

Conservation easement/land acquisition discussed at September council meeting

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.

Terrace Park resident Carl Lindell, representing the Lindell family, who own three parcels of property at 1001 and 1005 Elm Avenue, addressed the Village Council at the September meeting with concerns about the Miami Grove Nature Preserve, his neighboring property.

Lindell reported that during July or August, a survey crew came to the farm and requested that his daughter-in-law help them locate a property monument that bounds their property at 1005 Elm, to the Hamilton County line. Lindell subsequently had a telephone conversation with the surveyor who told him that he was with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). When asked why they needed to know where the property pins were, he was told that they were doing the survey because the Village of Terrace Park and ODNR were "doing a land swap." Lindell was then told that ODNR was going to give Terrace Park a 15 to 17 acre parcel of ODNR/Hamilton County property adjacent to and south of Drackett Field. Lindell said that he was told that in return, Terrace Park would give ODNR an easement on and access to the Miami Grove Nature Preserve. (Editor's note: council is considering entering into a conservation

easement with ODNR the nature and terms of which are still under discussion. Village Solicitor Robert Malloy addresses the conservation easement later in this article.)

Lindell was concerned about the methods used to re-survey the land. He felt that normally when a survey of this type is done, to verify bounds, no new marker pins are created. He told council that there are multiple pins, in at least seven or eight places, in the Miami Grove Nature Preserve, on village property. Two surveys were previously completed, one back in the '70s, and another by the Boy Scouts in 1995. His concern was that the new lines and stakes do not match any of the existing boundary lines. He reported that when the property was recently staked, they made at least one mistake when they made the assumption that Ford Road was straight. Lindell said they dug two 18-inch holes in a spot that is 38 feet from where they belong. They assumed that Ford Road was the centerline dividing the property. The stakes that look permanent are on the Lower River Trail, between Stumps Road and the Lindell family's eight acres of private property which they use as open space.

Lindell specified that the Miami Grove Nature Preserve was created

through a life estate passed on by the Hodges family. He said that a lot of people worked hard, as far back as the 1950s, to see that the land was deeded to Terrace Park to be used as a wilderness preserve for exclusive use by residents and the Boy Scouts. This land is actually zoned Residential B and is in Flood Plain B.

Lindell said that he believes ODNR wants council to sign a document to change the zoning to natural conservation, which precludes certain construction. However, Lindell commented that, in his opinion, ODNR is not necessarily the best neighbor to have. According to Lindell, within the Ohio code, they have justification for encroachment and enforcement on public lands. Their mandate is that public lands are reserved by the state for the use of the public. He said they mark the property with metal poles and satellite sensors and often demand easements on private property from adjacent owners for access. Lindell said this could include easements on the property of the Swim Club, the recreation commission, and on many village streets. They would patrol the area with park rangers. Lindell said that similar to the bike trail, Terrace Park would have no jurisdiction in the area.

Council's reaction

After Mayor Jay Gohman thanked Lindell for his presentation, Councilman Mark Porst began comments which he said were his, as he was not speaking for other Council Members. Porst said he personally had no interest in doing anything that would change the nature of the preserve property. His only desire is that it remain as a wilderness preserve for the use of Terrace Park residents.

Porst then said that council had earlier considered many of the questions that Lindell raised regarding what a conservation easement actually means. Porst said, "We are not swapping land." Yes, in exchange for the conservation easement ODNR would deed the 15 to 17 acres to Terrace Park

Councilman Porst said that he does not know exactly what Terrace Park gives up with the granting of the easement. Although, if there is any ambiguity, Terrace Park would include restrictions in the agreement. Porst addressed Lindell asking if he would be in agreement if he could be assured that Miami Grove Nature Preserve would be retained as Terrace Park wilderness to be used only by Village residents. What is a conservation easement

When asked to comment, Village Solicitor Robert Malloy said that

the agreement is intended to place a conservation easement on the land. To his knowledge, the conservation easement is not meant to address zoning. The easement is to assure that the land use will not change. Terms and conditions will be spelled out in the agreement. In fact, a copy of the conservation easement would be attached to the agreement, and will spell out the terms and restrictions. He added that, if the restrictions were not followed, Terrace Park would probably have the right to revert the agreement. According to Malloy, ODNR is only being given the right to enter the property to make sure that it is being maintained as a nature preserve. This conservation easement is a "limited easement." Malloy said that council has directed him to ensure that Miami Grove remain a nature preserve for the residents of Terrace Park.

