

# March Village Council highlights

By Susan M. House

[www.tpsurvey.org](http://www.tpsurvey.org)

Resident Lee Cole, of 628 Mrytle, spoke to Council regarding funds that will be required sometime in the middle of the summer to maintain the [www.tpsurvey.org](http://www.tpsurvey.org) website. The site was originally funded by the Terrace Park Woman's Club and has previously been sponsored by Greg

MacMilian. The website is maintained by Carol C. Cole, of 628 Mrytle, and is a comprehensive and interesting catalogue of all 800 homes in Terrace Park, with ownership history and a photo of each home. The site also contains genealogy articles, historical stories, and other valuable chronological information. It is presently linked to four other Terrace Park websites, and

will hopefully be linked to all Terrace Park websites in the near future. Mayor Jay Gohman remarked that this is a wonderful website and encouraged all residents to visit.

#### Storm drain easement

Council approved the purchase, by Terrace Park, of an easement across the Machles property at 106 Redbird Lane, for the location of a storm drain pipe that will help to eliminate the water accumulation on Redbird Lane. The cost of the easement is \$16,750. During the "resident input" session at the meeting, Sabina Sylvest of 108 Redbird expressed concern for a silver maple tree that is on her property but has a drip line pattern that will be affected by the construction at the Machles property. After a discussion that determined that the Village would not have liability in the case, it was still decided that Council will ask Randy Haller, the village arborist to take a look at the tree in questions to determine any possible mitigation measures.

#### Bike trail

Mayor Gohman commented on the article in last month's Cincinnati Enquirer about the proposed bike trail and its extension through Terrace Park. The Mayor said that the article did not represent anything

that was close to opinions expressed by himself, Jeff Koreman and Police Chief Robert Bacon when they were interviewed. Councilman Koreman will publish an article in this issue of the Village Views addressing the latest Bike Trail Committee report. (*See bike trail update on page 5.*)

#### Dick & Candy Wachterman Day

The Mayor proclaimed Monday, March 14, 2004 "Dick & Candy Wachterman Day," in honor of Dick for his service to the Village as the Village Solicitor, and as a member of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and to Candy for service as EMS Captain, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief.

#### The Village welcomes a new staff member

Mayor Gohman welcomed Pat Dole, who began work Monday, March 8, 2004, as the Village Clerk and Administrative Assistant. Pat has many years of experience and will be a valuable addition to the Terrace Park staff.

#### Zoning appeal update

Regarding the zoning appeals matter at 707 Mrytle, Village Solicitor Robert Malloy reported that the appeal briefs have been filed. The hearing is scheduled for March 15, 2004.

#### From the desk of Chief Bacon

Police Chief Bacon told Council that the police department gave a talk to 15 boy scouts last month on gun safety. The Chief offered that the Ohio Concealed Carry law goes into effect on April 8, 2004. The permits are issued only through the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the requirements for the permit, however, may be picked up from our Terrace Park Police Department.

#### Street commissioner's report

As street commissioner, Chief Bacon reported that he is working with Savage Walker to formulate a list of streets that will need resurfacing.

During a discussion about standing water in streets, George Kipp, the Village Engineer stated that water pooling in streets is not a concern, since we have a "natural" drainage system. If water continues to stay in the road, efforts are made to get the water to drain off to the sides.

Brush is picked-up curbside every Monday and Tuesday. Chief Bacon asked that any resident requiring the pick-up of a large load call him to schedule.

Councilman Stefan Olson reminded residents that brush should be put out for pick-up, and not discarded in adjacent streams and creeks.

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## Working together works for designing woman

By Sherry Holcomb

It is a dog-eat-dog world out there. Every retailer and advertiser is clamoring for your disposable income and trying to beat out the competition to get ahead. Except, that is, in a little corner of the world in Maderia where 10 creative women have joined together in a retail cooperative called Laurel House Shops.

Terrace Park resident Crissy Holcomb, owner of MCH Designs, is one of the participants in this arrangement to collectively support and promote seven separate retail businesses. The idea is that all of the owners support each other's business and work in the shop one or two days a week. In the process, each participant learns about the other businesses and products, while still maintaining their focus on raising a family and being involved in their children's lives.



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Terrace Park resident, Crissy Holcomb, has joined a retail cooperative called Laurel House Shops in Maderia. Using her experience as an interior decorator, Crissy hopes to seek out pieces and products not readily available in Cincinnati.**

Dallas. In addition, Crissy will work with customers to find a particular piece or fill a special order.

"I'm bringing in my favorites and things clients say they need," explains Crissy. "I've filled my shop with things that are not readily available in Cincinnati. The fun part for me is that I can find things for people that they can't get on their own. Going to market is like a treasure hunt for me."

Accompanying her on those "treasure hunts" is Crissy's best friend, co-op partner and former Terrace Park resident, Karen Aiklen. Karen owns Primrose Hill, a bath products store that is also part of the Laurel House Shops. The other businesses that are part of Laurel House include Hatitudes, Posh Poppy, Century House, CJ's Clothing and Ella Bella.

The shops are located at 7801 Laurel Avenue in Maderia, just past the post office. You can shop from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Crissy says that folks can see her every Thursday and some Saturdays at the shop. Though the store is open now, everyone will be invited to attend the official grand opening celebration in April or May.

