

# New volunteers sworn in and mining hearings discussed at February Council

By Vivian Krueger

The February meeting opened with the swearing in of new Volunteer Firefighter Brian Bortz by Fire Chief Luke Frey. Brian is joining his brother, Adam Bortz, who already serves as a Firefighter. John Maggard swore in Brian Graham as the newest member of the Medical Services of Terrace Park. Both gentlemen received the applause of all in attendance.

## Martin Marietta hearings

Solicitor Robert Malloy discussed the Martin Marietta hearings. The opposition, Terrace Park's side, will present testimony at the Feb 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, testimony on the impact of property values will be discussed. At the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, residents may discuss their concerns about the impact of the mining. Malloy stated that this is a complicated matter and the witnesses testifying for the two sides are 180 degrees apart. The continued attendance of Terrace Park residents at the hearings is strongly encouraged.

Mayor Jay Gohman said how fortunate Terrace Park is to have had expert witness Dr. Roger Stafford testify at the Jan 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Stafford was very informative about fugitive dust and ground vibration. The mayor thanked Emily Parker for her continuing work to bring the mining message to Terrace Park residents. Please use the village website [complaints@terracepark.org](mailto:complaints@terracepark.org) for questions and complaints.

The mayor and Police Chief Jerry Hayhow thanked the Terrace Park crews for doing a great job with

snow removal. One hundred and twenty-three tons of salt were used and 112 hours of overtime kept Terrace Park safe. The chief reported that the maintenance crew is currently picking up brush. He also reported that the Village's general liability insurance was recently reviewed. The safety record allowed a decrease of annual premium.

## EMS and Fire Department

Life Squad Chief John Maggard reported 13 runs for the month. Four recruits are in the current EMS class. Dates will soon be announced for community CPR classes.

Fire Chief Luke Frey announced there are three firemen training for Level 1 certification. This is a two-year program. He thanked the police for doing a great job at an accident on Elm, during the recent snow. Terrace Park is looking for fire fighter volunteers.

## Building and zoning

Building Official William Fiedler reported four applications for construction permits and mentioned receiving many phone calls about zoning.

Councilman Lee Cole discussed zoning regulations with regard to a parking situation on Cornell Ave. He also discussed the set back regulations and he felt that the proposed changes are adequate. Cole thanked Fiedler for doing a fine job and submitted a resolution to extend his contract for another year.

## Other business

Councilman Jeff Krueger, working with the Village Arborist Randy

Haller, presented two resolutions for pruning Rugby Ave. and Terrace Place, using Chief Beaver and Arbor Services. A third resolution was submitted for replacing the old fire bay doors, due to rotting and broken springs. AE Doors was the best bid submitted.

Councilman Mark Porst pre-

sented two resolutions. The first was to pay Miami TWP owed funds from 2008. The second was for the 2009 benefits and salary of TP Clerk, Laurie Baird. Mark discussed a structure for salt storage in the environmental area. He and Chief Hayhow are working on the bid details. The cost is approximately \$17K.

Councilman Jim Muennich presented a resolution to continue

the contract of Malloy as village solicitor. The council appreciates Malloy's work for Terrace Park. Muennich's second resolution was a contract for final design of the Wooster Pike Streetscape with CDS Engineering. After much discussion, it was tabled for the next council meeting to access potential risk of government funding in the current financial climate.

# A cultural education

## Former TP resident volunteers with Peace Corps

By Clay Martin

My name is Clay Martin, and I was a resident of Terrace Park from 1994-2005. I graduated from Mariemont High School before attending Ohio University where I majored in organizational communication and Spanish while playing club lacrosse. I spent one quarter studying Spanish in Mexico's Yucatan and held an internship in the same city during another. These experiences influenced my decision to join the Peace Corps following college.

I live in Ecuador's western lowlands with an indigenous people known as the Tsáchilas, which translates to "true group of people" in their native tongue, Tsafiki. The Tsáchila men are known for painting their hair red with a tropical fruit called Achote, and the men and women paint black stripes on their bodies with another fruit. My village is comprised of 150 inhabitants, a small school and a small store that is attached to someone's wooden house. The community does not have running water—I bathe in a creek—but electricity was put in 10



Clay Martin

years ago. I live in a small hut that my Tsáchila host family built for me with their bare hands and materials they gathered from the forest. Daily meals consist of fresh fish from the rivers, smashed banana (not our kind of banana), tree grubs, game, chicken, and rice. In my free time I read, write, exercise, go on jungle hikes, spend time with the shamans, play with the kids, plant in my botanical garden, study their language. Most of the time, I just sit around the huts chatting the day away with the Tsáchilas learning their legends and stories. The Tsáchilas treat me like family and have actually told me that I AM family. They are constantly thanking me for what I teach them, and I thank them as well for changing my life.

