

January council highlights

By Susan House

At the January Council meeting, the mayor and council members discussed the completed Terrace Park draft of Phase I zoning regulations. Councilman Stefan Olson, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, reminded residents that the revised and complete document is available on-line, at www.TerracePark.com. Copies are also maintained in the Terrace Park office. Residents may check-out copies for review. Olson and other councilmen urged property owners to review the draft. The Planning and Zoning Committee scheduled the first Public Meeting for presentation of the document on January 30, 2007. The next Public Hearing is being held on February 27, 2007. Ideas for expediting the total public hearing and approval process were discussed. Olson said that some of the residents who originally were anxious for the revised code completion have requested adequate time for community comments, etc. It was decided that council and the committee would monitor resident participation at the hearings and meetings to decide how prudent it would be to con-

dense the public meeting schedule thereby speeding up the finalization of the Phase I draft.

Olson explained that a new master Zoning Map, which would reflect the appropriate changes, is needed. Council resolved to have Edwards and Kelsey, the consultant on this project, provide (for a fee of \$2,000) a map, which will utilize the Engineer's CAGIS map, and global information from aerial photography. The Village would receive "hard copy" maps in an 11" x 7" and a 24" x 36" format, plus a digital format, which will enable on-line access to the zoning overlay.

Emergency Services building

Councilman Jeff Koreman gave notice that construction of the new "fire house" is on schedule, with a completion date at the end of March, 2007. The Community Building renovation is completed. All council members remarked on the Community Building, saying that it "looks great." Grant Hesser, the project management consultant, addressed Council. He explained that under the provisions of his contract with the Village he will oversee the remaining project work, in-

cluding the "close-out" documentation. Hesser also said that because the actual hours of work was less than anticipated, the Village will owe him less than anticipated.

Tree care and removal

Koreman introduced, and council approved, a resolution whereby Davey Tree Company will do tree pruning, for an amount of \$1,920. Also approved was the removal of 80 defective trees, by Beaver Tree Service, for the amount of \$10,800. Koreman noted that Randy Haller had, in fact, checked and recommended removal of each of these trees.

Ash Borer

When questioned by Olson, Jeff Koreman explained that Randy Haller has indeed been active in trying to sort out remedies for the unwanted, but anticipated, Ash Borer beetle. He is, in fact, participating in community meetings, and will attend a conference dedicated to investigating how to deal with the pest. It is anticipated that participants will share strategies on a community level, hoping to find ways to deal with the blight when it

arrives. Haller will report his findings to the Village Council (see related article).

Koreman informed the Mayor and other Council members that he has been staying abreast of the developments concerning the devastating Ash Borer pest. He said that he receives e-mails weekly with articles and hints for homeowners. Koreman expressed the opinion that when the Ash Borer is present, some trees are affected, and eventually die, while others survive, for no apparent reason. It is not recommended that trees be removed unless they are infected. It has been proven that cutting down trees does not prevent the borer if it is infiltrating an area. Koreman said that one sign of the borer is damage to the tree in the form of the letter "B" which appears on the bark. When this occurs, the trees must be removed. Koreman gave notice that a contingency plan needs to be developed for the community prior to the onset of the blight. Approximately 14 percent of the Terrace Park

trees are of the Ash species. If 80 percent of those trees would be invaded, a very expensive situation would occur, as trees would need to be removed. Koreman reported that research and problem solving is aggressively being pursued at this time.

Ordinance Book

Freshman Councilman Jim Muennich talked about the progress to re-do the Terrace Park Ordinance Book. Similar to the previous zoning regulations, the concise and complete record of Village Ordinances needs to be updated just to put it into alignment with the digital capabilities presently available. American Legal Publishing will be hired for this task, for a contract amount of \$7,000. This service will generate several new hardbound books of Ordinances, as well as a compact disk version. With this kind of organization and updating, all residents will be able to access every ordinance that has been approved by Village government. The present plan is to link this resource with the internet. This contract does not include updates to the system, but this can be handled with reasonable fees.

Last of the Louisville Slugger

By Randy Haller, Village Arborist

The mighty Louisville slugger may soon go the way of the roasted chestnut. In 1904 a devastating blight attacked the American Chestnut and in 50 years it was reduced to a memory. Baseball bats are made from the wood of an Ash tree and a nasty little insect is threatening its survival. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in its adult form is a small metallic green beetle. The larva form does the damage as it eats its way through the cambium layer of the tree cutting off its supply of water and nutrients. The adult form emerges in early June and begins feeding in the top of the nearest host tree where it lays its eggs in bark crevices. The eggs hatch in seven to ten days and the first instar larva chew through the bark entering the cambial region starting a new cycle of destruction. As they work their way down, it may take three to five years to kill a tree. That means three to five genera-

tions have been produced, capable of flying up to one-half mile to infect another host. Its life cycle makes EAB very difficult to detect until it's too late.

