

# Village Views

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## Council Pledges 'Real Effort' To Save Community House

### Mayor Reviews The Problem

Dear Residents:

This will briefly update where Council stands with the project of bringing the Community Building up to standards.

The building has been inspected by several people including our building official, engineer and fire inspector, Hamilton County's building inspector and a certified structural engineer. While the structural engineer's report is not complete, here's what we now know.

1. The building's wiring is old and overloaded to the point that it represents a serious fire hazard. We were advised to cut back on the building's use until the wiring is fixed.
2. The second floor office has been rated as potentially dangerous because the stairs are too steep and narrow, no fire wall exists between the office and the rest of the building and no second fire escape is available. We were advised to either quickly fix these problems or to vacate the space.
3. The foundation and some portions of the main walls appeared to be crumbling and we were advised to hire a structural engineer to inspect the building. We've done this and are currently waiting for his report.

In light of these findings and recommendations, we've taken, or are in the process of taking, three additional steps.

1. In order to protect village residents and to limit village and individual official's liability, the building's use has been limited to government business.

We know this is inconvenient to several groups but we believe this is the only responsible action that could be taken.

2. Council's Building and Grounds Committee is considering a short-term alternative to the second floor office. Moving the office downstairs or renting a business trailer are two of the options being considered.

The committee will be making their recommendation at a special Council meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24th.

3. The committee is also reviewing long-term options but the options available and the ultimate plan will be dependent on the structural engineer's report.

All of us hope that the building will be found to be structurally sound, since fixing the building and efficiently adding office space will most likely be the least expensive alternative.

This alternative also would enable us to continue to keep our historic building and to offer its large assembly room for your use.

Council is working very hard to responsibly resolve the Community Building problems. Your patience and support is greatly appreciated.

We will continue to do our best to keep you fully informed. If you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to attend the Council Meetings or contact any one of your Council people.

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Mayor

## Council Backs 9-11, Balks at Financing

Village council at its June meeting endorsed the principle of 9-11 emergency telephone service, but balked at what it felt could develop into a "very, very expensive" set-up.

Under the 9-11 system, anyone dialing those numbers is immediately connected to computer banks which give the location to which operators can dispatch whatever emergency equipment is needed. The plan will become effective in Hamilton

County if 60% of its communities accept it.

Councilman Russell Wilson offered a county-sponsored resolution to endorse the plan, which gave the rates as 12 cents per month for each telephone subscriber, with a village annual payment of \$1,960. It was the village fee which councilmen questioned as possibly mounting rapidly. The village is budgeting \$12,445 in 1987 as the final payment in a settlement

reached with the county for radio service to the police, fire department and life squad. It also is in litigation with the county over the current level of fees.

Instead of adopting the standard resolution, council approved one agreeing with the principle but questioning the financing.

Council also adopted a tentative budget for 1987, required by law. A final budget will be devel-

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The future of Terrace Park's old Community House remained clouded as *Village Views* went to press, although Mayor Les Overway pledged a "real effort" to keep what was originally the first church in the community.

Concern about the electrical system brought on a critical examination of the building. The major issue now is the crumbling foundation.

The mayor said a firm of top structural engineers hired to study the problem had made only an oral report, the nature of which was not disclosed. Other council members indicated privately, however, that the report was generally optimistic.

Informal talk centered on the possibility of building a two-story addition to house police and village offices, freeing the main building for public use.

A written report from the engineers, together with interim plans for the building, are to be discussed at a special council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24.

The building will continue to remain closed for any but governmental use, however.

Police headquarters and the village office are to be removed promptly from the second floor, because of the hazards of lack of a fire wall, steep and dangerous stairs, and lack of a fire escape.

Council discussed the issue only briefly in open session at its June meeting, chiefly in response to Garden Club member comments. Lynn Nelson said the club was eager to have the issue resolved and was concerned over the possibility of the building being demolished. Faye Corey said that would be an outrage, and criticized lack of communication with the Garden Club, a regular user of the building, which she noted had contributed much to the village.

