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Gazebo Proposed To Spark Village Sesquicentennial

Councilman Tim Gleeson suggested at November's council meeting that the village prepare to celebrate its sesquicentennial.

A band of Pennsylvania pioneers established Covalt Station on the site of what is now St. Thomas Episcopal Church in January of 1789, only a few weeks after the settlement which was to become Cincinnati was established late in 1788. The village was incorporated in 1893.

Specifically, Gleeson proposed the construction of a gazebo on the village green as both a useful and inspirational focal point for the community. He said he planned to organize a Terrace Park Sesquicentennial Committee to involve as many residents as possible in raising funds for the project, the dedication of which would highlight a community celebration of the anniversary.

Tentative plans for a gazebo indicate a likely cost of \$45,000, including walkways, lighting and plantings.

Gleeson's formal proposal said:

"I am proposing a manner in which the Village of Terrace Park can recognize and celebrate its own sesquicentennial. This is an opportunity for the community to look at Terrace Park with tremendous pride. Optimally, it would even strengthen our sense of community as we move forward.

"With this in mind, I am proposing that a gazebo commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Village of Terrace Park be constructed on the Village Green. The grand opening of the gazebo to the residents could be part of a celebration for the community.

"Of course, there are undoubtedly countless other ways the village could come together for its own 150th anniversary. I am proposing the gazebo for several reasons. The gazebo might be constructed in a style reminiscent of a past era, perhaps the 1920s. Possibly, this could be a means for the elder residents of our community to look back. Certainly, it would be a means to salute with appreciation just what our elder residents have given to our community.

"The Village Green, already a focal point of the community, is the ideal location for such a commemoration. Not only would it provide an opportunity to look back with pride, it would also provide the facility to strengthen our sense of community as we move forward. A village green with a gazebo, walkways, park benches, old-fashioned street lamps, and flower beds (as the Terrace Park Garden Club has recently proposed) will get far greater use than a village green with . . . merely green. Beyond that, by establishing a stronger focus within the village, it will provide a better sense of community identity.

"Unfortunately, a gazebo, walkways, park benches, street lamps, and flower beds are not free. To alleviate the problem of funding, I propose to establish a Terrace Park sesquicentennial committee of Terrace Park residents. Such a committee could accomplish two goals. First, the committee could head a fund drive to pay the costs of the project. Secondly, the committee could develop and organize the events that would comprise the recognition and celebration of Terrace Park's sesquicentennial. With a hands-on involvement through such a committee, more residents will enjoy the event.

"A gazebo on the village green has many advantages. Coupled with the sesquicentennial of Terrace Park, it not only becomes a means for the community to come together and look at Terrace Park with great pride, but also provides a facility for enjoyment as it strengthens our sense of community for years to come."

Heavy Fall Slows Leaf Pick-Up

An early and heavy fall of leaves has slowed leaf pickup in the village, but Village Administrator Ron Pottorf told village council that he expected the work to be completed within normal scheduling.

In past years, he said, the leaf fall has been spread over several weeks, and village crews accomplished the pickup in two rounds through the village. This year, however, leaves fell so early and in such quantity that the work has been slowed down.

Meantime, Fire Chief Pierce Matthews urged caution in parking during leaf-fall season. He reported the loss of one car which had been parked over leaves which were ignited by the heat of the car's catalytic converter.

Village officials, too, urged resident cooperation in watering street trees which could be killed or suffer serious harm because of the long dry spell.

Schmidt Wins Mayor's Post By Margin of Nine Votes

Terrace Park had its first contest in years for mayor in the November elections, and wound up with one of the closest votes ever for village office.

After a vigorous campaign on both sides, Jack Schmidt, 107 Marion Lane, won by nine votes over Randy Casteel, 819 Wooster Pike. The vote was 439 to 430. Little more than half, or 889, of the village's registered voters cast ballots in the election, with 20 of them either invalidating their ballots in some way or taking no side in the contest.

A village bid for renewal of a 3.11 mill operating levy received one of the heaviest votes of approval in years, 627 to 243.

Bob Payne was re-elected to council with 699 votes, and John Wenstrup, 110 Wrenwood Ln., was elected with 611. They were unopposed for the two seats open on council.

Also unopposed, Judy Elliott was re-elected village clerk with 786 votes.

Mayor Les Overway, at the November council meeting, called the outcome a vote of confidence on the conduct of village affairs. Describing the two candidates for mayor as "imminently qualified people," he said it was "a shame that

A Message From The Mayor-Elect

I would first like to say "thank you" to the residents of Terrace Park who supported me in the recent election. I look forward to serving as Mayor.

