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

THE COURIER



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December, 1993

Sherman Moyer, Editor

At the meeting. . .

of November 16, the yearly budget was discussed and passed. Anticipated income for the 1993-94 fiscal year was projected to be \$9180 and the projected expenses were \$9131, leaving a fund surplus of \$49 for the year. The budget allows the continuation of all of the traditional activities of the Civic Association at last year's levels. (See "Where does my money go?" for a listing of activities and costs.) Sherman Moyer reported that \$3,000 had been collected in the Membership/Luminaria Drive and that ten districts hadn't yet turned in their money. It was expected that the drive would raise approximately \$3700, similar to last year's drive. Larry Hunt said that sales of Entertainment books were going well. Kelly Flaitz told of activities being organized in the community to benefit the Jones family. (See the editorial for additional information.) Sherman Moyer told of the possibility of redistricting changing the middle school attended by Colonial Hills students and urged those present to express their opinions to the school superintendent. (See Middle School Issues for more information.)

The annual Membership/Luminaria Drive is almost over, with a few districts still outstanding. Thanks to all who contributed to the Civic Association. Contributions can still be mailed!

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- 2. **NEEDED** 254-329 East Selby
- 31. **NEEDED** 5684-5731 Foster
- 35. **NEEDED** 164-238 E. Selby, 5549-5573 Foster
- 37. **NEEDED** 5607-5646 Selby Court
- 38. **NEEDED** 199-150 E Selby, 5573-5581 Morning

A group of Colonial Hills' students will be available to do small and odd jobs for needy Colonial Hills residents as part of an ongoing community service project. Call Brian Harr at 888-1098 for details.

The holiday decorating contest will be judged on the evening of Sunday, December 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.. As in past years, several impartial judges will view and rate decorated homes. The rules are as follows:

1. There will be 2 categories, overall house decorations and door decorations.
2. One house cannot win both categories.
3. For both categories, prizes will be awarded.
 - 1st place-\$15
 - 2nd place-\$10
 - 3rd place-honorable mention
4. The judging will take place at night.
5. Last year's winners are not eligible for 1st or 2nd place this year. Sorry to the Arnholt's, 386 Kenbrook and the Moore's, 367 Loveman.
6. Winners will be announced in the local papers before New Year's Day and in the January Courier.

Yes, I support the Colonial Hills Civic Association! Here is my membership/donation. Please check the box next to the amount. Make checks payable to the Colonial Hills Civic Association, Inc.

Membership/Luminaria Drive 1993-'94

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Family Membership/Luminaria | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Family Membership only | <input type="checkbox"/> \$4 Family Luminaria only |
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From the editor...

The residents of Colonial Hills have a rare opportunity this holiday season. The opportunity is to do something for a family that is truly in need. Here in our neighborhood we have a young family that has been severely tried by a catastrophic illness, and is in great need of assistance.

On September 27 Jennifer Jones of 525 Colonial Avenue suffered a rare stroke-like condition in the middle of the night which damaged her spinal cord and paralyzed her from the neck down. In the following seven weeks that she was in the hospital some feeling and a very limited amount of movement returned to her body.

On November 11 she briefly returned to her home before she was accepted at Ohio State University Hospital's Dodd Hall rehabilitation center. She'll spend four to six weeks at Dodd Hall working with therapists long hours each day to try to regain as much use of her body as possible.

Jennifer's husband, Kevin, is a chef at Engine House No. 5 and has health insurance through his employer. However, almost any health insurance plan would be insufficient to cover the medical expenses of such a catastrophic illness.

With bills of several hundred thousand dollars from her first seven weeks in the hospital, the Jones' co-pay portion of the bill exceeds \$35,000 at this point, which is more than their current yearly income. The four to six weeks of rehabilitation at Dodd Hall will cost an additional \$1000 a day. Medicaid may pay a portion of that, but the Jones' will have to pay the rest because their medical insurance does not cover rehabilitation.

The trials of the Jones family won't end when Jennifer returns home after rehabilitation. Their home will need to be modified to give her better access. She will probably need ongoing medical care and therapy. She may need long term help to care for their two young children. They will certainly need financial help to cope with all the medical bills.

Friends and neighbors of the Jones' have established The Jennifer and Kevin Jones Benefit Fund at National City Bank. Donations can be made at all National City branches, or checks can be mailed to National City's Worthington branch, 6900 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. All money donated to the fund will be used for medical expenses. If you can think of any other way to help, call Kevin at 847-0460.

"Where does my money go?" was a question heard by several trustees collecting Membership/Luminaria money for the Civic Association. The short answer is that all the money goes back into the Colonial Hills community.

The money collected during the Membership/Luminaria drive is used to support the projects and programs of the Civic Association throughout the year. Each year the Civic Association holds four parties for children, this year spending \$350 on parties.

The Civic Association also makes charitable donations to local organizations. This year two \$750 scholarships will be given to local graduating high school seniors, \$400 will be given to local schools, and \$400 will be given to local youth oriented programs such as Camp Fire and Scouts. \$2300 will be spent this year on donations.

Luminaria money collected pays for the materials used to make the luminaria. The rest of the money needed by the organization is obtained through fund-raising activities such as the rummage sale, pumpkin sale, selling Entertainment books, and ad sales in both The Courier and the biennial directory.

Middle School Issues

The failure of the bond issue to build a new middle school in the northeast section of the Worthington school district has left the school administration and school board the sticky problem of where to put these kids. It appears that the Kilbourne building will have to be remodeled to provide the necessary space.

Some feel that there are problems associated with the Kilbourne building that cannot be fixed by remodeling. One is the traffic congestion on route 161, High Street, and Hartford Avenue. Another is the lack of space needed for all the middle school students in question.

Traditionally, all seventh and eighth grade students from Colonial Hills have gone to Worthingway Middle School. Some of the Colonial Hills people who were students at Worthingway now have their children attending the same school. In some instances their children even have the same teachers!

Nothing has been decided to date, but one of the solutions discussed is changing the school district boundaries to reassign children to different schools. If the school boundaries are changed, Colonial Hills students would attend the Kilbourne middle school instead of Worthingway. Colonial Hills students would walk to Kilbourne, rather than riding a bus.

I don't see any clear solutions to the middle school problem. What I do see is that any solution will be both practical and political, with an emphasis on the political. Other areas of the school district have recognized the political nature of the solution and have been expressing their opinions to the school superintendent and the school board members since shortly after the November election. If anyone in Colonial Hills has any opinions they had better be involved in the process before a solution is dictated to us.

Opinions expressed on the editorial page are strictly those of the editor and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Colonial Hills Civic Association, its' officers, trustees, or the community at large.

CHCA Holiday Happenings

The annual children's holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 19 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Selby Park shelter house.

Making the luminaria kits will take place on Saturday, December 18 from 9-12 a.m.. There is no better way to get the holiday spirit than to come to Selby Park and help! Dress warmly!

Trustees should pick up the luminaria for their district between 10 and 12 or make arrangements to have them picked up.

December, 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Come help make luminaria! 9-12, Selby Park
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1-2:30 Holiday Party Selby Park, 6-8, Decorating contest judging		CHCA Regular meeting, 7:15, Selby Park	Luminaria display, 7-10.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

The holiday decorating contest judging will be on Sunday, December 19 from 6-8 p.m.. See "The holiday decorating contest" on page 1 for contest rules and additional information.

The luminaria display date this year is December 22, from 7-10 p.m..

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