

# Dispute over retaining wall dominates council meeting

By Susan House

The April meeting of Village Council was adjourned at a few minutes past midnight. It would be a huge understatement to say that the agenda was filled with many newsworthy, interesting, and important issues.

When the Mayor opened the session for resident input to Council, many distinguished Terrace Park residents expressed sincere concerns. Heading the list was a request for resolution to the problems created by construction of the "wall/driveway structure" at 707 Myrtle Avenue. Residents, members of the Concerned Citizens of Terrace Park (CCTP), and others in attendance, voiced requests for a Zoning Code that addresses the issues of the new and larger homes being built that are replacing existing smaller homes. Statements were made suggesting that the current "Notice" procedure is not adequate. When a construction project is going to enter the approval process, adjacent property owners should be given Notice of such events. The right to object to contemplated construction is taken away when Notice is not given.

## Residents voiced concerns

The Historical Society was represented and reiterated the need for representation of the people by the Village's elected officials. The group expressed concerns for safety, homeowners' privacy and preserving the proper separation of properties. The ultimate plea seemed to be the desire to maintain the value of Terrace Park property and to pre-

serve the ambience and integrity of the Village in which we love to live.

CCTP once again offered to work with Council members and the Planning and Zoning administrators, to facilitate revisions to the Zoning Code. Numerous constituents deem the code inadequate to guide the vastly changing development in Terrace Park.

## Executive sessions questioned

Opinions regarding Council's Executive Session meetings were voiced and the desire for whole public meetings was raised. The Village Solicitor stated his opinion that Council has the right to discuss such matters as the construction problems adjacent to the property of Jim and Zuzana Flynn.

Moments after 10 p.m., Councilman Steven Holmes made a Motion pertaining to the "wall/driveway structure" constructed at 707 Myrtle Avenue. Holmes subsequently made a motion to "table" the motion so that Council Members, the Village Solicitor, and the required Village staff could move into Executive Session. The motion was approved with a "yes" vote from four Council members, "no" votes from Council Members Terri Howe and Jim Peterkin, and a "yes" vote cast by Mayor Startzman. Citizens in attendance were informed that the Council would immediately go to "Executive Session" to discuss the motion, and would return to the public floor, upon the conclusion of the session. The intention to return the motion to "the table" was confirmed before Council was temporarily ad-

journed.

## Council takes action

Most citizens in attendance stayed for the outcome of the Executive Session discussion, which concluded at approximately 11:50 p.m. At this time, the meeting was continued. The motion was returned to the table and was amended. The final motion that was approved reads as follows: (I have reported the wording of the motion as adequately as possible. It is not official, however, due to newspaper deadline.)

*Motion: The Village Council has determined that the wall/driveway structure which has been constructed at the home at 707 Myrtle is not legally built, pursuant to the Terrace Park Zoning Ordinance. Council will immediately instruct Robert Molloy, the Village Solicitor, to deliver a letter, which constitutes "official notice" to the property owner at 707 Myrtle. The letter will state that upon the date of receipt of this notification by owner, the driveway at 707 Myrtle may not be used for any motor vehicle operation until such time as a "safety barrier" is erected and in place. Notification to owner states that application must be made, within 10 days, to the Village Planning and Zoning administration, for a variance which is applicable to the constructed wall/driveway structure on the property, within 10 days, from the date of notification, delivered in letter from Mr. Molloy, on behalf of the Terrace Park Council. If no application for a Variance is submitted to the Planning and Zoning, within the 10-day*

*period, the property owner at 707 Myrtle Avenue is instructed to remove the wall/driveway structure.*

## In other business

• Ray Normile, of 609 Amherst, made a request to Council for a contribution to a Memorial Day event honoring Veterans celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The Terrace Park Veterans have paid for all past events and will fund all other costs for this occasion. Normile told Council that the community television station has been invited to film the parade and the event. Council Members approved a \$250 contribution that will pay for the bunting and speaker

system rental.

• Rev. Don Waring, 900 Princeton, spoke on behalf of St. Thomas Church, stating a letter requesting a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was delivered to Coun-

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## Correction

In the March edition of the *Village Views* the height of the wall between 709 and 707 Myrtle was incorrectly reported. The wall is 40 inches at its highest point. We regret any confusion this error may have caused.



Photo: Chandi Findley

**Riley Hayes (l) and Matisse Peppet have a hopping good time at the Kindervelt Easter egg hunt on the Village Green while Spencer Peppet bundles up to beat the cold.**

# Mom seeks hope for Hadley

By Lisi George

It was just your everyday morning. I woke up, got my cup of tea and checked the calendar to see what was going on in our lives that day — it was October 2nd, 2003. I had my yearly doctor appointment at 1:30 p.m. I glanced again and thought of my 4-year-old Hadley. She'd recently lost some weight and was always thirsty, she had gotten up four times to go to the bathroom last night. Worry popped in my head several times that morning. We ate breakfast, but she seemed not quite herself.

I dropped Hadley off to school and headed to my doctor's appointment. At some point I decided I was just going to call her pediatrician and tell her the symptoms — she is just not herself. I finally got through to the nurse and explained what I had seen with Hadley over the past two days. The nurse said bring her in 20 minutes.

I hung up the phone feeling somewhat shocked. Twenty minutes! Wow! That was fast. "They must have some cancellations today," I told myself. I turned the car around, cancelled my doctor's appointment and headed back to St. Thomas to pick up Hadley. She was not at all happy to be removed from only her third day at school. But, I sensed the nurse's urgency and insisted. The entire drive I kept peeking in the rear view mirror trying to detect what was wrong by looking

in her face. What could it be?

We arrived at the doctor's office and she immediately had to give a urine sample. Then we waited.

I entertained Hadley and tried to keep my mind off the fear I kept feeling in the pit of my stomach. The doctor came in and I knew it was not something we were going to want to hear. "Your daughter has Juvenile Diabetes," she said. "Take her im-

mediately to Children's Hospital."

That day our world changed. The first month was agony for all of us. All you wish for your child is to be healthy and happy. That reality came to a complete halt. We are slowly evolving into a new "normal" routine. It's taken us six months to adjust. Everyday is a challenge. There is always the fear of hypoglycemia or low blood sugar and there



**Lisi (l) and Crissy Holcomb are raising funds for Juvenile Diabetes patients like 4-year-old Hadley George (center).**

## Korean Vets

This Memorial Day the community of Terrace Park is planning to honor all Terrace Park men and women who served in the military during the Korean War crisis. If you served in the military during the Korean conflict or know of a present or former Terrace Park residents who did, please contact **Ray Normile at 831-2804** or [raynormile@hotmail.com](mailto:raynormile@hotmail.com).

is the pressure to keep her within range so that she does not have complications later in life.

Diabetes affects 120 to 140 million people worldwide. Diabetes occurs when the body fails to produce sufficient amounts of insulin — the chemical that allows the body to metabolize sugars. Hadley has to have four finger pricks and two shots per day to keep her healthy. She is on a special diet that requires her to eat every two hours throughout the day until she goes to sleep. She is an amazing child and has handled every obstacle beyond any of my expectations. She will accept treats but save them until snack time. She can perform her own finger pricks and tells me when she is feeling

shaky and may need a snack.

