



VILLAGE VIEWS

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Residents voice concerns at December council

By Susan House and Chandi Findley

At the beginning of the December Village Council meeting, residents addressed their concerns about recent turnover in the fire department.

Sue Maggard, 102 Marion Lane, said that the succinct announcement that Jeff Carle had resigned as the fire department chief was "not the whole story..." Maggard also said that actions by village leaders surrounding Carle's resignation were not the treatment a long-time volunteer deserved.

"Jeff Carle has served as a volunteer fireman for 26 years, and still serves on the life squad," She said. "This certainly is not the treatment I would expect the Village to have toward volunteers, when we try to have life squad and fire department volunteers, and have difficulty getting enough people to dedicate the amount of time and professionalism that's required."

Maggard said that she was concerned that the reason Carle's resignation was requested was due to "paperwork." She explained that it is her understanding that there are some recent revelations in terms of the requirement for the State for Ohio

and the demand on the part of the insurance company for minute documentation for everything concerning the life squad and fire department. She said that Connie Wilson and John Maggard, on behalf of the life squad, had (at the time of the meeting) already spent 80 hours determining procedures that are already in, or must be put in place, for the EMS department.

"I believe that Jeff was trying to do the same for the fire department, but there was a concern about the speed at which that was taking place, which was the reason for the request for resignation," she said. "I think that the circumstances are probably much more rich than that."

"As neighbors I think we need to respect each other. Jeff is not on the fire department right now, he is on the life squad, but the fire department needs people, and needs people that have a special certification such as Jeff Carle," Maggard said. "So what I would ask of this Council is to consider requesting that Jeff would consider becoming a member of the fire department again. I don't know that he would

ever want to be chief again, but, at least, he would be a fire department member. I suggest that request should come with an apology for the way that he was treated."

Next to speak was Tony Lehman, 718 Miami. Lehman voiced his concerns that both he and Carle had been asked to resign. First, he addressed his own career and qualifications regarding firefighting.

"I am, or was, a volunteer on the Terrace Park Fire Department, I retired this afternoon," Lehman said. "I probably served for sixteen years. As many of you know, I am a professional firefighter, in fact the only professional firefighter on the Terrace Park Fire department."

"In my career, I have made greater than 15,000 runs, so far, as a professional firefighter. To put that in perspective, I would have to be on Terrace Park's Fire Department for 300 years to get that kind of experience".

Lehman said that the State awarded him both "The Valor Award" for his work as a firefighter and the "Star of Life" for his work with emergency medical services. Lehman also said that he is Terrace Park Fire

Inspector and training officer.

Lehman then talked about his perception of the way he was treated by village leaders.

"I am getting the same treatment as Jeff Carle did," he said. "I was asked to resign, under threats."

Finally, Lehman suggested that Carle be re-instated as fire chief and events surrounding his and Carle's resignation be investigated.

"... I think that he should be re-instated," Lehman said. "I think this should be looked into."

Within his closing statements, Councilman Jim Muennich said, "I would like to state, based on the comments made earlier, if any one has questions or comments to me, I am a public servant. My number is in the book. Anyone can have my ear, who has questions about the statements that were brought up tonight and their interpretation."

Last meeting for Koreman, Brown and Williams

As the December meeting was the final meeting for outgoing

Councilmen Jeff Koreman, Jack Brown and Treasurer Larry Williams, the mayor, council members, and the administrative staff thanked Brown, Koreman and Williams for their dedicated service to the Village.

Koreman was noted for his management during the construction of the new Fire Department/EMS building, and the improvements to the Community Building. Brown was especially thanked for his dedication to the Public Works projects that he oversaw during his term.

These three dedicated volunteers will be missed by council and Village residents.

Council meeting broadcast schedule

Want to see the action but missed the meeting? Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at 10:30 p.m., and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

TP Warriors and Bulldogs compete in robotics tournaments

Terrace Park Elementary had two teams of 5th and 6th graders recently compete in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League Competitions recently held at UC and Lakota East. The students utilized teamwork, creativity and science and math skills. It was the school's and the students first time participating in these tournaments.

The judging consisted of two parts: research presentation and the robotics/programming. The students had to audit a community building and research an alternative energy source for it. The students then had to come up with a way of sharing this information with the judges. With the robotics/programming portion, the students were given a robot and had to program it to carry out a variety of different missions. All of the missions were made out of Legos.