Technically, I am an agriculture volunteer, but Peace Corps volunteers always end up doing a wide



A 4 year old, 5 year old and 9 year old tsachila girl.

array of projects. I have helped with reforestation by building tree nurseries, helped them learn to make compost/organic fertilizer, about proper trash management, and about the importance of boiling drinking water instead of drinking infested well water. Working with a Tsáchila culture group that is fighting to maintain their cultural iden-

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# Mariemont School District residents to review facilities plan options

As part of an ongoing twelve-month facilities planning process, the Mariemont City School District is holding its second Community Dialogue — Solution Options — to gather community feedback. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at Mariemont High School at 7:00 p.m.

All district residents are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to hear a variety of facilities plans, developed through a combined effort of district staff, community residents and school facility professionals. Participants will learn about the options — complete with costs — and help determine solutions vital to the district's future.

Superintendent Paul Imhoff emphasized "developing a facilities master plan will help us to continue to provide an exemplary instructional program and environment for all our students, to manage our district dollars efficiently and responsibly, and to carry forward our community values."



Nearly 150 community members participated in the first Mariemont Schools Facilities Community Dialogue in November. Facilities Community Dialogue II ñ Solution Options ñ will be held on March 25 at 7 p.m. at Mariemont High School.

The facilities plan options will be publicized prior to the meeting giving community members the chance to review them ahead of time. They will be available on March 18 on the district website ([www.mariemontschools.org](http://www.mariemontschools.org)),

through local media and at the public library and all district school and community buildings. More facilities planning information and a feedback opportunity can also be found on the district website.

## Opinions sought

Evans' Gravel is up for renewal for their limited use permit. The Anderson Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) has found several violations of the permit including a rock crusher and recycling center. The BZA is very interested in how many complaints the surrounding villages have gotten. It would be very helpful to have complaints in writing. These complaints may help us in our fight against the Martin Marietta blasting as it shows that noise, dust and increased traffic from Round Bottom Road and the surroundings are in fact an issue in Terrace Park. An email has been created for just this purpose: [complaints@terracepark.org](mailto:complaints@terracepark.org). You can also write a note and mail or drop it by the Village Office or as a last resort, call the office at 831-2138.



## March Deadline

The deadline for the March issue is March 6. You may send your submissions to [tpvillageviews@fuse.net](mailto:tpvillageviews@fuse.net). Please include a short description in the subject line.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We did not hesitate to compose this letter but we were unsure of how to word it. It seems that in every issue there is a letter thanking the men and women of our Emergency Services. It is human nature that when we are repeatedly faced with something we tend to grow used to, and possibly bored with, it. I have a feeling that, for many, this may be the case with the repeated letters concerning the actions of our Emergency Services. However, I would like to propose that instead of each letter tending to diminish the praise, it should heighten it. We actually live in a community where the timely, often heroic, actions of our friends and neighbors has become commonplace. We were recently away on vacation and could not be reached easily by phone. A pipe burst on our 2nd floor and flooded the house for hours until discovered by our house sitter. As he was unable to reach us he called the fire department. They responded immediately and, as is their habit, went above and beyond the normal standards for such a run. The professional restoration company that arrived the next day actually called us overseas to find out exactly what fire department responded. The representative of the company stated that in all the years she has been doing this work she has never seen a fire department take such care of another's property. The clean-up was so thorough that it paved the way for them to be able to begin the drying out process immediately. This is another story of the tremendous efforts our volunteers make to discharge their duties. This sort of care and effort may happen quite often but for my family it will never be seen as anything less than extraordinary.

Respectfully,  
The Koremans  
212 Cambridge Avenue

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805 Indian Hill Road	\$333,000
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628 Myrtle Avenue	\$520,000
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806 Myrtle Avenue	\$610,000
315 New Street	\$808,000
809 Park Avenue	\$181,000
224 Rugby Avenue	\$1,250,000
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**Children:**  
**Library Babies** is the first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.. This is a great opportunity to introduce your little ones to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to 18 months.