Hadley has helped me grow so much in so many ways.

Because of her, I am determined to help JDRF raise money to find a cure. This incredible organization uses \$.85 of every dollar for research. They have provided \$500 million to research worldwide. JDRF is the only major diabetes organization focused exclusively on research. With their help and your dollars a cure could be found in Hadley's lifetime!!!

Crissy Holcomb and I have started a campaign to raise funds for JDRF. We are participating in a bike ride at the end of May in California. We are committed to raise \$6,000. Every penny will go to funding *hope* in my daughter's life.

If you would like to donate or learn more about Juvenile Diabetes, please call Lisi George at 965-0317.

## Meeting to feature memories of the Community House

The next general meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society will be held in the Community House at 4 p.m. Sunday May 4. Betsy Holloway is coordinating the program featuring several local speakers (Helen Barnett, Liza Brown, Libby Clancey, Liz Martin, Pat Matchette and Dave Pannkuk) on the topic Memories of the Community House. We hope members will bring their own

memories with them to the meeting so that we may be able to have some audience participation along with our speakers. *When thinking of the Community House (built of poured concrete in 1890/1 as a Baptist Church), it's also interesting to note that there are several other buildings in the vicinity all built before the Village of Terrace Park was incorporated: 410, 415 and 429 Elm, as well as 725 Wooster.*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Residents of Terrace Park

We hope that you take the opportunity to personally thank Ann and Hap Lindell for their efforts in maintaining the beauty of one of Terrace Park's few "green belts."

The horses are a lovely addition; but beyond them is that beautiful white fence. The fence which the family recently had painted at considerable expense!

Thank you, Lindells, for your continued devotion and loyalty to this beautiful village.

Fondly with great sentiment,

Lynne & Dick Mileham  
Former T.P. residents

Dear Neighbors in Terrace Park,

This summer kids in the neighborhood will again have the opportunity to train with experienced coaches at the Terrace Park Swim Club when they join the Terrace Park Tiger Sharks! The team, by league rules, requires membership in the private swim club, but as long as your child can swim a lap of free style and a lap of backstroke...the four summer club coaches will do the rest! The dive team takes novice divers and teaches your child everything they need to know about safe and competitive diving. It has grown into a fine summer club program that I sincerely hope you will encourage your child to participate in this year! The summer club experience will not only enhance your child's ability to swim but, from my experience with four age group swimmers, will teach your child important life lessons regarding winning and losing in a competitive but fun environment. We are fortunate to be a part of an organized competitive swim league so the child that wants to "beat that guy"...opportunities are endless...but more importantly your child will learn to measure success against a clock and his/her own internal drive to succeed.

Over the winter season my husband and I had the opportunity to watch some phenomenal swims. Many of the local year round swimming talents had awesome seasons competing in winter swimming.... but I must say some of the real successes came from kids that have taken up the sport of swimming during our last season at TPSC and gone on to join the junior high and high school swim teams and winter swimming programs! They were not only competitive but earned varsity letters and trophies as well.

This summer, as in the previous three, we plan to have lots of fun activities to offset the hard work swimming is for a child. We make the promise that lessons learned on the summer team will carry on to all areas of your child's life and that the strength and endurance your child will physically experience will only add to their athletic ability in whatever sport your child decides to participate in.

For more information regarding the program feel free to visit the web site at [www.terracepark.com](http://www.terracepark.com) and click on clubs!

Sincerely,

Susan Austin  
TPSC Tiger Shark Parent Coordinator

To the Editor:

In my December 2002 letter to the Editor, I expressed concern about continued construction at 221 Miami in violation of a stop work order issued because there was no building permit. It is my understanding that the Building Inspector was instructed by a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to overlook some continued work. On December 30, I appeared before the ZBA to present a written complaint and request a public explanation of why the project was permitted to continue — in violation of a legal stop work order and due process for public comment before any permit can be issued on a non conforming property. On January 2, I made a formal written request to the village for a copy of the meeting minutes. It was not until February 12 that minutes were published — although by law they are public record when committed to writing and before approval — something that occurred weeks before. The minutes state that the stop work order was "quickly rescinded" when the owner, Debbie Fletcher, said it was a parking pad which required no permit. Drawings on file with the village and the stop work order all clearly show this was always a garage requiring a variance and building permit. The owner further contended that permits were requested but not issued within 21 days — although official village records clearly show that no proper permit application was filed before work started.

Why have a building code, inspector and ZBA if actual or apparent private deals are cut or facts and process are ignored?

We will always have people try to get around any system, but if we also have some appointed and elected residents that will not act on the facts and then fail to reply to a legitimate request for information our problems are compounded and serious.

All too often a wall of silence is the only "reply" we get from village government. When will we decide that this must stop?

Jim Rauth  
301 Wanoka



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#### May deadline :

The May deadline for *Village Views* is **May 12**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. All articles go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or call 576-0595 to e-mail an article.

*Village Views* welcomes readers to submit their ideas for articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

#### Leaving the Village

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Dear Fellow Residents,

My family and I are life-long tennis players (and occasional swimmers), so the T. P. Swim and Tennis Club has been a major part of our enjoyment of the community. This year William Douglas and I joined the TPSC board to help revive the tennis program, and we want to give everyone a preview of the program for 2003.

We have redesigned the junior tennis program to make it accessible to all age, ability and interest levels. We have coordinated with the swim team practice and meet schedule so that juniors may participate in both tennis and swimming, with appropriate rest time between events.

Junior clinics are divided into two interest levels: The Recreational Program - Low cost clinics teaching basic skills, games and new ways to have FUN on a court; and the Tournament Players Program — for the more serious players, these clinics are for all ability levels and include the option of interclub matches Friday afternoons (with 4 local clubs).

The new Recreational Program is priced as low as possible at \$6 per hour. Juniors should have their own racquet, but the club will have a selection of spares in various sizes. New for this year, our junior clinics will be open to non-TPSC members for a 20% surcharge, so have your junior invite his friends to participate in clinics and matches. While non-member juniors of TPSC may participate in tennis clinics, they will not have pool privileges, and this will be strictly enforced.

Our new Tennis Pro this year is Keith Haigh, a dynamic young man who once worked at the Nick Bollettieri tennis academy in Bradenton, FL (Andre Agassi trained there). Keith will be joined by three assistants, all experienced in junior programs.

The adult program has expanded to include more women's clinics in the mornings, and events for men and women after work Monday thru Wednesday evenings. TPSC is still a great bargain — half of a country club at YMCA prices. Come to signups May 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Building, meet the Pros and learn more about the programs.

Roger Stafford  
William Douglas



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cilman Holmes. The Church wishes to use their new facilities for Easter Holy Week. Rev. Waring assured Council, that all of the "paver" work would be completed by June 30. Council agreed to support the issuance of the temporary permit and will advise the Hamilton County Building Department of same. Approval is contingent upon approval of plans by the Village Engineer and the Planning and Zoning Board.

