

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

William W. Krummert (1931-2006)

By Carol C. Cole

Probably half of Terrace Park knew Bill Krummert Sr. depending on which Terrace Park service station they frequented. He died Saturday evening, September 23 but his son Bill Jr. carries on the tradition. Bill Sr. has been very helpful to the Terrace Park Historical Society and has given us a great deal of very useful information including an oral history.

Bill was born in 1931 in Afton, Clermont County where his parents had a small farm and later a larger farm of 65 acres. This was of course during the depression so times were very hard and his father eventually lost the farm since he couldn't make the payments on it. They moved to Williamsburg and from there, when Bill was in the sixth grade, to the edge of Indian Hill where Addison Maupin now lives at 9200 Indian Hill Road. They bought that place for \$4,000 and it had 13 acres. Another area for sale at the time was what is now Wrenwood Lane, which had been part of the Robinson Circus land. Bill described it as "like a little farm, no homes or anything, no streets" but they wanted \$8,000 for it and that was more than his Dad could afford.

Bill was obviously raised to be a hard worker and has done that his whole life. I'm sure he and his older brother must have worked on the farms as much as they could even as very young boys. When they moved to Indian Hill Road Bill and his brother both worked part time for the nearby Smith Dairy. There were 30 cows that had to be milked by hand twice every day by

just four people. That meant milking before school in the morning and then again in the afternoon.

Starting in 1947 on weekends and when school was out, Bill also worked for Jack Busch who had a service station on the far side of the tavern where UDF and Proctor Insurance now stand. He started out just washing cars but after he graduated from Terrace Park High School in 1949 (the same large class as R. J. and Marie Vilardo), he didn't have a car and was seen by Jack Busch hitch hiking in front of Busch's station going to look for a job. Jack said, "Come over here and go to work for me." So Bill worked for Jack Busch full time until he was drafted into the military. That was in October 1951 during the Korean War. He served for two years.

Jack Busch had to quit his Sohio Station to take care of his wife who had some health problems. His brother-in-law, Lowell Cramer, worked for him full time but Jack sold his station to Standard Oil who then leased it to Cramer. Jack Busch lived to be 95 years old and Bill went to visit him at Sem Villa nursing home in Milford. His mind was wonderful to the end but his body failed.

After the military service Bill worked part time for Cramer and also got a job at GE until 1957 when they had a big layoff. After two months he got called back again. Bill said, "Can you promise me the job, full-time job all the time, because I just bought a home?" They said they couldn't do that so he stayed with Cramer until 1959.

Then the Standard Oil Company leased Bill the Plainville Sohio station where he stayed until 1966.

At that time Standard Oil built a service station where Krummert's is now and they wanted Cramer to run it as they were going to tear down his station next to the tavern. Cramer didn't think he could make a living on that side of the street so he took over Brunner's Cities Service Station across Elm Avenue and ran it until he retired in 1970. The new Sohio Station was built in 1963 and was promised to Bill Krummert if he wanted it. Thus he agreed to keep the station in Plainville and also run another one, but that's not exactly what happened. A Sohio dealer was in the new station running it. Nothing was said to Bill and then it was leased to Don Harris, who at the time was a manager for the company. Of course he had to work long hours, which his wife, who turned out to be Bill's wife's cousin, didn't like. Don came down to Plainville and introduced himself to Bill and they became friends, trading back and forth merchandise they didn't have in stock. When Don's wife made him get out of that business, he came to Bill and said he wanted to put in a good word for Bill so he could have the Terrace Park Station. That gave Bill two stations, which became very difficult since he personally couldn't open two stations at the same time so he decided to stay in Terrace Park.

Bill was married while he was in the armed forces and had four wonderful children. They lived in Milford in a two story four-bedroom house they bought new in 1962. After he had a stroke and his wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, his son took over the station and runs it today. Bill said his son deserved it since he'd worked for his father 15 years and they evidently worked very well and happily together. Later he opened up the station on Saturday mornings since young Bill couldn't get help to open up at 6:30 a.m.

