

## Judge rules in favor of 707 Myrtle builder and owners

By Susan M. House

*Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.*

### 707 Myrtle Ave. appeal judgment handed down

Discussion ensued at the April Village Council meeting concerning the judgment handed down by Judge Ruehlman of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas regarding the property at 707 Myrtle Ave. The judgment grants the appeal of Zicka Walker Homes, Ltd. and Stuart and Jill Kelly, and reverses the resolution of the Terrace Park Zoning Board of Appeals which did not grant a variance for the retaining wall. The court ordered that the retaining wall and driveway at 707 Myrtle shall receive a variance and that an unconditional certificate of occupancy will be issued.

Avoiding the suggestion to only discuss this litigation in Executive Session, Council asked Solicitor Robert Malloy to briefly explain this ruling. Malloy stated that both parties (attorneys for Zicka Walker/Kelly and for the Village of Terrace Park) submitted legal briefs to the court. He commented that he felt that the argument on behalf of Terrace Park was a better legal argument, but the Judge seemed more interested in balancing the equities of the parties. Malloy stated that he

was disappointed that Judge Ruehlman did not want to hear presentation regarding the standard of review that should be used by the Court of Common Pleas on an administrative appeal. No finding of fact was evidenced, nor was the standard used by the Common Pleas Court cited in the entry. Malloy also stated that Judge Ruehlman did not write an opinion for this judgment, but had the attorney for Zicka Walker/Kelly write the language used for the findings of the court. He also confirmed that this judgment overrules any motion to intervene by third parties, which would be the adjacent neighbors.

When questioned by the Mayor and Council about an additional appeal by Terrace Park, the Solicitor thought that it is possible but that there is always less flexibility for argument when reaching higher up the ladder of the appeals process.

### Eagle Scout project

Mickey Humler, of 108 Miami, and a member of Boy Scout Troup 286, made a presentation to the Village Council about the Eagle Scout Project that he is launching. His project will be known as "The Vial of Life." He will circulate a vial which will contain information sheets to be filled out by each family or household in the Village. The information will be pertinent to names of family members and anything relating to medical conditions for each person. The vial will be kept in an easily located place so that

on an emergency call, the EMT personnel can easily access necessary medical information (see related article, page 3).

### This is Terrace Park

Jim Rauth announced that the 40 page booklet called This is Terrace Park, which has been re-written under the coordination Of Pat Henley of 327 Rugby, will be ready and available at the Memorial Day event on the green this year. Rauth also invites all residents to come out to meet Village government officials and Terrace Park staff members and volunteers, after the Memorial Day events this year.

### Mayor appoints new zoning board of appeals members

Mayor Jay Gohman announced the appointment of David Moyer, of 604 Marietta, as the new Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Moyer will also serve on the Planning Commission. Nancy Willis, 713 Franklin, has also been appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will now meet the third Tuesday of the month. There will be a deadline for filing for an appeal for the following month. Bill Fiedler will publish the dates for application submission in future issues of the *Village Views*.

### Fire department report

Fire Chief Jeff Carle reported that the current fire trucks that are operated by the Village Fire Depart-

ment are 28 and 24 years old, and are in need of more and more maintenance. At some point replacement is going to be a necessity.

The Chief also reported that the department went on four fire runs this month. Two of the fires were furnace problems. High levels of carbon monoxide were detected in one home. The home had a carbon monoxide detector that was located in the living space of the home. This problem was caused by a bad furnace.

The Chief urges all residents to install these detectors and to make sure that they are adjacent to the living areas and bedrooms in the home. Chief Carle estimated that the useful life of a detector of this sort is about 10 years. He also said that smoke alarms must be checked for performance as they also do not last indefinitely.

Chief Carle told Council that the water pump from last year has

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## Bike safety program announced

On Friday, April 30, the Terrace Park Police Department will have a presentation on "Bicycle Safety" at Terrace Park Elementary School for the entire student body. Topics covered will be "rules of the road," bike etiquette and safety practices. Of course, the most common of these practices is wearing a helmet. To give added incentive to our kids to wear helmets, United Dairy Farmers is graciously donating 300 free ice cream cones. These coupons will be handed out (starting May 1)

by our police officers upon seeing any child wearing their helmet.

It will be a great opportunity to encourage safety and community policing. The Safety Committee would like to thank Fred Tanzer whose idea it was to do this program as well as UDF for donating the cones. We welcome any ideas that you feel would benefit our community. Anyone on the Safety Committee (Terry Howe, Mark Porst, Jack Brown) would be happy to discuss any thoughts you may have.

## Thoman swims to an Olympic Trial Cut

By Susan Austin

The Speedo Sectional Series held at Miami University March 15-18 offered Nick the chance to capture a spot in the Olympic trials. Neighbors and friends as well as lots of swimming friends were on hand to watch Nick achieve his personal goal of an Olympic Trial Cut in the 100 Meter Back Stroke. He achieved the cut in the prelim session with a time of 57.06 and broke that time as well as a sectional record with his new time of 56.39 at finals that night.

