



Council Members Weigh Tax Levy Renewal Decision

Two village tax levies expire this year, and Village Council is to decide what to do about them at its February meeting. But conclusions reached at the January meeting were that the levies would be sharply reduced, and the requests would be for new levies, and not just renewals.

One levy, for 3.11 mills, expires in May, another for 3.85 mills in November. Renewal would limit the village to the current money yield. Newly-elected finance chairman Tim Brown suggested the May levy could be cut to two mills.

Council members – particularly Brown, Dan Startzman and Rusty Wilson – meantime voiced dissatisfaction with information coming from the county auditor's office concerning levies and what the village gets from them. They said they lacked information as to whether the current tax bills residents have received include the 9.5 mill replacement levy the village voted last May, and questioned reappraisal figures.

A report from the auditor put the village total tax rate at 107.32 mills, with the effective rate, on which taxes actually are paid, at 61.922314 mills. That figure results from application of a reduction factor which includes state-mandated rollbacks.

With negotiations under way on a new cable TV franchise, Council passed an ordinance to control cable charges, and to freeze rates at their present levels.

The Village, however, will continue membership in the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission, relying on it for guidance in negotiations. The village pays ICRC 2% of the franchise fee it receives from Warner Cable.

But Julie Rugh, the village representative and a member of the board of ICRC, noted that an ICRC

Randolph Plans Eagle Project For Cabin

Working to earn his Eagle badge, Boy Scouting's highest award, Bryan Randolph, 307 Oxford, is planning to create a picnic grove in the Scout Cabin area on Elm Avenue. He won Village Council approval – and an unusual round of applause for his presentation – at a special Council meeting December 17.

Already a Life Scout, he would become the 47th member of Terrace Park Troop 286 to attain Eagle rank in the 66-year history of the troop.

Doing the work himself, he plans to install three concrete-anchored picnic tables around the existing campfire; relocate a floodlamp to better illuminate the area and install a photo-electric switch; erect a sign identifying those who have won Eagle rank and contributors to the project; and possibly rebuild a deteriorating fence nearby.

He has already induced Furrow's to provide most of the needed materials at cost. The village will provide the approximately \$300 involved.

audit had disclosed that Warner has not been paying franchise fees on its installation and TV guide

Council Agrees To Buy Rawnsley Property

Anticipating future needs, Village Council has bought approximately a half-acre of the Ellis Rawnsley property behind the present administration building.

Giving Rawnsley lifetime occupancy, the deal calls for the village to pay \$10,000 a year until the \$90,000 purchase price has been met, gives the village first refusal on the remaining lot fronting on Wooster Pike, provides an easement to the pike, and calls for village payment for any major house repairs in excess of \$1,000.

"Terrace Park has been my home for 53 years," Rawnsley said. "My three children grew up here and were graduated from Terrace Park High School. I wanted to give the village the best terms possible for a

Haller Named To Forester Post

Mayor Randy Casteel formally appointed Randy Haller to the newly-created post of Village Urban Forester at the January council meeting.

A recommendation from Julie Rugh, chairing the Buildings and Grounds Committee, noted that Haller has been a village employee for over 13 years and has been involved with the tree program since its inception in 1984.

In July, he qualified as a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture and is to speak on the Terrace Park experience at a chapter meeting in Columbus late this month at a meeting of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association.

He will receive \$500 additional pay monthly for his work.

revenues. The fee, she said, is due on total net income.

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piece of ground I firmly believe it is going to need."

Dan Startzman was the only objector to the purchase, authorized at a special Council meeting on December 17. Questioning village need, he called also for more consideration of the latest proposal. Council more than two months ago considered purchase of the entire 1.2 acre Rawnsley tract. With no agreement on terms, however, it had more recently considered only enough ground to provide for more Community House parking.

But John Prues, supporting the purchase, chided this and earlier Councils for what he called shortsightedness, while commending a tight rein on recent village budgets. The village, he noted, would not have the Village Green today if an early Council had not taken the plunge and floated bonds to buy the tract.

