

## Council Continues to Grapple With Tough Financial Choices

Village council at its March meeting adopted what finance chairman John Prues called "a pretty thin" budget of \$834,332 for this year, against estimated revenues of \$801,793.

Last year's operating budget, as adopted last March, was \$21,571. Increases thereafter raised the total to \$848,821 at year's end.

The new budget did retain the 5% pay increases for village employees restored after last year's moratorium. But it did wipe out \$40,000 which was proposed to finish the maintenance building, on which \$55,000 already has been spent. The structure has been unfinished and unused for over six months. Pending bids for completion, and the building permit, all expired the day after the council meeting and must be reprocessed.

Restoration of the \$40,000 needed to complete the building was made contingent upon sale of village-owned property at Elm and Wooster at the western edge of the village. That too appeared to be in limbo as Village Views went to press.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams Woods offered \$81,000 for the 7.8 acres, conditional upon being allowed to stable four horses. The village agreed, but with a counter requirement that any future development be limited to seven houses. While Ed Brendamour has made a claim under his first right of refusal, the village maintains that the bid is still under negotiation.

Council indicated general agreement with a petition seeking stop signs at Amherst and Floral Avenues. Offered by Joe Grafton, 319 Harvard, and bearing 60 signatures, it cited bus traffic and a slight but sight-limiting grade as hazards. Police Chief Bob Bacon said he would consult with the bus company concerning possible change in a nearby bus stop.

Council member Sally Gilchrist, as assistant life squad chief, joined Fire Chief Pierce Matthews in gloomy reports on recruiting efforts. Mrs. Gilchrist noted that only four village residents out of eight prospects were currently enrolled in a training class, and Matthews said his list of likely recruits had shrunk from eight to three.

Admitting that training is rigorous, Mrs. Gilchrist noted the volunteers provide "a major financial benefit to the village" aside from personal development.

Police officers here and elsewhere are trying to shed the macho

## Archivist Seeks Historic Village Materials

Village Archivist Esther Power is looking for:

- Village council minutes for April, 1901, and February, 1909.
- Ordinances prior to April, 1909, calling for payments.
- The original on-linen incorporation map of the village.
- Village telephone directories between 1976 and 1978, and 1964 to 1967.

Anyone with any such papers or information about them should

image. To that end Police Chief Bob Bacon told village council that 1,200 Hamilton County officers, including all of the Terrace Park force, had taken a course in what he called "verbal Judo." The idea, he said, is to take a less confrontational approach in police actions, and use the voice instead of force.

The course was one of four which various officers have taken recently in various aspects of police work. Additionally, he said, Randy Haller of the maintenance crew had attended a tree seminar, and Marvin Alexander and Terry Strouder attended one on street sign placement.

On other matters: Council

\* Adopted required separate requests for state permission to impose 35 mile speed limits on Wooster Pike from New Street to the eastern corporation limits and from Wrenwood to the western limits.



Sgt. Hayhow

## Bicycle Identification

Terrace Park residents will soon be able to license their bicycles thanks to a new program conducted by Terrace Park Police Sgt. Jerry Hayhow. The tags, which cost \$1 each, will help law enforcement agencies in Terrace Park and other communities track lost or stolen bicycles. Sgt. Hayhow will be at Drackett Field during the Memorial Day Games, May 25, to kickoff the program. Adults and children are encouraged to register their bicycles that day or during summer Saturdays to be announced. "We're storing dozens of unclaimed bicycles now," Sgt. Hayhow said. "With this program, we'll be able to return bicycles instead."

## Recreation Board Elects Members

Recently elected to the Terrace Park Recreation Commission Board of Directors were: Fred Albrecht, to a newly created position for volunteer recruitment and placement; Mark Woolsey, to the field/equipment position; and Sue Amis, to the commissioner at-large position.

Jack Harbison has resigned as the at-large commissioner, a post he held briefly, following many years as baseball commissioner. During his 10 years of service to the recreation commission, Jack created a baseball clinic, oversaw improvements at Drackett Field, and donated countless hours to not only the baseball program but field main-

\*Police Chief Bob Bacon reported on the disposal of an accumulation of contraband materials, with return of \$324 to the village.

\*Council authorized employment of Ronda L. Kidd as a police auxiliary.

\*Council approved renewal of a police mutual aid agreement with neighboring communities.

\*Barbara Howland reported that a new light is to be placed to properly light the flag on the village green.

