

Septic tanks, construction, and zoning addressed at April and May's council meetings

By Susan House

Want to see the action but missed the meeting? Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at 10:30 p.m., and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Highlights from April's council meeting

Mayor Jay Gohman said that he has received many calls regarding changes in the Hamilton County General Health District's (HCGHD) strict rules governing septic systems requirements. The residents most affected seem to be those with plans for expanding their houses. Village Building Inspector Bill Fiedler reported that he had attended a Hamilton County Board

of Health meeting on April 13 that addressed the topic of the Health Department's septic system requirements. Fiedler said that previously an application for a permit to build a house that would cover more land than the original structure, would have more bedrooms, or a permit to build an accessory building, might trigger the need for a new septic system. Fiedler stated that new systems are computerized, and sophisticated and can cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The HCGHD finalized the septic system topic at the April meeting by saying that they are taking the matter under consideration. There will be another meeting in May. Fiedler's concern is that new, more rigid, require-

ments will trigger additional enforcement of building permit laws, as residents will try to do work without permits. (see related article on page 8)

Highlights from May's council meeting

Resident input consisted of people voicing concern about safety issues on Wooster Pike. Requests were made for lowering speed limits, adding cross walks, and doing major sidewalk repairs. Sentiment was largely expressed to make Wooster Pike, as it runs through Terrace Park, a community street, with a community ambience. Council reminded attending residents that the Ohio Department of Transport-

ation has control over speed limits, etc., on Wooster, as it is officially a state highway. A resident's request was made for Council to put together a task force for the future development of Wooster Pike.

Jack Brown, councilman in charge of the Public Works committee, presented a list of projects that have been proposed for this year, but have not yet been finalized:

- (1) Denison/Wrenwood sidewalk resurface. Estimate at \$8,000.
- (2) Oxford stairs - Because

of erosion, the stairway had to be closed, thereby closing off access to the Little Miami at this location. Requests have been made to open the stairway. Mr. Brown has an estimate for \$8,600, to complete this work.

(3) Creek 27 (the creek that comes down, from Indian Hill, under Wooster, past Elm, and runs by the swim club). Work on this creek would be done in various stages, with the approximate cost for all phases at

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Firehouse groundbreaking ceremony announced

The Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Departments as well as Council and the Building Committee would like to invite all residents to a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. The event will take place rain or shine at the building site that is located directly behind our current administration building. This event will last around 30

minutes and will include remarks from the various departments with an update from the project manager. Come help us celebrate the beginning of this beautiful new building as well as the refurbishment of the existing Community Building. There will be a few chairs available but please bring a lawn chair if you can. So bring the kids and we'll see you there.

Memorial Day commemoration

This year the Memorial Day program will honor those men and women who are presently defending our country and remember those who have given their lives in defense of the country. We are also honoring the Terrace Park police for their service in protecting the community. The Memorial Day parade will form at Terrace Park Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. The parade route will travel through Terrace Park and end at the Village Green. The

Memorial Day program will begin at approximately 11 a.m. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont is providing the memorial wreath to be placed at the flag pole to honor all veterans. A Terrace Park sixth grade student will read the winning Memorial Day essay. The parent teacher organization will have coffee and rolls for sale on the Village Green. All Terrace Park residents are encouraged to attend the Memorial Day parade and program. Residents are reminded to fly flags at home.



To help raise funds for his Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Man of the Year Campaign, Sean Barton organized the community barbecue at the log cabin.



Singer Zak Morgan entertained the kids (and adults). Later in the evening participants tried to set a village chicken dance record.



Sean also organized a car wash to raise funds. Several young volunteers lent a hand.



An evening of jazz to benefit Terrace Park Fire Dept. and EMS

Jazzed on the Green - Saturday, June 24

On Saturday, June 24, the Terrace Park Social Club invites you to kick back to cool music for a hot cause. Proceeds from this year's *Jazzed on the Green* will benefit our community's volunteer fire department and emergency medical services (EMS). What better way to spend an evening? Here's what's in store:

The main event

If you haven't attended *Jazzed on the Green*, you're in for a treat. Picture a large, white tent on the Village Green in front of the gazebo; the sounds of live jazz music fill the air; and tables decorated in a fashion that would rival the Cincinnati Flower Show. We've seen lilies, tulips and daisies spring from a tall silver vase surrounded by silver julep cups on the "Stepford Wives"

table. Split rail fences that were brought in for a western theme and a campfire step-up have made an appearance. And let's not forget our "Golf Widows" table complete with a lily-laden casket centerpiece and heart-wrenching obituaries. However, if you aren't into decorating, no problem — paper plates are just fine.

Tables are priced at \$200 per table of eight or \$50 per couple and include the table, chairs, and of course, the wonderful entertainment. Guests choose a theme, decorate their table and bring their favorite foods and beverages.

The evening unfolds with the

table decorations contest. Prizes are awarded for categories including: best overall; most elegant; and most creative. There is plenty of time to mix, mingle, "ooh" and "ahh" over these creations before sitting down to dinner.

Then as the sun sets, the twinkling lights under the tent reflect the smiles and laughter of our neighbors taking in the harmonies that only live jazz can offer. It's a fabulous night!

The community commitment

We all know that our commu-

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The deadline for the **June** issue of the *Village Views* is Friday, June 16

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

Thank you to the Lindell's: not only for the memories but for the preservation of something very special. It is such a pleasure to enter Terrace Park, through the tunnel, and along Elm Road by the very picturesque Lindell "farm": the fence, the pasture, the very historical and charming home, the horses...all right out of the best photo books. It is a scene that I for one will always treasure. I am sure the Lindell's (Hap and Ann and Pax and Abby) could have sold their property at a very handsome price BUT they have saved it not only for themselves but for all residents and visitors to enjoy. Many who no longer live in the village still remember this special entrance. We hope it never changes.

Susan Abernethy Frank
Historical Society

To the editor:

Last Fall, my husband and I attended the Pumpkin Festival, enjoying a memorable evening with our children. I was amazed to see the project that my child's class had completed for "Bid-n-Buy." In the past, I have always enjoyed viewing the class projects because they are unique and original. The person bidding the highest becomes the owner of a unique and original item, something that no one else has. For this reason, the bidding is usually far beyond what I can afford.

My child's classroom project consisted of self-portraits designed by each child in the class. Along with the framed portrait was a beautiful box which was covered with their self portraits. The highest bidder, I was told, would receive both items. I thought the framed photos of the children would be a wonderful keepsake for my son, and although the box was, (I felt) more suited for a young lady, it would be nice to have as well. My plan was to put the portrait and box away for the next few years, and when my son graduated from grade school, it would be a gift. Although my final bid was higher than I had planned, I knew that one day my son would appreciate this memento from his Kindergarten year. I was overwhelmed with excitement to hear that I had given the highest bid. The following day, I picked up the two items from the school.