Crissy will be celebrating not only the opening of the MCH Designs shop and the support that made it possible, but also the realization of a dream. Says Crissy, "I'm meeting my goals of being able to focus on my family, have an outlet for my creativity and build relationships with my clients."

## Septic failure coming to a yard near you? The complications of a once easy remedy

By Bren Fries

Last fall, my family and I got to enjoy the pleasure of a septic system replacement. For me, it was the realization that, alas, absolutely EVERYTHING in our house did in fact break down, just a little at a time. What I didn't anticipate was the new reality both in cost and difficulty of coordinating a new septic installation.

My thought going in was that this would be a pretty simple fix, aside from a grassy lawn turned gravel pit. Our dry well no longer worked without monthly pumping, so I figured I'd hire an excavator to come in, dig a huge hole and put a new one in. Not so fast, my septic-ignorant friend! Replacement of any system tank now requires total overhaul, says Hamilton County Department Officer Chris Griffith. And the new system is anything but a traditional septic system. Under the watch of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Hamilton County now requires new systems in areas like Terrace Park to be much more efficient and thorough in the treatment of waste.

Enter the pressurized filter system, like the one now in my back-

yard. Basically, this system, using an electrical pump, forces effluent from the house through a septic tank to a large filter system above it. There the fluid travels through a series of waffle-like filters, along piping from large to small to an expansive, last-stop filter bed of sand and gravel. From there, officials claim the effluent is pure enough to be used for irrigation on ground vegetation. (Fear not, neighbors, that's one step I WON'T be taking!)

I always thought that Terrace Park, fixed on about 80 feet of sand and gravel represented the finest natural septic in the land. But, according to Griffith, the EPA has found that areas like ours have, over time, produced toxins in the water table because the prevalence of rock at all levels that "moved" the effluent along too rapidly to the water table below.

All this sounded fine to me until I was presented with the details. As this is a relatively new system, few plumbers/septic specialists installed the complex systems. What's more only two dealers sell and service the new system enabling them to basically set a very high price. In short, if this happens to you, fellow Villager, expect a bill of \$20,000...at minimum.

Believe me when I say that I considered all options, legal and otherwise. I sought counsel of several experts and in the end, I had

the work done. A handful of residents in Terrace Park currently have this system and some have been lucky enough to be on soil that doesn't require the expensive filter system my rocky yard mandated. I am hearing of others who are beginning to have troubles with their septic systems and wonder what is in store for them.

The new system seems to work well, but the sheer expense and detailed installation process makes me wonder if there isn't a better way. Sewer systems are an obvious option, a road we have been down before in these parts. What's more, it was Griffith's opinion that, based on our soil content, the depth and size of the excavation to install sewers under our streets and sidewalks would surely kill many of the trees lining them. As an all-septic community, I think we need some expert advice and guidance to arm citizens in the years ahead. This latest gem sums up perfectly the meaning of "hidden costs." Hopefully, all is well under your soon-to-be green grass.



**Village Views** reminds pet owners that Terrace Park has a leash law. This means that pets must be properly confined within the boundaries of the owner's property or **must be on a leash**. For everyone's safety and as a matter of courtesy, please comply with the ordinance.



**Deadline**  
The deadline for the April issue of the *Village Views* is Friday April 9th.

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.

**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Friends, Parents, Students:

After more than twenty years at the Terrace Park location, the Lamplighter has lost its lease. Consequently, we will be moving the end of this March to the Milford Plaza, 70 Cemetery Rd., Milford, OH 45150. We will be less than three miles east of where we are now, off Rt. 50, across from McDonalds. The telephone number will remain the same (831-6344), so you will have no difficulty contacting us. Our services to students will not be interrupted.

Needless to say, we hope to continue to serve all our present and future students with the same commitment and care that we have offered in the past. Although Frank Ladrihan, someone we have known for years, will be buying the Lamplighter, I will remain as director, and our current teachers will stay with us. If anything, things will be better. You will be able to count on us with the same confidence you have had in the past. As always, we promise you our very best efforts.

We thank you for twenty years of support and encouragement. We have had twenty wonderful years serving our students in this extended community. Our work has been fruitful. Please stay with us.

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**April deadline :**

The April deadline for *Village Views* is **April 9th**. 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.

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**Terrace Park woman celebrates 100th birthday**

By Cynthia J. Palmer

Esther T. Palmer, who was born in Buffalo, NY in 1904, and has resided in Terrace Park for the past 11 years, will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 14, 2004.

She has seen the first automobile, the first airplane, two world wars, numerous world conflicts, inventions, and other events we take for granted. She graduated from Buffalo State Teachers College and spent many years substitute teaching Home Economics in the Cincinnati Public Schools during the 1950s. Her husband Michael, a research chef for Procter and Gamble, passed away in 1975. Her son and another daughter have also passed. Esther lives with her daughter,

Cynthia on Park Avenue. Her health is excellent and she enjoys visits from two local grandchildren and five local great-grandchildren. Several times a year, she flies to San Antonio, Texas to visit her grandson Mark, part owner of a physical therapy company serving Texas and Arizona. Sean Hudson, her other grandson, an RN at Jewish Hospital Emergency Department, keeps a close eye on her health, as does her granddaughter, Amy Cowart, an artist and homemaker who lives in Williams Meadow.

