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Council Approves Rumpke Request For Fee Hike

Village Council at its October meeting agreed to an increase in garbage collection costs for the year remaining in the current contract with Rumpke Waste, Inc.

The increase will raise the village cost per household to \$4.50 per month from the current \$3.95. Rumpke had asked for the increase because of increased costs arising from state regulations governing the industry.

Council earlier had weighed the possibility of calling for bids on an entirely new contract, but Mayor Rusty Wilson said Rumpke had given the village good service and doubted that any lower bids would be forthcoming. The only other bid on the present contract was almost double the Rumpke offer.

But Councilman John Prues warned that the village can expect much higher garbage collection costs in the future because of increasing regulation. He said his discussions with Rumpke indicated that any new contract would be "in the \$5 range," with yearly increases.

Earlier, Julie Rugh urged consideration of a pay-per-bag system used in a few Hamilton County communities.

Under such systems, residents buy from the community bags to be used for garbage disposal. The method, she said, would encourage recycling and overcome the objection that residents all pay the same fee—through taxes—no matter how much garbage they put out for collection.

Wilson cut short her exposition with the suggestion that the proposal be considered during contract negotiations next year when she is a member of council. Rugh is one of two unopposed candidates for council seats in the November elections.

With Barbara Howland reporting interest by a possible purchaser, council authorized advertising for bids on 8.8 acres owned by the village at the western intersection of Wooster and Elm. Use would be restricted to one-family dwellings.

The village acquired the property for \$145,000 in 1982 in settlement of suits brought against the village by Jack Brendamour after a referendum upset plans for a condominium development.

Brendamour holds the right of first refusal in the proposed sale. In other matters:

Council chose Randy Casteel, its senior member, as vice-mayor to succeed Wilson.

Garden Club representatives Lynn Nelson and Lanie Grever won approval of proposals to improve electrical service on the village green and water supply to a memorial garden at Elm and Terrace Place, at club expense, and subject to final Garden Club approval. The work would cost an estimated \$2,750.

Ray Bolton and George Watkins, representing Red Bird residents, were assured that the village would deal with flooding conditions attributed to a partially clogged culvert.

Sally Gilchrist, assistant life squad chief, was urged to document fre-



Picnic Honors Village Employees

Terrace Park residents expressed their appreciation for the work of village employees in a picnic for the workers and their families on September 29.

Some 40 men, women and children enjoyed the event, with so much food provided by village residents that everyone ate to repletion and there still was enough for almost every family to take something home. Desserts included a huge cake provided by the Terrace Park Players.

A particularly treasured touch was individually addressed notes of thanks from youngsters in the third, fourth and fifth grades of Terrace Park school. Each employee got six such notes, which brought some chuckles as well, as several young-

sters said they would like to have similar jobs—those of police officers and maintenance men doing tree work.

A feature, too, was a water volleyball contest between the police officers and the maintenance and office crew. Each team held a sheet in which to catch and throw water filled balloons. The maintenance-office crew won, 11-6.

Short talks were given by the Rev. Bob Gerhard and Police Chief Bob Bacon.

Julie Rugh and Carol Barnes organized the affair, held on the Rawnsleyside lawn. Donations from the Weibold Art Conservation Laboratory and the Central Trust Co., provided for drinks and other incidentals.

Just to Say Thanks...

A reception to honor Ellis Rawnsley for 15 years of service as Editor of the Village Views will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community House.

This reception is planned in response to the desire expressed by a great many people to set a time wherein residents could personally greet Ellis. This Community owes him much for his tireless service to this Village and for his vision for excellence in the production of the Village Views.

Anyone interested in helping plan this reception may call Kathy Startzman, 831-1948, or Lynn Nelson, 831-9220.

Volunteers Plan Annual Pancake Supper

The annual Pancake Supper, sponsored by Terrace Park's Volunteer Emergency Services Association, will be held Saturday, November 2, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Park Elementary School Cafeteria. Fire fighters and EMS personnel will sell tickets door-to-door on Sunday, October 19, or tickets will be available at the door the evening of the supper. Cost for this annual event - now in its 32nd year as a fund raiser for these volunteer departments - is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Trick or Treat

The celebration of Trick or Treat this Halloween will be Thursday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Terrace Park's fire siren will signal both the start and finish of this time period.

