

# Residents discuss bike trail at Council

By Susan House

At the September meeting of Village Council, several residents voiced their concern about the "bike trail" that potentially would come through our Terrace Park neighborhood in the future. Victor Moreno of 5 Dennison Lane led the resident faction that proposes an extension of the bike trail along Wooster Pike so that the trail would not be developed on the former railroad right-of-way (currently owned by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the planned location for the trail). Moreno passed out a letter to the Village Council which is included in this issue of the *Village Views* as a "letter to the editor." The Mayor agreed to the request by Moreno that his group be allowed to make a presentation to Council at the October meeting.

Rick Hamm, of 409 Washington, speaking for those residents opposed

to moving of the bike path to a Wooster Pike location, also voiced strong opinions. At issue was the impracticality of such a path that would require lane reduction, etc., and the feeling that moving it to Wooster Pike would negatively impact these residents who would then be in close proximity. The general consensus on the part of these folks was that no one wants the bike path to go through our residential neighborhood, but if it must, we should unite to gain the most control possible, rather than breaking into "splinter groups" and ending up with nothing.

Council Members Terry Howe, Jim Peterkin, Mark Porst and Julie Rugh were appointed by Mayor Dan Startzman to a special committee that will act as a liaison between Terrace Park and the bike trail planners from ODNR. The committee will initiate communication with ODNR immediately.

## Residents request action

Resident input, led by James Flynn of 709 Myrtle, spoke to the concerns about the lack of action taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), on behalf of the Village, to remedy the situation caused by the building of the wall/driveway structure at 707 Myrtle. Although a safety barrier has been erected, the driveway is still being used. Rob Martin, of 710 Myrtle, reiterated the fact that the ZBA had voted to deny a variance in this matter.

Mr. Bob Malloy, the Village Solicitor offered information that the ZBA had instructed him to draft a resolution that would serve to deny the variance requested by the homeowner at 707 Myrtle. The resolution was, however, subject to review and possible change by the ZBA before approval. The drafting of the resolution was temporarily suspended in an attempt to allow the residents involved (at 707 and 709 Myrtle) to come to an agreement as to the remedy of the situation. Malloy stated that to-

night he heard for the first time, that such negotiations had broken off, and that he would go forward with the directive to prepare the resolution.

In summary, Al Nelson, 700 Franklin, reminded all that Council had deemed this driveway/wall an illegal structure, in a 5 out of 6 vote, the ZBA had voted to deny the variance in a 4 to 0 vote, and still the driveway/wall exists. Nelson stated that even if Flynn is satisfied with a remedy between neighbors, an issue still exists between the builder/homeowner and the Village Council. He encouraged Council to "do what you can to deal with this."

## Building permit application checklist

Bill Fiedler, our Building Official, provided Council with a recently revised sheet of Building and Zoning Department Requirements and Procedures (data required for permit filing). These newly stated requirements apply to any application for a building permit. A letter

from the Hamilton County Board of Health showing site approval, must be included in any permit application when the yard area is being reduced by hard surfaces, new structures, or addition to existing structures. No application will be accepted without this letter. Any resident, who wishes to process a building permit application with Terrace Park, must comply with all requirements on the list. A copy of this listing may be picked up with permit application forms. Letters to several architects and contractors have been sent out on behalf of the Village. It is, however, the ultimate responsibility of the homeowner to make sure that all requirements are met when making application for a building permit.

## Our community streets

Our Street Commissioner and our Village Engineer reported that our sidewalk program is complete for the year, 99 percent of street repairs are complete, and the Village crew worked in the creek, at the bridge on Elm, for a week after the rainstorms to remove debris. **Leaf pick-up will begin October 15, 2003 and run through the last week in November, 2003. No brush pick-up will be available during this time.**

The Council Safety Committee continues its speed reduction campaign. Funds have been allocated for extra traffic patrol. Chief Bacon will institute a program of extra auxiliary patrol. There is now a new speed limit sign on Elm Avenue near the Swim Club. Chief Bacon's report for the month included numerous traffic and parking warnings in an attempt to enforce the traffic laws in Terrace Park. This warning period is a courtesy to our residents.

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# Candidates will be accessible at forum

By Al Nelson

All registered voters who have an interest in the election of the best candidates to serve the Village for four-year terms beginning January 1, 2004 are invited to the Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Election Day is November 4.

The candidates for mayor are Jay Gohman and Dan Startzman. The three candidates for two Council seats are Jack Brown, Jeff Koreman and Chuck Stutenroth. The unopposed candidate for Village Clerk is Francine Glassmeyer.

Each candidate will be offered up to three opening minutes to outline his or her qualifications, commitments and goals to pursue if elected. Written questions for any candidate can be submitted as you enter and during the program. Former Councilman Rich Gilchrist will be moderator. Community tele-

vision will again videotape the program. The videotape of the 2001 forum will be shown in the community building at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday October 2 for anyone who wishes to review it for procedure or content.

With the anticipated much larger attendance this year due to the concerns of many voters over recent problems of building code violations and flooding, the October 9 forum will be held in St. Thomas' newly built Parish Hall. The entrance is about 100 feet to the right of the main sanctuary doors (toward Wooster). We should all be grateful to St. Thomas for permitting this large public meeting at the Church.

Your presence and participation on October 9 will be a flattering signal to every candidate that you care about our Village, its government and their willingness to serve.



**Flower power! The Terrace Park Garden Club joined the Labor Day Parade for the first time this year.**

# Bike trail spins wheels of controversy

By Chandi Findley

As the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) seeks input from Terrace Park residents regarding the finished look for the bike trail that cuts through the village, residents have been voicing their support and opposition regarding its completion.

The ODNR came to present cursory information and gather input from Terrace Park residents regarding the trail. "What would you like to see? What would make this trail ideal for you?" were some of the questions Phil Miller, an ODNR representative said he wanted residents to answer. "I expect some to say go away, don't do it," Miller added.

If residents really want to stop the trail they could get a temporary restraining order, push political buttons, write to politicians and let them know they don't want it and why, he said. But, the obstacles facing those opposed to the trail are much greater than they were the last two times ODNR tried to complete the section in the village.