If you ask her, she will say living to 100 is too long! But, her family has enjoyed having her with them and hopes she has another quarter of a century left.

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# Reading as a thinking process

By Vivian Franz, Ph.D.

Parents concerned about school performance ask why reading is so difficult to remediate. The answer is that reading is not a subject. It is a process, a thinking process. The subjects of social studies and science have content, but reading has no content of its own. We have to read social studies and science. We have to read a poem, a short story, or a school text. Reading is the cognitive process by which we interpret and analyze the symbols on the printed page. It is the means by which we understand the printed page.

Moreover, no one will ever read better than he or she can think. True, in the earliest steps of reading, decoding words and being able to pronounce them is a necessary first step. But if we don't know what the words mean, we are not really reading. That is why reading comprehension is essential to success in all academic subjects. It is why specialized vocabulary in school subjects is taught and high-lighted in texts.

Dr. Donald Edwards, formerly of Miami University, Oxford, used to tell teachers in his graduate classes that usually children can read any words in their speaking and understanding vocabularies. He talked about bringing words "within recognition range." What he meant was that the student coming to the word "escalator" might be able to break the word down into parts and pronounce it, but unless he or she has heard the word and knows its meaning, the word "escalator" will not be understood. This is one reason why

talking with and reading to children is so important.

In a like manner, high school students preparing for the SAT college entrance tests soon see the importance of an extensive vocabulary. To perform well on the SAT, students must read well. They must know specifically what the questions are asking and then understand the answer choices. One might say the verbal SAT is vocabulary, vocabulary, vocabulary. Of course, it is more than that. It is taking all those word meanings and constructing them into involved, continuous thoughts and coming up with conclusions.

The SAT is thinking. It has three main verbal subtests: sentence completion, analogies, and critical reading. Vocabulary knowledge is essential to all. If students don't know particular words in the question, it is difficult to choose the correct answer. (Thus students seek to supplement imperfect knowledge with test taking techniques in hopes of a better score. "All things being equal," there is some merit in this endeavor. Most of us go through life with inadequate knowledge in one respect or another. Estimation, too, is thinking and can sometimes serve us well.)

But good teachers don't teach for a test. They teach for a lifetime, the student's lifetime. Further, students should learn for a lifetime, realizing that every skill, every academic accomplishment, adds to a base of knowledge that will enable them to live well, to cope in difficult times, to produce, to enable, and to serve. This is what education is all about.

Frank Jennings in his book *This Is Reading* says, "The value of a book in this changing world is its

## Village Calendar 2004

**March**

- 22 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 25 TP Social Club "Meet and Greet" 5:30 p.m. Community Building. Open to all Terrace Park residents. For more information, contact **Christie Lundeberg at 831-9221**.
- 25 Mariemont Foundation Meeting MJHS Library 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Kindervelt Easter Egg Hunt 1-3 p.m. Village Green. Egg hunt, raffle, games and refreshments. Contact **Diedre Byers at 576-9334** for more information.
- 30 TPE Everybody Counts Week begins

**April**

- 5-9 Spring Break for Mariemont Schools
- 7 Kindervelt #76 Closing Dinner 7 p.m. at the home of Melanie Stutenroth. For details, contact **Missy Osgood at 831-2637**.
- 11 Easter
- 12 Mariemont Schools reopen
- 12 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building
- 12 AARP Meeting 1:30 p.m. at SEM Laurels in Milford. Program: Barbara Petersen from

Cloverbrook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired on "Cloverbrook's Low Vision Clinic and Finding New Ways." For more information, contact **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650**.

- 13 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 13 TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 13 TP Garden Club: Noon - refreshments; 12:30 p.m. Meeting/Program: "Living Wreath Workshop." Community Building. For more information, contact **Sara Osborn at 831-1136**.
- 13 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 19 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting MHS 7:15 p.m.
- 21 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 22 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library
- 24 TPE Clean-up Day 9 a.m. to Noon
- 24 Spring Dulcimer Festival at the Community Building. Daytime workshops (\$15); 6:30 p.m. open stage; 7:45 p.m. concert (\$5 donation). For more information, contact **Fran Booth at 891-7037**.

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

ability to hold things still long enough for them to be understood." He goes on to say that "knowledge is a hunger-maker."

Knowing, then, what reading is can lead to higher academic performance. Understanding that reading is thinking can cause us, more often, to pick up a book and read. Thus enriched, we become better teachers or parents. When we read, our children will, sooner or later, read also.

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## CCDS Upper School Honors for fall semester 2003/2004

The following Terrace Park students earned honors at Cincinnati Country Day School for the fall semester: 12th grade high honors, Emily Ehrnschwender; 10th grade high honors, Alexander Ehrnschwender, Eduardo Rafael Mancera, Carter Stewart Woolsey; 9th grade high honors, Lauren Frisch; 12th grade honors, Carl Richard Coleman; 11th grade honors, Benjamin Brett Tanzer; 10th grade honors, Samuel James Wilson; 9th grade honors, William Christian Brengle, George Myatt, Scott Patrick Shad, and Julia Nieman Wilson.



