

Noise, ordinances and speeders discussed at summer 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.

Robin Pendery, 430 Elm, began her address to council by saying that she and her husband Paul, have lived in Terrace Park next door to the Community Building for 20 years. Pendery said that during these years, the Terrace Park administration center has been a "good neighbor," and she said that she has never needed to register a complaint during that time. She said that, in fact, she is not comfortable making complaints. Robin asked council members if there would be any regulations for future activities when the remodeling is complete. Her concern is founded on the fact that three or four times during this summer of 2006, bands played at a very loud volume and that one particular event produced volume that was literally "window rocking." Pendery stated that the issue here is not the type of music, but the volume at which it is played. She requested that some guidelines be put into place that would ensure, at least, bearable levels of noise, conveying some level of politeness.

Council members and administration discussed the issue at hand, asking questions of Francine Glassmeyer relative to use of the community building. Glassmeyer said that the only real requirement for use is that a resident must sponsor the event that is to take place. Other than that stipulation there are no other restrictions as far as she is aware. She did mention that a request for "clogging" was once turned down because the stability of the floor was in question. In closing the discussion, Glassmeyer voiced the idea that once the building is updated and the windows replaced, the soundproofing should be greatly improved.

Slow down near the green

Ray Normile, of 609 Amherst, addressed council describing his home location as "on the corner, just across from the village green." He stated that he has logged many complaints to village administrators over the years concerning the speed of cars in this area. He said that children riding bicycles and playing on the green, do not pay attention to passing automobiles or to stop signs. He has a petition, signed by people on Amherst, expressing the wish that something be done to slow down automobiles. He has been talking to the police chief and is asking council to seriously look at the situation. Normile expressed the willingness to become involved on a committee that would work to find a solution. He is not asking for "speed bumps," but perhaps some other kind of "traffic calming" device.

Councilman Terry Howe, who is chairman of the Safety Committee, said that he and Police Chief Jerry Hayhow have been talking with Normile. They have some ideas for hopefully resolving the problem and will continue to look for a solution. The mayor said that he and Chief Hayhow had done tests on different occasions in an unmarked car to check speed in this area. The lowest speed recorded was 18 mph the fastest speed was 31 mph. Of 48 cars that were monitored, the average speed was 23.6 mph. Chief Hayhow said that he realizes that speed in this area is an on-going problem and he will continue to vigilantly pursue a solution.

Temporary garage needed

Council approved building a temporary garage for the protection of the new Terrace Park fire truck at a cost of \$3,500. The new truck will not fit in the current parking bay with the other truck. Discussion brought forth that when the truck was ordered the mayor, members of the fire department and members of council realized that the truck would be delivered before the estimated completion date for the new emergency services building. However, because the village was aware of a

pending price increase that would have increased the cost of the fire truck cost by at least twice the \$3,500 needed for a temporary garage, the fire truck was ordered.

Mayor Jay Gohman said that one of the main reasons that the fire truck was ordered when it was concerned having adequate and efficient equipment for aide to residents. As previously mentioned by Fire Chief Jeff Carle, no new fire fighting vehicles had been purchased for 30 years.

Chief Carle reported that the new fire truck has now been lettered, washed many times, and is presently being fully equipped with the necessary tools and gear. He estimates that it will be in service by mid-August.

Ordinance "house-keeping" planned

Councilman Jim Muennich discussed his on-going effort to organize the future codification of all Terrace Park ordinances. He said that this "housekeeping" should be done on an on-going basis and the last time that it was done was in 1998. He has been speaking with consultants about the work that needs to be done and has a tentative estimate of \$9,000 to \$10,000. There are now many more available alternatives for organizing the ordinances that were not available in the past. The consultant would, in addition to putting all of the ordinances into books, publish them in an on-line format. This process would also allow the new zoning code to be accessed on-line. Ordinances and the zoning code could therefore be accessible to all with a simple "word search." Councilman Muennich mentioned that this is a future project, probably not before a year from now, but is in planning stages.

EMS expresses gratitude

Connie Wilson, EMS (emergency medical services) Chief, thanked the attendees and the producers of "Jazzed on the Green," a fund raiser for Terrace Park EMS. Patricia Lopez and her team chaired the event that raised \$5,000. These

funds will allow the EMS team to purchase a new defibrillator.

Ceiling collapse

Chief Wilson informed council members that during the first week in August, the ceiling in the current EMS training room collapsed (see groundbreaking article on page 6). This incident left the room scattered with debris and the light fixtures detached. The room has a room air conditioner, but it is now compromised because of the hole in the ceiling leaving the room extremely hot. She said that they had help cleaning up from the maintenance crew, but was concerned about the condition of the room for the training classes that will begin after Labor Day. The chief reported that the EMS team would "make due," but she was concerned about obtaining the approval of Cincinnati State for the facility. Cincinnati State has to make an inspection prior to certification of the training course and must report that the facility is adequate. Wilson said that the class must be held in this location because they need the proximity to the ambulance, and all of the equipment. Her request is that the room be inspected to see that it is safe for use and to determine what, if anything, can be done with the air conditioning on a temporary basis.

Jeff Koreman, the councilman responsible for "building and grounds," told council and the mayor that they would be sure that the room was cleaned, would make the space safe and amendable, and see what can be done about the air conditioning. He did not, however, think that any more money than necessary should be expended in this location because of the remodeling. The future use of this area is not yet determined. He stated that after the improvements are complete, the space occupied by the training room very well may end up vacated, an area for box storage, or could even be torn down.

Repairs on Wooster complete

Councilman Jack Brown shared the outcome of his conversation with the District 4 Manager at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), regarding the work that has been underway on Wooster Pike. In response to Brown's questions, the manager stated that the repairs are not part of a larger project. In fact, the repairs that have been made, at this time, are the repairs that will be completed. When Brown questioned the painted areas that appear to be markings for future repair areas, the ODOT Manager, said that they have run out of money on the project. Some future

repairs may be made in November, but this depends upon future funding. ODOT said that some money has been set aside for "land slide" work, but he is responsible for seven counties and is not sure that any money is allocated to our area. Mayor Gohman interjected that Wooster Pike is owned and maintained by the State, not by Terrace Park, who has no involvement in repairs to the roadway.

Zoning Ordinance complete

Councilman Stefan Olson reported that the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance is complete. Some technical problems have needed attention, regarding electronic transmission of the document. The village solicitor has received it, however, and vows to review it as quickly as possible. It will then go back to the consultant for final review. Public hearings will be setup when the final draft has been released. The intention is make the entire document on-line, so that it is available to all residents for review.

Tree assessment

Councilman Koreman conducted the "third reading" of the Terrace Park Tree Ordinance. This ordinance calls for leveling of an assessment of the residents of Terrace Park for the budgeted amount to maintain the trees owned by Terrace Park for the year 2007. Maintenance of the trees includes: controlling blight, cutting and maintaining the trees, etc.

