



## Veteran Volunteer to Lead *Village Views*

by Camilla Warrick

Gillian Littlehale won't donate her time to just any old project.

The assignment, she said, must provide "a learning experience, a chance to work with other people and an opportunity to give back to the community." That's why she said yes to the invitation to serve as *Village Views*' managing editor.

"This job has everything a professional volunteer wants," she said.

If anyone deserves the title "professional volunteer," it is she. A graduate of Bowdoin College and the University of Massachusetts and a former social worker, Ms. Littlehale has spent the last 17 years providing unpaid leadership to The Junior League of Cincinnati.

She has performed a variety of tasks including chairing the organization's project development committee, the public affairs committee, the membership outreach committee, and serving two years as Community Vice President. She has also worked on the Community Initiatives Committee at United Way, is a partner of the Children's Defense Fund on behalf of the Junior League and is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Littlehale was able to assume the paper's managing editor's position this month because she will go on "sustaining" status at the Junior League in May.

*Village Views*, which relies on a volunteer business manager, layout editor and a slew of writers and photographers, has been a mainstay of Terrace Park life since the late '60s. "I'd like the paper to be as organized as possible, sophisticated as it can be, yet as small-town as we want it to be," she said. "It's sort of like high-button shoes. In our cyber world that there's an actual newspaper for 850 homes is unique."

Ms. Littlehale, who earned her undergraduate degree in sociology and history and her master's degree in sociology, is quick to confess that her background includes no journalism experience. However, during her five years of employment in the Information and Referral Division at United Way, she was used to fielding questions, finding answers and working a telephone.

These skills should stand her in good stead for the *Village Views* job. She will be working closely with features coordinator Cyndy Finnigan, business manager Gerri Kennedy and layout editor Theresa Bain.

The *Village Views* board has recruited many people to do the work former editor Ricki Schmidt used to do singlehandedly. The paper is still looking for persons interested in covering the Mariemont School Board.

In addition to her volunteer tasks, Ms. Littlehale is mother of Douglas, 10; and Rachel, 5. Her husband, John, is vice president at Multi-Color, a label-making company based in Cincinnati.

The Littlehales have lived in Terrace Park for a decade. One summer day in 1988 they came out from Mt. Lookout to look at a home purchased by Gillian's friend, Lucy Fellows, and drove back to Mt. Lookout with a new home of their own — at 2 Denison Lane.

"We're good planners, very rational. But we also do things very fast, very impulsively," she said.

She hasn't regretted their Terrace Park decision a bit, and she's hoping to report the same thing about *Village Views*.

## Council Passes New Year Resolutions

By Katy Wood

At the January session, council adopted resolutions required to run the village in 1998. Mayor Jennifer Comfort began the meeting, presenting letters from the city of Fairfax and from the Teen Response "Adopt a Family" youth committee, both expressing thanks for assistance received from the Terrace Park Police Department. A third letter was read from a resident who gratefully acknowledged assistance from the TP Fire Department and gave a donation.

Clerk Francine Glassmeyer reported she received notice from the Department of Liquor Control that the BP station was surrendering their carry-out liquor permit.

Village engineer George Kipp has expressed satisfaction with the new bridge and culvert, reported Solicitor Bob Malloy. Council gave Mr. Kipp the O.K. to proceed with inspection of the Sleepy Hollow subdivision. Fire Chief David Glassmeyer reported two fire runs for the month of December. On February 23, he will present a demonstration regarding safety and high voltage wires.

Chief Bob Bacon and Building Official Tim Harth each presented his annual report for 1997. Chief Bacon stated he is looking forward to 1998 and will work hard "to be a better police chief." Resolutions passed included those to re-employ Francine Glassmeyer as Clerk of Court and Secretary, Robert Malloy as legal counsel, John Flessa as prosecutor, Chief Bob Bacon as Street Commissioner, and Tim Harth as Building Official and Aerobic System Inspector.

Stephen Holmes introduced resolutions as Buildings and Grounds Chair, concerning street tree pruning and replacing a heat pump in the administration building. Both passed, as were multiple finance resolutions introduced by Councilman Jack Brown. Rules and Law Chair John Finnigan made a motion to table until February a 3rd reading of the police chief job description ordinance. An adopted resolution introduced by Mr. Finnigan designated the Community Building a polling place. Public Safety Chair Julie Rugh introduced a resolution accepting the Ohio Department of Transportation speed study. It passed, allowing the village to use state funds to replace the Terrace Park sign demolished in November by a drunk driver on Wooster Pike.