## Spring Dulcimer Festival, April 24 at the Terrace Park community building

The sounds of sweet mountain dulcimer music will fill the Terrace Park Community Building Saturday, April 24! Come to enjoy the evening concert by nationally celebrated

dulcimet Karen Mueller - or bring you dulcimer and learn new techniques at three workshops taught by Karen during the day.

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society offers this outstanding opportunity each spring and fall. The cost for each workshop is \$15; and the 7:45 p.m. concert donation is \$5 (no donation by children 12 and under). Refreshments are served. Evening audience may arrive at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy the Society's free "open state" performances.

**Workshop #1** Knowing and Using Chords (10 a.m.)

**Workshop #2** Playing on the "Off Beat" (12:45 p.m.)

**Workshop #3** Using the 1-1/2 Fret (2:30 p.m.)

Questions? Please call Fran at (513) 891-7037.

Please send your reservation with choice of events, your phone number and address, by April 21 to Fran Booth, 4712 Duneden Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45236-3210. Please make checks payable to: Cincinnati Dulcimer Society.

## St. Thomas to offer Tai Chi classes

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ance, relaxation and muscle tone!

The six week spring series begins Tuesday, April 13, from 7 to 8 p.m. or Friday, April 16, from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 per class with a total of six classes per series.

The class will be led by Sr. Mary Ann Humbert. She has nearly 25 years of experience with Tai Chi, and emphasizes the body, mind, spirit connection.

Please call the church office at 831-2052 to register.

## Running to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund

By The Terrace Park Pigs marathon team

Our relay team is running the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati on May 2, 2004. Each of our team members will be running a portion of the 26.2 mile marathon. When we decided to form a relay team, we were just running for the fun and fitness surrounding the event. After thinking further, we decided that if we were going to run, we should run for a charity we feel strongly could use our support.

On May 2, our team will run 26.2 miles to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JRDF). JRDF is dedicated to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through support and research. More than 1.3 mil-



lion Americans have juvenile diabetes - a disease that strikes children suddenly, makes them insulin dependent for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

We are asking for donations to support our cause. If you are interested in donating, please send a check Angela LeMay, 707 Floral Avenue, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174. Checks should be made out to JRDF. If you have any questions, please call Angela LeMay at 831-2041. All of your fund raising money will go to JRDF. Please show your support for helping find a cure!!

Thanks in advance for your support! - Angel LeMay, Marvin Lopez, Scott Greene and KT Overbey (The Terrace Park Pigs).

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# Terrace Park Historical Society

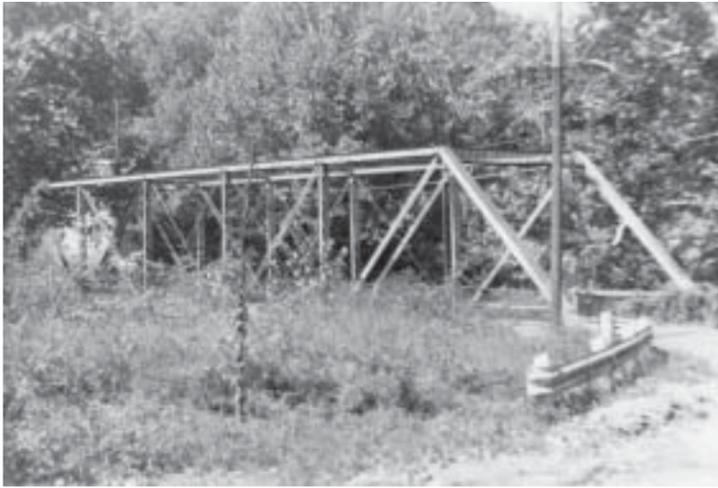
"Tracking our past and present for the future"

## Charles Meurer, famous Terrace Park artist, and the old bridge below St. Thomas

By Carol C. Cole

Late Wednesday afternoon on March 3 a group of Terrace Park Historical Society members and guests were treated to a wonderful lecture and tour at Cincinnati Art Galleries on 6th Street. The exhibit is entitled *Charles Alfred Meurer, A Career Retrospective* and runs through the end of March. John Rockaway arranged this for us. As you no doubt remember, Charles Meurer lived for years at 731 Miami Avenue in Terrace Park. He is probably best known for his very detailed "trompe l'oeil" oil paintings, but he also did some wonderful much more impressionistic landscapes. Many of these are of Cincinnati scenes and even more precisely of Terrace Park and nearby areas. If you have a chance I would encourage anyone to go see this collection of paintings from a very long career. One does not often have the opportunity to see such a large and varied collection of paintings by one artist and in this case from Terrace Park.

In our archives and in our building survey on the web we have quite a lot of material concerning the life of the Meurer family in Terrace Park. Towards the end of his life Charles was involved in one of our controversial issues, this time concerning the bridge over Red Bird Creek below St. Thomas Church and the entrance at that point out onto Wooster Pike. Were the bridge or the entrance out onto Wooster Pike unsafe? Was a change going to "increase traffic on Miami Ave., creat-



**In the 1950s, this old bridge was the center of a controversy involving celebrated artist Charles Meurer. (It crossed Red Bird Creek below St. Thomas Church and provided an entrance to Wooster Pike.)**

ing a traffic hazard and destroying the seclusion of the village?" (*Cincinnati Times* September 18, 1956.)