Residents are reminded to con-

Casteel Pleased With EPA Appeal

Vice-mayor Randy Casteel reported himself feeling encouraged after a hearing on a village appeal of an Ohio EPA order.

At issue is the sanitary drainage system EPA is demanding for the new village maintenance building. The building has stood unfinished and idle for months because of the dispute.

Casteel said he and Police Chief Bob Bacon presented the village case to an assistant attorney general in Columbus on October 10. The attorney, said Casteel, appeared to be in sympathy with the village in its situation, going so far as to express a personal view that EPA appeared to have gone overboard in its demands.

turning on porch and yard lights and using extra caution if driving during these hours. Check costumes for safety and visibility (so that the children can see and can be seen), and inspect the Halloween treats before

Mayor Urges Support For Tax Increase

On election day, November 5, 1991, Terrace Park voters will be asked to approve a 3.85 mill increase in our real estate taxes to support local government. This is the first new tax levy proposed since 1983. This letter will explain why the tax increase is necessary.

For many years all local communities in Hamilton County have received a share of the "Library and Local Government Support Fund". This source of revenue was an integral part of Terrace Park's operating budget. In 1986, Terrace Park's share of these funds amounted to \$86,000. In 1987, the Hamilton County Library Trustees exercised their prerogative and decided to retain all funds in the future for library use. Thus our share of these funds has been eliminated for 1992.

As a result, our revenues are not sufficient to pay for the current level of village services being provided to our residents.

Yes, Terrace Park real estate taxes are in the upper grouping in Hamilton County. However, almost every other nearby community also has an income tax. On a combined

basis, our total taxes are among the lowest.

Real estate professionals have consistently advised that one of the reasons Village property values are strong is that we have no income tax.

Our per capita spending compares very favorably to other surrounding communities. Terrace Park spends less than \$400 for all local government services. Other nearby communities spend between \$600 and \$900 per resident per year.

Also, it is important to recognize that only 16% of your real estate taxes are for Village services. The remaining 84% are for our schools and Hamilton County issues.

To maintain the level of services consistent with Terrace Park's quality of life, approval of the 3.85 mill tax increase is critical. Your council, safety, and operational departments are working hard to provide the best possible services at the lowest cost. We ask for your support on November 5. Thank you.

Rusty Wilson, Mayor

Engineers Complete Street Study

Terrace Park's 12.8 miles of streets are generally in good shape, but the village needs to spend much more than it does now to keep them that way, according to an engineering study submitted at village council's October meeting.

While council has appropriated about \$15,000 a year for street maintenance, Savage, Walker and Associates said "we feel that \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year for seal-and-chip methods and/or \$27,000 to \$33,000 per year for asphaltic methods should be considered for budget purposes".

The report listed as a top priority \$7,800 in base repair on some streets, involving replacement of some sections from the bottom up, noting that "the general public does not usually see the significance of this item".

Of the village's 38 streets, the report proposed full base repairs on Elm, Fieldstone, Given, Miami, Michigan, Oxford, Robinwood, Sycamore, Terrace Place and Washington.

Noting that "partial resurfacing of a particular street is better than doing nothing at all", the report proposed emphasis on streets needing base repair, all of Miami Avenue or selected sections based upon budget, Amherst, Terrace Place, Washington Avenue, portions of Stanton and Winding Brook.

It cited a major problem in the excessive crowning of some streets which could involve extensive repair. Merely planing down the center it noted, would merely reduce the paving there, while applying enough material to protect the center would obliterate curbing at the edges.



Police Receive Detection Aide

Terrace Park Police have a new tool to help in getting drinking drivers off the road.

The handheld device will detect during routine questioning whether there is alcohol on the breath of the suspect. That will allow an officer to follow DUI procedures if alcohol is detected, or to

behavior if it is not.

Terrace Park resident, Vivian Krueger, persuaded Nationwide Insurance Company, with the aid of Nick Gehler of Nationwide, to help the police department in obtaining the device. The insurance company met \$400 of the \$600 cost, with the remainder coming from a

Terrace Park Pumpkin Fest Set To Thrill

by Dianne Donnelly

As all the ghosts and goblins descend upon Terrace Park this autumn, they will most certainly find Terrace Park School THE place to be on October 25. This ghoulish gathering, called "The Pumpkin Festival", will enrapture human spirits of all ages between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Opening at 5:30 p.m., the Pumpkin Fete Cafe will tantalize spooky tastebuds with pizza, barbecue sandwiches, and cole slaw. Such beguiling treats as pies, brownies and cookies will also be served. Other phantom foods available will be popcorn, cotton candy, delightful goodies of all sorts at the Bake Sale, and of course, the Pumpkin Cake Walk.