One month later, my son came home from school with a letter stating that there had been "such an interest" in the self portraits that they would be available to anyone interested for a cost of approximately \$18. This was the exact portrait that I purchased at the festival for \$250. Later that evening, I learned from a mother in the class that many other parents had been made aware *before* the Pumpkin Festival of the plans to sell the portraits for this amount. This however, was not communicated to me either before the festival or during the "Bid-n-Buy." There was no sign, display, or notice at the festival stating such. Had I known this, I would have simply purchased a portrait for \$18 because the box is not what interested me.

After much contemplation, I telephoned the person whom I had picked the item up from at the school. She agreed that the portraits should not be sold to others because it was sold at the festival as the class project for "Bid-n-Buy." She offered to telephone the appropriate people and inform them that they needed to withdraw the offer to the parents from the class. I also left a message for the President of the PTO that evening in an attempt to discuss this and come to a solution.

Later that evening, I received a phone call from the co-chair of the Bid-n-Buy telling me that there was "nothing that could be done." Her explanation was that "the portraits had already been promised to parents." She agreed that they had "made a mistake" by failing to make it known to everyone that the portrait would be made available to others. She told me that what I really was bidding on was the box and that the portrait was "an extra" that they decided to just "throw in." This left me wondering why some knew about the plan to sell the portraits and others did not. She had no explanation for this. She then told me that they could give me my money back and they would simply "sell the box" to another parent. I expressed my thoughts that this should not be an option. This option, of course, would have led to questions and speculation of "what happened." Everyone knew that I had been the highest bidder of the items. How was this going to be explained? Were those involved going to assume responsibility? As all of us are aware, stories often have a tendency of getting twisted and tangled and before you know it, the truth is not always "the truth" by the time it travels through our community. This is not the outcome I wanted for this situation. I simply wanted those involved to do what was right.

The following day, after receiving no return phone call from the President of the PTO and no response from the co-chair of the Bid-n-Buy, I

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called the school principal. I spoke to her and expressed my concerns very calmly and diplomatically. When she asked what resolution I felt would be fair, I expressed my feelings that the situation could still be easily rectified by having the appropriate people explain to the parents of the children in the class that a mistake had been made and the offer for sale of the portraits would need to be rescinded. I explained to her, as I had to the co-chair of the Bid-n-Buy that I really did not feel comfortable with the option to have my money returned if it meant that the box would be "sold" again. She listened and told me that she would speak to the President of the PTO and someone would contact me by phone. That phone call never came.

Just before Christmas, I received an envelope in the mail. Inside was a check from the PTO for \$250. There was no note and no explanation. In my mind, I questioned the reason for the return of the money: Were they expecting the return of the box or did they come to the realization that they had made a mistake and felt it only fair to send back the money? Because I had voiced my strong opposition to the idea of "re-selling" the box, I came to the assumption that the check was simply to return my money because of their mistake.

More than 5 months have passed since I received the check. During this time, no one has attempted to contact me or speak to me about this issue. I have spoken to the co-chair of the "Bid-n-Buy" on multiple occasions during this period and she has made no mention of "the box." On Friday, May 12th, I received a phone call from her asking "Do you still have the box?" She then proceeded to tell me that she had sold it to another mother in the class and needed to stop by and pick it up from me. I was shocked. I didn't know how to respond or what to say. I quietly, but deep inside, reluctantly, gave into her wishes to pick up the box. After hanging up the phone, I realized that I did deserve some sort of explanation. I immediately phoned her and got her answering machine. I have left two messages for her, kindly requesting a return phone call. Once again, no return phone call.

I have taken the box to the parent who purchased it, not because I agree with what has happened, but because it is certainly not her fault that she was offered the box and it would not be fair for her also to have been promised something and not receive it.

In the bigger scheme of things, this is so unimportant. Each day, I work with families who are faced with the realization that they may lose a child to an incurable illness. These experiences help me to realize that this experience, however wrong it was, really doesn't matter. It's ironic that we as parents continually strive to teach our children to "do the right thing" no matter how difficult it might seem. It is something that is stressed throughout their grade school years. Why then, as adults do we not lead by example?

The purpose of this message is to simply tell the truth about an experience that was handled with very little thought or regard for "doing the right thing." It is not my intention to dissuade others from involvement in next year's "Bid-n-Buy," as I know this brings money to our PTO and subsequently benefits our children's education. It is, however, my hope that new members will hold these positions in the coming school year and that they will ensure that this does not happen to another parent in our community.

Respectfully,
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Last year's winning table decorations at Jazzed on the Green.

nity is a special place to live. Time and again we see neighbors reaching out to help one another, but none do that better than our fire department and EMS volunteers. We can not thank these men and women enough for the countless hours they give to keep everyone in our community safe — 24/7. In an effort to express that gratitude, proceeds from *Jazzed on the Green* will benefit these organizations. The money raised will be used at their discretion. Priorities include a new defibrillator as it's been 12 years since Terrace Park has purchased one and new 800-megahertz radios that are com-

patible with the updated post-9-11 communication system.

Join us!

What better way to spend an evening than dining with friends, listening to great music and supporting a vital community service? Now is the time to mark your calendar and send in your reservation (Cut out the form in this issue of *Village Views*) for an evening of jazz under the stars. For more information on attending the event or contributing to the Terrace Park Fire and EMS, please contact Patricia Lopez at 831-9887 or Sybil Schooler at 576-1571.

Village Calendar 2006

MAY

- 25 Mariemont School Foundation mtg. at MHS, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 TPE Talent Show, 9:15 a.m.
- 26 TPE Field Day, 12:30 - 3 p.m.
- 26 TPSC Hawaiian Luau Night—celebrate the arrival of summer Hawaiian style! 7 p.m. \$20/person—send check to Melanie-310 Harvard. BYOB
- 27 Summer Fun registration 10 a.m. - noon at TP Elementary cafeteria
- 27 TPSC Open!!!

David Lichtenfeld speaks of his experiences with the FBI. For more information, call **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650.**

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

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

15 Fall Soccer Sign-Ups Due (See www.TPRC.net if you need a form)

28 TPRC Memorial Day 3 on 3 - noon in the Mariemont High School Gym

16 TPSC Jr. High Movie Night

29 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
29 No School

18 TPSC Father's Day Celebration—catered dinner and fun "dad-centered" games for the whole family!

JUNE

- 2 Last Day of School
- 3 TPSC School's Out BlowOut! BYOP (Bring your own pizza this year)
- 4 MHS Graduation, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 11:45 a.m. at China Buffet on Route 28 across from Castucci Ford. New members welcome. For more information contact **Bob Halley 831-0970.**
- 9 TPSC Family Grill Night
- 12 AARP Meeting, 1:30 p.m. On the program

21 Terrace Park Kindervelt Ladies' Day at the Terrace Park Swim Club from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. For more information, or to make reservations by June 12, contact **Nikki Tritsch at 831-8771** or email ntritsch@cinci.rr.com.

23 TPSC Family Movie Night

27 Terrace Park Garden Club, Visit to Richard & Carolyn Dooley Daylily Garden, Hamilton, OH—12 - 2 p.m. Call **Jill Kelly, 965-0819** for more information.