Lindell then countered, asking for an explanation of the placement of seven or eight new stakes. Councilman Jeffrey Koreman quickly responded saying that council could not explain it. Koreman said that he contacted the state the day after hearing this information to lodge a complaint about surveyors coming on Terrace Park's and Lindell's property without the authority of Terrace Park administration.

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To the residents of Terrace Park

If you currently have any form of personal property (vehicle, boat, etc.) stored in the Environmental Services area, please contact Pat Dold at the Village Office (831-2138) and give your name, contact information and a detailed description of your property. Any property not identified within 30 days of the publication of this notice shall be removed and disposed of accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

An open letter to all residents

Dear Terrace Park Resident:

September 12, 2006

Village Council asks all Terrace Park voters to approve "replacing" our current 9.5 mill levy with a 5.58 mill operating levy this November 7th. Voting "FOR" this replacement will not increase or decrease your real estate taxes.

The Hamilton County Auditor periodically reappraises Terrace Park properties. Each time, the auditor recognizes increasing property values by assigning higher appraised valuations. The Hamilton County process of assigning higher appraised values to your home **does not increase your real estate taxes or the revenue collected by Terrace Park from our expiring 9.5 mill operating levy or the 5.58 mill replacement.** To compensate for higher appraised values, the auditor makes proportional reductions in the "effective" millage that is actually used to calculate your tax bill. The 5.58 mill replacement reflects the cumulative reductions through 2006. As we said above, voting "For the tax levy" replaces the 9.5 mills with 5.58 mills and will not increase or decrease your real estate taxes.

Our goal is to maintain the high quality services you have come to expect from Terrace Park. This operating levy is the village's single largest source of funds, accounting for about 40 percent of our annual receipts. We constantly look for ways to save money and are committed to operating as efficiently as possible. Please help us maintain Terrace Park services by voting "**FOR THE TAX LEVY**" to replace our 9.5 mill operating levy on November 7th with a new

5.58 mills.

If you have any questions about village finances or your real estate tax bill, please call Mark Porst at 513-576-1645.

Sincerely,
Terrace Park Village Council

Jack Brown, Terry Howe, Stefan Olson, Jim Muennich, Mark Porst, Jeff Koreman
Mayor, Jay Gohman & Treasurer, Larry Williams

Save the date! The annual volunteer Emergency Services Pancake supper is back!

Sunday, November 5

Join your neighbors on November 5 in the elementary school cafeteria for a delicious dinner served by the volunteers on the Life Squad and Fire Department. Kids love it and who doesn't like a night when you don't have to wonder what's for dinner.

Watch for the signs or look in next month's *Village Views* for more information.



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

High and dry...for now. Girl's Lacrosse players Ingrid Hermanson and Lauren Finucane await their turn on the bench in the dunking booth.

Get out the rakes and leaf blowers!

Curbside leaf collection will begin October 16 and continue to the end of November. Please do not put anything other than leaves in the collection piles because the leaf collecting equipment can be easily damaged by hard debris such as sticks, rocks, etc. There will be no stick collection at this time.

A quick safety reminder: to help protect the children of our village, please do not drive through leaves on the curb. Also, please discourage children from playing in leaf piles along the street.



The deadline for the **October** issue of the *Village Views* is Friday, Oct. 6

Letters to the Editor

Another Labor Day weekend has come and gone in Terrace Park, complete with the annual garage sale and festivities on the green. These events are important because they are part of the traditions in Terrace Park that make this such a unique and wonderful place to live. They are also important because they raise the funds that allow us to offer youth sports here in our neighborhood.

Because they happen year in and year out, pretty much like clock-work, they seem deceptively simple to execute. But the fact is these events are very labor intensive (no pun intended) and take many, many volunteers to bring them to life. And for that reason we wanted to thank Walt and Holly Dewees who handled the overall coordination of the garage sale and parade and the many volunteers who made this year's events happen.

In particular we want to recognize those volunteers who don't even have kids in the youth sports program anymore, but who still devote hours of their time to ensure these traditions continue and enough money is raised to keep the program strong. These dedicated volunteers include Susan House who put countless hours into coordinating and running the garage sale along with help from her husband Greg, Sandy Robinson, Beth Srofe, Robin Pendery, Buz Ecker and Judy and Wally Heffner. For the festivities on the green, Rusty, Connie and Steve Wilson who once again put their time into the ticket and food booths. We also want to recognize Lon Stirsman for coordinating the Labor Day parade which, while not a Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) fund raiser, is truly part of the fabric of Terrace Park.