In the State of Ohio there are an estimated 3.8 billion Ash making up 10 percent of all trees. EAB has been responsible for the death of 20 million trees in 26 counties and counting. The affected counties are under a state quarantine and the state is under a federal quarantine along with the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Maryland. Hardwood cannot be transported from affected counties or states.

Terrace Park is not yet under quarantine. But, the Emerald Ash Borer will eventually make its way to Terrace Park and we need to plan for this eventuality. The Village has 345 Ash lining its streets, some are among the largest in town and make up 14.5 percent of all street trees. A conservative estimate to remove

them all and replace them with another species would be \$250,000.

There are many control and eradication studies in progress. To date the only effective control is the removal of an infected tree and all other Ash within one-half mile. If others are found in the area of removal, the circle widens. There also is a systemic insecticide sold to licensed pesticide applications under the trade name Merit that has proven in experiments to prevent new infestation of EAB. It is said to work best on smaller trees, applied annually in the spring through soil injection. The cost of these treatments is around \$15 per four inches of trunk diameter. But, this treatment is not guaranteed to work.

You may wish to visit the state web site at www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab for more information.

Kindergarten Registration Parent Night Information

Parents of children entering kindergarten for the 2007/2008 school year are invited to attend the Registration/Parent Information Night on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terrace Park Elementary School. The principal, kindergarten teacher and school building secretary will be available to discuss the curriculum, answer questions and provide assistance with registration. Registration packets will be available beginning Monday, February 26 from area preschools

and the Terrace Park Elementary office. Please bring the completed registration packet to the Registration/Information Night, or return the packet to the office by April 27, 2007. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30, 2007 to register for kindergarten. The Registration/Information is for adults only.

For more information, please contact Beverley Cooke, secretary, at the Terrace Park Elementary School office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at 272-2700.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24,
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Lets Fly! Like Piglets

Carolyn Frey and 'Flying Piglet', Isabel Lewis, at the First Annual Flying Piglet Expo held on February 9th at Terrace Park Elementary. The Flying Piglet Program is a family incremental marathon, held over ten weeks. Students and parents walk/run 1-3 miles each week, ending with a finish line at T.P.E. in May. Contact: Carolyn Frey @ 831-2686.



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

Letters to the Editor

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A huge thank you to our friends and the community for all of your hard work over the holiday season. We were given the challenge to man The Salvation Army kettle at the Mariemont Krogers from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve, every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. We sent out a plea to friends, family, co-workers, churches, schools and the community at large. We were overwhelmed by the response!! We even received calls from people wanting to help after all the shifts were filled. (Remember, there's always next year!)

The willingness of people to give back at such a busy time of year was truly in the Christmas spirit. Our kettle raised monies that will help those less fortunate in our city through the various Salvation Programs.

Again, thank you to all who helped and may we see this as a small step in making our world a better place.

Andy Mauk, Jill Smith and Mike Gaburo



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March deadline :
The March deadline for *Village Views* is March 9th. 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.**

Real Estate Sales for 2006

407 Amherst Avenue.	\$280,000
615 Amherst Avenue	\$480,500
1 Circus Place	\$870,000
1 Denison Lane	\$550,000
3 Denison Lane	\$624,000
835 Douglas Avenue (lot)	\$360,000
415 Elm Avenue (lot)	\$200,000
731 Elm Avenue	\$925,000
808 Elm Avenue	\$690,000
103 Fieldstone Drive	\$270,000
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306 Harvard Avenue	\$267,500
716 Indian Hill Road	\$190,000
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708 Lexington Avenue	\$430,000
103 Miami Avenue	\$760,000
408 Miami Avenue	\$544,000
504 Miami Avenue	\$376,500
609 Miami Avenue	\$822,000
622 Miami Avenue	\$540,000
629 Miami Avenue	\$235,000
725 Miami Avenue	\$393,000
731 Miami Avenue	\$201,000
111 Michigan Avenue	\$508,800
822 Myrtle Avenue	\$422,000
305 New Street	\$346,500
325 New Street	\$1,030,000
2 Oxford Avenue	\$885,000
308 Oxford Avenue	\$610,000
734 Park Avenue	\$700,000
738 Park Avenue	\$1,425,000
739 Park Avenue	\$240,000
809 Park Avenue	\$179,000
909 Princeton Drive	\$865,000
300 Rugby Avenue	\$500,000
306 Stanton Avenue	\$1,075,000
401 Stanton Avenue	\$240,000
600 Stanton Avenue	\$730,000
715 Stanton Avenue	\$339,000
724 Stanton Avenue	\$635,000
821 Stanton Avenue	\$1,068,000
914 Stanton Avenue	\$425,000
4 Sycamore Avenue	\$185,000
17 Sycamore Avenue	\$140,000
106 Wagon Road Lane	\$230,000
107 Wagon Road Lane	\$404,000
121 Windingbrook Lane	\$339,000
133 Wrenwood Lane	\$380,000
145 Wrenwood Lane	\$313,000
611 Yale Avenue	\$338,000
710 Yale Avenue	\$330,000
808 Yale Avenue	\$365,000
812 Yale Avenue	\$749,000