30 TPSC Grill n' Grove—featuring local musician Ben Alexander. Great tunes for the entire family!

Please call **Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959** or email hestersullivan@yahoo.com with calendar information

Making a difference in Muscular Dystrophy

By Bren Fries

Let it be said that Jay and Abby Messner know how to plan a party...especially when it's for a cause like the fight to cure Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). DMD is the most severe, lethal form of Muscular Dystrophy affecting one in every 3,500 newborn boys in the United States. It's onset is subtle, yet the certainty of this terrible affliction, from the inability to run, then walk, eventually ending in respiratory or cardiac failure makes DMD particularly cruel. So when the Messner's close friends received the tragic news that their two boys BOTH had DMD, it was time to do something...it was time to throw a party.

Last year, their "little" party, called the "Bash For The Boys" raised more than \$108,000 to fund cutting-edge research in the fight against DMD. This money doesn't go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association like funds from Jerry

Lewis' Labor Day Telethon. These funds go directly to the "Jett Foundation," named after a boy with DMD, consisting of an all-volunteer corps in which 98 cents of each dollar donated funnels directly to DMD research. With the foundation's help key strides are being made toward slowing the onset of Duchene's disease. A small step, yes, but one that may unlock the cure to a disease that robs little boys of a life they deserve to live.

Why am I so interested, do you ask? Because I'm in this, too. My nephew, Ian, now 16 years-old, has DMD. Maybe you remember seeing a boy at the Swim Club a few summers back, offering rides on his "spiffy" wheelchair to interested friends of my own boys. I'll never forget the sight of four or five neighborhood kids laughing with Ian as they bumped along the lawn surrounding the pool. Memories are important, because as of this writing Ian suffers the tick-tock of the clock, and with each passing moment the

inevitability of DMD. Now he has a steel rod surgically implanted along his spine because he can't hold himself upright. He can't raise his hands to his mouth to eat. His lungs operate at about 30 percent capacity. So much he can't do, yet amidst it all Ian does so much more. He makes us laugh at family gatherings. He plays games with his cousins. He takes each day as a new

one and sets the best example I know for me and my kids to follow. Do you know what he makes me want to do? He makes me want to go to a party.

If you'd like to go, too, call Jay or Abby Messner at 248-1164. The "Bash" is June 16, 2006, at the Newport Syndicate. Come kick off the event with Honorary Chairmen (and former Bengals field goal "experts") Jim Breech and Doug Pelfrey.

For more information on DMD visit www.jettfoundation.org.

Council and Fire Dept. announce giveaway program

With a grant from the American Red Cross and help from our Fire Department, Council is happy to announce a giveaway program for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors plus the batteries as well! It is recommended that you have one of each on every floor of your home. So now there should be no excuse for not having these in every Terrace Park home. And to make this program accessible to all residents, our Fire Department has graciously offered to install these for those who are unable to. To get yours, please call the Village Office at 831-2138 or just stop by. While Terrace Park has a very good track record concerning fire safety, this can only make it better. Please take advantage of this free program.

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Neighbor to Neighbor



Mr. Maness' and Mrs. Kaye's first grade class celebrate Arbor Day with their trees. The trees were provided by The Terrace Park Garden Club and selected by Randy Haller, the Terrace Park Arborist. Each year a new type of tree is selected, this year's tree Latin name *Oxydendrum Arboreum*, common name Sourwood or Lily of the Valley tree.

Terrace Park residents take the music industry by storm

Eric Brengle and Matt Willis released their first full-length album entitled "No Ends of Patches." The Country Day graduates met during their middle school year, but didn't begin working together until their senior year of high school.

Eric shared the stage with many other Terrace Parkers while growing up, whether it was Mariemont's "Night of the Pod People" to concerts on the Village Green.

Although starting off as a hobby for Matt and Eric, the two

quickly discovered that it represented much more. In June of 2004, the two drafted drummer Jesse Feister and went into the studio to record their first demo entitled "Camera and Notebooks."

"It was a very nerve racking experience," recalled Eric, "All of a sudden you're in a room with endless equipment, a thousand blinking lights, and everyone is scrutinizing over a song that you wrote in your bedroom."

Not one to be intimidated,

Eric allowed the recording process to grow after the initial E.P. had been finished.

With a strong assortment of songs to choose from, Matt and Eric picked their favorites and put together an album.

"Eric has got some great stuff and he's smart enough to know when something isn't working," said Matt.

After a year and a half of work, "No End of Patches" was released to the public.

With the now two CDs out, the young men find themselves splitting time between being professional music and full-time college students. College, a challenge to begin with, hasn't slowed the duo down one bit.

This year the two have been gone more than they've been around, playing shows everywhere from Cincinnati to Portland, Maine. This past January the two showcased for Lick Records out of Columbus.

With the summer months approaching, the real work begins. Eric focuses on promotions and locating other players while Matt has taken on the task of booking shows. With the positive crowd response, the shows keep getting bigger and bigger, and things look good for success.

Terrace Park Elementary PTO News

By Betsy Porst

"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known." ~Author Unknown

Congratulations to the Class of 2012 and to all Terrace Park Elementary (TPE) students on a wonderful year of learning, discovery and growth.

Many thanks to the TPE Parent Teacher Organization's (PTO) outstanding 2005-2006 board: Susan Malone, president; Sally Gaburo, vice president; LouAnn Mauk, secretary and Holly Long, treasurer. Taking the helm for '06/'07 will be Sally Gaburo, president, Sonya Geers, vice president, Cindy Brittingham, treasurer and Barclay Schraff, secretary. Sally thanks everyone who stepped up to chair positions for next year. If you haven't done so, there are a few left...give her a call.

At the May 2 PTO meeting,

Superintendent Dr. Gerry Harris updated us on district work in the TPE building. They are reviewing the kitchen area, classroom ventilation, playground safety as well as safety aspects throughout the school building and grounds. (Check out the TPE PTO website www.mariemontschools.org/tppto for meeting minutes and all types of PTO info!)

The school year may be winding down, but there's still so much going on! Stars will shine at the TPE Talent Show on May 26 at 9:15 a.m. – followed by everyone's favorite, Field Day, after lunch.

There will be a plate of brownies calling you at the Memorial Day Bake Sale at the green after the parade on May 29. Please support your PTO by munching on a muffin or two.

The 6th grade will bask in recognition...and sun at their Breakfast & Assembly on June 2 and the Pool Party on May 31. Congrats on the smashing success of your 6th grade play, Twinderella!

Have a fabulous Terrace Park summer!

History all around us

Terrace Park abounds in history. One of the missions of the Terrace Park Historical Society (TPHS) is to gather and preserve this history. Interviews of residents of Terrace Park today and of yesteryear is one way to accomplish this. Such taped interviews are an ongoing endeavor of the TPHS. In addition to these interviews another way to gather memories is for all residents to tap their memory banks and share with the TPHS what makes Terrace Park special to them.