## Local Residents Give Campaign Their Support

Terrace Park residents are stepping forward to take leadership roles in the campaign to pass the Mariemont City District's proposed 6.95 mill operating levy. It will be placed before the electorate May 5.

David and Judy Deeter, campaign chairmen for Terrace Park, are being assisted by the following precinct captains: Jack and Mickey Forbes, Rick and Sue Dunning, Eric and Chris Burnheimer, and Jamie and Charlene McClurg.

Other campaign volunteers, to date, include: Skip and Pam Kirby, Rich and Debbie Oliver, Lin Bollinger, Scott and Jill Croswell, Brandon and Tammy Fisher, John and Susan Roberts, Mark and Ann Woolsey, Bill and Janet Sarran, Jim and Susan Amis, Rick and Sandy Koehler, Skip and Lane Merten, Reed and Sheila Schroeder, James and Kathy Schubert, Ed and Eileen Buban, Mike and Norma Campo, John and Steph Jones, John and Rita Picton, and John and Kathy Borchers.

If you're interested in joining the campaign, please call the Deeters at 831-5120. Volunteers are needed to host open houses and coffees, distribute information, and work at the voting precincts Election Day.

## Go To School To Register

Residents of the Mariemont City School District can register to vote in the May Primary by visiting any district school between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays on or before April 3.

At Terrace Park Elementary School, Principal Dr. Jerry Sasson and Secretary Jo Trilety have been deputized by the Hamilton County Board of Elections to perform this public service.

Individuals who have not voted in the past four years or who have moved to a new voting precinct must register in order to vote.

The Mariemont Board of Education will place a 6.95-mill operating levy before the electorate May 5. Additional funds are needed to keep pace with inflation and perform necessary repairs to school buildings and grounds.

Editor's Note: As we go to press, the Ohio General Assembly is considering a proposal to move the primary election from May 5 to June 2. If passed, voter registration would be extended to the third week

## Residents' Response To Survey Shows Concern

Thanks to dozens of Terrace Park residents who have returned a recycling survey, one fact has emerged: Villagers care deeply about the environment.

Preliminary results show that while the Rumpke bin, located in the maintenance landfill, gets plenty of use, it is neither as popular nor as satisfactory as was originally hoped. Many people commented that they find it difficult to get to and frustrating to use, since no newspaper or cardboard boxes can be dropped there.

Several people are supplementing their use of the bin by making trips to other drop-off centers that accept more items. The overwhelming majority of respondents expressed interest in having curbside recycling here. This program, offered either by Rumpke or BFI, involves use of a heavy plastic container in which aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles, steel food cans and newspapers are placed and collected each week—probably on trash day.

Only participating households are charged \$2 a month. Bills would be sent two to three times a year. We would be able to have this in Terrace park, if it meets with council's approval. Another option council could consider in future years is a pay-per-bag program. However, few survey respondents expressed interest in this system.

The survey generated many interesting comments, including some from people concerned about the overall appearance of the village. One man who has been long associated with real estate urged residents to stop storing items behind garages. He called this poor housekeeping.

Other results will be shared next month. If you did not receive a survey, please call Robin Pendery (831-8502) or Camilla Warrick (248-4158) and one will be delivered. Anyone of any age interested in joining TRAC (Terrace Park Recycling Awareness Committee—the group sponsoring the survey), is welcome to attend the next meeting at 7 p.m., Monday April 13th.

## T.P. Alumni Help in Newtown Celebration

The alumni association of the former Terrace Park High School plans to participate in Newtown's celebration of its bicentennial next June 12-14. Newtown students attended the school here prior to the consolidation with Mariemont in 1957.

Plans are to have a float in the opening parade and to have a booth during the celebration. Newtown is selling bricks for a path in a new small park at Church and Center streets in Newtown, and the alumni association has already voted to buy two bricks at \$35 each to honor Newtown classmates and Terrace Park war veterans.

Class representatives from Terrace Park are Dan Startzman, Class of 1930; Virgil Fender and Helen Barnett, 1933; Bob Leming, 1936; Rosemary Fender, 1937; Virginia Marquett, 1941; Stewart Proctor and George Eveland, 1943; Patricia Fehl, 1945; and Jean Dunham Meyer, 1949.