"It's not just a Terrace Park issue anymore," he said. "[In the past] we didn't have the user demand that we have today." Terrace Park



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**The Terrace Park trail section will connect the bike trail in Milford to Avoca Park (currently under construction near Newtown Road).**

has two and one half miles in a trail system that is more than 100 miles and the ODNR is "constantly asked when is it going to be finished?"

The ODNR distributed a user survey at the public open house on August 27. To get a copy of the form or to send your own questions, concerns or design ideas, please write to ODNR Division of Real Estate & Land Management, 1952 Belcher Drive, Bldg. C-4, Columbus, Ohio 43224-1386.

See what your fellow residents are saying in *letters to the editor* on page 2 of this issue.

## Support our volunteer EMS

Dear Terrace Park Residents:

In October a fireman or life squad member will be knocking on your door to sell you a ticket to the annual Pancake Supper at the Terrace Park Elementary Cafeteria on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The Pancake Supper is a family tradition and an opportunity to sit and have a good meal and a good conversation with neighbors and friends. If you are unable to come to the school cafeteria for health reasons, a fireman or life squad member will deliver your meal to your home. Just let the volunteers know at the time you purchase your ticket.

Did you know that our volunteer fire and life squad departments save the village hundreds

of thousands of dollars each year? TP firemen and squad members train regularly and are on call or duty daily, providing us with 24-hour safety services coverage and are compensated very little for their time and dedication. This is how they have chosen to serve the village. Over the years, your donations and tickets sales have helped to purchase training equipment, a thermal imager and a new ambulance.

When the volunteers come to your door, I ask that you give them a warm welcome and thank them for their service to the village.

Julie Rugh  
Safety Chairman  
Terrace Park Council



## Deadline

The deadline for the October issue of the *Village Views* is Friday October 10th.

## Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

As I see signs around town indicating that our Terrace Park EMT squad is recruiting new members, I feel compelled to offer a personal testimony to the sense of trust and comfort I have felt when familiar, friendly faces have arrived at my door to attend to me and my loved ones in times of crisis. How fortunate we are to live in a place where these dedicated volunteers give so much of themselves to give the rest of us peace of mind.

Roseann Hayes  
611 Yale

To the editor:

My sincere thanks to the EMS unit that responded to my accident on Labor Day.

The care and expert help that I received was exceptional. I am grateful to Steve Wilson, Anne Bauer and Angela Myatt and the officer who made me feel safe and secure.

Sincerely,  
Gisela S. Lock  
816 Yale Avenue

To the Editor:

### Confusing School Board Claims

I voted for the failed 2002 school levy and plan to vote for the upcoming 5.5 mill levy. The reason I am for this levy is we have no choice. Newspaper articles continue to claim that spending has been cut by about \$1.7 million; but actual Mariemont school spending (State of Ohio website) is as follows:

2000	spending was	\$13,584,352
2001	spending was	\$14,171,598
2002	spending was	\$14,945,613
2003	spending projection was	\$15,326,350
2004	spending projected to be	\$15,868,617

Their claims are in conflict with the numbers. The Board's unspoken plan if the levy fails appears to be to close school(s), close ET, cut sports and raise fees — again.

I am also running for the School board because I fear we are headed for a financial crisis. If elected, I believe spending can be cut to less than 4 percent per year growth (6 percent now). We need creative ideas; for example, maybe we could look at selling the recently acquired \$500,000 school bus parking lot and outsource the busing service. These two actions alone could put off the next levy (2007 per newspaper articles) for 5-6 years instead of 3 years (an 8 mill or \$2 million plus levy as now planned by the board). Please contact me at VOTE4KENWHITE@aol.com to express any comments and offer suggestions.

Ken White  
Mariemont

To the editor:

Many public school districts in the region have a high school, centralized within the district, but have several elementary schools scattered throughout in the communities that make up the district. A case can be made that it is cheaper to have one centralized elementary school in a district. One facility to heat, cool and maintain is less costly than three, four, or five separate ones. One school requires less administrative staff to run it, and probably fewer teachers. One large, centralized school can also offer more diverse curriculums at the elementary level under this scenario. So, why do we choose to have community elementary schools at all?

I contend the reasons are not about money or efficiency. Rather, it is all about us and our quality of life. It is about the communities themselves, in which local elementary schools are a vital part. Caring parents join the PTA or PTO to become a part of the school system and educational process. It is comforting to those who have young children and grandchildren to know their little ones can walk to school safely without the need for bussing. It's about the school carnival, concerts or plays that offer a certain quaintness about them that make us feel close to the school and to one another. The playground is a safe meeting place for youngsters to enjoy during the summer, after school, and on weekends. These are the reasons why public community schools have been a part of our lives for decades, and the reason why many students return to raise their own families.

Those of us who have community elementary schools in our neighborhoods understand the value they bring. We realize that these school buildings, in many ways, are the heart of our towns and villages. It's like the Remax television ad where the buyer asks the (giant) agent to put the home they want to buy closer to the school. Community development and planning are often times designed around or based on local schools and the closely-knit neighborhoods they help to facilitate.

Indeed, we are the reasons and our children are the reasons why community elementary schools exist today and are so greatly treasured. When school boards look for ways to tighten their belts, they should realize that the concept of community schools should always remain a priority and never be reduced to that of a financial Band-Aid, offering short-term fixes with long-term consequences.

Jim Harrison  
5808 Roberts St.  
Cincinnati

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To: Terrace Park Village Council

The following is an open letter to Village **Council** submitted to the *Village Views* for publication.

Daniel Startzman, Jr., Mayor  
Terry Howe, Council Member  
Julie Rugh, Council Member  
Stephen Holmes, Council Member  
Stefan Olson, Council Member  
Jim Peterkin, Council Member  
Mark Porst, Council Member

Re: Proposal To Extend Bike Trail Along Wooster Pike

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We are offering the following proposal as an alternative to the bike path proposal recently presented by the Ohio Department of Natural Resource (ODNR). The ODNR proposes running the bike path along the former railroad. Under our proposal, the bike path runs along Wooster Pike. As discussed in greater detail below, the Wooster Pike Option retains the benefits of a bike trail while eliminating the many problems attendant with the ODNR proposal. Moreover, the Wooster Pike Option offers significant additional advantages that would benefit Terrace Park as a whole.