Council approved the purchase of a used Chevy Blazer with 15,000 miles on the speedometer at a cost not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, replacing an inoperable vehicle.

Finally, in executive session, Council resolved to increase village employee salaries 3% from 1997 levels. Chief of Police, Bob Bacon's salary was continued at the 1997 rate, pending completion of the Chief of Police job description and comparison with similar salary ranges in other communities. This salary issue will be determined within 60 days.

## Interview with the Mayor

### Comfort Sets '98 Goals

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

**What were you doing when you decided to run for mayor?**

I was reading the *Village Views* and saw the ad, "Wanted: Mayor for nice village." I started thinking about who should run, what were the qualifications. For example, there is mayor's court so I thought the mayor should be an attorney. Every qualification I fit. I thought, "I could do that." Before this I was involved in student government in college and I worked on DeWine's campaign. Being in law school and being a lawyer also exposed me to politics.

**What do you do as mayor?**

I do the Mayor's Court, which is at least once a month. I hear about traffic violations and misdemeanors. Often, the court meets four times a month, because DUI's have to be heard within five days. (I don't hear felonies, such as second DUI's.) 98% of the people plead no contest or guilty. They are given a fine, or in the case of fighting, DUI's, or driving under suspension, they are given community service.

**How has this job changed your perspective?**

It is interesting to learn how government works. Sometimes you live your life and the government does something and you knock your head against the wall and say, "How could the government do that?" Now I understand. People have such different logic, different life experiences, different thought processes, different assumptions. To be truly representative you should have people with different assumptions. So it's interesting to see how decisions are made, what gets talked about, what's a matter of course. It's a positive experience.

**What do you enjoy?**

I enjoy Mayor's Court. It's challenging, and tests your ability to hear the truth, read people. (It's also comic. Some people have excuses they expect me to believe!) It's challenging to come up with the right decision. I take it seriously and want to be fair.

**What are your goals for 1998?**

I'd like the lines of authority to be clear, what council decides, what the mayor decides, what the police chief decides. The police have job descriptions, and they're working on one for the police chief. Council members need job descriptions. I'd like a job description. Every time there is a new mayor, there is a new job description for the police. That's not fair. Every time there is a new mayor, there is a new mayor's job description. There needs to be consistency.

Also, we need to recodify the village ordinances. The last codification was done ten years ago. We need to compile the laws in a logical order so that people can find laws they created without going through boxes and boxes and files and files to find them.

Dan Startzman has a new project, getting funding to replace water mains. This is a big deal. Some of ours are sixty years old and are getting occluded, and there is not enough water pressure. The concern is about fires, we have to have a certain amount of pressure so that the water can climb through the hoses. We have a really good chance of getting our funding this year. However, government can be slow, so even if we get the funding, that doesn't mean we'll break ground this year.

The hottest issue in Terrace Park is Planning and Zoning's discussion of making zoning more restrictive. There is no one mind on this issue. Everyone wants others to stop building, but no one wants restrictions on one's own property. This is a tough decision, there are very good pros and very good cons, and communities have made different decisions, which have worked for them. If you have an opinion, please call Dan Keefe. It is time to make decisions.

My job and council members' jobs are all volunteer. Since we all have other jobs and interests, I always appreciate people's patience when things don't go as quickly as someone would like. Encouragement motivates us, that's what keeps us going. We love the village and want what is best, that's why we're here, that's why we're on council.



Stephen Holmes, left and Jack Brown, sworn in as new council members on January 1, 1998. Mr. Holmes will serve on Building, Zoning & Dedication of Property Committees and Mr. Brown will serve on the General Assembly, Law, Contracts & Claims Committees.

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Twenty years ago a courageous group of fifteen men and women who called themselves the Terrace Park Recreation Committee voted to purchase ten acres of land for the purpose of enhancing the recreational facilities for the children of Terrace Park. (At that time the only fields available for recreation were located at the corner of Stanton and Elm, and they were owned by the Board of Education.) This was no small task since the estimated cost of the project was approximately \$100,000, and the committees combined assets some \$3,000.

