

# Village Views

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## New Trees To Go In This Fall

Replacements for trees razed early this year will be planted this fall, Councilman Jack Schmidt reported to the September council meeting.

Council accepted a bid of \$6,700 for the work from Ammons Landscaping Co., of Boone City, Ky., making it an emergency action so that planting can be done by mid-October. Locations already have been marked.

Of the 110 trees to be set out, lacebark elms will go along Elm Avenue except in the stretch above the maintenance area where Aristocrat pears will go. Red maples are to be planted along Amherst, river birch along Miami, sweet gum on Cambridge, and scarlet oaks along Terrace Place. Schmidt said the scarlet oak planting may be delayed until spring, however, because of the feeling among some tree experts that the species takes hold better with spring planting.

Schmidt said Ammons, who did the plantings at Kings Island, was the only bidder to offer all the varieties called for by Steve Sandfort, the village tree consultant. Others offered substitutions.

Planning the second year's work in the five-year program being financed by a special levy, Schmidt said trees on Western, Home, Myrtle, Floral, Yale and Lexington Avenues will be inspected this fall, with any necessary removal or pruning to be done in February or March. Bids will be opened on that work in January.

Some cross streets were originally planted with double rows of trees. Schmidt said replacements over the years will provide only a single row.

With some concern having been expressed over pruning of new trees to allow for utility wires, Schmidt said trees being chosen are those known to tolerate judicious pruning, or of upper twiggy growth that causes few problems.

## New Crisis Threatens Life Squad

Terrace Park's volunteer life squad again is facing staffing problems which threaten its existence.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews told village council at its September meeting that he was "seriously concerned" over what he called a "critical shortage" of volunteer life squad personnel.

Unless new recruits are enrolled immediately, he said, "the village might have to



## On A Wet Labor Day

Toppled from his perch by the accurate arm of a student, School Supt. Don Thompson (top) scrambles from the dunking booth. Below, Dr. Stanley Brown, a swim judge at the recent Olympics, presents prizes to some shy winners in the annual parade. (Photos by Sally Kniffin)

## Don't Be A Hero

Checking on Prowlers Dangerous, Pottorf Warns — Pschesang Office Looted

If you hear a prowler around your house, stay indoors and call the police at once. Going out to see what's going on could be dangerous.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf issued that warning to village residents after an incident in which a householder's son was threatened with what likely was a gun.

The incident occurred about midnight on August 27 when Mrs. John Dumford, 706 Franklin Ave., happened to go downstairs and, on turning on a light, heard a noise at the back door. She called her son, Andy, who went out of the front door and saw two men hurrying away. One of them shouted to him to stop, reached into a pocket and pulled out "something shiny."

Mrs. Dumford said the police responded "within a

couple of minutes" after she called, but the men had fled through a wooded area on Poplar Street by then.

Although other officers were called — "we must have had 20 policemen on the job," said Pottorf — no trace of the men was found and they presumably got away in a car parked somewhere nearby.

Pottorf also reported a burglary at the office of Dr. Paul Pschesang on Western Avenue the night of August 22, with police having to suspects in their late teens.

Loot consisted of about \$200 in cash, \$200 in stamps and \$600 in checks. Pottorf asked that any checks found be returned to him.

## Last Call!

A new edition of the village telephone book, issued every two years by the village fire department and life squad, is ready to go to press.

Anyone who has made a change of address, or knows of such a change, is urged to contact Charlotte Molitor, at the village office, 831-2138, by Oct. 3.

The books are expected to be distributed on Oct. 28. Firemen and life squad members will at the same time sell tickets for the 25th annual fire department Pancake Supper, to be held November 10.

## Fence Law Revision Proposed for Village

Councilman Rich Gilchrist announced at the September council meeting that he intends to propose revision of the village's fence ordinance, a focus of controversy over many years.

Currently, fences may be no higher than four feet in front and side yards and six feet in back yards, with 30% open space required in all fencing. The councilman said Mariemont, Madeira, Indian Hill and Hamilton County rules require the same heights with 75% open space in front and side yards, but with no opening requirement in the rear.