Both teams, the Warriors and the Bulldogs, had a great experience at the tournaments. The Bulldogs at the Lakota tournament earned a first place trophy for Teamwork Judging – quite a feat for a

first-time performance. The Warriors at the UC competition earned a nomination as a "rising star" (a

team to watch as it develops). Both teams were coached by Terrace Park Elementary 5th grade teacher, Tom Zaya and parent volunteer, Gregg Siegfried.



Terrace Park Elementary Warriors Robotics team members: (back row) Aaron Routt, Nicolai Brumbach, Adam Theye, Payton Coates, Allie Howe, Grace Fening; (front row) Juliana Overbey, Jonathan Dietz, Luke Parker, Jack Findley and Alex Schmithorst.



Terrace Park Elementary Bulldogs Robotics team members: (back row) Lindsay Siegfried, Reagan Greene, McKenna Corson, Gusti Pohlman, Kendall Harden, and Katie Newman; (front row) Max Higginbotham, Justin Schmithorst, Nick Peterman and Grant Ramey.



Bulldog members Justin Schmithorst and Max Higginbotham rehearse part of their research presentation.



New Year brings two new councilmen
On January 1, Mayor Jay Gohman (center) swore in new council members Jeff Krueger and Lee Cole.

High voltage demonstration promises to be electrifying

Do you know what to do when there are high voltage wires knocked down during a storm? Do you know what to tell your children so they will be safe around power lines?

On Monday, January 28th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mark Howeler and Dave Glassmeyer will use Duke Energy's high voltage demonstration unit to teach the fire department, life squad and interested village residents how to be safe around wires under good conditions and bad.

The demonstration will take place in the fire house bay. A number of chairs will be provided but all are welcome to bring their own for comfort. Typically this demonstration is for children in junior high or older.

Still cameras are permitted but video is not allowed for Safety reasons.

Get your listing in the 2008-2009 Terrace Park Directory

Are you new to the village since January 2007? Was there a mistake in your listing in the last Terrace Park Directory? Have you moved within the village or just have a change to your last listing? If so, please either send in the yellow errors/changes card in last year's directory or contact Laura Colston at lcolston@cinci.rr.com. Compiling the directory a huge job, so please be sure to get your corrections in as soon as possible.



February Deadline

The deadline for the February issue is Feb. 8.

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 this page.

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February deadline :

The February deadline for *Village Views* is February 8th. 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.**

Lewis and Clark era brought to life by TPHS presentator

The Terrace Park Historical Society's next public program will be Feb. 24 in the Terrace Park Community Building and will feature John Cimarosti, an authority on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.; the program will follow at 4 p.m.



Cimarosti, a Hyde Park resident and naturalist with the Hamilton County Park District for 17 years, is a volunteer with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Mo. The non-profit group, dedicated to rediscovering the legacy of Lewis and Clark, takes its name from the designation Thomas Jefferson gave the original band of U.S. Army recruits.

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In February, the library has something for every age.

Join Miss Katheryn for story hours on Wednesdays. Note new times. Toddler story times are at 10 a.m. Preschool stories are presented at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Also, we now have First Friday Library Babies at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0 to 18 months.

Feb. 12 make a Valentine for someone special. 4 p.m. Ages 6 to 10. Registration suggested.

Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. all ages are welcome for a presentation by Keep On Dancing ballet studio.

Teens: Stop in Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. and meet our new Teen Librarian, Elizabeth Dehne. Say "Hi," enjoy some snacks and share your ideas about programs

and services for Teens.

Learn about the different types and characteristics of autism from a representative of the Kelly O'Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Monday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. Adults Only. Register at the desk or call the branch.

The library book group meets Thursday, February 28 at 6:45 p.m. Title to be announced. Copies of the book will be available at the branch.

The Mariemont branch library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will be open Presidents' Day, Monday, February 18. The library is located at 3810 Pocahontas Ave. The phone number is 369-4467.