To these volunteers and all the volunteers who made this another great Labor Day weekend we say thanks for your generosity.

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October deadline :

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

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.

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Safety Issues

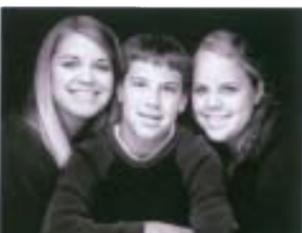
Walking with strollers in the middle of the street continues to be a safety concern in Terrace Park. If a sidewalk is provided, please walk stroll, or run on a sidewalk.

Other safety concerns include parking and dropping children off at school. You must park or drop off the children with your car facing in the right direction, on the right side. Children should use designated cross walks when crossing the street.

Please make safety a priority. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort.

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Vivian Franz, Ph.D.

It's time for school to begin again. If you and your child want a good year, now is the time to plan. You need to know the expectations of the new teacher (or teachers) and the requirements of the new grade.

Most teachers make transitions easy. They send home course outlines and homework guidelines for the elementary students. Older students receive syllabi with due dates and assignments. Students are responsible for knowing when papers are to be finished or when tests will be given. Student plan books are the first step to organization. Be sure your child has one and uses it wisely.

Begin by knowing the teacher's grading system. How much credit for tests, for homework, for outside projects, for class discussion? Does the teacher collect homework and assign a grade? What are the standards for grading outside projects? Are parents allowed to help, and, if so, are the projects graded? Perhaps the grade is based on in-class summaries or presentations.

How often are tests: weekly, monthly, or at the end of the unit?

Is there review in class, or are students themselves totally responsible for review? Do some tests count more than others? For example, do unit tests carry more weight than the sum of daily quizzes? How do class discussion and effort enter into the overall grade on the report card?

If you don't know the answer to these questions, ask, so that you can do your part as a parent. Keep an on-going file of corrected papers and communications from school. If you have a question, call. Find out when you can talk with the teacher. Keep your conversation short, friendly, and to the point. Teachers have many students, many contacts, and they are busy.

Finally, one of the most important contributions parents can make is to provide a reasonably stable schedule at home throughout the school year. No matter how busy you are, find a way to build in stability. Allow only so much time for sports, extra-curricular activities, television, or friends. As often as possible, plan family sit-down meals. Comforting routines at home provide the loving reassurance children need to begin a successful year at school.

First Day



Fourth graders (l-r) Danielle Simons, William Holcomb, Chad Williams and Connor Osgood celebrate the last moments of summer on the elementary school steps.



Second grader Neil Findley came prepared with school supplies and a smile.



Kindergartner Frances Harrington shares a moment with her mom, Sarah, before heading off to her first day of school.

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SEPTEMBER

21 September *Village Views* collated and delivered to the Post Office.

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.

OCTOBER

1 Yom Kippur starts at sundown

2 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**

3 TP Elementary BOOTIQUE 3:20 - 5 p.m. Shop till you drop. Call **Rhea Greene, 248-9969** for more information.

3 Terrace Park Garden Club, in the St. Thomas Parish Hall. Come learn about Ikebana, Japanese style flower arranging noon - 2 p.m. Call **Jill Kelly, 965-0819** for more information.

6 October *Village Views* deadline

9 AARP Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Phil Nuxhall discusses "Historical Beauty in the Grove." Call **Virginia Marquett at 831-2650** for more information.

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

10 TP Elementary PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.

11 Kindervelt # 76 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Gibson, 807 Poplar Ave. For more information, contact **Ann Gibson at (513) 248-9636** or **ann@fmhconsulting.com** or **Kimberly McCarthy at (513) 576-1197** or **kimberlymccarthy@fuse.net**.

13 CCDS FallFest, 6905 Given Road. All are welcome for an afternoon of games, food and fun for the entire family! 3:15 - 7 p.m. Followed by the Homecoming Football Game.

17 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. at JHS, public welcome

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20 NO SCHOOL, faculty in-service day

27 TP Elementary Pumpkin Fest, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. All are welcome for all kinds of fun!

27 Early Dismissal

28 Day Light Savings Time Ends, FALL BACK 1 Hour

31 HALLOWEEN

31 TP Elementary Halloween Parade, 2 p.m.

31 TRICK OR TREAT! Listen for the siren at 6 p.m. to start and 8 p.m. to stop.

Save the date!! The Terrace Park Historical Society announces: Gary Knepp, historian and author, presenting The Anti-Slavery Movement in Clermont County (highlighting the Clermont Co. Freedom Trail and Underground RR) Sunday November 5, 3:30 p.m. refreshments/social, 4 p.m. Program. Location to be determined.