"We are off to Long Beach in July and that is one swim meet I won't mind traveling to," stated Nick's Dad Henry, of 7 Denison Lane.

"I knew I was going fast, and I felt really great in the water today!" Nick stated at the conclusion of the prelim session. Nick is currently ranked 16th in the United States in this event and 68th in the world. Mariemont High School celebrated this and all of Nick's accomplishments at Nick Day March 26, 2004.



Photo: Chip Carrigan

Nick (pictured here being awarded first place in the 100 meter backstroke at high school meet) is taking the next step in his swimming career — trying out for the Olympics.

## A history of T.P. fire department and EMS

By Annie Bauer

It all started with a lumber truck and a fire pumper from the Cincinnati Office of Civil Defense. But, like any story in a small community, we all have a piece, a piece we believe is true. In this story there are going to be several bones of contention, and several surprises. Some of the best sources are undated and provide little detail for substantiation. Yet the basic tale is one of commitment, hard work, and dedication to serving the residents of the village.

The first dated document available in the set of Fire Department artifacts is a an agreement dated December 19, 1922, made between the Village of Milford of Clermont and Hamilton Counties and the Village of Terrace Park. At that time, Terrace Park had no fire department or equipment, and members of the Milford Volunteer Fire Department provided their services. When an alarm of fire originated in Terrace Park, the Milford Volunteer Fire Department agreed to "immediately assemble at the Fire Department in Milford and proceed with the Fire Extinguishing Equipment of the Village of Milford to the scene of fire in Terrace Park, and use their ut-

most endeavors in extinguishing the fire, saving property and rescuing persons endangered thereby. For each of these fire runs, if water was thrown, a \$25 fee would be charged. Each member of the fire department would be paid \$3.00, \$2.00 if there was no actual fire. Terrace Park passed an ordinance giving right of way to the Milford trucks when they were "sounding their gongs," and provided a plat of the village. Fire alarms were given through the telephone exchange at Milford, and a "distinctive" alarm was made for Terrace Park fires. The village was broken into fire districts to help the Milford firefighters find the fire.

The next documented flurry of activity took place in 1941, when an authorization of \$5,500 for the purchase of a "gasoline automobile pumping engine and hose truck" was certified. Bonds were to be issued for the purpose of constructing a firehouse, jail, and purchasing a fire truck. Yet, as Lee Stegemeyer pointed out, December 7 of that year put these noble plans

on hold. The firehouse wasn't built until the 1970s, and the first truck wasn't built until 1943.

In April 1943, Terrace Park Office of Civil Defense received a fire pumper, 400 feet of one-inch hose, and 200 feet of 1-1/2 inch hose, coats, helmet, a ladder, and stirrup pumps. The original intent was to mount the pumper for grass fires only, with the continuation of the fire fighting agreement with Milford. Resolution Number 56, however, passed on May 14, 1943, ordered the creation of the Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor H. B. Fenton appointed a Fire Chief and Fire Committee, and accepted from the National Defense Corps an Auxiliary ODC Fire Pumper for the duration of the war. A rental contract was made with the Clermont Lumber and Supply Company (for the duration of the war) of \$120 per month for a truck to carry the pumper. The mayor appointed Harry Minnick, the village maintenance person, as Fire Chief. The equipment, however, was not adequate

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**Deadline**  
The deadline for the May issue of the *Village Views* is Friday May 7th.

**Terrace Park Historical Society General Meeting**  
Open to All  
**Sunday May 2 at 4 p.m. in the Community House**  
Early Life and Buildings in the Terrace Park Area  
By Carol C. Cole  
*If you want to know what you can see of history in Terrace Park today this program is for you!*

**Fire Department and Life Squad to be recognized**  
This year the Terrace Park Memorial Day parade and program will honor Fire Department and Life Squad volunteers. All past and present members are invited to participate in the parade and program. For more than 70 years, Terrace Park has been fortunate to have men and women volunteers of the community provide life squad and fire fighting services. The community is indebted to these friends and neighbors for providing these services.  
Please contact **Ray Normile, 831-2804**, with any questions or ideas concerning the Memorial Day Parade and Program.

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for fighting structure fires. Rather, this equipment for the frequent field fires caused by the coal cinder sparks thrown by trains. Nights were spent at the "station" converting the lumber truck into a fire truck. The lumber truck eventually passed state inspection as a Class 1 pumper and was in use for 10-15 years.

In August of 1943, Resolution Number 61 granted the fire chief authority over the fire fighting equipment and personnel, as well as the ability to dispatch the fire equipment and personnel. A further resolution, passed in November of 1943, allowed for the enlargement of the Community House garage and the installation of a suitable door. Originally, the village's maintenance truck was kept in the garage behind the Community House. It was expanded to house the "new" fire truck. The village truck was in the parking lot and they finally decided to put it back in the garage with the new fire truck.