In order to attract a major commitment to this project an offer was made to dedicate the fields to anyone making a contribution of \$40,000. Since I was the collection agent for this project it was my phone that rang early one Saturday morning in the beginning stages of what was named Operation C.A.R. (Children & Recreation). This voice advised me that he and his wife were thinking of making a major contribution and would I be able to stop by and discuss the project. I can remember Bolton Drackett commenting to friends later that I had not given him a chance to hang up the phone before I was at his front door.

In the end 222 families donated \$104,833.20; but it was the \$40,000 donation by Bolton and Lou Drackett that acted as the catalyst for Operation C.A.R. It was their generosity that made Drackett Field a reality.

Bolton Drackett passed away on December 21 in Naples, Florida. At his memorial service his many acts of kindness were enumerated by his family and friends. A Mrs. Daniels, representing the arts for Naples, spoke and mentioned that Bolton and Lou had made the largest ever donation to the arts in the state of Florida, for which the governor presented him a medal. At the Drackett home following the service I spoke with Mrs. Daniels and recounted the Operation C.A.R. story to her. I wished her success with her donation, and hoped that it would do for the arts in Florida some small part of what Bolton and Lou had done for the children of Terrace Park.

Bolton, now that you are in your Field of Dreams, the residents of Terrace Park thank you for the contribution you made to our Field of Dreams.

John Gislason

## To the Editor:

Yet again here in T. P. a dog was found wandering the streets with only an electric fence collar on as identification. Through the diligence of many kind-hearted residents the dog was reunited a day later with its owner. This situation can be easily avoided by doing one or more of the following:

- Name and phone number of the owner on the electric fence collar.
- Have your dog wear their "other" collar at all times which has their Hamilton County license attached (they have a database of all licensed dogs in the county).
- Microchip implant - a fairly new technology where a microchip the size of a rice kernel is injected between the dog's shoulder blades. A lost dog can be "scanned" by a vet or animal shelter for identification.
- If your dog continually "jumps" the electric fence, consider purchasing a dog kennel or actually fencing a portion of your yard.

Please, for your dog's safety, make sure they have proper ID on at all times and that their method of restraint is in good working order. Your dog is a member of your family and needs to be protected just like your children.

Sincerely,

Meg Davis  
300 Wanoka Woods

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## Corrections

The December article "Stan Thomson's Sculpture Graces Spring Grove Cemetery" should have been credited to Ricki Schmidt. The article "A Message from Indian Hill Water Works" was submitted by Indian Hill Water Works.

# My Point of View

By Randy Phillips

The *Village Views* is a venue for ideas. These ideas should be thoughtfully considered, debated, reviewed and perhaps enacted. Not all ideas will travel from Alpha to Omega. Viable ideas which serve the majority needs of village residents deserves our solicitude.

I propose we study the idea of building a Sports Center in Terrace Park. This facility, which would be multi-purpose, would be designed to service many needs of Terrace Park residents. Many communities have found recreation centers to fill a void and satisfy a need. I have defined four groups which could benefit from such a facility:

### CHILDREN

The lack of an all-season facility for ages 5-19 is an obvious vacuum. During the winter the Terrace Park gym is filled with basketball team practice six nights a week. Each team receives only one practice per week for 45 minutes. Saturdays and Sundays the gym is booked with games. This leaves no time or place for high school or junior high kids to go and "just play." We can all agree the 13 to 18 age group is not one we would like to have too much idle time. To have a safe facility where our children enjoy spending time would be a welcome addition.

### PEOPLE AT HOME DURING THE DAY

A convenient facility would service the physical fitness and social needs of people who are at home during the day. We have a vibrant group of mothers and retirees in the community. As a group these people value their active lifestyles and realize the benefits of health and fitness. This facility would be heavily used by this segment of our community.

### COMMUNITY FITNESS

For busy households inconvenience is the number one reason cited for lack of exercise. A facility that allows children to be active while the parents pursue their fitness goals would have great appeal. The facility would also encourage family and community activities, like pick-up basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball and other team sports.