### New Phone Books Coming Out Soon

New village telephone books, sponsored by the volunteer fire department, are expected to be ready for distribution July 1.

The new books will be spiral-bound with plasticized covers, and with larger type. The charge will be \$3 per copy, or two for \$5.

Books will be offered door-to-door. Anyone missed or wanting additional copies will be able to obtain them at the village office.



### To The Flag —

Al Nelson sounds his trumpet as Boy Scouts raise the flag at Memorial Day ceremonies on the village green.

## TP Principal Named To Head High School

By Ricki Schmidt

The Mariemont Board of Education accepted the resignation of high school principal Dr. Charles Berny at its regular meeting June 10. Dr. Berny leaves the Mariemont system after four years to become superintendent of the Madison School District in Butler County.

Terrace Park Elementary School principal Gerald Harris was named to replace Berny under a two-year limited contract effective August 1 at an annual

## 24 Among High School Graduates

Twenty-four Terrace Park students were among the 83 graduated by Mariemont High School in the class of 1986.

As reported by the school, they are:

Chris Binstadt, Edward Cunningham, Katie Emery, Brian Getz, Elizabeth Goewey, Heather Grant, Nancy Hammons, Blaine Heath, Kathi Kennedy, Leigh Anne Kranz, Ann Madewell, J.G. McCord, Jeff Megowen.

Fredrick Mileham, Rick Mileham, Ron Miller, Leslie Mittendorf, Brigid Niesel, Mark Pfingstag, Amber Smith, Karen Stegemeyer, Lisa Strider, Paige Taylor and Ben Tigner.

Fifteen members of the class were from Fairfax, the rest from Mariemont.

salary of \$49,500.

Harris, recently hospitalized for three weeks with a crushed heel, had been principal of Mariemont Middle School before coming to Terrace Park two years ago. His replacement at Terrace Park has not yet been named.

Supt. Don Thompson announced the Mariemont High School physics team placed second in the state and 20th nationally in the National Science Olympiad Test. Terrace Park residents on the 10-member team were Hal Northrop, Mark Pfingstag, Fred Mileham, Chris Corey and Chris Benstadt.

# Ben VanWye Wins Annual Mini-Marathon

Running in the mens' 26-35 age group, Ben VanWye won the Terrace Park Recreation Committee's Memorial Day Mini-Marathon. VanWye led 53 runners through the new 2.5 mile course from the village green to Dracket Field, where the Memorial Day Games were held. Jim Greiner organized the events.

VanWye was followed by Dan Keefe, with Dave Knauer third. Keefe and Knauer were the top runners in the mens' 36-and-over category, which was the largest group with 15 runners. John Bowers was third in that category. There were no women runners in this age group.

Don Hawk was second in the mens' 26-35 group with John Jones third. Again there were no women runners.

Blaine Smith was fastest in the mens' 16-25 category with Mark Northrup and Rick Gilchrist coming in second and third. Ellen Cole was the only female runner in the age group.

Brent Ballard led the boys 11-15 age group with Bill Weakley and Mike Reynolds placing second and third. Jennifer Kipp

led the girls in this age group followed by Stephanie Mileham in second place and Carrie Schmidt in third.

In the 10-and-under division there were nine female participants and only three male runners. Leading the girls was Maggie Roberts, with Jody Ader second and Cori Keefe third. Tim Knauer was the fastest boy, followed by Matt Krachon and Mike Duckwall.

Ribbon winners in the 50-yard dash were: Suzanne Jones and Joshua Deeter in kindergarten; Page Koehler and Tray Harness in first grade; Kristin Jones and Alex Ward in second grade; Jennifer Powell and Chris Dahlmeir in third grade; Maggie Roberts and David McDonald in fourth grade; Summer Armstrong and Ian Ross in fifth grade; and Cara Knauer and R.J. Orr in sixth grade.

New Terrace Park resident Dave Will, 622 Miami Ave., has been named basketball commissioner replacing Mike Pope, who will now be a member-at-large of the Recreation Committee.