Though resolutions were passed in 1943, it wasn't until Ordinance 82, passed April 14, 1944, that the volunteer fire department was formalized. At that time, \$1000 was allocated to Fire Department Operating Expenses, and the mayor was authorized to appoint up to 20 men to serve as voluntary members of the fire department, with the appointments made with the advice and consent of the village counsel. Fire fighters received \$1.00 per month for attendance at drills, and \$2.00 for each run. The mayor was authorized to procure insurance for the firefighters as well. Ordinance 90 passed June 9, 1944, provided regulations for the fire department. Volunteer firemen would be appointed by the mayor, and full time employees of the village were designated by the mayor to assist in maintaining the apparatus, equipment and signal system, and in fighting fires. Drill was required at least once a month. Firefighters were allowed to drive the "apparatus" at the speed limit, but could proceed through stop signs and red lights with caution. Fire fighters were allowed to respond to fire in their own cars, but were advised to proceed in a cautious manner and to obey traffic laws. Everett Stephens was named the chief.

Ordinance 142, passed May 11, 1948, allowed the mayor to enter into mutual aid agreements. The next document available, an "assignment of pay for Year 1950" indicates the following individuals "jointly and severally transfer, assign, and set forth unto Roland Strathman, treasurer of the Terrace Park Fire Association" their pay: Walter Gingrich, Stanley Mathis, John Stoll, Ellis Rawnsley, Lee Stegemeyer, John Jahne, Marshall Gates, Roland Strathman, Ross K. Lance, Durward Hughes, Clarence

Eveland, George Eveland, Frank H. Payne, Jr., Matthew Cook, Lawrence Kuntz, Allen Baldwin. Who were these people?

Walter Gingrich was a builder who constructed a number of structures in Terrace Park, including the Post Office

Roland Strathman, another builder

"Pete" Paynes family made ice cream toppings

Matthew Cook was a member of the Indian Hill Rangers, and later became Police Chief for Terrace Park

Ellis Rawnsley, columnist for the Enquirer

Lee Stegemeyer, news editor for the Enquirer

Lawrence Kuntz was in construction

Allen Baldwin was head of the village's maintenance crew

Marshall Gates and his wife Lela were Cincinnati School teachers. Each summer they would close up their home and head west, working as Park Rangers in Yellowstone for the summer.

In 1958, the ordinance of 1944 was amended. Personnel were listed to include Chief (1), Assistant Chief (1), Captain (1), Lieutenant (2), Engineer (2), Assistant Engineer (2), Fireman (12), and Apprentice Firemen (1). The compensation for each of these positions was also designated, with the Chief receiving \$100, the Assistant \$80, the Captain \$60, Lieutenants \$40, Engineers \$32, Assistant Engineers \$32, Firemen \$20, and Apprentice Firemen \$10.

The Fire department continued to develop, and the need for a new truck and firehouse became apparent. In an article in the *Village Views*, Mayor Ray Allison indicated that a bond issue for a new fire truck, costing at least \$15,000, was needed, and that the firehouse would need to be modified to fit the new fire engine. Equipment continued to be an issue, and in 1960, the Terrace Park Firemen's Association donated a 1960 Cadillac ambulance to the village. Also in 1960, ten individuals completed the ten-week firefighter's course, conducted by Chief Francis Wolfangel of the Anderson Township Fire Department. These individuals included: William Bruch, Ervin Bretscher, Albert Droscher, George Ebert, Walter Gingrich, Clark Hendrixson, Paul Mason, Charles Oberle, George Rummell, and Frank Startz.

In February of 1960, the Terrace Park Council accepted a bid of \$14,150 to the American Fire Equipment Company of Battle Creek Michigan for a new pumper. The pumper was funded in part from a \$10,000 bond issue and an emergency fund of the Fire Department. In addition, plans were being made to institute a Rescue Task Unit. \$425

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was raised by selling mailboxes, made necessary when door-to-door delivery of the mail began March 5, 1960. A Pancake Supper, planned by William Bruck, Marshall Gates, George Rummell, Walter Gingrich, and Paul Mason was planned on May 21 to help fund the unit. Effective November 1 1960, Ellis Rawnsley became Chief and George Rummel assistant chief. Chief Walter Gingrich served for 18 years prior to his resignation. Mr. Gingrich had served the department since it was established.

With the coming of the cold war in 1961, the Village of Terrace Park began to make plans. In addition to being the nation's first village or city to plan a fall-out shelter, the Fire Department received training in radiation hazards. Comments are made in the article about Terrace Park "getting along" with old equipment. Eight life squads were described in place throughout Hamilton County, with two in place in Anderson Township. One fire run, in February 1961, was "steam-like vapor arising from some fresh cow toilet articles the farmer had shoveled from the window of his dairy barn onto the cold, cold, ground."