### COMMUNITY CENTER

There seems to be no central place where the community gathers in the non-summer months. Good ideas seem to get better when residents of Terrace Park work together. This type of facility would only enhance our sense of community.

There are questions with any project, and this project has many. Is there a desire for this type of project? What could be included in the facility? What is the cost and how could it be financed? I, as one resident, firmly believe it should not be 100% tax supported. I do feel some combination of user fee and tax support is not only viable but a fair alternative.

Help explore the issues, opportunities, and alternatives for this type of project. We will have a preliminary meeting at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 11, @ 7:30 - 9p.m.. We welcome your thoughtful consideration.

Note: The *My Point of View* column is devoted to guest commentaries. Submissions should be no longer 1000 words.

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<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>					
Enrollment	1,464.	1,771.	1,279.	1,527.	2,920.
Median Income	29,294.	42,174.	31,982.	40,702.	22,932.
TAX Valuation / Pupil	118,235.	285,498.	105,775.	95,902.	76,979.
Expenditure / Pupil	6,150.	7,064.	5,435.	5,732.	5,024.
Pupils per Teacher	17.8	17.3	19.3	18.2	20.9
Average Class	23.2	20.2	22.3	23.5	24.0
Avg. Teacher Salary	37,708.	41,301.	37,112.	39,049.	34,693.
Drop Out Rate	1.5	1.9	.8	1.1	3.2
Student Attendance	96.1	96	95.6	96.5	94.0
Staff Attendance	97.1	97.7	97.4	98.3	95.8
<b>STUDENT OUTCOMES</b>					
Achievement: Percentage of Students Scoring at or above NCE of 50:					
Reading Grade 4	71.9	88.8	91.4	88.3	59.2
Language G. 4	81.0	89.6	83.9	87.5	58.7
Math Grade 4	81.8	87.2	94.6	82.5	61.0
Reading Grade 6	79.0	83.5	81.1	92.0	58.2
Language G. 6	74.0	86.6	83.2	88.5	56.9
Math G. 6	75.0	83.7	88.4	88.5	59.6
Reading Grade 8	83.7	78.6	86.8	92.0	59.0
Language G. 8	87.9	82.5	94.1	92.0	57.1
Math G. 8	92.3	68.2	92.6	92.0	56.2
<b>Ninth Grade Proficiency Test Passage Rate</b> (As reported after the March test administration)					
Math	91	92	91	96	62
Reading	97	95	95	98	83
Writing	93	100	99	99	83
Citizenship	92	93	92	98	76
All Required	82	88	85	93	52
<b>Advanced Placement</b>					
Class Registration					
Percentage (10 -12)	12.8	29.3	16.7	28.5	6.1
Extra Curricular Participation Percentage (9-12):					
Academic Related	23.1	48.2	63.5	46.0	20.9
Athletics Related	44.4	72.7	61.6	60.0	29.4
<b>STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS</b>					
Percentage White	98.1	88.7	95.7	86.1	82.9
Percentage Disadvantaged:					
Economic & Academic	9.0	2.5	2.3	2.5	24.6
Aid to Dependent Children	2.0	.5	1.0	1.7	16.2
Disabilities	5.8	10.2	9.7	5.4	10.7
<b>STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS</b>					
Students per Administrator	167	250	200	200	250
Total Employees	168.3	216.2	135.3	160.2	304.1
Teachers - Bachelors	31.7	37.7	45.3	43.9	54.5
Teachers - Masters	68.3	62.3	54.7	56.1	45.0
Average Yrs. Experience	13.8	13.6	14.4	14	15.3
<b>COSTS</b>					
Instructional Services Costs per Student Served					
Regular Instruction	3,327	3,541	2,862	3,351	2,514
Handicapped Instruction	3,832	3,788	4,808	3,373	4,154
Gifted Inst. per program	0**	110	492	0**	889
Extracurricular Costs per Participant					
Academic Related	817	281	151	596	273
Athletics Related	1,112	989	955	544	85
<b>Support Costs Per Pupil</b>					
Pupil	161	454	331	323	224
Instru./Education Media	327	227	224	111	204
Board of Education	7	31	13	54	16
Building Administration	459	419	368	497	286
Central Office	344	389	166	130	203
Business / Fiscal	163	243	193	145	138
Operation/Maintenance	719	809	559	586	511
Transportation	611	351	235	438	309
Other	157	300	364	152	204
* Each of the above districts provided its EMIS profile information. The complete profiles are available at the Board of Education Office in each district. As allowed by the state, both Mariemont and Wyoming charged \$1 for each copy.					
** Mariemont has one teacher who provides math enrichment for selected students. Wyoming has two teachers who act as resource sources for the classroom teachers and do some work with individual students.					
<b>RESULTS OF 12TH GRADE PROFICIENCY TEST ADMINISTERED IN FEBRUARY</b> (Results were not part of the EMIS Profile issued in March.) Passage of this proficiency test is not required for graduation but is used in awarding diplomas with honors. Although state regulations require seniors take the exam, there is no penalty for not taking it. Statewide, more than 10% of high school seniors did not take the test, which could affect comparisons of scores.					
Percentage Passed All	82	86	95	85	55
% Passed All with Honors	5	7	10	9	4
% Passed Math	89	89	95	89	68
% Passed Reading	93	97	100	96	86
% Passed Citizenship	92	92	97	97	80
% Passed Writing	95	97	100	97	77