**Movers and Shakers**, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones to stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

**Pre-school Storytime** is Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

**Special Needs Storytime** Special needs children and their parents can share a reading adventure. Thursday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. Contact Ms. Katheryn for details and to register: 369-4467 or katheryn.jones@cincinnati.library.org.

**Webkinz Club** on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Meet new friends and have a "Webkinz pet" playdate. Ages 8 to 12.

**Tales to Tails:** Read aloud to a certified therapy dog. Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m. Registration suggested.

**Pi Day Math Games—Pi Day is 3.14!** (March 14 for the math challenged) 2 p.m. Ages 8 to 12

**Teens:**  
**Teen Skin Care Tips**—Learn how to make natural skin care products at home. Thursday, March 19, 4:00 p.m. Ages 12 to 18, Registration.

**Adults: Starting a Vegetable Garden:** Trying to eat a little lower on the food chain or saving your pennies? The Ohio State Extension Office shows you how! Monday, March 23 at 6:30. Registration suggested.

**Mariemont Branch Book Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m. We will be discussing *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Copies are at the library. All are welcome.

The library is located at 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467 and is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Village Calendar 2009

### FEBRUARY

23 Athletic Boosters, 7:30 p.m.  
23 MJHS & MHS Strings Extravaganza, MHS, 7 p.m.

24 8th Grade Open House, MHS, 6 p.m.  
24 Elementary Spanish Parent Mtg. Mariemont Elementary Aud. 7 p.m.

28 "Party on Ice" Fundraiser for KV Chapter #76, 6 pm-Midnight, Indian Hill Winter Club. Cost is \$50 per guest. For more information contact Julie Sheppard @ 831-1199 or Ann Gibson @ 236-7398.

28 TPRC 2009 Baseball and Softball sign-ups end

### MARCH

3 TP Garden Club Meeting, noon at the Parish Center with Round Tables. The Board will host.

6 No School (TPE only)

8 Terrace Park Historical Society public program at the Community Building. "Morgan's Raiders" featured topic. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m., presentation at 4 p.m.

9 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call Vera Hodges at 831-7919. Sue Grone will present "Fan-tastic Fun" the language of Victorian Fans.

10 TP PTO Mtg 7 p.m.

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

11 Kindervelt #76 Meeting, 7:30. Anyone interested or for information, please contact Meghan Mills @ 831-4170.

12 TP Kindergarten Registration, 7 p.m.

16 MHS Winter Sports Awards, 7 p.m.

17 St. Patrick's Day

17 Board of Education Meeting, MJHS, 7 p.m. Public Welcome

18 MHS Early College Planning, Gr. 9 & 10, MHS, 7 p.m.

19 MJHS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House, 6:30 p.m.

20 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends

20 TP Talent Show, 9 a.m.

20 Early Dismissal

23 Athletic Boosters, 7:30 p.m.

25 Mariemont Schools Facilities Community Dialogue II MHS, 7 p.m.

26 TPE Spring Pictures

26 - 28 MHS Spring Musical, *The Sound of Music*, 7:30 p.m. each night & 2 p.m. on March 28. For ticket info www.mariemontschools.org

27 Elementary Report Cards go home

Please call Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959 or email hestersullivan@yahoo.com with calendar information or check us out on the web www.terracepark.com/calendar.

## Authority on Morgan's Raiders offers program and book-signing

James A. Ramage, an award-winning history professor from Northern Kentucky University, will present a program on Morgan's Raiders - and sign his book on the infamous Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan - at

the Terrace Park Historical Society's public meeting Sunday, March 8.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Community Building beginning at 3:30 p.m. with refreshments. The

presentation will follow at 4 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend.

Prof. Ramage will offer insight into the Confederate Cavalry's destructive campaign from Tennessee to Northern Ohio, including a swing through Southwest Ohio and an overnight stay outside of Terrace Park near Camp Dennison.

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## culture continued from front page

ity and cultural traditions has been one of my main projects. Ecuador's fourth largest city, Santo Domingo De los Tsáchilas, is an hour away from the Tsáchilas villages. The city's rapid growth has created what my Tsáchilas friend considers "a serious and dangerous situation." Unfortunately, the bigger the city gets, the smaller the Tsáchilas culture gets. This project is young but has provided an extra income source, and more importantly, it has helped

maintain their customs and strengthen their identity.