In May 1961 Terrace Park tied into the County Communications Center for around-the-clock alarm service. Hamilton County dispatchers would now activate the siren at the Community Building by remote control. Electronic monitors allowed the dispatcher to "activate sirens and receiver sets in volunteers' homes for the broadcast."

In 1964, a motor vehicle lease was made with the Batavia Life Squad for a 1964 International Ambulance. Subsequently, the ambulance was purchased by the Terrace Park Fireman's Association and donated to the Village. In 1964, bids were open for a new fire truck. The truck was anticipated to cost about \$16,000. The contract was ultimately awarded to the Sutphen Company in Columbus, for the construction of a 750-gallon per minute pumper. Ordinance 6, passed in 1966,

amended the regulations of the fire department that had evolved through the initial regulations in 1944, with amendments in 1961 and 1958. The classification now included a listing for a "Rescue Unit Member." In November the mayor was authorized to enter into a mutual aid agreement, and a mutual assistance contract for Hamilton County was issued. Perhaps most significantly in 1966, the Council recommended the establishment of the Women's Auxiliary Life Squad to work with the "Lifesquadmen." Women were required to (a) have regular use of an automobile, (b) no small children, (c) pass the required firemen's and life squad safety-training course. Any member of the Ladies Auxiliary would be accompanied by at least one man, and the women would be asked only to work daytime hours and no weekends. This was only the second life squad in Hamilton County to have women. Women previously had been rejected because of "the heavy lifting involved in getting injured out of homes, free of accidents, or into the ambulance."

Ellis Rawnsley, after 25 years with the Fire department, retired in May, 1969, leaving Allen Baldwin, a village service employee, as the only remaining member of the 20 men who formed the original fire department. Lee Stegemeyer, the new fire chief Fire Chief, encouraged Terrace Parkers to take advantage of First Aid Training, taught by Bob Terwilligar. This training was also intended to encourage villagers to join the Life Squad. A recruitment drive was initiated, with Mrs. Ev Peery the contact person. Day coverage was most significant, with five women covering all day hours. In June 1969, 22 men completed the 36-hour state fire school course. David Allen, Tom Bennington, Al Black, Doug Cherry, Mark Gingrich, Jim Gradolf, Lou Graeter, Paul Hunt, Jim Johnson, George Kahjuda, Pierce Matthews, Ron Ott, Bill Pettit, Joe Rimstidit, Ted

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# "Fishes and Loaves" coming to St. Thomas

By Erin Rosson

The Inter Parish Ministry, located in Newtown, is a non-profit organization to give people in need a hand up. Within this Ministry is an outreach program called Fishes and Loaves. This phrase comes from the gospel of Matthew, and refers to people in crisis being fed. This is the idea behind the Fishes and Loaves Program.

Started a few years ago by Armstrong Methodist Church, the Fishes and Loaves outreach is a once-a-month food drive. The first Sunday of every month there will be containers available in the front hall at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for

people to donate non-perishable food items. There is also a need for hygiene products.

The Fishes and Loaves outreach will start May 2. Two weeks in advance, there will be a list of items needed, along with reusable yellow bags for you to carry your donations in each month.

We all have busy lives and hopefully this program will help make it more convenient to donate throughout the year.

If you have any questions please contact **Rosemarie Brown @ 576-1866 or Erin Rosson @ 831-5259.**

# "Vial of LIFE" to be distributed during May

By Mickey Humler

Working with the Terrace Park EMS, we will be starting the Vial of L.I.F.E. program and distributing Vials of L.I.F.E. during May. The Vial of L.I.F.E. is Lifesaving Information For Emergencies. The Vial of L.I.F.E. is a plastic tube that holds your vital medical information and is stored in your refrigerator. This program is designed for people with medical concerns including heart conditions, a prior stroke, seizure disorders, diabetes, and respiratory conditions. In addition, it is for people who may have a serious or life threatening allergy to medications or other substances. In an emergency every minute counts, and having accurate information about such conditions is important to emergency medical services workers.

This Vial of L.I.F.E. kit includes an information sheet and refrigerator magnet. Please print all information as clearly as possible and consult with your doctor if you are unable to answer specific medical questions. After the medical information sheet is completed, it is placed inside the plastic vial. Place the magnet on your refrigerator door to alert EMS that you are using the vial. The top shelf of the refrigerator has been adopted as the standard vial storage location.

If there is an emergency, emergency medical personnel will check the refrigerator for the magnet and recognize the presence of a vial of life. Once the vial is re-

trieved, life saving information may be obtained, even if the patient is unable to speak. The information contained inside the vial will identify the patient's current medical history, allergies and medications, as well as insurance information and who to contact in the event of an emergency.

To begin this program we are putting one Vial of L.I.F.E. in each home. Please determine for whom the Vial is most appropriate, and complete the information. If you

would like additional Vials, please contact Annie Bauer (513) 831-0728; [anne.bauer@uc.edu](mailto:anne.bauer@uc.edu).