Village Calendar 2008

JANUARY 2008

25 All District Elementary Skating Party 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

26 TPRC Monte Carlo Night 7 p.m. - midnight at St. Thomas (fundraiser for Terrace Park Recreation Commission) walk-ins welcome - \$20 at the door

26 Spring Soccer Sign-Ups Mariemont Parish Center 9 a.m.- noon or register online, www.mariemontsoccer.org. Registration must be received by February 21. \$65 check made payable to Mariemont Recreation Association

26 TPRC Baseball and Softball Sign-Ups at the TPES cafeteria. 10 a.m. to noon. Registration deadline: Feb. 29th.

29/30 TPE Everybody Counts

FEBRUARY

1 MHS PTO Mtg 8:45 a.m.

5 Terrace Park Garden Club at the Krohn Conservatory. Hostesses Lucy Maish and Jeanne Belliveau. The 2008-2009 slate presented.

5 TP Recognition Night 7 p.m.

11 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call Vera Hodges at 831-7919. The program will be the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society.

12 TP PTO Mtg 9:30 a.m.

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

13 MHS Junior College Planning Mtg 7 p.m.

14 Valentine's Day

16 MHS Snowball Dance 9p.m. - midnight

18 PRESIDENTS' DAY no school

19 Board of Education Mtg, MJHS 7 p.m., public welcome

20 MJHS PTO Mtg 9 a.m.

24 Terrace Park Historical Society's February program in the Terrace Park Community Building. It will feature John Cimarosti on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.; the program will follow at 4 p.m..

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Terrace Park Historical Society Tracking our past and present for the future

More about the Terrace Park Market, the Post Office and early Village Council Meetings

By Carol C. Cole



Conkling's Grocery at 415 Terrace Place



Gegner-Droescher building at 411 Terrace Place

The Terrace Park Historical Society is really pleased with the many people who are supporting us through their memberships. We currently have 34 Lifetime Memberships. Those people can choose what size copy they'd like of Rosie Shundich's watercolor of the Terrace Park Market. Along with it they get some information concerning what shows in the painting, taken from a postcard postmarked 1908. However, there's a lot more to know about that building and others in the area.

James W. Sibley established his first of four subdivisions in 1886, south of Oxford Avenue to the north side of Amherst Avenue. Probably

that same year or a bit later he had a house built facing Terrace Place (411 Terrace Place) a couple of lots down from where the Terrace Park Market later stood. That was a Victorian Queen Anne style three-bedroom frame house, bought by Mrs. Harriett Gegner in 1891. The 1893 Hamilton County Directory lists "Gegner, Mrs. Harriet M., books, post master and railroad agent." The building shows on the 1892 map of Terrace Park, the only building in that block and is marked Post Office on the 1892 map of Sibley's subdivision. On Sibley's map there's also a train station across the tracks of the Little Miami Railroad and a Grocery store marked on the corner of Amherst Avenue and Newtown Road, later renamed Elm Avenue.

Terrence Park was incorporated early in 1893 and obviously needed a place for its council to meet. At first they had an arrangement with Dr. Lansdale to meet in his Elm Avenue office. For some reason by September of 1893 their meeting place was changed to the room over the Post Office, which they rented from Mrs. Gegner. It's interesting that there were then nine places where public notices had to be posted: Beck's Grocery (corner of Amherst and Elm?), the Station, Luen's Tavern (at the crossroads on Wooster Pike), the house of Village Clerk Voige (101 Miami), the large sycamore in front of Mr. Floto's house (he was mayor), the school, near the Baptist Church (Community House), Robinson's Station and the big tree in Marietta Avenue.

A resolution was passed on January 30th, 1903: "On November 19th the Council of this Village

adopted a resolution for the issuing of bonds in the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Fifty (\$1550.00) Dollars for the purpose of raising money to purchase real estate for a Town Hall and Offices for the Village." Thus it looks as if the Village wanted their own building and not to have to rent very from Mrs. Gegner.

We have the original plans for that building on the corner of Harvard Avenue and Terrace Place, drawn by James L. Chapman Sr. The plans show there was already a building a bit back from the corner with a door opening onto Harvard Avenue. The new building just added on to the front with a much grander entrance opening onto Terrace Place. In fact it was a building very similar to Mrs. Gegners'.

We do not know whether James Sr. had any formal education to become an architect or may have just been apprenticed to an architect and learned that way. However, he designed the Terrace Park School as well as the store and 618 Yale Avenue where they lived for a while. Later they bought 100 acres on Shawnee Run and ran the Chapman Dairy. It may have been in one of the dairy farm's barns that the plans for the Terrace Park Market were found. Mary Chapman also gave us blueprints - but neither copies include dates.

