

# Zoning code and fire house topics at December Council

By Susan House

When asked by Mayor Jay Gohman for his report, Councilman Stefan Olson announced that he had a "Christmas present" for the Village. Olson addressed the mayor and council with the news that the final draft zoning regulations document is now complete. The draft will be given to the Planning and Zoning Committee for review. Olson is hopeful that the committee will hold public meetings in February. Olson reported that the zoning document will be posted on the web site for the Terrace Park Historical Society so that residents will have access to review. When construction of the Terrace Park web site is completed, the document will be posted there. Ten copies of the draft document are available, for loan to residents, at the community office. These may be checked out but must be returned. Olson requested that the borrowed copies not be marked with notes. He went on to say that anyone wanting a copy to keep

should ask Pat, in the office, to make a copy for them. Mayor Gohman thanked Councilman Olson for all of the work that he has done on behalf of the Village to make the proper revisions to the Zoning Ordinance.

### Community building and fire house

Councilman Jeff Koreman reported on the construction schedule for the Community Building and Fire House. As of the date of the Council meeting, on December 12, 2006, the project was off-schedule by 24 days, 10 days for weather, and 14 days for labor. A delay for installation of electric occurred because Cincinnati Bell had not been contacted for removal of wires and poles prior to the scheduled installation day for the Duke Energy. Koreman reiterated that a previously unknown situation was discovered regarding the asphalt areas that were scheduled for re-paving. When trucks "sunk" into the existing asphalt, it was decided that four feet

of gravel fill would be needed for the stability of the ground. The contractor who will do the paving stated that he would not guarantee the job if the proper fill was not installed in the area. Koreman suggested that this work is a necessity and talked about the future heavy fire and EMS equipment traffic that will occur.

Duct work in the Community Building was re-worked to accommodate the heating/air conditioning units specified by the architect and the structural engineer. Koreman reported that the additional items still did not over-run the budget for electric and heating/air conditioning.

The mayor and council expressed concern that Koreman is spending a lot of time, on a daily basis, with the project. Koreman stated that Grant Hesser, who was contracted on an hourly basis to act as the Project Manager, spends about two hours on the site daily and has been the one to handle problems, etc. Koreman said that he usually visits the site everyday.

### Construction bids

The mayor talked about the calls that he had received regarding the construction bidding for the Community Building and Fire House. Koreman responded by saying that council had nothing to do with the choice of sub-contractors. The chosen general contractor elected to use the bids that they thought appropriate for sub-contractor work.

### Our leaf collection gladiators

Councilman Koreman mentioned, and residents may have noticed, that the crew driving and operating the leaf pick-up equipment has had a horrendous job this year. The collection was time consuming and on some days was done in very inclement weather. Council expressed gratitude for

what every one knows was a difficult task. Our great and much appreciated Village Crew came through again.

### Private street services

Councilman James Muennich discussed a pending resolution that would facilitate leaf collection services on private streets. It was determined, however, that the acceptability of streets (whether they meet the requirements within the ordinance document) shall be reviewed and approved, or not-approved, by the Street Commissioner. It was determined that there is a designation between "private streets" and private driveways. This was the first reading of this resolution and will be discussed at future meetings.

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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**The deadline  
for the February  
issue of Village  
Views is Feb. 9.**

**Letters to the Editor**

**Missing scooter**

On Saturday, December 16, 2006, I left my electric blue Schwinn scooter at the Terrace Park Elementary school during an afternoon basketball game in the gym. On the following Wednesday afternoon after remembering I left it there, it was gone. My helmet was there, but not the scooter. Could it have possibly have wound up in your garage?

If you know anything about my scooter, please call 831-3232 or bring it to 607 Home Street. The scooter requires a certain charger to keep it working. This means it can only go so far before it needs to be charged. Therefore, it could have been left somewhere when it ran out of electricity. Please be on the lookout and call me if you see anything!

I am offering a \$20 reward for the safe return of my scooter!

Rachel Nelson  
607 Home Street

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As part of the eighth grade curriculum, all students take part in the production either as a performer, technical crew member or instrumentalist. The goal of the program is to provide every student with a

first-hand theatrical experience.

*High School Musical*, for the few who have dodged the mania, is the story of two students who despite their different passions, try out for their school's musical production. Terrace Park's own Baldur Tangvald and Aimée Ward portrayed Troy's best friend and brainy Gabriella Montez who shares Troy's affection for singing. Glenn Lindahl helped lead the band and Art teacher Linda Yokel helped construct the props.