#### Proposal — The Wooster Pike Option

The Wooster Pike Option involves routing the bike trail along Wooster Pike (State Route 50) as it passes through Terrace Park. From the East the bike trail would ramp down from the former rail-road bridge to Wooster Pike, and from the West the bike trail would simply divert onto Wooster Pike prior to entering Terrace Park. Significant improvements would be required for Wooster Pike, including: (i) changing motorized traffic from four lanes down to two lanes; (ii) adding a median, preferably tree-lined; and (iii) possibly reducing the speed limit to 25 mile per hour.

The Wooster Pike Option has two variations. In the first variation, the median would separate the two lanes of traffic (similar to that of Mariemont) and the bike trail would run along the center of the median. At the east and west ends where the trail crosses a lane of motorized traffic, speed bumps or traffic lights could be employed to increase safety. In the second variation, the medium would be narrower and off-center separating the bike trail from motorized traffic, and the two lanes of motorized traffic would run adjacent one another. In both variations, the existing pedestrian sidewalks would remain.

#### Numerous Advantages

The Wooster Pike Option is truly a win-win solution. Indeed, extending the bike trail along Wooster Pike has numerous advantages that would benefit Terrace Park as a whole:

- **Beautify Terrace Park:** A median would substantially beautify Wooster Pike, transforming the existing unremarkable four-lane thoroughfare into a signature boulevard. Additionally, the improvements could include new curbs and underground power lines.

- **Bolster Commerce:** The commercial center of Terrace Park would significantly benefit from the increased traffic from cyclists along the trail. The additional traffic would not only promote existing businesses, but could also foster new commercial destinations. In contrast, a bike trail along the former railroad would isolate bike traffic from existing Terrace Park commerce.

- **Simplify Monitoring:** The Terrace Park Police and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will require access to the bike trail, regardless of where it passes. A route along Wooster Pike would significantly ease access to the bike trail. In contrast, a bike trail along the former railroad would be isolated and difficult to access in the event of an accident or emergency.

- **Reduce Crime and Accidents:** By simplifying police monitoring of the bike trail, crime will be reduced. (While the vast majority of cyclists on a bike trail are law-abiding citizens, the law of averages maintains that any increase in any human interaction will increase crime. By some estimates, the bike trail will see over 3,000 cyclists per day.) Reducing the speed limit along Wooster Pike will also reduce accidents.

- **Unify Terrace Park:** The current four-lane configuration of Wooster Pike acts as a barrier dividing Terrace Park into two distinct areas. Adding a median and reducing the lanes of traffic will tend to eliminate the barrier, especially if the speed limit is reduced to 25 miles per hour.

- **Maintain Advantages:** The Wooster Pike Option maintains the advantages of having a bike trail accessible to all Terrace Park residents, while eliminating the numerous other problems attendant with the ODNR proposal.

#### Village Council Must Be Proactive

The Village Council must be proactive if the Wooster Pike Option is to become a reality. It was all too clear from the last week's "open house" that the trail planners from Columbus consider the former railroad the only option for a bike trail. Perhaps most shocking, however, was the ODNR Deputy Director's assertion that they will develop the trail "with or without the consent of Terrace Park residents." Moreover, now marks a unique opportunity to leverage third parties to subsidize significant improvements to Terrace Park; namely, ODNR funds for the rails-to-trails program and ODOT funds to place the railroad bridge into code (as a result of the recent bus accident).

We urge the Terrace Park Village Council to fully explore and vigorously advocate for the option of extending the bike trail along Wooster Pike.

Victor Moreno  
5 Denison Lane

*Letters to the Editor continued on next page*

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To the editor:

After attending the meeting last week where the Ohio Department of Natural Resources presented an opportunity for our section of the Little Miami Bike Trail, I realized that some TP residents have serious concerns about completing the trail through our neighborhood. Generally, I cycle the path, nose to the handlebars, worrying about my average speed and max heart rate; but with concerns I heard in mind, today I decided to ride the trail as an observer.

#### My Trail Truth:

I started at the current trailhead in Milford, headed north for about 18 miles, and turned around near Morrow, passing through Camp Dennison, Miami, and Loveland. Along the way I saw people walking, alone and in groups, some with dogs, rollerbladers, joggers, other cyclists, young people, kids, older folks, mothers with baby strollers, three deer, one cat, some trees changing color, and not one car.

I decided to find out about these fellow trail users with an informal poll, asking them the same basic questions: 1) How often do you use the trail? 2) How do you access the trail? 3) Have you ever felt unsafe on the trail? 4) If the trail were paved through Terrace Park, and beyond, would you use those sections? 5) Why do you use the trail?

The answers are quite enlightening. One Indian Hill man, riding a bike with his young son, says he drives down to the public parking lot in Milford, they use the trail about twice per week and he would love to be able to ride into Mariemont. A walking mother, pushing her infant son while her 3-year old rode his bike, comes from Anderson to unwind and exercise. She does think about safety, but in her three years of using the bike path has never had any problems. In Loveland I struck up a conversation with a 30 something guy on a "beach cruiser" type bike. He is a business owner and resident of Loveland. He reports that property values near the trail have gone up and that crime has gone down since the trail there was paved. He believes that since more people use the trail to its potential, criminals, and youths, are less likely to use it for nefarious purposes. Upon my return to the Milford parking lot, I chatted with a Turpin Hills marathoner as he stretched out before his regular run.

I then noticed a man jog through the pull off area and proceed toward Terrace Park via the unpaved section. Since I was on my road bike and cannot easily navigate the roots and rocks that now make up our trail, I was forced to ride down US 50 (Wooster Pike) as usual, and turn left onto New Street to see if I could return to my neighborhood and catch up to the runner. I met Martin, a resident of Terrace Park, who uses the trail 3 to 5 times per week. He had not yet heard of the opportunity to finish the trail, but would love to see it happen.

