

## The "warm and friendly" January council meeting

By Susan M. House

The incoming 2004 Terrace Park Village Council, headed by newly elected Mayor, Jay Gohman, kicked off the first meeting of the year with an overwhelming spirit of communication and service to Terrace Park residents. Council Members offered help and attention to all of those making requests. The level of cooperation demonstrated, even drew praise, rather than admonishment, from Lee Cole of 629 Mrytle during the resident input session.

Councilman Stephen Holmes, also elected President Pro Tem, will be responsible for the Rules and Law Committee this year. Councilman Stefan Olson will continue to sit as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Returning Councilman Terry Howe will oversee the Public Safety Committee for 2004. Councilman Mark Porst will once again chair the Finance Committee. New council members Jack Brown and Jeffrey Koreman will head up the Public Works Committee, and Buildings and Grounds committees respectively.

### Resident input

Chris Mearki of 133 Winding Brook Lane, representing herself as well as other Winding Brook residents, asked Council for assis-

tance with a remedy to the flooding problem experienced in this neighborhood. She stated that the creek is full of sediment, the yards have been eroded, and residents have lost cars, valuables, etc. The mayor responded by saying that a sub-committee of the Public Works Committee would be appointed to address all community flooding problems, as soon as possible. The council members appointed by Mayor Gohman to this committee are; Brown, Holmes, Olson and Koreman.

Resident, Chandi Findley of 427 Terrace Place, brought a request to Council that Terrace Park install curbs on the corner of her lot which is adjacent to and across the alley from the Post Office. Findley reported that it is impossible to keep the corner maintained and to get the grass to grow there, as people almost always use the lot corner to turn around. Councilman Brown said that he would investigate the problem and respond to the Findley's within a couple of weeks.

Carol Cole of 629 Mrytle brought up the subject of the name of the Terrace Park website. Chief Robert Bacon responded, and told Council that a domain location has now been established and the name of website address will be VillageofTerracePark.org.

### Budget needs to be cut

Councilman Porst gave an overview of the Terrace Park Budget for 2003. The budget is presently running at a \$300,000 deficit. Less than expected Inheritance Tax revenues are a major factor in this short fall. He offered that the village "skews" younger these days and there is actually a disproportionate number of residents under the age of 20 years old at this time. Porst emphasized that Council should "turn over every rock" to look for cost saving measures. Councilman Howe interjected that "every line item in the budget needs to be gone over."

### Firearm safety is free

Chief Bacon announced that 300 firearm child safety kits are now available at the Police Department. All anyone needs to do is stop by and ask for one. The kits contain safety curriculum and a cable safety lock. Chief Bacon stressed the importance of protecting children in the home with these safety lock kits as it is just plain good sense, and, because the concealed weapons carry law has been passed in Ohio, gun ownership has increased.

### Street salt ready to go

In his capacity as Street Com-

missioner, Chief Bacon reported that the big salt truck is up and running and we have plenty of salt for the winter months. When asked a question about which streets are routinely salted, the Chief stated that; "Level 1" streets (such as Wooster, Elm, Miami, and Stanton) are salted first, as are any intersections entering busy streets. "Level 2" streets (i.e. Yale Avenue) are salted second, and "Level 3" streets (alleyways, etc.) are salted last.

### Environmental Services not a "dump"

A contractor was caught last month and cited for dumping illegal material (any material than is "non-composting") at the Environmental Services Area. Chief Bacon mentioned that anyone dropping off improper material will be cited, as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will cite the Village. The signage is being updated to hopefully clarify what can and cannot be dropped off.

Councilman Koreman said that he is committed to accomplishing the removal of all unattended vehicles parked in the Vil-

lage Environment Services Areas by April 1, 2004.

### Contracts renewed

New January business included the renewal of contracts with George Kipp, the City Engineer, Robert Malloy, the Village Solicitor, Bill Fiedler, the Building Official, and Francine Glassmeyer, the Clerk of Courts and Village Secretary. Francine also starts off a new year as the City Clerk of Terrace Park, an elected office. Police Chief Robert Bacon was re-appointed as Street Commissioner.

Building Inspector Bill Fiedler reported that he has received five applications for zoning appeals. Meeting dates will soon be set.

