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Colonial Hills Civic Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 676, Worthington, Ohio 43085

THE COURIER



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April, 1993

At the meeting . . .

...of March 16, donations to community youth groups were considered. Requests were received from four Colonial Hills organizations. The kindergarten Starflight group of Camp Fire requested \$50, the Camp Fire Adventure group requested \$60, Cub scout pack 331 requested \$100, and the Camp Fire Rosebuds requested \$100. It was voted that all groups would receive the amount requested. Individual requests for donations were received from Brian Mariotti and Paul Blanton to help finance their trip to Russia with the People to People exchange program. They will each receive a \$100 donation toward their expenses.

A community meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:15 P.M. at the Selby Park shelter house. This meeting is jointly sponsored by the Colonial Hills PTA and the Colonial Hills Civic Association. Residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the three tax issues that will appear on the May ballot in Worthington. A representative of the Worthington City government will speak about the proposed income tax increase and the take-over of the Sharon Township Fire Department. Other guests will speak about the levy requests for funds for a third middle school and for a second natatorium. Residents are urged to attend to learn more about these important issues.

Around the Hills . . .

The annual Colonial Hills Civic Association's rummage sale is planned for Saturday, April 24 from 9-2 at the Selby Park shelter house. This is the premier event of the season! Bargains galore! Please drop-off donated items at the shelter house Friday, April 23 from 6-9 P.M.. Limited pick-up will be available for senior citizens and bulky items.
Call 846-6594 for pick-up information.

A meeting about this year's July 4th Celebration will take place immediately following the April 20th community meeting at approximately 8 P.M.. Please see "An open letter to the community..." on page 2.

Trustees Needed!

District 11. **NEEDED 175-318 Kenbrook**
District 30. **NEEDED 251-322 Loveman**

Three Colonial Hills teenagers are preparing for trips to Europe this summer. Paul Blanton of 541 Meadoway Park and Brian Mariotti of 524 Colonial are working hard to raise \$4000 each to pay for trips to Russia as Student Ambassadors with the People to People Program. During their 21 days in Russia they will meet with Russian teenagers and government officials and live with host families. Doug Hanniford of 494 Meadoway Park is also working hard to save money for a one week soccer camp in France this summer. If you'd like to help these teens earn some money, call Paul at 436-2034, Brian at 436-8511, or Doug at 848-3365. Donations would also be gratefully accepted.

Thanks to Bill and Tracey Storch and Jane Lowery for an excellent Egg Hunt and an excellent Egg Hunt and Rummage Sale sign.
Thanks also go to all who donated food to Operation Feed at the Egg Hunt.

An open letter to the community...

I'm writing because the Colonial Hills Civic Association is currently at a critical point for the July 4th Celebration. Over the past week, several people who had committed to chair or co-chair committees informed me that they can't help this year. Several other key positions remain unfilled. As a result, there aren't enough people to staff the July 4th Celebration. I see three possibilities.

1. People volunteer immediately (before April 15) to fill the positions and we continue the July 4th Celebration as in the past.
2. We cancel the July 4th Celebration for this year and decide over the next year whether we want to continue it.
3. We redesign the July 4th Celebration, greatly reducing its' cost and complexity. We then stage the "simplified" July 4th Celebration this year.

The first two options are obvious. The third requires some explanation.

A simplified 4th would be several hours long and would feature no cost/low cost family activities, much like a community picnic or family reunion. It would have activities that require little planning, little set-up, few people, little equipment, and little labor. Some traditional 4th activities like the "kiddie parade" fit this description. Others like the bake sale and the 5K run seem possible and would add a modest fund-raising potential.

I believe that the third option, a simplified 4th, is the best choice for the following reasons:

Disadvantages of the current 4th.

The 4th Celebration is currently too big for a Civic Association of our size. It requires too many people, too many hours, costs too much money, and makes too little money.

Financial

July 4, 1992 cost \$10,000, which was 60% of the \$16,700 total expenses for the Civic Association for the year. In recent years, between \$300 and \$1800 has been made on the 4th. We have been lucky that it hasn't rained during recent 4th's. The Civic Association would be liable for approximately \$4000 in expenses if it did.

The 4th currently has less importance as a fund-raiser. If there was no income from the 4th this year, the Civic Association would run a \$1275 deficit for the year, \$750 of which is from an extra scholarship not usually offered. In a normal year it would be possible to have a balanced

budget with careful control of expenses and a little more effort with existing fund-raising activities.

People

Last year's 4th took about 100 people to staff, with each person donating at least 2 hours, and chair people donating considerably more. Chair people work all day and have no chance to enjoy the festivities.

Equipment storage

Much of the storage problem we have at the Shelter House is the result of the equipment purchased and stored for use during the 4th. It is used 2 days a year and is stored for 363.

Advantages of the current 4th

If sufficient people volunteer, and if it doesn't rain, the potential exists to make up to \$2000.

Advantages of a simplified 4th.

Less planning, paperwork, permits, etc.
 Less time needed for planning, organization, and set-up.
 Fewer people needed, less burnout.
 Less money needed to fund the event.
 Little/no equipment needed. Outdoor games can be borrowed from Worthington Rec. & Parks.
 Old equipment can be sold/discharged, and the storage problem solved.
 Easy to continue from year-to-year because less people/time/money needed.
 Has modest fund-raising potential, possibly \$500 in 3 hours.
 Maintains a traditional community/neighborhood event.
 Easily rescheduled if it rains, little financial risk if it rains.

Disadvantages of a simplified 4th

Less money-making potential.

Because the July 4th Celebration is a long-standing tradition in Colonial Hills, I believe that many members of the community are interested in helping to resolve this problem. This issue will be decided during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Civic Association on April 20, at 7:15 in the Selby Park shelter house. All interested residents are urged to attend.

I also appreciate any opinions/ideas that you are willing to share before the 20th. To volunteer or let your views known, please call.

Sherman Moyer, President, July 4th Chair 846-6594

The wife a Worthington City official was recently seen chasing a garbage truck through Colonial Hills. She had witnessed recyclable materials tossed in the back of a regular garbage truck and stopped the driver to ask why the recycling truck with the sorting bins wasn't being used. The driver replied that Johnson Disposal has changed its' procedure for collecting recyclables. Instead of sorting material at the curbside, recyclable materials are being put into a regular garbage truck which only receives recyclable materials, not regular trash. Later, the recyclable material is sorted at a plant. Don't be alarmed if you don't see the familiar recycling truck in the future.

Spring is in the air, and with it comes kids in the parks, people riding bikes in the streets, and lots of people walking their dogs. Dog owners are reminded that there is a law in Worthington which requires owners to clean up after their pets. Drivers should remember to slow down and be aware of kids playing. A little caution goes a long way toward preventing a tragic accident.

Community calendar . . .

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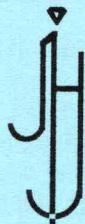
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