## Annett Joins Realty Firm

Ogle F. Annett of Terrace Park has joined the Marient office of West Shell, Inc., according to an announcement by David E. Clippinger, senior vice president of the real estate firm.

Mrs. Annett worked in sales with Welcome Wagon before joining West Shell. Active in the community, she is a Life Squad volunteer, vice president of the Terrace Park Garden Club, a member of the Terrace Park PTA and is treasurer of the Terrace Park Cub Scout Pack 97.

## Youngsters Make Their Business Mark

Challenged by their teacher, Mrs. Kempozinski, Terrace Park sixth grade youngsters went into the button business this school year. They not only repaid a \$130 loan from the PTA but raised enough money to buy two ash trees which have been planted in the school yard.

The youngsters formed their own company, with rotating slates of officers so everybody would have a chance; located a supply source in New York, and then manufactured buttons with slogans for holidays, school projects, popular sayings, and even customized printing to their own designs.

Setting up shop outside the school cafeteria, they made expenses within two months, and it was all profit from then on.

## about 9-11

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oped late this year.

The budget anticipated expenses of \$606,101, up \$22,198 from this year, and revenues of \$548,340, to be covered by surplus. The village had an unexpected \$104,000 estate tax windfall this year. The budget, however, does not reflect any Community House expenses likely to be incurred.

Finance chairman Bob Payne forecast a return to budget equilibrium thereafter because of the ending of tree renovation and street re-surfacing programs and ending of the county communications settlement.

Spending increases for 1987 included \$20,991 in police salaries, \$11,000 for a new police cruiser, and \$25,000 for a new maintenance truck.

In other actions, council:

★ Called on Councilman Tim Gleeson to investigate whatever rules other communities have on parking of recreational vehicles. Terrace Park has no current ordinance, but does afford protected parking near the maintenance garage.

★ Heard from Councilman Rich Gilchrist that the Planning & Zoning Commission will hereafter meet on the first Tuesday of each month, along with word, endorsed by Mayor Overway, that the commission expects to adhere closely to the letter and spirit of the zoning code.

★ Appointed Joseph W. Courts, a Kings Island security officer, as an auxiliary patrolman at \$1 a year.

★ Heard from Councilman Randy Casteel that new trees will be planted in October because of spring weather delay. He said also that the maple in front of the Community House is beyond saving and will be replaced.

## Four Flags Sought For Dracket Field

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission will dedicate four American flags for Dracket Field at Labor Day festivities.

Anyone interested in purchasing a flag as a memorial, as a gift to the community's recreation program or to honor someone special is asked to contact Tom Ader, fields commissioner, at 831-8953. The flags cost \$50 each. If desired, notification of the gift will be sent to the individual or individuals named.

## Rose Tour Set By Garden Club

Members and guests of the Terrace Park Garden Club will tour the old-fashioned rose garden on Ault Park on July 1, meeting at the Community House at 9:30 a.m. to form car pools. Hostesses will be Marilyn Weyer, Bev Smith and Cathy Wecker.

At its May meeting, the club enjoyed letters of appreciation from elementary school children for blue spruce seedlings given them in Arbor Day ceremonies. Speidel Garden Center has completed new plantings around the front entrance of the old school building, made possible by the success of the club's plant sale and a substantial contribution from a former Terrace Park Girl Scout troop.

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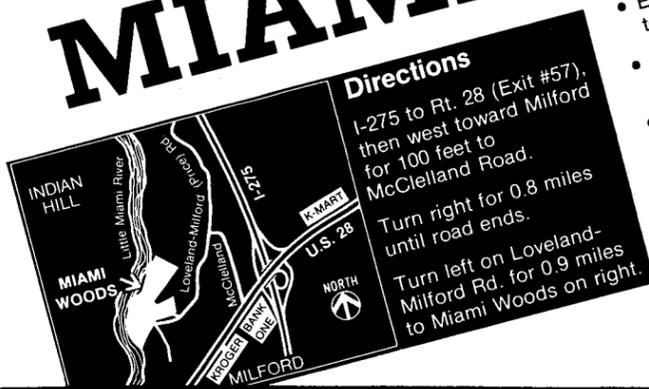
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## New Club Formed For Retired Men

A new club has been formed for the benefit of Terrace Park men who have retired.