### EMS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief Connie Wilson reported that the EMS budget is in order, training class will probably begin again February 1, 2004, and EMS is always looking for new volunteers. John Maggard, on behalf of the Fire Department,

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The Terrace Park Memorial Day Committee is looking for a few good volunteers to work on the Memorial Day parade and program. Please contact **Ray Normile at 831-2804** if you have questions or would like to help.

## Welcoming in the new...



(From left to right) Terrace Park's new mayor, Jay Gohman, was sworn in by his father-in-law, Bill Santen, on January 1, 2004 at the community building. After swearing in our newest council member, Jeff Koreman, and village clerk, Francine Glassmeyer, Mayor Gohman opened his first official meeting of council by leading the pledge of allegiance. "It is my pleasure to lead you in something you only get to do in elementary classrooms any more," Gohman said. Councilman Jack Brown was sworn in on January 13 by Glassmeyer. Congratulations!

## Saying goodbye to the old...



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

The new year brought the end of an era. The Yankee Dollar closed its doors after more than two decades. The store will be missed by anyone seeking an unusual piece of clothing or a fun gift.

### The 2004-2005 Terrace Park Telephone Directory is being prepared for publication!

If you have an address change or correction, please contact **Laura Colston at 831-6321**. If your business would like to place an ad, please contact **Pete Findley at 576-0595**. All proceeds support your Terrace Park Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

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### Deadline

The deadline for the February issue of the *Village Views* is Friday February 6th.

# Saying "Good Bye" to Roger Early

By Sean Barton

Our neighbor, Mr. Roger Early had many interesting stories to tell about his life, his wife, his family, the military, his business, and the history of Milford and Terrace Park. I spent as much time as I could listening to his stories, imagining what his life was like.

He grew up in Milford where his parents owned a dairy farm. One of my favorite stories was about him driving the dairy cart through the streets of Terrace Park in the 1930s. There was a Gypsy camp in Terrace Park at the time. One morning while driving the cart down Elm and through the tunnel, he saw a Gypsy woman lying in the street. As he stopped his cart to see if he could help, he realized two men were taking milk off the back of the cart! "He had been had," he said while laughing!

Most, if not all, of his stories ended with him laughing.

Another personal favorite was about the Nature Preserve off Elm. This used to be known as Miami Grove. There was a store or a pub and some other businesses there at the time. It was a great place to get a sandwich and take a swim. One day while at the river with his friends, a man from the John Robinson Circus that wintered here brought the elephants down to bathe in the Little Miami River. As the elephants played in the water and the boys looked on, the elephant trainer was sitting on the bank eating his sandwich. One of the elephants moved toward him, scooped up water with his trunk and squirted the man! Mr. Early said he learned some colorful words that day! He of course ended his story with that laugh.

Many times our phone would ring, Mr. Early calling (as we could see on the caller ID). He would say, "Send my buddies over (this he would call our three children). I have something for them." Always thoughtful and loving of the children, once he had his grandson Steve call as soon as they were back, worried

after realizing he had given them Bourbon Balls!

We eventually found out Mr. Early would watch the children play from his window. As they roamed the two yards looking for toads, they would look in his window wells. He told me they would knock on his window and wave to him. He would wave back. Their own little private game.

A basket at Easter, special treats for Halloween — Mr. Early loved our children and they loved him. Many times while cooking with their mother one of them would say, "Let's take some to Mr. Early!" They would jump at any excuse to go visit and so would we.

Mr. Early invited us to dinner at the School House Restaurant. As many parents do I gave our children the "Mr. Early is elderly, you need to be calm, polite and respectful at dinner, use all your manners" speech. Well, we weren't there two minutes and Mr. Early was showing the children how to spin the lazy Susan, trying to get the kids to eat chicken livers and ordering them two desserts each. He not only welcomed the chaos of my children, he encouraged it. All the while with that laugh.

My neighbor, Mr. Early passed away in his sleep (the way he wanted) in the wee hours of Monday December 29, 2003 at 87 years old. He lived a full life. You may have known him as Roger Early, Terrace Park resident, Roger Early of Early's Antiques, Roger Early art glass dealer, or auctioneer. But unless you knew him as a proud grandfather, friend of all children, (especially mine), dinner host, storyteller, good friend and neighbor, then you missed out. Mr. Early was my neighbor, but more than that he was my friend and I am better off having known him. I will miss that laugh.

