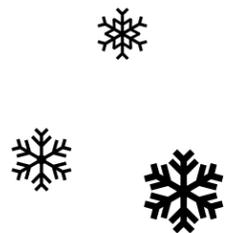


# VILLAGE VIEWS

TERRACE PARK, OHIO



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## Happy Holidays



### Opportunity catalyst for crime spree in Terrace Park

By Chandí Findley

During the night of November 15 and before 3 a.m. on November 16, two thieves targeted the 600 blocks of Floral, Yale and Lexington and the 300 block of Harvard. Entering about six unlocked cars, the young men took keys, money, cell phones and a credit card. They then stole a car from Harvard and left the village undetected. (See Police report, pg. 5 for more details.)

"Unfortunately this is not the first time this type of situation has happened," Chief Jerry Hayhow said of his 20 years with the Terrace Park Police Department. "The world is changing around us and it's important we stay safe."

**To catch a thief**

In the morning, the victims

whose car was stolen called the police. Officers Charles Popov and James Pruitt took a report, then entered the information into the regional crime information center (that is connected to a national database) and contacted the county's communication center. A countywide broadcast went out with a description of the stolen car. About 30 minutes later, a county sheriff spotted the car in Madisonville with two suspects. Although the suspects attempted a getaway, it was short lived and they were taken into custody.

After searching the car, police found a time-stamped receipt from McDonald's that helped establish a time line indicating the thieves had already left Terrace Park by 3 a.m. Police also recovered most of

the stolen items including several sets of keys.

"My biggest fear is that they would have returned one day and used those keys," Hayhow said.

The car the thieves used to initially come into Terrace Park was eventually found on Harvard. A watchful neighbor noticed that the car had been parked on the street in front of their house for several days. They did not recognize it, so they called the police. The thieves had stolen that car in Reading.

"If you see something call and let us determine if it is something or not," Hayhow said encouraging residents to take an active role in protecting the village. "People hate to get involved - they think they're being a pest, but they're not."

**A crime of opportunity**

According to Chief Hayhow these were crimes of opportunity. There are three necessary components in a crime of opportunity: motive, a victim and, of course, opportunity. If you take away one of these things, then there cannot be a crime. In other words, if the doors had been locked, the opportunity would have been gone.

"Please lock your doors," Hayhow stressed. "Nothing was broken and it was not a professional thing - just a couple of young men

who realized how easy it was."

**Why Terrace Park?**

Although Terrace Park is a tight-knit neighborhood, the village is not far from the beaten path. "We have 50,000 people that come through here everyday," Hayhow said referring to the traffic on Wooster Pike.

"The lack of crime is because we (the police) are so active on Wooster Pike. The bad guys don't want to come through here. We want the reputation to be on your Ps and Qs because we want to keep everyone safe."

### Monte Carlo Night raises important funds for Terrace Park Youth Sports

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As the many Terrace Parkers who have attended the event over the past two years know, the TPRC Monte Carlo Night provides a fun, casual, social escape from the doldrums off January. But the evening is not just about fun, it is also about fundraising. The Monte Carlo night is one of the two fundraisers that the Terrace Park

Recreation Committee uses to get the necessary funding to keep the Terrace Park Youth Sports program going each year.

There are two factors increasing the importance of this type of fundraisers to TPRC. First, the TPRC is committed to trying to keep youth sports registration fees flat from year to year. Second, TPRC is

100 percent self-funded, meaning it does not get funding from other Terrace Park budgets. This is not always the case for recreation programs. For example, while Terrace Park and Mariemont have comparable sports registration fees, Mariemont receives additional funding as well as facilities maintenance from their village, while Terrace Park gets their additional money from fundraising.

So what exactly does all this money pay for? First, each sport uses registration fees to cover league fees, referees, balls, equipment and at least part of uniform replacement every 4-6 years. Then, most of the fundraising dollars go toward insurance coverage and maintenance of Drackett Field. This maintenance includes everything from mowing and fertilizing the grass to field prep to port-o-let rental - and totals a significant \$20,000. Lastly, there are large non-recurring expenditures that TPRC must cover.

This coming January 28, come over to St. Thomas Church and enjoy a night of gambling, bidding on great silent auction items and socializing. Your gambling chips will help buy another year of fun and rewarding youth recreational sports in Terrace Park! Invitations will be sent in early January. Tickets will be available in advance or at the door.

**Just a reminder, Christmas trees may be put out with your brush for pick up after the holidays. Please be sure to remove all lights and tree stands.**

**During this busy season, always take the time to be safe.**

**Happy Holidays!  
The T.P. Police Department**



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

**Top: Matthew and Adrienne Ehrnschwender visit with Santa on the green. Mayor Gohman joins carolers at the tree lighting ceremony.**



**Celebrating four years of neighborhood Christmas spirit, Santa's North Pole Post Office-Terrace Park Branch, has returned to 821 Floral Ave. Many neighbors in the 800 block of Floral Ave. have had a hand in helping to construct, paint, and set-up this Post Office. Please have your children write a letter to Santa and one will be written back to your child and delivered to your home by the elves.**



**Thank you Terrace Park for another successful Tree Lighting!**

Thanks to all who make this tradition a success once again!