Bike trail

Councilman Koreman addressed the issue of "when will the bike trail be open during the week?" The construction fences will not be removed until the trail is officially finished. Koreman said that the state will not sign off until the fences are all complete. The state is not responsible for the delay. The contractor is the one that has not yet completed all of the fencing. Because of liability issues, the state cannot open the trail until all fences are in place. The trail

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Labor Day garage sale update

By Susan House

Don't miss the final Saturday "drop off" for your garage sale donation items, on August 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are looking forward to having lots of saleable items for this annual fund raiser. This sale and the Labor Day Festival at the Green are the major fund-raising events each year for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission (TPRC). Be sure you don't miss the garage sale on Saturday, September 2, from 7 a.m. to noon. Remember to invite everyone to the sale. Let's make this the best year yet, and raise lots of money for TPRC and

sports activities it sponsors for Terrace Park children.

We could really use your help, at the cabin, during the week before the sale (Saturday, August 26th through Friday, September 1st) when there will be plenty of sorting, cleaning, pricing of items, and set-up to do. Remember, only helpers get to pre-shop. Call me at 831-5499, or on my cell phone at 256-0737, (my e-mail is HOUSECO3@aol.com) if you think you can find some time to help. Students who work will receive "service credit" for the time that they donate. We always find

lots for students to do and they are very helpful. Again, let me know if you will be able to spare any time.

We, of course, need cashiers, helpers, and clean-up crew on sale day. Holly DeWees is organizing the sale day crew. If you haven't already been recruited and you can possibly help out please give Holly a call as soon as you can so that she can finish planning the day.

Please do not leave items (either in the front or back) when the cabin is unattended. We look forward to seeing you and to any help that you can donate.

Don't miss the new phone book

The 2006-2007 Terrace Park Directory is available at the village office and will be available on the green at the Labor Day festivities. Directories cost \$5 each. Proceeds benefit the village volunteer emergency services.



The deadline for the **September** issue of the *Village Views* is Friday, Sept. 8

Letters to the Editor

To the editor,
I have lived in Terrace Park, in the same house, for eighty years. Over the years I've seen a lot of changes. I found out first hand, on July 30th, what dedicated people the Fire Dept and EMS really are. I was struck from behind, by a SUV, while pulling into my driveway. They were all taking care of me, my granddaughter (Emily Clark), and the man that hit us. Everybody was so kind and considerate. What a blessing for Terrace Park to have these men and women on call to take care of us. Thanks so much to all the Fire Dept. and EMS. I would like to thank my neighbors Tim and Marti Neugent, Mr. Williams, and my granddaughter Katie who were the first at the scene.

Thanks Everyone,
Ruth Clayton
761 Wooster Pike

Dear Terrace Park,

Harold Dill needs our help. Who is Harold Dill? If you've ever been to Hinner's Gas Station you know him but you know him as Willie. He's helped us fix our cars, change our oil, pump our gas all while giving us that dynamic smile and distinctive laugh!! Willie has been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. He has begun treatment while still trying to work but unfortunately, he's had to cut back on his work schedule.

Well now it's time for us to help him. Let's thank him for all that he has done for us. He could use our help to defer many living and medical expenses. Let's show him what Terrace Park is all about – friends helping friends. Please send donations to First Clermont Bank, 25 Main Street, Milford, Ohio 45150 ATTN: April. With all of our love, prayers and positive thoughts, Willie will become healthy and beat this disease!

Thank you,
Chris Burnheimer
504 Miami

Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes on September 30th at Kings Island

My name is Cody Miller, and I have type 1 diabetes. Every year JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) holds a walk in Cincinnati at Kings Island. All benefits go to finding a cure for diabetes, and every donation helps and is appreciated. Every walker and every dollar really does make a difference in the lives of people who struggle daily with the challenges of diabetes. If you would like to help find a cure you can do so in a couple of ways. You can join our team and walk or you can sponsor me by making a donation. To do either you can log on to www.jdrf.org and enter Cody Miller or mail a check made out to JDRF to me and I will turn it in on the day of the walk. Any help would be greatly appreciated. I hope someday there will be a cure.

Thanks,
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Village Views welcomes readers to submit their ideas for articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

Leaving the Village

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

Dear Families,

As you read this school has started and fall sports teams are starting their organized practices for seasons that last until November. What you may not realize however is that teams are organizing an forming for a year round sport where competition does not ever have to end and the training your child will receive will teach him/her lessons that will last a lifetime. This sport is the sport of swimming.

We are fortunate in Terrace Park to be in an area where within a five to twenty-five minute drive we have a wide range of choices for year round swimming programs. I would challenge you to take a few minutes to look at the following web sites to check out what is available for your children (and for masters swimmers as well) in the area. Those web sites are www.usaswimming.org, www.ohioswim.org or www.swyswim.org.

In the past several years you have read about the academic and swimming success of local swimmers at Mariemont High School and St. Xavier High School. It would only take a few moment of your time to ask the parents of Brad Carman, on scholarship to Davidson College, Wren Dupre swimming at the U.S. Naval Academy, Dan Austin, recruited to Washington and Lee, and Nick Thoman, having just received Olympic Trial Cuts at the Senior Nationals in Irvine, California representing the University of Arizona, if they would not do it all over again for their children. Not only are the swimmers disciplined in the pool...but they typically develop very time sensitive attitudes toward everything they do.

For kids in Terrace Park attending Mariemont High School and Mariemont Junior High School the support of the district with regard to swimming has been amazing. Parents have fundraised as well as receiving district support to rehab the Mariemont High School Natatorium. There is even a swim program located right there on the campus.

Winter swimming programs are designed for the athlete to be able to participate in other sports as well as swimming. Swimming friendships have opened up a world of opportunity for families as well as they know people all over the city through participation at meets.

Check it out! The phenomenal growth, development and maturity you will see with your child over a season will amaze you. The added benefit is that your child will learn a life long sport...with programs offered for every level of swimmer at the collegiate level.

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Join the Wiseman Walk Team to help battle Leukemia and Lymphoma. (left to right) Susan Abernethy Frank, Lucille Busken, Hazel and Wallace Wiseman, and Page Busken. Susan and Page were classmates of Arthur Wiseman (1942-1952) at Terrace Park Elementary and are organizing The Wiseman Walk Team for the second year.

Join the Wiseman Walk Team to help fight leukemia and lymphoma

By Susan Abernethy Frank

Hazel and Wallace Wiseman still have the Lionel train set that was given to their son Arthur in 1952. Arthur died of Leukemia that year. He was 10 years old and a fourth grade student at Terrace Park Elementary. Students contributed their "piggy bank" savings to purchase this train for Arthur. Since then the survival rate of children with Leukemia has improved from 15 percent to 85 percent. Research and funds to help the research have played a major role in this improvement statistic.