Home sales totaled \$28,490,800 (56 transactions) in 2006. The average price of a home was \$508,764. (In 2005 there were 58 transactions totaling \$27,973,203. The average home price was \$482,297.)



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Don't spoil your dinner

Words of advice for living a long and healthy life are familiar to everyone. Generally they are phrases passed on from one generation to the next that are nostalgic reminders of days of yore. Local resident, Cyndy Finnigan, has recently written and published a book which deals with common sense advice about eating, titled *The Ten Basic Rules for Eating, What Your Mother May Have Told You About Food but You've Forgotten*.

Cyndy is a registered dietician who holds a masters degree in nutritional education. She has a wealth of life experience aside from her education. She and husband John and their three children, Patrick (21), Jennifer (19) and Tim (16) have been members of our community for more than 22 years.

Cyndy's practical experience convinced her that our society has the "curse of convenience." "Often we abandon the way we used to do things," Cyndy said. Food and dietary habits are "not that complicated and we need to take a step back and embrace some of the old fashioned values" about eating and preparing food.

Book store shelves are saturated with diet books. In spite of this glut of information about what and how much to eat, our society is more obese than it has ever been. Cyndy has observed that many diets and reducing programs are puntative and complicated. Many require special foods and meticulous preparation and are costly. She believes that good eating habits are simple to understand and to conquer. Unfortunately as we have become busier with work, family, school and outside activities, good food habits have fallen by the wayside.

Cyndy's Ten Basic Rules are familiar to us and it may be time for you and your family to chew on them. The book will be available soon at Joseph Beth's bookstore. It is also available online at both Barnes and Noble and Amazon. In addition, Cyndy recently won the national grand prize for a contest sponsored by Half Price Books, "Say Good Night to Illiteracy." Later this year she plans on another book for your kitchen, *30 Days of Dinners* which will feature menus, shopping lists and simple nutritional meals for a whole month.



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Village Calendar 2007

FEBRUARY

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

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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

MARCH

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 Leslie O'Dell talks about perennials. **Call Jill Kelly, 965-0819 for more information.**

9 Village Views deadline

12 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call **Vera Hodges at 831-7919**. Come hear Peachie Glassmeyer and a pharmacist talk about Senior Medications.

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

14 7:30 p.m., Terrace Park Kindervelt #76 meeting at Michelle Culver's house on New Street. Everyone is welcome!

15 TPE Kindergarten Registration, 7 p.m.

17 St. Patrick's Day 🍀

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

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23 Early dismissal from school

24 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Terrace Park Easter Egg Hunt, Village Green, hosted by Kindervelt #76. Send registration to Kim Tepe 808 Yale, \$7 per child, checks payable to Kindervelt #76. Everyone is welcome!

28 TPE Spring Pictures

30 Spring Break Begins at the end of the day (school resumes April 9th)

Save the Date for the **April Historical Society Program: The Little Miami Scenic River — A Natural Wonder Worth Preserving.** Presented by Eric Partee, Executive Director of Little Miami Inc. **Sunday, April 29, 2007**, St. Thomas Church Parish Hall, 3:30 p.m. Refreshments/social, 4 p.m. Program. **Free and Open to the Public.**

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

What's happening at the Mariemont Branch Library

This is the perfect time of year to curl up with a good book. You can download digital audiobooks from our website 24/7 without even leaving your couch! All you need is a computer and your library card. Peruse Librarians' Choice, a selection of our favorite additions to the collection, or Turning the Page, our brand new blog about books and reading, while you're online for great recommendations and reviews. Or pick up this year's On The Same Page book title to participate in Cincinnati's citywide book club. Adults will be reading *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan's best-selling novel about four Chinese-American women seeking to find a balance between their cultural traditions and the possibilities of life in America. We will be discussing this at our monthly branch book club on Thursday, March 15 at 6:45 p.m. Teens will be reading *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, book one in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series. Get your copy now!