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**Next deadline
October 6**

Neighbor to Neighbor



Cincinnati Country Day FallFest

Don't know what to do for Friday the 13th? Come to FallFest! Friday October 13th from 3:15 p.m. - 7 p.m. at CCDS, 6905 Given Road. Welcome in the Fall season with a carnival, complete with games and inflatables for all ages, food, baked goods and raffle - fun for the entire family! The festival is in the main gym and dining terrace and is followed by the Homecoming football game, CCDS vs. CHCA.

The *Village Views* will gladly print your article or letter to the editor. No submissions will be returned (including photographs) so please send copies or electronic files. For contact information see page 2.

Dominic and Louise Costanzo, long-time Terrace Park residents, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

Dom and Lou Costanzo, 736 Wooster Pike, were married on September 1, 1956 in Cleveland, Ohio. They settled in Terrace Park in 1964, with their two children, Dino (Mariemont High School class of '77) and Tina (Mariemont High School class of '79). Their Sears Roebuck Home (Kilburn Model) was known for its red door (now black) and has been host to many animals through the years, including horses, ponies, red fox, hawks (rehabilitated and released), quail, dogs and cats. Lately, they have been visited by up to 18 hummingbirds a night, feeding right outside their back window! Their two acres was fondly known as "The Hose Nose Corral" and had many entries into the Pet Parade.

Throughout the years, Dino's and Tina's friends have been drawn to the Costanzo home by Louise's famous chocolate chip pancakes and "to-die-for" pasta sauce. They always came back for more of the delectable delights provided there. And Dominic's tomatoes are a delicacy in themselves, grown in a garden over the old horse pasture (which formerly boasted a "free manure" sign). Neighbors and



(Above) One of the many Costanzo pets joined in the Labor Day Pet Parade with Dino and Tina on his back and Dom joining in the costumed fun.

(Left) Louise and Dominic Costanzo were married 50 years ago on September 1.

friends wait patiently every year for the baskets of bountiful produce from Dom's garden. Unfortunately, the resident deer have also discovered this treasure and have made

farming a bit trickier.

Dom and Lou have watched Terrace Park change over the years and they still enjoy the peaceful serenity of this fine village. Our family

has been truly blessed and we wish them many more years in their tranquil Terrace Park home.

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Thanks,
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Terrace Park Garden Club

By Marybeth Contreras

This past summer, a collaborative effort was undertaken to beautify the courtyard at the Mariemont Junior High School. With Pipkin's providing plant materials at cost and Terrace Park Garden club, Mariemont Garden Club and the Mariemont Junior High PTO contributing funds, trees, and shrubs, a beautiful perennial garden was established in the courtyard at the junior high. The entire school community is extremely appreciative of our efforts, and the courtyard is now being used extensively by students, faculty and staff members. The space is a great spot to eat lunch or to enjoy a quiet break from the busy school day. Thanks to Jenny Whitaker, Barb Bird, Jill Kelley and Beth Srofe for all of their effort on this project.

The Terrace Park Garden Club will also begin work in late

September or early October on replanting the memorial bed. New trees, shrubs, flowers and statuary will be added. Garden club members will volunteer their time to plant the bed.

Thanks to all of the community residents who contributed to the "Pennies for the Park" jar at the UDF. All of the collected funds will be used for the memorial bed. In ad-

dition, the club will be selling daffodil bulbs in the next couple of weeks to plant along the fence by the bike trail. We hope to have masses of beautiful daffodils lining the bike trail next spring. Look for signs along the fence for further information.

Finally, the Garden Club is always interested in welcoming new members. Please call Jill Kelley for further information at 965-0819.

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Police report

Identity theft was reported to police by a village resident. The victim was alerted by receipt of a communication regarding repayment of a loan for which she had not applied. The loan transaction had been recorded on video tape however the loan company had reused the tape erasing the record. Investigation revealed that the victim's address had been changed on her credit report. Police requested a fax from the loan company of the applicant's file and the name of the employee who handled the transaction. Investigation is on going.

During a random check of auto license plates police determined that the owner of one vehicle was under warrant. When apprehended, the driver claimed that the vehicle belonged to his brother. He produced an Ohio I.D. card but no driver's license. He was also found to have an outstanding warrant and was driving under suspension. The car was allowed to be parked on the UDF parking lot; the driver was driven to his work site in Terrace Park.