- The Terrace Park Sometimes Marching Band (led by Al Nelson)
- The Terrace Park Carolers (led by Wendy Peterkin)
- The St. Thomas Children's Choir (led by Michael Hrivnak)
- Jim Peterkin for organizing the sound system
- Our volunteer fireman for ensuring Santa's safe arrival
- The sixth grade Junior Girl Scouts for supplying hot cocoa and cookies
- Davey Tree for putting up our lights
- Our cold but very cheery elves (Maddie Timmers and Natalie Utt)
- Santa, of course!

And our tried and true...year-in and year-out supporters...

- Steve and Debbie Fletcher of *Fletcher Homes* for our wagon rides
- Ogle and Ed Annett of *Coldwell Banker/West Shell* for Santa's photos
- Ted and Juliann Gardner of *Ted's Toys and Trains* for Santa's trinkets

A community effort, through and through! - Amy Lothman



The deadline for the **January** issue of the *Village Views* is Friday January 6

**Letters to the Editor**

To: The Village of Terrace Park Council and the Village residents,

I was terribly disappointed to read the two Letters to the Editor in last months Village Views; written by two of the homeowners whose property "the path" crosses from Kent Circle to Denison. The letters were full of emotion, but unfortunately contained NONE of the facts. Because I am limited to 350 words, I cannot quote the entire easement agreement. However, that agreement obligates the Village of Terrace Park as the Grantee, "to construct and maintain a hard surface walkway not to exceed four feet in width". The easement agreement prohibits "its use by motor vehicles"

The word "footpath" was used extensively in both letters although the word footpath NEVER appears in the easement agreement. This path is used for bicycles, wagons, strollers, scooters and can be used for any mode of transportation as long as it does not qualify as a motor vehicle.

The homeowners who purchased property with the existing easement need to recognize that this easement is here to stay and the Village has an obligation to maintain this path. One of the letters speaks of the repairs as a "waste of taxpayers money" and the recent repairs as "perfectly adequate". If the repairs are truly adequate and the concern is taxpayer money, perhaps that homeowner will accept the liability for the path and relieve the Village of this expense.

Repaving the path will in NO way "ruin" this path that existed long before your home on Denison was built in the late eighties. I urge residents who have not seen the condition of the path first hand to come visit the path and see for yourself. I think you will agree that the request for repair is a reasonable one, one for which an obligation exists.

"This small group of Wrenwood families" as is referred to in one of the letters, actually consists of the majority of Wrenwood families with school-aged children. We are only asking that the path be maintained to the same standard as the other walkways in the Village. We request that the Village of Terrace Park live up to the obligation that was created in December of 1959.

Sincerely,  
Stephen A. Majchszak  
134 Wrenwood Lane

Letters to the editor continued on page 4

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

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The Jan. deadline for *Village Views* is Jan. 6th. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. All articles go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or call 576-0595 to e-mail an article.

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# Eberhard to join walkathon in Kenya

By Sue Porter and Alice Eberhard

The first annual 100 miles BEADS for Education Break the Chains of Illiteracy Walkathon will take place from January 5-12 in Kenya and Terrace Park resident Alice Eberhard will be there - making the trek from Isinya to Amboseli National Park.

Since 1998 BEADS has provided full scholarships for Kenyan girls to attend school and now sponsors more than 200 students. Alice and her husband, Mark, sponsor Ruth Shanka, a BEADS high school grad who teaches young children in Maasai while she is waiting for college placement. The funding the Eberhards provide covers many of her living expenses.

"Mark and I learned of the BEADS program when we were in Baltimore photographing a cat for a painting Mark had been commissioned to do," Alice said. "An art collector showed us some beautifully beaded baskets and evenings bags. She explained that they were made by the Maasai women's cooperative as part of the BEADS for Education program and that she sponsors a girl through the program."

BEADS began with 2 Americans sponsoring girls in 1998 and today has sponsors for over 230 girls, guaranteeing each girl's school fees until her education is completed, including college. Each Maasai girl's mother also contributes to her daughter's education by paying 10% of her monthly income from her bead work, about \$3. Debby Rooney started the Dupoto Woman's Bead Cooperative in 1993 and today markets their beaded items in gift shops on the East coast, including the Smithsonian shops, as well as on the BEADS website.

Since the Eberhards were already planning a photo excursion in Kenya, they decided to look into the BEADS program while they were there. Not only that, they registered to sponsor a BEADS student.

The Eberhards were able to meet their sponsored girl Ruth and visit her Maasai village in one of Kenya's most remote areas. "This

truly was a life-changing experience for both Mark and me. To see these beautiful Maasai people living in such a remote and harsh environment, knowing that their traditional ways of living, as the world encroaches on them, are no longer able to sustain them! They know they must become educated to survive in today's world. That's where BEADS for Education has become a life-line."