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. with us and learn more about Ireland's Civil War with author Liam Cathal, as he discusses his newest book, *Blood on the Shamrock*. Books will be available for purchase at the program.

With spring fever you may be interested in purchasing a new home. Join us for the First Time Homebuyers seminar presented by US Bank on Saturday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m. This seminar will also be repeated on Saturday, May 12.

Can you tell the difference between Graeter's and Ben and Jerry's ice cream or Pepsi and Coke? Join us for Teen Tastathon II on Friday, March 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for grades 6 and up. Prizes for savvy teens with discerning taste buds. Don't forget about the Library's Homework Help and Know It Know services for kids who are having trouble with homework after school. Our librarians are standing by to answer questions and offer guidance.

Help the Library's mascot celebrate his first birthday with games and snacks. Join us for Rufus' First Birthday Party on Thursday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m. Read aloud to a certified therapy dog on Saturday, March 17 between 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sign up for a specific 15 minute time period during this hour to read stories to the dog. This program is for ages 6 - 12 years. Kids love to read to animals and this is a great way to

encourage reading for your children.

Take a break from your routine and meet other parents and children at our weekly story times at the library with Ms. Beth. Toddler story times are presented weekly at the library on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Preschool story times are presented weekly at the library on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

And the best part is, all these programs are free! For a complete list of Library programs and services for the whole family, visit our website at www.cincinnati.library.org <http://www.cincinnati.library.org>. Contact the Mariemont Library at 369-4467 for more information or to sign up for one of these exciting programs!

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Neighbor to Neighbor



Ted's Toy Store is over the hill!

Ted's Toy Store is moving to Madeira in March! Ted's packing up the best and locating next to the Kroger entrance off Miami Avenue in Madeira. It's been 9 terrific years for our local merchant in Terrace Park. Ted's will now further share the pleasures of great gags- quality and engaging toys and imaginative fun. Ted's personal service will continue to only be a short drive away and keeping company

with other Terrace Park merchants such as Twist- owned and operated by Deborah Barton and Candace Fries as well as at the Laurel House-managed by LouAnn Mauk. Retail is a business that loves that kind of company! Ted is not moving his family, so just a phone call to the store and Ted's Toy Store will now "home deliver" that special "Birthday Gift in a Pinch" home to all our neighbors here in Terrace Park, same day! Help lighten Ted's load and enjoy the "Moving Sale" February 16th-24th.

Mariemont High School Students earn induction into National Honor Society

The following Terrace Park residents were inducted into the Mariemont High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) for the 2006/2007 school year.

Senior inductees were Nicholas Crosswell, Emma Reeder and Jeffrey Schubert.

Junior inductees included Brian Baird, Coady Brown, Natalie Helmrich, Olivia Holmes, Freeman Jordan, Joe Mileham, Tess Pendery, Caitlin Peterkin, Chris Porst, Sean Stirman, Whitney Taylor and Chelsea Utt.

To be considered for NHS

membership, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. They must then apply and be approved by a faculty council. In addition to academic achievement, leadership, service and character are the determining criteria.

This year NHS members participated in the ALS Walk, organized a "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" hat and glove drive to benefit MercyWorks (a local freestore), and will sponsor a junior high dance in the spring. Their faculty advisor at Mariemont High School is Donna Neumann.

Couture hat designer premieres collection at The Laurel House Shops

One-of-a-kind hats are a wonderful accessory for The Kentucky Derby, graduations or spring/summer weddings...and you can *only* find these one-of-a-kind creations at The Laurel House Shops. For two days only, Tuesday March 6 and Wednesday March 7, The Laurel House will feature couture hats by "Hats by Penny" Hat designer Penny Rieck will be premiering her one-of-kind hats for the first time in Cincinnati and she chose The Laurel House Shops for the exclusive event!