The club has no name, no rules, no officers, no dues, no purpose other than just to give retired men an opportunity to have lunch with and enjoy the company of their contemporaries.

It meets at noon at Millcroft Inn on the first Monday of each month. No reservations are necessary. Just show up.

## Gathering Goods For Labor Day

It's time to start sorting out things for the annual Labor Day festival garage sale, one of the popular features of the event.

The sale this year will be directed by Jack and Barbara Smith and Pete and Edna Stites.

Small items can be left in the Smith garage at 625 Elm. For pickup or information on larger items call either the Smiths at 831-5300 or the Stites at 831-1944.

## Volunteers Plan Labor Day Fete

Karen and Al Roberts have volunteered to take charge of this year's raffle, a major part of the success of the annual Labor Day festival, to be held on the village green on Monday, September 1.

In August, each home in Terrace Park will receive an envelope containing tickets providing chances for cash prizes — a grand prize of \$500, with a second prize of \$200 and a third of \$75. The drawing will take place at about 4 p.m. on Labor Day.

Other chairmen, announced by general chairman Hank Phillips, are:

Treasurer, Ricki Schmidt; publicity, Sue Porter; parade, Vic and Lee Cooper; garage sale, Jack and Barbara Smith and Pete and Edna Stites; games, Robin and John Armstrong.

Dunking machine, Sue and Bill Abernethy; bingo, Bob Lipka; bingo prizes, Debi Johnson; food, Nonie Ward; beer, Cindy and Ron Hudson; Coke, Ann and Hap Lindell; blackjack, John Gislason; ice cream, Lou Washburn of Olde Towne; bake sale, Gayle Taylor.

Public address, Terrace Park Players; electrical, Dennis Elliott; tables and chairs, Men's Soccer Team; clean-up, Terrace Park school Fifth Grade.

## Six Win Trophies In Pinewood Derby

Terrace Park Cub Scout Pack 97 held its annual Pinewood Derby at the elementary school June 3, with a large crowd on hand to observe the races. Twenty-five cub scouts participated. Trophies awarded were: first place, Benjamin Ross, Den 3; second place, Michael Duckwall Den 1; third place, Les Mitchell, Den 2.

Trophies were also awarded for "best looking car" from each den. Winners were: Den 1, Ronnie Cole; Den 2, Eric Koehler; Den 3, Scott Blomer.

Cubmaster Hank Phillips expressed appreciation for the assistance of several people in staging this year's Pinewood Derby. Police Chief Ron Pottorf and councilman Jack Schmidt were official judges; race starters Ed Annett and Bob Blomer; track set-up, Tom Petry; Ogle Annett, trophies; Mike Duckwall, pit crew chief; and Janet Phillips, photographer.

Chief Pottorf announced that he has invited the six trophy winners to be his guests for lunch.

## Six Join Fire Units

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reports that six residents have joined the village emergency services.

Jim Carl, Rick Hamm and Richard Mitchell have joined the volunteer fire department.

Dan Keefe, Renee Mabry and Pat McNerney have enrolled in the Life Squad.

## Fire Warning

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews notes that some residents have been burning trash, brush and leaves in their yards. Open burning in any incorporated areas is banned by the county EPA.

## Sue Porter Named Trustee

Sue Porter, 808 Wooster Pike, has been elected to the Scripps Howard Foundation Board of Trustees. The foundation fosters excellence in journalism through its national journalism awards and scholarship programs.

Mrs. Porter is editor of Scripps Howard's employee publication. As a trustee, she'll also serve on the foundation's literacy task force, which is developing a companywide program to combat illiteracy in communities where Scripps Howard operates.



