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Village Receives "Tree City" Awards

Terrace Park received its second "Tree City USA" awards at the July council meeting, in recognition of its major street tree restoration program. The awards included a plaque and a banner from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of Foresters. Displaying the banner, left to right are Councilmen Jack Schmidt, Randy Casteel and Rich Gilchrist, who in turn have headed the committee responsible for the tree program, and Alan Bunker of the Ohio Division of Forestry who made the presentation.

Eggleston Escapes Serious Hurt In African Balloon Crash

Dick Eggleston, of 625 Valley View, escaped serious injury in the crash of a hot-air balloon during a recent South African tour.

Suffering two broken ribs, he nevertheless was able to rejoin his tour group the following day after treatment at a hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. Two of the 12 persons aboard the balloon, however, suffered back injuries and still were in wheel-chairs when the group returned home.

His wife Sally, Dick said, "was smart." She didn't go on the trip.

The accident came during a five-week trip in which the Egglestons toured South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania, visiting Victoria Falls among other sights. They saw, as well, enormous numbers of animals in the wild, including "tremendous" herds of elephants.

Eleven tourists and the pilot were aboard what Dick said was described as the world's biggest hot-air balloon. Starting at dawn to see animals in activity, they were well over the veldt at about 200 feet altitude when the balloon

suffered a flame-out and the pilot was unable to get the heater re-started.

Dick said he was thrown out of the basket when it hit the ground. Others were injured as the basket was dragged about 400 yards over the ground before the bag deflated.

The nine injured were flown to Nairobi for treatment.

In South Africa, Dick said, the people were universally friendly and dismissed sanctions by the United States and other nations as "just politics."

Villager Scores High In Senior Olympics

Playing in the 65-69-year-old bracket, Bob Belliveau of Terrace Park and Walter Bertsche of Kenwood won their way to the semi-finals in men's doubles tennis at the national Senior Olympics held recently in St. Louis.

The pair earlier had won the Ohio State championship in their division in a tournament played at Akron.

Twelve other greater Cincinnatians won gold medals in other events in the Senior Olympics. Like them, Belliveau said the event was "a great thing in getting seniors to get out

and do things."

In fact, Bob didn't take up tennis "seriously" until 15-20 years ago. A member of both the Indian Hill and Terrace Park Swim Clubs, he plays on the courts of one or the other every weekend, "mostly doubles", in the off-season playing at the Indoor Tennis Club on Shawnee Run Road.

Bob came to this area in 1948 after graduating from Yale, working with Procter and Gamble. He and his family have lived at 814 Myrtle Avenue for the past four years.

Council Puts Levy Up For Renewal

Village council at its July meeting moved to ask the voters to renew an existing 3.11 village operating levy in the November elections. The extension would be for two years.

Action followed a long discussion as to whether the levy could be reduced, but Councilman Bob Payne, chairman of the finance committee, urged its retention to assure a strong village financial position in the face of what he called "a lot of unknowns."

He reminded council that while expenses are rising, village property tax revenue is little affected by inflation and that the village will not gain much in tax return from new construction in the community.

Three other levies for a total of 13.15 mills come up for renewal in the next few years.

Council will hold a public hearing before its September meeting in preparation for developing its final budget for the coming year.

Stormwater Problems

Following on an almost-two-inch rainfall the night before, council moved to embark on a program of improving dry well and other street-flooding cor-

rections in the community.

Mayor Les Overway called for a survey to determine just how many street-draining wells there are, and the condition of a WPA-built storm sewer system on some village streets. He and Councilman Bob Payne called storm water drainage a growing problem and urged a systematic attack.

Village Administrator Ron Pottorf estimated there were some 50 dry wells, adding that village crews have successfully rehabilitated five which had been causing major problems.

The discussion was sparked by Chris Schott and Bob Hettinger of Wrenwood Lane, who complained of flooding resulting from a clogged drainage system.

Other Actions

Council also:

- Authorized the Garden Club to proceed with planning for new village green planting, including a memorial flower bed.

- Heard from Councilman Rich Gilchrist that the Planning & Zoning Commission had approved splitting of the tract including the former antiques shop on Wooster Pike to Terrace Place, to permit home building on the 1 1/2 acres involved. He said the split necessitated some "trading" of property with St. Thomas Church.

- Heard a report from Village Administrator Ron Pottorf that, through the state litter program, he had secured the work of six youths and a supervisor for two day's work in the community.

- Authorized payment of \$600 to the supervisor of the Recreation Committee's "Summer Fun" program.