Ms. Rieck makes all hats by hand. "My hats are not stamped out of an assembly line. My hats are hand-blocked, hand-stitched and hand-adorned....all true couture," said Ms. Rieck. Rieck designs hats in all mediums - felt, leather, fur, suede, sinamay and fabric. Two of "Hats by Penny" couture hats were chosen for the Kentucky Derby Museum's prestigious "Derby Hat Exhibit" for 2006. She has designed hats for celebrities like Miss Ohio and film director Nora Roberts. "Once you design a hat, you will never see it again. They are exclusive," said Ms. Rieck in a phone interview.

A collection of her couture hats will be available for purchase at the Laurel House dur-



Just a few of the couture Hats by Penny designs.

ing the two-day event. However to the sales clerk that the purchase customers can also commission a one-of-kind hat to be created to match an outfit for that special occasion, like The Kentucky Derby. "I always look forward to custom orders and requests from clients. Turning their ideas and suggestions into a hat of their dreams keeps my techniques fresh. I never tire of hearing 'That's just what I had in mind'," said Ms. Rieck.

A percentage of the sales from the "Hats Are Happening at Laurel House" Event will be going to Kindervelt. Kindervelt members

purchase is for Kindervelt. Fifteen percent of each noted purchase will go to the Kindervelt chapter they designate. Kindervelt is a volunteer auxiliary of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Get the wow-factor with a one-of-a-kind, couture hat for your next special event — don't miss this one-of-kind event March 6 and 7! The Laurel House Shops are located at 7801 Laurel Avenue, Madeira, Ohio. Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, please call 271-7801.



Everybody Counts at Terrace Park Elementary

Students at Terrace Park Elementary received the opportunity to view the world from some slightly different perspectives recently. Through the annual Everybody Counts program each grade level learned about how PTO parent Ann Hobart helps 3rd grader Nicholas Kauffman imagine how life is for those who rely on a walker.

people deal day-to-day with physical or mental disabilities. PTO parent volunteers facilitate hands-on activities and discussions designed to increase awareness and understanding. Part two of the program this year involved speakers at each grade level sharing their personal experiences with such challenges as blindness, deafness, diabetes and learning disabilities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Terrace Park's own Hannah Reeder, a Mariemont Junior High 7th grader, on her 7th place overall finish in the Cincinnati Post regional competition of the Scripps Howard spelling bee.

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Police report

Police responded to two domestic disputes. One appeared to have involved physical violence and resulted in the arrest of an individual who was sent to the Hamilton County Justice Center and released. A resident reported a suspected invasion of her e-mail. She indicated that she would ask a computer expert to investigate and would call back police.

A possible attempted break-in and entry was reported by a home owner. Glass had been broken in a storm door and paint was detected on the screen. The paint matched that on a broom found at the site. Police tried to lift fingerprints from the broom but were unable to do so because of the condition of the wood.

A resident reported currency

and bank receipts missing or stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at the home. The victim was advised by police to report the incident to the bank in the event receipts contained account numbers.

Police caught a dog running loose and obstructing traffic on Wooster Pike. The owner of the dog, which had no collar, was unknown. The animal was placed in the custody of the SPCA.

Three fire runs were reported. One was in response to a report of the scent of gas. Nothing was found to be out of order. The other two were in response to reports of signals from smoke detectors. In both cases the detectors were found to be defective.

The log reported two EMS runs.

Terrace Park Historical Society Presents: "The Life and Times of the Reverend Philip Gatch"

Sunday February 25 at St. Thomas Parish Hall

The Gatch name is one that is well known to many who have resided in Eastern Hamilton/Western Clermont Counties. And for a good reason! Jim Williams, well known local story teller and naturalist, will dress up as Reverend Philip Gatch and entertain all on Sunday Feb. 25 at the Parish Hall of St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park. Refreshments/social will begin at 3:30p.m. and the program at 4p.m.

Born in 1751 in Baltimore County, Maryland, Philip Gatch grew up on the farm of his parents Conduce and Pressusocia Gatch. Philip attended the Episcopal Church and was educated in the first school established in the area. He was an avid reader especially on pious men and the history of the times. As a teenager entering adulthood he wrestled with the salvation of his soul. Falling under the spell of the Methodist Circuit Riders sent

to the Colonies by John Wesley he was soon converted to this new religion. Philip Gatch became one of the first American born Methodist Circuit Riders in the Colonies. During the Revolutionary War Wesley recalled most of his foreign born preachers, fearing for their safety. Gatch and the other American born preachers were left to continue the spreading of the gospel throughout the wilderness. The many years of preaching in the wilderness took its toll on his health. Gatch also met and fell in love with Elisabeth Smith and they were soon married. Both his health and marriage would place a burden on Gatch's ability to serve the Methodist Church as a circuit rider. So he soon retired to his farm in Virginia to raise his family.