An article in one of Stan Miller's early scrapbooks is titled *Court Clears Way For Improvement in Terrace Park* and says, "The suit of Charles A. Meurer as a Terrace Park taxpayer to stop issuance of \$39,000 in bonds for the improvement of Miami Avenue was dismissed yesterday in a decision of the Ohio Supreme Court. The court granted a motion of dismissal of the suit by John R. Gehrig, attorney and Terrace Park solicitor, who won the case in both Common Pleas Court and the Court of Appeal. The Supreme Court held no debatable constitutional question was involved."

Evidently in 1950 Terrace Park voters had already approved a \$27,000 bond issue but that issue was attacked in the courts. Just before the election in 1952 Charles Meurer wrote a letter to the box holders of Terrace Park. He hoped his letter would stop people from voting for a bond issue on the ballot. A note on the back of his letter reads, "P.S. this letter was handed in at the Terrace Park post office at noon on Monday, November 3, in time to have been placed in your box on Monday afternoon. The postmistress on previous occasions had requested as a favor that pre-cancelled postage stamps be used when sending a large number of letters to save her canceling each stamp individually, so, owing to the shortness of time, pre-cancelled stamps were purchased downtown and put on the letters. They were then handed in at the post office at noon on Monday, but the postmistress later telephoned to the sender that she would not place the letters in the boxes because the stamps had not been pre-cancelled by her. It was then too late to do anything that would get the letters to the voters before the election. THE BOND ISSUE CARRIED BY ONLY 20 VOTES.... If you had received our letter in time, would you have voted against the bond issue?"

In 1953 there was debate about an ordinance "Prohibiting any left turn for vehicles proceeding west from Red Bird Hollow Bridge to Wooster Pike, and providing for warning sign 'No left turn' and fine for violation of ordinance." The bridge coming out onto Wooster Pike at that time reached Wooster Pike just east of the railroad underpass, which pretty much blocked vision to the west, and just west of what was at that time Rahn's Barbecue. There were petitions signed siding with Meurer in the controversy and then more petitions signed withdrawing names.

In the end Charles Meurer and his friend George Hawke with whom he worked in this controversy both died only months apart in 1955. A *Cincinnati Times* article from September 18, 1956 says, "Even in death two Terrace Park citizens may be accomplishing their self-appointed mission to prevent the Miami Ave. relocation improvement." By then it was felt that there might be no bids or only too high bids to do the required work. There was so much road construction underway that it was thought prospective bidders might "shy away from this comparatively small project." The bridge was finally replaced further east and torn down on October 7, 8 and 9, 1957.

# Police

The following is a brief summary of police activity in Terrace Park from 02/01/2004-02/29/2004. (Please note: this is not a comprehensive list.)

There were three business properties found unsecured and four alarm drops. Suspicious people were reported in a house (later determined to be workers hired by the owner). Drugs and firearms were found during a traffic stop. A UDF employee reported telephone harassment. A person injured their leg while pushing a car that was stuck due to ice. There was a report of a fire hydrant leaking. A lock

box was found in Mariemont and returned to Terrace Park owner. A worried father asked for help when he kept getting a busy signal when calling home.

Police also responded to the following: a vehicle lockout, speeding and drug possession, a street light out, a suspicious vehicle, unknown individuals shooting off fireworks, a damaged car, and to assist in a hit/skip investigation.

## Bike trail update

By Jeffrey Koreman

As many of you may be aware Mayor Jay Gohman has appointed me to chair the Bike Trail Committee for Village Council. I believe it will be helpful to occasionally update you on the work that Council is pursuing. Several members have met with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI). This was a preliminary meeting where we could begin addressing some of our concerns as to the impact of the bike trail. The meeting was informative and fruitful but we still have a number of questions to be answered. ODNR is looking forward to the village's input.

We would like to begin forming street committees for those streets most impacted by the trail. By the time this is published many of you will have already been contacted. Our goal is to have each of these groups meet and come to some

form of agreement as to what they would like to have done to mitigate the impact of the trail in their immediate area. We would like to see each group elect a spokesperson to address both the committee and council as a whole.

You may have recently seen some surveyor's stakes on the trail. These stakes do not correlate to the center of the proposed trail. They are placed along random points and are used later by the surveyors. The actual construction is tentatively due to begin in June of 2005. If you would care to contact me concerning the trail I would like it to be done through e-mail if at all possible. You may write me at [koremantpcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:koremantpcouncil@hotmail.com). Please rest assured that we are doing everything within our power to see that the village gets every consideration possible from ODNR and that our interests are as protected as they can be.

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# T P R C says, "Thanks for a successful Monte Carlo Night"

By Matt Nickum, President of TPRC [www.tprc.net](http://www.tprc.net)

First, I would like to thank everyone on our committee whose hard work made our first annual Monte Carlo Night a great success. I would also like to thank the volunteers in our local community who worked shifts that night and thanks to all who attended. Thanks to the clean up crew who helped to put the Parish Hall back in such great shape after it was all over. Thanks to St. Thomas Church for having a great facility like the Parish Hall right here in Terrace Park — what a great place to hold local functions and what a great staff they have. Thank you to local business and individuals who donated and a special

thank you to our major sponsor Drackett Harth Construction. I am sure that the children of Terrace Park are thankful as well — they will benefit from such generous individuals in our local community.