- Received thanks for the community from Stewart Welch, deputy director of county parks, for village support of park levies.

- Heard from Wrenwood residents, through John Wenstrup, complaints about littering around the Stop-n-Go store. He was told that Chief Pottorf is working on the problem.

Payne To Run Again

Councilman Bob Payne has decided to seek re-election to village council. He and John Wenstrup of Wrenwood Lane are so far the only avowed candidates for the two council seats to be filled in November.

Payne, of 629 Lexington, has served 10 years in village government, being appointed to fill an unexpired term as village treasurer in 1977. In 1981, he was named to council to fill the unexpired term of Bill Howard, and then winning election. He is chairman of council's Finance Committee.

School Policy Ok'd Pay Increase Given

The Mariemont school board adopted a policy on communicable diseases at its July 14 meeting, following on a Supreme Court decision that a person so afflicted may qualify as "handicapped."

Supt. Don Thompson said the schools had no current problems, but urged adoption of a policy to meet any that should arise.

Under the plan, if a communicable disease is suspected in a student or employee, an evaluation team (including physicians) will make recommendations

concerning school attendance or employment. The decision will be the superintendent's.

The board approved 6% salary increases for administrators, putting Thompson at \$68,370, High School principal Gerry Harris at \$52,470, and elementary school principals at \$47,587.

It nominated Terrace Park member Ray Bucy for membership on the All-Ohio School Board, and employed Karen Roberts of Terrace Park as a teacher in the elementary school here.

New Building Dedicated To Village Couple

Village Council at the July meeting adopted a resolution dedicating the new police headquarters, now being built, to Bonnie and Ellis Rawnsley.

Work on the building started July 6. Councilman Randy Casteel said he expected completion within three months.

The resolution noted that the Rawnsleys have given property in the past for village purposes and made land needed for the new building available at a reasonable price. The dedication, it said, was to honor outstanding service and generosity to the village.

Cincinnati Bicentennial To Get View Of Village Past And Present

The material presented here is a proposed draft of an overview of Terrace Park intended for panels to be prepared for exhibit by the Cincinnati Bicentennial Commission. Village residents are asked to comment in writing on any errors in fact or emphasis.

It should be remembered that severe space limitations have restricted this report to what seemed to us to be major points. The reverse side of the panel will provide space for notes on Terrace Park lore and legend.

Bob Ingeman
Ellis Rawnsley
Dan Startzman

TERRACE PARK

Terrace Park had its beginning in a pioneer fort built only weeks after establishment of the settlement that was to become Cincinnati. It has retained much of that early independent, do-it-yourself spirit.

A VILLAGE ATMOSPHERE

Terrace Park is a community of only some 850 households, all in single-family homes along tree-lined streets. Most village functions are carried out by volunteers — the Fire Department, Life Squad, the Recreation Committee and a monthly newspaper (Village Views).

What little commercial activity exists is almost wholly along Wooster Pike (U.S. 50) which runs east to west through the village.

Both physically and in spirit, Terrace Park is a product of its environment. At the eastern edge of Hamilton County, it is cut off to the south and east by the Little Miami River, to the north by the steep slopes of Indian Hill, and to the west by an as-yet undeveloped state park. This relative isolation has helped to create a close-knit community of home-lovers, described by many as "a great place to bring up kids."

PIONEER DAYS

Terrace Park's beginning goes back to 1789, when a Revolutionary War soldier, Captain Abraham Covalt, led a band of 45 pioneers down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh. Travelling aboard two flatboats, the party reached the mouth of the Little Miami River on January 19, 1789, and then pushed upstream to the 600 acres which Covalt had bought from John Cleves Symmes.

Their fort, Covalt Station, was built on the spot where St.

Thomas Episcopal Church now stands. Later they built a grist mill, the first in the territory.

INDIAN WARFARE

Those were challenging times. There were homes to build, crops to grow, and Indians to contend with. Seven settlers, including Covalt, were killed by Indians. Three others were carried off and never heard of again. With quieter times, what had been a major Indian trail became Wooster Pike which, established as a toll road, continued as such for 80 years. The Little Miami Railroad, later part of the Pennsylvania system, was built in 1840 and provided a major access to Cincinnati.

CIRCUS DAYS

A spectacular development came in 1857 when the Robinson circus came to town. The colorful Robinson family and troupe established winters at the western edge of the community. Animal cages, rings where bare-back riders practiced, and occasional alarms when animals escaped were part of the local scene for over 50 years. A tornado in 1913 destroyed most of the circus buildings but the Robinson home still stands. John Robinson sold the circus in 1916.