# MHS Boosters Fundraiser

## "The Night of the Pod People-Telethon"

by Julia Mace Smart, Mariemont City Schools

Mark your calendars for an event that will make Jerry Lewis proud. "The Night of the Pod People - Telethon" will grace the Mariemont High School stage at 7:30p.m., Friday, Feb. 27; 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28 and 3 p.m., Sunday, March 1.

This fabulous show is being brought to you from the same masterminds who created "The Return of the Pod People" last year. The show is sponsored by the Fine Arts Association and all proceeds will benefit the unified arts department at MHS.

"The show spoofs telethons in general," writer, creator and director John Wenstrup said. "People in the audience are encouraged to bring cell phones with them and call in. Anyone who saw "The Pod People" and liked it will love the telethon.

Several of last year's cast members will be featured as well as some shiny new faces. The cast consists of MHS graduates, students, staff and community members. Returning to the stage this year are favorites Bill and Linda Swensson, Judy and Lindsay Deeter, Dave Pannkuk, Greg Hadjian, Grace Holmes, Pat Matchette, Glen Lindahl and Lee Harmon.

Debbie Keefe's math class will perform again, and teachers Sherry Randall, Cathy Ransenberg, Bob McComb and Larry Austin are lending their talents. Leslie Hodell, Werner Hildebrand, parents Wes and Diane Fisher and Jim and Wendy Peterkin will be wonderful additions to the production. Other new faces include Joe Schatz, his daughter, Beth Schatz Merritt and his granddaughter, Sarah Merritt. David Park is the production's co-director. Of course the production wouldn't be complete without the efforts and talent of MHS students in the cast.

Audience members will be able to donate money during the telethon, and corporate sponsors are welcome. Corporate sponsors will have their names announced on the stage and will be included in the program. **Please call Polly Duplace at 831-5883.**

Tickets to the show are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. **To reserve tickets call Peggy Landes at 561-5586.** Tickets will sell out fast so please call and reserve them now!

## Police Blotter

By Katy Wood

The following are summaries of police reports deemed of particular interest to the community.

**12/13/97:** Pursuing a report that a group had headed into the wilderness preserve with bows and arrows, Officer Joe Winders found eight males, dressed in camouflage and carrying paint pellet rifles. The group indicated that they had been given permission from Village police to play war games in the preserve. As paint damage to signs in the area was noted by Officer Winders, however, the participants were advised to clean up the signs in order to avoid charges being filed.

Chief Bacon indicated that as paint pellet rifles are not illegal, his department generally encourages their use in the preserve to circumvent games in the streets or alleys. When activity with the guns is reported or observed by police, TPPD policy is to check on the participants, reviewing responsible and safe use of these potentially destructive toys.

**12/21/97:** A deer was struck on Wooster Pike near Kris Circle. The impact caused moderate damage to the front of the driver's car. No one in the car was injured.

**1/1/98:** A resident of Marian Lane called to report that two males had thrown a large amount of snow at their door, then run down the street. When the police officer arrived, he spoke to witnesses of the behavior, then spoke with the boys when they returned. The boys initially denied the incident but admitted responsibility when identified by the complainant.