I have gravitated to this animated culture and adventurous way of living. Life is smooth at the moment, and I embrace the diversity of my days. I have 14 months left in my service but am coming home to visit for a few weeks in March. Many people ask me, "Are you excited to come back to the States? Back to reality?" I respond to them that what I have realized from my experience in the Peace Corps is that I am living beyond reality here with the Tsachilas.

## HELP SUPPORT THE TSACHILAS

Until about 50 years ago the Tsáchilas lived peacefully as hunters and gatherers in the thick Ecuadorian jungle. Unfortunately, the Tsáchila village has suffered extreme deforestation in the past 30 years. Due to their rapid integration into the modern world and the necessity of money to live, they cut down much of the forest for agriculture.

The project I am heading is seeking donations that will enable us to buy medicinal plants, fruit trees, native plants and trees, decorative plants, flowers, etc. to plant around the school, community, and also culture center. For example, a \$2 donation is enough to buy an orange tree and \$4 is enough to buy a small palm tree. The catch is that I am not just going to give the plants to the community; I am going to have a meeting with the community and teach them the importance of reforestation and taking care of nature. I will help them clean up the trash around the school and their houses and after they are able to maintain that for at least a month I will then donate the plants. This will make the project sustainable. The Tsáchilas are extremely shy so as of now I have only worked closely with two families. This project will allow me to get more involved with other community members. Instructions on how to donate are listed below:

To donate please: Go to: [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov). Click on "donors" Click on "Donate to Volunteer Projects" Type in "Martin C"

## Garden Club

The Terrace Park Garden Club is planning its annual table setting event for Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. The public is welcome to attend. Every year, the club members choose a theme from which all of the tables derive inspiration. Last year, the theme was Hollywood movies, and we had tables ranging from depicting the "Oscars" to the "Wizard of Oz." Our 2009 theme is "Rainbow Connections," so every table should be enhanced by a difference color of the rainbow. We have an extremely creative membership, so the tables are always beautiful and imaginative.

Another annual event, the Garden Club plant sale, is scheduled for early May on the Village Green. Plant sale order forms which were distributed in last month's Village Views are due by March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please support the sale as all funds raised are used for beautifying Terrace Park.

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# Terrace Park Historical Society

## Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol C. Cole

Oral histories are a very important part of the archives of the Terrace Park Historical Society – as they should be of any historical society. Thanks to Susan Frank, more and more of them are being done and transcribed. Transcribing them is hard work, but very important, whereas listening to someone tell their story is really enjoyable and easy. If you'd like to be a part of this ongoing project please contact us at [info@tphistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@tphistoricalociety.org).

This month and next I'm going to share one of our recently done oral histories. You'll be able to see how much general information we gain as well as specific knowledge about the interviewee.

Paul Naylor was born and raised about 15 miles from Terrace Park in Avondale. It was predominantly a Jewish village so Paul was in the minority but very much enjoyed living there and had a lot of friends. Paul's grandfather had been in business where he met a lot of wonderful Jewish people so he chose to live in Avondale. Paul and his Jewish friends all went to the prestigious Walnut Hills High School and graduated more

than 65 years ago.

Paul's wife Geri grew up in Miami, much nearer to Terrace Park, where her parents had a 22-acre farm. Their big farmhouse is still there, now owned by Hilltop Research. Paul and Geri first lived in Cincinnati but then moved back to Miami with Geri's parents, which proved to be not such a good idea.

By then they'd seen there was a little Cape Cod house for sale on Wooster Pike. In fact there were three brand new Cape Cod houses there in a row all built by Nordloh in 1950. They bought 609 Wooster Pike on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1951 and were very happy living there with a large probably 100 ft. deep rear yard. The upstairs was unfinished when they bought it so they finished it themselves. However, with young children being added to the family (Linda, Scott and Todd) they didn't like all the traffic on Wooster Pike. They sold 609 Wooster Pike and moved to 618 Yale Avenue.