Alice was so overwhelmed, in fact, that she committed herself to the BEADS walk. "In July, Mark and I stayed in the lovely lodges and tented camps that tourists to Kenya frequent, complete with hot showers and wonderful food. This trip, we will be camping, pitching tents each night and eating freeze-dried food! I feel totally up to the challenge—what an adventure! And doing this for BEADS is so important to me. If you had had the opportunity to meet these very bright girls, who, without our help, would never have a chance for a better future and hear their gratitude—it's a very emotional experience—and their successes and determination are amazing."

BEADS not only provides school fees but also AIDS/HIV and human rights' awareness training to the Maasai in the Isinya and Amboseli regions. BEADS is also affiliated with the African Wildlife Foundation whose mission is to work with the people of Africa to ensure that the wildlife and wild lands of Africa will endure forever.

Alice wishes to thank all the Terrace Parkers who have so generously donated to BEADS through their pledges for the WALK. "I am so so grateful to each and every one of you for your generosity. I know the Maasai that we assist are grateful to each of you also. TOGETHER we are Breaking the Chains of Illiteracy and making the world a better and safer place."

To support Alice's walk, visit the BEADS Web site at [www.beadsforeducation.org/walkathon](http://www.beadsforeducation.org/walkathon) or give her a call at 831-4049. Donations of \$15 or more will receive a beautiful keychain hand-beaded by the Maasai women.



Alice Eberhard met this Maasai Warrior this past summer when she and her husband, wildlife artist Mark Eberhard, were in Kenya on a photo safari. She will be returning in January to participate in a 100-mile walkathon to support BEADS for Education's Break the Chains of Illiteracy.

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## Village Calendar 2005 - 2006

### DECEMBER

21 Winter Vacation, NO SCHOOL. School resumes January 3, 2006.

25 Christmas

26 Hanukkah and Kwanzaa begin

31 New Year's Eve

### JANUARY 2006

1 Happy 2006!

3 Back to School!

3 TPE PTO Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

3 TP Garden Club Evening Meeting. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Tammy Koreman's House. Call Tammy for more information **831-6603**.

9 ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 11:45 a.m. at **China Buffet** on Route 28 across from Castrucci Ford. NOTE day change because of New Year holiday. New members welcome. For more information contact **Bob Halley 831-0970**

9 AARP Meeting, Call Harry Knoop for more information and program, **831-8583**. This will be a regular meeting, not a lunch meeting.

9 DIBELS Assesment K - 2

10 TP Village Council, 7:30 p.m., Community Building

11 Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Call **Rhea Greene at 248-9969** for more information.

16 Martin Luther King Day -NO SCHOOL

20 Early Dismissal, 2:20

21 Sign-ups for Spring Baseball and Softball, 10:00 at TP Elementary Cafeteria (You can also sign-up on [www.TPRC.net](http://www.TPRC.net))

26 Mariemont School Foundation Meeting at MHS 7:00 p.m.

27 REPORT CARDS

27 All Elementary PTO Roller Skating Party 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

28 3rd Annual TPRC Monte Carlo Night, 7-midnight, St. Thomas. Invitations to be sent in January. Tickets available in advance or at the door.

30 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Please call **Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959** or email [hestersullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:hestersullivan@yahoo.com) with calendar information

# It ain't easy being green

By Sherry Holcomb

Urban Forester - is it an oxymoron used to describe tree-hugging city dwellers? Or, perhaps it's the latest video game in which an animated Paul Bunyan blows up wooded areas to clear the way for custom-designed condos and theme parks? As it turns out, in Terrace Park the title of Urban Forester belongs to Randy Haller, a self-described lover of trees who has held the post since he became a certified arborist in 1993.

"I always did have a thing for trees," says Randy. "They contribute to the quality of life here." Village council also recognized that our village-owned trees were a significant resource that needed to be managed, and they hired a consultant to establish an urban forestry program in 1983. Two years later, Terrace Park was awarded its first Tree City USA award, an honor that has been bestowed upon the village every year since. The National Ar-

bor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, uses this program to recognize communities that are effectively managing their public trees.

So, what's all the interest in our trees, you might ask. As Randy recalls, it used to be that every time a storm blew through there were emergency calls for branch removal, damaged trees and power outages. The village trees, which for the most part were planted at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, are getting old. They also used to be nearly all the same species, which meant a single disease or insect could destroy the village "forest." Today, for example, a beetle called the Emerald Ash Borer has killed at least eight million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. This infestation, which right now has no effective control, is as close as the Columbus area.

Our Urban Forester, however, is happy to report that the latest inventory of village trees shows continued improvement in the condition of our trees, more diversity in the size and species of our trees, and a slight increase in the total number of trees. The street tree inventory, which was completed this fall, is a comprehensive report that identifies every tree in the village right-of-way, its location, species, size, maintenance plan and whether or not it is near electrical wires. The data on our 2,566 trees is used to generate work orders, assist in scheduling and track completion of work.