This year, on Thursday, September 21, 2006, you can help make that survival rate even more significant. You can sign up to walk in the Light the Night event at Sawyer Point. Join the Wiseman Walk Team and help cure Leukemia and Lymphoma. In 2005 The Wiseman Walk Team was the number two fundraising group for the Family and Friends category of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) Light the Night event. Close to \$10,000 was raised. A group of students who went to TP Elementary with Arthur organized this effort. Many walked, many donated and many did both. Classmates Susan Abernethy Frank and Page Busken organized the walk and the fundraising. They are at it again this year. Several Ter-

race Park residents have been active in fundraising for LLS. Sean Barton was a leader in the Man of the Year fundraising event for LLS and his supporters Roseann and Bill Hayes, Hester Sullivan and Holly and Adam Bortz have also been involved.

Page and Susan visited the Wiseman's in the spring. Page has been a frequent visitor to the family as Arthur was his best friend. Page, now the CEO of Busken Bakery, always arrives at the Wiseman home with lots of donuts and delicious pastries. The Wisemans love to reminisce and they still recall how caring so many of the Terrace Park teachers and families were.

If you could meet the Wisemans, (now both in their late 80s) I bet you would walk in the Light the Night event and would do all in your power to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Hazel and Wallace would steal your heart with their genuine and simple ways and with their wonderful recall and stories about Arthur. They are so touched by the efforts to raise money in his memory.

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AUGUST

24 *Village Views* collated and delivered to the Post Office.

25 Lobsterfest! Featuring Leroy Ellington & the E Funk Band as well as Bounty Seafood lobsters or steaks! At TPSC.

26 Last drop off for Labor Day Garage Sale 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. No large appliances or clothing please! For additional information call **Susan House 831-5499**.

26 First TPRC Soccer Games

SEPTEMBER

2 LABOR DAY GARAGE SALE! 7 a.m. – noon at the Boy Scout Log Cabin. (NOTE start time change.) For additional information call **Susan House 831-5499**. All proceeds benefit the Terrace Park Recreation Committee.

4 LABOR DAY (no school)—Parade starts at 10 a.m. All participants gather by 9:30 behind the elementary school. TPRC Labor Day Festival following the parade on the Village Green.

5 Terrace Park Garden Club, noon at St. Thomas Parish Hall, Connie Booth will present "Landscaping for Constant Color." Call **Jill Kelly, 965-0819** for more information.

8 October *Village Views* Deadline

9 TPRC Instructional Soccer starts.

11 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call **Vera Hodges at 831-7919**. Jane Greene will present "Reflections on the River."

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

12 TP Elementary PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m.

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

13 Kindervelt #76 Meeting at the home of Holly Dewees, 9310 Old Indian Hill Road. Everyone welcome. For more information, contact **Ann Gibson at 513-248-9636** or ann@fmhconsulting.com

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23 ROSH SHASHANA

27 Terrace Park Historical Society presents: The Way We Were...When Terrace Park Had Its Own High School at Terrace Park Elementary 7 p.m. Refreshments and displays, 7:30 Program. Free and open to the public!

28 TP Elementary Picture Day

29 MHS Homecoming. Parade at 6 p.m.

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is closed during the week because of contractor work that should be completed during that time.

Sidewalk and street improvements

Contracts will be signed and work will begin on the improvement of the sidewalk on Wooster Park, in an amount of \$34,686, and for the street improvement on Wrenwood, in the amount of \$29,885.

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.

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Neighbor to Neighbor



Sam Hyer Hyer selected for Boys State

Sam Hyer, a senior at Mariemont High School was recently selected to attend Buckeye Boys State Bowling Green University. Buckeye Boys State is a nine day "hands on experience in the operation of the Democratic form of government. The American Legion has sponsored the program since 1936. Today the American Legion conducts a Boys State program in 49 states with Ohio having the largest program in the nation. Sam was sponsored by post #554 located in Fairfax. Sam is the son of Mary and Jim Hyer.



Photo: captured by Dawn Burke on a cell phone

The Summer Fun program ended with a blast (of water that is) courtesy of the Terrace Park volunteer Fire Department. Celia McNeil coordinated the program that consisted of two weeks of crafts, games and field trips for grade school children in the village.

Grever receives degree from Elon University

Elizabeth (Lisa) Cable Grever, daughter of Joe and Lanie Grever, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Elon University. Lisa, a member of Phi Mu fraternity, was named to the President's List for the 2006 spring semester. The President's list is composed of students who had no grade below an A-minus and a minimum of 12 semester hours. Lisa is planning to teach in the Boston area.

Kiwanis Art and Crafts Fair in Mariemont

The 21st annual Kiwanis Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Sunday, September 10th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the grassy shaded

median in the center of historic Mariemont. Parking and admission are free.

A hundred exhibitors will be showing a wide variety of unique original arts and crafts ideally suited for home or office décor, gifts and collections. There will be unusual toys, Christmas/Halloween/Thanksgiving gift items, jewelry, dolls, baskets, wood/metal/textile/ceramic crafts and a variety of paintings and photography

from artists in four states. Many of the items will be available at no other location.

Food, drinks and other facilities are close by. Proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Scholarship fund for needy and academically worthy college bound seniors. Come, and be amazed by the hundreds of fascinating items. For more information, please call Al Nelson at 831-9220 or Matt Nickum at 561-2292.

So where's the money going?

So you're noticing a trend. Every August before the Labor Day and every December just before Monte Carlo Night an article appears in the Village Views about how important these events are for raising money for the Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) – the organization that funds and runs all of the youth sports in Terrace Park. And of course there is the obligatory reminder that the TPRC youth sports program is 100 percent self-funded unlike similar programs in Mariemont which get additional dollars as well as field maintenance from other Village budgets. And yes, the trend continues!

The fact is that the gracious residents of Terrace Park have made the most recent TPRC fundraising events more successful than ever. With this generosity, we want to make sure you understand where the money is going. This year, as in past years, we've invested the registration fees to cover league fees, referees, balls, equipment and uniform replace-

ment every four to six years. Last year we invested in new baseball uniforms and this year and next year we are replacing the well-worn basketball uniforms. It is still our goal to keep the registration fees flat for as long as possible and on par with our neighboring communities. Again, as in the past, we use any leftover registration fees as well as much of the money from the fundraising to maintain Drackett field. This costs us more than \$20,000 and buys things like 3 tons of TurfX, 600lbs of grass seed, 10 tons of gravel!