Having started out his life working on farms and milking cows Bill Krummert got himself a high school education, went into the military and came home to learn about cars and other engines and how to run a business. He also learned the importance of taking care of himself and his family through many hours of hard work. He cared for his wife after she got Alzheimer's and in turn Bill's children took care of him when he needed care. Young Bill had planned to take his Dad to R. J.'s program on the Terrace Park High School but Bill Sr. didn't quite make it. Bill Krummert was a hard working gentleman who was proud of his family and well worth knowing.



Photo: Mark Ehrnschwender

Students from Terrace Park Elementary gathered around the flag pole on Constitution Day to pay their respects to our country and Old Glory.

Televised Conservation District Program

The September 20th meeting led by Margo Warminski concerning possible Conservation/Preservation measures available will be shown on Channel 4 before the next Council meeting. You can view the meeting:

Mondays, October 30th and November 6th & 13th at 5:30 PM
Thursdays, November 2nd & 9th at 10:30 PM
Saturdays, November 4th & 11th at 8:30 PM

(Note: times may vary because the preceding televised meetings may not fit into their allotted times.) If you missed the original program or would like to see it again, these are your opportunities to become better informed.



Terrace Park maintenance workers, Tim McLemore and Dave Evanchyk, prepare to set a "STOP" sign on the Village Green. The signs are located at the Amherst and Harvard Avenue ends of the diagonal Village Green walk. Villagers are encouraged to stop at this sign and look carefully for traffic on busy Amherst Avenue and Harvard Avenue. Walkers and bikers, especially those with young children, can help prevent accidents from occurring at these locations by honoring the "STOP" signs.



Date: Tuesday, Nov. 7
Time: 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Community Building



Please Note:

Because of the holidays the Nov. and Dec. deadlines have been moved ahead. The deadline for the November issue is Nov. 3. The deadline for the December issue is Dec. 1.



Get out the rakes and leaf blowers!

Curbside leaf collection began October 16 and will 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.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

A few clarifications are needed in the "Conservation district" section of Susan House's Council article in the September *Village Views*. First of all it should always be a "conservation" district and never a "conversation" district. The people who subdivided the older section of Terrace Park were Corey, Pattison & Iuen, Sibley and Stuntz. I do not know whether there are other conservation districts in the state of Ohio but there are as yet none in the Cincinnati area. I admire the job Susan does in reporting on Council meetings, as I believe it's not an easy task.

Carol C. Cole
629 Myrtle

Editor's note: Regarding the concern about "conservation" vs. "conversation," sometimes typos happen and should be caught by me...my apologies for any confusion.

To our friends and neighbors,

I have been remiss in not doing this sooner, but, as they say, "Better late than never." I want to publicly acknowledge the gratitude I feel for the Terrace Park community. The people here truly exemplify the meaning of "community." Last Fall when my husband David was ill and then passed away, we were blest with warmth and care of the entire community. I can't count the number of times I would come home from work to find dinner and a bottle of wine waiting for us, or a small bouquet of flowers or a simple note saying, "Just thinking of you. Let us know if we can help."

Over the last 19 years that we have lived here, I have read many similar letters, but until I was the recipient, I never realized the mind-numbing, overwhelming impact it has on people's lives. I am not exaggerating when I say that because of all those small random acts of kindness, we never felt that we were making this journey alone.

I want to give special thanks to the Terrace Park Life Squad for their gentle, caring professional care that they gave David. None of you will ever know the comfort you provided us. Thank you so much!

With much gratitude,
Jan Schloss
116 Fieldstone

To the editor:

This letter is a follow-up to a letter which appeared in the August edition of the *Village Views* concerning donations earmarked for Willie, an employee of Hinner's Gas Station. Willie is a veteran of the United States Navy who has worked here in Terrace Park for 36 years. In those 36 years, Willie has only missed six days of work. How many of us can boast of such a record? Clearly only a devastating disease could now keep Willie from his job.

Folks, it is time for us to step up and help one of our own. Please stop by, or send a donation to the Park National Bank (formerly First Clermont Bank) located 25 Main Street Milford, Ohio 45150. Generosity begins at home. Please be as generous as you are able and never underestimate the power of a kind deed.

Respectfully submitted,
R.J. Murphy
701 Lexington

(The following letter was reprinted from the September issue of the *Village Views*.)