**1/2/98:** A report of window tapping came from Miami Avenue. A son in the household heard the noise and indicated that there had been two previous incidents. Officer Sowders checked the yard for footprints, but was unable to locate any. A police car remained on the block for approximately forty minutes.

**1/3/98:** Officer Chin responded to a resident of Indian Hill Road who reported that several dogs were in his yard and had attacked his own dog. Upon his arrival, two of the dogs left, but one large dog remained, growled at the officer and started towards him. The officer, with baton in hand, maintained an "open mode and loaded position," at which point the dog took off. All owners were informed and cooperated by insuring better supervision of their dogs.

**1/8/98:** A theft of jewelry was reported from the 800 block of Princeton Ave. TPPD have a suspect and are pursuing an arrest.

**December 1997:** The Terrace Park Police Department responded to 2 reports of accidents/injuries, 50 incident reports, 39 non-criminal incidents (e.g., juvenile incidents), made 236 business/house checks, 9 misdemeanor arrests, and 42 traffic arrests, initiated 90 miscellaneous checks (e.g., open doors, debris in road, etc.), issued 43 warnings, and responded to 90 other calls over the radio or from neighboring communities.

Village Views Board of Trustees is formulating a policy for the reporting of police incidents. This policy will be published upon its completion.

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## Lt. Hayhow Elected

By Katy Wood

Terrace Park Police Lt. Jerry Hayhow was recently elected Secretary of the Hamilton County Police Association. Lt. Hayhow had served on the executive board for four years. TPPD membership in the police association allows its access to the HCPA SWAT Team, an underwater search and discovery team and a clergy team, available for emergency situations.

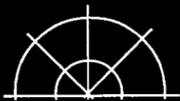
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## Winter Landscape Notes

by Steve Smith, Camargo Landscape

### Mulching

During the winter months, it is wise to maintain a mulch depth in your planting beds at the optimum level of 2 1/2". This is of particular importance when dealing with perennial plantings or recently planted woody plant material. For established ornamental trees and shrubs, mulch should be applied following the first freeze or two, once root development has tapered off.

Care should be taken not to apply mulch too early in the fall while ground temperatures still remain warm, as this might encourage root growth that would then be susceptible to freeze damage. Mulch should never be applied at a depth greater than 2 1/2", as an overabundance will encourage root growth directly in the mulch layer and not in the soil. As a result, the plant will suffer extreme water loss during periods of drought next growing season.

In addition to aesthetic appeal of mulch, it provides important insulating value during the type of winter we are experiencing, with extended periods of warmth, followed by a three day cold snap with little if any snowfall to naturally insulate plant root systems.

### Dormant Pruning

Winter is an ideal time for dormant pruning of most trees and shrubs. We no longer have to contend with leaf vegetation, and have clear visual evidence of the plant branching habit and structure at this time of year. Crossing branches and sucker shoots can be readily identified and pinpointed for removal, while proper pruning cut judgments are quickly made without leaf material masking our line of sight.

This is a great time to examine that ancient Burning Bush or Honey-suckle planting bordering your property line, and to begin selectively thinning the plant material while removing obvious deadwood. Rejuvenative, dormant pruning will encourage vigorous spring growth and extend the useful life of the plant.

Although winter dormant pruning can be performed on virtually all woody plant material, one should anticipate the lack of full spring flowering potential on plants such as Viburnum and Forsythia. Consultation with a Certified Arborist or other knowledgeable plant specialist, is recommended regarding proper pruning techniques, timing and expectations.

### Winter Planting?

You said what? That's right, winter planting. When winter conditions remain mild to the extent they have this season, and the prediction for the balance of the winter calls for only occasional cold snaps, I say plant. My suggestion is to take advantage of the extended fall-like weather and install those trees and shrubs you may have considered for planting during fall 1997, but never managed to get in. Dormant plants, installed now, are virtually maintenance free over the next three months. Properly installed winter plantings will give you a three month jump on the upcoming growing season. Be sure to consult your local nursery supplier or landscape service regarding availability.

