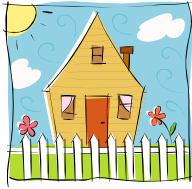


The Colonial Hills Courier

April



spring is here!

2007

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2007 7:00 P.M. @ SHELTER HOUSE

GREETINGS FROM CINDY.....

Spring is here and the dogs are out walking, kids are riding their bikes and it is time to get caught up with our neighbors that have been hibernating for the winter. Our Spring Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with lots of laughter, hopping around, sidewalk chalk, coffee, eggs and LOTS OF CANDY!!! If you were there I would love to get your feedback on how you thought the event was and if your kids had fun. You can send them to me to 471 Loveman, email them to chca@colonialhills.us or call me at 832-7704.....I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! We have lots of events planned for this summer and are going to be utilizing the Selby Park sign for events and updates so please keep an eye on the board. Picnics, hiking, farm trips, cookouts and more are going to be happening all spring and summer long. I look forward to meeting more of you and enjoying our wonderful community together.



NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Colonial Hills Monthly Outing

Join your Colonial Hills neighbors and friends for a monthly outing! The purpose of the monthly outing is to have fun with neighbors while exploring Central Ohio's many outdoor settings...it may even be educational. Each issue of the Courier will have the next three months outings. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Contact Rod Loveless (430 Colonial Ave., rodloveless@hotmail.com, 614-403-0527) if you would like to participate and for more details. I can also send out an email for those who would like to get a reminder 3 days prior to the outing....just email me the request!

April (4/14)

Stratford Ecological Center - Family Farm Chores

9:30am - 11:00am, \$10/family Bring your family to the farm for the experience of morning animal chores. Youngsters will collect eggs, water the animals, feed hay and grain, and get a chance to help milk the goats. Dress for dirt. www.stratfordecologicalcenter.org

May (5/12)

Highbanks Metro Park – Hike and Lunch (Rescheduled from March due to rain and muddy trails)

Meet at Selby Park at 10:30am, 2.3 mile hike, approx. 1-2 hours Hike on the Overlook Trail. This gravel surface trail runs through hardwood forest, enters the Edward F Hutchins State Nature Preserve, passes Native American earthworks and steep ravines, leading to an observation deck 100 feet above the Olentangy River.

June (6/24)

Big Darby National Scenic River – Canoe and Cookout

Meet at Selby Park at 10:30am You can't miss this one – it's officially SUMMER!!!!!! This is the big one neighbors – come out and enjoy the river! More details in the next issue – expect a BBQ after the canoe trip! Look for more details in each issue of the Courier. Hope you'll join in the fun!

SILLY TRIVIA FOR A FREE PRIZE

What year were the first 200 homes of Colonial Hills built? A) 1952 B) 1964 C) 1948 D) 1942

Please submit your answers to courier@colonialhills.us or call Cindy Molnar at 832-7704, the first correct answer will win a prize. The answer will be on the website at www.colonialhills.us

CHCA Officers – Please feel free to contact any of us with questions, concerns or ideas to improve our community.

President – Cindy Molnar 832-7704
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Treasurer – Lorie Cormany 888-7592

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Secretary – Sara Abele 430-8636
sarajabele@yahoo.com

Colonial Hills Dog Walk

The Civic Association will be hosting a dog walk on Saturday May 19th at 10 am at Highbanks Park. Just a casual stroll through their primitive dog path with some of your fellow Colonial Hills dog owners. There is only one trail that allows dogs, we will meet at the entrance located near the park ranger building. You do not need to have a dog to come and enjoy the company of your neighbors, but if you do bring one, please keep it on a leash and bring some baggies to clean up after your pet. If you have any questions please contact Courtney Jolley at 635-0700. Hope to see you there!

RUSH RUN CLEAN UP

Saturday, APRIL 21, 9AM—1PM

Come and Help! We are cutting and dragging out honeysuckle.

Bring your hand tools:

Garden trimmers, loppers and bow saws. Children 10+ only.

Under 18 yrs. must be supervised by adults. Drinking water provided on Site. Lunch is provided to all volunteers at Goodale Park by The Sierra Club at a community-wide Earth Day Celebration.

Sponsored by: FLOW

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, City of Worthington, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, the Sierra Club.

May 12th 9am – 1pm.

Planting of trees and herbaceous plants.

Volunteers, age 10 – adult needed.

Please RSVP Contact:

Marty Kotter, Project Coordinator, FLOW
mkotter@juno.com, 267-9009
or Cindy Molnar @ 985-0970

Need a Summer Nanny, Babysitter, or Mother's Helper?

Middle Childhood Education major at Ohio University
2006 Graduate of TWHS
Lifelong Colonial Hills Resident Future Worthington Teacher?!?!