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

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.

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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Advertisements for *Village Views* may be placed in a variety of sizes. A business card size (2x4) is only \$24 per month. A classified ad is \$5 to Village residents only. **Payment must accompany ad.** Call Business Manager Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388 for additional rates. *Village Views* welcomes your business.

November deadline :

The Nov. deadline for *Village Views* is Nov. 3rd. 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.

Leaving the Village

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

The following letter was sent to the Cincinnati Enquirer in response to a front page article, "Old homes weigh down county."

In Defense of Old Houses,

Our house was built in 1892. No computer room. No sunken spa tub. No gigantic, state of the art kitchen...only one that's actually used for cooking! Can you believe it, not even air conditioning?!

That may sound unliveable to some but let me share what an 1892 house does have. In its walls it bears a sense of history. Some sad, some joyful. A resident of many decades ago dropped in one day asking to see his old home. With tears in his eyes, he told of sitting on the register [that's where the central furnace pumped heat into the house] one winter day, sobbing as his parents told him they were divorcing. That's a sad story but there was healing in his return to his old house. Joy overwhelms this old place. At Christmastime we have always felt that the joys of Christmases past are palpable. You can *feel* the presence of those who have celebrated here for well over a century.

While others sit inside their air conditioned houses in the summertime, we sit on our screened in porch and listen to the birds and inhale the fragrance of flowers and newly mown grass as the breezes drift our way. We wave to passersby and watch children play on the Village Green. That porch gives us more of a sense of community than a zillion computer links with others.

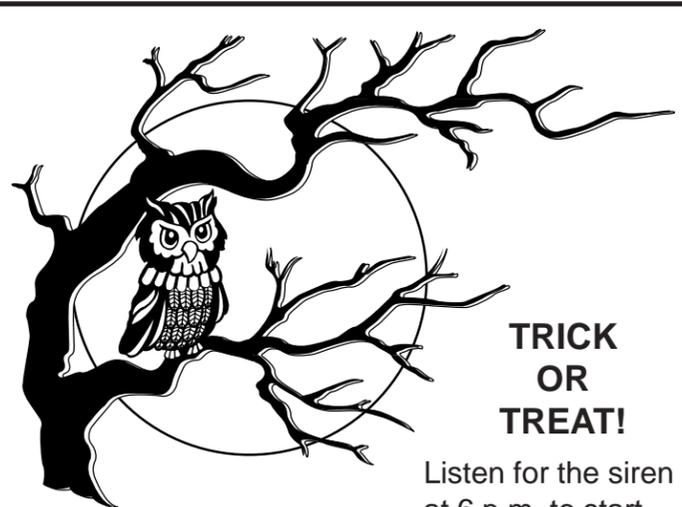
It's interesting to note that the *Enquirer* article of October 3 ["Old homes weigh down county"], mentions Caleb *Faux* as chair of the Cincinnati Planning Commission. *Faux* you know translates into English as *false*. Our house is *real*...real stones support a home constructed of real wood. Real wood sides the house and creates the interior trim. Yes, it does require some extra maintenance. The tax base formerly recognized this and owners of old homes were given a tax break. Now, our older homes are taxed at the rate of a house several blocks away that has become a McMansion. Our house is still our old dream home but our taxes now reflect those of our neighbors' homes built where lovely old homes were bulldozed or built over.

We just returned from visiting Montreal, Quebec City and Boston. The most treasured neighborhoods in these old cities are in the *old* neighborhoods where folks treasure the quality, the diversity and beauty of architecture of another era.

Bigger is not always better. A smaller house encourages families to share...share their space, their lives and even their bathrooms! If the average Hamilton County home is worth \$137,300 as the *Enquirer* article states, good for us! That means that more lower to middle income people and young families can afford to own their own homes!

Let's treasure our old houses before it's too late and they are lying in a landfill somewhere.

Patti Normile
609 Amherst



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The plaque observing the dedication of the Miami Grove Nature Preserve is now in place at entrance to the Preserve.

Miami Grove Nature Preserve

Check out the beautiful "monument"

By Susan Abernethy Frank

The bronze plaque, mounted on a very dramatic rock, and surrounded by fall flowers/landscaping is ready for your viewing. Head down to the Miami Grove Nature Preserve and check it out.