## T.P. Alumni Plan Summer Reunion

Terrace Park High School's alumni association will have an open house at the elementary school on Sunday, August 9. Classes of 1937 and 1952 will hold reunions that weekend. The class of 1957—the high school's last graduation class before the merger with Mariemont—will hold its reunion in June to coincide with Newtown's bicentennial celebration.

## AARP To Meet

"A Right To Dream," a videotape narrated by Nick Clooney, will be one of two such tapes on activities of Goodwill Industries to be shown at the April 13 meeting of Terrace Park chapter, AARP. Additionally, George Palmer will describe Goodwill's rehabilitation center.

The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. in the undercroft of St. Thomas Church.



## Historic Sign Restored

The sign on Wooster Pike in front of the former Toll House has been lovingly restored. The historic Toll House was recently torn down because it was in a state of disrepair.

# Vincent Schmithorst Masters Piano, Competition, Physics

By Camilla Warrick

If the circumstances are right, you may think you hear Mozart at work on Yale Avenue.

Or on some days, it could be Beethoven, Brahms or Chopin. Walking along in the 400 block, you may conclude that someone has just purchased a CD player—and a very good one. But if the music seems fresher and livelier than a CD, congratulate yourself. You have just discovered Vincent Schmithorst practicing the piano.

Schmithorst, 20, has spent 16 years honing his craft. He has competed nationally and internationally. At 17, he was one of the youngest graduates ever of the University of Cincinnati. He left in 1989 with degrees in piano and physics and the opportunity to pursue two very different careers.

The son of Hal and Elsa Schmithorst, Vincent has been teaching math at a private school in Westwood and maintaining an apartment there. But he returns to Terrace Park almost daily to give the grand piano in his family's living room a workout.

Vincent began serious study of the piano at age 4. Although Elsa, a native of Holland, came from a musical family, it still surprised the couple when their son displayed a remarkable gift. While waiting for his parents to arrange piano lessons, young Vincent worked his own way through an adult music book.

By the age of 7 he was ready for an American Music Scholarship contest. "To our utter amazement he was competing against 14-year-olds and he won second place," Elsa recalled.

The Schmithorsts also discovered how well Vincent could perform under pressure. This skill has never left him, although he admits that he did feel some strain during his most recent contest last fall, the M.K. Ciurlionis Piano and Organ Competition in Vilnius, Lithuania.

He was the only American invited to participate. During that long, grueling, two-week event, Vincent managed to become one of six finalists. He was joined there by his parents, who were taking a two-month trip through Europe.

Although many people have urged Schmithorst to focus on a performance career, he believes it is too uncertain and competitive. He now plans to return to UC in the fall to work toward a doctorate in physics. But he still loves to perform for an attentive audience and continues to work with a teacher in Cleveland to improve his technique.



## -Letter To Editor-

This is a story of a cat that nobody seems to want, and what happened to it. Although it is about one specific cat, I think it is important for all of us in Terrace Park to be aware of the consequences of letting cats run loose in the Park. Until our family got our current two cats, eleven years ago, we also let ours out during the day. We lost several that way.

On Friday, the 21st of February, a white cat was seen and heard on my neighbor's chimney, about 30 feet above the ground. Despite coaxing, it stayed there. Both my neighbor and I called around to see who owned the cat. We also tried to figure out how to get it down. The only advice we received was that it would come down when it got hungry. By Sunday, my neighbor was quite tired of the situation. My ladder was only 20 feet long, so a friend of my neighbor brought his long one over and placed it against the chimney. Before anybody could climb up, the cat dove into the chimney flue! When I ascended, I could see two yellow eyes peering up at me from about twelve feet down. By the time we got a piece of cloth and a rope, the cat had slid even farther down, beyond anything we had.

The flue that cat had entered was not in use. A small door at the bottom was the only access to it. Using a mirror, we could see the cat, about half way up in the chimney.

Next day, it appeared that the cat had climbed out and left the area, since one could see clear up the chimney. However, on Tuesday, the cat was heard meowing, and could be seen on some sort of ledge, about twenty feet down and perhaps ten feet up from the access door. About the only thing we could think of was to leave the access door open, turn a light on in the room, and put some cat food and water in the door. We hoped the cat would come down of its own accord.

No such luck! By Monday, the 2nd of March, my neighbor was out of patience, and had her friend with the ladder return. He lowered a piece of chain on a rope in order to dislodge the cat from the ledge, while I waited in the basement with gloves, a heavy shirt, and a cat carrier. Looking up with a mirror, I saw a whiskered face with yellow eyes right at the bottom of the flue, next to the chain! After ten days with no food or water, the cat was a bit subdued, but still noisy. After a brief struggle, we had it in our possession. It is now

of the chimney!