Speeding A Concern

Police Chief Bob Bacon voiced concern at January's council meeting over speeding within the village.

He identified particular trouble spots as Western and Park Avenues, the grade of Princeton, and Elm Avenue in the vicinity of the entrance to the Wilderness Preserve.

Drivers ought to be fully aware, he said, that the speed limit on any street, here and elsewhere, is 25 miles an hour unless otherwise marked, and urged observance of the limit "to make this a safe community".

Bacon also reported several calls concerning dogs running at large and reminded residents of the village leash law.

Out With The Old, In With The New

by Dianne Donnelly

No one was happier to ring in the New Year than Ken Hinners. Owner of the Terrace Park 76 station for 20 years, Ken experienced some problems at the end of 1993 which will bring about some positive changes in 1994, giving the station a very

different look.

Hinners' station has undergone some major underground repair. To meet EPA specs, Hinners replaced his underground gas holding tanks, which was scheduled to take about two weeks. The job took on such major proportions that Ken decided to go ahead with the replacement of all of the underground lines as well to meet EPA standards. The lines did not need to be replaced for another couple of years, but Ken wants to keep his business in operation once the whole ordeal is completed.

Hinners has had the capability of pumping regular unleaded gas and doing repair work all along, but business has been scarce. He says, "It's killing me! Everyone thinks we're closed."

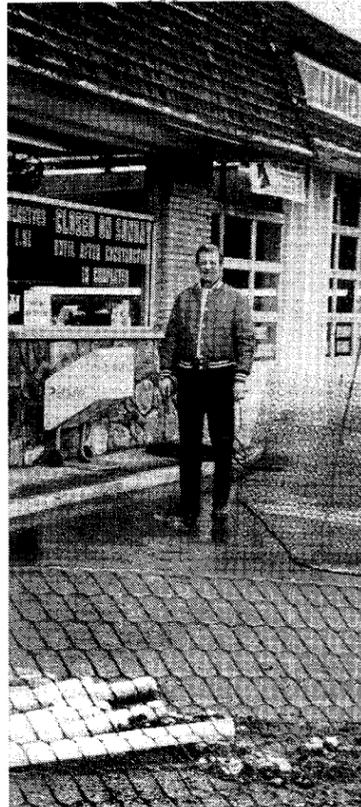
So the holidays were not very merry for the guys at 76. Not only were they not bustling with business, they were struggling to pay the bills. Ken says, "It's amazing how fast the checking account gets down when there is nothing coming in!"

Some major changes are in progress which should help Hinners turn the tough luck of '93 into prosperity of '94. Because he received some much needed assistance from a gentleman named Don Lykins, Hinners has agreed to change over from 76 to AMOCO. The station will undergo some major cosmetic changes, such as new colors, signs, shingles, and canopies, in addition to the new coolers installed to make it a quick beverage stop. But the same friendly, reliable service will continue.

A 24 hour leak monitoring system will also be installed in a few months, making Hinners' station state of the art.

To make the consumer's life even more convenient, Hinners' station will accept credit cards from Union 76, BP, and Shell for 90 days. At the end of that period, a new AMOCO card will automatically be issued to customers.

Happy New Year to the guys at 76-AMOCO! They have a fresh new start and a great desire to serve Terrace Park residents for many more years to come.



Ken Hinners

AARP Installs New Officers

Virginia Marquett, 800 Indian Hill Rd., was installed as its president at the January meeting of the Terrace Park chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. She succeeds Vera Hodges, of Marion Lane.

Lawrence Hobson, 912 Princeton, was seated as vice president; Dr. Ray Stoeklin, 816 Miami, as treasurer and Ruth Oberle, 333 Harvard, as assistant treasurer. Other officers, all from Milford, are Alice Burbank, secretary, and Martha Chalk, corresponding secretary.

Hobson was also named as program chairman. Ellis Rawnsley is publicity chairman.