In response to a resident's report of a suspicious vehicle on Stanton Avenue police questioned the occupant. The owner of the auto was found to have an outstanding warrant. The driver claimed he was the owner's boyfriend and was in the area soliciting new business for his company. He was cited for not having proper paperwork and left the village.

Indian Hill police alerted our department that a vehicle the occupants of which were blowing up mailboxes with fireworks was headed toward Terrace Park. Of-

ficers apprehended the car at Wooster Pike and Elm Avenue. The driver and two passengers admitted to using fireworks some of which were found in the trunk of the car. Further search revealed drug paraphernalia. The driver was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and was processed at the Terrace Park Police Department. The two passengers were arrested and processed by Indian Hill police.

Miscellaneous items including several firearms were reported missing from cabinets and drawers in a residence. The homeowner suspected his ex-spouse of violating an order that she not be on the property without someone present and of taking the missing items.

Property damage from an unknown person who had driven across a lawn en route to adjacent property was reported.

Criminal damaging to a resident's in ground swimming pool cover and to outdoor furniture thrown into the water is under investigation.

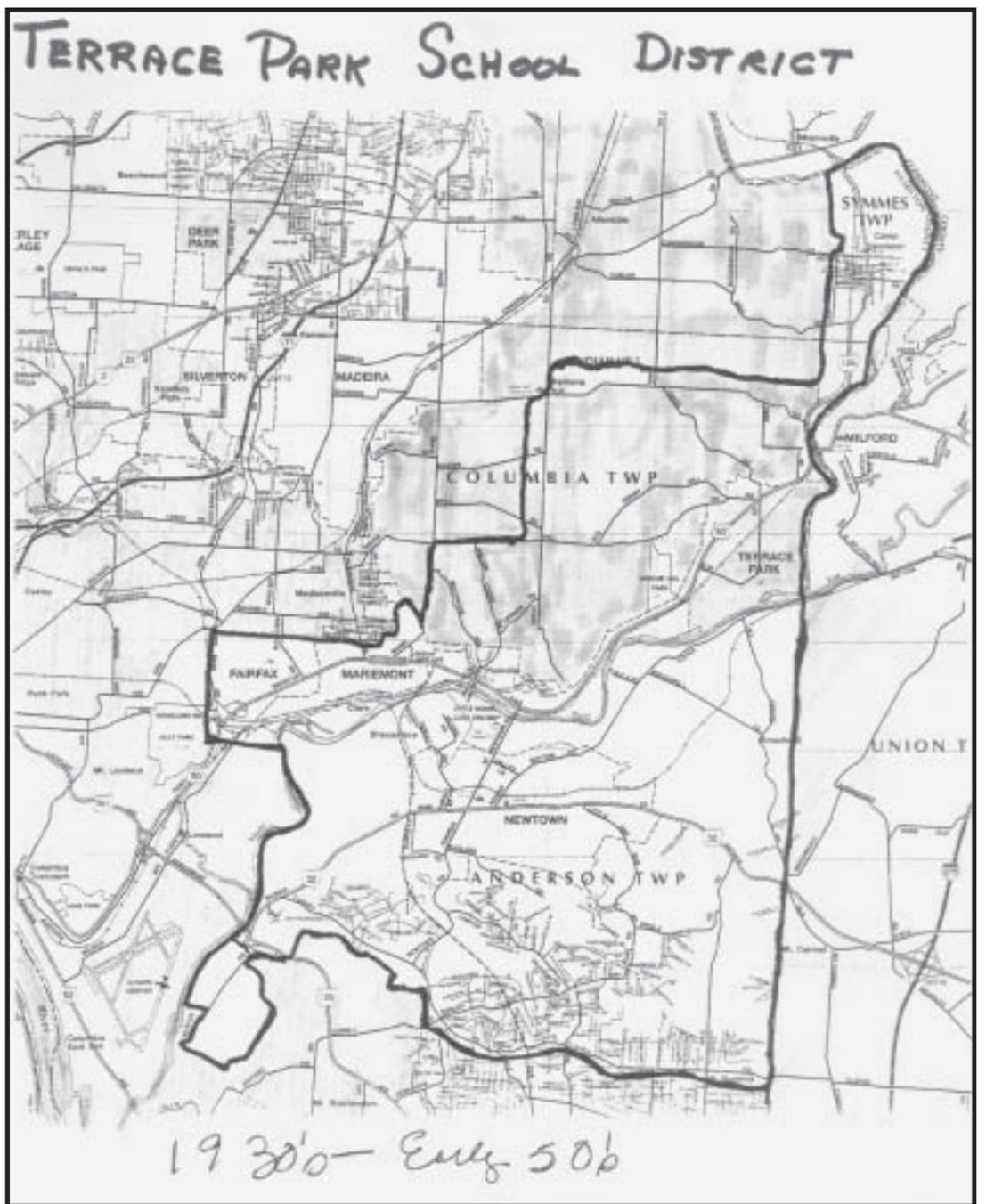
Stolen property reports were received concerning a piece of equipment taken from a construction site and a bicycle taken from the swim club parking lot.