"We're continuing to strive for a healthy forest here," Randy says. Besides updating the inventory, that effort includes working closely with Cinergy to remove hazardous trees and prune effectively around electrical wires. Randy adds that his preferred solution is to replant smaller species of trees near wires as opposed to radical pruning. With continued effort and the cooperative work of citizens and our Urban Forester, the trees of Terrace Park will continue to provide pollution reduction, shade and beauty for a long time to come. Calling all city-dwellers who want to give nature a hug.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor



## James Singler joins Keating Muething & Klekamp

James A. Singler, son of Alan and Connie Singler, will practice law in Keating Muething & Klekamp's private client services group.

James received his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law, *magna cum laude*, Valedictorian, Notes and Comments Editor of Law Review (2005) and his B.A. from Rollins College, *magna cum laude* (2002).

## Mariemont High School named No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School

### Federal education official visit

The U.S. Department of Education's Kristine Cohn visited Mariemont High School on Friday, November 18 to recognize the significant progress the school has made under *No Child Left Behind*, and to present the school with a certificate naming it a 2005 *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon School. Cohn is U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings' Regional Representative for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* is the bipartisan landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility, giving parents more options and teaching students based on what works. Under the act's strong accountability provisions, states must describe how they will close the achievement gap and make sure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency.

### To our neighbors:

Last December during the severe snow fall my son was unfortunate enough to be involved in a very serious sledding accident. He lost control of his sled and smashed head first into a tree, fracturing his skull and eye area. Luckily, due to the speedy arrival of the ambulance and the outstanding care at Children's Hospital he survived – however, he was not wearing a helmet and it had not even occurred to us that this could have been important.

The staff at the hospital said that it was a very common occurrence. So, I would like to advise you to consider this; next time that your family is enjoying the fun in the snow, please ensure your children are wearing a helmet when sledding. It could make all the difference.

I would also like to thank all our friends and neighbors who were so helpful and supportive during this traumatic time. Terrace Park is a unique place and we feel privileged and very grateful to be here.

Sincerely,  
Lori and Simon Higginbotham  
713 Franklin Avenue

## MHS School Senior Lily Vonderheide receives prestigious NCTE Writing Award

The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) have honored Mariemont High School senior Lily Vonderheide, daughter of Kurt and Maureen Vonderheide, as an Outstanding writer in the 2005 Achievement Awards in writing. The recipients of this honor were chosen from 2,359 students nominated in their junior year from 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Virgin Islands, and American schools abroad.

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing recognize writing excellence based on students' samples of their own best prose or verse and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision. A team of English teachers chosen from throughout the students' home states judge the writing, looking for writing that demonstrates effective and imaginative use of language to inform and move and audience. The winners are announced every October. Cheryl Toepfer, Mariemont High School English Department Chair, was not surprised by Vonderheide's latest

success, "Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Lily is that no matter how many awards she receives recognizing her obvious writing talent, she remains highly teachable, eager for criticism and willing to continuously revise her work."

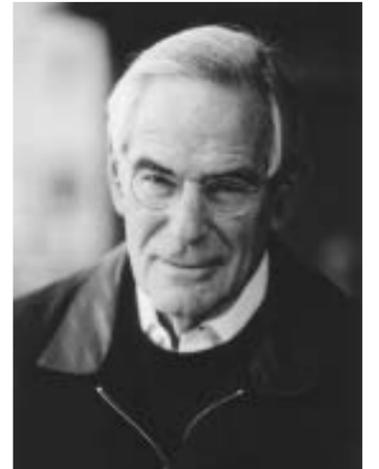
The Mariemont High School faculty and staff are very proud of Lily's

accomplishment. According to Dr. Jim Renner, "Lily is one of the most talented young writers to come through Mariemont High School in some time. She has developed a style and voice in her work that is not often seen in someone her age." As a winner of the award, Lily will receive a certificate of recognition and a card highlighting the achievement to attach to college application forms.

The Seven Hills School's 20th Annual Books for Lunch is proud to present as its 2006 guest author David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, author, and historian. The author luncheon, which is open to the community, will take place Friday, February 3, at noon at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center on the University of Cincinnati Clifton Campus. His luncheon topic will be "America and the World: New Challenges in a Time of Uncertainty." The Dinner with the Author event will take place at the home of Seven Hills' parents Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 pm.

## Seven Hills School's Books for Lunch presents David Halberstam

Ticket prices are the following: Author luncheon: \$40 each; Dinner with Author: \$75 each; Patron (includes two Dinner with Author tickets and two luncheon tickets) — \$300; Sponsor (includes two Dinner with Author tickets and a table



David Halberstam

for ten at the luncheon) — \$625.

For reservation information, phone 513-321-3224 or e-mail [ssleyman@zoomtown.com](mailto:ssleyman@zoomtown.com). Reservations are requested by January 21.