You don't have to be an experienced reporting journalist to do this. Just be willing to jot down your thoughts and memories about life

in Terrace Park. Memories can be humorous or poignant, personal or community-oriented. Include as many facts as possible. Contributions do not need to refer to "ancient" history. What happened last year is history that will grow in importance with the passing years.

We will accept e-mails or snail mail accounts at any time. Please send to Patti Normile, 609 Amherst Avenue, or pattinormile@yahoo.com. Include your name, address, phone number or e-mail address. Indicate the approximate year[s] of your memories and please give the TPHS permission to use your contribution if necessary.

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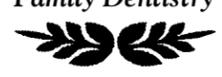
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Police report

Police investigated a vehicle parked in the wrong direction on Yale Avenue. Three male occupants in the car were in possession of alcohol and marijuana. Two appeared to have been drinking or using marijuana. They were arrested on charges of underage consumption. They were processed at the police station, were issued copies of charges and were released. The third subject who was not under any substance influence was released.

In response to a complaint from a Miami Avenue resident police located a teenage party in the vicinity and asked attendees to keep down the noise level.

Assistance was provided in two domestic problem cases. One involved an intoxicated person who ran when he was approached by police. An officer pursued and subdued him. After determining that his alcohol content was over the legal limit police transported him to the Hamilton County Justice Center. The second incident involved a spouse who felt threatened by her husband and asked police to remove firearms from the house. Because no crime had been committed the officer could not remove the guns. The complainant was asked for a written statement for police records.

Several witnesses reported seeing a car hit a boy on Wooster Pike then continue to proceed without stopping. Witnesses gave police a description of the vehicle and driver. The responding officer went to the boy's home. His mother refused assistance from EMS stating she would take him to be examined.

Two suspicious persons who had gotten out of a vehicle at Elm and Stanton and appeared intoxicated were questioned by an officer. Both subjects were issued warnings.

Residents on Kris Circle asked police help concerning a barking dog. Complaints have been made about the animal repeatedly. The owner was ordered to keep the pet inside the home.

The fire department, rescue squad and life squad responded to a home where the carbon monoxide detector had activated. The gas was detected and Duke Energy was called to correct the problem. The life squad transported one adult and two children who were inside the house to the hospital to be evaluated.

Assists were provided to the Milford Police Department and the sheriff's department.

In addition to the run detailed above the life squad had two runs reported in the log.

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approximately \$50,000.

(4) Re-surfacing Wrenwood. Cost will be about \$50,000. This street would be chosen for the street project of the summer.

(5) Sidewalk on the North side of Wooster Pike, from Wagon Rd. Lane to Orchard Hill, then from Orchard Hill to Elm Road. Approximate cost for this project is at \$38,000.

(6) Pipe on Wooster Pike, toward the east end of the Village. Jack remarked that a cone fell into hole, now a barrel is about to fall into the hole. We will need to repair.

Mayor Jay Gohman reflected that the contracts are being completed, and work will commence on the Fire Department/EMS building, and the renovation of the Community Building, in about a month. The work should take about ten months to complete.

The mayor reported that for the 21st year, Terrace Park has been named a "Tree City USA". Jeff Koreman attended the ceremony and remarked that it was very well done and enjoyable. He affirmed that to be a "Tree City USA" requires that the city/community must have 250 trees per linear mile of street. Councilman Koreman asserted that Terrace Park is one of longest standing recipients of this designation.

Mayor Gohman announced that Ray Normile and his team will once again present the Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 29, 2006. The theme this year will be "Honoring the Terrace Park Police Department."

Gohman reminded the resi-

dents that the bike trail is still not officially completed and he would encourage all families to hold off using the trail until it is finished. The trail is patrolled and the current fine for making use of the trail is \$194, if cited. He knows that using the trail is tempting, but the contractor has a difficult time working around residents on the trail. There is also danger to children and adults when construction is in progress. Councilman Koreman also reminded residents to stay off the trail. He said that the estimated date for construction was sometime around the time that school gets out for the summer, and that the contractor's/Ohio Department of Natural Resources' date looks to be on target.

Village Solicitor Robert Malloy said that he is reviewing the new zoning code. A consultant and Malloy have been going back and forth about some legal issues in the final draft from the zoning committee. Once Malloy approves and the committee approves of changes, it will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission. They will hold three public hearings, make changes, and then will forward the draft to Council. Council will also hold three public meetings. Malloy stated that legally only two public hearings would need to be held, one by Planning and Zoning and one by Council. It has, however, been decided to hold three by each entity, so that all residents have a chance to participate in the project. Stefan Olson said that he is looking into the possibility of putting the document on the Terrace Park web site to allow residents to have access to the document.

Didn't get a chance to attend the council meeting and missed the playback on cable? You can still catch all the action by borrowing a video tape of recent council meetings. The videos are available one week after the meeting is held. Just stop by the village office or call Pat Dold, village administrative assistant at 831-2138 for more information.

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

Conservation district zoning

By Carol C. Cole

May 12 was the May Village Views deadline. On the front page of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* I found an article entitled "Suburbs ask: Is it time to halt TEARDOWNS?" Obviously this is a problem facing many communities in the Cincinnati area so Terrace Park is not alone its need to do something positive about the situation.

I assume that Terrace Park residents are well aware that the Village has been for some time working on revising Terrace Park's Zoning Code. I believe that Phase One is now nearing completion so it's time to bring up the topic of a possible Conservation District for Terrace Park. Terrace Park is often compared to communities like Mariemont, Wyoming and Glendale. These all have Historic Districts. Because of the way Terrace Park was settled with houses well spread out over the territory that is probably not possible here. We can't show a "streetscape" of similar houses of a particular period or style. However we do have a very special community character or ambience that many residents want preserved. The Terrace Park Historical Society has contacted Margo Warminski of the Cincinnati Preservation Association for help and she is very willing to come out to talk with concerned community residents about what can be done. I now want to quote from an article she has written.

"Across the United States, 'teardowns' – a kind of urban sprawl turned inward – are undermining the look, feel and livability of older and historic communities. As Americans crave expansive homes but also the convenience of urban and close-in suburban locations, older houses in established neighborhoods are replaced with a single 'monster home' or a crowded set of new homes, and existing homes are expanded beyond all recognition. In the Cincinnati area, teardowns are impacting many communities, including Hyde Park, Glendale, Terrace Park, Wyoming, Madeira and Indian Hill. In Glendale, for example, citizens listed 'overdevelopment' as one of their primary concerns in the Village's 2002 Master Plan Up-date. Concerned about the unchecked spread of this practice, The National Trust for Historic Preservation listed 'Teardowns in Historic Neighborhoods' on its 2002 list of American's 11 Most Endangered Places.

"Oversized, out-of-place new structures disrupt the architectural and historic character of older neighborhoods, diminishing the qualities that originally made these neighborhoods attractive places to live. Teardowns can also alter the economic and social balance of established communities, by eliminating affordable housing options that encourage a diverse population by raising property values to the point of forcing out long-time residents, and by creating an uncertain and economically unstable environment for those who stay. Removing well-built buildings with charming, irreplaceable details and replacing them with new structures that are often more cheaply built and use inferior materials.