All week we tried to locate the owner. We notified the police. Others had seen a stray white cat around, and one had even paid to get it removed from her tree. But nobody would claim it. I have two indoor cats, and didn't need another. I finally took this dirty grey cat to my veterinarian. After checking it over, feeding it, and cleaning it up, it turned out to be a very friendly, white female cat, about two years old. It had obviously been someone's well-cared-for pet. At the vet's suggestion, I called the Scratching Post, a volunteer organization in Silverton, to see if they would take the cat. After checking with the vet, they accepted it, and it is now there.

I have put notices on each of the four village bulletin boards. As of today, I have received one call from a young lady who appears to be the cat's owner. If not, the cat will be in quarantine for two weeks, until about March 19, when it will be available for adoption.

Now, good people, there is a moral to this tale. Most vets agree that cats should be kept inside. However, if you do let your pet run loose, make sure it is well fed, and kept inside at night. And don't ever just abandon your pet! There are places that will care for them. Cats that have gone wild become diseased and pass their problems on. They kill song birds. And they get up trees and down peoples' chimneys, causing a real nuisance to concerned and bothered neighbors.

Yours very truly,  
Charles S. Robertson, Jr.  
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Ogle Annett

## Annett Receives Realtor Awards

Ogle Annett with West Shell, Inc.'s Mariemont office has been appointed Senior Sales Vice President. This appointment places Ogle in an elite group of professionals whose earnings have been exceptional over a five year period.

Ogle also received the Executive Club Award, and the Professional of the Year Award.

Annett is a member of the Cincinnati Board of Realtors and the Ohio and National Associations of Realtors. Ogle and her husband, Edward reside in Terrace Park with their two children.

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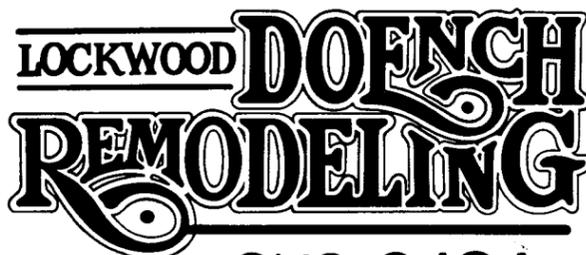


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# St. Thomas Church Plans Spring, Easter Schedule for Community

**Lenten Series**  
Lenten talks by a variety of speakers continue on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. through April 15 on the theme, "Love one another as I have loved you." The service of Compline follows at 8:30. Babysitting is provided from 7:30 to 9, and anyone interested is cordially invited.

**Easter Room**  
The Nursery School's Easter Room is open March 22-29; it offers hand-crafted items and basket

stuffers for sale. Call the office, 831-6908, for times.

**Rummage Sale**  
A rummage sale in the church undercroft takes place Saturday, March 28, from 9 to 3. Donations are welcome and may be left on the undercroft stage at any time the church is open.

**Easter Week Services**  
Palm Sunday on April 12 marks the beginning of Holy Week; services are at 7:30, 9:15, and 11 a.m.

Special mid-week services include: Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on April 16; Good Friday at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. (Service of Tenebrae) on April 17; and the Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 18.

Easter Day at St. Thomas is celebrated with services at 7:30, 9:15, and 11 a.m.

All services except those on Good Friday include the Holy Eucharist. Special music is provided by choirs at all Holy Week services. All offer babysitting through age 3. Anyone interested is cordially invited.

**Vacation Bible School**  
St. Thomas is currently recruiting volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 22-26, mornings, at the church, and with summer programs for children at Thomaston Woods (the church's housing development in Clermont County). Please call the church office for more information, 831-2052.

# Garden Club Members Offer Annual Plant Sale

Terrace Park gardeners can get an early start on summer beauty with a purchase of annuals and perennials through the Terrace Park Garden Club Plant Sale, scheduled for Friday, May 8, 3:30 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This Plant Sale offers a wide variety of annuals from A (ageratum) to Z (zinnias). Ten perennial favorites will be available this year, including aquilegia, coreopsis, delphinium, phlox, and veronica. For sale also is Osmocote, a handy, slow-released plant food.

Those who wish to make Mother's Day shopping easier may

order lush hanging baskets of impatiens, begonias or—new this year—black-eyed susans and veining streptocarpus.