In October 2005, the following proclamation was made by Mayor Jay Gohman at a ceremony to dedicate and rename the Nature Preserve: "To recognize the people who once called Miami Grove home and also those who were seasonal visitors, the Terrace Park Village Council passed an ordinance renaming the site the Miami Grove Nature Preserve. The new designation serves as a reminder of the former Miami Grove community and as a commitment to continue to preserve the natural setting of the area."

The Terrace Park Historical Society The Terrace Park Village Council October 2005"

The Miami Grove Nature Preserve is truly a treasure of our village. Those who lived along this river bank years ago often reflect on the beauty of and their love for the area. Today, residents and former residents can enjoy this peaceful natural setting, an area where time and pressure fade.

Special thanks to Councilman Jeff Koreman for his inspiration and work on the plaque/rock and to the Village maintenance men: Dave, Tim, Paul and Dave who installed the "monument" and added the landscape/flowers. The dedication to the Village of all these men is very special.

Village Calendar 2006

OCTOBER

17 Leaf pick up began

19 October *Village Views* collated and delivered to post office.

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.

NOVEMBER

3 *Village Views* November deadline

3 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

4 First Annual Terrace Park Motor Classic at the Village Green. Proceeds to benefit Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services. For more info contact Sean Barton @460-5609 or Bill Hayes @248-2619.

4 Lacrosse Sign-ups at TP Elementary 9 a.m. - noon

5 Terrace Park Historical Society program: Gary Knepp, local historian, author, and formerly Historian for the Clermont Co. Convention and Visitors' Bureau presents ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENT IN CLERMONT COUNTY - highlighting the Clermont Co. Freedom Trail and Underground RR. St. Thomas Church Parish Hall, 3:30 p.m. refreshments/social, 4:00 Program Free and Open to the Public!

6 ROMEO Lunch (Retired Old Men Eating

Out), 11:45 a.m. China Buffet on Route 28 across from Castrucci Ford. New members welcome. For more information contact Bob Halley 831-0970.

6 TP Book Fair through 11/9

6 Early Dismissal

7 Election Day. Polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

7 Terrace Park Garden Club, at the Loveland Greenhouse. Come learn about Hypertufa, an interesting alternative to your run of the mill gardening container, 12 - 2 p.m. Call Jill Kelly, 965-0819 for more information.

8 Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Everyone is welcome.

13 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call Vera Hodges at 831-7919. Mary Makley Wolff will discuss Senior Advocacy. Also, election of officers and wine and cheese party discussion.

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

14 TP Elementary PTO Mtg 9:30 a.m.

15 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.

16 *Village Views* collated and delivered to post office.

21 BOE Meeting MJH 7 p.m. all welcome.

22,23,24 No school Thanksgiving Break

23 THANKSGIVING

26 Free Youth Lacrosse Clinic 1-2 p.m., Stanton Field

26 3rd Annual Men's Alumni Lacrosse Game, 2 p.m. Stanton Field

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

Classics come to Village Green

On November 4, the Village Green will be transformed into a transportation lover's dream with a mix of old and new cars, trucks, boats, tractors, and at least one 1960's era tandem bike. In support of Terrace Park's Volunteer Emergency Services (TPVES), a group of ... well, quite frankly, gearheads, have set about to feature the myriad of classic cars and other interesting vehicles owned by Terrace Park residents, friends and family.

"Bill Hayes and I have talked for a while about how many interesting vehicles village residents seem to collect, the idea of featuring these as a way to draw attention, and hopefully volunteers, to TPVES," said Sean Barton, one of the organizers. Along with Sean, Bill Hayes, Dan Neal, Steve Schooler, Dave Lewis and John Albrecht have been busy recruiting entries and organizing the event. Jeff Gibson has also been involved as the liaison with TPVES.

"It costs nothing to enter a car and admission is free. We hope to raise funds from food sales, a slot car track and donations," said Hayes. He added that while they hope to raise money, the real goal is to increase awareness of the importance of TPVES in our community.