## Village Calendar 2007

### JANUARY

20 TPRC Baseball Sign Ups

26 All Elementary Roller Skating Party 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

27 4th Annual Monte Carlo Night, A TPRC Fundraiser, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Parish Hall. Come out and enjoy a great evening while helping to support Youth Sports in Terrace Park • Black Jack • Poker • Craps • Silent Auction • Draft Beer • Bottled Beer & Wine Available • Appetizers • Bring your friends! (Adults over 21 only)

### FEBRUARY

1 TPE Everybody Counts

2 MHS PTO Mtg. 8:45 a.m.

5 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

6 Terrace Park Garden Club Come learn about "Judging the Flower Show." Call Jill Kelly, 965-0819 for more information.

6 TP Recognition Night, 7 p.m.

10 6 p.m. Kindervelt Progressive Wine Tasting

to benefit Children's Hospital. \$50 per person, RSVP by February 3 to Kathi Willis, 440 Elm Ave. Everyone welcome.

12 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call Vera Hodges at 831-7919. Marilyn Kroll will talk about Cincinnati and the Presidents. Board meeting follows regular meeting.

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

13 TP PTO Mtg. 9:30 a.m.

14 Valentine's Day 

19 Presidents' Day

19 NO SCHOOL

20 Board of Education Meeting at MJH 7 p.m. Public Welcome.

22 Village Views collated and delivered to Post Office

25 4 p.m. Terrace Park Historical Society Program: The life and times of the Reverend Philip Gatch, Pioneer, Preacher and Public Servant. Presented by Jim Williams, a descendent of Gatch. St. Thomas Church Parish Hall (Enter off Miami Ave. ramp side of church) 3:30 Refreshments/Social, 4:00 Program

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

# Terrace Park Historical Society

## Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol C. Cole

Sacramento California is definitely a place interested in conservation and preservation since they have devoted several city blocks to their Old Town. Not only have they preserved a large group of their older buildings in that area but they also have a group of historic museums to explain the history of the area and what made it important. Like Cincinnati, Sacramento is a river city in which steam played a large part: first with steamboats and then with railroads, both of which are prominent in Sacramento's Old Town.

An unusual attraction is the five story Delta King, the last of California's original steam paddlewheelers and a 1920s Prohibition-era pleasure palace. It's now a floating hotel, restaurant and theater and can be explored in the public areas. Most of the parts for the twin "million dollar boats," the Delta King and the Delta Queen, were "fabricated" between 1924 and 1927 in Scotland. Just the paddlewheel shaft and cranks were forged in Germany. Both boats were assembled in Stockton California and completed on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1927 ready to run on the so-called "Delta Route" between Sacramento and San Francisco, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, from which they got their names. This service lasted until September 1940 when the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco closed.

Soon after that, during World War II, both boats were taken over by the United States Navy, first as receiving ships for naval reservists and later as emergency hospital transports. By 1946 they were no longer needed by the Navy. That's when our Greene family at 716 Floral Avenue in Terrace Park came into the picture. In December 1946 Tom R. Greene of the Greene Line Steamers of Cincinnati purchased the Delta Queen from the War Shipping Administration. After necessary preparations she came on the open ocean and through the Panama Canal to New Orleans,

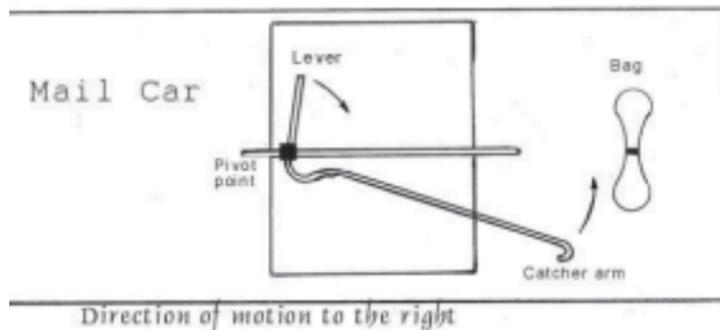
then up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Pittsburgh for a major overhaul. By June of 1948 she was again ready for the passenger service we're all familiar with on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, but by 1973 the Greene family was no longer involved. In 1952 the steam engines, the machinery and the paddlewheel of the Delta King were removed and sold to Tom Greene as spare parts for the Delta Queen. Aboard the Delta King today are models of the two steamboats together along with some pictures of Tall Stacks 1992 in Cincinnati. If you want to read more about the adventures of the Delta King between the time the Navy owned it and its arrival back in Sacramento go to [www.steamboats.org/gal-dk.htm](http://www.steamboats.org/gal-dk.htm).