In 1799 Gatch made the decision to relocate his family to the Northwest Territory in the Ohio country. He could not tolerate sla-



Jim Williams as Gatch

very so it was an easy decision to make the long treacherous journey to the Promised Land, where slavery was outlawed. He settled along the banks of the Little Miami River in what was to become Clermont County. Gatch lived out his life bringing Methodism to the area as well as serving as a judge and as a representative on the Ohio Constitution Committee in 1802, helping to add Ohio as a new state in 1803.

Join Jim Williams, a descendent of Gatch, as he presents The Life and Times of the Reverend Philip Gatch. In costume, Williams has convinced many audiences that he is truly the Reverend Gatch.

The program is free and open to the public. Please enter St. Thomas Church from the Miami Ave. ramp entrance, which goes directly to the Parish Hall.

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Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

Ann Gatch

By Carol C. Cole
(from the archives)

I believe many people think of the Gatch family as living in and being a part of Milford. However, if you're a member of the Terrace Park Historical Society you've already seen my article on the Gatch Family in Terrace Park. Ann Gatch, the historian of the Lewis Gatch family, actually lives in Terrace Park and has done so for many years. In fact she was born here at 312 Rugby Avenue, the house her parents rented from "Momma Ma Lloyd" when they returned from their overseas duties after World War I. They had intended to settle down in Terrace Park where Ann's grandparents lived at 415 Elm Avenue, but instead moved after two years to Milford where there was a family house kept by Ann's great grandfather to help young married couples get started. Thus Ann grew up in Milford but did attend kindergarten in Terrace Park (behind the garage at 609 Miami Avenue) since there was none in the Milford School system. Ann also remembers coming as a child to her grandparents' Terrace Park home to spend the night and play in their spacious side yard. There were other relatives living in Terrace Park as well, even more than I mentioned in my Tracker article.

When Ann was 10 years old the family moved to Arrowhead Farm on Garfield Avenue in Milford where Ann enjoyed both outdoor space and living close enough to a city to take advantage of many city amenities. She went through her sophomore year at Milford High School, before preparing for Smith College at Hillsdale School (now part of Seven Hills School). While still in High School Ann played for services at the United Milford Methodist church which led to her taking organ at Smith and playing in the chapel there. Back in Cincinnati she

earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education at UC on top of her Cum Laude double major in English and Music from Smith so was well prepared to be a teacher.

War was declared during her first year teaching at a girl's boarding school 3 miles up a mountain near Littleton, New Hampshire. Wanting to help the war effort Ann joined the Waves but didn't have good enough eyesight to get into officer's training. Thus she went to boot camp at Hunter College where she took many tests, which proved she was a good mathematician, good with her hands and a good teacher. From there she was sent to Link Cadets instrument navigation. It was a huge challenge but one she very much enjoyed.

After the war Ann returned to the Milford farm for a while before taking another job in Akron, Ohio, teaching music and English to 7th and 8th grade children of factory workers. Ann deemed this job a disaster since these children were not at all interested in either music or English. In order to get out of this very uncomfortable situation Ann decided to get a Masters degree in Musicology at the University of Michigan on the GI Bill of Rights. She also took lessons during two summer vacations at Aspen Colorado's School of Music.

Having done all that Ann must have been ready to settle down so returned to Cincinnati and took a job at the Cincinnati County Day School on Indian Hill. That was 1950 and Ann was the school's first music teacher so she had the opportunity to develop their music program. There she taught piano and singing for 35 years while also using her two grand pianos, organ and harpsichord to teach others before and after school. She was the organist for the Milford Methodist Church for 50 years and was also a member of several Cincinnati music groups including the Music Lover's Club and



Ann Gatch

the Keyboard Club, which she joined as a charter member in 1937. Accompanying has been a major part of Ann's musical career – playing with trios, singers, choruses or any group that needed her

During the years Ann has taken advantage of her free summers as a teacher. She's enjoyed trips to Alaska, Galapagos Islands, Brazil, England, France, Italy, Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Africa among others, often traveling with the Smith travel group or with relatives and friends. Living near her many relatives has given her much pleasure. Many of those remaining and the new generations still have reunions in the summer at their family compound in Michigan, Camp Greeno. She's always loved to play bridge and for many years belonged to a bridge marathon group at the Milford Methodist Church. Yet another activity has been working as librarian at the Pattison Library in downtown Milford, just over the bridge on Water Street. One time much earlier, when the librarian didn't notice she was still there reading in the stacks, she got locked in and had to climb out a window!