So far, there are more than 50 vehicles entered, including two vintage tractors, racing karts and several classic wood boats. The orga-



Classic cars like the one above will be making an appearance at the Village Green on November 4.

nizers are still looking for entries, and don't be surprised if you see them out on their bikes looking behind houses and peeking in garages. "We know there are more out there," says Lewis, "and we are determined to find them."

Schooler stressed that the condition of the vehicle does not really matter. "We have awards for a number of categories, including best daily driver and 'work in progress.' If it doesn't run, we can help get it to the Green." There will also be a "kids' choice" award, with kids voting for their favorite entry.

For those vehicles that do run, the organizers hope to have a parade through the Village at the end of the event. In addition to looking for vehicles, they continue to look

for ways to raise money. "If anyone out there wants to make a donation and sponsor an award, please call us," Neal urged. "We are open to any ideas." He also noted that there will be a vendor area where residents can sell car parts, transportation collectibles and the like, with a percentage going to the event.

Mark your calendar for November 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and come to the Village Green for the first annual Terrace Park Motor Classic.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

“The Way We Were...” the days of Terrace Park High School

R.J. Vilardo delighted the Terrace Park Elementary students, grades 4-6, and members of the Terrace Park Historical Society with his slides and stories of the “golden years” of TP High School. On Wed. Sept. 27, R.J. spoke to the students in the afternoon and the adults in the evening. His slides brought many giggles showing students of '30s -'50s donning their athletic gear and school clothes...hairstyles, too. His stories pulled at the heartstrings of many of his classmates, his family, friends and members of the Historical Society.



Several graduates from TP High School enjoyed a reunion at the Historical Society Program on Sept. 27.

The display of 6th grade students sketches of TP landmarks were also a big hit. Many of these will be put in a TP coloring book.

The displays of old yearbooks and TP High School memorabilia were fascinating, courtesy of Virginia Marquett, Historian of the Terrace

Park Alumni Association. Special thanks to Linda Lee, Principal, and Melissa Rupe, Art Instructor for TP Elementary.



Marie Vilardo Harrington and R.J. Vilardo enjoy the evening after R.J.'s presentation of *The Way We Were...When Terrace Park Had its Own High School*. Marie visited from Florida to see her brother's program.

Terrace Park Kindervelt kicks off fundraising year

Members of our local Kindervelt chapter will soon be knocking on your door. Kicking off the 2006-2007 fundraising year, Terrace Park's 50 Kindervelt members help usher in the holiday season to our community with the annual Luminaria sales. Luminaria is the decorative kits that adorn walkways and porches on the evening of the annual holiday celebration in Terrace Park on Sunday, December 3.

Terrace Park Kindervelt representatives will take orders and deliver the kits prior to December 3, in time for the celebration. The Luminaria kits cost \$15 for one kit of 20 bags, candles, and sand to

weigh down the kits. The kits should be assembled the day of December 3 and lit at dusk.

Kindervelt is a non-profit organization that raises money for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter is among the five highest dollar generating chapters citywide.

Kindervelt chapters are primarily neighborhood organizations, although any interested group can start a chapter. Cincinnati Children's Hospital, one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the country, starts each fiscal year with a multi-million dollar deficit since they

do not turn away a child in need of medical attention for lack of ability to pay. Kindervelt monies generated are used for treatment, research, equipment purchases, and diagnosis.

Kindervelt monies generated from 2005-2008 benefit research and treatment in the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, the division which services children ages 0 - 21 with developmental disabilities including: Autism, Mental Retardation, Down Syndrome, learning disabilities, ADHD, dual diagnosis (mental health/mental retardation), infant assessment services, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, and Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome.

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Kindervelt #76 Sponsors Terrace Park's Luminaria Sunday, December 3, 2006

Beautiful luminarias lighting all the driveways and sidewalks of Terrace Park - what a wonderful way to begin the holiday season!

Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will once again sell luminaria kits in connection with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The fire siren will sound at 6pm to signal the lighting of the luminaria candles. Families will then convene on the Village Green for caroling, the lighting of the village's Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus! This year's celebration promises to be another enchanted evening for residents of all ages. Terrace Park always looks so magical with the glowing luminarias!