"What can concerned citizens do to protect their neighborhoods from intrusions teardowns? One of the most widely used tools is conservation district zoning. A conservation zoning overlay is used to preserve the character of the neighborhood by regulating key features



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6 Kris Circle

such as lot sizes, building sizes and relationships. Because the objective is to preserve the overall character of the neighborhood rather than historic fabric, regulation of demolition and new construction, rather than individual building details, is emphasized. No two conservation districts are alike, because each is tailored to address the concerns of its individual neighborhood. With the help of either planning or preservation boards, residents can develop their own design guidelines and establish a neighborhood review board to determine if owners' proposed changes to their properties are acceptable. It can be as simple or restrictive as the community wants it to be. Currently, some 30 U. S. cities have one or more neighborhood conservation districts."

Certainly our Village has done some work in this direction in Phase One of the revision of our Zoning Code. There are also many houses that have not been torn down but have had appropriate and tasteful additions made that fit very well into the community. In general these additions are ones where there is enough land available that the addition does not make a negative impact on nearby houses. No sense of crowding has occurred. I want to point out that Conservation Zoning is in general less restrictive than Historic District Zoning since it does not deal with "review elements such as porch repair, window

replacement, or siding replacement. Conservation Zoning only provides for review of new construction, demolition, or additions to buildings." "Real estate agents in the country use both historic and conservation zoning as selling tools and report that values within both kinds of districts are 10 to 20 percent higher than in comparable unprotected areas."

The area we're thinking about as a possible Conservation District in Terrace Park includes the oldest subdivisions: Corey on Park, Pattison and Iuen from Wooster Pike and St. Thomas down to Oxford, Sibley's subdivisions all the way from Oxford to the bluff, Stuntz, which includes 625 Elm and the area around it cut out of the side of the Sibley subdivisions and the Wooster Pike area that once was Camden City. Obviously this does not include several of the oldest homes but there may be a way to include them or protect them in some other way.

I'd love to hear from everyone who is interested in doing something positive to preserve the community character of Terrace Park. I'll keep a list of all those who express that interest to me. We will be inviting Margo Warminski to talk with Terrace Park residents and will let you know when that will be as soon as the date is set. Please contact me at cccole@juno.com or 831-6771. I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Dedicated Terrace Park police keep us safe

By Bill Holloway

The Terrace Park Police keep watch for us. Do you know them? The past few weeks I have had the opportunity to talk with each of them about their lives and work. I found a group of very dedicated officers. The following is a brief account about the people who live inside the police officers' uniforms.

Jill Blanton

When Jill Blanton became a Terrace Park police officer, she finally found what she had wanted for as long as she could recall. A number of key life events brought her to this place and time.

She worked for the Hamilton County Park District and saw a posting for a Park Ranger. She did not want that job, because she was a certified arborist, but seeing that posting reinforced her resolve to move to police work. She had thought about it and talked about it and now was the time. After making the big decision, she went to Great Oaks Police Academy graduating in August of 2005. After graduation, she started the hunt for a job. She applied in several jurisdictions and was hired by Terrace Park.

Jill is our newest full-time officer, sworn in on Valentine's Day this year. Going to full-time status at the start of your career is quite an accomplishment. The typical route is to start work as an auxiliary and then work part time. She worked for the first six weeks on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. It was a change for her body clock but after a few days with little sleep, she adjusted.

There was much to learn. Paper work is a big part of the job. She said it is a good idea to take care of writing up details soon after the event. She learned not to let paper work pile up. She has also learned something of the people in the village. Working at night, then moving to her present shift 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. she met a different mix of villagers. Families are out with their children, the people are friendly and the pace is more stable.

Wooster Pike is a major variable in the dynamics of the village. In the daytime, the pace of traffic is much faster. The observation of vehicles is challenging because there is more to take in. It all is an adjustment but one she is eager to make. She thanks Jim Pruitt for his help in getting started.

Jill feels very at home in her work. It is a great feeling that in her first job she gets along well with the other officers who help her to feel she is part of the team. She feels she is meant to be here. She says, "It is part of my nature to want to help and protect people. Making a difference in somebody's life is part of who I am."

Timothy Chin

Timothy Chin has lots of energy. He probably could energize the light bar on his police cruiser with the energy he has.

Tim is a veteran Terrace Park Law Enforcement Officer and has been in the Department since 1989. He has been full time since November of 1991. "Full time" does not convey the quality and quantity of his contribution to the village and county. Tim is responsible for all in-service training of officers, writes grants for new equipment, policy and procedure, serves on a multi jurisdictional SWAT team in the county, and works a full shift of duties in the village ... the list is longer but you get the idea. He also made it very clear that he has help from fellow officer, Jim Pruitt.

Training of new officers is a special responsibility. This is not telling the folklore and war stories. Ev-

ery thing he teaches about tactics or equipment is critical to the working officer. Tim must be responsible should the training directly result in serious problems. He trains thoroughly and keeps meticulous records to protect him and the village from a lawsuit.

How did this dynamo get to Terrace Park? Comair was his first stop after active duty in the Marine Corps. His duty tours took him to Asia, Africa and the Middle East. He also attended Cincinnati State where he received his airframe and power plant licenses in 1987. One day a friend who was a police officer asked Tim if he would like to ride along on patrol. He soon decided law enforcement looked like more fun than working for Comair. He thought "catching the bad guys" was a better fit. While this sounds simplistic as a reason to change jobs and careers it is not. Well-grounded in analyzing and assessing his energy and skills, he knew the realities of life on the street and wanted to be in public service. This was a good job match and an opportunity to fulfill a mission he saw as important for himself and the community.

During our interview, it was clear that Tim understands the sociological makeup of the citizens of Terrace Park. He sees us as high energy, highly educated, self-motivated and successful. We demand a high level of service. As a result, the Police Department must have officers who relate to our environment with as little turnover as possible. This allows the officers and the community to interact well in an environment of experience, familiarity and stability. Tim is doing his part to keep it that way.

Jerry Hayhow

Police Chief Jerry Hayhow has two families. One family lives in Miami Township and the other includes the "2,300 folks" in Terrace Park. He sometimes wonders which family gets more of his time. When you go to his office, the drapes that cover the big front window are wide open. He wants to see out and he wants his Terrace Park family to see in.

Jerry began police work because of his friend Bob Bacon, our former Chief. He was riding with him as an auxiliary officer when a little girl and her father riding on a moped had an accident. Chief Bacon took care of the accident and Jerry helped the girl. He never saw that little girl again but comforting her convinced him he wanted to be a professional in police work.

With help from Chief Bacon, he

entered the Great Oaks Police Academy. After 46 hours of training, he obtained arrest powers so he could work as an officer. He then spent 1985 attending at night to graduate. Jerry has been a police officer in Terrace Park ever since.