Another star attraction in Sacramento's Old Town is the California State Railroad Museum, the largest train museum in the USA. One of the wonderfully restored cars there is a mail car where one can see in detail just how mail was delivered and picked up from Terrace Park when the Pennsylvania Railroad ran several trains a day where the newly completed bike trail runs now. While the train was still going at 50 miles an hour a clerk, timing the procedure very carefully, kicked or threw a full mail bag out of the open door so that it would land at the base of a tall pole being careful also not to hit any of the people who might be standing by. If the bag was not thrown far enough away from the tracks there was the danger that it might be caught under the train and the mail destroyed. Calculating just when to send the mailbag out was difficult in itself.

On the afore mentioned pole mail to be picked up by a train "was hung on a special hook called a 'catcher crane.' The mail was locked in a 'catcher pouch' that was hung, bottom side up, on the crane. ... The 'catcher pouch' was made of very sturdy canvas and had a curved bottom. The bulk of the mail went here. At the center of the bag was a belt, which was strapped to about



(above) The Delta King in Sacramento, CA. (below) A diagram of a "catcher crane" for mail.



wrist diameter, forming a thin spot for the train's 'catcher arm' to grab the bag as the train roared through. About two or three bundles of letters, which were to be handled first were put in the top of the bag. Then a belt-like strap closed the pouch and it was locked. These straps and belts were riveted to the pouch. Both the top and bottom part of the catcher pouch had quarter-inch 'D' rings used to secure the pouch on the 'catcher crane.' The bag was hung upside down so the top heavier half would drop down across the 'catcher arm' locking it in place until the clerk could remove the pouch." On the outside of the mail car was the 'catcher arm' (sometimes called a 'catcher hook') that was raised with a large lever to hook the mailbag off the 'catcher

crane' at just the right moment. There were "L" bolts at the end of the bottom and top arms of the crane. The bolts swiveled letting the pouch leave the crane when grabbed by the 'catcher arm.'" Once the mail was inside the mail car the sorting job began. The insides of the car were lined with large canvas mailbags for hand sorting the mail according to its destination. Stan Miller, long time Village clerk, was a Railway Mail Clerk, sorting letters on the New York Central Railroad between Cincinnati and Cleveland, which was an overnight trip.

At the time of World War II Gene Brunner, a son of Clarence Brunner who ran the Cities Service Station on the corner of Elm Avenue and Wooster Pike, held the job of transferring mailbags from our post

office, just up the hill from the train tracks on Terrace Place, to and from the trains. He was drafted into the US Navy and the postmaster couldn't find anyone to take his place. Thus Lee Stegemeyer, just 14 years old in 1943 and a freshman at Terrace Park High School, became "Mail Transfer Clerk". Postmaster Mrs. Droscher evidently persuaded Lee's parents that he should have the job since he already spent a lot of time at the post office and watching the trains go through. It's Lee who wrote the description of how the 'catcher crane' worked. He said one had to be 16 to work for the government but the postmaster insisted he was of legal age to do the job.

Since we have houses in Terrace Park made of cement another use in trains interested me. Evidently there is a 6-inch layer of cement below the floor of Pullman sleeping cars to help stabilize the cars and give them a smoother ride.

A visit to Sacramento's Old Town is well worth including in a trip west. There is much more to be seen than I've mentioned here but you can tell that as far away as California there are things to be learned about steamboats and railroads in Ohio.



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## Pioneer, preacher and public servant: The Life and Times of Reverend Philip Gatch

### Don't Miss it!

On Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 local storyteller Jim Williams will present "The Life and Times of Reverend Philip Gatch." This Terrace Park Historical Society program will be at the St. Thomas Church Parish Hall, with refreshments/social at 3:30 p.m. and the program at 4 p.m.

Jim Williams is known for his delightful presentation of Reverend Gatch. And those from the Terrace Park/Milford area know the Gatch

name. In 1799 Philip Gatch decided to relocate his family to the Northwest Territory in the Ohio Country. He could not tolerate slavery, so it was an easy decision to make the long and treacherous journey to the "Promised Land" where slavery was outlawed. Learn about the exciting life of this man. Bring family and friends and that includes kids. Jim Williams is co-founder of the Greater Cincinnati Story Telling Guild ...and for a good reason.

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# Police report

Checks were reported missing from a home the occupant of which was hospitalized awaiting surgery. The house had been left unlocked and the resident's brother who discovered the checks missing reported being aware that some acquaintances had entered the house. Checks had been written and deposited to a personal account. The bank holding the account put a freeze on it during investigation.

Welfare checks were requested by a Miami Avenue resident who noted that a neighbor's newspapers had been accumulating. The subject said she had just failed to pick up the papers and that all was well.