## Webelos Join In Camporee

Seven Terrace Park Webelos Cub Scouts and five adults participated in a recent weekend campout, part of a Dan Beard Council Camp Craig camporee which attracted nearly 1,000 area Cubs and leaders. Webelos attending were Shawn Burt, Ronnie Cole, Michael Duckwall, Tim Knauer, Matt Krachon, Reid McAllister and Alex Phillips. Adults present were Bob Kain, Ron Cole, Mike Duckwall, Mike Krachon and Cubmaster Hank Phillips.

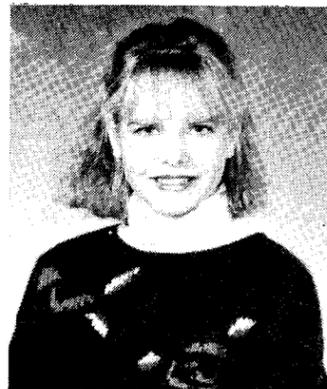
## Summer Fun Is Under Way

"Summer Fun" is under way at Terrace Park elementary school, with all grade school children eligible to participate as they wish. Sessions are from 12:30 to 3:30 daily Monday through Friday. The program will end July 18.

Field trips planned include: June 19, Cincinnati Zoo; June 25, Beechmont Roller Skating Rink; July 3, Serpentine Wall; July 11, Cincinnati Fire Museum; July 16, Greater Cincinnati Airport tour.

The program, organized by Judy Hutton, is directed by Bee Seeborn, assisted by Ann Madewell, Lisi Bryan, Karen Kopich, Pax Lindell, Matt Yelton, Hal Northrup, Steve Getgey, Scott Abernethy, Ric Conroy, Carey Morgan, Tricia Howard and Wendy Heath.

## Two More On National Honor Roll



Jennifer Woods

Village Views inadvertently omitted last month the names of two Terrace Park juniors at Mariemont High School inducted into the National Honor Society. They were:

**Jennifer Woods**, eight times on the honor roll, honored by the International Thespian Society for work in student theater, cheerleader, camp counselor and elementary school Latin teacher.

**Torrey Hall**, Key Club president, elected senior varsity tennis captain, student councillor, junior class representative, camp counselor, varsity soccer player and former reserve co-captain.

Others previously identified were Scott Abernethy, Julie Cooper, Karen Kopich, Hal Northrup and Jay Taylor.

## On Honor Roll

Sarah Payne of Terrace Park placed on the third quarter honor roll at St. Ursula Villa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payne.

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**Nine Place  
High In  
State Tests**

Nine Terrace Park students at Mariemont High school placed high in Ohio Department of Education tests of scholastic achievement.

More than 29,000 students representing over 800 secondary schools participated in the tests given in May. In Division 111 (enrollment of 399 or fewer students) Mariemont High placed:

Frances Cooper, first year biology, seventh in the district, honorable mention in the state.

Jennifer Woods, first year chemistry, 11th in district, state honorable mention.

Mark Pfingstag, physics, 11th in district.

Michael Krachon, geometry, 14th in district.

Christopher Binstadt, senior social studies, fourth in district and 10th in state.

Jack Armstrong, English 9, 18th in district.

Leigh Anne Kranz, English 12, 12th in district.

Hal Northrup, physics, second in state.

**Graduated at  
Country Day**

Two Terrace Park students were among the 44 graduates at the recent Country Day School commencement ending the school's 60th academic year.

Both honors students, they were Koren Lee Moore, who received a National Merit Letter of Commendation, and Elizabeth Ann Winchester, a National Merit scholarship winner.

**Painting to Open  
Bazaar Workshops**

In preparation for St. Thomas Church's "Old Fashioned Christmas" Bazaar on November 13, guest artists will share their expertise at special Tuesday workshops. This year's first guest artist, Carol Cole, will introduce tole painting at 10:30 a.m. on July 22 in the church undercroft. Potential painters are welcome.

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