Ann has lived in Terrace Park since 1967 at 602 Miami Avenue and now at 635 Valley View where we hope she will remain for many more years. It's a fascinating family and you can read more about them in the book "The Lewis Gatch Family of Ohio" by Bret Harper, as related in part by Ann Gatch. She is a direct descendant of Nicholas Gatch, a younger brother of Philip about whom you'll hear at the February 25th meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Baby-sitting

Do you need a baby-sitter? I am 15 years old and have experience baby-sitting. I have also passed a Red Cross baby-sitting course. I am good with kids and deal with them regularly because I have 3 younger siblings and help in the church nursery. Call Charlotte Dietz @ 965-0766.



Ohio author Rick Sowash is flanked by "heroes" portrayed by district fourth graders.

"Ohio Heroes" take center stage

Ohio children's author Rick Sowash and Mariemont School District students brought history to life at the Mariemont Elementary auditorium. Terrace Park fourth graders along with those from Fairfax Elementary and Mariemont Elementary joined Sowash in an interactive presentation depicting the courage, struggles and triumphs of heroes all hailing from Ohio.

Many famous Ohioans were represented ranging from astronaut John Glenn to Nobel prize winning author Toni Morrison to multi-gold medalist Jesse Owens to inventors Orville and Wilbur Wright (and their sister Katherine who ran the family bike shop in their absence). Yet some of the most inspirational stories came from not-so-famous heroes. In 1911 Jane Edna Harris Hunter started a shelter in Cleveland providing lodging and job training to young African-American women.

Januarius MacGahan traveled to Europe in the 1870s and became a foremost war correspondent.

Volunteer fourth graders from the three elementary schools portrayed these heroes in interaction with Mr. Sowash, delighting their third and fourth grade audience. The research and preparation by the students and their teachers enhances the fourth grade Ohio history curriculum.

The engaging production is adapted from Sowash's book, *Heroes of Ohio: 23 True Tales of Courage and Character*. This show marks Sowash's return to the Mariemont schools as he visited several years ago presenting his *Ripsnorting Whoppers: A Book of Ohio Tall Tales*. This event is part of the visiting author program, an ongoing joint effort of the Mariemont School District and its parent/teacher organizations.

Race to the Green

Terrace Park Garden Club Plant Sale

May 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't worry if you forgot to pre-order your flowers and baskets from the Terrace Park Garden Club. In a new twist to the annual plant sale, the Garden Club will hold a spring festival entitled "Race to the Green" on May 5th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The club will be selling gorgeous flats of flowers along with unique flowering baskets. In the Kids Corner, our youngest residents will be able to play in the dirt, planting their very own flowers and plants just in time for Mother's Day. We'll have peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, jello jigglers and cookies all shaped like flowers. Coffee and doughnuts

will be available for the adults. So, parents can relax and choose their spring flowers at their leisure.

In addition, gift certificates in \$10 increments to the Olde Garden Shack are available from any garden club member until March 30th. Remember, all funds raised are devoted to village beautification efforts.

Finally, thanks to the friends of Phyllis Smale who recently donated \$400 in her memory to plant trees in Terrace Park. Also, thanks to Jim and Sue Porter who contributed to our recent efforts to plant daffodils along the bike trail.

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Donations of baseball equipment can be made at Ted's Toys in Terrace Park (614 Wooster Pike) or at the two Eastern Hills Cleaners locations (6814 Wooster Road in Mariemont Strand and 4020

Plainville Road in Madison Place). Collections will be accepted from now until March 31st. Businesses or individuals who want to help but do not have equipment to donate, may also make a monetary donation.

“Baseball is my favorite sport and I wanted to help all kids have a chance to play if they want to. I didn't want somebody not to get to play just because they didn't have a glove,” said England. England plays first base and outfield for the Hill Street Lions, a local U-12 select team.

Terrace Park Elementary encourages sixth-graders to volunteer in the community and this is one way England wanted to become involved.

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Fourth grade boys' basketball teams excel

The 25th Silver Anniversary edition of the Mariemont Holiday tournament brought another championship to the storied Terrace Park basketball program. Fifty teams were entered but only two from Terrace Park advanced to the finals and both were in the fourth grade boys division. Our teams arrived at the championship game with hard fought victories over Mariemont, Madeira, Amelia and St. Gertrude. Championship Sunday brought these two evenly matched Terrace Park teams together for the first time.