New Benches Grace Village Green

In spite of recent snowfalls, Terrace Park Garden Club members hope that everyone in the community has had a chance to try the benches on the village green. The latest gift to Terrace Park from the club, they provide a resting place for those who would like to linger a while. During the last year, landscaping at village gardens has been improved, a tree was donated to the elementary school and members have worked hard at beautification projects that help to make the village the unique place that it is. Please see the related article on page 2 about a thank you reception for the community.

Village Views Seeks New Editor

It is with sincere regret that I inform you that the January *Village Views* will be my last issue as its Editor. I have served in this capacity since September, 1991, and I have really enjoyed the opportunity this has afforded me of working with so many Terrace Park residents. Now, however, it is time for me to move on to other projects.

As you may know, I worked for 15 years in Admissions areas at the University of Cincinnati. I have now taken a position at UC-Clermont College handling the Admissions function, in response to a call for "HELP!" from a long-time friend and colleague who is working there. In addition, when the call came from Clermont College, I was already in the process of initiating my own business, doing independent college counseling. With these added demands, in fairness to my family, I must give up many of my volunteer responsibilities, most especially *Village Views*.

What worries me is that I have not been able to find a new Editor to replace myself. We took the steps last summer to establish a Board of Directors for *Village Views*— a group of residents dedicated to maintaining this volunteer effort which has provided an excellent communications link for the people of Terrace Park for some 28 years.

We are anxious to find someone to step into the role of Editor. If you are willing and able to perform this important community service, please contact me at 831-1948 or Ed Annett, 248-1453 at once.

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St. Thomas Rector Plans Retirement

The Rev. Robert D. Gerhard, rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Terrace Park since 1968, has announced that he will retire March 1, 1994, after his 65th birthday.

Responsibility for operation of the parish in the coming "interregnum" falls on the two wardens—Senior Warden Hank Phillips, formerly a Terrace Park resident, and Junior Warden Chris Smith of Floral Avenue. They have already recommended appointing the Rev. Stephen Bolle, currently assistant

rector, as Interim Pastor effective March 1st. A Search Committee representative of the Parish will be appointed by February 1st to start the process of calling a new Rector.

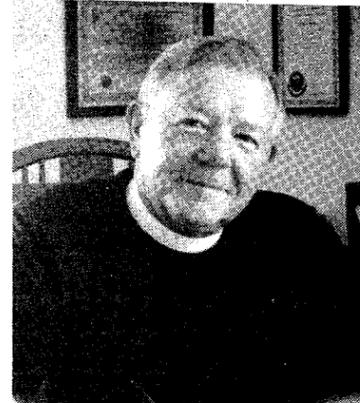
Hank Phillips expects all parishioners to provide input so that a "parish profile" and then a "clergy profile" can be developed as the Parish enters this period of challenge and opportunity. He sees St. Thomas emerging through learning and growth as "a still more vibrant and faithful part of the Christian community."

The Parish celebrated Mr. Gerhard's 25 years at St. Thomas last October with a surprise dinner, celebratory Sunday services, and a reception at the Terrace Park Community Building where Mayor Randy Casteel read a proclamation declaring "Robert D. Gerhard Day" and outlining his contributions to the Village. St. Thomas is the only church in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio officially designated as a community church.

Bob Gerhard's incumbency will be the longest ever at St. Thomas. His predecessor, The Rev. Kenneth

Clarke, served 16 years in the post (the next longest).

Bob's career began not in the church, but in the Merchant Marine; he graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1950 and served in various places around the world—including the U.S. Navy during the Korean War—before he decided to "change course" and to sail through Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He was ordained a priest in 1957, and served at churches in Illinois and Michigan before coming to St. Thomas.



Rev. Gerhard

In 35 years as a priest, Bob has baptized some 600 persons, married over 400 couples, and presented 665 persons for confirmation.

In his 25 years at St. Thomas, he saw the church into its second 100 years in 1976, and through the introduction of a new Book of Common Prayer the next year. Construction of a columbarium came in 1982, computerization of the church office in 1985, and major capital repairs in the late 80's.