All proceeds of the Plant Sale benefit beautification, maintenance, conservation, and improvements in the community's public gardens which are enjoyed by all residents.

Residents may pre-order plants with any Garden Club member or they may use the order blank inserted in this issue of the Village Views. Questions may be directed to Lucy Maish, 831-5665, or Debbie Oliver, 831-5171.

## T.P. Players Plan Children's Show

Back by popular demand! Terrace Park Players is proud to present the Spring Children's Play, set for Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17. Any parents or other interested adults who wish to lend their talents to writing show material may call Debi Johnson, 831-4781, or Kathy Wedding, 831-7539. Volunteers are also needed to help with props, lighting, photos, costumes, make-up, staging, programs and cast parties.

## Easter Egg Hunt

All residents are invited to join Kindervelt #76 for the eighth annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Terrace Park Community House. The cost will be \$2.00 per child or \$5.00 per family. There will be crafts for the kids, lots of sweets to eat, and of course the Easter Bunny will hide eggs for the children to hunt! DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR EASTER BASKET!

Kindervelt is a non-profit organization which supports Children's Medical Center through fundraising and volunteer services.

Reservations may be made by April 1. Call Charlene McClurg, 248-1098, or Jill Smith, 831-4324. Please join us rain or shine!

## Hogue Active In Area Fund Drives

Terrace Park resident, Charlotte Hogue, has played a key role recently in several major area fund drives. As co-chair of the "From the Heart" Valentine Gala, held February 14 by the Junior League, Hogue raised funds to provide office space at the Columbia Center for volunteer groups and non-profit agencies. Specific League projects which benefitted include: Cancer Family Care; Camp Stepping Stone; Pro-Kids; and Cincinnati Art Museum Docents.

Hogue is also a key organizer for "Taste of the Nation," set to take place April 1, at Cincinnati Union Terminal. With Cincinnati's finest chefs preparing "tastes" of gourmet specialties, planners hope to raise \$70,000 to benefit Cincinnati Free Store/Food Bank.

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Joe Hammons

## Lacrosse Brings Hammons Honors

Joe Hammons, a senior at Moeller High School, looks forward to March 28 as the time when his lacrosse team swings into action. Joe, a member of Moeller's lacrosse team for the past two years, will serve as co-captain of the 1992 team. The Moeller squad will see its fifth year in lacrosse this spring, and yet it has the distinction of finishing the 1991 season as second in the State of Ohio.

Hammons became Moeller's all-time leading scorer as a junior, with 40 goals and 23 assists. As a result, he was named to the first team all-state in 1991.

In addition, Joe is an honor student at Moeller and was elected vice president of his senior class. He is the son of Doug and Joy Hammons of Terrace Park.

## Spring Cleaning?

Do not throw away past issues of National Geographic, National Wildlife, or International Wildlife. Recycle these and other quality magazines by giving them to the Terrace Park Elementary School Library. Children can use these magazines as reference materials in writing school reports. If you have past issues of magazines you wish to donate, contact school librarian, Irene Updegrave, 831-2485.

## CCDS Honors T.P. Students

Terrace Park students who attend Cincinnati Country Day School were named as having earned honors during the first semester. They are: Sandra Scholl, grade 12; Lee Jennings, grade 10; Alex Phillips, grade 10; Melissa Wachterman, grade 8; Cat Harrison, grade 7; Zoe Hutton, grade 7; William (B.J.) Cotter, grade 6; and Anna Yokel, grade 6.

B.J. Cotter placed fifth in the CCDS Middle School competition of the National Geography Bee.



Mary Helen Petry

## Petry On UC Ball Committee

Mary Helen Petry of 4 Lexington Circle recently served as a member of the committee planning the University of Cincinnati Presidential Ball and the 20th anniversary celebration of the founding of the McMicken Society which was held at UC's Shoemaker Center on Feb. 22. The black tie affair is UC's largest charity fundraiser benefiting



Mike DeCamp

## DeCamp Honored

Mike DeCamp, a 1987 All Ohio Receiver from Mariemont High School, was named for the third straight year to the 1991 All Academic First Team for the Northern California Athletic Conference.

DeCamp, a three year starting wide receiver for California State University at Chico, also received the Chico Centry Club Scholar/Athletic Award for the second year.

Mike will graduate in May and currently has a 3.8 G.P.A. majoring in English. He is the son of Dick and

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