A real estate sign was removed from village property for non-compliance with an ordinance restricting such signs to display only in yards.

The department responded to one domestic violence incident and to one noise complaint.

Mutual aid was provided to departments in Indian Hill and Milford.

One EMS run was recorded.



This map shows the Terrace Park School District as it was in the '30s and '40s. Students came from all over and the Newtown students continued to come until the last days of the high school in 1957.

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.

A reminder:

Wednesday, September 27 at Terrace Park Elementary

Come to the gymnasium: 7 p.m. Refreshments, historic displays of Terrace Park school, art displays of sixth grade students' favorite landmarks in Terrace Park. 7:30 p.m. *The Way We Were... When Terrace Park Had Its Own High School* presented by R.J. Vilardo

This is a program you will not want to miss. R.J. Vilardo will delight all with his tales and visuals of TPHS in the '40s, plus an interesting history of years before that and right up to the consolidation with Mariemont Schools in 1957.

Sixth grade students will display their artwork of Terrace Park's favorite scenes. A coloring book of some of the art will be published later in the year.

The program is presented by the Terrace Park Historical Society. Sandy Koehler, Board member, is chairperson of the program. Melissa Rupe is the art instructor for the students' project.

The program is free and open to the public.



You go girls!!!

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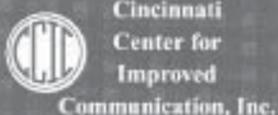
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Council continued from front page

Lindell offered that if you provide access, people will use it.

Councilman Stefan Olson responded saying that he is convinced that ODNR knew that the zoning of the preserve land is residential, and actually wanted to prevent development of this land. Olson commented that ODNR goal is to get as much property as possible along the Miami River put into easements to prevent development. This easement will, in fact, make sure that the Miami Grove Nature Preserve is maintained in its present state.

Lindell said that he believes that there may be a Terrace Park Ordinance which designates the area as a wilderness preserve. It could even be a deed covenant. He is searching for the original deed document from the '50s or '60s. He has been told that it is in a safe in the Community Building but no one seems to have the combination. Lindell also questioned the process of a zone change to conversation easement without public notice to adjacent property owners or public hearings.

Porst remarked that he believes the goals of ODNR, Village Council, and Lindell, to protect the zoning and use of the area, are all the same. He said that we can only look to the law to protect us. He also said that someone could come on the property right now and walk around the preserve without authority. In closing, Porst said that Lindell is making council look at this situation more closely, and he stated that Lindell's questions are great. Other council members also expressed gratitude for his bringing this issue before them.

Firehouse construction news

Carol B. Cole, 725 Wooster Pike, said that several problems have occurred since the construction of the new Fire and EMS Service Building began next door to her property. She said that, after calling on Councilman Koreman and Mayor Gohman, some changes have been made. When a concrete truck and various other vehicles parked on her lawn, administration representatives and Cole agreed that the landscaping will be repaired next spring, when construction is complete. She said that one-half of the dirt, which was piled on top of her property line marker, has been removed, but requests that all of it be promptly removed. Her most important concern is that her property line seems to be in dispute, and she stated that she believes that her property line marker is in the correct place. Koreman said that he asked the foreman to contact the surveyor who was used by Terrace Park and the surveyor used by Ms. Cole, to correctly mark the property. Caution tape will be stretched across the property line. When Councilman Olson asked if a fence should be installed at this time, Councilman Koreman said that Cole has cordially agreed to allow parking on a part of her property until construction is complete. Councilman Terry Howe noted that Cole has been very gracious, even allowing the village to hold the "Ground Breaking ceremony on her property."