In 1984 Bob introduced the Stephen Ministry program for training lay ministers, and in 1988 he facilitated the church's foray into low-income housing which resulted in completion of Thomaston Woods—a 100-unit townhouse project in Clermont County—in 1991. (As Jud Gale put it, the "little church around the corner" had created a 5-million-dollar project.)

Those 25 years saw a major change in the role of women in the church—ordination of women to the priesthood, and at St. Thomas the first woman senior warden (Carol Peterson) and more women on the church's vestries. They also saw the church budget rise from \$100,845 in 1968 to over \$475,000 this year, and the Parish Endowment Funds from \$82,509 in 1968 to over one million at the end of 1993.

Over the years here, Bob Gerhard has also held many posts in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, ranging from President of ERSO (the eastern region of the Diocese until 1990), through Goals/Policy Committee chair, to Confessor Extraordinary at the Convent of the Transfiguration in Glendale. He was instrumental in founding the Episcopal Healing Ministry Foundation—an outgrowth of the work of The Rev. Emily Gardiner Neal—in 1987. Over the years he encouraged development of several new Episcopal congregations. His activities in the Cincinnati Area focused on organizations to help the disabled, including United Cerebral Palsy and LADD (Living Arrangement for the Developmentally Disabled). He also facilitated development of Inter Parish Ministry (the outreach arm of several churches), the Samaritan Counseling Center, and Friends of the Groom drama group. He has been a "mover and shaker" both within and outside the church.

Bob and his wife Ernestine—parents of four grown children and grandparents of two—plan to remain at 221 Miami Avenue in Terrace Park after retirement. We trust they will long continue to be valued members of the community.

Schools Noted For Technology Program

Mariemont City Schools have been recognized by the Ohio School Boards Association with the "Best of the Southwest" award. The district is being honored for its innovative educational program, "Integrating Technology into the Classroom".

For the past two years, the goal of the computer integration program at Mariemont City Schools has been the development of a student who has acquired skill in using the computer as a tool for learning. Computers have been installed in all fourth, fifth and sixth grade classrooms across the district. The elementary school libraries use electronic card catalogs and students and teachers can access information about books in any elementary library, their location and their availability.

In secondary school, students continue to have opportunities to acquire more advanced skills to use technology to enhance their learning. In the high school library, students can search college and business card catalogues in addition to the in-house collection, conduct database searches, and utilize CD ROM technology.



Nancy Ward

Fine Arts Fund

The 1994 Fine Arts Fund campaign will kick off on February 10, with an invitation for the community to "Be Part of the Fun!" Last year's effort raised over \$5.8 million in support of the Ballet, Opera, Playhouse, Symphony, Taft Museum, Contemporary Arts Center, Art Museum, May Festival and projects pool. Among those volunteers who will work for community donations is Nancy Ward, of Miami Avenue. For information on donating or volunteering, call 871-2787.

Centennial Edition Yearbook

Terrace Park Schools Annual will be available to community residents this year. The yearbook will feature child created graphics of Terrace Park scenes and Centennial events along with a review of students, faculty, and events of this school year. The book will include 48 pages of memories within a heavy weight paper cover displaying an original design. Cost is \$8 per copy. Please call Dianne Donnelly, 831-7586 to place your order by February 7, 1994. Delivery in May.

Deeter Appointed To American Funds Team

David A. Deeter, Executive Vice President with the Cincinnati office of Professional Planning Associates, Inc., has been named to the All-American Team of The American Funds Group of mutual funds.

Deeter was cited for outstanding service to investors in the Cincinnati area and for excellence in financial counseling in mutual fund investments and variable annuity contracts.

Deeter has been with Professional Planning Associates, Inc. since July, 1985. He has been in the financial services field for 17 years. He is a Certified Financial Planner.

Deeter graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1973, with a B.A. degree. He lives in Terrace Park with his wife, Judy, and their children, Josh, Lindsay and Jane.

Tree Committee Update

by Bob Terwilliger

Randy Haller, the Village's new URBAN FORESTER, reports that an IBM computer has been donated for the program. He hopes to get together with the folks who have volunteered to type the survey soon. John Bowers has typed over 1200 entries so far, but we probably have more than that left to do.