This is the community service project that I am completing for my Eagle Scout Rank. I would like to thank Scoutmaster Steve Smith, Mr. Sy Swart my project adviser, Chief Connie Wilson, and Mrs. Mary Kipp for their help while I was planning the project. Special thanks to Mr. Pete Findley who helped with labels and printing. I also want to thank all of the scouts who are going to bring the kit to your home.

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## Village Calendar 2004

### April

24 TPE Clean-up Day 9 a.m. - Noon

### May

2 TP Historical Society 4 p.m. Community Building. Program: Carol Cole speaks on Terrace Park early history, from the late 1700's to 1900. For more information, contact **Carol Cole at 831-6771.**

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

4 TP Garden Club - Taft Museum Tour and Lunch. Meet at Community Building at noon. For more information, contact **Sara Osborn at 831-1136.**

6 TPE Open House 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

8 TP Rec Soccer sign-ups 10 a.m. - noon TPE cafeteria. For more information, contact **Jeff Jackson at 248-0005.**

9 Mother's Day

10 AARP Luncheon Noon at SEM Laurels in Milford. Program: Ron Hill speaks on covered bridges, particularly those in Clermont County. For reservations, call **Betty Smith at 831-5434.**

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

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

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

11 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.

12 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

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

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

31 Memorial Day - TP parade begins at 10 a.m.

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

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been repaired and the department has purchased a new "crash pump." During the rainy season the Chief said that the fire personnel can make 10 to 20 runs a night to pump water from basements.

### Storm water committee

Councilman Jack Brown reported that a Storm Water Committee meeting was held on April 7. The committee has spoken to one "stream management" engineer and plans to interview at least one more. Brown's estimate of the cost to have an engineering firm look at our storm water problems will probably cost around \$20,000.

### Zoning code revisions

Councilman Stefan Olson's Planning and Zoning Committee is in the process of soliciting companies who are proficient in the writing of zoning codes to do some necessary "clean-up" of the Terrace Park Zoning Code — the first phase of revisions to the code. Later phases of revision would entail

more detailed work.

### Finance committee

Councilman Mark Porst will hold a Finance Committee meeting proposed for April 25 to do some long-term planning for the future finances of the Village of Terrace Park.

### Police report

Police Chief Bacon reported a busy month. There were three arrests at the Wilderness Preserve where teens were cited for being on the island after dark. The Chief reminds us that the island is off limits after dusk. Three juveniles were arrested for drinking liquor that was taken from a parent's home. Parents are warned to watch carefully for suspicious activity or missing liquor.

The Chief attended a conference dealing with Securing America's Homeland, that he felt was very worthwhile and informational.

### Arbor Day

The Mayor proclaimed April 30, 2004 as Arbor Day in Terrace Park, Tree City USA. All citizens are urged to protect and plant trees.



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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Fourth annual Mariemont Kiwanis golf drive for needed scholarships

Make plans now to play in the Saturday, May 8, golf scramble at Indian Valley Golf course on Newtown Road. Support the Mariemont High School college scholarship funding event and have a great time competing for prizes awarded for the first and second place men's and women's teams, as well as special awards for the most accurate drive, closest to the pin and longest putt.

The cost is \$65 per golfer which includes greens fee, cart, lunch and great golfing company! Mariemont Kiwanis Club is also looking for individuals and/or companies as sponsors of golf holes at \$100 per hole.

Players will be matched up with a group or can put together their own "foresome." Requested tee times will be assigned in the order of applications received. Applications can be obtained by calling Golf Scramble Chairman, Jeff Sturtz, at 272-1072.

Help the Mariemont-Fairfax-Terrace Park Kiwanis Club make this annual golf event a real success by participating, advertising or helping! For more information visit our website at

www.mariemontschools.org/kiwanis. May 8, between the tee off times of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mariemont Kiwanis Club members hope to see YOU at the Indian Valley Golf Course on Saturday, FOREwarned is FOREarned!



Many volunteers are getting ready for the Cincinnati Country Day School annual auction called CountryDate. Pictured here are CountryDate co-chairs (L) Linda Fisher (Indian Hill) and Rebecca Coleman (Terrace Park).

## Mark your calendars for CountryDate 2004

Cincinnati Country Day School volunteers are making last minute preparations for CountryDate 2004, a fundraiser for the School. The theme this year is "The Given Road Grille" and the school will be transformed into an exciting, casual sports grille.

Raffle prizes will include four tickets to Super Bowl XXXIX along with hotel accommodations in Jacksonville and there will be a large array of thrilling

items for the live auction. The evening will begin with cocktails and hundreds of items for silent bidding. After dinner, the main auction will take place. The co-chairs this year are Linda Fisher (Indian Hill) and Rebecca Coleman (Terrace Park). The CountryDate event is May 22. Last year, the annual event raised \$224,336.00 which supports the unique programs that give CCDS an educational advantage.