- Dan Utt, of 903 Miami, represented Diamond Development and a Terrace Park resident as he requested preliminary approval for the use of the vacant space previously occupied by the hair salon on Wooster Pike. The space will be used for "Express Yourself," an 1,800 square foot shop serving espresso and some pastries. Council approved a motion to allow the coffee house to use this commercial space contingent upon Planning Commission review and endorsement, sign approval, planning and zoning requirements, and meeting the requirements of the Village staff.

- Mayor Startsman proclaimed Saturday, April 26 as the day to commemorate Arbor Day. "Plant a tree," he said.

- The Mayor presented a notice from the Emergency Management Agency to notify citizens that warning sirens in Hamilton County will sound a five minute steady tone for a Tornado Warning or a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or during a Tornado Watch.

- The liquor permit for Terrace Park is up for renewal. Citizen input is invited as the decision to renew is evaluated.

- Police Chief Robert Bacon made an impressive point when he showed Council and the public audi-

ence the weapon confiscated while making an arrest for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." On a March evening, one of our Village policemen stopped an automobile because of suspicious activity. The driver appeared to be intoxicated, was field tested and arrested for DUI. After occupants were vacated from the car, a search was conducted. The officer found a "Tech 9" weapon and 100 rounds of ammunition. Chief Bacon thanked the Village Council for supporting the training of our police force enabling this policeman to handle a dangerous situation.

- Chief Bacon reminded parents to keep their children busy this summer. Nine and 10-year-olds have been recently caught stealing. The Chief offered to have members of the Police department play basketball with kids during the summer to keep them busy and out of trouble.
- Beginning this spring and continuing throughout the summer, residents will see active enforcement by the police of the laws that keep the community a safe place to live.

- Councilman Steven Holmes reported that a "community building" meeting of officials and residents was held and five design scenarios were selected. Council approved payment, not to exceed \$23,350, for architects to do preliminary drawings. Alternative development schemes — ranging from improving the existing community building to building an all new facility— will be forthcoming. The architects will create renderings showing exterior elevations and sample floor plans and will attend meetings for the purpose of design selection.

*Editors's note: for complete transcripts of the Council meeting, contact Village Clerk Francine Glassmeyer after the 30th of the month.*

## Village Calendar 2003

### April

- 20 Easter
- 21 School reopens
- 21 Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m. MHS
- 22 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
- 24 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 24 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library
- 26 TPE Clean-up Day 9 a.m. to Noon

### May

- 1 TPE Open House 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
- 4 TP Historical Society General Meeting 4 p.m. Community Building. Topic: Memories of the Community House"
- 6 TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
- 6 TP Garden Club: "Fresh Food from the Garden," with Amy Tobin at Culinary Sol in Rookwood Commons. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Building to carpool.

- 11 Mother's Day
- 12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 12 AARP Luncheon Noon Community Building. Program: "Patriotism and the Pledge of Allegiance," with Dean Congbaby, Coldwell-Banker. Call **Betty Smith @ 831-5434** for reservations.
- 12 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building
- 12 MHS Fine Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 13 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 19 Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m. MHS
- 20 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
- 22 Mariemont Foundation Meeting MJHS Library 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Terrace Park Swim Club Opening party (adults only) 7 p.m. — midnight. Details will be mailed to TPSC members
- 26 Memorial Day — no school. TP parade begins at 10 a.m.

Please call **Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619** with calendar information

## Aunt's fight encourages resident's actions

By Vanessa Keller

I am an only child. I was born in 1968, just before my mom's 39th birthday. The day I turned 18 months old, my mom was in the hospital recovering from a mastectomy, at the age of 40. The surgeons removed all of her right breast, surrounding tissue, and lymph nodes from the area. Instead of chemotherapy or radiation, she received weekly testosterone injections, which continued for 17 years, to prevent the cancer from returning. Shortly after the mastectomy, my mom had a complete hysterectomy to further prevent cancer. So, as a result, it was my destiny

to be an only child.

I was too young to remember when my mom had breast cancer. Some memories I do have include the smell of a small town doctor's office when I went along with my mom for her weekly "male hormone" injections. It was such a "normal" part of our lives that I used to ask the doctor if he would give me a shot! I also recall wandering the streets of a neighboring Mayberry-like town while my mom was in the backroom of a small beauty shop having hair "waxed" from her stomach, back, chest, face, and legs, which intrusively grew as a result of the testosterone injections. I also remember mastectomy bras and the feel of the gel-filled prosthesis that took the place of my mother's breast that was robbed by cancer. I remember seeing my mother naked as a child, with only one breast, but never saw it as disfiguring or odd. She never had reconstructive surgery a typical part of the surgical process today. My mom was just, well, my mom. To me, and my dad, she was a beautiful woman that we loved.

About six years ago my mom told me that her sister, Aunt Katie, had cancer. I thought she was tough, healthy, strong, and would beat it. Going to visit Aunt Katie and Uncle Joe, and my cousins Carla, Jan, Chris, Obie, and Sharon was a cherished event that I gladly looked forward to as a child. Even though they lived an hour away (and I had chronic motion sickness whenever I got in a car), I excitedly anticipated the hilly car ride to their home. When I reached their house, I entered a dream that I allowed to thoroughly envelop me. I pretended that I was one of them. After all, they had five kids, what would one more matter?

A couple of years after her diagnosis, Matt, Michael and Elizabeth had the pleasure of meeting my aunt and cousins at her home for a wonderful family Thanksgiving dinner. Once again, I had the pleasure of being "one of the kids," as all of my cousins, except Chris, as well as some aunts and uncles were able to come home for the holiday. Aunt Katie was beautiful, happy, seemed healthy, and full of life. I never imagined that two years later, at the age of 60, her life on Earth would be over. She called me on

Christmas Day 2001, just a month before she died. I knew that she was ill, but I didn't know how ill she was — she didn't want anyone to know. She knew that I was going through some rough times. She was there for me, and I needed her. That was the last time I spoke with her.

Aunt Katie was a wonderful woman, incredible mother and loving grandmother. God and family were the center of her life. She trusted God would heal her, but only if it was in his will. I guess it was his will for her to be an angel in Heaven, for she was certainly an angel here on Earth.

Shortly after she died in January 2002, my mom had an audiotape compiled of her youngest sister singing in church. One day when I was home alone, I listened to the tape. At the beginning of the tape, Aunt Katie talks about her battle with cancer and her total trust and faith in God. She said she was never scared — and I really believe she wasn't afraid! It was a truly inspiring testimony that brought tears gushing to my eyes. I know that my personal chance of developing breast cancer, as well as Aunt Katie's daughters, is increased. Just sitting around and worrying about it certainly won't accomplish anything. I have decided what I will do to make a difference and support the two million women out there fighting their personal battles of breast cancer, as well as the additional one million women who have breast cancer, but are as of yet, undiagnosed.

Every three minutes, another woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer. One out of every nine women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for all women, and the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55.

There isn't a cure yet. But if we support research efforts, as well as events like the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, perhaps my daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Kate, my cousins' daughters and other girls won't have to live with the worry of breast cancer for their future.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor



## Richart inducted to national honor society

Seven Hills School junior Brooke Richart, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Brett Richart of Terrace Park, has been elected a new member of the Seven Hills chapter of the Cum Laude Society, a national honor society which recognizes academic excellence. Brook was also inducted into the Seven Hills chapter of the National French Honor Society.