Kindervelt members will be selling the luminaria kits in the next few weeks. Each luminaria kit contains 20 white bags, 20 candles, sand and instruction for assembly. Each kit costs \$15 and can be placed along the sidewalk, driveway, or street. If you have not been solicited by a Kindervelt member by November 15th, please send the order form below to Abby Messner at 707 Stanton and make checks payable to Kindervelt #76.

*If the weather is poor, the siren will not sound postponing the event one week.
*If December 3rd is not a good night for you, please consider making a donation to Kindervelt #76 or using the luminarias for any time you are entertaining.

Luminaria Order Form

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All Proceeds from luminaria sales will benefit Children's Hospital.

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Police report

The owner of Fiberge confronted a customer who was observed shoplifting. After initially denying taking anything the subject then confessed and paid for the items with a credit card. Police were advised in the event the suspect might stop payment on the credit card charges.

A resident reported a suspected prowler or burglar on her property. The suspect, who was intoxicated, was attempting to get the complainant to let him into the house. Police were informed that the suspect was known to the resident and had been told he was not welcome on the property.

In response to a resident's

complaint about a liquid being dumped on the ground near a construction site police investigated the area and reported that the substance was neither toxic nor harmful.

Other department activity included assisting a resident with a domestic dispute, helping a motorist on Wooster Pike whose vehicle was disabled by a flat tire, disposing of a sick racoon observed by a resident and checking on a bicycle found in a homeowners' front yard.

Terrace Park police provided mutual assistance to departments in Milford and Newtown.

Two EMS runs were reported in the log.

Terrace Park Historical Society Program: Sunday November 5

Anti-slavery movement in Clermont County Emphasis on the Clermont Co. Freedom Trail and Underground Railroad

Gary L. Knepp, local author and historian, will present *The Anti-Slavery Movement in Clermont County* at the Terrace Park Historical Society's November 5 program in the **Parish Hall of St. Thomas Church**. Refreshments/social will begin at 3:30 p.m., the program at 4 p.m. Knepp's most recent book *Freedom's Struggle: a Response to Slavery from the Ohio Borderlands* will be the basis for his presentation. He will discuss the community's history of the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad, as well as the Clermont County Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail has abolitionist sites throughout Clermont County, including the towns of New Richmond, Moscow, Felicity, Bethel, Williamsburg and Batavia. There are many interesting tales of how southwest Ohioans helped in the anti-slavery movement. Learn how Reverend Philip Gatch freed the slaves that he inherited from his wife's father. Find out how Charles "Boss" Huber assisted between 300 and 500 fugitives in their escape from slavery and how O.P.S. Fee befriended slave-hunters only to send them in the wrong direction, while he fed and clothed the escapees hidden in his store.

Knepp is currently the Assistant Public Defender for Clermont County and is a sole practitioner in the areas of criminal, family, landlord/tenant and general civil law. He is and has been involved in civic affairs, has presented many papers on local history ("A history of Camp Dennison, Ohio" and "Robert E. Fee and the Clermont Outrage" are just a few), delivered many speeches to historical societies and written several books on local history with emphasis on the Civil War. Numerous of his articles have been published in newsletters, magazines, and brochures. He was also Director of the



This is the O.P.S. Fee Store in Felicity, where Fee fed and clothed the escaped slaves.



Dr. John Rodgers (home shown, New Richmond) was the first president of the Clermont Co. Anti-Slavery Society in 1936. He also delivered Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the U.S. in 1822.

Historical Office for the Clermont County Convention and Visitor's Bureau from 1998-2004.

Knepp's presentation will walk us through familiar parts as he helps us to visualize the anti-slavery efforts made by many of our ances-

tors. Brochures with information on the Clermont County Freedom Trail will also be available and certainly of interest to any wanting to plan a historic "road trip."

This program is free and open to the public so please inform your friends and neighbors. Please enter St. Thomas Church, 100 Miami Ave., by the Parish Hall door at the top of the steps or the "up handicap" ramp.



This is the home site of "Boss" Huber. One account recorded that there were as many as seventeen fugitives staying with Huber in one night.