In addition to the recurring annual expenses, there are many one-time expenses we've been able to address – some because we had to and some because we wanted to. On the "because we had to" side, we had to pay to fix water leaks at Drackett Field as well as to fix the pitching machine. On the "because we wanted to" side, we've made improvements such as repairing dugouts, contributing to the pool parking lot extension, purchasing new bleachers, replacing trash cans and improving the drainage at Drackett field. We have many other items on this improvement list that are currently being considered for this year, including resurfacing the entrance parking lot at Drackett field.

The Recreation Committee is also discussing other new areas of the youth sports program we may want to invest in for future spending. If you have any suggestions or thoughts on this, please feel free to contact any member of the TPRC. The members are listed on our website at www.tprc.net.

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Police report

A report of theft of items from the Marathon station after hours was investigated. The subject being pursued was apprehended in Mariemont and was found in possession of tires. He stated that Mr. Hinners had said it was "O.K." to take discarded items. This was verified and to prevent misunderstanding it was decided that henceforth anyone taking items must do so only during business hours.

A resident reported fraudulent withdrawals of money from her bank account through ATM transfers. A detailed record was provided to the online bank involved so an investigation could proceed.

A hit and run accident in the swim club parking lot was reported and confirmed by an officer. The two parties involved were identified and agreed to handle the matter themselves.

In response to a call from a homeowner on Sycamore police checked on two abandoned vehicles which had stood unused for months. Records were checked revealing that the house where the cars were parked had been sold as the owner was deceased. The autos were towed away.

An officer was dispatched to UDF upon receiving a report of a perceived robbery. It was determined that the alleged suspect was an employee who had been working in the freezer and had donned a black hoodie and ski mask as protection against the cold temperature.

Vandalism occurred to two residents' mailboxes on Myrtle Avenue.

Among other incidents requiring police investigation were:

- removal of a yard statue from property on Wrenwood
- apparent theft of a bicycle at the swim club
- theft of a license plate from a vehicle parked at Hinners' Marathon station
- a Rumpke garbage can missing after collection on Princeton
- two domestic dispute incidents.

During the months of June and July mutual assistance was provided to a sheriff's deputy on Beechmont Avenue and to police departments in Fairfax, Indian Hill, Milford and Newtown.

EMS runs included in the police record totaled five.

The way we were...when Terrace Park had its own high school!

A Special Terrace Park Historical Society Program on Wed., Sept. 27 at 7p.m.

By Susan Abernethy Frank



Aerial view of Terrace Park School 1947. The two smaller buildings in the back were the colony buildings where the high school had their classes. The parking lot was entered off Myrtle Ave. The flat roof addition to the main building came in the mid-'50s.

In 1957 Terrace Park High School saw its last graduating class. Emotions were high as so many graduates and friends and families of many years saw this phase of our history come to a close. And yet, many have worked hard to keep the memories alive. R.J. Vilardo, class of 1949, is one. He will be the featured speaker at the Terrace Park Historical Society fall program: Wednesday September 27, 7p.m (refreshments and displays) 7:30p.m (program) at Terrace Park School. **SAVE THE DATE!**

R.J. will not only give a history of the school but will also give highlights from his years. He will have a slide presentation to really show "the way it was." As he reminisces through the slides, you will see why R. J. considers his years of living in Terrace Park and going to Terrace Park School as some of the best years of his life.

Program Chairperson and TPHS Board Member, Sandy Koehler, and Elementary School Principal, Linda Lee, have arranged for R.J. to give this presentation to students, grades four through six, during the afternoon. The children will have a project to tie-in and there will be displays of their work at the evening program.

The consolidation of Terrace Park with Mariemont School District interrupted the nearly 150 year history of schooling here. Terrace Park's "little red schoolhouse" was built in 1840, adjacent to the present school and was indeed, a small frame structure painted red. Its presence was confirmed by a map of 1847. Parents who contributed cash and sometimes produce got it started and kept it going until more formal education brought school district number 9. The school moved in 1853 to Wooster Pike and Indian Hill Road where for years it occupied the brick building in the former Yankee Dollar (now Fierge) complex. There it stayed until 1873 when T.R. Biggs deeded the present Elm Avenue site. Villagers voted \$12,000 for a school there.

It was known as Gravelotte School until 1886 when a high school was established with courses in English, Latin, Greek, history, science and music. Mary Highlands was the first and only graduate in 1890. The present building, costing \$30,000 was completed in 1913. Even so, three so-called colony buildings, one-story structures, had to be put behind the school to house all the students in the 1920s and 1930s. The one-story wing was built



The 1946 Terrace Parker (yearbook) shows some students playing behind the gym, with the porches of the two colony buildings off to the right. The porches were places where the students would "hang out."



The Terrace Park High School boys did not dress too differently than the MHS boys of today (60 years later): khakis, button front shirts and t-shirts. From l-r: Ralph (R.J.) Vilardo, Jack Jordan, Bob Kramer, Fred Brunner, Jim Chapman. Find out what these guys did for fun and entertainment in the '40s, and what role TP High School played in their lives.



Everything from the uniform to the ball has changed over the decades. Find out about other changes at the historical society's next program.

in 1956 and added to in 1962.

During the early years, students came to Terrace Park School from all over: Newtown, Camp Denison, Indian Hill, Symmes Twp., and Columbia Twp. and Plainville (now Mariemont). The students from Newtown continued to come until their district merged with Anderson (for 1957-58 school year) and Terrace Park was forced to find a place for its students. Obviously, Mariemont was the lucky district.

Terrace Park High School (in the '40s and '50s) held its classes in the two colony buildings which were behind the main building (still standing). One of the three colony buildings had been torn down. Currently, this area has some playground equipment and the parking lot. The "old Colony" building was a frame structure with oiled down hardwood floors and wooden windows that were pushed out and held open with a piece of wood. The windows were all around the building, one immediately after the other. Most classes were here. The "new colony" building, a crème colored stucco structure, housed the chemistry room and labs, the business

class rooms (with all the typewriters), the Home Economics Room, and the Library. Both buildings had front and back porches, which were places to "hang out."

"We were a close knit group," R.J. said, "with students and educators being very close. The impact that educators have on students stays with you forever. We were the Terrace Park Bulldogs, K-12. We worked hard and played hard and even won a few championships along the way. I still have the football, signed by all the players (1946, 1947) that was given to our coach, Bud Heil. His widow (Edna Heil Hay) gave it to me and I treasure it."

The consolidation with Mariemont came about through a state board of education push in the early 1950's to merge what it considered to be small and insufficient schools. One target was Terrace Park, which had its largest graduating class of 55 seniors in 1949 (year Vilardo graduated). The state urged merger with Mariemont. But Indian Hill pushed to get Terrace Park and an emotional debate pursued before Mariemont won.