## MHS freshman saxophonist named to honor

Stuart Simons, a freshman at Mariemont High School and the son of Stuart and Nisa Simons, was recently named to the Ohio Music Education Association District 14 Honor Band. Stuart was one of 256 students who auditioned, and one of only nine freshmen selected to play in the performance December 4 at Walnut Hills High School.

Stuart plays soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones and was a member of the College Conservatory of Music Youth Wind Ensemble. High school band director Alan Limke commented that, "Stuart is an exceptional musician

for his age. I knew he was something special when I heard him warming up on Charlie Parker tunes as an eighth grader."

Stuart is also an honor roll student and a talented basketball and baseball player.

According to high school Principal Dr. Jim Renner, "We are very proud of Stuart's accomplishment. He is a tremendous asset to the Mariemont High School band. He is a well-rounded, talented young man who is successfully involved in many activities. Stuart has certainly made a terrific first impression as a freshman at MHS."

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# Police report

Investigations of thefts, most of which took place in mid-month headed the list of activities involving the Police Department during November.

A Harvard Avenue resident reported theft of his vehicle overnight. The vehicle was located by a Hamilton County Sheriff and returned to the owner who reported that a transaction had been made with a debit card and a purse in the car at the time of the theft was not recovered. A cell phone was missing and may have been taken from a second car parked in the driveway.

A homeowner on Yale reported currency was missing from his vehicle.

Another resident discovered that keys and a cell phone were taken from a vehicle overnight. The keys were found in a stolen vehicle however the cell phone has not been recovered.

Keys were stolen from a car parked at a residence on Lexington Avenue. They were later located in a stolen car and were returned to the owner.

There were two additional incidents on Lexington involving thefts of keys and a cell phone and charger from cars parked at residences. Those items were also found in a stolen car and were returned to owners.

A Floral Avenue resident reported theft of two cell phones, a checkbook, currency, a Visa card and a baby car seat from a vehicle. The stolen car in which items had been found was located with the suspects. Police recovered the Visa card. They arrested the suspects at the scene of the stolen car and booked them to the Hamilton County Justice Center.

An abandoned, suspicious vehicle was found parked in front of a home on Harvard Avenue. The investigating officer traced the license plates and learned that the car had been taken in Reading. It was towed to and secured in the main

building in the maintenance area.

A resident who was reportedly involved in but left the scene of a minor accident was apprehended by police and was cited for hit and run and leaving the scene of the accident.

Other village residents were assisted by police with locating a family member who was possibly missing, freeing a child from a bathroom in which he had locked himself and reuniting an at-large dog with its owner. Officers responded to a noise complaint, a report of a possible prowler, a complaint that juveniles were ringing door bells and running and a "gas-up and drive off" at Hinners Service Station.

A Miami Avenue homeowner reported possible breaking and entering upon discovery of damage to the lock area on the garage door.

When Terrace Park police were out of service Milford officers responded to a complaint from a Wooster Pike homeowner involving unauthorized entry by her ex-husband. He was found to be wanted by both Hamilton and Clermont Counties and was turned over to proper authorities.

Investigation of possible theft/fraud of a resident who purchased an item on Ebay from a seller in the United Kingdom is ongoing. Although the buyer sent payment for the item, the seller has not responded.

EMS had two runs at which police were present.

The fire department responded to a fire in tree limbs. Strong winds had downed the tree which hit and blew a transformer resulting in the fire. The department remained on the scene until Cinergy arrived to make repairs.

Mutual Aid was provided to Milford (5 calls) and to Newtown (1 call).



Marie Stoecklin and Virginia Marquett

## Local AARP chapter celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Terrace Park Chapter #3279 of AARP was recognized November 12 for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Marie Stoecklin, a charter member of Terrace Park Chapter was also recognized for being a charter member. The present president, Virginia Marquett, received a letter of congratulations for the anniversary and best wishes were sent to the officers and members of the chapter for their work to achieve the goals of AARP.

The plaque received read, "Terrace Park Chapter #3279 1980-2005. In appreciation and recognition of 25 years of service to AARP, its members and the community and this chapter's commitment to the motto 'To Serve, Not To Be

Served.'" This plaque was presented to the members. A corsage was presented to Marie.

Organized in 1980 by Raymond and Marie Stoecklin, Effie Miller and Janet Kircher the group originally met at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The chapter now meets at Sem laurels on the second Monday of each month. The present officers are Virginia Marquett – president; Harry Knoop – vice president; Dorris Knoop – Secretary; Gene Binning – Treasurer; and Harry Hodges – assistant treasurer.

This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of chapters as an AARP program. There are more than 2,500 chapters across the country.