Conservation district

Carol C. Cole, 629 Myrtle, told council that Phase I of the Zoning Code revision is nearing the final stages. Cole reported that as Terrace Park is not a candidate for a

historical district because it was settled in a spread out fashion and does not have a streetscape of a certain style of house residents may want a conversation district to be included in Phase II of the Zoning Ordinance revision.

Cole referred to an article that she had written in a past issue of the *Village Views* about conversation districts. The article was based on information written by Margo Warminski, from the Cincinnati Preservation Association. Warminski will speak on the subject of Conversation District's, and why she thinks that Terrace Park would be a good candidate for this zoning "overlay" on Wednesday, September 20th, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be held at Terrace Park Elementary School. Cole said that a Conservation District, in certain parts of Terrace Park, would maintain community character, provide guidance for maintenance and renovation, and would be more flexible than a Historical District. She suggested that potential areas for the district would include older subdivisions, such as: the Corey, the Patterson and Ewing, four Sibley, and the Stumps subdivisions. Cole said that if you don't know what a Conservation District is, it makes it difficult to decide if you want one. She urged resident attendance at the September 20th meeting.

Councilman Olson questioned Warminski's familiarity with Terrace Park. When questioned as to when she had last visited the village, Carol said that she came here four or five years ago but needed to come here again because of all of the changes that have taken place. Cole reported that there are no other Conservation Districts in Ohio, but they do exist in some desig-

nated cities in other states. Cole stated that real estate agents really like the overlay and rely on it as a selling tool. It was suggested that the September 20th presentation be aired on cable television. Terry Howe said the he will contact ICRC about broadcasting the event.

Bike trail open

Mayor Gohman announced that the bike trail is officially open.

On Saturday, August 12, 2006, Gohman monitored the traffic on the bike trail at the New Street crossing, for one hour, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. It was a pleasant day. In the one hour, he noted a total of 143 people riding bikes, rollerblading or walking. He noted that 81 people did not stop, or even look to see traffic; 41 people did stop, 18 of which had children in tow; 34 bikers were riding through the stop sign at approximately 25 mile per hour. He also noted that most of the bikers and people on rollerblades were wearing helmets.

The mayor is extremely concerned with this situation. Council resolved to authorize an official letter to be written, by the mayor to ODNR, putting them on notice of this concern. The mayor urged parents to please let your young drivers know that they need to be cautious when driving by this crossing of the bike trail. Everyone needs to be aware of the potential danger at this corner.

Sign ordinance

Debbie Whittelsey, a real estate agent with Comey & Shepard, addressed council to request that "open house" signs with balloons be permitted during limited hours outside of the sign ordinance, on right-of-way and in common areas of the village.

Council members rejected the request based on ordinances prohibiting signs other than for community events. It was stated that the only exception would be that one sign is allowed on individual private property. Malloy, the Village Solicitor, explained various reasons for the protective ordinance. Councilmen Porst and Olson expressed strong opposition to ever permitting additional signage. Porst stated that "it undresses the neighborhood". Whittelsey was told that illegal signs are typically removed by Terrace Park Police or the Building Inspector.

New police officer

New Terrace Park Police Officer, Ron J. Sweet, was sworn in by the mayor at this meeting. Officer Sweet "grew up in the area" having graduated from Calvary Christian Academy in Milford. At 16 years of age he began to serve as a volunteer fire fighter. During the eight years that he served in this capacity, he was also qualified as a "First Responder", and was certified by HAZMAT.

Deer culling

The mayor notified residents that Hamilton County is again doing "deer culling" in the Kroger Park area to reduce the deer population from September 30, 2006, to February 4, 2007. The north side of Wooster will be staffed with bow hunters at various times of the day. No one is allowed in this area, at any time, during the period indicated. In the evening and at night, sharp shooters will be working on the south side of Wooster. People are not allowed entry into the affected areas during the evening or night hours. Be aware, for your own safety.

2006 Labor Day

Scenes from the parade and festival by photographer Ellie Pohlman



The school year has begun and is in full swing

You can feel the return of fall in the air, and you know it is September by the number of bikes out in front of our elementary school. The Terrace Park Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is busy planning enriching, entertaining and fundraising activities for the 2006-2007 school year. It takes so many parents to make the PTO a success. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all who have helped the PTO and our students already this year.

In August, the PTO welcomed more than 30 new families to our school. Our principal, Linda Lee, was on hand to greet all our new families on welcome night. And in true school spirit, our sixth graders gave our newest students a personal tour of the school. On Friday, September 8th all the Terrace Park students were "launched into space" as they participated in a hands-on day of science brought to the school by COSI, and sponsored by the PTO. Our students did everything from making latex o-rings, to using spectrometers and investigating microgravity. Finally, the elementary students had the chance to finish the day by cheering the Mariemont High School football team on to victory at the district-wide evening of Football Fever at Kusel Stadium.