Thus ended my ride and my survey. And, oh yes, EACH and EVERY person I talked to had the same answer to the question about why they use the trail — "because it is safe."

It is no secret that my family would like to see the trail completed through Terrace Park. We have owned property here both adjoining the proposed trail and not. My wife Jeri and I and our two young children, along with many other families just like ours, could have numerous benefits if we are lucky enough to have the trail completed through TP. To name only a few: we could get across the park to friends houses, go down for quick walks, have access to the greater trail without risking our safety on Wooster Pike, have a place for the kids to ride recreationally without the fear of car traffic and without loading them up and driving the 1 mile to a parking lot. Who knows, maybe we could even ride the 3.5 miles into Mariemont for ice cream, the library, coffee, to school, or just for the exercise.

My suggestion is to just give the trail a try — even if it is only once. See what it is about. Walk or ride the 2.5 miles through Terrace Park and really notice where it goes and where it does not, what you can see and what you cannot. Go to the finished section of the trail that is right beside us and see who is there and what they are doing. I think that you may find your own Trail Truth. I think that ODNR is generously asking for our input now and we have the opportunity make this trail section our trail. The TP section can be a positive asset to our community that reflects the spirit of a healthy community.

John T. Gatch  
625 Valley View

To the editor:

#### State Bike Trail

Wednesday August 27, our Village hosted a meeting for the Ohio Department of Natural Resource (ODNR) so that there could be some clarity regarding the plans to further development of the old railroad property now owned by the State of Ohio. This property approximately 30 feet wide cuts through the middle of our Village and borders many of our neighbors' yards. Those attending the meeting expected to hear a presentation by the ODNR, and there was none. There are many questions and concerns that remain unanswered. This represents a very complex problem for all of us in Terrace Park.

We need to have some answers to questions regarding the uses of this additional development. What are the utilization numbers, times, parking, bathrooms, lights, access, fencing, landscaping, patrolling, ongoing maintenance, funding and life squad runs?

Legal issues will arise for Terrace Park and property owners bordering the trail. What if a trail user is injured on a resident's property? Will this asphalt road through the middle of our village increase or decrease our property values?

Are there alternative routes (build the trail down the side of Wooster Pike), which would minimize the negatives and maximize the positives with regard to Terrace Park concerns?

Wooster Pike route 50 is currently out of compliance with four lanes that are 10 feet wide. These lanes are supposed to be 12 feet wide! This is the responsibility of the State Department of Transportation (DOT)! The old concrete railroad bridge on the Milford border is holding up the lane widening effort. The bridge is dangerous as it sets too close to the road and causes accidents. Four weeks ago someone was killed because of crashing into that bridge. The bridge should be removed or altered for public safety.

The property is currently used by Terrace Park residents for hiking, jogging, exercising dogs, horseback riding, mountain biking and residents cutting through to the other side of the village. Does an asphalt road only built for the 10 speed bikes improve or destroy these uses?

How about some answers before this project precedes any further.

Jack Gambetta  
One Kent Circle

## Village Calendar 2003

### September

27 Rosh Hashanah begins

29 Early Dismissal — Mariemont grades 7-12

### October

6 Yom Kippur

7 TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School cafeteria

7 TP Garden Club Noon Community Building. Refreshments-noon, meeting-12:30 p.m., program-1 p.m. Program: Jane Peterson on "Bulb Forcing: Tulips and Amaryllis." Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call **Sara Osborn @ 831-1136**.

7 Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7:30 p.m. For more information, call **Missy Osgood @ 831-2637**.

13 AARP Meeting 1:30 p.m. Community Building. Program: Harold Puckett on "AARP's Stand on National Issues." For more information contact **Virginia Marquett @ 831-2650**.

13 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building

13 Mariemont Fine Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.

14 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

14 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building

15 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

15 Leaf collection begins

17 NO SCHOOL for Mariemont students (teacher in-service)

20 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.

21 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS — Public welcome

23 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library

31 Halloween

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

To the editor:

#### Please think about it!

To my knowledge there is little information about the need for a bike trail through Terrace Park, or the amount it will be used, or the cost to the taxpayer, or who is responsible, etc. We should have a lot more information considering how long bike trails have existed.

Bike trails are for recreation, not as a means of arriving at a destination, such as Cincinnati. Most trail users carry their bikes on a car, park while using the trail, then drive home. A state park bike trail is a

great idea, but not through an affluent residential neighborhood. I firmly believe that it will cause our property values to go down! Some claim that it will increase property values. If that is true, then why aren't there more bike trails built through all communities? I love the peace and tranquility of Terrace Park.

Before we get too upset about the pros and cons of this proposed development, our community representatives should receive information about this project and determine if it is really necessary. What is the true impact of a state

park severing our community? How will we tolerate public parking, toilets, noise, litter, crime, accidents and added expense to our village budget? Are there viable alternatives? Should we pass laws restricting this project to protect ourselves?

No one wants to take away others enjoyment, but PLEASE do not make us pay for it with extraordinary sacrifice.

Jim Gilchrist  
119 Robinwood  
TP resident 40 years

To the editor:

#### The Bike Trail —

##### an Asset or Liability?

The August 27 bike trail meeting at the Community Building gave us an accurate picture of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) plans. Summarizing what I heard, engineering design contracts (for the section from Milford, along the railroad bed to Avoca Park) to be awarded in 2004, construction begins 2005 with completion in 2006. One ODNR rep. mentioned having worked with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), but cost indicated the only feasible route was the railroad bed; another said he understood that the village council was all in support of the trail. Overall this meeting did not speak well to the competence of ODNR.