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News from the PTO

Wow, it has been a very busy September and October over at the Terrace Park Elementary School. The students are settling into the groove of learning as alas summer is over. And, the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is chugging along as well. Our Halloween Bootique was a huge hit. And, it certainly helped that Mother Nature cooperated. We had record sales of yummy treats and fun novelties. Hats off to our two co-chairs, Rhea Greene and Angela LeMay, plus the army of volunteers that helped out that beautiful afternoon.



Visiting author Patricia Polacco shows elementary students her handmade quilt that inspired one of her stories.

Our students have been treated to two author visits this Fall. Patricia Polacco shared with our first through sixth graders a wonderful message of good will and inclusion through her lively and creative story telling. Mrs. Polacco displayed her original keeping quilt made many years ago and brought to life in her book, *The Keeping Quilt*. Also, all the children got to make a wish on her family's famous meteor rock. Will Hillenbrand, our Terrace Park neighbor, gently kindled a love of books in our kindergarteners by reading a number of his stories to them. He had the kids performing hand motions to selected poems and looking for creatures in his colorful and imaginative drawings as he brought his illustrations to life through computer technology. Both groups of children were mesmerized by these author – illustrators, and we thank both of these authors for their time and energy.



Terrace Park's own Will Hillenbrand read some of his stories to TPE kindergarteners.

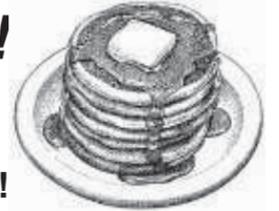
Harris, our district superintendent will be our guest speaker. Dr. Harris announced his retirement at the September School Board meeting, and he plans to retire at the close

of the school year in June. He has faithfully served as superintendent for 13 years, so please extend your thanks to him when you see him around the community.

If you missed Bootique, you won't want to miss our biggest event, the Pumpkin Festival, rapidly approaching on Friday, October 27th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Elementary School. There will be games aplenty, a haunted house, the famous cake walk, a café in which to get some dinner, and a fabulous silent auction with many "to die for" items and opportunities. So, don't be scared, come join in the family fun!! We would also, like to thank in advance, everyone in our community that donates time, money and items to make this event such a success. We couldn't do it without you.

We had a very well attended evening PTO meeting this past month. It was our first evening meeting in a good number of years. It was wonderful to see some new faces around the room. We are glad you came. Our next PTO meeting is on November 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Dr. Gerald

Save the date!



The annual volunteer
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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 for more information.

Protecting yourself and your pipes

Water main breaks and pressure disruptions occur throughout the year, but the likelihood increases during colder weather. The Indian Hill Water Works would like to know if their water customers have any special water needs, such as continual pressure for prolonged periods during kidney dialysis. If so, please contact Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent, at 576-8460. This knowledge can assist the Water

Works in providing better service for those in need of special attention.

The Indian Hill Water Works would also like to remind you that water pipes need extra protection in colder weather. Take special care with pipes that are exposed to cold air directly or are located next to outside walls or walls next to unheated garages. Wrapping pipes with insulation or letting water faucets drip during extremely cold temperatures may prevent your water pipes from freezing.

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Computer Classes for adults with Down syndrome. Sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati and the Kenton County Library in Kentucky.

Friendship Support Group for adults with Down syndrome. Bring your friends or meet new people at the Friendship Support Group, hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati's Adult Matters program. This six week program focuses on facilitating discussions about topics such as work, family, relationships, goal setting, independence perception and expectations.

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The most recent example of this was with fall soccer. Of the 250 kids that signed up for fall soccer, 30 percent of the entries came in after the June 15 deadline with half of the late entries coming in after the August 1 SAY league team entry deadline. Had the entries been on time there would have been additional soccer teams, however it was not possible to add teams because game scheduling had already begun with the other SAY Soccer leagues. In addition, the late entries increased amount of paperwork the Soccer Commissioner, Jeff Jackson, had to submit to SAY National.

The TPRC is asking that parents please make every effort possible to sign up by the youth sports sign-up deadlines. They are hoping to avoid strict measures such as implementing waiting lists for late sign-ups.



Photo: Mark Ehrnschwender

Terrace Park Recreation Committee fund hard at work: Noah, Paul and Owen Gibby refurbish a dugout at Drackett Field, including a new roof, drip edge and fascia.



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