

# GREATER COLONIAL HILLS CIVIC ASS'N.

## WHAT IT IS/

## HOW IT OPERATES/

## ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS/

Purpose - The Civic Association was organized in 1946--its avowed purpose to promote the general welfare, civic betterment, and unity of the Greater Colonial Hills community.

Organization - Membership is voluntary and is considered to include all residents of the area. No regular dues are imposed or collected, as such, and members assume no financial obligation by reason of their membership. Legislative powers are vested in a Permanent Council, composed of a member and an alternate member from each of 12 districts into which the community is divided. Council members serve without compensation of any sort, and are elected to serve for 2 years, half being elected one year, the other half the next year, at street or district meetings held each Fall. The Council usually meets on the first Monday of each month and residents of the community are welcome at these meetings.

Accomplishments - Following are some of the more important things which have been and are being done by your Civic Association:

1. Improved and dedicated Selby Park as a playground for the children of the community. This has been a tremendous job and is a continuing project of the Association. Nearly \$3,700 has already been spent to this end, all of it raised by donations and community activities and events. Among the improvements are:
  - a. Purchase and installation of playground equipment;
  - b. Beautification of the entire grounds--flagpole, sodding, shrubs, etc.;
  - c. Construction of shelter house and stone terrace;
  - d. Installation of a drinking fountain;
  - e. Planting of trees;
  - f. Seeding entire park;
  - g. Attempt to eliminate dust by removing basketball court to Indianola playground, sodding the area, and planting shrubs around corner;
  - h. Installation of permanent electric light system in shelter house.
2. Has sponsored an annual Spring Dance, a Fall Dance, and an all day July 4th celebration, with the joint purpose of bringing together all residents of Greater Colonial Hills, and raising money for community improvements.
3. Has sponsored an annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest.
4. Was instrumental in obtaining bus service for the area.
5. Was instrumental in having directional traffic light installed at Selby and High Streets.
6. Investigated possibility of incorporation as a village, and tabled the question for the time being on the ground that the cost to property owners in increased taxes would be greater than the benefits to be derived would justify.
7. Was active in urging consolidation of Sharon Township School District with Worthington School District.
8. Sponsored a request for improved mail service, to include 2-a-day deliveries and a postal sub-station. These are to be put into effect this Fall.
9. Investigated means of improving the water supply to the area, resulting in a recommendation for a supplemental water main. Circulated petitions among all residents asking the County to proceed with this. Petitions are now in the hands of County Commissioners, with the County Sanitary Engineer working out the engineering details. Public hearing will be held this Fall, and if favorably acted upon can result in adequate water supply by next Summer.
10. Succeeded in getting the County to establish 25 and 35 mile speed limits in the community. Erection of caution and stop signs, speed limit markers, and school zone signs, partly completed, will be finished shortly.

Future Program - Among the projects which the Association is working on now, and which are planned for the future are:

1. Development of Indianola Playground. Part of this area has been graded, and the basketball standards have been erected on the grounds.
2. Further improvement of Selby Playground with elimination of the present baseball diamond and possible installation of hard surface tennis courts.
3. A more complete playground recreational program for next Summer, with supervised handicraft, games and children's activities.
4. Sponsorship of a tree planting program, to beautify the entire community.
5. Additional traffic regulation signs, and enforcement of traffic laws and regulations.

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Receipts and Expenses -- Fiscal Year 1948-49

Cash in bank Sept. 17, 1948

\$2,093.59

Receipts:

Fall Dance, Dec. 3, 1948	\$485.47
Spring Dance, May 20, 1949	684.12
July 4th Celebration, 1949	2,381.90

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 3,551.49

Expenses:

Fall Dance, Dec. 3, 1948	\$ 268.21
Christmas Home Decorating Contest	50.00
Community Chest Donation	25.00
Spring Dance, May 20, 1949	342.14
July 4th Celebration, 1949	1,734.62

Playground Expenditures:

Shelter House construction	\$ 1,400.00
Stone Terrace at Shelter House	100.00
Moving and re-setting basketball standards at Indianola Playground	109.61
Planting shrubs on corner	49.16
Sodding old basketball court	100.00
Planting trees	41.20
Installing new drinking fountain	107.94
Electric current	8.10
Miscellaneous repair	17.19

Total Playground expenditures	1,933.20
Liability Insurance premium	49.00
Water petition expense	8.63

TOTAL EXPENSES

4,410.80

EXPENSES LESS RECEIPTS

859.31

Cash in bank September 15, 1949

\$ 1,234.28

1949 Council

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