Secondly, I would sincerely like to thank Randy Casteel for offering the residents of Terrace Park a choice of candidates. In a community which runs on a basically volunteer government, and in an era when many small towns can't find any candidates to stand for vacant offices, the residents of Terrace Park had the luxury of choosing between two qualified candidates in the recent election. I hope his example will prompt other residents to consider running for office in the years to come.

I look forward to working with Randy and the new council to provide Terrace Park with an effective and efficient government.

both couldn't win" after running "exceptional campaigns

such as I've not seen in the 20 years I've been here."

Voicing natural disappointment, Casteel said, "I do look forward to serving the remainder of my term on village council. My first priority, as always, is obtaining input from the residents of Terrace Park on issues coming before council. I hope the residents will feel free to call me with their questions or concerns."

Terrace Park gave strong support to state issues concerning devotion of lottery profits to education and issuance of \$1.2 billion in bonds for infrastructure improvement, but voted down another calling for appointment, rather than election, of Supreme and Appeals Court judges. The vote was:

Issue 1 (lottery):	Yes 757,
	No 110.
Issue 2 (bonds):	Yes 687,
	No 135.
Issue 3 (judges):	Yes 366,
	No 472.

The village was with the county majority in electing Harry McIlwain, David Albanese and Nadine Allen to Hamilton County Municipal Court. Votes in the three races were:

Harry McIlwain	425
Dominic Perino	345

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Milford Yields On Plans For Round Bottom Road Link-Up

Councilman Bob Payne told the November meeting of village council that Milford has dropped plans for a Round Bottom Road connection to a proposed new industrial park.

He said that he and others, in meetings with Milford officials and businessmen, had voiced "violent opposition" to any such link as a traffic and noise pollution threat to Terrace Park. Newtown also voiced opposition to increased traffic through that community.

Payne said he sympathized with Milford's desire to increase its tax base, but he voiced fear that development would bring increasing pressure for such an outlet.

The tract involved is in the triangle bounded roughly by I-275, US 50 and Round Bottom Road. The Milford plan proposes completion of the currently-abandoned US 50 interchange with I-275 as the major access to the area, with another access road to US 50. It also involves eliminating a loop in the East Fork which, Payne pointed out, is not affected in state and federal designation of the main stream of the Little Miami as a scenic river.

But at least at the moment, he continued, Milford has concluded that a link to Round Bottom Road is "not that important" to the development.

Terrace Park in past years successfully fought off plans to relocate US 50 on the south side of the Little Miami,

leading to the now-unused interchange. While the proposal has been officially dropped from Ohio state highway department plans, both Payne and Mayor Les Overway said they believed it is still very much in the thinking of the Hamilton County engineer's office.

Building Completed, Police Offices Moved

With work virtually completed, Terrace Park's police department expected to move into its new building this past week. The structure also includes an office for Village Clerk Judith Elliott.

Formal dedication of the new building and an open house is tentatively set for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 6. There will be dedicated also a pink horse chestnut tree planted in front of the Community House in honor of Stan Miller, former village clerk and longtime village historian.

Village Administrator Ron Pottorf said the dedications were delayed pending the preparation of dedicatory plaques.

With the police department move, Building Official Willis Toon, Life Squad Chief Shirley Mittendorf, and Fire Chief Pierce Matthews will establish offices in the vacated Community House second floor space. Since furniture will be needed, anyone able to contribute desks, tables or chairs are asked to call Matthews at 831-5188.



Bike-A-Thon Winners

Winners of the first Terrace Park Kindervelt Bike-A-Thon displaying their prizes are, from left, Josh Deeter, Kyle Power, Erin Govert and Mike Pritz. Sue Keffer and Ellie Dillon organized the September event, which raised \$4,000 for Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Crime Suspect Caught After Search, Struggle

A man just released from a Michigan prison, and accused of a series of burglaries and robberies in this area since, is back behind bars after his capture by Terrace Park police.

Identified as Reginald Lindsay of Cincinnati, he faces charges not only in Terrace Park but in Blue Ash, Indian Hill, Montgomery and Cincinnati. In fact, he robbed a resident of Miami Bluffs Apartments on Wooster Pike between the time he broke away from a Terrace Park officer in the early morning of October 20 until he was finally located and wrestled down near the Newtown bridge.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf cited the incident as proving the worth of the national police computer network. Through it, local officers learned that the man had a long criminal record in Michigan although there was nothing on him in Ohio.