Capturing the charitable spirits of the adults (and maybe some kids, too) in the crowd will be the BID AND BUY which promises to be very exciting this year. Donations such as an authentic reproduction of an early Ohio corner cupboard by the Workshops of David T. Smith, Morrow, will entice the most discriminating buyers. Bidding on the progressive group dinner (Epicurean Adventure II), vacation get-aways, creative services and gifts offered by the



Christy Albrecht and Debbie Oliver, PTA Ways and Means Co-chairs, enjoy a spirited moment of preparation for this year's Pumpkin Festival.

T.P. staff, baskets of glorious goodies, entertainment tickets, original art work, sports memorabilia, and gourmet foods are just a few unique items that will charm the imagination. Check the BID AND BUY booklet recently delivered to your door for a complete list.

Small sprites will enjoy prancing through the Pumpkin Play Patch, a safe area especially created for preschoolers. Cookie Decorating, Face Painting, Duck Pond, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Toss, Pocket Lady, and Lollipop Lady will also delight petite goblins.

Such eerie traditions as Fritz Witch, Fortune Teller, and Haunted House (more thrilling than ever) will mystify many monsters. New attractions this year will include Novelty Wheel, Wacky Wire, Hoopla (a throwing skill game), and photo opportunities with a famous athlete.

Cast a spell over your friends and family, far and near, and lure them to T.P. School P.T.A.'s only annual fundraiser...THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, October 25, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. ENJOY A BEWITCHING EVENING!

Letters - To The Editor:

Our hats are off to Ellis Rawnsley, recently retired Village Views Editor. For 15 years Ellis quietly produced the paper, month in and month out. That's a lot of deadlines, headlines, council meetings and copy. In addition, his journalistic experience and community commitment helped shape the paper. He was always there to save the day.

Over the decades, Ellis has worn many Terrace Park hats. There is none which touched each household more than the one which reads PRESS. As former fellow staffers, we know we speak for all Terrace Park residents in thanking him and wishing him well in this new retirement. Enjoy, Chief - you've earned it!

Pat Henley
Lynn Nelson

The retirement of Village Views editor Ellis Rawnsley was announced in last month's edition. While his term of 15 years as Village Views Chief was only a part of his dedicated service to the Village, I am certain all residents of Terrace Park join me in expressing heartfelt appreciation.

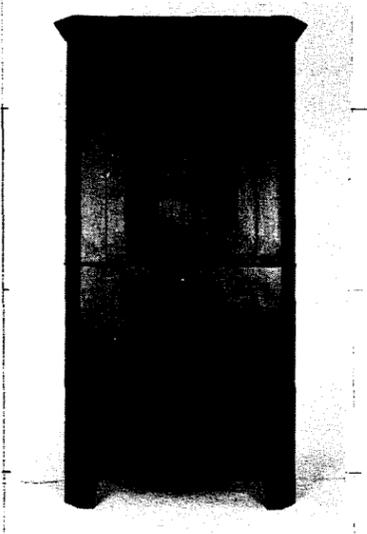
Thank you, Ellis, for the talent and love you have shared with our Village; you are one of the reasons Terrace Park is such a special place.
Zoe Moore

Dear Ellis,
My family and I would like to thank the Village Views for sponsoring the picnic for the employees of the Village. Special thanks to you for offering your home and yard for the event, and to Julie Rugh for her organizational effort. After working with these fine people these 17 months, I know how fortunate we are to have such talented, hard-working and dedicated employees. It has been my pleasure to be a part of the Terrace Park team. Thank you for your recognition and appreciation.
Janet Popelka

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for the next issue is the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



David Smith Cupboard

Terrace Parkers Staff Russian Connection

What Terrace Parkers might be saying "spasebo" (thank you) to customers of The Russian Connection? Marilyn Julnes, volunteer coordinator; Barbara Harth, Jean Crandell, Helen Campbell, Kebbie Blum, Bev Doelling, Sue Burtis, Barb Nordloh, Sue Schulkers, and Edie Critchell are among the many volunteers who will staff this special kiosk at Kenwood Town Center opening November 1.