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# Terrace Park Historical Society

*Tracking our past and present for the future*

By Carol C. Cole

The picture with this article is the one from which Roselle Shundich painted a watercolor, commissioned by the Terrace Park Historical Society. The original hangs in our rooms in the old Education Building at St. Thomas Church. Copies have been made for Lifetime members of the Society. They can choose full, three-quarters or half size. The original picture comes from a post card of what might be called the business district of Terrace Park at the time (Terrace Place and Harvard Avenue). It was processed for Virgil and Rosemary Fender, postmarked August 1908. The building shown was until 1980 a store built in the 1880s, but since then owned by Paul Kennedy for his office. He has made an addition to one side, but has set it back so the size of the original building is still clear. Besides the store, the Traction Line car and the steps leading down to the railroad tracks, one can just see the top of Mrs. Droscher's house to the left of the light on the lamppost. Stan Miller, unofficial historian of Terrace Park at the time, wrote an article for the September 1969 issue of Village Views, which tells a lot about what the picture shows and I'm going to quote that article.

"Those trees were no doubt purchased by Council in an order placed March 13, 1896. Records indicate that 600 were bought for \$240.

You will note the grocery was higher then than now. Well, when Louis Bosch ran the place, the upstairs got on fire. In the excitement, Louis started to move things out, and first saved was a new fire-red meat cutter, of which he was very proud. Someone had called the Milford volunteers. The bridge was out and they had to ferry the Little Miami, coming out near Shawnee Run Road. Young Vic Kuhn, now a barber in Milford, grabbed the hose that uncoiled from a huge contraption, made the second floor and yelled for water. There was a slight delay, as the hydrant man had run for the meat cutter, mistaking it for a fireplug.

The so-called spring wagon in the picture is a kerosene distributor, much in use in those days for house-to-house delivery service.

The streetlight raised and lowered. The light tender had a horse-drawn cart, especially designed, which carried fuel, wicks and cleaning materials.

Those are Western Union poles but the young telephone company was granted permission to



**This postcard mailed in August, 1908 depicts the "business" district of Terrace Park.**

string wires from Milford to the grocery. All calls came to the grocery and there was a slight charge to call you to the phone. Ordinance No. 119-1905 passed in August, granted the company permission to come in, set poles, etc. This was signed by H. A. Lloyd and attested to by L. W. Conkling-Clerk. Conkling was a busy man – groceryman, clerk, and postmaster for the post office was in the store.

That traction car was a member of a fleet belonging to the Cincinnati, Milford & Loveland Traction Company, that went to Blanchester, instead. Since the cars were blue, they proudly called it the Royal Blue Traction Line. It really rendered service. Scheduled runs were approximately 30 minutes apart from 4:15 a.m. to 11:50 p.m. out of Cincinnati. The latter was the theater run that made it to Mulberry by 1:08 a.m.

There was freight and express service also, and extra cars on special occasions.

After leaving the Cincinnati depot, cars came by way of Peebles Corner through Madisonville, Plainville, Avoca Park, Tower Hill (the latter stops served the hoity-toity who had canoe clubs and summer cottages along the Little Miami River), Robinson's at the underpass on Elm Road, on around Elm, Terrace Place and along the railroad past St. Thomas Church into Milford. The principle stops of many to Blanchester were at Newtonsville and Edenton, including Modest.

The schedule contained this special notice. 'The management of the C. M. & L. Traction Company especially desires that the patrons of this line receive courteous and intelligent attention at the hands of

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In the beginning, it was called the "Kroger Line", having been incorporated through the efforts of B. H. Kroger, of grocery fame, September 26, 1902. However, he relinquished his interests soon afterwards. Service was to reach Milford by March 1, 1904. But at the Milford bridge, although the wires were there, some sort of litigation prevented turning on the power, so they would pull the cars across with horses. Many of us used this service before it was discontinued in 1937 and being nice folks, we did not irritate the employees – well perhaps not much. Then the Ohio Bus Line took over.

The last trace vanished when, in November 1942, Council passed Resolution No. 54 'Authorizing Removal and Acceptance of Rails for use as scrap in connection with the War Effort'. That was the custom in those days for everyone to turn in all kinds of scrap iron, including iron fences."

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# Terrace Park Historical Society updates

"Tracking our Past and Present for the Future"

By Susan Abernethy Frank

## Memberships on the Rise

In early November a letter was sent to all village residents plus many who are former residents of Terrace Park. This letter was to solicit new members for the Historical Society. So far, as of Dec. 1, the letter has brought in approximately 125 **new** members and we are still receiving checks every day.

We have had a lot of interest from former residents but we know there are names and addresses out there that we do not have. Please submit any names/addresses of former residents that you know to safrank@fuse.net or by phone 859-261-1776. Five of our fifteen Lifetime Memberships are from former residents, so please send us the names and addresses of any former residents you think might want to be contacted by the Historical Society.

Volunteer opportunities are readily available for work with Archives, TRACKER (our newsletter), oral histories, fund-raising, video, etc. Please call Susan Abernethy Frank at 513-607-3066 to volunteer.