Terrace Park Police Lt. Bob

Bacon was first involved in the chase. On watch at Wooster and Ohio 126 for a car being pursued by Blue Ash police, he learned that Lindsay had wrecked his car in Miamiville and escaped on foot. Some hours later, he came on Lindsay at Wrenwood Lane, but the man broke away as Bacon attempted to search him and escaped into nearby woods. Long search by several police units failed to find him.

It was about daybreak when Bacon learned by radio of the Miami Bluffs robbery, and he and Terrace Park Patrolman Jerry Hayhow were told by Mariemont police that the man had fled into the Avoca Park area. While other officers took up the search, the Terrace Park officers posted themselves along the bank near the Newtown Bridge and caught Lindsay as he appeared, subduing him after a struggle.

This Breakfast Is For Kids

Terrace Park's Kindervelt will hold a "Breakfast With Santa" for youngsters at the elementary school on Saturday, December 12, from 10 to 11 a.m.

The cost is \$2 per child, which includes breakfast and surprises. Parents should be ready with cameras to take pictures of their youngsters with Santa or Sidney the Squirrel.

Reservations are necessary. Call Ann Woolsey, 831-0239.

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Players Elect Officers, Plan Production

The Terrace Park Players will present "Books" to kick off their 1988 season. Producing the play will be Linda Seta with Ann Rinaldi as assistant producer. Dave Pannkuk will direct while Kay Todd will be assistant director. The show will open at the Schoolhouse Restaurant on Friday, February 12 with other shows on February 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27.

There have also been some changes of the Board of Directors of the Players. Debi Johnson is now president, with Kay Todd as vice president, Ann Rinaldi, treasurer, and Linda Seta, secretary. New members include Linda Seta, Jan Schloss, Wayne McClelland, Greg Todd, Bryan Johnson and Chris Gambetta. Leaving the board are Pat Lipka, Frank Kopich, Sue Porter, Rich Bowen, Rick Kautz, and Sally Kniffin.

Village Puts Restrictions On Tree Cutting

Village council at its November meeting balked at giving the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. a free hand in pruning trees to clear electric wires. The issue arose in what normally would have been routine renewal of the utility's franchise for gas and electric service.

Mayor Les Overway called the tree-cutting provision of the contract renewal "a license to chop," and others raised similar objections. The outcome was a revision to require consultation with the mayor or the village administrator before tree work is done.

Councilman Randy Casteel reported bids are being sought for removal of 13 trees, grinding of 13 stumps, and pruning of five other trees. He estimated the cost at \$2,000-3,000.

Elections

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David Albanese	511
George Bunyon Jr.	90
James Rader	80
Nadine Allen	399
Daniel Breyer	169
Vickie Whitfield	200



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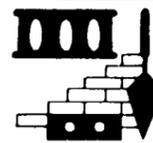
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Garden Club Contributes New Plantings To Village

Terrace Park's Garden Club has financed nearly \$4,000 in fall planting projects for the village. A \$3,000 new Memorial Garden has been planted east of Elm Avenue near the bridge and \$1,000 was spent for additional plantings at the elementary school.

Memorial Garden Committee members Bette Griffith, Lynn Nelson, Lynn Carden and Jane Peterson recommended an Addison Maupin design as aesthetically and economically superior to three other plans proposed.

Maupin added 16 vibernum,

12 rug junipers, and two white pines to highlight an existing large crabapple, and transplanted a pine valued at several thousand dollars. Spring bulbs and summer annuals will be planted in the area now covered with 22 yards of mulch.

Garden Club president Judy Brown explained the club not only financed the planting but will be responsible for the maintenance of the gardens, designed for easy village mowing.

The first year of the Memorial Garden will be dedicated in memory of Marcy Lyons.

Lucy Maish and Marilyn Wehr worked with Speidel's Garden Center to complete the plantings in front of the school. Four large sweet bay magnolias were planted in circular beds on the west side of the new building. Three burning bushes were planted at the northwest corner of the building where a dogwood will be added in the spring. The school program also included mulch, myrtle ground cover and over 400 daffodil



Memorial Garden Committee members, from left, are Lynn Nelson, Bette Griffith and Jane Peterson. Not pictured is Lynn Carden.

bulbs, which were planted by the students.

Mary Malotke heads the committee which will decorate the Community House in Christmas greens over the Thanksgiving weekend. Donations of greens would be appreciated.

The Garden Club invites village residents to its annual

Christmas luncheon at the Community House on December 1. Members, who will decorate the luncheon tables with a Music of Christmas theme, will gather gifts and tray favors to be distributed at local nursing homes. Anyone interested in joining the Garden Club for the luncheon should contact Judy Brown.