It is unfortunate that ODNR staff were not prepared to answer questions — indeed they knew very little about Terrace Park and had few facts or statistics about the effects of trails on the communities they service. We did have some historical information thanks to Jack Gambetta, who was in attendance and from Xenia. During peak times of usage similar stretches of the trail average about three life squad runs per week. Estimated cost per run is \$500. Our life squad runs are volunteer and still free, but donations to pay for supplies and equipment are appreciated. To make the trail an asset, Terrace Park would need to also budget for lawn and tree maintenance along our part of the trail. Access parking is a major problem in Milford, with spill over on Water Street, Terrace Park's Elm Ave. and occasionally around the Green. To protect St. Thomas and residents along Terrace Place, Denison and the Green, restrictive signage is needed — along with enforcement.

There are many other organizations involved with the planning and funding of recreation and transportation through our area. Unfor-

tunately ODNR appears unaware of their work and how this will affect their plans. On Tuesday September 2, 2003, the "Eastern Corridor Project" presented to Mariemont Kiwanis an overview of business and transportation projections and the status of plans. Briefly, over the next 16 years conservative estimates project 22 percent population and 32 percent employment growths — in the area from the Cincinnati business district to Milford, Batavia and Amelia. Focus areas include route 32, Eastern Ave, Lunken, Red Bank and the Miami River plains. The sponsors include Hamilton and Clermont counties, ODOT, OKI, City of Cincinnati and SORTA/Metro. All modes of transportation are considered. Their web site ([www.easterncorridor.org](http://www.easterncorridor.org)) contains a wealth of information including maps and statistics.

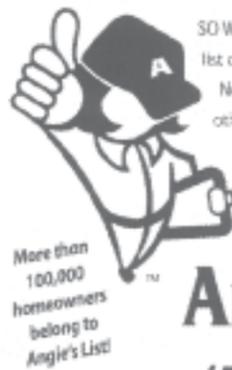
There is no question about the need for improved transportation along route 32. I-71, Red Bank and route 32 will connect somehow; one cannot squeeze much more traffic through route 50, Newtown, Terrace Park and Milford. The first phase of improvements to Red Bank is well underway, eliminating flooding and re-routing Duck Creek.

One result of this planning is that Fairfax and Miami Township are making new plans for their business districts, perhaps including a center green strip (from Frisches to the Newtown bridge) like Mariemont or Montgomery. Milford is in the middle of a planning process involving "old Milford" and their water front. Route 50, from Red Bank to and through Milford will be changing dramatically, offering Terrace Park an opportunity to enhance our residential and commercial properties.

A good first step would be for all T.P. residents to become better informed — by inviting the "Eastern Corridor" to present a Public Workshop at our Community Center. Our goal might be to have our Village Council work with the Eastern Corridor Implementation Group to develop or incorporate plans for our community into the project. In the mean time, we could ask our politicians to "encourage" ODNR to hold up construction until they can insure plan compatibility with neighboring development plans, and allocate sufficient manpower and money to become part of the Eastern Corridor plan.

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# Our village, our heritage

Reporter's perspective as a concerned citizen over the fate of the community building

By Susan House

A meeting was held August 19, at which Cole and Russell Architects presented various schemes for the redevelopment of the Terrace Park Community Building/administration offices, and the facilities used by our Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Police Departments. Cole and Russell Architects have an impressive resume of municipal facility design and are award winners in their field. The five schemes presented were a result of prior resident input. Schemes ranged from plans, with a cost of \$300,000, for very minor improvements, to a preliminary estimate of \$4,000,000 for the development of a totally new building for community, police and administration uses, the building of a new fire station on adjacent property, and a greatly improved plan for parking, etc.

Village Council members Steve Holmes, Jim Peterkin, Stefan Olson, and Terry Howe held discussions with several representatives of the fire and EMS departments, and the residents who were in attendance. The architects were helpful in answering questions and offering pertinent recommendations. It was ultimately decided that it would make no sense to renovate the existing Community building because it would still be an old building and would need additional work in the near future. Our Terrace Park Fire Chief and our EMS Chief spoke up to say that any remodel of existing facilities and existing buildings would be of no use to them as they still would not have nearly the room that they need, now or in the future. The architects made reference to the inadequacy of the parking in our municipal areas, stating that they do not know of a contemporary design where emergency equipment must access the street through a community parking lot.

This reporter's opinion

I originally decided to attend this meeting because I was interested in hearing proposed Community Building plans. The meeting turned out to be very educational. Of course it would be nice to have a new Community Building, but without the new information discussed regarding the Fire, Police and EMS needs, I probably would not have been too supportive of the idea of spending the money necessary to make major changes. When I realized that a major reason for a

redesigned facility would be to give our emergency departments the tools that they need to continue to serve our community with their standard of excellence, I became much more interested. Connie Wilson, our EMS Chief, said something that also made me think. She said that any improvements to our community facilities are really going to benefit the next generations of our children and grandchildren. This is our Village, which is our heritage.

I met with a representative from our EMS and Fire Department to learn a little about their present facilities. I was surprised to find that our Fire Department and EMS Department are in a building that was built many years ago. The new ambulance barely fits in the ambulance bay, it nearly scrapes the ceiling and the bay is so narrow that EMS personnel are forced to spend much more time backing the "rig" into the bay, and even pulling it out for an emergency. The Fire, EMS, and Police Departments are so lacking storage space that items imperative to their timely operation are stored in most inconvenient places. An additional consideration is that any contemporary emergency equipment that would be put into place now or in the future probably wouldn't even fit in the existing building. Our village emergency departments have no emergency generator to be used in case of power out-

ages. This means that garage doors must be manually lifted in an emergency situation occurring during an electric "black out." When I think of the things that are not operational around my house when the lights go out, I shudder to think what does not work properly for these emergency departments when under this condition.

I grew up in Southern California so I am familiar with how communities far removed from Terrace Park operate. Since moving to this Village, I have been overwhelmed with the service offered and given by our Police Department, Fire Department and EMS. I needed EMS services twice in the two years that my mother lived with us. EMS personnel responded promptly and were wonderful. Actual experience influenced our opinions. I do, however, remember that even prior to my experience, the completely volunteer personnel of the Fire and EMS Departments always conveyed a warm and welcome feeling when serving the community.