Congratulations, Brooke!



## Portman competes in state geo bee

For the second year in a row, Cincinnati Country Day Middle School student and Terrace Park resident, Jed Portman, qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. One hundred students from all over the state competed in Mansfield, Ohio on Friday, April 4. (Unfortunately, results were not available at the time of publication.) The winner will represent the state at the national competition in New York.

## Horizon offers kids' camp

SMASH, a sports-themed music arts camp will be offered June 16 through June 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cincinnati Country Day School in Indian Hill. Each day will include celebrity sports figures, drama practice or tech crew, craft time to make stage props, music practice, recreation and lunch. The daily camp will be for children ages 4 years old through fifth grade. Participants will produce a drama called "Sermon on the Mount" and perform it on June 20 at 7 p.m.

"We wanted to use the sports theme so girls and boys would be

excited to come, and of course we have spots on the stage and technical crew for kids who just don't like to sing or act," said Horizon's Children's Director, Ginny Hines. Celebrities from different sports will visit each day and sign autographs.

The camp is sponsored by Horizon Community Church and will be held at Cincinnati Country Day School located at 6905 Given Road in Indian Hill. The cost for the day camp is \$75 per week. For registration or information on try-outs for lead roles contact the church at 272-1315.

## Come and enjoy springtime dulcimer festival

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society's Spring Festival brings you mountain dulcimer workshops during the morning and



afternoon — and an evening concert by Lee Rowe, 1999 National Dulcimer Champion. Learn new techniques on this plaintive instrument with roots in the Appalachian frontier of early America!

Come, spend the day Saturday, April 26 at the Community Building. Bring your instrument, stand and tape recorder. We'll learn, jam, socialize, relax and enjoy sharing music with each other and Lee Rowe.

Workshops are \$15 each and include: expressive rhythm (10 a.m.), improvisation (12:45 p.m.), and blue grass jamming (2:30 p.m.).

There will be a catered buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Dinner costs \$10 and must be prepaid with a reservation. A free "open stage" by groups and individuals will be held at 6:30 p.m. The concert by Lee Rowe is at 7:45 p.m. Children 12 and under are free, but a \$5 donation will be greatly appreciated by all other audience members.

Following the concert there will be a jam session until everyone leaves to go home.

For more information or to make reservations call Fran at 891-7037 or Pam at 860-5539.

## Kiwanis golf drive "fore" senior scholarships

The Mariemont Kiwanis Club is teeing off in a golf drive to raise funds for college scholarships for superior but financially needy Mariemont High School seniors. The third annual Mariemont Kiwanis Golf Scramble event will be held Saturday, May 10, at Indian Valley Golf Course on Newtown Road. The cost is \$65 per golfer (checks should be made payable to Mariemont Kiwanis Club) and includes green fees, cart, lunch and great golfing company.

There will be door prizes and prizes awarded for the first and second place men's and women's teams, along with special awards for longest drive and closest ball to the pin. Mariemont Kiwanis Club is also

looking for individuals and companies as sponsors of golf holes at \$100 per hole.

Players will be matched with a group or can put together their own fearless "foresome." Tee times start at 11 a.m. and will be assigned in the order of applications received. Call Golf Scramble Chairman, Jim Gore, 271-6777 at work, or 561-3630 evenings and on weekends, to make your tee time request or for more information. You can also visit the website at: [www.mariemontschools.org/kiwanis](http://www.mariemontschools.org/kiwanis).

Deadline for forming foursomes is the fourth week of April. FOREwarned is FOREarmed! If you don't golf, please consider helping at the site. Call Jim Gore for details.

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## Jazz Concert on the Village Green Saturday, June 7 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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## Students learn everybody counts

By Debbie Whittlesey

Guest presenters and parent volunteers spoke to every class at Terrace Park Elementary during Everybody Counts Week, March 25 through 29. Students were engaged in hands-on and group activities which allowed them to explore a variety of disabilities, including those related to vision, hearing, motor skills, learning and chronic conditions. The overall goal of the Everybody Counts program is to take away the stigma and fear of differences

and for all students to better understand that individual differences make us unique and special.

Guest speakers commented on the quality of their audience, particularly the thoughtfulness of student questions. Everybody Counts is an ongoing program, and we are pleased to report that all of our speakers look forward to returning next year. Many thanks to the more than 30 parent volunteers who helped to make this program a success!



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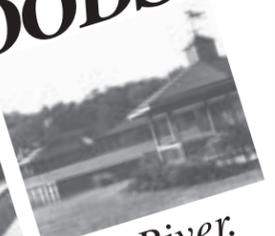
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But, the fun doesn't stop at the Prom. For the last few years the MHS PTO has sponsored an "After Prom." This is a chaperoned event in a safe and contained environment. The After Prom will once again be held at the "Sports Plus." This facility is in Evendale and provides activities such as ice skating, laser tag, extreme games, Monte Carlo, dancing, and more. What a wonderful memory these young people will have of their Prom Night.

The After Prom is made possible by donations from the community, our police departments, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, PTOs, and local businesses. Our hope is that the After Prom will provide a positive choice for our students now and in the future.

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## Flower Show by trolley... and you're invited

The Senior Class of St. Thomas Church is organizing a trip by trolley to the Cincinnati Flower Show on Thursday, April 24. We would like to extend an invitation to seniors of the Terrace Park community on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline is April 18; and the cost is \$25.00.

Flower show tickets are at the group rate of \$10 each, trolley ride is \$10, lunch \$3 and tip for the driver, \$2, a total of \$25. We will leave from the PNC lot at 10 a.m. Parking is available at either end and in back of the

lot — please do not park in front. Those places are reserved for customers. We'll enjoy the show, eat lunch, packed by members of the Senior Class and return home between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Call Beth to make your reservation as soon as possible. We must purchase tickets by April 19. Send your check payable to St. Thomas Church to:

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509 Stanton Ave.  
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## Terrace Park Garden Club

The Terrace Park Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. on May 6, and carpool to Culinary Sol in the Rookwood Commons for a luncheon meeting and installation of officers. Amy Tobin will present a program and demonstration of "Fresh Food from the Garden" which we will then eat.

Sandy Wittman-Shell will preside over the installation of the 2003-2004 officers: President — Sara Osborn, Vice President — Tami Blowers, Recording Secretary — Karen Ballinger, Corresponding Secretary — Annette Askam, Treasurer — Ogle Annett, Members-at-Large — Betsy Ecker, Jenny Whitaker, Marla Bagley and Shirley Brown, and past president — Lucy Maish.

While visiting the annual Cincinnati Flower Show, which is being held

at Coney Island April 22 through April 27 this year, look for the Terrace Park Garden Club's window box. It's sure to win a ribbon. Members Frances Stafford, Ogle Annett and Jean Belliveau will do the designing and installation. April 25 is also Arbor Day at Terrace Park Elementary School. All first graders will receive a dwarf red buckeye tree, compliments of the Garden Club. This is one of the Village's requirements for retaining our "Tree City" status.