The Terrace Park Recreation Committee, Inc. (TPRC) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization founded on September 19, 1968 to: "organize and supervise recreational activities and to provide facilities for such recreational activities for the residents of Terrace Park."

So, please consider a tax deductible donation to TPRC and help to keep the kids of Terrace Park busy playing recreational sports.

## Council continued from front page

### Building official

Bill Fiedler, The Village Building Official, announced that there are three applications in to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Fiedler reiterated that anyone submitting an application to the Building Department must sign in on the log in the village office, so that the date of application is documented.

### Mariemont school board

Olson talked about notice from the Mariemont School District advising that the Extended Time Plan would be discontinued. Olson felt residents were under the impression that should the last school bond pass, this program would not be dropped. Councilman Olson encouraged the school board to maintain better communication with Council and with residents.

### ZBA meetings

Subsequent to a discussion between Council and Robert Malloy about maintenance changes that need to be made to the zoning code, Councilman Olson requested that the Mayor ask the Zoning Board set a specific day of the month for meetings. Malloy offered that most other communities do have set meeting dates. There was concern that board members, due to business traveling requirements, may not be able to set a permanent date. The Mayor will discuss with the ZBA.

### Environmental Services Area

Councilman Koreman offered photos showing different areas of the Environmental Services Area (ESA). A good effort has been made

to remove unattended vehicles whose owners are unknown. In exchange for the scrap metal, the hauling was done at no cost to Terrace Park. The old equipment barn will be repaired and painted by the maintenance crew. Koreman plans to send a letter to all residents within 60 days. The letter will advise that all owners of vehicles, etc. that are stored at the ESA should renew applications for storage or the vehicles will be towed.

### Storm water committee

Councilman Jack Brown announced that he is currently meeting with engineers and that a meeting of the storm water committee will take place within the next 30 days.

### Private streets

Because of snow removal requests, Brown asked George Kipp, the Village engineer, to describe a "private street." Kipp said that a private street is basically a strip of land for ingress and egress to property and is possibly for utility easements. Said land strip is more like a driveway than a street. A private street does not meet zoning requirements for acceptance by a municipality. The private street is therefore not the responsibility of the Village regarding repair, maintenance and all liability. Technically the Village can not go on a private street. In the past the maintenance crew has been asked to remove snow on private streets. Brown will respond to owners who have requested this service. Owners should be given a warning that the Village will not be removing snow from these private streets next season.

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# Happy 40th Birthday Inter Parish Ministry

Many Terrace Park residents are familiar with the good work done by Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) in this area, but even long-time residents might express surprise that 40 years have gone by since the agency was started by the late Ken Clark, then of Terrace Park and St. Thomas Church.

A little history: In years past the Little Miami would flood once, sometimes even twice a year, forcing those along its banks out of their homes. The parishioners of St. Thomas and residents of Terrace Park helped where and when they could with food, shelter and resettlement items.

In 1964 the Rev. Kenneth Clark began an emergency relief agency to be manned by year-round volunteers to gather emergency relief items and to help meet those needs of our neighbors in eastern Hamilton County that we could meet. In just a few years four area churches: Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church, Indian Hill Episcopal/Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and St. Timothy Episcopal Church joined to form the Inter Parish Ministry. The Rev. George Laib was hired as the first full-time director and IPM set up its offices and started the Nearly New Shop and a nursery school at 3509 Debolt Rd. in Newtown, where they continue to this time.

The intervening 35 years have seen tremendous growth at IPM. The founding four churches have been joined by 32 area churches and thousands of families have been helped with a hand up reflecting IPM's Mission Statement:

*The mission of Inter Parish Ministry is to use a Christ centered approach to assist low income persons to move to or remain in a state of self-sufficiency.*

The staff has grown to five full-time and four part-time employees and there are dozens and dozens of volunteers who help run the 13 ongoing, year-round programs that include such diverse outreach as Elder Ministry, Bridge of Hope (a program to help single mothers), Educational Assistance, Vita Sites (for tax help), Summer Enrichment Camp, and much more.

The Inter Parish Ministry is soon to be a fully accredited social agency and is now partnering with The Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations, Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Churches, The Coalition on Homelessness and Housing, and the National Points of Light Program.

The area served has also grown from Bass Island and Newtown along the Little Miami to an area stretching from Mt. Washington in the west along

the Ohio River to the Clermont and Brown County border in the east, approximately 550 sq. miles. And there are now satellite offices in several member churches to better serve the growing needs of this far flung ministry.

The residents of Terrace Park and the parishioners of the 36 member churches can be very proud of this dynamic, growing agency that they helped to build and have supported for 40 years. But, as you might expect, as the resources have grown, the needs have grown even faster.

IPM's Executive Director, Annette Krochmalny, emphasizes that IPM is about helping people become and remain self-sufficient; it's about a hand up, not a hand out, she says. If a family or individual seeks financial aid for heating bills or rent, they must demonstrate true need and they may not seek help again for a least six months, nor can any client ask for food, clothing or furniture donations more than once in any three month time span. Yet this year has been unprecedented in the number of people needing help. IPM has supplied 4,114 families with food boxes, not counting the holiday food baskets, and \$42,000 was dispersed for emergency needs, mostly heat and lights. Yet with all this, IPM was able to help only one of every five families who asked for help. The money for emergencies is given out on the first day of the month and

used to last well into the month, but this year all of each month's money is gone by the end of the first day. The food supply has dwindled also and again and again IPM has had to turn to the FoodBank in Cincinnati or use its strained resources to buy basic necessities.