Contact Emma McCandlish
(614)975-

1504, em124706@ohio.edu

Spring Gardening Tips!

Now that spring is finally here I am sure many of you are anxious to get out in the yard and start planting. Here are a few quick tips to help ensure success.

- Resist the urge to work the dirt too early. Many of us in

Colonial Hills have rather wet yards; don't till or cultivate until the dirt will crumble easily when squeezed in your hand. If when squeezed the dirt forms a ball, its too soon!

- Allow the soil to warm fully before planting any summer vegetables or more delicate annuals

- Start new grass or re-seed any bare spots in spring for the best results

- Prune early flowering shrubs such as forsythia or lilac immediately after blooming, next years buds will be begin to set within 10 days of the end of the bloom

- Sharpen pruning tools and mower blades to prepare for the season ahead.

- Transplant existing shrubs before they begin to leaf-out

- Cut back dead foliage from last years perennials and ornamental grasses

- Get a head start on weeding!

Staying on top of this chore early will help keep weeds from getting out of hand and roots are smaller in the spring, meaning weeds are easier to pull.



COLONIAL HILLS FAMILY FUN WALK

Friday May 18th from 3-5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Colonial Hills School Wellness

Committee, the walk is meant to encourage students and their families to get active.

The walk also coincides with our "Healthy Schools Week" (May 14th-18th). We are hoping to have some tables set up for interested groups to participate and share information (such as the Healthy Worthington Coalition, YMCA, etc.) at the Selby Shelter House. More details will be posted on the website and signs.

WORTHINGTON CITIZENS ACTION TEAM

Interested in Preparedness or Crisis Response? All disasters start and end at the local level. As such, the City of Worthington is taking the lead in disaster preparedness by forming a Citizens Action Team. Two volunteers will help organize the Colonial Hills effort. If you're interested in participating, or just learning more about it, please contact John Jolley at (614) 264-1597 or jjolley@columbus.rr.com or Brent Watson at (614) 226-8700.

2007 Neighborhood Updates/Directory

Please do not forget that we are having a cover contest for our upcoming Neighborhood Directory, which the theme is "***Building a Community.***" Please submit your entries which can be in any form of medium (paint, crayon, pencil, computer created, etc) to P.O. Box 676 Worthington, 43085. The deadline for entries is August 31st we will bring the entries to the meeting in September to decide a winner. Judging will be made by the attendees of our monthly meeting. Also if you are new

to the neighborhood or your information has changed please send updates to chca@colonialhills.us and we will be able to have correct information in our upcoming directory

Easter Egg Hunt

We had approximately 105 children participate in this year's event. Larry Hunt donated our stuffed Easter Bunnies and the rest of the prizes were donated by CHCA. Thank you to Ryan Hughes, Sara Abele, Rocky Stoeckel, Doug Matthies, Christine Hoersten, and our Easter Bunnies and to all of you who participated!

The winners of the Bunnies and Build an Animal were:

Hannah Berridge, Emily Wallace, Louis Dykstra, Katie Schwenger, Matalie Dinovo, Jackson Mobpay, David Forman, Harry Pasquinilli, Ian Duffy, Liam Smit, Hannah Green, Adam Dinovo, Katie McEmer
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Community News/Events

Farmers Market starting May 12th - October 27th

- Worthington Family Concerts on the Green – Sundays May 20th – August 12th – Free to the public.
 - May 12th Worthington Plant Festival
 - **May 20th** – Band Spectacular – Thomas Worthington Symphonic band and Wind Ensemble
 - **May 27th** – Agent 99
- For the full schedule you can call the Worthington Parks and Recreation Department at 436-2743 or visit

http://www.worthington.org/uploads/File/Worthington_Summer_Schedule_2007.pdf

AROUND COLUMBUS

Check out these local organizations for great activities outside of Worthington.

- Ohio Historical Society – Call 614-297-2300 for upcoming events or go to: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/index.html>
- www.downtowncolumbus.com - 645.5001
- www.fpconservatory.org – 645-8733 Blooms and Butterflies March 17th – September 3rd
- www.columbusmuseum.org - 221-6801 Harri Kallio - Dodo and Mauritius Island - Imaginary Encounters - January 26 - May 27, 2007
- www.shortnorth.org – 228-8050
- www.columbusmusichall.com - 464-0044
- www.germanvillage.com - 221-8888

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have a teenager graduating from high school or college this year? We would love to honor our Colonial Hills graduates by listing their names, where they are graduating from, and possibly future plans in the June edition of the Courier. Please contact Courtney Jolley at: 635-0700 or by email at chca@colonialhills.us with this information.