Sean Barton  
614 Home Street (next to the Early house)



Mr. Early (center) with his grandchildren Steve and Sarah.

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, February 6th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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Advertisements for *Village Views* may be placed in a variety of sizes. A business card size (2x4) is only \$24 per month. A classified ad is \$5 to Village residents only. **Payment must accompany ad.** Call Business Manager **Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388** for additional rates. *Village Views* welcomes your business.

### February deadline:

The February deadline for *Village Views* is **Feb. 6th**. 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

Subscriptions are available for \$18.50 per year. To subscribe call **Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388**.

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also said that they could always use new volunteers.

### Redbird stormwater

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a storm water easement on the property at 106 Redbird Lane, owned by Gary Machles. Councilman Holmes explained that this long needed easement is being granted to Terrace Park, by Machles, which will help to eliminate water on Redbird Lane. Engineer George Kipp advised that the flooding of this street creates potentially dangerous situations during a rain storm. The village will be able to

realize some cost savings if the easement is built at this time because construction is presently taking place on the property. Councilman Holmes expressed gratitude to Machles for the agreement to grant this easement. The ultimate resolution to proceed will take place in the near future, after exact costs are determined.

### Bike trail committee

The Mayor appointed a new Bike Trail Committee which will be made up of council members Howe, Porst, Brown, and Koreman.

The meeting adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss impending litigation.

## Ciolino of NAI Eagle named to Top Producers Club

Chuck Ciolino, 718 Yale, sales vice president specializing in investment properties with NAI Eagle was named to the Cincinnati Board of Realtors' Commercial Top Producers Club. This is the eighth time that Ciolino has received this coveted honor.

The Commercial Top Producers Club recognizes the outstanding performance of real estate professionals specializing in commercial property sales and leasing. In order to qualify in 2003, agents had to produce \$2.5 million in sales/leasing volume during the 12-

month period of Oct. 1, 2002, through Sept. 30, 2003. Transactions that earned him recognition as a 2003 Top Producer included the sale of a 480,470-square-foot office park and a 420-unit apartment community.

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**Gary Barnes was called to duty six months after his wedding day. Gary is pictured on the day he wed Terrace Park resident Ann Lazarus with her two daughters and his one of his daughters.**

## Family man serves US with pride

Last June, Terrace Park residents Ann Lazarus and Gary Barnes said, "I do."

Then, on January 5 they said, "Good bye."

Gary is a staff sergeant for an engineering detachment that is part of an engineering company for the US Army. He received orders to report for active duty.

"Our unit (was) called to active duty for up to two years in support of Operation Enduring Freedom," Gary said. Considering world events, there can be well-educated speculation about Gary's final destination, but for safety reasons, it is a well-guarded secret. "After a train-up period of a few weeks at our mobilization site, we will receive another set of orders indicating where we are needed to serve."

Gary and his unit specialize in building bridges, constructing roads, building schools, digging water wells and building combat fortifications in support of the troops deployed. As a staff sergeant, he is the first-line supervisor over a squad of five to seven people including privates, sergeants and corporals.

While he has been a reservist for 16 of the 20 years he has been in the military, Gary has had some long-term deployments into hostile areas, particularly as a med-evac

crew chief. During his active and reservist time, Gary has served in a variety of places, including Egypt, Africa, Honduras, Ireland, Panama and El Salvador.

"My time in the Army has allowed me to know my strengths and opportunities: Everyday, and on every mission, your limits are tested in a variety of ways."

While sad to be leaving his daughters and as well as his new wife and daughters

, Gary is committed to serving. Gary firmly believes that somebody has to serve and that he is best qualified. This philosophy serves him well when thinking about leaving home for an extended period. "We are well-trained, well-prepared, proud to serve and ready to go!"

Bringing reminders of home can be difficult for soldiers. There just isn't a lot of room to pack things outside of those items critical to their mission. Gary is bringing a laptop to play CDs and DVDs and to receive and write e-mail, but he won't know if his station will have internet access until he gets there. Nonetheless, Gary found room for a few photographs, some compact discs and, of course, his wedding ring.

