation services in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, said trail expansion will be dictated by available money.

Construction on the bicycle path is expected to start

this fall at Kroger Hill Park with development of a parking lot, restrooms and water facilities.

"We hope it will open next summer, depending on the weather this winter and next spring," Hubbell said.

"We have about \$900,000 left" from federal and state money earmarked for acquisition and development, Hubbell said. But some of it must be held back for possible acquisition of another 10 miles of right-of-way in Greene County, at the northern end of the current 46-mile Little Miami Scenic River Park.

No cost estimates, timetables or development phases have been established for the paths, he said, "in many cases it will depend on the money available."

Essentially, the paths will include trails for bicyclists, hikers and horseback riders.

The scenic river park already is open to hikers but Hubbell said they do so at their own risk. Improvements already being made to bridges and culverts will make the path safe its entire length.

Horseback trails will be developed in segments along the route, but because bridges must meet certain specifications for horse traffic, Hubbell said the entire length of the park might never be finished.

As the bicycle path is developed, he said, "we're look-

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New Village Phone Book Being Prepared

Work has begun on a new edition of the Terrace Park telephone book, which has been an asset to the community for almost 30 years.

The book, issued every two years, is put out by the village fire department. Funds raised have gone towards purchase of ambulances, uniforms and equipment not provided through tax revenues.

Diana Greer is in charge of developing the new book. Plans are to have it ready for distribution in December. One copy is provided without charge to each household in the village.

To facilitate preparation of the new book, residents are asked to note any changes in listings on the form printed elsewhere in this edition of village views, and take or send it to the village office in the Community House.

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EDITORIAL

It does not seem to Village Views that the best interests of the village — its people, not its government — would be served by a proposal to free the village maintenance men of any fire department responsibility.

The proposal, we are informed, is before village council's safety committee. In discussing it, the writer admits to considerable bias, having been one of the founders of the fire department and having served as a volunteer for 26 years.

Terrace Park has excellent fire equipment. But the finest equipment is worthless without people who know what to do with it. It seems to us that when fire threatens life and property the village government has an obligation to use every resource to combat it.

There is another side, of course. Ordinances setting up the fire department — which, oddly enough, can't be found — specified that village workmen were to be members of the fire department. But over the years, non-resident members of the work crew have objected, reasonably enough, to putting in extra time for fire training without being paid for it, and village councils over the years have refused to either pay that overtime or to set aside some work time for fire training.

It is idle to argue that Terrace Park has very few

daytime fires. We've just been lucky. It is axiomatic in the fire service that daytime fires generally are discovered early and so quickly extinguished. It is a fact that, over all the years, there have been only four in daytime and three of them came on week-ends when ample help was available. But that is no insurance that real disaster could not strike tomorrow.

The blunt fact is that daytime fire protection in Terrace Park has been hit or miss from the very start because of the limited number of men in the village during those hours. With the decline in volunteerism, even the enlistment of women hasn't helped.

Nor does it help to say that we can call on Milford and Indian Hill to help. Again, fire service axiom says a fire doubles in size every five minutes. By the time Milford or Indian Hill is called what was a minor blaze could be a major conflagration before they arrive unless Terrace Park has its own adequate first line of defense.

Granted that the village crew has plenty to do. The sprucing up of the village's appearance, especially around the Community House, shows that they are doing it well. But it does not seem that a few hours a month spent in fire training would be much of a price to pay when balanced against lives and property.

Cable TV Gets New Numbers

Warner Amex Cable Communications has installed a new, advanced customer service telephone system which will begin serving subscribers Saturday, July 31.

The new customer service telephone number has been sent to subscribers. Beginning July 31, they can reach customer service by dialing 247-5090. In addition, each subscriber is being sent a new repair express number. This number has a direct line to repair express experts.

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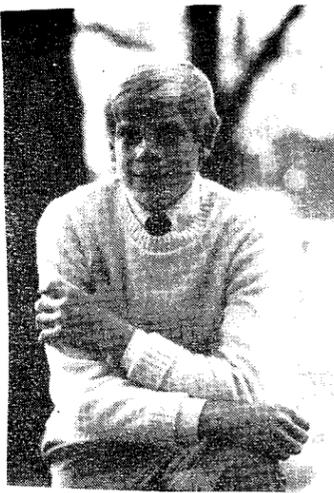
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Joseph M. Gleeson

At West Point

Winning an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Joseph M. Gleeson, 114 Robinwood, is at the summer camp held for entering cadets.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gleeson, he was accepted by the academy from among 12 candidates nominated by Representative Willis Gradison.

Joe graduated from Mariemont High School in June. While in school, he was a representative to Boys State, an officer in student government and a member of the basketball, cross-country and track teams.

Those Schedules

Councilman Les Overway has formally protested to Warner Amex concerning the inadequacy of program listings available for cable TV.

A new free schedule being set out by Warner Amex, he said "is totally inadequate — like getting a telephone book with half the numbers."

The point of complaint is lack of listing of cultural programs carried on cable — only channels such as CBS Cable, ARTS and SPN. The channels are virtually ignored in daily-paper listings, and there is little about them in either TV Cable or the new subscription guide Warner is offering. Those listings instead are heavy on the programs for which extra fees must be paid.

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Heat And Humidity? To Augspurgers It's Starting To Look Like Christmas

By Jeanne Sanker

Christmas trees were the least of most people's thoughts this summer as temperatures soared into the 90's and the humidity rose to capture a national record. But they are part of daily life for Chester Augspurger and his family of 1 Given Lane, since 12,000 trees have become a big part of their business, Cincinnati Turfgrass Nursery, Inc.