R.J. will highlight the school activities, styles and lifestyles of teenagers in the 40's. He will also talk about his family coming to Terrace Park and his home adjoining the Vilardo Tavern (now the site of UDF on Wooster and Elm). He will touch on his own personal experiences as well as those of the school. His slide presentation will be a walk down memory lane for some. To the young people in the audience, this will be a real "eye-opener" about life in and out of school before TV and all the other methods of communicating and entertaining in today's society.

There is much more to learn. This is a program you will not want to miss: Wed. Sept. 27 at Terrace Park School...7p.m.! Free and open to the public!

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Ground breaking ceremony for the well deserved new emergency services building

June 28, 2006

By Susan House

A very enjoyable event was held on Wooster Pike, June 28, 2006, adjacent to the site of the new Emergency Services building. The event chairman, Councilman Terry Howe, thanked resident Carol B. Cole, for allowing the event to be held on her property. Howe expressed his gratitude to the numerous residents and Village administrators in attendance. He conveyed a special welcome to the many visiting Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department personnel from surrounding communities. The fire and EMS chiefs, and their crews who were present, came to demonstrate their respect and honor for Terrace Park's "ultimate volunteers," our EMS and Fire Department force. An atmosphere of camaraderie prevailed on this lovely evening. Blending the musical talent of Lee Cole, Steve Gorman, Gary Machles, Bill Lock and Al Nelson, the "Terrace Park Players" played patriotic music befitting the occasion.

EMS Chief Connie Wilson thanked all Terrace Park residents, Mayor Jay Gohman and Council Members for initiating and approving construction of this much needed new "Emergency Services" building. She expressed her appreciation to former Councilman Steve Holmes, to Councilman Jeffrey Koreman, and to Project Consultant, Grant Hesser, for preparing and finalizing the plan. Chief Wilson, who has served Terrace Park for 20 years, spoke about volunteerism. She thanked each dedicated person who provides emergency medical service every hour of every day of the year. She reminded us all that they are committed to doing this job, leaving the comfort of home, to assist in any kind of weather, during the day and throughout the night. In addition to praising those that presently serve, Wilson pleaded to others in the community to continue the tradition of volunteering.

John Maggard, a 21-year resident of Terrace Park, a self-employed artist, Assistant EMS Chief and a volunteer fire fighter for the past 13 years, was asked to deliver a message about "Why We Volunteer." Maggard's speech is printed in its entirety in this issue and hopefully, each resident will take the time to read it.

Since a renovation of the existing Community Building is incorporated in the building project, Carol C. Cole, of 629 Myrtle, gave a brief history of the Community Building, beginning with its early use as a Baptist Church.

Grant Hesser, the Project



Floor plans for the new emergency service building.



Lights, siren, action - the new fire truck rolled in for a sneak preview.

Manager for the Terrace Park construction project that includes building the new Emergency Services building as well as making improvements to the existing Community Building, spoke briefly about the improvements that are planned for the Community House. Hesser will serve as advisor and will act as liaison to the project architectural firm Cole and Russell.

Fire Chief Jeff Carle, who has been Chief of his department for 20 years and is now also a trained EMS volunteer, addressed the assembled group. He began by saying that beginning in the 1940s, fire and EMS departments were tradi-

tionally volunteer. Today, Terrace Park is the only remaining community in Hamilton County that still has an all volunteer Fire and EMS Department. The Chief said that it requires considerable training of safety personnel, to stay abreast of the growth in population and the number of homes in the community. After thanking the community and the administrators for the approval of the new facility, Chief Carle said that the new building is greatly needed to keep pace with the requirements of recruitment and the education of new people who are willing to volunteer. As the Chief proudly addressed the subject of the new fire truck, he noted that this was the first firefighting vehicle to be purchased by Terrace Park in 30 years. An introduction of Terrace Park firefighters, present and past, preceded the exchange of hard hats



Photos: Alice Wilson

Some members of the volunteer fire department (above) and EMS (below) joined in the ground breaking ceremony.

and photo taking.

To top off the lovely evening, a siren sounded and the new Terrace Park fire engine was driven out for all to see. It was left in one spot for some time, allowing all that wanted to inspect every detail. (I must say that IT IS QUITE A RIG !!!!)

As a tribute to the major commitment made by all of our present volunteer EMS and Fire Department personnel, I will list each of their names individually:

Note: Some residents volunteer for both squads.

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Writing teams excel at state competition

Congratulations to this year's Power of the Pen teams! They competed May 26th in Wooster, Ohio, in the state Power of the Pen tournament. The seventh-grade team members were Erin Purcell, Hillary Purcell, Stacy Purcell, Tim Purcell and Sarah Sylvest. The eighth-grade team members were Jayne Caron, Claudia Carrelli, McKenzie Miller, Lauren Neal, Will Portman, and Mike Tontillo. The teams were coached by Leslie Jordan and Pricilla Elzey.



Pictured Back Row (left to right) Mike Tontillo, Claudia Carrelli, Mrs. Pricilla Elzey, Jayne Caron, Will Portman, McKenzie Miller, Sarah Sylvest and Mrs. Leslie Jordan. Front Row (L to R) Erin Purcell, Stacy Purcell, Lauren Neal, Hillary Purcell and Tim Purcell.

Created in 1986, Power of the Pen is a non-profit educational writing program that targets seventh and eighth graders in Ohio. At three levels of competition (District, Regional and State), students participate in three rounds of impromptu writing and receive immediate feedback from judges.

This year, the state-wide activities included nearly 9,000 participants (8,000 students and 1,200 teachers). About one-third (290) of Ohio's eligible public, private and parochial schools participated. There were 676 students competing. The top 54 students from each grade were selected (after three

rounds of writing) to write in the final round. Erin Purcell was one of them. Erin placed seventh in the seventh grade competition!

In addition to competing on an individual basis, each writer's scores are added together with his/

her teammates to give an accumulative school award. Mariemont eighth graders placed third out of 290 schools! This is believed to be the highest finish for any Mariemont team in the state Power of the Pen competition.

Down Syndrome Association hosts seminar for parents of adults with Down Syndrome

Adults with Down Syndrome are finding new opportunities for friendship, support, and learning through the Down Syndrome of Greater Cincinnati's *Adult Matters* program.

Adult Matters, a support program designed to enhance the social and educational lives of adults with Down Syndrome, focuses on connecting adults with Down Syndrome to their community, peers, friends and family through education, social activities, share groups, and volunteering. The program services adults with Down Syndrome transitioning from school to adult life, and their families.

"Adults need a chance to connect to one another and develop close relationships to add to their quality of life," said Janet Gora, executive director of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati. "*Adult Matters* gives people that opportunity from attending computer classes to personal support groups that encourage in-depth discussions about shared experiences with Down Syndrome." "A life with no friends is sad. I have met lots of interesting people through *Adult Matters* and like to do stuff with them," said Patrice McHale, self advocate and active

participant in the *Adult Matters* program.