## TPES recognizes students' achievements

Each month teachers at Terrace Park Elementary School nominate students for achievement awards. Accomplishments this year have been in all academic areas as well as in the Art and Music departments. Pictured above are the students that received awards from

Mr. Bob Denny on April 1, 2004. Children receiving awards participated in a ceremony. Their certificates hang prominently displayed for the month following their nomination. Pictures of each child hang in the classroom on an Achievement poster.

## Water works implements emergency notice system

The Village of Indian Hill is implementing a program that will notify residents of an emergency by using the phone system. In order for this to be most effective, it is important that the Village has a current phone number for all Village residents and everyone on the Indian Hill Water Works system. Please call the office at 561-6679 ext. 11, write your phone number on your water works bill or send it via email to Pedwards@ihill.org. Your phone number will only be used for emergency contact.

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# Terrace Park Historical Society

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## Behind the scenes at the Terrace Park Building Survey

By Carol C. Cole

As most of us already know, Terrace Park is a very special place. Probably most of you do not know that it has a website that is unique and may be the only one of its kind on the Internet. It records as much as we know of the history of every building in Terrace Park - past and present. One reason for this is that the relatively small size of Terrace Park makes this possible. Many communities record the history of some of their buildings, but none record it for all their buildings. The website we are talking about is [www.tpsurvey.org](http://www.tpsurvey.org).

This project started in April 1995 under the auspices of the Terrace Park Woman's Club. Having noted all the changes going on in the village, Pat Henley suggested that they "start a project of collecting pictures of Terrace Park homes and recording their history." A committee was formed consisting of Henley, Carol C. Cole, Jeanette Pruess, Esther Power and Marilyn Julnes. Jane Harrier, Lynn Nelson

and Bette Griffith later joined them. A questionnaire was circulated in the Park asking homeowners for as much information as possible on their homes. We were interested not only in the buildings themselves but in the people who lived there. Cole volunteered to keep a record of the information gathered from the questionnaire and from a great many other sources. Her husband Lee suggested keeping the information in a computer database so it could be stored and searched. Publishing a book was considered. This activity continued for a couple of years until it was realized that publishing a book was totally impractical. Information changes almost daily so a book would be out of date before it could be published. In addition, publishing a book would cost money that was not readily available.

At that time the Internet was just coming into widespread use, and Lee suggested transferring all the information to a website. Work started in earnest after getting the

green light from the Woman's Club. Lee's friend, Herb Anderson, a computer expert from Kentucky, who has lunch every Thursday with the Coles, offered to write the conversion software. Gregg MacMillan, a Terrace Park resident and the owner of [www.terracepark.com](http://www.terracepark.com), offered to pay for hosting the website. After many long hours of work the website was up and running. Currently this web site contains 906 buildings, 1077 pictures and 2909 computer files, using a total of about 85mb of disk storage. It is a very large site and continues to grow almost daily.

Since its inception, many people have contributed to its success - too many to mention here. Information continues to be collected from as many sources as possible. Carol C. Cole enters this data into the computer. Photographs taken by Jeanette Pruess, Pat Henley, Lee Cole, Frances Stafford and Sandy Lowery are scanned and entered into the computer by Lee Cole. The artistic design for the website was done by Tarak Boulares, a Tunisian AFS student who lived with the Cole family and who now lives in Milford. Lee Cole, Herb Anderson and Tarak Boulares provide ongoing technical support. The website is proving to be of great interest, not only to current residents, but to people who have moved away, people who have had relatives living here in the past, and others researching various pieces of family history. Many people send us information after visiting the site.

You too can help in this unique venture by providing new and updated information on the history of Terrace Park homes and people. We now have detailed instructions on how to research houses. We encourage you to visit the site and help us make it even better and ever more useful. Please contact Carol C. Cole at 831-6771 or [cccole4@juno.com](mailto:cccole4@juno.com) if you would like to help in this exciting activity.

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Ringwald, Lee Stegemeyer, Phil Stegemeyer, Bob Terwilligar, Fred Vickers, Lew Washburn, Red Wigton, and Al Young all became firemen. The department roster lists 23 firefighters, and 11 "Life Squadmen" under Lieutenant Jeanette MacMillan, nine of whom were women. The life squad worked on the "watch" system. One squad covered day duty, three covered 5:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and the permanent midnight squad worked 12:30 - 8:00 a.m. Lee Stegemeyer, Dave Allen, and Jim Gradolf served midnight duty 365 days a year.

In 1970 the need for a new ambulance again became apparent. In addition to requesting donations, fire extinguishers were sold after the memorial Day parade. Fund raising was successful, and in July 1970, a new Internal Harvester ambulance was donated to the village. By 1971, the roster no longer listed "Life Squad" members as "Life Squad Men" and was comprised of nine women and three men under the leadership of Jeanette McMillan. Eleven more men served as both firefighters and life squad members. A permanent midnight crew was still in place. On a "code three" run, "the first two at the station will respond immediately with the ambulance and the rest of the duty crew will follow in a private automobile, taking over the crew duties at the scene."