Don't forget to pick up your annual flowers the afternoon of Friday, May 16 on the Village Green. Remember this is pre-order sale only. The money generated from this sale go to enhance the Village. Thank you in advance for your purchase.

Just a heads up for our June 3 meeting, we will be having a flower show titled "Ohio's Bicentennial" that will be open to the public from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. All residents of the Village are invited to exhibit horticulture. There is also a class in artistic flower arranging titled "Birthplace of Aviation (The sky's the limit)" open to all village children 6th grade and younger. On display will be the TPES fifth grade Arbor Day posters. For more information please contact chairman Jane Allan 831-3943.

## Enrichment classes offered this summer

JP Enrichment is offering enrichment classes this summer in a program called "Mini Camps in the Park." These enrichment classes are open to all Terrace Park residents and open to children of any age unless noted in the class descriptions. They will be held at the Terrace Park Community Building on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during June, July, and August. Classes are \$10 each and deadline for enrolling is May 1st.

### Classes include:

**French** - Class will be great for the beginner student or with some knowledge of the language  
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**Phonics Fun & Games 1, 2** - Fun with phonics through songs, games, and rhymes. Each child will review the sounds of consonants and vowels as they improve skills in reading and writing. Class is intended for children entering grades 1 or 2.

**Phonics Fun and Games 3, 4** - Fun with phonics and spelling skills taught through games, rhymes and group interaction. Review of vowels and consonant blends will help each child extend individual

progress to become a better reader and writer. Class is intended for children entering grades 3 or 4.

**Phonics Summer Refresher** - Get ready for school in a small group review of phonics, word analysis and writing skills through fun and games.

**Art Class** - Try your hand at sculpey clay, paper mache, painting or drawing. These classes will bring out the artist in your child.

**Kumhimo** - is a Japanese term for multicolored braiding. Try your hand at these braids that look complex but are deceptively simple to do.

**Cooking** - Have fun and eat while you're learning great skills in the kitchen. Learn about measuring, weighing, safety, and presentation.

**Drama** - Students will learn basic theatre skills, work on spatial awareness, voice control, expression, listening skills and imaginary development.

**Chess** - Instructor will work at student level. Learn how to play or learn how to improve your games with strategies.

For questions about scheduling or to enroll your child in "Mini Camps in the Park" please contact Paula Albrecht by e-mail at [jpbalbrecht@zoomtown.com](mailto:jpbalbrecht@zoomtown.com) or by phone at 831-1790.

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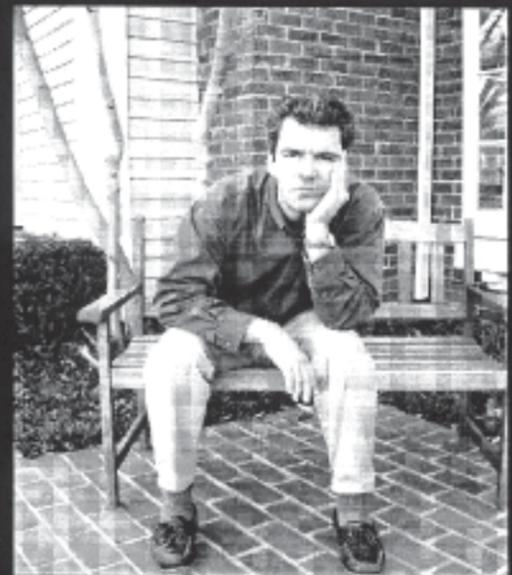
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## Sonrise to begin meeting at MHS

SonRise Community Church has reached an agreement with the Mariemont City School District to hold Sunday morning worship services at Mariemont High School (MHS) beginning May 4, according to a recent church press release. The church will utilize the high school's 450-seat auditorium for congregational worship. SonRise will also occupy the school cafeteria, gymnasium and five classrooms to accommodate the growing needs of the church for education and fellowship.

Upon moving into MHS, SonRise will begin a new message series on how to cultivate healthy relationships, entitled "Building Bridges."

"Our church body is dedicated to provide inventive and relevant activities to teach individuals and families about God," said Dr. Dale Thorne, SonRise's pastor. "We are excited about the availability of a larger auditorium and expanded space for our children and student ministries because this space provides tremendous benefit to our church growth. We are thankful to Mariemont Schools for providing our church this new facility and look forward to continued growth of our community involvement."

### A little church history

SonRise is a non-denominational church that was founded nearly four years ago, originating from a Bible study hosted by Jeff and Val Arington of Terrace Park. Today, many SonRise members reside within the Mariemont School District.

According to the press release, SonRise's vision is to bring church to life in a relevant, helpful, and enjoyable way for individuals and families that may not currently be connected to another church body. Worship services include contemporary music, multimedia illustrations, personal testimonies, and practical messages. There is a special emphasis on fun and learning for children and students within their own concurrent morning worship time.

In August 2001, the church purchased and renovated the historic Mill Street Manor in Milford, renaming it SonRise on Mill Street. The building houses the church's offices and also hosts special events and meetings. Longer-term ministry and outreach ventures include establishing a coffee house at the Mill Street location and, possibly, a multimedia store, art gallery and youth activity center.



725 Wooster Pike — was home to the Galloway Nursery. The company eventually grew into the George Ball Company.

## Terrace Park Historical Society

*Tracking our past and present for the future*

By Carol Cole

### A Terrace Park Beginning

Did you know that Terrace Park is really the origin, or root, of the Ball Seed Company? The April meeting of the Terrace Park Garden Club was held at The Loveland Greenhouse. The owner gave a wonderful talk and kept referring to the Ball Seed Field Trials that she attends in Chicago each year. That is where their newest plants are shown. 725 and 717 Wooster Pike in Terrace Park are really where it all began.

These two properties were once both owned by J.L. Galloway who had the house at 725 Wooster Pike built in 1864. He had three sons, William, Frank and Elton, and a daughter, Stella. She married Walter Boone, son of Thomas Boone of 601 Wooster Pike.

Prior to the Spanish American War William Galloway ran a nursery there that included the property that became 721 Wooster Pike (the "Rawnsley property" now owned by the Village of Terrace Park). Ellis Rawnsley told me that when they first moved into their house they could see the remains of pit greenhouses (a ditch dug to walk in with

plants growing at ground level, cold frame covers and stove heat). There was also a large bed of daffodils between the two properties that Kate Cornish (721) used to collect to sell. (Does anyone know the relationship between the Galloway and Cornish families?)

George Balizer, who lived in Milford, went to work for the Galloway Nursery when he was 13 or 14 years old. After the Spanish American War was over he went to Chicago where he became a commercial flower grower. Eventually it became the biggest seed and forest supply company in the world: the George Ball Company.

That is the story told to me by Ellis Rawnsley. On the Internet at [www.ballhort.com](http://www.ballhort.com) one can find more information. "For nearly 100 years, Ball Horticultural Company has held an unwavering commitment to provide professional growers with innovative products and exceptional service. A family-owned business since it was founded in 1905, Ball has grown from a one-man operation into a world leader in research, production and marketing of ornamental crops. Today Ball

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George Jacob Ball was born in Milford, Ohio in 1874 and died in 1949. He was a cut flower breeder and grower who started the business of selling seed near Chicago in 1905. Three generations have now led the family-owned company: George, G. Carl and now Anna Caroline Ball.