### Snowstorm Care

During periods of extended or heavy snowfall, most plant material is best left alone without any attempt being made to remove snow. Frequently, we cause more damage attempting to brush off heavy snow loads, since stems and leaves on evergreens can be brittle due to accompanying cold temperatures. The only plants I recommend clearing off are most varieties of Arborvitae and some upright Junipers.

Stay tuned for additional seasonal landscape advice.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## U.S. Representative Rob Portman to Speak at MES

The Coalition for a Drug Free Cincinnati and the Parent to Parent Drug Education Program.

When: Monday, January 26

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Mariemont Elementary Auditorium

The Parent to Parent Drug Education Program is new to the Mariemont School District.

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Morning, afternoon, evening and weekend classes are available – classes are limited.

For further information contact: Nancy Seward, Mariemont District Representative, @ 248-2018

## New UDF Store to Open

By Cyndy Finnigan

United Dairy Farmer's is hoping to open a newly refurbished store in March 1998 at 705 Wooster Pike, the site formerly occupied by Dairy Mart. The new UDF will have similar features to its other stores in the Cincinnati area, but will not have seating. There will be no gas pumps.

## Luminaria Night A Success

Kindervelt would like to thank all residents who participated in the Terrace Park Luminaria. Terrace Park had a beautiful glow, and this special community event contributed \$3200.00 to the Children's Hospital Medical Center.

## TP Phone Books

By Cyndy Finnigan

If you have any changes or additions for the new 1998-99 T.P. phone books, use the yellow card board tear-out page from your current T.P. phone book. Advertisers should contact **Bob Donnelly** at 831-7586.

## Books for Kids

A "Books for Kids" collection receptacle will be placed in the Administrative Building, accessible to residents. "Books for Kids" collects pre-school through second grade level books for needy families and for programs serving children. Village Council approved placement of the receptacle at the request of Solicitor Robert Malloy.

## Kindergarten Registration

Terrace Park Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Thursday, March 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Any parent with a child who is age 5 prior to September 30, 1998, and wishing to attend kindergarten, should see Mrs. Jo Trilety to pick up an information packet at the school office. For further information, parents may call Terrace Park Elementary School at 831-2485.

## TP Early Childhood Registration

When: Friday, January 30, 1998

Where: TP Elementary

Ages 3 - 5yrs.

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Call Lois Schneider for information @ 831-2485 ext. 263

## Blockwatch Meeting

The TP Police Department will hold a Blockwatch meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 24 in the Community Building. All residents are invited to attend. For more information, call **Chief Bacon** at 831-2137.

## A.A.R.P. Meeting

Terrace Park A.A.R.P. will meet on Monday, February 9 at 1:30p.m.. The meeting will take place at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Jane Portman will be the guest speaker.

## Winter Wine Tasting Event

By Beth Smith

Kindervelt #76 is extending an invitation to the Terrace Park community for a night of wine tasting, appetizers, and mingling with friends on Saturday, February 7, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Your evening will begin at the Terrace Park Community Building where you will receive your tasting itinerary and preview the Silent Auction. You go on to sample fine wines, selected with the help of the Dilly Deli, at the homes of Dan and Jill Freshley, Rick and Elizabeth Bieser, and Mike and Sally Gaburo. After the wine tasting hurry back to the Community Building for dessert and the Silent Auction. You also will have an opportunity to order cases of the wine sampled. The cost will be \$50.00 per couple, \$30.00 per person. We hope to see you there! For more information contact **LouAnn Mauk** at 831-4655 by January 30. All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center.

## 1998 Crisis Center Gala

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie "Hearts of Majesty" Gala Dinner Dance to benefit the Cincinnati Crisis Pregnancy Center will take place at 7:15p.m. on Friday, February 20, at the Omni Netherland. Tickets are \$140.00 a couple. Terrace Park residents serving on the committee are Candace Grafton, co-chair, Jane Bosse, Joy Glaser, Cynthia Johnston, Melanie Sheridan, Kelley Smith and Diane Govert. For information, call **Candace Grafton** @ 831-9088.

## Dean's List Honors Ross

Benjamin Ross has been named to the Fall semester Dean's List at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, where he is majoring in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. He also has been writing for the student newspaper this year as film critic. Ben, a 1996 graduate of Mariemont High School, is the son of Mike and Laurel Ross of Terrace Park.