Christmas trees are sheared in midsummer to make them more shapely and bushier.

Trees and turf were not Chester's original plan for his life's work. In fact, he had looked forward to a technical career as a mechanical engineer after his graduation from the University of Cincinnati. But, little by little, he realized he did not want to spend his life at a desk operating a slide rule. Remembering the satisfaction of working with the land as a youth, he decided to look for opportunities for having his own business which would include being outdoors and working with the soil. The ideal opening developed fourteen years ago when he learned of a successful sod farm for sale in the Loveland-Maineville area, with area nurseries and landscape architecture firms its principal clientele.

As the new owner of 125 acres in sod, Chester began his "self education in horticulture" by studying countless books and asking lots of questions of knowledgeable people. The business became a true family affair as the three Augspurger sons, Kirk, John, and Andy, became involved. It not only provided additional education for them but it also offered the opportunity for them to earn money to help with their college education.

Chester's wife, Sally, has always been present to help with special errands or doing some of the paperwork.

Three other regular employees completed the work force until four years ago when daughter Amy also joined the "green thumb



Amy Augspurger and her dad, Chester, check on the quality of the 12,000 Christmas trees growing on their farm near Maineville (Photo by Sally Kniffin)

crew" to help with the seedling evergreens from Maine which were added to twelve acres of their property.

Amy has gradually assumed responsibility for the constant mowing, shearing, spraying, nurturing, and almost daily inspection for insects and the destructive bagworm needed to ensure that the Christmas trees are the best.

Because of her meticulous care and Maineville's good growing conditions, she can proudly claim that most of the trees they planted just four years ago (four varieties of blue spruce and four varieties of pine) have grown to be six feet or over. The long-range goal for the first selling of their trees had been set at from five to seven years, but it seems that some will be ready for sale to wholesalers this year.

Next month, when Amy begins her freshman year at Bowling Green State University, she will be majoring in graphic design. Her interest in art, which developed during her last year of high school, has already been helpful to her in providing imaginative designs for the pruning and shaping of the Christmas trees.

Regardless of his company's continuing success, Chester

says there are no plans for expansion. With typical Augspurger humility, he says he prefers heading a small operation where he knows that quality will continue to be the prime objective. For him and his cooperative family, that's the way of life that's best.

Scholastic Honors Won By Villagers

Among Terrace Park students winning honors at their colleges this year are:

John D. Gislason, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gislason, 2 Swallowfield Lane, graduated from Depauw University with a degree in economics.

Lynn Sanker Garvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanker, 800 Princeton, an MBA degree from Harvard Business School.

Lowell Sanker, a BS in business from Arizona State University.

Janet Stites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stites, 819 Douglas, named to the dean's list in her sophomore year at Hanover College.

Bruce Halley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halley, 114 Red Bird Ln., a master's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

Karen A. Boudrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Boudrie, 9310 Old Indian Hill Rd., has been initiated into the Alpha Lambda alumni chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta, international fraternity for college and university women. A senior at Ohio State, she is a broadcast journalism major.

Mary Beth Tarkington, formerly of Terrace Park, has entered the law school of San Francisco University. She did her undergraduate work at Kent State.

Getgey To Lecture

Village Solicitor John Getgey Jr. has been chosen as a lecturer for a series of legal seminars on trial techniques at Harvard Law School. Past president of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers and of the Cincinnati Bar Association, he will discuss the field of medical negligence.

Workshops Starting For Annual Bazaar

Workshops for the November 4 St. Thomas Bazaar start the day after Labor Day, September 7, and will continue each Tuesday through October, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church undercroft.

A luncheon at nominal cost is planned twice a month starting September 14; on alternate Tuesdays, workers will "brown bag it." Babysitting will be provided.

A small group headed by bazaar chairman Hazel Retherford and Jo Fahnestock has worked through the summer on quilting. "I wish I could tell everybody," says Hazel, "how much fun the workshops have been. I'd like to say to all newcomers especially — regardless of church affiliation — that they will be warmly received on Tuesdays at St. Thomas. We

need all ages and all skills. Talent is certainly welcome, but not necessary.

"There's a wide choice of activities, too," Hazel continues. "You can work on nativity scenes, create dried arrangements, do needlework, or help the Town & Country Committee refurbish antiques; you get on-the-job training.

"Our bazaar is a community-wide effort, and a large part of its profits go out into the community to support outreach projects." Hazel considers this aspect especially important this year, given the state of the economy.

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Council

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christ and Miller who are on vacation, more time was needed to study the proposal. It was tabled until next month.

Council also:

- heard that both county and state have authorized work on the Elm Street overpass, and acceptance should come by October with work starting the first of the year.
- was informed that emergency police service to Milford has been cut back, and Pottorf and Village Solicitor John Getgey are examining liability coverage for police who are called to other communities.
- gave first reading to an ordinance which will transfer property from the Terrace Park Trust Fund to the Village.

Public hearing

Terrace Park's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. on the pleas of Maurice H. Korby for a zoning variance at 203 Oxford Avenue.

Korby has proposed to build an addition to his home, but was denied a building permit by John Eberhard, village building inspector.

Bill Abernathy, chairman of the appeals board, will conduct the meeting at the Community House.

Weakley Again Wins Tourney

Bill Weakley again won the annual Terrace Park men's golf tournament, held at Fair Acres on July 24. Twenty men took part.

Weakley had a 74 for low gross. Bill Konold came in with the low net score.

In other competition, David Moyer scored the longest drive, and Bob McConkey pitched closest to the pin.

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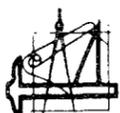
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