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On Sunday, April 27 from noon to 2 p.m., my family will host an ice cream social at the Community Building. The kids have been eager to help raise funds, so we decided that this would be a way to meet neighbors, and have a good time. We hope that you and your family will come to "make your own sundae" on Sunday! Perhaps your contribution will be the one that leads to the cure for breast cancer.

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# The UnMuseum at the CAC

By Ann DuCharme

Do you know about the UnMuseum? More properly called The Contemporary Arts Center's Sara M. & Patricia A. Vance Educational Center, the UnMuseum officially opens May 2003. The UnMuseum is the sixth floor of the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) and it promises to be an innovative commitment to art for children of Cincinnati. Interactive art projects, exhibits, programs for families and schools, as well as after school programs and art camps comprise the UnMuseum.

"We've found that kids really like contemporary art, but that some exhibitions are much more child-friendly than others. Commissioning artists to create new work is a common practice at CAC, so the idea evolved quite naturally into commissioning artists to create for children," said Curator of Education Lisa Buck. The inspiration for the UnMuseum comes from successful science museums where a high level of interaction is almost mandatory.

Susan Jackson, Public Relations Director for the CAC, says the UnMuseum goes beyond current museum art programs for children in that the UnMuseum is a "whole environment where children interact with a variety of art spaces." At 7,400 square feet, the size of the space is considerable, roughly

equaling the size of the current Contemporary Art Gallery. Children can make art in a variety of media but another goal is to "spark kids into looking at art in new ways using various disciplines, like math and science," said Jackson. She also mentioned that the children would have access to a "gorgeous view of Cincinnati" via a large window on one side of the space. The

window begins a few feet from the ground so there will be step stools for very little ones to climb.

### Exhibit meant to engage

Among the exhibits are "Overblown Piano" — a giant, inflatable, vinyl piano that kids can play — and "Steel Drums" — two giant drums that act as speakers that kids control with a joystick. "Raining Tree" is

a robotic sculpture that uses dripping water and it moves in response to visitors' presence. "Leaf Lounge: All the World's Leaves" is 430 quilted stuffed leaves (each with a unique design) arranged on bouncy foam. Visitors are invited to lounge sock footed on this work of art. "Art Terrain" is a 1,500 square foot space, designed by Andrea Zittel and it is devoted to art making. There are many tiered groupings of linoleum covered terraces serving double duty as seating or desks. Because The UnMuseum has such a specific focus on children it has its own staff and volunteers, separate from CAC.

### Architect has great reputation

Zaha Hadid, known as the world's leading female architect, designed CAC. Born in Baghdad she bases her practice in London with architectural projects located in Hong Kong, Rome, Barcelona, Singapore and Germany. Her firm has worked on projects as diverse as a ski jump in Innsbruck Austria, a major bridge in Abu Dhabi and the Price Tower Art Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, as well as numerous London restaurants.

The new CAC is a striking work, located in the heart of downtown, at East 6th Street and Walnut. In design concept, the building attempts to create a physical continuum between urban city life outside and contemporary art inside. This is accomplished with three major design themes: The Urban Carpet, Jig Saw Puzzle and Skin/ Sculpture. Of these, the Jigsaw Puzzle idea is most readily understood by visiting the website [www.contemporaryartscenter.org](http://www.contemporaryartscenter.org). The dynamic qualities of the other themes will be more easily appreciated on location, when the center opens. The UnMuseum occupies the top floor of CAC which totals 80,000 square feet covering six floors, including a theater and museum shop.

Charles Desmarais, Director of CAC, hopes the UnMuseum will bring "surprise, innovation and invention" to children and families. In describing works chosen for CAC Desmarais often refers to "Art of the last ten minutes" rather than "cutting edge." This approach to newness seems particularly suited to children. Take a child to a museum and take an adult to a museum and the most noticeable difference is attention span. If it isn't intriguing to a child, it isn't worth standing still (an efficient, if non-scholarly editorial if there ever was one). By keeping the exhibits fresh and fascinating, CAC not only proves their commitment to the best of contemporary art, but also to engaging the children of the community.



The Contemporary Arts Gallery is set to open a 7,400 square foot area for children to interact with exhibits — appropriately called the UnMuseum.






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# “Sproing”

By Jeffrey Koreman

*The grass is green,  
Spring has sprung,  
Has anybody  
Seen my gun?*

Yes, springtime has arrived. At least I think it has. Although the word “spring” implies something that happens rapidly, which just does not seem to apply around these parts. Can you imagine if the seasons had been named in Cincinnati? Instead of speaking of summer, fall, winter and spring we would be discussing the seasons of steam bath; foliage day; cold, gray, bleak eternity; and cold, gray, bleak eternity plus five degrees.

But the trees are budding, and flowers are pushing their way through the fertile soil. Which means it is time for tending our gar-

den, or as I refer to it, the “wildlife buffet.” Last year the first sign I had that we were being visited by our little furry friends were the rabbit droppings. And I do not mean just a few small clues. My lawn looked like the aftermath of an explosion in a chocolate chip factory. That, and the fact that they had erected a sneeze guard over the “all you can eat” evening primrose.

We tried everything to get rid of them. First was the planting of the marigolds. I had been told that the scent of marigolds keeps rabbits away. The day after I planted them I found only some small, gnawed stubs left with a tiny note that read, “Thanks for the appetizers.” I then found a garden spray made from red hot peppers. The label said just spray it on your plants and the rabbits are guaranteed to stay away. The next

day another note where the plants had been: “The Mexican was a nice idea but where the heck was the salsa?” It became my mission in life to get rid of these fuzzy freeloaders.

I do not want to imply I was obsessed with rabbits but one night Tammy asked me which of her outfits I thought she should wear and I replied, “I love that wed dwee you wawishing wascal you.” I tried fencing in each plant with chicken wire so that the garden looked like the prison yard at San Quentin. The next day my wire cutters were missing and in the middle of the yard was the message “A-M-A-T-E-U-R” spelled out with the cut fencing.

Then they got really cocky and invited the deer to join them. I discovered this late one night while having a cigar, sitting on the bench on our front porch. I looked up and five deer, four does and a buck, had entered our yard. I sat perfectly still, enjoying the beauty of these creatures. Then my fantasies were quickly dashed. Let me first note that Disney failed to mention that Bambi is capable of eating his weight in hostas in just one sitting. The buck was only four feet away from me, devouring the plants under our Japanese maple. I was afraid that the smell of the cigar might scare him off. That is until he looked me straight in the eye and said, “Hey punk, this is a non-smoking establishment.”

My nerves were getting frayed. Tammy found me late one night sneaking out of the bedroom and asked where I was going. I told her downstairs to get something to drink. She asked, “In full camouflage with night vision goggles?”