The second check resulted when a mail carrier reported that a resident's mail had not been taken in for five days. When police arrived at the home and received no answer at the door they entered through an unlocked door and found the occupant lying on the

floor and only semi-responsive to questions. Police called the life squad which transported the individual to the hospital.

A child suffered puncture wounds to the hand when a dog bit her through the fence containing it. The child's father took her to the doctor for treatment. Police contacted the dog's owner and reported the incident to the Hamilton County Board of Health.

A complaint was registered for construction noise on Miami Avenue on a Sunday morning. Police advised the work crew of the ordinance requiring work to commence after 10:00 a.m.

An electric scooter was reported missing or stolen from the elementary school yard.

Assistance was provided to Hamilton County in apprehending a suspect who had had a crash and had run on foot in Madisonville.

No fire runs were logged. One squad run (detailed in this report) was reported.

# Garden Club will host spring festival

The Garden club is planning a spring festival on the Village Green on May 5, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents will be able to choose premium baskets, full flats and specialty plants provided by The Olde Garden Shack without having to order in advance. The Garden Club will have a Kids Komer

with various activities for the youngest members of our families, plus a food booth. Parents will be able to

plan their spring garden while the kids are occupied with fun games and crafts. The best part is you'll be home in time to watch the Kentucky Derby! The garden Club will also be selling gift certificates to the Olde Garden Shack both the day of the event and in advance of May 5.

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# Terrace Park Sports

## Terrace Park hosts third annual MHS Lacrosse Alumni Game

The third annual Mariemont Lacrosse Alumni game between past players from Mariemont High School (MHS) and the current MHS lacrosse team was played Thanksgiving weekend. It was a good game where the alumni team won in convincing fashion 9-3, for their third consecutive win since the inception of the alumni game tradition.

The game was played on Terrace Park's Stanton Field in front of a nice crowd on a 65 degree day in November, and was preceded by a youth lacrosse clinic that had 25 new players attend. The clinic was for new Terrace Park Bull Dog players. The alums and current team members helped with the clinic, teaching the youngsters the basic skills of lacrosse. Some of the

experienced players from the current Bull Dog and Middle School teams also helped coach the youth clinic. Terrace Park is where lacrosse started over a decade ago in the Mariemont school district which now has roughly 300 kids playing lacrosse each spring.

Bill Dunning ('02), Stevie Bollinger ('03), Reed Peterson ('04), Clay Martin ('03) and Chris McGoff ('05) scored goals for the alums, and Chris Egasti, Noah Gibby and Drew Schmidt scored for the Mariemont Warriors. The alumni team's victorious goal tender was Randall Williams ('05) who was an outstanding goal keeper for the MHS lacrosse team that was runner-up in the State of Ohio in the 2003 State Championship



Front Row: Mike Morgan ('04), Lucky Peterson, Chris Egasti, Noah Gibby, Auggie Wasman ('03), Reed Peterson ('04), Clay Martin ('03), Drake Perry ('04), Evan Rosson, John Welsh.  
Standing: John Borchers ('03), Steve Peterson (Youth Coach), Tad George (MHS Head Coach), Steve Heffner ('05), Drew Schmidt, Ben Shimp ('02), Logan Free ('06), Colin Burnheimer ('04), Chris McGoff ('05), Stevie Bollinger ('03), Bill Dunning ('02), Ross Ballinger ('03), Phil Egasti ('06), Matt Burnheimer ('03), Hunter Barnhill ('06), Nick Prues ('06), Joe Mileham, Brian Kranitsky, Christian Hughes ('05), Lucas Bezzara, Randall Williams ('05), Sean Stirsman, Owen Gibby ('04) and David Gustafaro.

Tourney. The Warriors plan to get back to the championship game again this season.

"This is a great tradition you guys have started, and it will provide many great times and memories in the future," said Coach Tad George who is entering his sixth season as the MHS head lacrosse coach.

"It will be a number of years before the MHS team is able to beat the talented alums," said some alumni players who have bragging rights for another year.

The game is held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving each year on Stanton Field as an ongoing Terrace Park lacrosse tradition.



Coach Peterson with experienced Terrace Park Bull Dogs: Connor "West Side" Osgood, Dalton "The Outlaw" Osgood, Connor "Drill Press" Bortz, William "Shotgun" Mashak, "Jack-a-Lac" Findley and Griffin "Canisius" Rolander. Clinic player coaches Nick "Stick-Work" Stirsman, "Jo Jo White" Rolander, and Erik "Viking" Flynn. New players learned from experienced players in drills.

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