70 Village Students On Honor, Merit Rolls

Five Terrace Park students made the honor roll and 65 placed on the Mariemont High School merit roll for the fourth quarter of the last school year. The report reached Village Views too late for inclusion in the June issue.

On the honor roll, with all A's, were Carrie Davis, seventh grade; Neil Stafford, eighth grade; Brent Ballard and Maggie Shortridge, ninth grade; and Molly Abernethy, 10th grade.

On the merit roll, with 3.2 averages, were:

Grade 7 - Jennifer Jones, Barry Gleeson, Kimberly Hale, Andrea Howard, Jonathon Maddux and Casey Ward.

Grade 8 - Curtis Aldrich, John Baker, David Cooper, Gavin Cunningham, James Glaser, Lauren Gundlach, Daniel Petry, Stephen Petry, Brenda Robertson and Heather Zapletal.

Grade 9 - Alice Franke, Andrew

VILLAGE GROWTH
Population growth continued slowly despite three proposed development projects. One such offered a year's railroad pass to Cincinnati as an inducement to build a home. There were 208 inhabitants when the village was incorporated in 1893, and only 858 in 1940. Major growth has come since World War II, spurred by better transportation, especially the automobile. Well over half of the village's homes have been built since 1945. Village boundaries were expanded by annexations in 1940, 1953 and 1957.

"TREE CITY"

From early days, Terrace Park trees have been a feature and a point of pride. The first village council after the community was incorporated started it by planting 800 maple and ash trees along the streets. The more than 2,500 trees along village streets were badly damaged in a tornado in 1969, but they saved village residents and their homes from serious harm. There has been since a five-year, \$165,000 program of tree restoration which earned Terrace Park designation as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation in 1986 and 1987.

Gilchrist, Kathryn Hester, William Konop, Dan Krachon, Matt Siek, Nicki Thompson, Carrie Tigner, Jason Tripp, Nikki Vearil and Betsy Woods.

Grade 10 - John Armstrong, Heather Fischer, Naomi Fischer, Elizabeth Foard, Michael Krachon, Elizabeth Lowery, Lawrence Madewell, Jennifer McConkey, Christy Normile, Megan Oberle, Cynthia Pope, James Postler, Alexander Stafford, Jeff Taylor.

Grade 11 - James Atwater, Andrea Beck, Matthew Bernard, Michael DeCamp, Mary Catherine Gay, Julie Getz, Caroline Greiner, Cindy Jerles, David Stockwell, Sally Stollmaier and Jay Taylor.

Grade 12 - Scott Abernethy, Alessandro Campi, Christine Corey, Suzanna Foard, Torrey Hall, Helene Junkrans, Karen Kopich, Russell Maxon, Harold Northrup, Donna Ramsdell, Patricia Villegas, Jennifer Woods and Matthew Yelton.

Increase In Pike Speeding Is Expected

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported to village council at its July meeting that there has been no marked increase in speeding on Wooster Pike, but that he expected a "normal" rise because of the improvement in the highway.

He noted that the village has recorded 15 accidents with five injuries thus far this year. He said his officers have warned 654 violators and cited 746 and, among other activities, have made 9,406 checks on the homes of vacationing villagers.

Mayor Les Overway said he was "tremendously impressed" with the work and appearance of the officers and their conduct at mayor's court hearings.

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Girls Tie For Softball Title

Finishing the season with a 7-2 record, Terrace Park first and second grade girls tied for first place in their division in softball league play. Pictured with Coach John Jones are, first row, Lauren Graf, Suzanna Jones, Alisa Ney, Brittany Bustillo, Zoe Hutton, Katie Teichman, Tricia McConkey and Catherine Picton; second row, Gina Rinaldi, Laura Nisonger, Anna Yokel, Laura Baker, Page Koehler, Abby Duplace, Heather Minor, Naomi Howland, and Kelly McKenzie.

Labor Day Festival, Garage Sale Volunteer Leaders Go To Work

Clean out your basement now, before it floods again! Gloria Hader and Mickey Forbes will arrange to transport your treasures to Sue and Jim Porter's barn where items are stored for the Labor Day Festival Garage Sale. If you have donations or wish to help with transportation or sales on Labor Day, call Gloria Hader, 831-3767, or Mickey Forbes, 248-0354. Donors have early shopping privileges.

The Garage Sale has long been a major source of income at the Labor Day Festival, which finances Terrace Park's Recreation Committee.