From now on I plan to stay much more apprised of any development of plans for a new Community Building and the needed emergency department facilities. The more residents that participate in important village decisions, the more the changes will reflect our wishes, because, this is our village, our heritage.



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# The Cowardly Lion

by Jeffrey Koreman

My sons and I were watching *The Wizard of Oz* in the family room. The three boys were staring intently at the television stretched out on the floor in various poses only children find comfortable. I loved the movie as a kid because it contains everything that can be wonderful about a film. It made me laugh, cry, and, at times, frightened me. In fact, to this day I am still deeply disturbed by the flying monkeys. I suppose it is some sort of atavistic, primal thing but simians with wings are just plain wrong.

My favorite character of the movie has always been the cowardly lion. When Bert Lahr sings "If I Were King of the Forest" I still break into a childish grin. This time when the song was over, my three sons turned to me and Asher, the eldest, asked, "Papa, if you were King of the Forest, what would you do?" I paused the movie, gazed into the distance and replied:

"Well son, if I were King I would try to fix a bunch of things. I would require that all manufacturers of perishable goods that use a "Best If Used By" date on their packaging enclose an explanation of just what the heck that means. I mean, if it is marked "Best If Used By December 9" how much room do I have to play with? Can I still eat it 3 days later...a week later...or at 12:01 a.m. on December 10th am I guaranteed a case of botulism?"

"If I were King I would declare it a national holiday if a professional athlete who was caught doing something blatantly illegal actually used the phrase 'When I committed the crime,' as opposed to, 'When that awful thing happened to me,' as if the wrong were perpetrated upon him.

"Son, if I were King, any man who insisted on not taking off his baseball cap while eating in a restaurant would be forced to wear a pink bonnet for an entire year.

"Why if I were King any person who made the statement, 'I gave 110 percent,' would be made to pay \$1.10 for every \$1 of an item's cost so they could find out what giving 110 percent really feels like.

"You know, if I were King I would insist that every child be taught that the true measure of a person is not in how they treat their friends but rather how they treat strangers. Heck, anybody can be kind to the people they know and like.

"If I were King, any time one of my subjects went to McDonald's and received a sandwich with the wrong ingredients that had a wrapper with a 'Double Checked for Ac-

curacy' sticker on it, the person that affixed that sticker would receive a paycheck with the same sticker on it and that check would be \$20 short.

"Boys, if I were King, all grocery store baggers would have to decide paper or plastic on their own. That would save me from going into an existential crisis every time I am asked that question. Do I choose paper and kill a tree or plastic and pollute the environment? Whenever they ask I stand there frozen like a high school dropout who has just been asked to explain the Theory of Relativity.

"If I were King, every large governmental bureaucracy would be required to adopt a motto and post it above their door. That motto would read, 'Perpetually Justifying Our Existence at Your Expense.'

"Now let me tell you guys, if I were King..."

"Oh Lord, you're ranting again aren't you?" Tammy interrupted, returning from the store.

"I'm not ranting, I'm teaching the boys," I replied defensively.

"Honey, the boys are out cold," she noted, pointing to the floor.

I looked down and, sure enough, all three of them were curled up, sleeping peacefully. "Gee, when did that happen?" I wondered aloud.

"My guess is about three sentences into your rant," she answered.

"I told you I was not ranting. We were watching *The Wizard of Oz* and the boys wanted to know what I would do if I were King. You know how I love the cowardly lion."

"Yes, I know," she stated. "Funny though...I always thought of you as more the scarecrow type myself," she said, smiling slyly as she turned to leave the room.

"I suppose she is right," I thought. "I am tall and thin like Ray Bolger."

As I stood to carry the boys to bed I heard her singing softly in the kitchen. I paused to enjoy the tune then yelled, "Hey the song is 'If I Only Had a Brain,' not 'If He Only Had a Brain.'"

I picked up Eli and began to carry him to his bed as I heard her tittering in the background.

"Why if I were king," I thought, "I would make the queen...awwww, who am I kidding?" My sleeping son in my arms I began to sing, "I could while away the hours conferrin' with the flowers, consultin' with the rain..."



Jeffrey Koreman

# Terrace Park Historical Society

## Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol Cole

With Labor Day festivities recently over, perhaps it's time for a little historical review. According to a short article in the August 1985 issue of the *Village Views*, the St. Thomas Laymen's League is responsible for starting our Labor Day festivities "in World War II days when gasoline rationing kept people at home on holidays." By 1974 it was noticed there were plenty of activities for young people but not much for adults. Thus it was that in 1974 Ann and Jim Gilchrist along with Edna and Pete Stites decided to run a garage sale on Labor Day on the Village Green.

Those two couples along with help from their friends ran the sale until 1985. Items were collected in the Gilchrist's garages and outbuilding and priced by Ann as they came in. Anyone making a donation could browse through the collection and buy anything that had been priced. On the Sunday evening before Labor Day several of us loaded everything into our vans and station wagons ready to unload on the Green in the morning. After the parade the sale began. By about 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. prices were cut in half and then by 4 p.m. we started packing up to take the remains to the Nearly New Shop in Newtown. Proceeds were to go to the Recreation Commission as they still do today. In the early days the



In 1983, the Labor Day Garage sale was still being held on the Village Green. Residents pitched in to help including (seated l-r) Ann Gilchrist, Edna Stites and Carol Cole.

community's donations paid for the children's athletic uniforms and equipment. Now there are further expenses such as field maintenance, referees and league fees.

Jack and Barbara Smith took it over from the Gilchrists followed by Jim and Sue Porter. Others who ran the sale are Denise Hall, the Moyers, Grace Holmes, Larry Williams, John and Beth Srofe, Mickey Forbes and Pat McGraw, Wally and Judy Heffner, and this year Robin Penderly. (When we have a complete index of the *Village Views* we will be able to look up past Garage Sale articles easily rather than relying on people's memories for names.) At one time items were collected in the Tornado Room un-

derneath Terrace Park Elementary School's gymnasium. Another year they were collected in the barn on what is now Orchard Hill Lane. I understand that this year one must have worked two hours in order to be able to buy ahead instead of just making a donation and being able to buy. The "Labor Day Garage Sale" has always been a winner!