Most people who come to us for help, says Annette, have never asked for help from an agency before. Most are working people at the lower end of the economic scale, but hard working people who have lost their job or are experiencing a medical emergency or personal loss. Most get their lives back on track with a bit of help and don't ask for assistance again. Most have children and many say that it is only because they can not see their children hungry and cold that they ask for help.

Inter Parish Ministry needs, wants and welcomes all volunteers, and all donations of food, clothing, furniture and small appliances; and they certainly welcome and will put to very good use all donations of money. How about sending a birthday check to a wonderful agency that has done so much good for the people of this area.

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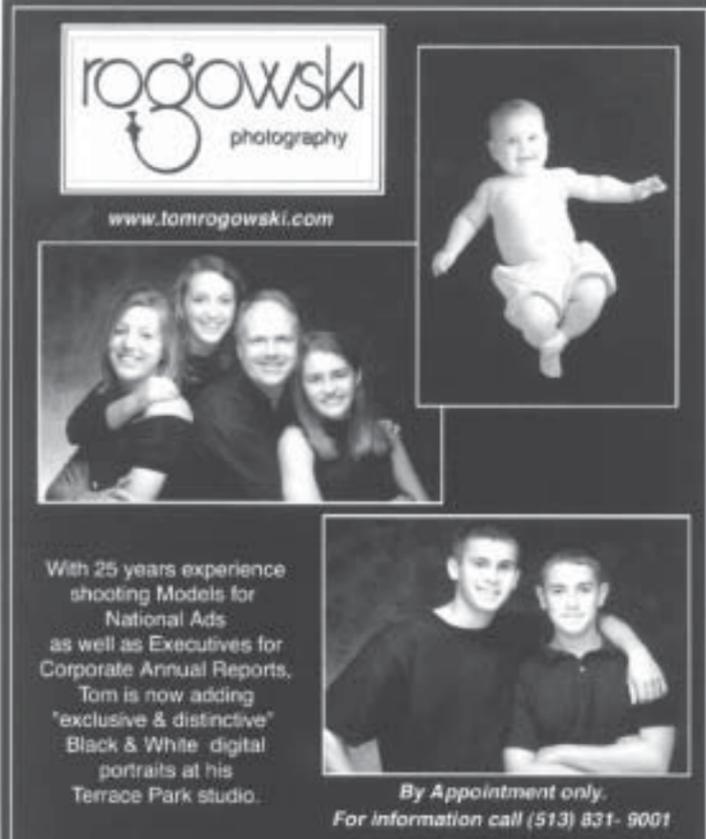
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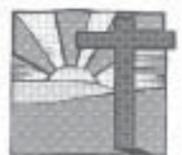
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# Terrace Park Sports

## TP swimmers bring home amazing individual and team wins

By Susan Austin

In USA swimming rules when an individual swims the backstroke his head must surface from the water by the fifteen-meter mark found on the lane lines. Nick Thoman tested the nerves of even the calmest of officials during his swimming career. The High School State meet February 27-28 in Canton, Ohio and the Ohio Senior Meet in Kenton County were his most recent displays of a phenomenal underwater dolphin kick and outstanding strength as a backstroker, pushing the rule to the limit with his head surfacing within inches of the fifteen-meter mark time and time again. Nick captured the State Championship in the one hundred yard backstroke with a winning time of 48.95 seconds. His backstroke time, as well as his second place finish in the one hundred yard butterfly at 49.31 seconds, were individual Mariemont High School team records. He also made significant contributions to the relay efforts with a school record for the 200 medley relay from the High School District meet with teammates Stephen Walker, Chase Thomas, and Wren Dupre. The 400 Freestyle State relay was tenth overall with the time of 3:13.88 with Nick's leadoff time of 46.54 seconds establishing another Mariemont High School record. The relay team of Nick, Dan Austin, John Austin, and Wren Dupre broke a Mariemont

High School record set in that event in 1982.

"Nick has had a wonderful career but I am not so sure it did not start right within his own family. Nick's paternal grandfather was the World Record Holder in backstroke in 1953. When Nick and Victoria (Nick's older sister) were little their grandfather told them that he would give this very special certificate to the one that beat his time first. A very special time for Nick was when he did beat his grandfather's time in the District Swim meet his freshman year of high school," Henry said. "He has had a great championship series this year, especially at the State meet where he achieved all personal best times."

"I have been training hard all year for the sectional meet in late March. It will all be worth it to me if I can reach my personal goal, which is to get an Olympic Trial cut in the backstroke," Nick smiled confidently while talking. "I started swimming when I was four years old at Mariemont Aquatic Club. I've trained at Cincinnati Aquatic Club and spent many summers swimming at Camp Chikopi in Canada."

As Nick ends his high school swimming career, he looks forward to swimming for the University of Arizona in the fall. He is bound to rub elbows with Jim Stites, another former swimmer from Mariemont High School's record boards, who currently coaches at the University of Arizona. "Nick loves the idea of



Swimmers from Terrace Park have played a vital role in the Mariemont Warriors swim and diving teams successes. (left to right) John Austin, Kaitlyn Adams, Wren Dupre, Laura Carrigan, Nick Thoman and Dan Austin.

training outdoors all year round, and I think it is a great fit for Nick!" Nick's mom Kathy Brewer added.