Gilchrist said he felt a corresponding change would eliminate most of the fencing problems in the village.

The proposal will be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission. If approved there, it will face a public hearing and three readings in council.

## Corey To Stay On Job

A flurry developed when a resolution was offered thanking Bob Corey for his services as building inspector, following his resignation.

Corey objected to the resolution, saying he had resigned only when he learned that use of the Hamilton County inspector was being considered and on finding that his files had been removed.

Gilchrist urged Corey to reconsider and apologized for what he called a misunderstanding, saying that the commission had only considered using the county inspector should Corey not be available, and that the files had been taken by Mayor Les Overway for study.

Several Councilmen and Police Chief Ron Pottorf praised Corey's work and Corey left the meeting saying he would "think about it."

He later told *Village Views* he accepted the explanations and would remain in office.

## Golden Pheasant Issue Pushed

A large delegation of members of a new property owners' group attended the meeting to continue protests against noise from the Golden Pheasant.

Ted Swenson, as spokesman, said that 70 families had indicated support of the effort and invited further participation, saying that "we have lost this summer but we are determined not to lose next summer."

He reported that he and Gordon Lumley have filed public nuisance charges in the case, but hearings have been delayed by continuances.

Current emphasis is on efforts to have the Ohio Liquor Control Board deny renewal of a permit for outdoor service of intoxicants at the inn. Councilman Bob Payne reported that the county commissioners had filed an objection to renewal and Swenson urged residents to continue to file complaints with the county commission.

## Council Responds to Critics

Calling allegations either "confused reasoning or malicious slander," Gilchrist answered charges by Marilyn Bullock made at the last council meeting and in a letter to *Village Views*.

Council recently rejected, by a tie vote, a proposal to rezone the toll house property on Wooster Pike for a landscaping business. Gilchrist read a letter from Warren Pence denying that Gilchrist had threatened harm to his son's business if the zoning matter should be pushed further. Councilmen Bob Payne and Bill Konold agreed that they had walked and inspected the property with Gilchrist.

Council's objectors to rezoning had argued that extending business zoning would weaken attempts to block further expansion. But it was denied that efforts had been made to instill fears of location of a dog kennel on adjoining property.

But Sally Pschesang, speaking for Mrs. Bullock who was not present, said that the accusations were accurate and that council was acting through "fear, falsehoods and intimidations." She objected to Mrs. Bullock's letter to *Village Views* having been "cleared" through council. Mayor Overway said the letter had been shown to council for them to respond if they wished and that in no way had any "clearance" been intended. He said he strongly resented what he called a reflection on the integrity of Ellis Rawnsley, editor of the paper.

In response to a letter from Bolton Drackett suggesting updating of current sewage disposal ordinances, Gilchrist reported that he had consulted with the Hamilton County Health Department and learned that the existing septic tank and dry well system is "perfectly acceptable." He said he felt that no changes were needed at this time.

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# Halloween Treats!

Plan to buy your Halloween Treats for the Trick-or-Treater's from the Terrace Park PTA. We will be taking orders on the standard "lb." bags of individually wrapped mini-bars, such as you buy in the grocery. The candy can be picked up at the Pumpkin Festival or at Melanie Sheridan's on Marion Way, on October 18, 19 or 20. The varieties are listed in the order blank below. Cost is \$2.35/bag.



Funds from this sale will go towards new playground equipment for the Terrace Park Elementary School. Please help make our playground a safer place for all our children, toddler through high school.

Everyone is welcome to join us at this year's pumpkin festival, Thursday, October 18, 5:30 to 7:30, featuring games, crafts, bake sale, dinner, and a "haunted house". The theme of this year's haunted house is

"Raiders of the Lost Park...."

Booths, food, etc. are suitable for children age three and up. Pumpkins will be available for sale in the school lot starting at 5:30.