In those 20 years, he has seen changes. Where the kids once grew up and left for other places, more now seem to stay here. He has seen them grow and have families of their own. He now sees the older folks move out and the grown kids stay.

I asked him about a Police Chief's typical day. Paper work came to mind. To avoid legal problems, written communications must be complete and accurate. Reports require extensive time and attention to getting the details right. Since Jerry is also the Street Commissioner, he must provide direction to our village maintenance staff. He relies on them and they do a professional job. He also must field questions and complaints from many sources. Being the Chief soon brought home the fact that his office was where the "buck stops."

There are a wide range of duties from checking time cards to purchasing new vehicles and getting water drained from a resident's yard. He knows that having a lean professional staff who can adapt quickly to help him meet many needs is a plus for the village.

New Terrace Park officers must have 650 hours of academy training and 232 hours of training in the village. Training in such skills as traffic stops, building searches and firearms take an additional 100 hours every year. The basic requirement for firearms qualification is once per year. In Terrace Park, it is three. The constant training of the Terrace Park Police is crucial to their work. There have been lawsuits in some jurisdictions from poor training.

The village has six full-time officers. Rounding out the group are four auxiliary and part time officers, Charles Popov, Dennis Smith, Mike Glenn, and Mike Hooven.

A critical part of Jerry's day is to be out in the community with his Terrace Park family. Spending time each day talking to folks and listening to their concerns helps to reassure them that law enforcement is a steadfast part of village life.

Once every month our Chief goes to the school to talk the kids. There are six classes including kindergarten, first and second grades with whom he meets. They pick a book for him to read to them. Jerry is reaching our kids just at the time when they are becoming aware of what a police officer is and they love the experience. He is always ready

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to drop other things and meet with them. He is not sure who gets the most reward from this experience but he thinks that the kids are great.

Jim Pruitt

Some of you may recall Willie Sutton. Willie was a bank robber. Someone once asked him why he robbed banks. His response: "because that's where the money is." I asked Jim Pruitt how he saw his night police work. His response: "in the dark." Why do reporters ask such dumb questions?

After Jim moved here from California, he lived next door to a sheriff's officer. Jim was impressed and so he decided he wanted to be a police officer. This officer helped Jim get his start in police work. He took police academy training with the Hamilton County Sheriff at night. This allowed him time to work during the day. Search and seizure, traffic support, legal issues and high-speed pursuit

are just a few of the many skills he learned. Jim says what he learned at the academy also provided the knowledge he needed to pass the required state test. However, he soon found that becoming an effective police officer takes place on the street, gaining experience and building his expertise.

He began his duty with Hamilton County as a Special Deputy. Jim came to the Terrace Park Police Department in 1997. He began as an auxiliary officer and became a full time officer in April of 1999.

I wanted to know how Jim observed the Village of Terrace Park. I asked a better question this time. He finds that the people are friendly and support the police. He says it is important to respect the kids and give them the attention they need. When Terrace Park kids grow up he wants them to see the police officer

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as someone to count on for help. He feels it is important to treat all Terrace Park residents with respect.

Jim told me one of the most important jobs that he is in charge of is field training. This has been one of the most rewarding areas of police work for him. He says there is no better feeling than to watch somebody that you have trained succeed. Jim takes great pride in seeing someone he trained become productive and respected by the department and the community. Jim believes the Bike Trail is a plus for Terrace Park. He also says the split rail fence is a complement to the landscape. He has noted what Loveland has done to enhance their community because the Bike Trail is there. He says he hopes Terrace Park also gains from the addition.

He has been our late night officer for his entire nine-year career. His shift runs from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. There are different people out at night. There are fewer people out at night. Yes, he sees the drinkers and the prowlers and he knows he must consider the needs of everyone.

The rhythm of the village does not change much during the night when Jim is on duty. The tempo starts to change about 4:30 a.m. when the joggers begin to appear. They know this is a safe place to run. About 5:30 a.m., the traffic begins to increase on Wooster Pike and in the village and another day begins.

Many of us may not know Jim, but our nighttime officer is there for us.

Doug Sowders

When Doug Sowders and I got together, he had just returned from about two hours around Terrace Park Elementary School while our TP kids were on the way home. It is important for an officer to be around the school and Doug was there. For so many of us who came to Terrace Park so our children could get around safely, it is comforting to know life goes on just the way we want it to. Doug said it is important now more than ever for our Terrace Park Police to be a

presence around the school.

Doug started in police work in Madeira. It all began with a picture he saw in *Suburban Life*. Here was a paramedic doing important work saving people and Doug thought that was something he would like to do. Madeira was looking for somebody for police work so he applied. He attended the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy and spent three years working in Madeira. In January of 1995, Terrace Park hired Doug. For three days, he is on duty from 3 p.m. until 11p.m. On Thursday and Friday, his shift begins at 11 p.m. and ends at 7 a.m. Apparently, his body clock has adjusted to this routine very well.

Another prime area of concern of course is Highway 50/Wooster Pike. Almost every day, especially between 5-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m., approximately 30,000 vehicles are within a few feet of the sidewalks and property of Terrace Park businesses and homes (from the Mariemont Village Council Meeting Minutes, National Transportation Department, 10-24-05). And yes, we do have a reputation for being strict on speeders. In fact, a national web site lists Terrace Park as one of the "worst" in Ohio.

When a law enforcement officer leaves the Police Academy, the training does not stop. Every month Doug spends from 4-8 hours in training on everything from building searches to traffic stops to Tasers.

Doug says that the village still allows violators to work off their fines with community service. He said that about 90 percent pay their fines. Many of the violations are driving without a license but some violations are for drugs and driving under the influence.

I asked Doug for examples of times when he felt particularly good about something that had occurred during his workday. He said, "Anytime you help someone you feel good."

Joe Winders

When Joe Winders was a little boy he told his father he wanted to be a policeman. His father, as fathers often do, did not fully understand his son and said, "You mean

a lawyer?" A very determined youngster, Joe replied that no, he wanted to be a police officer.

Joe grew up in Amelia. His determination stayed with him. When he was 20 years old, he told the same thing to the local police chief. The chief responded by asking him to come back when he was 21. Of course, he did. Joe graduated from the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy in 1986.

When he graduated, second in his class, he already had a job. The Terrace Park Police Chief hired him directly from the Academy. Joe did not come to Terrace Park without looking around. He liked Blue Ash and Indian Hill but he felt that Terrace Park had something special. He liked the people and the community. He felt that he could be a part of our village. I asked him what made the village special. He said we volunteer in the community. We

celebrate our unique village with holiday events and, very importantly, we care for our children.

Joe says that crime has become more impersonal. It is now more computerized and technological for both the good and the bad guys. For example, the typical Monday night garbage and trash is a rich source of useful discards. Many folks visit the village for the weekly forage. It also provides strangers with clues to your identity. As aware as we all should be to identity theft, it is well to remember that our "affluent" village is a prime target. Be sure all you give up Tuesday morning is the trash without the trail back to you.