## Honoring Lifetime Members

The Lifetime Members of Terrace Park Historical Society as of Dec. 1, 2005 are:

Carol C. and Leland Cole  
Rebecca and Stoddard Rowe  
Eliza and Bruce Brown, honoring daughters Eliza, Patricia and Stephanie  
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Elizabeth Martin  
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Patti and Ray Normile  
Susan Abernethy Frank and John Frank  
Leslie Jones  
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Edna Heil Hay in memory of Phil 'Bud' Heil  
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Lifetime Membership dues are \$1,000 and can be paid over a 3-year period. These memberships are open to all and are a significant way to show support for the work of the Terrace Park Historical Society (TPHS). All members' names are engraved on a plaque which is at the TPHS office in St. Thomas. Also, in the office is the original watercolor painting of Terrace Park's history (Terrace Market) by Rosie Shundich. All members also receive a copy of this painting.

Lifetime Memberships and other donations can be made as **memorials or to honor a family member or friend.**

All contributions should go to: Terrace Park Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174.

## Miami Grove Nature Preserve: Thank you Steve Kemme of the Cincinnati Enquirer

Although the article ran more than two months ago, the impact of it is still felt!

When Steve Kemme of the Cincinnati Enquirer first learned

about the "Miami Grove Revisited" program from the *Village Views*, he called me and wanted to do a story. I asked him to wait until the dedication ceremony and plans were in place. That incredible and very sensitive story ran on the front page of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* on October 5 just four days before our dedication. How refreshing it was to open the paper and read such a heart-warming story and to know that Terrace Park was taking steps to heal some old wounds. And now even after two months since the story ran, I cannot tell you the number of phone calls and notes we (the Terrace Park Historical Society) and I personally have received with regard to Steve's story. Kemme's attention to detail and to truth radiated throughout the story. His interviews with the former residents were so "telling" of the wonders and woes of life in Miami Grove in the '40s and '50s.

Hopefully, through the work of Terrace Park Historical Society, the Village of Terrace Park and Steve Kemme's story, other communities will realize the importance of making amends for past mistakes, of defying discrimination. Robert Jenkins' letter in the November *Village Views* was just one more affirmation of this.

And just so you know, the bronze plaque that the Village Council is providing is almost ready. Hopefully by the first of the year it will be in place at the entrance to Miami Grove Nature Preserve.

## Patrick Hindert offers to do pod cast

Local resident Patrick Hindert has graciously volunteered to do a pod cast for the Historical Society, highlighting the Miami Grove Nature Preserve effort and the history of Miami Grove as well as some historical documenting of Terrace Park history. Pat has organized a committee of many residents including students and educators. Any one interested in participating should contact Pat at Patrick@SKM.com or 248-2452.



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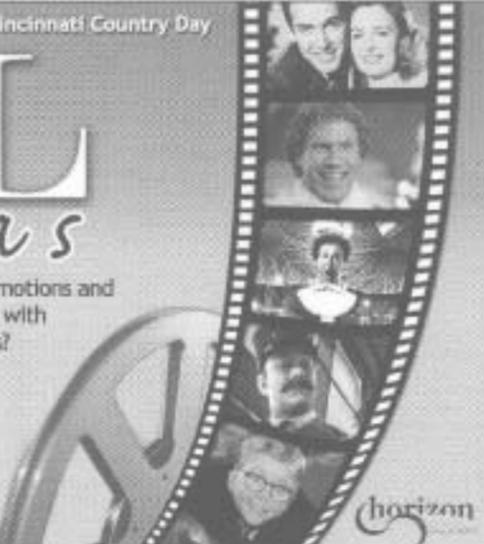
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# Terrace Park Sports

## Mariemont seniors continue lacrosse careers

By Katie Morgan

Two Terrace Park lacrosse players will be taking their game to the next level as current seniors Allo Perry and Maeve McGoff have both signed commitment letters to play lacrosse next year at different universities.

Allo, who has been playing lacrosse since fifth grade, signed to play at the University of Virginia, which was the NCAA Runner-up in 2005. Allo was named All-American as a junior and was also recognized with first team honors at several levels, including All-Ohio, region, and the Greater Cincinnati Lacrosse Association (GCLA). Along with being named MVP of the Mariemont high school team, Allo has been the starting varsity center since her freshman year. She also plays club lacrosse for X-Team.

"I chose Virginia because I like the coach and I want a chance to be able to play for a national title," Allo said.

Teammate on both X-Team and



Maeve and Allo enjoying the high school lacrosse All-American Banquet in Columbus.

the Warriors, Maeve McGoff recently signed a letter of intent to play at Mercyherst College in Pennsylvania. Maeve started playing lacrosse when she was in seventh grade and has been the starting varsity goalie since she was a freshman. Maeve's other accolades include Honorable Mention All-American as a junior, and first team All-Ohio, region, and

GCLA. In her three years as the starting goalie she has attained a .666 save percentage.

About deciding on attending Mercyherst, Maeve said, "the girls on the team are nice, the coach is young and is really cool. The campus is really pretty, good size, good communications program...I fell in love with it!"