Haller is also beginning selection of the sites for planting the next 100 trees. Trees selected for removal will start coming out this month and pruning will begin on another large group. By next month we will probably be ready to have a meeting of those who have volunteered to stay on the tree committee. Anyone who would like to help finish up the last of the survey and be part of the tree advisory group may call Randy Haller at the Village Office.



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Spotlight On Terrace Park Newcomers

by Susan Austin

Terrace Park residents are fortunate to begin the new year 1994 with the addition of five very talented professional families! Please take a moment to welcome them to our community.

Many of you may remember the Holcomb family. They are still listed in the 1992-93 Terrace Park directory for their former residence at 500 Marietta. Crissy and Mike Holcomb are excited to be back in Terrace Park after a brief Proctor and Gamble assignment in Charlotte, N.C. They are currently renting a home on Douglas Avenue but are anxious to move into their new home at 215 Rugby. They have two young children, James (5) and Ben (2 1/2). Mike is a manager in the Beauty Care division at Proctor and Gamble. In his free time, he loves to play basketball. Crissy worked in advertising prior to her current role as a homemaker. She's also very talented in decorating and home design shows. In the spring, she hopes to begin a Christian Womens' Club for Terrace Park women.

Also returning to Cincinnati are Betsy and Mark Porst. Proctor and Gamble brought them to Cincinnati for the first time three years ago; and after buying a home in Montgomery, they discovered Terrace Park. They were transferred back to Chicago, but never forgot our quaint village. With this transfer, they were determined to buy in this community. You'll find them at 733 Elm Avenue with their three children, Hayley (6), Christopher (3), and Luke (3 months). Betsy was also in advertising, though is currently retired. Mark is an avid runner when not working in the sales division of Oral Care at P&G.

Elizabeth and Brad Turner and their two boys Bradley (3 1/2) and Sheffield (1 1/2) moved into 627 Lexington from the Cleveland area as Brad transferred into another management position within Gradisson-McDonald. Brad is an outdoorsman and loves running as a sport. Liz is a talented textiles enthusiast, and over the years has developed a special interest in gourmet cooking. Liz also has an interest in home decorating and remodeling.

Julie and Russel Wilson actually moved to No. 2 Circus Place in May... but, after beginning interior work on an addition, moved in with relatives until recently. They are glad to finally be "home" in this new year! They have two children, Sam (5)

Garden Club Plans February Meeting As A "Thank You"

As a thank you to villagers for their participation in the Terrace Park Garden Club's spring plant sale and other fund raising efforts, the members invite all persons in the community to a reception and program at the community building on February 1st at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Paul Busse of Applied Imagination and Garden Railroads. Busse, a Sycamore High School graduate, has a degree in landscape architecture from Ohio State University. He founded the Garden Railway Company 13 years ago. His new venture, Applied Imagination, brought together a team of experts who specialize in creative outdoor spaces, including landscaping and the incorporation of model trains. Paul designed garden railways for King's Island Winterfest, Krohn Conservatory, Ault Park Flower and Garden Show, Ameriflora and New York Botanic Gardens. Please join us for this interesting evening!

and Julia (4). Russel is an attorney with Frost and Jacobs. Julie is also an attorney in the County Prosecutor's Office. Russel is a Masters Chess player in his free time.

DeeDee and Richard Uhle, both Cincinnati natives, found the Terrace Park schools and village life so attractive that they moved their two boys, Grant (6) and Bo (5), to 308 Oxford. DeeDee and Richard have their own law firm...Durkee and Uhle

in Batavia. They have a busy professional life, but in their spare time DeeDee finds time to play golf and the piano. Richard is an avid rugby player with the Cincinnati Wolfhounds!

As new neighbors move into Terrace Park, please give their names to Susan Austin at 831-8235. Please give these neighbors a WARM welcome!