## Village Calendar 2004

### January

26 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### February

1 TP Historical Society 4 p.m. Community Building. Program: Helen Tollefsen on Terrace Park Artists.

3 TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria

3 TP Garden Club: Noon — refreshments; 12:30 p.m. meeting/program at Community Building. Program: Garden Design & Planning presented by Dewey Hollister of Ammon Landscape. For more information, contact **Sara Osborn at 831-1136.**

3 TP Recognition Night 7 p.m.

4 Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7:30 p.m. at the home of Nikki Tritsch, 727 Miami. For more information, contact **Missy Osgood at 831-2637.**

7 TP Rec Baseball/Softball Sign-ups 10 a.m. - noon TPE Cafeteria.

9 AARP Luncheon Noon St. Thomas Church. Program: Probate, Living Trust, Long Term Care and Medicaid Planning with Mr. Terry Rawlings of the Seniors Speaker Network. Call **Betty Smith at 831-5434** for reservations.

9 MHS Fine Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.

10 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

14 Valentine's Day

16 President's Day - No School

17 St. Thomas Nursery School Council Beat the Winter Blues Boutique — an evening of shopping and fun. 7 - 9 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall. **Call Nancy Bassett at 831-0558** for more information.

17 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS

18 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

21 Terrace Park Recreation Committee Fundraiser: Pizza/Drinks/Bingo 7 p.m. to midnight St. Thomas Church. For details, visit the TPRC website at [www.tprc.com](http://www.tprc.com)

23 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

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

## Terrace Park Historical Society

### Tracking our past and present for the future

Follow up from December *Village Views*

Ruth Clayton and "Bud" Buschmeier have identified the cow that Pat Fehl remembered daily walking over the railroad bridge to graze on the three empty lots that became 319, 323 and 327 Harvard. The cow belonged to Rose Saap who lived with her husband, Clyde, at 727 Park. The Saaps lived there in a house predating the house now there. Using his special cement construction, George Washington Corey built their house in the 1890s. It was a twin to 729 Park. Who else remembers this house and can tell me more about it. Did it burn down or did it just become in such bad shape that it was taken down?

Ruth also tells about the "low land between Douglas and Denison Avenues." She says they called that area "the pit" and there was a small lake down there on which her brother, Robert Strathman, had a raft. People used to fish in that lake. Susan Heil Abernethy Frank has

some memories of that area that she's promised to write about. As some of you know that area was originally a gravel pit from which ballast was taken for building the Little Miami Railroad. Before that happened no doubt the land from Douglas to Denison was level as is most of the Park. There's another

pit from which ballast for the railroad was taken. Who knows where that is? I'm really looking for residents to submit information and I know there are some of you out there who have things to tell.

What other stories can people tell me? ([cccole4@juno.com](mailto:cccole4@juno.com) or 831-6771)

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### Everybody Hurts ... Sometimes

How to Deal With:

Feb. 1	Discouragement	Feb. 22	Divorce
Feb. 8	Death	Feb. 29	Fears (10:30 a.m. only)
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## Teacher earns national certification

Mariemont High School English teacher Cheryl Toepfer has passed her National Boards for Professional Teaching. The National Board Certification(r) measures a teacher's practice against high and rigorous standards. The process is an extensive series of performance-based assessments that includes teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes and thorough analyses of the candidates' classroom teaching and student learning. Teachers also complete a series of written exercises that probe the depth of their subject-matter knowledge, as well as their understanding of how to teach those subjects to their students. For more information go to [www.nbpts.org/about/index.cfm](http://www.nbpts.org/about/index.cfm).



## Friends dedicated tree in memory of Shirley Brown

On Tuesday, December 16, 2003, the unofficial tennis group called TNT (Tuesday Night Tennis) met at the Terrace Park Swim Club. A memorial tree was dedicated to Shirley Brown (Mrs. Stanley), one of the founding members of TNT. This group of past and present tennis players meets every Tuesday, weather and light permitting, to play tennis and enjoy dinner together. The tree will give continuing pleasure to future tennis players. Additional remembrance money was given to the Terrace Park Garden Club, another one of Shirley's favorite interests. The plaque on the tree reads, "Bur Oak, Shirley D. Brown, 1928-2003, Her enthusiasm, vitality, energy, leadership and courage were inspirational. From her TNT Friends."