There are so many PTO activities taking place in the near future. On Tuesday, October 3 from 3:20 p.m. to 5 p.m. the elementary school's blacktop playground will be haunted by most of our students as they join in the fun of our annual "Bootique." On this "goolicious" afternoon the stu-

dents can purchase yummy Halloween themed treats and novelties. Also, we hold our gorgeous seasonal mums sale. The mums can be ordered by anyone and can be picked up on the school's blacktop area during the Bootique event. You can pick-up a preorder form from the LeMay's porch at 707 Floral Avenue. Plus, don't forget...our authentic "Bulldog" line of Terrace Park sportswear will be on display and available for purchase that afternoon. The Bootique is open to any families in or outside of Terrace Park. It is a fun afternoon to be enjoyed by children and adults of all ages.

Our Market Day fundraiser is up and running again this fall. Market Day is an ongoing food co-op through which Terrace Park families can order restaurant quality food items. A portion of all sales go to the PTO to benefit our school. In October, we have a chance to earn a freezer for the school. If we have 10 more orders than the previous October, and total more than \$3,000 in sales the freezer is ours! The order deadline is October 5. If you would like to place an order or have questions, you can contact Susan Malone at 831-3559 to request an order form. Or you can order on-line at www.marketday.com. So, order some gourmet items to fill up your

freezer, so the elementary school can get their new freezer!!!

The PTO meetings will be held both during the day and at night this year. The next PTO meeting will be held on October 10 at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Please come show support and learn how you can help support YOUR school! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, the PTO president, Sally Gaburo at 831-6573.

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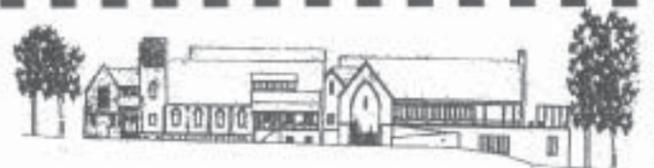
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Another mission trip to Camp Coast Care to help the victims of Katrina will leave from St. Thomas on Saturday morning, October 28, and return on Saturday November 4. Contact the Church Office for more details.

Terrace Park Sports

Terrace Park Youth Soccer Program tries something new

By Tricia DiMichele
www.tprc.net

In the spirit of constant improvement, this season Jeff Jackson, Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC) soccer commissioner, is piloting weekly skill training sessions for the U12 girls' and boys' Soccer Programs. Instead of two traditional practices a week, teams will have one traditional practice with their regular coaches and one skills training session each week.

To run these training sessions, Jackson brought in Joe Mehl, Mariemont High School Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. The sessions

focus on individual soccer skills and application of those skills in a team environment. The concept is similar to what is done in many select programs. The training sessions are funded by the TPRC.

According to Greg Ahrens, U12 boys' coach, the first training session was "excellent" and the team was very engaged.

Gary Coyan, U12 girls' coach, thinks the training sessions will help him as well as his team. "From a coaching perspective, it was very interesting to watch the trainer's performance and I hope to work some of the drills into future practice sessions. I think it

was as educational for the coaches as it was for the players."

Coyan also noted that the training session will help girls who plan to continue in soccer in Junior High School or on a club team. "I think the training program is a wonderful thing for the Recreation Commission to fund, and shows a sincere interest in helping the growing number of Terrace Park soccer players," he said.

At the end of this soccer season, the TPRC will determine if the training sessions were valuable and, based on their evaluation, if and how the program will be reapplied next year.



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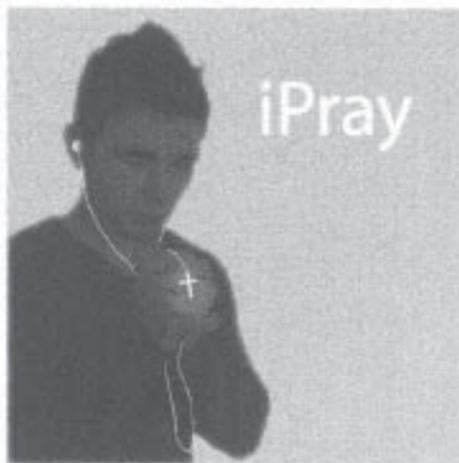
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