EMS Members Conduct Career Day

Members of the Terrace Park volunteer EMS came back to school on Wednesday, December 8. They came to conduct a "Career Day" session for Mrs. Jan Baas' and Mrs. Karen Roberts' second grade classes at the Terrace Park Elementary School. Giving a view of what it was like to train to work as a member of a life squad were Cyndy Finnigan, Jan and David Schloss, and Maggie Tobergte. An important fact that was shared with the children was that six of the second grade students have parents who volunteer to serve on the Terrace Park EMS. Another important bit of information was the fact that, in Terrace Park, EMS personnel are volunteers; but in some communities, people are paid to serve on a life squad. Mrs. Schloss shared a story of how her relative earned money to attend college by working on an EMS team. By sharing this information, these dedicated EMS volunteers have furthered the career knowledge of these second graders, and, we hope, planted the seed of volunteerism within them. Pictured above is Cyndy Finnigan demonstrating the tools of her trade to a group of second graders.

Letters

To The Editor,

Terrace Park Cub Scouts Pack 97 wishes to thank everyone who participated in the recent Sweet and Treats Night. The event raised over \$1,600 for the Cub Scouts. Thanks to Tina Hesser for conducting the auction in such an entertaining style and to Fred Albrecht and Guy DeDiemer for their financial wizardry as co-treasurers. Thanks to Bill and Mamie Drackett for the two weekend suites they donated at Lakeside, Ohio, which accounted for a significant portion of the funds raised.

The Cub Scouts thank Steve Smith (former Eagle Scout), Camargo Landscaping and the Terrace Park PTA for the \$200 donation by the PTA on behalf of Steve for the Giving Tree he donated to the school. The Sweets Auction and PTA donation have placed the Cub Scouts on sound financial footing. Finally, the Cub Scouts thank Roger and Dinah Winters, David Schloss, Stock Keffer and Steve Fletcher for helping to restore the log cabin, especially Winters and Schloss for repairing the roof.

Sincerely,
John Finnigan
Scout Master

A Sincere Thank You

...to the wonderful person who found a navy blue, leather purse in the snow, over the Christmas weekend, and turned it in at the Village Office.

We'd like to thank you in person if you would call 831-4084. Becky and John Quackenbush, Watkinville, Ga. Babe and Hal Mercier, Terrace Park

Dear Editor,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Kathy, for the outstanding, professional work you have performed as Editor of the Village Views for the past two and a half years. Those of us who have worked with you have found a patient and pleasant friend, indeed. The Terrace Park community will miss your leadership and dependability as the search goes on for someone to take your place in this voluntary capacity. We want you to know that we appreciate you and the thousands of hours you have given to Terrace Park. We also want to take this opportunity to wish you well as you pursue your new career.

With great admiration and respect,
Dianne and Bob Donnelly

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Village Views Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *Village Views* is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to submit an article may send a *typewritten* copy to the editor at 223 Rugby Avenue prior to that time. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

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On Council
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The ordinance calls for establishment of a local commission, consisting of council members, the village solicitor, and residents to control fees and deal with complaints.

On other matters:

- Building Official Tim Harth reported December building permits at four, involving construction put at \$372,000, with the 1993 total as 94 permits for \$2,738,567, "the highest ever."
- Citing his "exemplary performance," council promoted Joe Winders to police sergeant at a salary of \$33,230 following a six-month probationary period.
- Police Chief Bob Bacon reported that village maintenance men had put in 20 hours of overtime in snow removal thus far, using three loads of road salt as against only two loads used all last winter.
- Council rejected a resolution, proposed by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Council of Governments, to approve stiffer regulation of automobile emissions, which Councilman Rusty Wilson called "a government boondoggle."
- Julie Rugh reported the planting of 19 new trees in December, most of them on Yale Avenue; said that Randy Haller is planning to plant 100-150 more trees this fall, and that the village is applying for another \$10,000 state grant for tree work.
- The life squad reported 17 calls during December, while Fire Chief Phil Schneider reported two fire runs on New Year's Day, one resulting in destruction of a car, and a total of 21 fire alarms in 1993.
- Bacon reported P&G donation of three used computers for village use.



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