### A headquarters update

You no doubt know by now that the Terrace Park Historical Society has a new home in two wonderful rooms on the middle floor of the old education building at St. Thomas Church. We hope to have an Open House when we're a little more organized. The move would not have been possible without the experienced moving assistance of Lee Cole, Jim Gilchrist, Roger Stafford and Stan Brown. The Garage Sale and many other individuals have made valuable contributions to our new quarters. We have also been able to get a very good deal on a 10 drawer map case following a lead by Mary Annett. However we continue to have needs, some of which are equipment and some information.

### We are currently seeking the following:

- Family Histories/Genealogies
- Information on Houses
- School Mementos: Yearbooks, Programs, Photos, etc.
- Graduation programs and class lists
- Written and Oral Histories
- Club/Organization information
- Photos
- Correspondence
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- Obituaries
- Local Business Advertising Pieces
- Maps
- Telephone Books (1969-1974, 1999 to present)
- *Village Views*
- Newspaper Clippings of Terrace Park and its Citizens (Someone to clip articles from the Post)
- Real Estate Information
- Terrace Park Objects.

We could still use more file cabinets (especially lateral ones), desks or tables and chairs as well as a vacuum cleaner and public address system.

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# Caffeine dreams become reality

By Sherry Holcomb

Terrace Park resident Renee Tetrault wants the village to wake up and smell the coffee, or more accurately, to buy the coffee. Renee is realizing a long-time dream by turning 1,800 square feet of leased retail space into an upscale neighborhood gathering place that serves coffee, espresso-based drinks, fruit smoothies and juices, teas, pastries and desserts. The shop, called "...Over Coffee" is located at 614 Wooster Pike and is scheduled to open in October.

"I want this place to have a nice, welcoming feel to it," Renee explains. "Over Coffee will be a place where you can grab a hot drink on your way to work or spend a few hours relaxing and talking with your friends. I think it will be a huge asset for Terrace Park."

The layout of the shop includes an ordering and preparation area, table seating, a play area for young



Renee Tetrault looks forward to an October opening of her coffee shop "...Over Coffee."

children, conversation areas with couches, and outdoor seating. In addition, numerous landline internet hook-ups will be available for laptop computers, with future expansion

into wireless hook-ups possible.

While many residents have expressed a desire to have a local coffee shop, Renee had to convince village council that hers was a good idea. Existing regulations allowed a tea room on the property, but not a coffee shop. So, the concept of a coffee business had to be approved, along with the operating hours, the logo and signage.

"Our biggest challenge was getting through the red tape," Renee says. "Everything else has fallen into place." That includes finding local suppliers for the baked goods and the private label coffees that will be served starting at 6 a.m. seven days a week.

In fact, if you have the need for caffeine in those early hours, you will likely see Renee and her brother Chris Cusson taking orders or serving up the java. Their hands-on approach has ulterior motives. If the concept of "...Over Coffee" proves successful, Chris will manage a second location in the Cincinnati area opening early next year. This caffeine dream is a big one.

"My husband is very driven and he shares my big dreams," says Renee. That family support is important since the Tetraults have a 14-year-old daughter Jaime, an 11-year-old son Jon and 16-month-old identical twin daughters Michele and Lily. For Renee, the drive to be successful comes from wanting to help secure the future of the family and ensure that they can stay in Terrace Park near friends and relatives.

"This dream started three years ago when we moved here," states Renee. "I'm really excited to see it starting to take shape." While the remodeling continues, Renee is beginning to look for a small number of employees to give the shop that neighborhood feel.

"We want to find a few good employees and keep them," Renee says. "We're looking for people who want to be in on the beginning of a big thing."

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**“Over Coffee” hours of operation**

The owners of a new business, “Over Coffee,” to be located at 614 Wooster, amended their request that the business be allowed to operate between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. This change was approved by the Zoning Board and approved by a resolution of Council.

**Community Building and facilities**

Councilman Stephen Holmes said that he would like to schedule a committee meeting, with all Council Members in attendance to discuss architects Cole and Russell’s master plan and feasibility study for redevelopment of the community facilities as presented at the meeting on August 19, 2003. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the direction that Council wishes to take in going forward with any development plans. The meeting will probably be scheduled sometime this month.

**Cross walk lights at “five points”**

Engineer George Kipp recom-

mended going forward with work to install needed cross walk lights at the “five points” intersection in Terrace Park on Wooster Pike. The present control box can accommodate the added lights; the cost for the improvement can be contained at \$9,600, which is less expensive than originally anticipated.

**Storm water problems**

Councilman Holmes suggested that Council go forward in talks with George Kipp, to tackle some of the storm water problems which can be addressed. Although storm water problems are monumental, Council can begin to work on areas where possible action can be taken.

**Old village vehicles for sale**

Council Member Julie Rugh announced that there is a buyer for the old ambulance. Because it is worth over \$1,000, however, it must be advertised three times prior to sale. She also asked for a resolution to advertise for sale the 1952 Willey’s Jeep owned by Terrace Park.

# Major catastrophe? No, just an inconvenience.

A personal account of the emotional impact of the August 14, 2003 blackout

By Cindy Tripp

Ok, so I think I am a veteran New York City commuter, with my job taking me routinely to the “Big Apple.” My first business trip in 1988 was truly frightening...as a small town girl from Danville, Kentucky (town of 10,000) arrived by herself and found her way to “Midtown.” But after a few years, trips to NYC became comfortable...easy even.

Then 9/11 happened and everyone has been affected in some capacity—perhaps not on the surface, but just under the surface, hidden away. Still, I carried myself as if nothing happened and continued to pack minimally when I visited. So, there I am, 39 years old, \$60 cash (enough for cab fare to LaGuardia and credit cards “just in case”), cell phone, luggage, a plane ticket for 6:55 p.m., sitting in a productive

meeting of 14 people from all over North America on the 12th floor of a building next door to where the Twin Towers stood just 2 years earlier—when the lights go out.