On the technology plus side, Joe is a state recognized expert in the use of radar and radio waves. Radar has advanced to the point it now receives judicial notice. Judges will accept radar data.

There is proof beyond a reasonable doubt of a violation because the radar itself does the proving.

I asked Joe what he considers major concerns in his work. His response was immediate. Caring for the elderly and being an advocate for children is crucial. He has seen too many accidents involving children and he is constantly concerned for their well-being. He added that multi-tasking by the driver while children are in the car is a prime cause of trouble.

He is more determined than ever to be a part of Terrace Park. He has a long connection to the community through his police work and does not rule out politics as a future possibility. He is also acquiring a new relationship this summer. Joe and his fiancée will be married in June. He may eventually live here since his bride-to-be is from Terrace Park.

Smog prevention

By Whitney Ross, Public Affairs Intern

With warming weather, kids are excited to get outdoors and parents are taking precautions against sunburns, bee stings and dehydration. In addition to these common safety measures, parents are not always aware of the impact smog has on their children or what they can do to improve the air quality.

Smog is a form of air pollution that is produced by a chemical reaction between sunlight,

ground-level ozone and particulate matter (PM) that have been released into the atmosphere by power plants, wood burning and diesel and gasoline engines. When there is a lack of wind or rain, the particulates hang in the air which results in a smog alert to be issued. These alerts are announced through local television, radio and newspapers so residents can limit prolonged out-

door activity and make plan alterations to reduce emissions.

Since particulate matter is so small, it can travel deep into the lungs. This can trigger asthma attacks and cause wheezing, coughing and respiratory irritation in sensitive individuals. Children are at high risk because they tend to take shorter and more frequent breaths than adults.

The Air Quality Index measures air quality by giving current conditions a numeric value. The air quality is good if the index is below 50, whereas if the index reaches 101-150, the air is unhealthy for sensitive groups such as children, the elderly and people with asthma. When the index reaches 151-200, it then becomes unhealthy to the general population and anything above 200 is considered very unhealthy.

The best defense against smog is prevention. Hamilton County Environmental Services - Air Quality Management Division has a few suggestions:

- Use gas-powered lawn equipment after 6:00 p.m.
- Refuel after 6 p.m. and don't top-off at the gas pump
- Conserve electricity by turning off unused lights, computers, televisions and radios
- Ride the bus - contact METRO at 621-4455
- Combine car trips or eliminate them by walking or biking - contact RideShare at 241-RIDE
- Keep your vehicle properly maintained by making sure tires are properly inflated and schedule regular oil changes. When vehicles are running properly, they use less gasoline.

The summer tends to bring hot weather and humidity, but by properly preparing for the coming conditions we can prevent unnecessary smog alerts and health hazards. For more information on the Air Quality Index, call the Air Quality hotline at 946.7753 or visit www.hcdoes.org.

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Be sure to visit www.tphistoricalsociety.org and www.tpsurvey.org.

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The Terrace Park Historical Society has many gift items for your selections. The posters (\$5) and note cards (\$6 for 10 cards/envelopes) feature historic sites in Terrace Park which are the artwork of Ken Norvell. The *Terrace Park with Love* video/DVD is a 45 minute video scrapbook of TP. It was produced in 1990 but is full of scenes from the history and life in Terrace Park (\$12 video, \$15 DVD). It is a terrific gift for a graduate who spent many youthful years in TP or for friends still here or moving who treasure the ambiance of the village.

All these items can be viewed on our webpage www.tphistoricalsociety.org. A preview of the DVD is on the historical information site. To purchase call 248-1777 or e-mail cccole4@juno.com.

Two new board members named

Laurie Baird and Debbie Long were elected to the Terrace Park Historical Society Board of Directors at the May 7 meeting/program. Laurie and her husband Kim have lived in Terrace Park on the corner of Miami and Marietta since 1995. They did an addition to their home in 1998 and they were on the Garden Club House Tour in December 2005. The Bairds have three children, Ellen, Kelly and Brian. At one time the Baird's lived in an older home in Pleasant Ridge. That love of older homes and historic places

brought them to Terrace Park.

Debbie and her husband Bruce have lived at 810 Lexington since 1981. Their twin sons, Dan and Creigh, now 23, were born in TP. The Longs have a deep rooted love for antiques and for historic homes and places.

Laurie and Debbie are both involved in many community activities. They will be an asset to the Terrace Park Historical Society Board.

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A bit of excitement will happen in September!

There will be program on the history of Terrace Park's Elementary AND High School on September 27 (tentative date; to be confirmed by June *Village Views*) at the school... for students (daytime) and adults (evening). Terrace Park High School had its last graduating class in 1957. The years prior to that were full of many interesting tales. Where were the buildings? How many students? What were the legends (was the principal really buried under the gym floor)? What was Fenton's field/orchard and how did it relate? When did the high school begin? There is a lot to learn. Stand by!



Terrace Park Historical Society's new board members (l-r) Debbie Long and Laurie Baird

Septic tank regulators answer Q & A

Permits granted on case-by-case basis

By Chandí Findley

Recently, I have been asked many questions by fellow residents (and had a few questions of my own) about the septic regulations effecting Terrace Park (the same regulations effecting every septic system in Hamilton County). In order to get the facts straight, I asked a number of questions via e-mail to the public affairs department of the Hamilton County General Health District (HCGHD) —the regulatory body overseeing septic tanks. This question and answer article won't answer all the questions circulating in the village. Quite frankly, HCGHD says that each permit request is treated on a case-by case basis and that there is no easy answer. The code governing septic tanks is available on-line at www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org (if you want to see the code in its entirety, go to the web site, click "about us," click "water quality," scroll down and find the link to code 529 and click, scroll down to #38 and click on "Regulation 529." It is a 70 page .pdf file), but it is long and, quite frankly, not for the layman. The best thing a resident looking for answers can do is call an inspector from the water quality division of HCGHD at 946-7826 and speak to an inspector.

Paula Reichle Smith, public affairs specialist at HCGHD answered the following questions.

Q: Could you give me more information regarding the "January 1, 2007 deadline." Many residents of Terrace Park have heard that we have until that day to get our remodeling plans approved under current codes (basically meaning that we can't add a bedroom (or even move a bedroom) in order to avoid install-

ing a new septic system). We are wondering what the changes to the code will be as of January 1.

A: *On January 1, 2007, the Ohio Department of Health's new sewage code will take effect. At this time, the Health District is examining our code to ensure that it complies with the state sewage code that will take effect on Jan. 1. In conjunction with the state's proposed changes, some areas we will look at in our code include: adding bedrooms and bathrooms and additional water fixtures. No formal plans or decisions have been made at this time.*

No changes have been made to the Health District's current sewage code.

Q: Will all remodeling (i.e. moving interior walls) need new septic tanks or just changes to the footprint?

A: *This has not yet been determined for 2007.*

Q: Will pool installation automatically require a new system even if the yard is large enough that the pool won't interfere with the existing system? Is the county considering lot size or are all systems going to need to be replaced?