I thought of mining the yard but I knew the kids would just end up messing with the tripwires and ruin the whole plan. I still had not come up with an answer by the time it grew cold and the plants began to die. I have been brainstorming for months on what to do. I mean, I am losing a fortune having to constantly replace those plants. Then just last week I realized that it was futile. They are going to come back. They are going to eat everything in sight. I cannot stop them. However I did come up with a partial solution. A cover charge. They may still eat all of the plants but, by God, they’re going to pay for it.

# The Dirt on Moles

By Todd Diers

In addition to the beautiful blooming of the flora, Spring triggers changes in much of the local fauna as well. Insects begin to hatch, birds return from their wintering grounds, rodents emerge from hibernation, and in the warming ground, one mischievous, yet extraordinary critter is busy transforming the landscape to better suit its needs. Large mounds of soil heaped on lawns or raised ridges of earth snaking through gardens and planting beds are sure signs that a mole has identified your yard as a nice place to call home.

Of the seven mole species indigenous to North America, the Eastern or Common Mole found in Terrace Park enjoys the greatest distribution and is the most destructive to yards. From head to toe these little insectivores are designed to dig, and a mole can construct up to 150 feet of new tunnels in a single day! Tunnels are constructed deliberately as part of complex systems providing easy access to the mole’s principal food source, the earthworm. Moles typically live as hermits in their tunnel systems (which often span more than an acre) and guard their home ranges from others. However, at this time of year, female moles are busy rearing the next batch of recruits that will be functionally adult beginning next month.

The unsightly evidence of a mole’s subterranean labyrinth has prompted many a Terrace Park resident to fight back against these little critters. Common remedies for moles include Juicy Fruit Gum, castor oil, grub controls, and for those who have really had enough, firearms. Yet in spite of all the concoctions, poisons, and gadgets available to the mole-crossed consumer, researchers and biologists unanimously agree that trapping is the surest route to a yard sans moles. Interestingly, this was also the preferred method of

control back in 1566 when the British Parliament began rewarding the elimination of moles from agricultural fields!

The two traps most commonly employed today are manufactured under the Victor brand (the mouse trap folks) and can often be found in hardware stores. The harpoon-style trap is certainly the better seller of the two, but homeowners and professional trappers alike are more successful with the scissors-style Out O’Sight trap. Although the designs of these two traps are simple, the coils are quite strong and require careful handling to prevent accidental injury!

Initial mole population densities are low as compared to those of other small mammals, and only two to three individuals typically occupy each acre of ground. However, the challenge of control is that once tunnel systems are well established, other moles can find them attractive when the original residents are removed. In the mole-friendly habitat of Terrace Park, it is frequently necessary to trap many, many individuals before control is achieved. So, trap early and often this year for a great looking lawn!

If you are interested in learning more about these fascinating animals, a mole packet from the Ohio State University Extension can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Dept. of Horticulture and Crop Science, 2021 Coffey Rd., Columbus, OH 43210-1086. For a closer look, *The Natural History of Moles* by Gorman and Stone is arguably the best book ever written on the subject (or any other for that matter). Additionally, the internet hosts some great information about moles, but be aware that it is also fairly saturated with bad advice and factual inaccuracies.

*Todd Diers is the owner of Molecatchers (513-252-MOLE www.molecatchers.com), a professional mole trapping service operating in Cincinnati.*

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Winter swim season ends in success

By Susan Austin

Individuals in the Mariemont School District ended their winter Junior High and High School seasons with a big splash! Most notably, Nick Thoman, a junior at Mariemont High School advanced to the Senior National Meet held by USA SWIMMING in Indianapolis April 1-5 at the IUPUI Natatorium. Nick, son of Henry Thoman of Terrace Park, and Kathy Thoman in Madisonville had an outstanding winter swimming season.

"Nick's dedication to his training, both in and out of the water, has allowed him to continue his success at the high school and club level," said Kevin Maness, MHS Swim Coach. "Nick has established himself as one of the best swimmers in MHS history by being ranked in the school's Top Ten List in six of eight individual events."

Nick swims year round for the Cincinnati Aquatic Club and represented Mariemont High School at the State High School meet swimming in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly, where he has achieved All-American status. His personal best of 50.81 seconds in the 100 backstroke broke a 10-year-old record at Mariemont High School formerly held by Randy Krueger. He was also named Most Valuable swimmer

of the year for the MHS Men's Team.

The high school started the season with the largest incoming freshman swimming class MHS had seen in years. The combined talent of recreational summer season swimmers and the expertise of year-round swimmers added to the successes of the team!

"Numbers and versatility were key strengths to the Boys' team this year," Kevin remarked when questioned about individual performances.

Wren Dupre zoomed onto the All Mariemont Top 10 Club early in the season and ended the year at the OSAA Swim meet in the 100 Fly, finishing 13th. Dan Austin and Emma Castator ended their seasons honored with the Larry Lyons Memorial Coaches Awards given



(l-r) Chase Thomas, Dan Austin, Wren Dupre and Nick Thoman

to swimmers with distinguishing work ethic, spirit and dedication to the sport. A DIVE DEEP award for overcoming injury to successfully rehab after abdominal surgery and end her swimming career at the OSAA meet in Canton was given to former TP resident Casey Clukey. Laura Carrigan, Emma Castator, and Karen Olson were added to the "depth of the Girls' team" sending Karen Olson and

Casey Clukey as individual state qualifiers and Laura Carrigan and Lindsey Moore joining them for the state relays.

The high school and junior high swimmers had lots of spirit as well as success this year. At the junior high level the Warriors placed fourth in the Cincinnati Hills League with exceptional swims by John Austin, Natalie Helmrich, Chelsea Utt, Bradley Kaeser, Janie

Carman, Blythe Pardue, Sarah Donley and Paige Dolan.

"What I love about the junior high swim program is that there is something in it for everyone," stated Ken Dunlap when questioned about his role at MJHS. "First-time competitive swimmers can compete in a low pressure environment. Serious, year-round swimmers can compete and experience swimming as a team sport. Another unique quality about junior high swimming is that it is co-ed. Boys and girls compete with and against one another. I would say 70 percent of the kids go on to swim at the High School level."

John Austin was awarded the Performance of the Year Award by Coach Ken Dunlap. Other notable swims were record breaking performances by Bradley Kaeser in the 50 and 100 breast stroke, and league championships by Natalie Helmrich in the 50 backstroke.

Kevin Maness said, "There are high expectations and excitement building for next year. The Boys' team will look to capture the first CHL title for swimming and be one of the top five teams in the district. They will also be aiming to break relay records that have stood for over twenty years. The Girls' team will count on continued depth and improvement to continue winning traditions."

## Raiders win Metro Championship

The Terrace Park Raiders defeated Sycamore 28-25 in Milford, March 8, to win the sixth grade Metro Basketball Association championship.

The Raiders coached by Rodger Davis and assistant, Tom Schneider, posted a 13-4 record, winning four in the Metro tournament stretch, wearing their black jerseys. The Raiders started with a lopsided 16-point victory over Indian Hill, causing the Indian Hill coach to congratulate Davis with "you guys were the best team we faced all year."