## Terrace Park art in national magazine

The Terrace Park Elementary Art History Timeline, created by students in the 2002-03 school year, will be featured in the national art magazine, School Arts Magazine. Teachers Shelley Komrska and Melissa Rupe worked on the project together.

Ladies who are interested in joining a Bunco Group or Book Club this year, please call **Melissa Gearhart at 831-0320**, or **Becky Shoemaker at 576-9699**.

## Come party for a good cause

Mardi Gras In Terrace Park - A community cocktail party at St. Thomas supporting Children's Hospital. Come enjoy this festive evening February 28 with food, wine, beer, music & auction. To make your reservation call **Vanessa Peterman at 831-3074**. Sponsored by Kindervelt

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## Terrace Park Elementary PTO News

By Betsy Porst

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Girl Scout Troop #1451 hosted more than 40 children at "Kids' Day Out" in December.

## A day of fun at Kids' Day Out

Terrace Park fifth grade Girl Scout Troop #1451 sponsored Kids' Day Out on Monday, December 29. The troop has been working hard to earn money to put towards a group trip planned after they complete sixth grade. More than 40 area children spent part of their day at the community building, while their parents could use the time to return and exchange holiday presents or just relax at the end of the busy holiday season. The troop organized games, music, dancing, art

activities and lunch for kids that are two years old and older. The day was a great success for all of the children.

Another babysitting event, "The Pajama Party," is scheduled for Friday, February 20 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the community building. Please call Holly Purcell at 831-1705 for additional information or to register your children.

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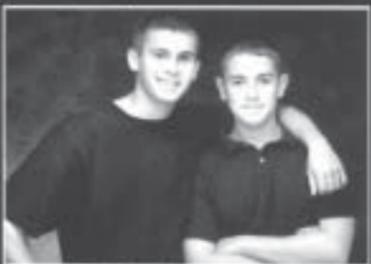
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# Terrace Park Historical Society

## Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol C. Cole

The following article by Linda Cagnetti appeared in Stan Miller's 1976 scrapbook. It must have been the result of an interview with Tex Clennin, the landlord of much of the land along the Little Miami River across Wooster Pike from where he lived. The park that is mentioned was not developed at that time but is part of the land currently under discussion for the Little Miami Bike Trail.

### **That land's been my life for 52 years**

He tips the white cowboy hat back from his dimming eyes and shoves his rough hands into the pockets of his overalls. His gruffness disappears only when he talks about Mama and selling his land.

"Mama had several strokes the past few years," the old man explained. "And that land, well, that land's been my life for 52 years, good and bad," he said.

"Sure I'm gonna miss it," he snapped. "I miss it already. But I have to take care of mama now, and I can't do both anymore."

Mama is Tex Clennin's wife, Margarite Luen Clennin. She was born in the big hilltop house where the Clennins still live at 8468 Wooster Pike in Columbia Township.

THE LAND HE'S talking about is 17.1 acres across the road, sandwiched between Plainville and Terrace Park along the north shore of the Little Miami River.

Clennin sold the land and the 35 cottages there to the state in March. The buildings will be demolished. The land will be preserved as a park.

The sale, many say, will end a controversy that smoldered for years between the cowboy landlord and Hamilton County and Terrace Park. The county contended many of the river cottages Clennin rented were substandard and should be condemned. Terrace Park once fought three years to close down the Tex Café and Bar there.

The landlord, however, is as controversial as his land. "Everybody around here knows Tex-or knows of him," one man explained. "He's what we call 'a real character.' Some people like him. Some don't."

ANOTHER MAN SAID, "Tex scares some folks, He's grouchy and tough. But if you're good to him, he's good to you."

"Some call him a bad landlord," one tenant said. "But he's loaned many a man \$10 till Friday and fed the man's family from his garden. So what's bad?" he shrugged.

Most local people, however, refer to him only as a rich old cowboy. "Well," Clennin draws, sup-



The former home of Tex Clennin at 8468 Wooster Pike in Columbia Township.

pressing a grin, "I used to be a cowboy... I'm old... I guess I ain't done too bad.