Nick's Terrace Park teammates cheered him on to victory and celebrated successes of their own. Kaitlyn Adams, daughter of Chris and Denise Adams at 733 Franklin, was thirteenth in the one hundred yard breaststroke as a freshman with a time of 1:10.91. Wren Dupre, son of Emily and Dave Dupre 153 Wrenwood, qualified in two events and medaled twice. He was fifth in the one hundred yard butterfly and tenth in the one hundred yard freestyle. Laura Carrigan, daughter of Chip and Cindy Carrigan of 710 Miami, qualified in the five hundred

yard freestyle and placed twentieth overall. Dan and John Austin, sons of Susan and Joe Austin, 825 Princeton were a part of the record breaking relay in the 400 Free. Dan Austin smiled as he spoke of the High School State meet. "That was a great time for us with each of us

doing our personal best. I had never gone as fast in the one hundred free as I did that night. It was the excitement of the meet I guess and the combined talent of the team. That record is going to be around for a long time I think. I hope at least another 22 years."

## From stroke clinics to expanded mini sharks program, TPSC swim and dive teams getting ready for a wet summer

The summer of 2003 had 185 kids swimming for the Terrace Park Tiger Sharks, and this year the programming hopes to attract that many or more. "When I was growing up we lived at the pool. We did swim team in the morning, then started with tennis and then played in the pool until it was time for baseball or softball. I remember it always being crowded," Julie Morgan reminisced.

Excellent programming for kids has been the focus at Terrace Park Swim Club for the last several years. "Hiring talented and experienced coaches as well as providing fun activities for the kids was a personal goal of mine, and I am happy to see returning coaches for this season" Susan Austin stated.

Soozie Tomes is returning for her third season as Head Coach and Megan Blatt as Assistant Head Coach. Joining these coaches for Tiger Shark and Mini Shark workouts are Kristi Byers Gleason, a coach with 10 years USA Swim-



Coach Soozie Tomes (shown with a handful of the 185 kids that swam for TPSC swim team last year) is returning for her third season as head coach of the Tiger Sharks.

ming experience and Victoria Thoman, a former TPSC swimmer now swimming for UC. The diving program will continue on with Brittany Hill as the Head Coach of the

Dive Team. Brittany is a Junior at Indian Hill High School and has been competitively diving for 10 years. She recently was second at the Ohio High School State Championships in Canton, Ohio. This summer she will train for the Olympic trials as well as coach at TPSC.

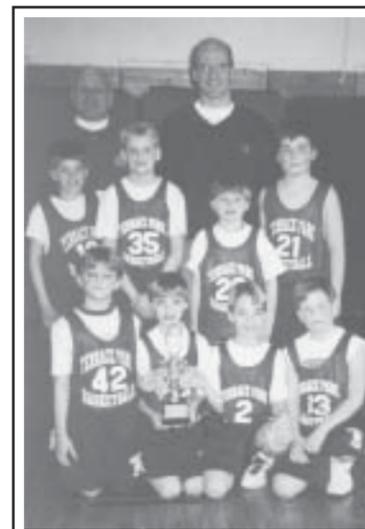
Open registration begins May 2 at the Community Building from 1 to 3 p.m. Detailed information can be obtained from the Tiger Shark website located under Clubs and Activities at [www.terracepark.com](http://www.terracepark.com). Parent Coordinator Judith Lehman is excited for the start of the season, which begins with an indoor pool stroke clinic for all new and returning Tiger Sharks on May 17. "We have made several changes to the swim program including expanding the Mini Shark program. This year we will have Mini Shark Ones and Twos. In the water coaching instruction will be given to both groups, with Mini Shark Ones emphasis being placed on participation in two meets by the end of the summer." Regular season practices will begin June 1, 2004.

## Terrace Park Swim Club news

Summer is almost here!! Terrace Park Swim Club is now accepting applications for membership. Don't miss out on an opportunity to spend a great summer with your friends and neighbors at the Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club.

**New News!!** Terrace Park Swim Club is now offering a Senior

Membership. This is for the empty nesters (adults 55 years or older) who have no dependent children living in the household. These members have total use of all the club facilities while paying reduced initiation fees and membership dues. Please contact **Holly Long** for details at **831-4101**.



### Terrace Park Classics

The Terrace Park Classics took third place in a competitive field of fourth grade teams in the Mariemont Classic Basketball tournament. Pictured back row, left to right, Coach Jack Smith, Coach Phil Wittry. Middle row: Connor McManus, Nathan Wagner, Tate DeCamp, Jack Stautberg. Front row: Joe Rolander, Griffin Rolander, Andy Wittry, Cole DeCamp. Not pictured: Coach Dan McManus. Congratulations, Classics!

## Soccer referee classes

If you are interested in becoming a new referee for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission's fall soccer program, you must be 13 years old by September 1, 2004, attend a one-day training class and pass a written examination. The training class will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Center building (located immediately behind Mariemont Elementary School). Register at the door. Please call **John Finningan** at **831-5121** if you have any questions.

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