Hunter Tickel, Luke Schneider and Robbie Davis led the Raiders in scoring all season. Coach Davis who finished the season with a career basketball record of 51-18 (.650 winning percentage) has coached 22 seasons of sports in the Terrace Park Leagues. Said Davis of his current basketball team, "This is, by far, the best team Tom (Schneider) and I have had the

privilege to coach. We pretty much knew it when we picked up Hunter. We'd enjoyed the core of Lee Rogers, Luke and Robbie from the beginning. The Wilson twins and Josh Isles have been with us a couple years. But Hunter was brand new this year. We had been told 'You'll like the way Hunter will work for you.' And were we ever. From the get-go, Hunter showed us a team spirit and a hustling attitude that caught on with all the guys. He was our chemistry. Early in the season he was scoring as many as half our points. No question, Hunter made the difference for us, including his leadership and play in the championship over Sycamore."

The Raiders won 13 and lost four over the regular season. All four of the losses were by a total of twelve points, including three by only two points. The bench was short for Davis' team, just seven players total. For the championship game, the number was six as Lee

Rogers, who shared point guard duties with Tickel, was absent from the contest due to illness. Josh Iles was not up to par himself, having missed proficiency testing on Friday due to illness.

"We played a team game all year with each individual player knowing what was expected of him. Lee was a point guard who scored and dished. Luke "Cornbread" Schneider was our primary rebounder who could also bring the ball up when needed and ran the floor with our little guys. Luke was named Most Valuable Player in the championship contest. Robbie was our outside threat who could get hot on occasion. His first quarter shooting in the championship was vital, as was the buzzer beater Hunter made from the corner that brought



(kneeling l-r) Robbie Davis, Cole Wilson and Lee Rogers. Back row: Coach Schneider, Dillon Wilson, Luke Schneider, Josh Iles, Hunter Tickel and Coach Davis.

us within a point. Cole and Dillon spelled the starters and provided defense for us. Josh Iles gave us

another presence underneath the boards. All three provided us with some timely baskets. We played a man-to-man pressing defense all season that other teams admittedly found annoying. So much so, in fact one of the parents suggested we call ourselves the 'Terrace Park Annoyance.' In the championship game, we counted on Hunter to step up in Lee's absence. Which he did. And Luke was a stalwart on the boards. The championship trophy was fitting end to a fun season with a great group of unselfish kids pulling together."



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# Born to run

By Lon Stirsman

You might know local resident Cindy Gorman through her work as a coach with the Mariemont youth track program. She has been involved with it for five years now, and has worked with dozens and dozens of our kids in the village. This year she is coaching third graders and teaching them things such as the long jump, softball toss, and sprints.

What you probably don't know is that she just might be the most accomplished athlete currently living here in the park, if not on the entire east side. She certainly won't tell you that, but luckily, her husband took it upon himself to share with me her extraordinary accomplishments.

*Note to Cindy: this is going to get embarrassing, but Steve is just too proud of you to keep this quiet. Please be gentle with him...*

Cindy could hoop back in high school, and was planning on playing college ball at Scripps College

in Claremont, California. As she was running across the campus during her freshman year, a coach noticed her and talked her into joining the cross-country team. The rest, as they say, is history. She never played competitive basketball again, but she made somewhat of a mark in cross-country and track.

In the words of her college coach, John Goldhammer, Cindy finished her college career as the best Division III cross-country runner in the history of the sport on the west coast. Upon her graduation, she held school records in the 1500, 3000, 5000 and 10K events. She was a four-time Division III All-American in both cross-country and track. Although she graduated in 1985, she still holds the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) records in the 5K and 10K events.

She was named the SCIAC cross-country Runner of the Year all four years she attended school, and was the individual conference



**Cindy today, in a rare moment of rest.**

champion in each of those four years. The only collegiate meets she did not finish first in were the annual National championships, where she finished 2nd once, 3rd once, and 7th twice. In the track nationals, she took home two 2nd place finishes in the 5000 and a 2nd and a 3rd in the 10000 during her career. When the school hired Mr. Goldhammer as coach prior to Cindy's senior season, he says he spent most of his job interview convincing the panel that he could effectively work with and coach Cindy!

Cindy is a member of the Division III cross-country All-Century Team. That's right, you read that correctly...the ALL CENTURY TEAM. And on April 5 of this year, she was proudly inducted to the Scripps College Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Cindy in action back in the day.**



## TP Youth Soccer Program Changes

Soccer sign-ups for the coming season will be at the elementary school from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10. A change to the program will occur this year as we begin playing "Small-Sided Soccer."

Small-sided soccer means that the kids get to do more of what they most enjoy when they play soccer: shooting, dribbling, passing, scoring goals, blocking shots and simply running after the ball.

Almost all recreational and select programs throughout the country have already adopted a small-sided format, and those that have not must do so by the end of the year according to the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). Besides reducing the number of players on the field, small-sided soccer reduces the field dimensions and simplifies the rules for players who are just learning the game.

According to the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), small-sided soccer provides many advantages to players. With fewer play-

ers on the field, each child has more opportunities to touch the ball, and children who touch the ball feel more involved and have more fun playing the game. By touching the ball more, players will also have more opportunities to improve their skill and their decision-making abilities in game conditions. Of equal importance is the fact that each player is required to play a bigger role in each game. All of the players must be involved in quickly transitioning from defense to offense when the

ball is won, and from offense to defense when the ball is lost.

The format of small-sided soccer based on the age of the players is as follows: 6 and 7 year olds (U8) will play 7 on 7, 8 and 9 year olds (U10) will play 9 on 9, 10 years old and up will 11 on 11.

This program change should be a very positive one for the soccer playing youth of Terrace Park, and our Soccer Commissioner, Paula Albrecht, enthusiastically endorses it.

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May 20th-30th	Stroke Clinic
June 12	Turpin Hills AT TPSC
June 19	TPSC at Normandy Swim Club
June 22	The Village Meet between the villages at TPSC
June 26	TPSC at Miami Hills Swim Club
June 28	KING OF THE HILL MEET at ME Lyons YMCA (we were the champs last year!!!!!!)
July 3	Indian Hill Swim Club at TPSC
July 10	Summitt Hills Swim Club at TPSC
July 14	Dive Champs at Summitt Hills Swim Club
July 16	Swim Champs Prelims... a.m. and p.m. session Indian Hill!
July 17	Swim Champs FINALS...in the evening at Indian Hill!
Cost?	\$30 which includes the Stroke Clinic Invitation meets this summer (2 x \$5) Suit, cap, goggles and a towel! Smiles and good times are free!

## TPRC 3-on-3 Basketball Shootout

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission will be holding its first annual 3-on-3 Basketball Shootout over the Memorial Day Weekend. This year the tournament will be held on Sunday May 25 at high noon, at Terrace Park Elementary playground. All boys and girls in grades 3 through 12, that live in the Mariemont school district are welcome to participate. The entry fee will be \$10 per person or \$30 per team. Registration forms will be available at all the Mariemont schools. You can also get registration forms and rules on-line from the TPRC web site at [www.TPRC.net](http://www.TPRC.net). There will be contests, drinks, food and fun for the whole family to enjoy. This is a great chance to show off your game. If you have any questions, please call **Branden Fisher at 248-1279**.



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