They practice together every

week and both teams have earned league championships in each of their first two years of competition. Sunday's game was marked by superior sportsmanship among friends and competitors in a tremendous see-saw battle with all of Terrace Park the Champion. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and supporters for their outstanding effort and special thanks to Chuck Stewart and the Mariemont Holiday tournament volunteers for another great show...we look forward to a return engagement next year!

Strong Attendance at the 2007 TPRC Monte Carlo Night

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The Fourth Annual TPRC (Terrace Park Recreation Commission) Monte Carlo Night drew a crowd of over 150 people last month. The evening included gambling, bidding, eating, drinking and socializing and brought in over \$15,500 for the Terrace Park Rec-

reation Committee.

All of the money earned will go towards the Terrace Park kids' recreational sports program. The spending priorities this year include improvements and maintenance to Drackett Field and new lacrosse uniforms. If the budget allows, the TPRC website (tprc.net) will also be redesigned.

Local riding team earns Reserve Champion award

Riders from our area helped spur Childress Rodgers Stables Equestrian Team on to Reserve Champion honors at a regional horse show in Morehead, Kentucky February 3rd and 4th. The show was sponsored by the Interscholastic Equestrian Association, a national organization dedicated to promoting and improving the quality of equestrian competition available to middle school and secondary school students.

The CRS Team, affectionately called the Chile Peppers, began competing only last year against much larger and experienced teams. Riders compete in a jumping and a flat phase on horses supplied by the host organization. The process is similar to what a rider would experience in a collegiate

competition. Points are accumulated as a team and as an individual based on placings at the varsity, junior varsity and middle school level. Riders and teams must qualify to ride in their zone finals where they earn points to be chosen to ride at the IEA Nationals.

At the Morehead show, Jillian Kelly and Emma Whitaker (both from Terrace Park) Beth Kupferle (Mariemont), Laura Norton (Loveland) and Lauren Patterson (Anderson) all contributed points to win the reserve champion ribbon. At the middle school level, Megan Majchszak and Emily Jackson (both Terrace Park) and Laurel Romano, Julia Prus, and Caroline Brown (all from Milford) helped their team win the third place ribbon. Emma Whitaker and Laurel Romano were

the high point riders in their respective divisions earning them places at the zone finals in Bethany, West Virginia on March 30th. If they succeed, they will compete at the IEA Nationals at Lake Erie College on April 27-29.

Coach Gretchen Dye says there are so many advantages to this sport. "It's a great way to share this love of riding with a team and compete as a team. Over the course of a school year, the kids meet friends from all over the region. They can experience the thrill of showing without the expense of owning a horse. And, the competition really tests their riding ability. The riders literally pick the name of a horse out of a hat and they hop on and ride before a judge and their peers."

If anyone would like information about the Childress Rodgers team, please call Jenny Whitaker (248-9268).

MHS sends cheer to the Gator Bowl

Mariemont high school cheerleaders boarded a plane and headed to sunny Jacksonville, Florida for the 2007 Toyota Gator Bowl Halftime Performance. The girls were escorted by coaches Maria Childs and Emily Juran, and parent chaperones included Terrace Park residents Sandy Wittman-Shell, Sally Gaburo and Nikki Utt. The squad members from Terrace Park are Annie Gaburo, Mery Shell, Laura Smith & Chelsea Utt.

The first evening was spent meeting the other performers and performing their own original competition routine at a Cheer and Dance Expo. The next two days were spent with rigorous eight hour rehearsals preparing for the fantastic show. The cheerleaders kicked off the Gator Bowl Parade before marching in the parade.

New Year's Eve was spent at a Dinner Dance Gala with all the performers and high school band members from across the country.

The halftime show at Alltel Stadium came together wonderfully and the girls had an amazing experience.



Back row: Jasmine Morrow, Marcy Allen, Mery Shell, Mackenzie Fields, Kelsey Byers Middle row: Chelsea Utt, Laura Smith, Taylor Locke, Caty Reynolds Front row: Kensie Brinkman, Annie Gaburo, Shelby Miller, Brittany Lind, Heather Hutchinson



Stanton Field undergoing some upgrades in preparation for the MHS Lady Warriors softball team.

Snowballs to softballs

Before you know it, the Girls of Spring will be arriving in Terrace Park. Stanton Field is soon to be the new home of the Mariemont High School Lady Warriors softball team. In a joint effort of the school district and the athletic boosters, Stanton is currently being renovated with new

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