## Obituary

Longtime Terrace Park resident Mary Lake Norvell passed away on December 25, 1997, in her 64th year. She was the wife of the late Kenneth P. Norvell. Mary Norvell is survived by sons Gregory and Robert Tate Norvell, and grandchildren, Donald Gregory and Kira Lynn Norvell. Funeral services were held at Old Armstrong Chapel.

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## Mailing Labels Modernized

By Ryan Wenstrup, MHS Correspondent

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## PTA ITEMS OF INTEREST

By Cyndy Finnigan

On Tuesday, January 6, Terrace Park PTA members voted on the Purchasing Committee's recommendations on funding requests brought to the Committee from the teachers. The following expenditures, totaling \$20,157, were approved:

Vertical blinds in old building	\$6,660
Science tables & chairs	2,703
Computer tables	2,244
Air conditioner replacements	1,600
Laminator	1,200
Spanish program	1,000
Library shelf unit	960
Artwork matting	750
Quartz clocks	600
Blacktop re-painting	550
Banners for gym	540
Ellison die cuts	500
ET program support	400
Preschool printer	300
6th grade Math enrichment	150

PTA President Sandy Koehler states, "There is something for almost everyone" in the use of these funds. This current allocation is over and above previously approved expenditures in the annual PTA budget, which includes approximately \$5000 in new library books.

The Purchasing Committee was able to recommend such diverse allocations to maintain and support our school due to the success of the 1997 fundraisers. From July 1 through December 31, 1997, the PTA raised \$26,516 from:

Pumpkin Festival	\$15,800
Book Fair	3,513
Market Day	3,207
Kroger coupons	2,118
Birthday Book Club	1,430
Sportswear Sale	448

According to Clare Williams, treasurer, approximately \$5,000 is needed in the bank to maintain the Kroger coupon program. Therefore, approximately \$10,000 remains in PTA funds and is available for other school needs as they arise. She has moved these funds to a money market to receive a higher interest rate.

Additional business included the continued search for an Odyssey of the Mind coordinator. If you are interested, please call Sandy Koehler at 248-0033. Also, Principal Jerry Sasson mentioned in his report the Silverbacks soccer team will address grades 3,4 and 5 on sportsmanship on January 29.

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### TPRC Announces

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When: Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Place: Terrace Park Elementary Cafeteria  
Cost : \$65.00 per sport

For more information contact:

Baseball - Skip Kirby  
@ 831-1791

Softball - Tammy Fisher  
@ 248-1279

Spring Soccer - Theresa Bain  
@ 831-2032

### LACROSSE SIGN UP

**Terrace Park Recreation Committee** will be sponsoring spring **Lacrosse** for the first time this year. The season will be from Feb. 18-May 22. Lacrosse sign ups will be held at the Terrace Park Elementary School, Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00. All boys ages 8-12 by July 30, 1998, are invited to come to the Cafeteria for information and sign up. Any parents willing to assist on the field are also welcome. We are also looking for anyone interested in becoming a referee. Coaches Matt Perry and Steve Peterson will be on hand to answer questions. Fees are \$65. If you are unable to attend, applications will be available on Matt Perry's front porch, 622 Miami Ave. **Questions may be directed to either Perry, 831-3032, or Peterson, 248-4119.** We hope to see you there and hope you will become involved in the fastest sport on two feet.

### TPRC Summary

by Paul Pendery

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission held its first meeting of 1998 on Monday, January 12th. Budgets were submitted by all commissioners for the coming year.

The TPRC members considered many uniform options including new T-shirts for girls softball which the players could keep. This would update old uniforms and provide a cost effective alternative to the current uniforms.

Discussion about the purchase of reversible soccer jerseys took place. The commission agreed to search for a better price or look into mesh pinnies.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of a towing company providing no parking signs for Stumps Lane at no cost to the commission. This would insure emergency vehicle access to Stump's Club and Drackett Field while saving the commission the cost of installing signs.

The meeting ended with a warm welcome extended to John White as the new Field Commissioner.

### Soccer Referee Clinics for 1998

Indian Hill - March 23,24,25,26

Evendale - April 6,7,8,9

Little Miami - May 11,12,13,14

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