In 1973 fire department regulations were again changed and a payment of \$1.50 for attendance at each drill was put in place. A new fire prevention code was also initiated. In November bidding for a new fire engine and pumper was authorized.

In May 1973, Terrace Park made regional news in training six women as fire fighters. The instructor was concerned about their attendance, asking for no hard feelings when the women failed, initially walked out, and then retired at the conclusion of the course. However, the women passed the course, completing drills arranged by Lee Stegemeyer. Ev Peery, Pat Roe, Susan Channer, Mimi Matthews, and Roberta Etheridge were the first women volunteer fire fighters in the state.

In 1975 the "Permanent Midnight Crew" was still in place in the life squad. Members of the fire department, in the latest revision of regulations, now would be paid \$2.00 per drill. An addition to the firehouse was authorized.

Staffing days became such a significant issue in 1976, that a meeting was held regarding the possibility of discontinuing daytime service. Comparative figures for sending a private ambulance (\$35.00 for the call, with an addition \$4.00 for night calls) were provided as an incentive. A new fire engine was purchased, however, and two homes on Edgewater Drive were destroyed by fire. After a year of recruitment, with the assistance of Bob Gerhard, sixteen new members of life squad were identified. In addition, four women indicated that they would serve as babysitters for the volunteers. These babysitters were provided with monitors, and when the tone dropped they would go to the life squad member's home to baby-sit.

In 1978, specifications for a "van-type vehicle suitable for use as an emergency medical vehicle" were described. In June, a quotation of \$21,800 for the ambulance and \$1,340 for the radio was given from the Horton Company of Columbus, Ohio. With the retirement of Lee Stegemeyer, Pierce Matthews was selected chief. In 1979, the Ohio Fire Prevention Code was put in place to replace local regulations.

The 1980 Operation Manual

described the use of a "Squad Captain" to provide leadership to the life squad. The equipment response was described as One Tom Eleven for all pumpers, One Tom Forty for the Task Truck, One Tom 80 for the Chief, and I Tom 91 for the Life Squad. Non "EMTA's" were able to drive on calls. True emergency runs were described as "Severe bleeding, poisoning, not breathing, and code three." The first two squad members took the ambulance, and the others ran in a private car. Oxygen and a first aid kit were available.

In 1981 a new task truck was purchased, and recruitment crisis again occurred. As a result of the "Don't get sick on Thursday" campaign, one new member of the fire department and seven new members of the life squad came forward. The July 1, 1982 roster identified Pierce Matthews as chief and Lew Washburn as assistant chief, with two captains, a lieutenant, two engineers, and four squad lieutenants. There were 12 firefighters and 11 members of the life squad.

The need for a new ambulance was again identified in 1984. The main income of this year was reported from the sale of telephone books and advertising. A weekend schedule was developed, doing away with the "permanent midnight crew." The sale of the 1979 ambulance was authorized in 1985, and a new ambulance was purchased.

In 1987, there were a total of 110 life squad runs, 22 of which were mutual aid runs. There were 18 active members of the life squad. Three requests were made for paramedic support. At this time the Life Squad and the Fire Department became separate entities. Shirley Mittendorf became the chief of the Life Squad. More detailed standard operating procedures were provided for the Life Squad. After Chief Mittendorf's resignation to take a full-time position as a paramedic, Connie Wilson was appointed Chief.

The issue of recruitment again emerged in 1988. A blue ribbon panel of residents was appointed to identify the best way to provide emergency medical services to the village. A recruiting board identified the need for 38 members, though there were only 20. Each of the volunteer organizations within the village was contacted in an effort to identify potential members.

Through these recruitment efforts, seven addition members came forward. There were a total of 140 runs in 1988, 119 of which were in Terrace Park. Eighteen required paramedic assistance.

In 1989, the Life Squad received a bequest for the life squad. An additional recruitment drive was launched in November, grounded in sharing information about the squad. Members called on villagers to discuss the squad. Ricki Schmidt prepared a special edition of the Village Views, and 11 community members began class. In 1989 there was a total of 199 runs, 22 of which were mutual aid. Fifteen required paramedic assistance. The 1991 report indicated that there were 137 runs.

In 1992, a contract with Worker's Compensation for Volunteer Emergency Service Organization was signed. In a review of policies by the Ohio Government Risk Management plan, a harassment policy was suggested. The annual report for 1992 listed a total of 158 runs.

Pierce Matthews, after serving as a fire fighter for 25 years, retired as fire chief. Phil Schneider was appointed chief in 1993. During that year, there were 163 squad runs. The Yankee Lexington Box was re-fitted on a new chassis. Only one new member joined the class. In 1994, the last of the Orchard Hill Motel Units was burned in a practice fire. There were 122 squad runs, and 18 fire runs. In 1995, there were 100 squad runs and 21 fire runs, followed by 122 squad runs and 15 fire runs in 1996.