The store will feature collector tee and sweat shirts, nesting dolls, toys, books, jewelry, and enameled boxes. Most items come from the Ukraine where Kharkov, Cincinnati's Sister City, is located. Profits from sales support the Cincinnati-Kharkov City Project.

More help is always needed. Anyone interested in volunteering at Kenwood or at a permanent store at Convention Place Mall, call Marilyn Julnes. Parking is paid downtown. Some training is needed and work shifts are from three to four hours once a week.

From The Editor's Desk

It seems fitting somehow that I would assume the responsibility of Editor of the Village Views with the September issue. The "new year" has always begun for me with the start of the academic year. I am not sure if this comes from 15 years of working within university admissions - and thus focusing on the size and make up of a freshman class; or it may stem from my own love of my years in school and in that of my children.
At any rate, it is both a pleasure



In New Post

Denise L. Hall, 811 Wooster Pike, has been named to the newly-established position of public relations director at the Cincinnati International Festival, a non-profit organization for the preservation of the diverse ethnic heritage of Greater Cincinnati. Some 35-40 ethnic groups will host this cultural event on November 22-24 at the Cincinnati Convention Center. In the village, she is Labor Day commissioner for Terrace Park's Recreation Commission.

and a challenge to begin this new year with this new responsibility. The challenge lies in continuing to provide the quality of service that has been established for the Village Views by other past editors and staff.

Village Views is one of the many ties that bind Terrace Park into the unique community that it is. I invite residents to share with me their comments and suggestions to make the Village Views truly the Voice of our Village.
Kathy Royalty Startzman

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Committees Finalize Plans For Holiday Bazaar

"Plans are well underway for the 'Jolly Holly Fest'", states Chairperson, Patty Hara. This, the 40th St. Thomas Church Bazaar, is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 at the Church from 9:30 am. to 2:30 p.m.

Shoppers may select gift items from traditional bazaar booths and take advantage of a new gift wrapping service. Luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the undercroft.

Committee chairmen for the Bazaar are: Sewing Room, Ruth Hickenlooper; Luncheon, Betsy Craig and Tucky Harrison; Promise Tree, Kathy Schubert; Country Kitchen, Janet Popelka; White Elephants, Betsy Ecker and Grace Holmes; Grandma's Parlor, Mary Struke and Gertrude Addicott; Children's World, Becky Beharry; and Publicity, Elizabeth Miller. Quilters include Libby Clancy and Jo Fahnestock. Beth Kauffman is treasurer.

The church welcomes donations of white elephants and collectibles (no clothing). They may be brought to the stage in the undercroft up to November 4th.

Thomaston Woods Nears Capacity

Thomaston Woods, the Clermont County low cost housing project developed by St. Thomas Church, is almost fully occupied.

Of the 100 townhouse units, 81 have been rented and deposits made on four others. Of the remaining five, three are designed for housing the physically handicapped.

Margot Grund chairs the marketing committee. Bank One, Western & Southern, Central Trust and Provident Bank are limited partners on the project.

A recent Residents' Council activity was an ice cream social to raise money for playground equipment. Ice cream and toppings were supplied by Aglamesis Bros., UDF, Kroger, Amelia IGA, Chick-Fil-A and McDonalds.



Memorial Bed Dedicated

Members of the Terrace Park Garden Club dedicated the 1991 Memorial Flower Bed in honor of Mrs. Jayne Herrmann. Mrs. Herrmann was Garden Club member from July, 1935, until her death in 1991. Lanie Grever designed the plantings at the Terrace Place and Elm Street bridge. Chairpersons Shirley Brown and Renee Mabry (pictured above) organized Club members in planting and maintaining this display.

AFS Sponsors Guests

This year Mariemont High School is fortunate to welcome three AFS foreign exchange students. Petra Rybar, from Unterentfelden Switzerland, near Aarau, is living with Jim, Kris and Corey Greiner in Terrace Park. Sara DiGiacomo, from Saronno, Italy, near Milan, is staying with Mike, Sharon and Liz Lemon, and Marcus Hoffborn, from Taby, Sweden, near Stockholm, is with Hank, Pam and Brian Kleinfeldt, of Mariemont.