Churchwomen To Hold Christmas Tea, Sale

The Women of St. Thomas are inviting all interested women to join them in celebrating the season at their meeting on Friday, December 11, from 9:45 until noon. This special event will be a Silver Christmas Tea, with refreshments and a performance by the St. Thomas Women's Choir, who will also lead in the singing of carols. English carols will be featured.

During the tea, the Sewing Group — a major contributor to St. Thomas bazaars in past years — will offer a wide variety of handcrafted items for sale in the church undercroft. Included in the menag-

erie are teddy bears, woolly lambs, and "Ribet" the frog. Painted ornaments, neck pillows, and baby balls are samples of other gift items to be found. Ruth Hickenlooper is chairman of the Sewing Group.

In addition, a double-bed-size quilt, "The Christmas Rose" — handquilted in red, white, and green by women of the church — will be raffled off.

Babysitting will be available for the event. For more information about the tea or the Women of St. Thomas, call Linda Swensson, vice-president, at 831-4380.



Left to right are Gillian Mills, Carol Picton, Molly Abernethy, Christy Normile and Neil Turner.

They're Tops In Tennis

Mariemont High School girls' tennis team finished one and two in district tournament play. The championship match found Mariemont's doubles teams of Carol Picton and Gillian Mills pitted against teammates Christy Normile and Molly Abernethy. Picton-Mills, who played first and second singles, respectively, during the regular season, won over Mariemont's first doubles team of Normile-Abernethy.

Both teams advanced to regional play in Dayton where Picton-Mills won the backdraw after losing to Kelly McDonough and Crystal Terry of Madeira who went on to win the Class A State Doubles

Championship.

Advancing to the state playoffs, Picton-Mills were victorious until the quarterfinals where they were eliminated by Dayton Oakwood who advanced to the finals.

Carol Picton and Gillian Mills were also winners of the Princeton Invitational Tournament earlier in the season.

Carol Picton, Christy Normile, and Molly Abernethy are Terrace Park residents. All three will be returning to the team next year. Senior Gillian Mills, a former Terrace Park resident, now lives in Mariemont. Coach Neil Turner is physical education teacher at Terrace Park Elementary School.

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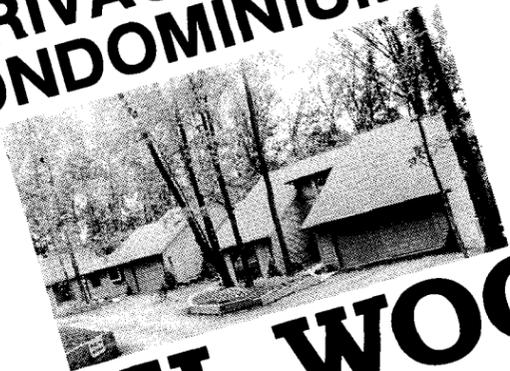
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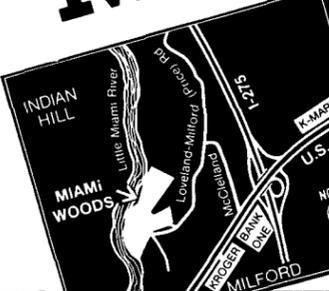
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Christmas Calendar At St. Thomas

Coming events of the season at St. Thomas, which anyone interested is welcome to attend, include the following:
Sunday, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m.: **Advent Lessons & Carols Service** begins the Advent season; three choirs participate; reception follows.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m.: **St. Nicholas Day Service**, for children of all ages. Bob Lipka directs a play written by Tom Long; Pat Matchette leads the Junior Choir in her "St. Nicholas" song. You are asked to bring a new toy for an underprivileged child.

Friday, Dec. 11, 9:45-12 noon, **Christmas Tea** (see article).

Sunday, Dec. 20, 9:15 & 11 a.m.: The Senior Choir sings music from **The Messiah** at these services.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. **Blessing of the Animals**, a creche service for children; bring stuffed animals to be blessed.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 7:45 and 10:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Services**; special choir music.

Friday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.: **Christmas Day Service**.

Sunday, Dec. 27, 9:15 a.m.: **Instructed Eucharist**.

St. Thomas Vestry Making Needs Survey

The Vestry of St. Thomas Church has mandated a survey to determine the pastoral needs — both met and unmet — of the congregation as well as the greater community St. Thomas serves. Toward that end the comments and concerns of everyone are invited.

Specifically, the survey seeks your appraisal of the pastoral needs we are presently addressing: how you think we are responding, and your perceptions of what we are missing and how we might correct these omissions.

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