People won't believe it," he said, "but I used to give away more money than I made. Lot of people thought I was awful and they'd still borrow \$5 from me every Friday."

MRS. CLENNIN, Mama, a tall slender spirited woman who still calls her husband 'darlin', interrupts. "He made them pay the rent," she recalled. "Then he'd turn around and loan it to the next guy. They used to call him 'the homeloan' 'down there,'" she laughed.

Most of Clennin's life has revolved around this river land. He admits changes aren't easy at age 82.

"Maybe I'll make a little money while I rest," he chuckled. "I still got plenty to do anyway -the garden, the cows, eight or nine other houses, and Mama."

Today, Clennin is eager to get back to the garden and cover the beans before the evening frost. His face is still scarred slightly from a train wreck years ago most people say "would have killed an ordinary man."

HIS BODY BENEATH the baggy overalls is still straight and lean-the only clue, besides the hat, of days when the younger man punched cattle for \$45 a month and helped his father eke a living from land in the Dust Bowl.

He says he's been a farmer, rancher, plumber, carpenter, hog and dairy business and a landlord. "I didn't have much schooling," he said, shuffling cards atop the crocheted tablecloth, "but I can pretty near do anything."

HIS MEMORY, like his tongue, is still sharp. So is Mama's. Her grandparents owned this land. The Clennins recall past summers when the cottages vibrated with the

sounds of bare tanned feet skipping the pine porches. The dirt lanes, now full of chug holes, were lovers' lanes and many of Cincinnati's rich families vacationed here for the summer. There was a dancehall, a tennis court and a boat club. The black cook at the boat club cooked the Clennins' wedding supper.

Clennin bends patiently over his wife's wheelchair and gently helps her turn the pages of a worn photo album. Her left arm is paralyzed from the last stroke.

Clennin started buying land along the Little Miami River in the 1930s, most of it from his in-laws. He leased one of the cottages and converted it to the Tex Café. He enticed summer vacationers and "local regulars" all along the river with fried chicken and steak.

Gradually, the hardworking story-telling cowboy bought up the land from the Luen estate. He built more cabins along the river and converted them to year-around dwellings.

HE MOVED MOST of the cottages farther from the shoreline to protect them from the River's flooding. He added second stories. He installed heating. Years later, forced by the county, he hooked into the city water lines.

Most of the tenants were poor and white. Some were transient. Many lived on welfare.

Until March, Clennin's days were filled with "looking after" the 35 dwellings. There were midnight calls to fix the furnace, daybreak mowing, and mounting annoyances.

"The past few years, they've become too much to keep up with," Clennin said. "I can't work the way I used to," he said, as if to convince himself. "I've got a pension, I'm not hungry or thirsty, so I guess I'm all set," he shrugged.

He knows some things won't change. He and his loyal 12-year-old cattle dog companion, Queenie, will still round up the cattle every day.

"I'll always have my cows," Clennin said, "even if I move to Main Street in Cincinnati."-

He'll still make his own wine from his backdoor grape arbor. He'll still grow his own pole beans. He'll still wear his \$30 dollar John B. Stetson when he dresses up.  
By: LINDA CAGNETTI

**Editor's note: As our Historical Society contributor, Carol Cole, mentioned above, this article appeared in a scrapbook and there was no indication of where it was published. The description of Tex Clennin is poetic and we felt worth sharing. If you are familiar with this article and can tell us where it was published, we will gladly attribute it correctly in the next issue of the paper.**



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# Centering on families gives parents tools for raising kids

By Ann Gibson

Providing parents with the tools to address our children's growing problems, frustrations, and the difficult situations presented in today's society is the focus of the Workshop Speaker series this year at the Cinergy Children's Museum at Cincinnati Museum Center. The Children's Museum is combining talents, time, and energy with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Beech Acres to sponsor five monthly sessions aimed at enabling parents to provide their children with the best possible tools necessary to become mature, caring adults.