AFS (American Field Service) is an international organization that promotes cross cultural learning through world wide exchange programs for students, teachers and families. In 1991, AFS has ex-

changed more than 9,000 students and 700 teachers.

The Mariemont AFS chapters will host a guest speaker, Ukrainian photographer, Guennady Maslov, who will discuss changes in the Soviet Union, on Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m. at Mariemont High School.

To support local AFS activities, the Mariemont High School chapter holds an annual citrus fruit sale in December, with lovely gift baskets available for Christmas giving. Pick up days will be Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th, 1991.

For further information, call Kathy Tobin at 271-5931.

Libraries Hold Open House

The Junior and Senior High School Libraries of the Mariemont Schools will hold an open house on Thursday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend to learn how to use the newly installed electronic card catalogues.

Tree Lighting Needs Sponsors

Sunday, December 8 is the date set for the annual lighting of the evergreen tree in the Village Green. This event marks the beginning of the holiday season for many Terrace Park families, with an evening of seasonal caroling and wagon rides to view the Kindervelt Luminaria display.

Corporate or individual sponsors are needed to defray the costs of the mechanics involved in lighting the trees and in sponsoring the wagon rides. Potential donors may contact Grace Holmes, 831-4181.

Brownies Meet

Second grade Brownie Troop #1288 will begin meeting every other Thursday, starting November 7. The meetings are held in the Terrace Park Elementary School cafeteria from 3:15 to 5:00. Anyone interested in joining the troop may contact co-leaders Teresa Hawk, 831-2890, or Sandy Wittman-Shell, 831-6090.

Fire Fighters Upgrade Skills

Members of Terrace Park's fire department have just completed 12 hours of training necessary to be certified in dealing with hazardous materials as a first responder to an incident. The training meets current EPA requirements, and was financed by a grant obtained by Dennis Elliott from the Ohio Fire Academy.

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Lynn Carden Shows New Art at Closson's

Terrace Park resident, Lynn Carden, mixes both nature and culture in her next exhibit by displaying her sensuous flower paintings alongside her more studied still lifes of eccentric, handcrafted objects. The show, which opens November 7 (5-8 p.m.) at Closson's Kenwood Gallery, will feature 16 of the artist's newest large-scale works.

While her bold botanicals are Carden's "emotional reaction to the changing seasons", her still-lives represent a more cerebral approach. Several of these paintings are now

hanging on the walls of Procter & Gamble and Cincinnati Bell. Carden's still-lives depict exotic treasures from her international travels as well as more traditional figures from the family's southern Ohio, Civil War era farmhouse.

Lynn Carden's artwork can be seen at Closson's in Kenwood, 7866 Montgomery Road, from November 8 to December 6, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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In Council -

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quent ambulance problems for a complaint to the Ford Motor Co. The ambulance was out of service for several days recently because of a transmission breakdown costing \$1,000 to repair, soon after electrical system repairs cost \$450. She reported 14 squad calls in September.

- Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported two fire calls and three task unit calls, with no loss.
- Building Inspector Tim Harth reported only two building permits for work to cost \$1,600.
- Police Chief Bob Bacon reported receipt of \$2,170 as the village share in cars confiscated for drug law violations. The money goes into a special enforcement fund.
- Council delayed for further information word on state plans to rebuild the Wooster Pike bridge crossing a creek at New Street.
- Village Clerk Jan Popelka reported word from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that the village will begin receiving in January the \$5 extra auto license fee that has been going to Hamilton County.
- Councilman Dan Startzman reported 19 trees removed and 19 planted, with 38 trees to be dealt with later.
- Bacon reported completion of drywell work on Miami Avenue but noting that improper driveway construction interferes with street drainage, reminded residents to obtain permits before building or changing drives.
- Council gave final approval to an ordinance authorizing the mayor to permit the disposal of items confiscated by the police. Permission previously had to be obtained from common pleas court.
- Barbara Howland submitted the first revision of the village zoning map since 1960, prepared by George Kipp. Copies are to be posted in the Community House for resident study for any possible correction.
- George Kipp presented, and council welcomed, three Boy Scouts attending the meeting as part of a merit badge requirement.
- Bacon noted that brush pickup will be limited during the leaf season. He urged care to see that and stones are not mixed with leaves because of possible damage to expensive pickup machinery.

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