The Down Syndrome of Greater Cincinnati is hosting an *Adult Matters* information seminars and discussions for parents of adults with Down Syndrome to learn more about the program and benefits to parents and adults with Down Syndrome. The seminar will include information about the program, an open forum discussion among the group, and testimony from adults with Down Syndrome who participate in the *Adult Matters* program.

The seminars will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 p.m., Erlanger Library, 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, Kentucky
Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. Clermont County Library, State

Route 131, Milford, Ohio

For more information on the *Adult Matters* program and other opportunities through the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, visit www.dsagc.com, or call (513) 761-5400.

The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati is a non profit organization whose mission is to provide information, referrals and support to people with Down Syndrome and their families. The new *Adult Matters* program reaches out to adults with Down Syndrome in a variety of ways in order to improve quality of life and offer information and education to broaden awareness and foster positive attitudes regarding people with Down Syndrome.

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Dates changed for master compost class

By Whitney Ross, Hamilton County Environmental Services

The Master Compost Class that was originally scheduled for September 2, 9 and 16 has been moved to September 16, 23, and 30. The times of the classes are from 9 a.m. to noon and will be held at the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati located at 2715 Reading Road.

This compost class teaches residents how to determine which compost bin is best for them and how to construct it. The class also discusses the biology of a compost pile and the life cycle of decomposing matter. Participants will be educated on worm bins and given the opportunity to make one

for a nominal fee.

Classes are free and every participant will build and take home a wire compost bin. In order to successfully complete the course, each attendee is required to complete fifteen hours of community service. There are numerous volunteer opportunities to fit your schedule and interests.

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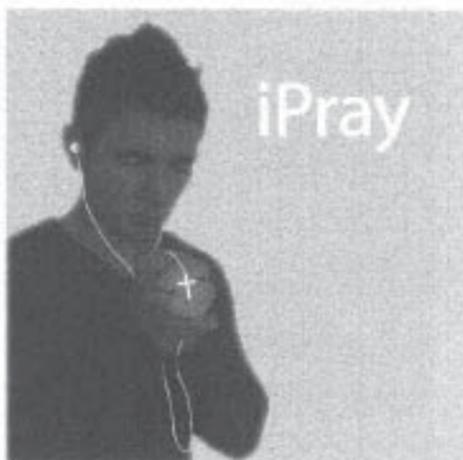
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Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

Mary Rita Rampello Vilardo

By Carol C. Cole

One of the very interesting large collections we have in our Historical Society is that of obituaries and death notices. Some time ago I was looking through one of the volumes and came across an article on Mary Vilardo, mother of R. J. Vilardo, our September meeting speaker. I phoned R. J. to find out more and he referred me to his sister Marie, who attended Terrace Park School with him. Since then she has sent me several e-mails concerning the Vilardo family. I'd like to share with you some of the information concerning Mary Rita Rampello Vilardo. If you want to know more you can come to the Historical Society and read the obituary, what her daughter, Marie, has sent and hear R. J.'s oral history.

Mary Rampello was born in Sicily in 1909 and came to the United States when she was three with her mother and brother Charles. Her father had been here several years and was working in the coalmines of West Virginia to earn enough money to have the rest of the family join him. He'd been a miner in Italy so had some experience. They also had a sponsor in Cincinnati as all immigrant families at the time had to have a sponsor. Marie tells us that when her mother "arrived at Terminal Island in New York" she got separated from her mother and brother "in the big building where the immigrants were retained until their papers could be processed. However, she said she wasn't scared at all "because she was so excited to be in America, the place where her parents would be together at last!"

From West Virginia the family made one other move before settling on Main Street in downtown Cincinnati. Many other German and Italian immigrants lived in the same area before they could move out to Walnut Hills, Clifton, Mount Adams and Mount Auburn, later to other areas like Price Hill and College Hill. Mary's mother had worked in tailoring from a very young age in Sicily so she continued tailoring in Cincinnati, finally saving enough money so they could buy a home in Clifton on Riddle Road. That house like many other Italian homes had two full kitchens: one on the main floor of the home and one in the basement where it was cooler for cooking in the summer.

Mary had very limited education in Cincinnati since she had to leave school at least as early as 8th grade to help support the family. However, education was always very important to her and she educated herself especially about the United States and Sicily by being a voracious reader of pretty much everything she could get her hands on. She also "read health journals and learned all about food and nutrition."

Mary's husband, Albert, was born in 1906 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but the family came from Fuscaldo Italy (at the toe of the boot). Both Mary's and Albert's families had sponsors in Cincinnati where one often hears about German and perhaps Irish immigrants but not so much of the Italians. Marie tells us "there was a very large contingency of Italians in Cincinnati who had relatives from the same home towns and/or knew one another already. They formed a society (still in existence) called La Fuscaldesse Societa, first for just the men."



The above picture by Allan Kain was run in the Cincinnati Enquirer in the late 1950s or early 1960s. Pictured is the Fresh Air Farm that was situated on Given Road. According to the caption from the Enquirer "Each summer this camp provides a two-week vacation for underprivileged youngsters and their mothers from Greater Cincinnati. Some 1800 persons enjoy this treat annually at the farm, which is open from June to Labor Day. There are accommodations on the grounds for 350 mothers and children for each two-week period. The farm also provides such vacations for many old ladies during each of its summer sessions. The farm has been in existence since 1898."

Later on the ladies formed their own group.

Mary met Albert when she was 18 and they were both working at Davis Tailoring Company in the old Polk Building at the corner of Fifth and Pike Street. "Mary did piece work on suits for men and Albert was a buttonhole maker. The story goes that Albert passed Mary's sewing machine one day and when she saw him coming her heart stopped beating and she could not breathe, and he leaned down and asked her if she would like a glass of water. That was the beginning of their romance." Since Mary's parents thought Albert was "too handsome and too much of a ladies man and too worldly for their very shy and naïve daughter," the couple met secretly at Graeter's Ice Cream shop on McMillan avenue in East Walnut Hills. They were married in 1929 and R. J. was born nine months later, followed by two daughters, Marie and Louise. In time Mary moved from the tailoring shop "to become one of the finest seamstresses in Cincinnati, having worked at some of the finest lady's dress shops" such as Giddings, Jenny's on Fourth Street downtown, H. & S. Pogue, The Colonial Shops in Mariemont and Hyde Park and Lillian's in Hyde Park.