L-R Coach Ann DuCharme, Lindsey Serraino, Kate Olson, Rachel Nelson, Julia Murphy, Abby Mathis, Nichole Mackey, Elizabeth Keller, Coach Sue Hermanson, Ann Stuart Bell, Polly Brittingham, Olivia Cooke, Rosie Ecker, Julia Gaburo, Ingrid Hermanson

## Terrace Park U12 Girls Soccer State Runner-Up

The Terrace Park Girls U12 recreational soccer team completed an impressive season on November 20, falling just short of the Ohio state title in a season ending shootout. Over the course of their regular season, the Terrace Park girls amassed a 9-1 record. The squad scored a combined 32 goals, while holding its opponents to just 4. After finishing first in their division, the girls qualified for the SAY District Tournament.

The district tournament was comprised of teams from the northeast suburbs of Cincinnati. Terrace Park continued its winning tradition, handily overpowering all the opponents they faced, ultimately awarding the girls with the tournament victory. This district championship qualified Terrace Park for the Ohio State SAY Tournament.

The state tournament brought

together 24 SAY area champions from across Ohio. The Terrace Park girls faced and defeated squads from East Miami Valley, Toledo, Woodlawn, and Fairfield, earning the team a place in the championship bracket. The final contest pitted Terrace Park against Kittyhawk, a Dayton area team.

Terrace Park led the majority of the game, scoring early in the first half. Kittyhawk tied the match with 3 minutes left in regulation. Although the teams remained even at the conclusion of play, the match ended with Terrace Park as the runner-up 4-3 after penalty kicks.

This well played game was an exciting finish to a fantastic season for the Terrace Park girls, and the team would like to thank its parents and fans who lent enthusiastic support over the course of the season and throughout the tournaments!

## Terrace Park hosts second annual MHS Lacrosse Alumni Game

By Steve Peterson

The second annual Mariemont Lacrosse Alumni Game between past players from Mariemont High School (MHS) and the current MHS team was played during Thanksgiving weekend. It was an exciting game where the alumni team won in overtime by a score of 12-11. All-State attackman Stevie Bollinger ('03) scored the deciding goal on a nice feed from midfielder Mike Morgan ('04).

Stanton Field is the site of this annual game. Terrace Park is where lacrosse started a number of years ago in the Mariemont school district, and the program now has 300 kids playing lacrosse each spring. Both teams featured young men who have grown up in the Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) Bull Dog Lacrosse program and went on to play at Mariemont. Nick Prues, a senior midfielder for MHS this year, is entering his eighth season of lacrosse and plans to play in college (after contending for a state championship at Mariemont later this year). Mariemont plays in the OSHLA (Division 1A), and in 2003 were state runners-up.

This year's alumni team featured a number of boys who now play lacrosse and football at the college level at schools including Butler, Wittenberg, Canisius, Ohio University, Indiana University, and UC. The senior member of the alumni squad was 2001 graduate Chris Meeley, who plays club lacrosse at UC and had a nice goal in the game. The alumni team's vic-



Front Row: Mike Morgan ('04), Noah Gibby, Reed Peterson ('04), Logan Free, Nick Prues, Chris McGoff ('05) and Evan Seeley. Standing: Steve Peterson (Youth Coach), Tad Geroge (MHS Head Coach), Evan Rosson, Sean Stirsman, Ross Hawk, Matt Perry (Past Coach), Lucky Peterson, Owen Gibby ('04), Taylor Folan ('05), Hunter Barnhill ('05), Jason Singer ('05), Bill Dunning ('02), Randall Williams ('05), Auggie Wasman ('03), Stevie Bollinger ('03), Drake Perry ('04), Joe Lyons ('04), Clay Martin ('03), Matt Burnheimer ('03), Chris Meeley ('01), Brad Pritz ('02), Ben Shimp ('02), Colin Burnheimer ('04), Ben Moorehead ('03), Ross Ballinger ('03), and John Borchers ('03).

torious goal tenders were Matt Burnheimer ('03) and Randall Williams ('05), both of whom were outstanding goal keepers for the MHS lacrosse team. Evan Seeley did a fine job in goal for the current MHS team and made some nice saves in this overtime battle.

Nick Prues, Logan Free, Noah Gibby, Ross Hawk, Sean Stirsman, Lucky Peterson, and Evan Rosson led the efforts for the current MHS team. "It takes courage to play in this alumni game against all these bruisers from past teams," said stand out goal scorer Clay Martin ('03), who currently plays attack for Ohio University. This courage was demonstrated by the youngest

player on the field, freshman Evan Rosson, who ripped the upper left corner for a beautiful goal during the game that featured both impressive lacrosse play and comradery.

"This is a great tradition you guys have started, and it will provide many great times and memories in the future," said Coach Tad George, who is entering his fifth season as MHS head lacrosse coach. Coach George played for the current MHS team in this matchup and opened up the scoring with the first goal.

There were a number of spectators watching this year's game, and everyone is proud of the Terrace Park residents who are past



and present members of the MHS Warriors. Some say that it will be a number of years before the current high school team is able to beat the alumni, however it seems no coincidence that most of these predictions seemed to come from the alumni themselves.

The annual game is held at Stanton field on the Saturday following Thanksgiving each year, and is now part of the growing Terrace Park lacrosse tradition.

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