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Left to right, Geoff Fahnestock, Mike Gleason and Russell Maxon.

### Starring on Track Team

Mariemont High School's Cross Country team is enjoying a very successful year, with its outstanding performance attributed largely to the talents of three Terrace Park residents — Geoff Fahnestock, Mike Gleason, and Russell Maxon. The team has been consistently picked by the coaches' association as one of the top A-AA teams in the area. Although Mariemont is an A school (meaning small school), the team has beaten almost all the AA

(medium size) schools. Senior Geoff Fahnestock has been the team's top runner, with Senior Mike Gleason the number two man in his third year of running cross country. Sophomore Russell Maxon has been the team's number five man in his first year on the team.

Coach Mike Grote, calling the team "undoubtedly the finest group I have ever had to work with," noted that all its members are honor roll students.

### Chance To Save For Halloween

Moms! Save yourself a trip to the grocery store and get your trick or treat candy for just \$2.35 per bag this year at the pumpkin sale sponsored by the PTA of the Terrace Park Elementary School.

The sale will be held October 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the school. Pumpkins will be for sale at lower than retail prices. Delicious cakes, cookies and cupcakes will be featured at a bake sale.

The big attraction for the kiddies will be the "Haunted House," plus lots of games and prizes in the school auditorium.

### Christmas Tour Homes Selected

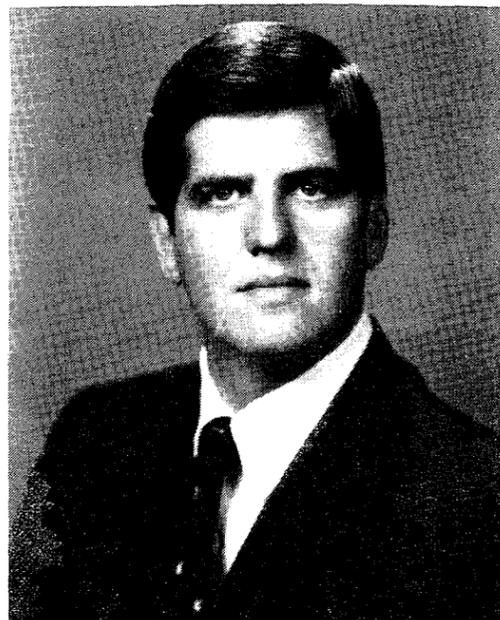
Terrace Park Garden Club has announced selection of five homes to be open on the club's annual Christmas tour on December 9.

The homes are those of Harry and Leslie Brown on Yale; J. Morgan on Lexington; Ray and Patti Normile on Amherst, John and Barbara Smith on Elm, and Rusty and Connie Wilson on Stanton.

A poinsettia sale will be held in conjunction with the tour. To pre-order plants, call Mary Malotke at 248-0925.

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**Members Sought  
 By Music Group**

The Mariemont (School) District Music Association is conducting its 1984-85 membership drive. The association promotes, supports and gives financial aid to the instrumental and choral programs in all schools in the district. Mrs. Jackie Alexander is heading the campaign.

Current officers are Charlene Pfingstag, president; Shirley Mittendorf, vice-president and publicity; Jackie Alexander, corresponding secretary; Betsy Schwinn, recording secretary; Penny Brueckner, treasurer; and Concessions, Ed and Penny Brueckner, Leown and Carolyn Moore, and Charlene Pfingstag.

The annual cheese and sausage sale will be held in mid-October under the direction of Mrs. Billie Donaldson.

**Gilchrist Named  
 In Merit Program**

Richard Gilchrist, a senior at Mariemont High School, has been named a Merit Program Semi-Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, among 15,000 semi-finalists named from more than one million participating students. The semi-finalists represent the highest scorers in each state on the PSAT/NMSQT, a test taken each year by college-bound juniors.

At Mariemont High, Rick has been an active member and officer of the student council, manager of the basketball team, manager and trainer of the football team, and a participant in class and school projects. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gilchrist, 115 Floral Avenue.

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