The series begins January 14 with a presentation and panel discussion, *How to Serve as an Advocate for Your Child and Maximize Your Child's Education*. The panelists consist of Barbara Hunter, Executive Director of the Springer Center, Jeffrey Brokamp, Assistant Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools, and Peter DeDominici, Director of Education and Special Projects for the Museum Center. This session is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Because children deal with more stressful situations today than any previous generation, *Teaching Your Children to Deal with Stress* is the focus of the second session in the speaker series. The session is geared to help parents identify situations that can cause stress in children, recognize the signs, offer practical suggestions on dealing with stress, and teaching children how to manage their own stress. This session will be led by Scott W. Powers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics and the Director of the Postdoctoral Training Program, Psychology, at the Children's Hospital Medical Center. This session is scheduled for February 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Creating a plan of discipline and an atmosphere of mutual respect, while keeping families' and children's needs in perspective, is the focus of the third session, *Effective Discipline: Raising Kids Who are Responsible and Respectful*. Led by Julie Kneuen, LISW, Clinical Trainer for Beech Acres, and Carolyn Whitehead-Brown, Coordinator of Group Services for Beech Acres, this session will address effective discipline for kids of all ages, obtaining cooperation in difficult situations, and

helping parents to raise children that are responsible and respectful. This session is scheduled for March 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The role self-esteem plays in the stages of social development is the focus of *How to Build Self-Esteem in Your Children*. Parents will learn the different stages of social development, how self-esteem plays a role in that development, and how to support the growth of positive self-esteem in their children. This session will be led by Daniel P. Nelson, M.D., Child Psychiatrist, Medical Director, Psychiatry Unit, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The session is scheduled for April 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Parents with boys will be provided insight on raising boys to become responsible men in *Raising Boys: The Next Generation of Men*. Led by Diane Jordan, M.Ed., University of Cincinnati, she is a consultant and trainer in several areas including youth issues, parents will learn how to nurture and support the emotional, spiritual, and moral development in boys. This session is scheduled for May 19, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Raising Girls: The Next Generation of Women* will focus on the girls of today, teaching parents how to handle the issues many girls face as they move into adolescence: self-esteem, sexism, finding role models, and enhancing the girls' own sense of self. The session, led by Marie Hill, M.A., M.Ed., LPCC, and Clinical Counselor and Mediator for Beech Acres, will help guide parents toward teaching their daughters an appreciation for one's body, economic independence, self-respect and confidence. This session is scheduled for May 19, from 8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Dr. Steve Meuthing, Associate Director of Clinical Services at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center will be the moderator for each session.

Each session will be held in the Reakirt Auditorium at the Cincinnati Museum Center. The cost is \$10 per session for Cinergy Children's Museum/Cincinnati Museum Center members, and \$15 per session for non-members. The cost for the entire series is \$35 for members, \$55 for non-members.

Call 513-287-7021, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to register by phone.



Photos: Chandi Findley

**Timber!** After removing the upper branches from this tree on Terrace Place, Davey tree service employees used a chain saw to cut the trunk while using a rope to pull the tree to the ground in a controlled direction.

## TP Tree Program much more than slash and plant

By Chandi Findley

This winter village residents may be a bit concerned about the number of established trees being cut down. But after more than two decades working with the village, Randy Haller, now Terrace Park's urban forester, can assure us all that losing these trees is only a small part of the bigger plan that has made Terrace Park a Tree City USA since 1985.

"The tree program is a comprehensive award winning program that's been in place for a long time," Randy said. "It's more than just slash and plant."

Terrace Park maintains a computerized inventory of more than 2,700 trees owned and maintained by the village. The database includes information about each village tree including its species, size and work history.

A tree's work history may include information about pruning and fertilization. Usually done on a rotating basis, this year about 157 younger trees will be fertilized in the fall and about 90 will be pruned in the winter.

Even the planting of new trees is done according to a set plan. The first priority for planting is given to sites where a tree was removed, then trees are planted where "there is a hole in the canopy," Randy said.

### What happened to the trees?

This winter, Davey tree service is contracted to remove 26 unhealthy trees. Cinergy will also be removing 25 trees. Fungus, insects, and borers can attack the trees and lead to their untimely demise. In fact, Randy foresees several nasty insects that are invading from Asia will cause problems down the road.

The village is also facing the problem of "overly mature" trees. Between 1896 and 1898, the village planted 1,600 trees. Trees in an urban environment rarely last more than 60 years. We have many trees that have outlived their expectancy because they have "not been messed with," Randy said. With little street work or street remodeling to disturb their roots, the trees were given a much longer lease on life.