The same architect who designed the present Terrace Park Elementary School, James Chapman, designed 618 Yale Avenue around



Paul Naylor

1908. The Naylor's made several improvements to the house including painting it white, adding dark green shutters, putting a peaked structure over the front door and changing the windows to eight over eight panes instead of just two large top and bottom panes. While they were living there they attended a party after a play (probably Terrace Park Players) of probably 75 to 100 people at 304 Amherst Avenue. The house had a rathskeller in the basement with wall paintings by local painter Fred Williams and an old pocket billiards table from a billiards hall in Milford that was lowered into



304 Amherst Avenue

the basement when the house was built. It also had a floor plan Paul especially liked and a nice quiet location as well as four bedrooms, one downstairs and the other three upstairs. In March 1957, 304 Amherst Avenue was for sale and Paul knew who to phone: Jerry Morgan and Ralph Yeager. He phoned Jerry in the middle of the night and they came over. Paul says it was 3 o'clock in the morning when Jerry woke up the people who owned the house and told them they had a buyer. He says the contract was signed and completed by 5 o'clock.

When the Naylor's moved to Terrace Park the Terrace Park Players (first production in 1958) and the Clodhoppers (started in the early 1940s when there was very little gasoline to drive anywhere) were already in existence. Geri Naylor was evidently active in the Players and through that group met people in the Clodhoppers. Thus the Naylor's started attending the monthly Friday or Saturday night dances in the Community House where the open floor downstairs was ideal for dancing. Paul describes the Clodhoppers as a group of young

people in their 20s, 30, and 40s.

Paul was drawn to Terrace Park because he thought it was just like what he dreamed it would be like in a little village in Connecticut or at least somewhere in New England with its Village Green. Later he described some of the most enjoyable festivities on the Green for Memorial Day and Labor Day, sometimes with a parade. It was there one year that they won a big, probably 12-inch, color TV, their first! What he evidently always said about Terrace Park was, "There's heaven, and then there's Terrace Park." People also say Terrace Park is not the real world! Where else could you find something like this right in the middle of Ohio? There were no detractors. It had a nice little church, big now, which he joined and in which he became active.



### NEW LEADERSHIP

The Terrace Park Historical Society has a new president and a new board member. Lorrie Hill, left, who led the organization's historic homes plaque program, has been elected president; and Meghan Mills, whose home was on the historical society's first ever house tour last September, has been elected to the board of directors.

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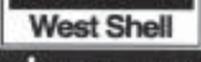
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# Terrace Park Sports

## Mariemont High School cheerleaders perform at BCS National Football Championship

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Mariemont High School cheerleaders traveled to sunny Miami, Florida to join 150 other dancers from across the country in performing at the BCS National Championship Football game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami Gardens. The girls spent all day Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in intense dance rehearsals with well known choreographer and Cincinnati native Shane Sparks (*So You Think You Can Dance*) and his assistant

Rachel Kay. The entire day was spent preparing for a remarkable halftime show. That evening the cheerleaders attended a special dinner/dance with all the participants to celebrate their accomplishments.

On Thursday morning January 8<sup>th</sup>, the girls were awakened with an early morning field rehearsal. The four-hour practice included the cheerleaders/dancers and three high school bands. This was the fi-

nal rehearsal to bring the show together. Not only did the girls have the wonderful opportunity of participating in the halftime show, they were also a part of the pregame show/national anthem.

Friday brought another unique opportunity with the girls participating in a variety of dance classes choreographed and instructed by Shane Sparks, Rachel Kay and Michael Schwandt.

The Mariemont High School cheerleaders were accompanied by their coaches, Maria Childs and Emily Hunt, along with junior high coaches, Marissa Trybus and Tana Zeller. The girls financed their trips with help from such fundraisers as Fun Friday evenings for kids, a ladies' night out



The Mariemont HS cheerleaders rehearse at Dolphin Stadium with dancers from across the country.

and a pizza dinner/bake sale.

"This was truly an amazing

once in a lifetime experience for all involved," said Coach Childs.

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Mariemont High School cheerleaders, Brooke Parker, Lizzie Arington, Laura Smith and Brittany Lind enjoy their on-the-go schedule as part of their BCS Championship trip.



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The Mariemont High School cheerleading squad stands ready for their performance as part of BCS National Championship Football pre-game and half-time shows. They are (back row) Cassidy Hammond, Mallory Widecan, Grace Gardner, Brooke Parker, Lizzie Arington, Olivia Saulnier; (middle row) Annie Gaburo, Maddie Reed, Caty Reynolds, Brittany Zimmerman, Emily Martina; (front row) Heather Hutchinson, Laura Smith, Shelby Miller, Brittany Lind and Julia Gaburo.

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