Rusty Wilson, this year's festival chairman, announced Robin and John Armstrong and Linda and Gregg MacMillan will organize the games while Sandy Ader will head the food preparation.

Debi Johnson is in charge of Bingo prizes and Bob Lipka will

run the games at the festival. Ann Lindell will sell the Coke and Gayle Taylor is organizing the bake sale. Lew Washburn will again sell Old Town ice cream.

Dave Lewis will set up tables and chairs while Dennis Elliott will install the PA system. John Gislason will keep the Black Jack tables honest while Ricki Schmidt handles the treasury and publicity.

Registration Due For Bible School

"Serve the Lord" is the theme of Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas Church, with classes for three-year olds through sixth grade (completed). The school will be in session from 9 to noon, August 10-14.

The director will be Julie Kautz. Registration is now in progress. Visit the church office between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call 831-2052.



Named Trustee

Thomas Petry, 4 Lexington Circle, has been elected to the boards of trustees of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, The Christ Hospital, Inc., and The Christ Hospital. He is president and chief executive officer of Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association is the governing body of The Christ Hospital, the James N. Gamble Institute of Medical Research and several other entities.

Washburn Ends 19 Years On Fire Department

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews announced at the July village council meeting the resignation of Lew Washburn from the Fire Department and Life Squad. Council plans to prepare and approve at its next meeting a resolution praising his long service.

Washburn, owner of the Old Town ice cream parlor in Milford, has been on the department for 19 years.

Washburn was assistant chief of the Life Squad. Because of his resignation, Life Squad Chief Shirley Mittendorf reported some Life Squad changes. Connie Wilson is now assistant chief, Sally Gilchrist captain, and Dick Mittendorf lieutenant.

Matthews reported that David Glassmeyer, 818 Myrtle, had joined the fire department.

Terrace Park Swimmers Winners In Two Meets

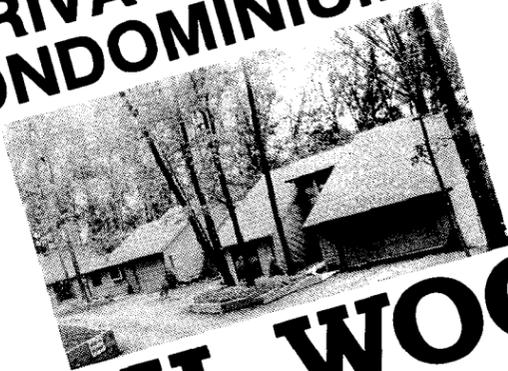
Congratulations go to the 60-plus swimmers participating on the Terrace Park Swim Club Tiger Shark team and to Head Coach Cindy Savino and assistant Paige Taylor! The Tiger Sharks have won two of four meets to date this season. On June 25, Terrace Park defeated Brookside and on July 9 posted another victory in their home meet against Brentwood.

Scores were close and each team held the lead at various

times throughout the meets. The final event of each swim meet is the four-person free-style relay in each age group for boys and girls. This event clinched the victory for the Tiger Sharks in both swim meets.

The Terrace Park Swim Club is a member of the Private Pool Swim League which includes 18 clubs in the Greater Cincinnati area. Finals for all teams will be held at the Countryside YMCA in Lebanon July 23 and 24.

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Street Work Under Way

On the recommendation of Councilman Rusty Wilson, village council approved a street paving contract at its July meeting, and the low bidder started work the next morning.

Streets being treated are the 800 block of Myrtle, Miami Avenue from 715-801 and 711 to Marietta, Rugby from Yale to Miami, all of Wrenwood, Princeton from 818 to Elm, Marietta between Elm and Yale, Terrace Place at the village green, Western between Wooster and Park, and Yale between Harvard and Amherst.

The bid price was 93 cents per square yard, for a total of \$13,617. Wilson said that while the unit price is up six cents over what was paid last year, the village is using a more expensive but superior paving material.

About The Siren

Residents are reminded that a long blast of the village fire siren is now a warning of an approaching severe thunderstorm that could involve a tornado. It is a warning to tune in a local TV or radio station for more detailed information.

The regular fire signal is a cycle of one long, three short blasts.

Dates Set For TP School Events

The Terrace Park Elementary PTA asks parents to mark their calendars for the following events: Seventh Grade Orientation - Aug. 25; Schools Open - Aug. 31; Parents Information Night - Sept. 10; Dad's Night - Sept. 25; Pumpkin Festival - Oct. 14; Mariemont Homecoming - Oct. 16; Everybody Counts Week - First week Nov.; Principal's Coffee - Nov. 12.

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