Lucius Conkling was a relative of James Chapman and had his home built at 615 Amherst Avenue in 1891/2. His family had been in the area since 1803 when Lucius' grandfather, Abraham, moved from Morristown New Jersey to Indian

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have done similar projects, and allow yourself the undisturbed time to do something you enjoy in the company of friends.

Bring your own equipment — but not your children! Due to the nature of these types of crafts, there will be too many unsafe objects around—scissors, knitting needles, needles etc.—and we don't want any one getting hurt.

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Police report

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A resident reported receiving threatening phone calls. Investigation revealed they resulted from an argument between two boys who knew each other. Police ordered that they refrain from contacting one another.

A suspicious person wearing camouflage and carrying a crossbow was reported on Wooster Pike. Police found that he was deer hunting and, according to the Hamilton County Park District, was within legal rights as he was in an area and within date limits of crossbow deer hunting season.

An injured deer was found in a yard on Elm Court. Police found that it had a broken leg. They shot the animal and had the maintenance department remove it.

A resident on Miami Avenue spotted tree limbs on a telephone line. Police, the fire department and

the phone company were called. The phone company stated that they remove limbs only when lines are down. Neither the fire department nor maintenance have proper equipment to remove limbs. The area was taped off.

An empty box and shotgun shells were found in the street on Harvard Avenue. Police took the box and seven shells to the property room.

A dog walker was followed by a loose dog. Fearing the animal might wander onto Wooster Pike, he took it to the police station, placed it in the vestibule and notified police. When the responding officer attempted to read its collar the dog snapped at him. He contacted the Hamilton County Communication Center and requested that they pick it up. It was placed into a van after once again lunging at the police officer. Hamilton County was able to identify the owner of the pet.

Mutual Aid was provided to Indian Hill and Milford.

Two EMS runs were recorded in the log.

One fire run was reported.

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Hill, buying land where the Camargo Club is now. There were 10 children, five of whom remained in the area. Son, Lindley, built the mansion that is now the administration building for Stepping Stones. Lucius' daughter, Sidney, married the architect, James Chapman. Their son James Jr. married Mary Ernst of Milford and it is she who has given us so much information and pictures of the Conkling and Chapman families.

The land where the market was built was owned by James W. Sibley in 1886, the year he established his first subdivision. It was sold to Barbara C. Keene that year, then to George B. Keiser in 1898, then to Helen Barnett's relative, Emil M. Rauscher, in 1899 and finally to the Village of Terrace Park in 1903 for the purpose of building a "Town Hall". The ground floor was rented to Lucius Conkling. He and his wife served successively as grocers and postmasters from 1903-1921. The Village used the upstairs as a Town Hall, council chambers and polling place. It also served as a community center where functions including dances were held. One reached the 2nd floor through the old side door on Harvard Avenue. The Village owned the building until 1925 when they no longer needed it for Council Meetings or other activities because they had moved to the present Community House on Elm Avenue.

The Conkling's daughter, Lillian, was postmaster for about a

year in 1920-21 in a small building on what later became the Village Green. Mrs. Gegner sold her home in 1921 to Lulu Tarvin who then became postmaster, followed in 1925 by Lillian Droscher for 25 years, Harriet Gegner, Lulu Tarvin and Lillian Droscher all were storekeepers at 411 Terrace Place.

The Conkling home facing the Village Green stayed in the family until probably 1950 when it was sold to Bolton Drackett. Store keepers after the Conklings included Louis & Elsie E. Bosch, Hugh M. & Elisabeth B. Gallagher (732 Miami), John Barnett, Durward Hughes (304 Miami), William R. & Carolyn M. Vinnage, Louis & Carolyn Farnbach (600 Myrtle) and Juergen & Gerda Braunheim. Unfortunately in 1980

no one seemed interested in buying and running a small independent grocery store so it was sold to Paul Kennedy where he and his brothers now run Kennedy Associates. We are very fortunate that Paul remembered fondly visiting the market almost daily. Thus rather than tearing down the building that had served the community well for so many years, Paul restored the original peaked roof, destroyed in an earlier fire, and set his addition back on one side so the original dimensions of the market are still clear.