A: *According to Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29-02 Section 1, a suitable area shall be available to provide for the complete relocation and replacement of the household sewage disposal system. This includes the installation of pools, garages or other home additions.*

This is determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration things like lot size, home size, topography, soil type, local and

state sewage code, etc.

Q: If someone needs a variance (usually because they want to build within the mandated setback) what is the filing deadline versus HCGHD's meeting dates to decide if the variance will be granted?

A: *For the remainder of 2006, the deadlines are as follows (2007 schedule not yet set)*

*May 19, 2006 - June Meeting
June 16, 2006 - July Meeting
July 21, 2006 - August Meeting
August 18, 2006 - Sept. Meeting
Sept. 15, 2006 - Oct. Meeting
Oct. 20, 2006 - Nov. Meeting
Nov. 17, 2006 - Dec. Meeting*

All variances must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the above dates. It is also important to note that variances may still be held up based upon completeness of the information received, as well as the extent of research which may need to be performed by our staff.

Q: Is the county trying to get Terrace Park on sewer and, if so, what is the timeline?

A: *No. The Health District is not pursuing sewer installation for the Village of Terrace Park.*

However, if residents are interested in exploring sewer installation options, they should contact the Metropolitan Sewer District to learn more about their petition process. MSD's customer service phone number is (513) 244-5500.

The *Village Views* would like to hear about your septic tank experiences. Please send your letters to the editor to PO box 212, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174 or call Chandí Findley, Editor at 576-0595 for an e-mail address.

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Lawn chemicals can leach into aquifer

The use of chemicals for greener, weed-free lawns has become more popular within recent years. But before you wage war on that dandelion in your front yard, the Indian Hill Water Works would like you to consider something. Chemicals that are applied to your lawn don't always stay on your lawn. When it rains, some of those chemicals can be washed into the storm sewers, into nearby streams, and eventually into the Little Miami River. The Little Miami in turn helps to recharge the aquifers that Indian

Hill and other utilities get their water from. Research studies have shown some of those chemicals to be harmful to humans, other animals, and the environment.

The Indian Hill Water Works urges you to never use fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides unnecessarily. If you do use them, always use as little as possible and follow the directions closely. Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent, can be reached at 576-8460 or jfox@ihill.org with any questions or comments.

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Terrace Park Kindervelt keeps momentum through summer

By Ann Gibson

The Terrace Park Kindervelt #76 members show no signs of slowing down this summer. The group is rallying with new projects to raise money and awareness for the Division of Developmental Pediatrics at Children's Hospital.

The summer kicks off with the annual Terrace Park Kindervelt Ladies' Day at the Terrace Park Swim Club. Terrace Park ladies and guests enjoy an afternoon of leisure, lunching, sun and spa, fashion, fun and the soothing hum of the margarita machine on Wednesday, June 21 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. For more information, or to make reservations by June 12, contact

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Have some great recipes to share? Kindervelt is launching its first ever Terrace Park Kindervelt

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1. Log onto www.typensave.com
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3. Type in your name as the Contributor
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For more information or assistance, please contact **Rhea Greene at (513) 248-9969**. Please submit recipes by August 31, 2006.

For information on joining Terrace Park Kindervelt, contact **Ann Gibson at (513) 248-9636**.

2006 Rain Gutter Regatta

Terrace Park's Bot Scout Troop 97 enjoyed a day at the races at the annual Rain Gutter Regatta. With straws and sheer lung-power, the boys sent their exquisitely decorated boats sailing down water-filled rain gutters. There were winners in the racing divisions and winners in the various decoration categories. The decorative trophies were awarded by Police Chief Jerry Hayhow, who was also the honorary starter for some of the races. He said judging was the toughest job he had had all year and that all the boys who participated in scouts are all winners!

Pack winner: Michael Reber
Pack 2nd: Mac Nelson
Pack 3rd: Sam McManus
Pack 4th: Jack Findley

Tiger Den winner: Ethan Kennedy
Wolf Den winner: Mitchell Ukropina
Bear Den winner: William Majchszak
Webelos Den winner: Andrew Hamm
"Open Sail" winner: Will Kraft

Best Paint Job: Caleb Anderson
Best Decorated: Charles Schooler
Most Creative: Cooper Hayes
Silliest: Dean Burke

Raymond Thunder-Sky Scholarship funds classes for adults with disabilities

Visionaries and Voices, the Cincinnati studio for artists with disabilities, this week announced a new scholarship program to fund college classes for adult artists with disabilities. The Raymond Thunder-Sky Scholarship was created in honor of the late

Raymond Thunder-Sky, a founding artist of *Visionaries and Voices*. The Scholarship will be available for the upcoming academic year.

"Raymond taught us so much about how we see ourselves, others, and the world

through his art. He inspired us to give back to people of all abilities and to recognize the artist in everyone. His art continues to inspire us, and we want to honor him by encouraging our artist to grow and learn through continuing education," says Keith Banner, founding board member of *Visionaries and Voices*.

To kick off the fundraising efforts for the scholarship, *Visionaries and Voices'* former Studio Director Amos Hopkins will engage

in a walk-a-thon, hiking the entire length of the Appalachian Trail in the Appalachian Mountain Range from Georgia to Northern Maine. Scholarship supporters can pledge per mile for Hopkins' journey, or pledge a set amount. The Appalachian Trail is 2,175 miles long, and takes about six months to complete.

Donors can pledge to the scholarship on a per-mile basis for Hopkins' journey, or pledge a set amount. All walk-a-thon donations

will go to the Raymond Thunder-Sky Scholarship Fund. Supporters can track Hopkins' expedition and progress on the scholarship fund on *Visionaries and Voices* website www.visionariesandvoices.com.

For more information on scholarship qualifications, contact Keith Banner or Bill Ross at the *Visionaries and Voices* studio at (513) 861-4333. Thunder-Sky's iconic work of the ever-changing Cincinnati skyline is on view at the *Visionaries and Voices* studio.

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Free 2006 Hamilton County residential computer recycling collection

By Christy Kellner

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) will offer free residential computer recycling on Saturday, July 15 and on Sunday, July 16, 2006. Hamilton County residents can drop off their obsolete computer equipment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Technology Recycling Group (TRG) at 5139 Kieley Place, St. Bernard, 45217. The event is available to Hamilton County residents only.

Acceptable materials include monitors, terminals, hard drives, CPUs/towers, scanners, printers, tape and disk drives, cellular telephones, cables, main frames, laptops, key boards, mice, computer speakers and back up batteries. TRG will erase all hard drives. Then, the equipment will either be upgraded and donated to non-profit organizations and schools or be dismantled and sent to local recyclers.

Please note TRG has moved

so the event location is different from last year.

Directions to TRG's new location: Take the Norwood Lateral (Rt 562) to the Paddock Road (Rt. 4) exit. Go south on Paddock Road (Rt. 4). Turn right on Tennessee Ave. Tennessee Ave. becomes Ross Rd. Turn right onto Kieley Place.

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