- **Lights out....CONCERN** “Why don’t you check and see if everything is o.k.,” I say. “Evacuate NOW” we’re told.
- **PANIC** “can I get out of this building before it goes” I think as I descend steps faster than I believed possible not sure of why we are evacuating.
- **GLAD...** “thank God I wore sensible shoes!” as I turn to see my co-workers trailing behind holding their heeled slides in their hands, taking the stairs in bare feet.
- Sirens, Police and Fire pass by, thousands of people pour out of their buildings...
- **CONFUSION & FEAR** “I want to get home to my kids,” I sob, while caring co-workers sympathize, offer kind words, point out the impossibility that I will go home this night...and secretly murmur the same wish for themselves.
- “We need to get out of here” a New York co-worker directs. I feel it too...**FEAR** of the unknown..what is happening?
- Then **KINDNESS** speaks up...another co-worker says “Come to my place it is just 20 blocks away” and I feel **GRATITUDE**.
- **PURPOSE** established as 14 of us walk hand in hand through the streets, helping each other with lug-

gage and encouragement to the apartment 20 blocks away. While walking I recall reading Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten and I feel as if I am living its words (stick together, hold hands, help one another).

- **COMPASSION** speaks...a stranger offers us one of her two bottled waters when she sees we are trying to find some and it is sold out. **SENSE OF COMMUNITY** lives among 8 million “homeless.”
- **RELIEF**...a one room NY apartment is a welcome shelter from the street...a phone that works, a bathroom and water...but not a single candle!
- Then **LOVE** steps in as a Buddhist Monk shares 2 candles with us, asking nothing in return, despite our attempts to make a contribution to his temple.
- **NERVOUSNESS** fades to **CALM** which leads to **ACCEPTANCE** of what is...for now. **PEACE, REFLECTION, COMRADERY** and hope in mankind again inspired.

Yes, it was one hot, dark, sleepless, beautiful night with a glorious full moon and a long journey home (16 hours by car on Friday) but in the grand scheme of the world...people rose to the occasion, helped one another out (even strangers) and I saw the **HUMAN** in **HUMANITY**. The great power outage of August 14, 2003 was not a catastrophe, though clearly it could have been—it was just an inconvenience with some real bright spots.



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# Labor Day 2003



Celebrating the end of the dog days of summer, costumed pets and owners competed in the annual Pet Parade. Winner: Katie, Sarah and Melissa with butterfly dogs: Pepper, Lucky and Holly.

Photos: Ellie Pohlman



Runners up: Jillian and Courtney with Dodger the motorcycle dog.



Runners up: Chloe and Colin with Nicki and Kaya the football dogs.



Above: Representative Rob Portman Below: Gusty was "wiggling out" on the Green.



Above: Mariemont High School Marching Band right: Alec fishing for a good time at the games on the Green



Runners up: Caleb and Garrett with Montana, Superdog.



  
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## Wonderful Wednesdays!

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**Wed. Bible Study 11:00 am**

**Breakfast**  
 between Sunday services

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Tiger Sharks had killer season

The Terrace Park Tiger Sharks finished the season with more than 80 percent of the swimmers receiving personal best times at the Seven Hills League Championships held in Indian Hill July 17 and 18. The team finished fourth overall this year with strong age group finishes by the eight and under and nine and 10-year-old boys and girls.

"These kids worked really hard this summer and if you compare

their stroke technique at the beginning to their endurance and stroke technique at the end of the season...well, it was amazing!!" remarked Sy Miller, head coach of the Tiger Sharks.

Five dual meets, Relay Camps and the League Championships kept swimmers busy. An additional meet, the Village Meet between the summer swim clubs at Fairfax Swim Club, Mariemont Swim Club and Terrace Park Swim Club (TPSC) gave swimmers an additional opportunity to swim against friends in the community. Over one hundred swimmers from the three communities gathered on Sunday June 28, 2003 for this invitational meet. The event took place this year at TPSC. All enjoyed swimming events as well as special games/raffles. All proceeds from the meet were donated to the Mariemont Schools Foundation Pool Renovation Fund. Susan

Olson, fundraising chairman of the Pool Renovation Committee enthusiastically accepted the \$2,200 donation from the Terrace Park Swim Team. "I am in awe of the amount of money raised at this one day event," Olson said. Plans to have a yearly "community swimming event between the three teams" will be on the calendar for 2004!

The Terrace Park Tiger Sharks celebrated the end of the season with a dessert picnic July 18 at the TPSC. Children received trophies and Championship awards from the coaches. The team celebrated volunteer efforts of Susan Austin and Beth Srofe as they retired as Parent Coordinators. The team welcomed new coordinator Judith Lehman for 2004. Judith will preside over a committee of volunteers for the 2004 Swim Season. Julie Parker will serve as the Diving Parent Representative for 2004.

### The Tiger Sharks want you to swim in 2004!

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2004 Summer Swimming  
Schedule  
Terrace Park Tiger Sharks!

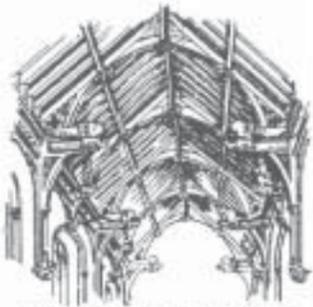
Meet Dates  
June 10 2004  
June 17 2004  
June 24 2004  
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- Longest drive
- Closest to the pin
- Longest putt
- 1st place team
- 2nd place team
- Dead last team
- Split the pot

The Mariemont Warrior Booster Association exists to support the Mariemont Jr. High and High School athletes and their fans. Through membership fees and fund raising events, the Association seeks to raise the funds necessary to meet the needs of the athletes and coaches.

Additional information and entry forms can be obtained on the Boosters Golf Outing website ([http://www.geocities.com/mariemont\\_booster\\_golf\\_outing/](http://www.geocities.com/mariemont_booster_golf_outing/)) or by calling Tom Feie 271-9582.

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