In an earlier program R. J. has already told us how the family came to Terrace Park through the Fresh Air Farm (now Stepping Stones). Mary with her three children and her mother were spending their summers there and Mary became the Dietician. On one of Albert's weekend visits to his family he stopped at the tavern and met the proprietor, Mrs. Kuntz. By the end of the summer "Albert and Mary bought the business from Mrs. Kuntz and they moved with their children to the apartment alongside the tavern, renaming the business Vilardo's Tavern. Vilardo family members "did all the cooking for the restaurant, which eventually became a sought-after place to eat. Word got out that there was good home-cooked Italian food, and American food, being served by this wonderful and friendly Italian/American family."

"It was not easy for them to be accepted at first in Terrace Park. They were Catholic, Italians, and ran a tavern." It was also hard for the children to be accepted at school. However, the principal of

Terrace Park School called Mary and Albert not long after R. J. and Marie entered the school to congratulate them on their children's behavior, saying they had exemplary manners, were polite and respectful and got along with everyone, and commended them for their good example for their children." R. J. became a four-letter man in sports and the two Vilardo girls were Prom Queens!

The Vilardos were able to buy land on Washington Street in 1946 and to build 415 Washington in 1950. It was "a lovely ranch home on an almost two acre lot where Albert had a beautiful garden, growing his own vegetables for their home-cooking." Also in 1950 the tavern was sold to Ed Siegel. Having established a reputation as a wonderful cook, Albert went on to be the chef at other restaurants (including Montgomery Inn) in Cincinnati and Florida.

When Mary first started school she often went home crying since the other children teased her because she didn't speak much English, hearing only Italian at home. She vowed that would never happen to her children so insisted that only English be spoken in their home. Thus they never learned to speak Italian. According to her obituary, her children "described her as a proud American citizen and a person who taught them to love and to make sacrifices for family. She also was proud to have obtained her driver's license at age 65."

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Fire department and EMS volunteer John Maggard

The following speech was delivered by volunteer firefighter and EMT John Maggard at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new emergency services building.

I'd like to thank the Chiefs of Fire and EMS, Connie and Jeff, for inviting me to speak on the topic of "why I volunteer", but before going any further, I must change that phrase to "why WE volunteer". By my definition, "volunteering" for a task is something an individual freely wants to do, so I feel that I'm on safe ground including all my friends in the Terrace Park Safety Services when I say this. Of course all of them will have different reasons for volunteering and stories to tell, the end result is the same: a unified team with a common bond of commitment.

My own reason for joining the Fire Department was curiosity; in 1992 or thereabouts I had recently begun working out of my house, and also begun paying a little closer attention to the goings-on in Terrace Park. I had read a notice in the *Village Views* concerning the need for volunteers on the Fire Department and something clicked. Being a firefighter was never on my boyhood list of things to do when I grew up, but something about the idea appealed to me.

I met soon thereafter with Pierce Matthews, at that time Fire Chief, and to this day still a valued member. He outlined the fire department responsibilities and expectations for volunteer firefighters, then invited me to a drill that following Sunday at Camp Stepping Stones lake to "see if you like us and what we do, and see if we like you." That was almost 14 years ago - I was hooked. Two years later I joined a training class to become an Emergency Medical Technician, or EMT, and became hooked for a second time. I'm very happy to report that over the past few years several others have become dual-certified and at this time seven of us serve on both departments.

Everything I've just said has had to do with why I volunteered;

the most important things I can tell you are why I continue to volunteer. What I discovered on that first Fire drill was what true civic responsibility is all about. These were my actual neighbors training and performing complicated, technical procedures, using their free time to protect the rest of us. Exactly the same thing is true when talking about the Terrace Park Life Squad membership...look around your neighborhood and count up the many professions and skills practiced by your neighbors. That is the amazing wealth of expertise, professionalism and responsibility your fire department and EMS relies on as a talent pool. To this day many people in the village are very surprised to see us, people they know, showing up at their homes or elsewhere in an emergency situation when they've called 911. Some of these volunteers have been members for less than 1 year, or 5 years, or 10 or more years; our current chiefs have been giving their time and expertise for over 20 years each.

This work is exciting! By nature of our village's size and population, we don't have nearly the number of runs as larger communities, but when they happen they are every bit as challenging and important to us, and most importantly, to the resident or patient, as those faced by other departments. I've responded as a member of both our departments to situations and scenes I never imagined being a part of - adrenaline rushes that you can't buy anywhere. On top of that, there is no feeling in the world like knowing you've truly helped someone at perhaps the worst moment of their life, and were able to make a difference instead of standing there, helpless and watching. The gratitude and kind notes we often receive after such events make all of the training and preparations worthwhile.

As far as continuing to volunteer, I don't intend to change a thing. In my short time on the departments I've seen major improvements in the things that matter day-to-day...individual safety for volunteers, equipment, procedures and training. The future looks every bit as exciting.. this new fire station, the new pumper and almost-new ambulance are only the most visible signs of the communities' and administrations' support and trust in us. Believe me when I tell you how appreciative we all are for that support and trust. While new facilities and equipment are both needed and valued, recruiting new members for both Fire and EMS remains our biggest challenge in the future. I can guarantee anyone who joins our volunteer services that they will regret neither the decision or experience.

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Visionaries and Voices chronicles a journey for education

Visionaries and Voices, the Cincinnati studio for artists with disabilities, is tracking the progress of former Studio Director Amos Hopkins as he hikes the entire length of the Appalachian Trail in the Appalachian Mountain Range to raise money for the Raymond Thunder-Sky Scholarship Fund, sponsored by *Visionaries and Voices*.

The Raymond Thunder-Sky Scholarship Fund was created in honor of the late Raymond Thunder-Sky, a founding artist of *Visionaries and Voices*. The scholarship will provide funding

for an artist with disabilities to take college classes. The monies will be available for the upcoming academic year.

Hopkins' 2,175 mile journey journal is available on the V&V website at www.visionariesandvoices.com. For more information on donating to the scholarship fund or 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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Mariemont High School cheerleaders selected to perform at 2007 Toyota Gator Bowl

The Mariemont High School Cheerleaders have been selected to perform at the 2007 Toyota Gator Bowl Half-time Show on January 1, 2007 in Jacksonville, Florida.

BGA Performance is pleased to announce the selection of this outstanding performing team as featured performers in the 2007 Toyota Gator Bowl Half-time Show.

The Mariemont High School Cheerleading team is one of many accomplished performing teams from across the country to perform in the 400 cast member half-time extravaganza. The selection process is based on strict criteria. Participating teams are selected from a submitted audition tape or are directly invited because of their display of excellence in national dance or cheer competitions.

The Mariemont Cheerleaders, under the direction of Emily



Juran and Maria Childs, are working hard to raise funds for their trip. In addition hosting the CHL Cheer Competition in November, working the high school concession stand and other smaller fundraisers, the group is focusing much of their fundraising efforts on their major fundraiser which is an OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION. The Mariemont OKTOBERFEST Celebration will be held in Terrace Park on September 23, 2006, 7 p.m. to midnight at the home of Dan and Nikki Utt.