Fire Department Chiefs - Harry Minnick 1943-44, Everett Stephens 1944, Walter Gingrich, Ellis Rawnsley, Lee Stegemeyer, Pierce Matthews, Philip Schneider, Jeff Carle

Life Squad Chiefs - Shirley Mittendorf Connie Wilson

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## New, improved and easier to use! Kroger, PTO and you: a winning combination

By Betsy Porst

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## Mariemont 5K can be a family affair

By Susan Austin

A mom and dad running with their child in his very first road race, cross country teams reuniting for an early morning run, older adults getting back into shape and members of large families getting together over the Memorial Day holiday are just a few of the people that will enter the annual Mariemont 5K Run and Walk held in our neighboring streets of Mariemont.

"We are lucky that we tend to draw runners from a variety of communities and lots of families use this race as a beginning of the summer running season in Cincinnati," Charlie Thomas said. "The first Mariemont 5K was in 1991 as part of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. It is a non-profit organization. I find sponsors for the race and then any money made is donated to a worthy local cause. The last several years the money has gone to the Mariemont Preservation Society." Charlie's wife Gretchen works the race with Charlie, organizing and delegating jobs to their kids, Chase (17) and Chelsea (13). Cincinnati Race DMC's Don Connelly has run the technical aspect of the race for the last several years.

In 2003 the race was held on a beautiful late spring morning. Carolyn enjoyed the day with her daughter Alison (8) and her

Mariemont niece Lauren (5). "It was really fun! We got into the race after we did the Flying Piglets at Terrace Park Elementary. The girls and I really enjoyed it," Carolyn exclaimed.

The 2004 Mariemont 5K is scheduled to start at Mariemont High School Sunday morning May 30, 2004 at 9 a.m. People start arriving for registration and stretching early. The race course is through the streets of Mariemont

and finishes on the high school track. Following the race is a kids fun run. "Kids really have fun with this with kids even in strollers participating with their siblings." Information can be found on the web at [www.racedmc.com](http://www.racedmc.com) or by contacting Charlie Thomas in Mariemont at 561-6008. Or email him at [Charlie.Thomas@eagleirealtygroup.com](mailto:Charlie.Thomas@eagleirealtygroup.com). Charlie is also looking for volunteers to help keep this tradition going.



Terrace Park resident Carolyn participated in the 2003 Mariemont 5K Run and Walk with her daughter Alison (right) and her niece from Mariemont, Lauren.

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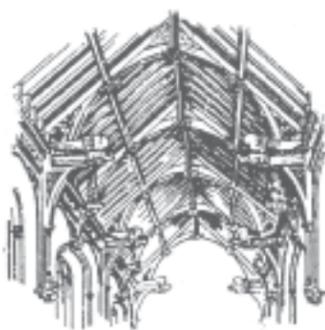
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# Terrace Park Sports

## 5th grade girls hoops teams celebrate success

By Branden Fisher

The two Terrace Park fifth grade girls' basketball teams both had championship seasons this year. Coached by Ford Taylor/Joe Buechel and Branden Fisher/Rick Mileham, the teams ran up an outstanding combined record of 19-1 and won two division championships. Taking into account their records this year and last, the two teams have enjoyed spectacular successes, with a combined record of 38-2, four division championships, and one Metro Tournament Championship.



The players from both teams



The Terrace Park third grade girls basketball team had an undefeated, 10-0 season this year.

## TPRC 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

By Branden Fisher

The 2004 TPRC 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held over the Memorial Day weekend on Sunday, May 30. The action will start at noon in the elementary school parking lot just like last year, and the games should be finished by 4 p.m. The tournament is open to all boys and girls from grades 3 through 8 who live in the Mariemont School District. There will be games, food, drinks, T-shirts, prizes, and fun for

the whole family.

This year, we will also feature a Cornhole Tournament for all of our non-basketball enthusiasts to enjoy!

Additional information and registration forms will be available at the TPRC website, as well as in the junior high school and each of the three elementary school offices. Please contact Branden Fisher at 248-1279 if you have any questions, and be sure to bring your game with you!

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The Terrace Park Wizard third grade boys basketball team

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## Terrace Park Wizards weave magic!

Congratulations to the Terrace Park Wizards third grade boys basketball team who worked their way to a magical season. The Wizards opened their season with three straight losses. They came together as a team to win five of their next six games to finish the season with five wins and four losses. Players gave an all-out effort to improve their skill and knowledge of the game of basketball. They improved with their

dedication to learning the finer skills of the game by dribbling with cross over moves, spin moves, and jump stops. Keen passing and rebounding kept them in games all year long. More importantly, they learned while having fun and just playing the game. The players wish to thank their moms and dads for giving them an opportunity to be able to play. Thanks for the great season, from your coaches Mike Frey and Pete Miller. Have fun this summer, but most importantly, play more hoops!

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