### Tree City USA Award

Since 1981, Terrace Park has had a program dedicated to main-

taining our public trees. Because of this dedication to a vital natural resource, Terrace Park was named a Tree City USA in 1983. According to a website sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, "Every community, regardless of size, benefits in different ways from being a Tree City USA...A community's public image is a very real phenomenon and important in many ways. Being a Tree City USA helps present the kind of image that most citizens want to have for the place they live or conduct business. The Tree City USA signs at community entrances tell visitors that here is a community that cares about its environment."

The website also said "Pride is sometimes a less tangible benefit. Gaining and retaining Tree City USA recognition is an award to the tree workers, managers, volunteers, tree board members and others who work on behalf of better care of a community's trees. Non-involved citizens, too, often share a sense of pride that theirs is a Tree City USA. This may translate to better care of trees on private property or a willingness to volunteer in the future."

### Taking care of your trees

Village trees usually die by "wounding, drowning or dying of thirst," Randy said. But, there are several ways residents can help maintain healthy trees.

Residents can avoid wounding their trees by keeping lawnmowers away from the trees' trunks. Construction can severely damage a tree's root system through digging or by burying them under dirt. Randy often works with Terrace Park's Building Inspector Bill Fielder to see what can be done to save trees threatened by construction.

Also, mulch should not touch the tree and should be no deeper than three inches. Mulch can give insects a place to hide and can serve as a breeding ground for diseases.

Drought is a major killer of our trees. Residents should water their trees during dry spells with a slow drip or injection type rod (these rods are usually used to fertilize trees, but work well for delivering just water). Be warned, a tree can also drown due to overwatering. So, to ensure your best intentions are the best for your village tree, call the Village Office at 831-2138 with any questions

or before performing any maintenance besides watering or mulching.

### The master plan

Terrace Park has a master tree planting plan. Each street has an assigned species. Following is a list of the plan as printed in the *Trees for the Village* pamphlet available at the village offices. (If you are unsure if a tree is owned by the village, this pamphlet also offers a map and explanation of how to determine a tree's ownership.)

Street	Planned Species
Amherst	Red Maple
Cambridge	Sweetgum
Cornell	Tulip Poplar
Denison	Autumn Purple Ash
Douglas	Sargent Cherry
Elm (Wooster to Princeton)	Smoothleaf Elm
Elm (Princeton to Wooster)	Silver Linden
Elm Court	Red Maple
Fieldstone	Red Maple
Floral	Red Oak
Franklin	Red Maple
Given	Red Maple
Harvard	Norway Maple
Home	White Oak
Indian Hill	Autumn Purple Ash
Lexington	White Oak
Marian	Red Maple
Marietta	Red Maple
Miami (Sycamore to Amherst)	River Birch
Miami (Amherst to Edgewater)	Hess Ash
Michigan	Green Ash
Myrtle	Tulip Poplar
New	Sugar Maple
Oxford	Aristocrat Pear
Park	Tulip Pear
Poplar	Red Maple
Princeton	Red Maple
Redbird	Red Maple
Robinwood	Autumn Purple Ash
Rugby	Silver Linden
Stanton (Miami to Elm)	Autumn Purple Ash
Rugby	Silver Linden
Stanton (Miami to Elm)	Autumn Purple Ash
Stanton (Elm to cul de sac)	Red Maple
Sycamore	Red Maple
Terrace Pl	Scarlet Oak
Wagon Rd	Aristocrat Pear
Washington	Norway Maple
Western	Tulip Poplar
Windingbrook	Red Maple
Wooster Pk	Aristocrat Pear
Wrenwood	Sugar Maple
Yale	London Plane

### Saving you money

Although we are fortunate to live in such a lovely village populated by older growth trees, there is one costly downside...removing a tree can be pretty expensive. If you have to have a tree removed from your property, Randy has one final piece of advice. Because people aren't paying much attention to their trees during the winter, tree companies are often looking for work and offer discounts. With a little planning, you can take advantage of these cheaper winter rates.

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By Matt Nickum [www.tprc.net](http://www.tprc.net)

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