The Mariemont OKTOBERFEST will feature the

music of Prost, a traditional German Band, playing many well known German folk songs as well as tangos, big band swing, country, Beatles and Current pop. OKTOBERFEST admission will include traditional OKTOBERFEST food, beer and dancing.

According to Mariemont High School Athletic Director, Tom Nerl, the District has worked hard for several years to build the cheerleading program. The dedication, commitment and hard work of the athletes and their coaches are evident in their selection to the 2007 Toyota Gator Bowl.

Don't miss an evening of fun and excitement and a way to show your support for the Mariemont High School Cheerleaders. Tickets for OKTOBERFEST cost \$30 per person and are available from Sandy Wittman-Shell - 831-6090.

Turn the key, be idle free

By Whitney Ross, Hamilton County Environmental Services

Waiting for the kids to come out of school or sitting at a fast food drive-thru can test a person's patience, but those instances have more serious consequences than occasional frustration. Idling a vehicle can not only become an expensive habit with high gas prices, but it also increases pollution and health risks.

The idling vehicle gets the worst possible gas mileage - zero miles per gallon. If you plan on sitting in your car longer than 30 seconds, it is more economical and earth-friendly to turn off the automobile.

An astonishing 44 percent of smog originates from vehicle emissions. This results in damaging

health effects including heart and lung disease and increased asthma attacks. Unfortunately, many cars idle in school parking lots while parents wait for their children, who tend to be the most susceptible to air pollution since they take many short breaths to fill their developing lungs.

Hamilton County Environmental Services (HCES) is working to counteract smog levels by launching an anti-idling campaign encouraging residents to "Turn the Key, Be Idle Free."

The campaign promotes turning off the car instead of letting it run while it sits stationary. HCES is helping teachers and residents en-

dorse the idle-free message in their communities and schools by providing free Anti-Idling Campaign Took Kits that include promotional items and information on how to encourage parents and neighbors to reduce car idling.

If you are interested in starting an anti-idling campaign at your school or in your area, please contact Nan McKenna at 946-7754 or by e-mail at nan.mckenna@hamilton-co.org to request the tool kit. You can also learn more about air pollution at www.hcdoes.org.

Milford Founder's Day dinner event

Did you know that the town of Milford was originally laid out as Hageman's Mill on January 17, 1806? Milford's Town Crier invites you to join a celebration of our heritage with dinner and program sponsored by the Milford Bicentennial Committee. The event will be held at the American Legion Victor Stier Post 450 on October 5, 2006 at 6:16 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations, please contact the Milford Miami Township Chamber at 831-2411.

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Terrace Park Sports

Tiger Sharks swim to successful season

By Susan Austin

The Terrace Park Tiger Sharks of the Terrace Park Swim Club have had a long championship run without a crown. On July 12th and 13th families cheered and celebrated as the Tiger Sharks got one step closer finishing second in the league at the Summer Championships held at Terrace Park Swim Club.

Head Coach Soozie Tomes could not have been more pleased. "This was the first time in many years that TP was represented in all age groups and we had kids returning to FINALS in all age groups in almost every event. Parents took the team seriously this year and some even changed vacation plans so their children could participate and that was awesome! I thank them for letting their children have the excitement of swimming at champs after a long summer of hard work!"

Soozie was assisted this summer by her son, Michael, an Ohio State Buckeye swimmer and local talent Katie Morgan and Laura Carrigan. Children loved the youth and enthusiasm of the three assistant coaches.

The team took away high point awards in the 8 and Under Girls, 11-12 Girls, 9-10 Boys and 13-14 Boys divisions. Event champions were:

Kienan Adams in all three of his events: 25 Meter Backstroke, 25 Meter Breaststroke and 100 Meter Individual Medley

Rebecca Adams: 11-12 50 Meter Freestyle

John Austin: 15-18 100 Meter Freestyle

Sarah Austin: 11-12 50 Meter Backstroke, 100 Meter Individual Medley.

Brad Carman: 50 Meter Butterfly, 50 Meter freestyle

Formal awards were presented by the Coaches on Friday evening July 14th. A complete list of award winners can be found on the Terrace Park Swim Team website at www.terracepark.com.

One of the most exciting races was the 11-12 Girls freestyle relay when Rebecca Adams, Rachel Emery, Ingrid Hermanson and Sarah Austin swam fast enough to break a two-year-old record in the 11-12 girls 100 free relay.



Bottom Row (left to right): Lauren Finucane, Grace Hennessee, Rosie Ecker, Olivia Saulnier. **Middle Row:** Chelsea Weaver, Lizzie Arington, Ellie Osborn, Kitty McCormack, Meagan Majchszak, Erin Purcell. **Top Row:** Coach Joe Buechel, Kate Buechel, Audrey Askam, Hillary Purcell, Head Coach Dave Askam. **Not pictured:** Karin Long, Lindsey Serraino and Coach Buz Ecker

12 and under girls' softball strong season

Our 12 and under softball team, including players from the three villages of Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park, had a great season. Although they started out 1-3 (we like to think of

this as the pre-season), the team rallied to end the season with eight straight wins to end the year at 9-3. This year was the first time we have combined the talent from the entire district for softball and it

couldn't have worked out better. The 10 and under team was also 9-3. If this is a preview of things to come in junior high and high school, softball is in very good shape!

Terrace Park players named lacrosse All-Americans in 2006

By Steve Peterson — TPRC Lacrosse Commissioner

This year was a big year for Terrace Park lacrosse players, with three of our residents earning All-American honors through the US Lacrosse Organization.

Each of these lacrosse players will go on to play lacrosse in college:

Allo Perry (Mariemont '06) will be playing for University of Virginia (NCAA Division 1)

Maeve McGoff (Mariemont '06) will be playing for Mercyhurst College (NCAA Division II)

Mitch Frey (Moeller '06) will be playing for Nazareth College (NCAA Division III)

Congratulations to this year's seniors on their tremendous

achievements. Terrace Park, where youth lacrosse began a decade ago, has produced more than its fair share of lacrosse All-Americans with four in the past three years.

Reed Peterson (Mariemont

'04) who plays for Canisius College (NCAA Division 1) was also named All-American in 2004.

All of these players began lacrosse in the Terrace Park youth program, played at Mariemont High School, and currently reside in Terrace Park.



Record breaking swim for (left to right) Sarah Austin, Rebecca Adams, Rachel Emery, and Ingrid Hermanson.



Terrace Park Tiger Sharks are proud to earn their plaques awarded at the TPSC Awards ceremony on July 14, 2006.



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Terrace Park residents Dean Burke and Luke Higginbotham proudly display their championship hardware. The two were members of the boys' team that won the Wings Division in Cincinnati SAY soccer last spring.

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