Correction – in last month's *Village* the dates on the two Harvard pictures were interchanged. The caption "214 Harvard Avenue before 1952" should read "202 Harvard in 2007." The caption "202 Harvard Avenue in 2007," should say "214 Harvard before 1952."

Mariemont School Board recognizes dedication and achievement

The December meeting of the Mariemont City Schools Board of Education (BOE) offered an opportunity to recognize some people who have made significant contributions of time and talent to the school district.

The Board, staff and community members expressed their appreciation to Rick Koehler for his 12 years of BOE service as this was the final meeting of his three-term commitment. Mariemont superintendent Paul Imhoff adds, "Rick's energy and vision has been an inspiration and we are all appreciative of his work to maintain the high standards of the Mariemont Schools."

Board member, Marie Huenefeld, was congratulated on receiving the Al Kettlewell award for outstanding Board service from the Southwest Region of the Ohio School Board Association. Huenefeld will begin her sixth term as a board of education member this month.

In addition, two district teachers, Monica Hurley and Becky Rusen, were recognized for achieving National Board Certification.

The BOE also thanked the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make their recent school levy campaign a success. Honored were levy co-chairs Robin Pendery and Bill Flynn along with their steering committee comprised of parents, district residents, staff and administrators who put in countless volunteer hours toward this effort.



Peggy Braun, Mariemont BOE president expressed the district's gratitude to Rick Koehler for his twelve years of dedicated board service.



Mariemont Superintendent Paul Imhoff (far right) and BOE president Peggy Braun (center left) thank school levy chairs Robin Pendery and Bill Flynn for their outstanding volunteer efforts.

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Terrace Park Sports

2008 Warriors victorious in 4th Annual Lacrosse Alumni Game

By Steve Peterson, Terrace Park Bull Dog Lacrosse

The 4th Annual Mariemont Boys Lacrosse Alumni game involving graduates from Mariemont High School and the current MHS lacrosse team was played Thanksgiving weekend. Members of the 2008 high school team pulled out an 8-7 victory in an exciting match, the first time the current squad has ever beaten the alums. The 2008 team looked very strong and began their quest to capture a second consecutive Division II State Lacrosse Championship.

The game was played on Stanton Field in front of a nice crowd on a sunny 55 degree day, and was preceded by a youth lacrosse clinic with 25 new players in attendance. The clinic for new Terrace Park Bull Dog players takes place each year immediately prior to the alumni game. The alums and current team members help with the clinic, teaching the youngsters the basic skills of lacrosse. Some of the experienced players from the current boys

Bull Dog team also helped coach the new players at the youth clinic. Our new crop of 2008 youth players looks very promising.

Lacrosse has been played in Terrace Park now for over a decade, and each spring the Mariemont school district has roughly 300 kids participating in grades 3-12.

Stew Kranitzky (Class of 2004), Noah Gibby ('07), Stevie Bollinger ('03), Reed Peterson ('04), and Drake Perry ('04) all scored goals for the alums, while Lucky Peterson, Daytona Beach, Nick Vissat, John Welsh, and Ross Hawk all scored for the Mariemont Warriors. The Warriors victorious goal tender was Evan Seeley, who will be the starting goal keeper for the defending state champs in 2008.

"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 seventh season as MHS boys head lacrosse



coach. Coach George has led the Warriors to the state finals twice in the past five years, and is looking to repeat as State Champions in 2008. "The Program" has progressed in the community to represent an element of our sports culture that we can all be proud of. It is a tribute to Rick Dunning, Matt

Perry, Jamie Egasti, and Reed Schroeder who first pioneered lacrosse in the Village of Terrace Park fifteen years ago, prior to the establishment of the Bull Dog youth program in 1996 by the TPRC.

"The kids coming through the program now often have 5+ years of playing experience prior to en-

tering high school, so they are very good even as frosh players" said Coach George. This was ably demonstrated during the alumni game by Nick "Stickwork" Stirman, Tim "Sniper" Purcell, Chase "Daytona" Beach, and Christopher "Crittty" Ferguson, all of whom were standouts in the youth and Mariemont middle school programs. The annual alumni lacrosse game is held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving each year on Stanton Field and has become a great Terrace Park lacrosse tradition.

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