

President's Message

March brings our membership drive. We are asking \$15 for families and \$5 for singles and senior households. We use this money to pay for our events through the year, a scholarship for a Colonial Hills senior and to support the Courier and web site. We work hard as advocates for our community and to make our community an enjoyable place to live. We have also spent many hours correcting the 2009 directory, a draft of which will be provided to your trustees for final check with each resident. When your trustee stops by, please consider supporting us, and thank you!

George Campbell, 2009-10 CHCA President

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Upcoming Events

Tue Mar 10th Tue Apr 21st	Civic Association Meetings at the Shelterhouse. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.
Mar 6th 6:30 pm	Trustee Dinner, Champps at Crosswoods
Thu Mar 19th 6:30–8:00pm	Colonial Hills Thursday Social Night <i>House Wine, 644 High St.</i>
Mar 7th-28th	Annual Membership Drive.
Sat, Apr 4th 10:00 am	Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Selby Park) <i>Egg Stuffing Sat. Mar. 28th 10a-1p at the shelterhouse</i> <i>Rain date is Sat, Apr. 11th at 10 am</i>
Sat, Jun 27th 9am – 5pm	Community Garage Sale <i>Apply for a \$2 garage sale permit from the City Clerk, 6550 N. High St. by June 20th. You can download a permit from our web site!</i>

Babysitter List (and a Pet Sitter too)

- Rosemary Harris 436-6294, **newborns 8 wks-24 mo.**
- Tatiana Diaz-Packard, 226-5647, Red Cross Certified.
- Jesse Lilly, 352-4515
- Regina Miller, **Pet Sitter**, 306-2291

To be listed here, call George Campbell at **785-4999**,
Or send an e-mail to geocolumbus@gmail.com

New Neighbors

Please welcome our new neighbors during January, 2009.

- Rachel & Jeremy Little, 561 Park Overlook Drive

Yet Another Wind Storm

When Jym Ganahl warned of 60 mph winds for the night of February 11th, all we could think of was “not another week without power!” Fortunately, power stayed on, but many homes, such as this one on Kenbrook Drive, awoke to a toppled tree after a wild night of house-shaking winds.





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Chairs Needed for Upcoming Events

We still need chairpersons to run some of the upcoming events. Please contact George Campbell at 785-4999 (geocolumbus@gmail.com) or attend an upcoming Civic Association meeting to learn more.

- July 4th Kiddie Parade
- July 4th Games & Events
- Summer Movies at Selby Park
- 2009 Luminary Display
- 2009 Holiday Party co-chair (to assist Mary Ann Ogle)

Garden Club

I received some interest in the Garden Club, but nobody has stepped forward to chair it. Maybe if we set a specific goal it will generate more interest. I thought some hostas and summer bulbs around the sign at Park Boulevard Park would look nice and would be an easy first project. Let me know if you want to help and we'll set a date for this spring (George Campbell, 785-4999, geocolumbus@gmail.com)

Colonial Hills Thursday Social Night

Thanks to all who turned out for February's *Thursday Social Night* at **House Wine**, 655 High Street. We met neighbors new and old. We plan to meet there again on **Thursday, March 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm**, so please join us!

Egg Hunt – We need prize donations!!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am**. We will be holding our annual Egg Hunt at Selby Park. Should it rain, or the grounds be too muddy from a late snow melt, we will postpone one week to April 11th at 10:00 am. We will be stuffing plastic eggs with jellybeans and other goodies at the Shelterhouse on **Saturday, March 28th from 10 am – 1 pm**. We are seeking donations of Chocolate bunnies large and small, inexpensive toys, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Campbell's house, 554 Kenbrook Drive (785-4999).

Community Garage Sale

Dawn Curran has graciously agreed to chair the Community Garage Sale, scheduled for **June 27th**. We will advertise the sale and hand out a map at Selby Park Shelterhouse listing all the participants. If you wish to participate:

1. File a \$2 garage sale permit with the City of Worthington clerk (6550 North High Street). The permit must be submitted seven days prior to the sale. You can download a permit from our web site, www.colonialhills.us, or get it from the City clerk.

2. Notify Dawn Curran (433-0317, dawnmariecurran@yahoo.com) of your intention to participate so that we can include you in the neighborhood map.

Colonial Hills Stimulus?

You can't escape the bad economic news these days, and we hate to mention it here. However, with all the new economic plans coming out of D.C., we wondered how this would benefit the Hills. Here are some specific examples we found:

1. If you have not owned home during the previous three years, then you are a **first time home buyer**, and can qualify for a \$8000 tax credit if you buy a house before December 1, 2009. The credit is reduced if you earn more than \$75K filing singly, or \$150K filing jointly. Unlike last year's plan, you don't have to repay the money later. The Hills has always attracted first time home buyers, and we expect this will increase home sales.
2. If you **buy a car or truck**, you can deduct the sales and excise taxes, and you don't have to itemize to claim it. Limited to vehicles up to \$49,500 and incomes below \$125K. This is probably worth \$1000, and of course local dealers have their own aggressive deals.
3. If you have a **child in college**, you will be able to deduct up to \$2500 per year of tuition costs, provided you make less than \$80K single or \$160K jointly.

You may also be eligible to have your mortgage payment reduced if it exceeds 31% of your gross income. Contact your lender for details.

Wildlife Photo Challenge

We received word from a Park Overlook resident that a coyote had been spotted in the wooded area around Robert Poste Lake (between the tracks and Sinclair Rd.). The Courier is offering a **\$50 prize** for anyone who gets a photo of a coyote in Colonial Hills. Photos must be clear enough to publish in the *Courier*, and should be identifiable as Colonial Hills.

Cub Scout Pack 331 Pinewood Derby Results

The Civic Association sponsors Cub Scout Pack 331, which is led by Dan Button. Here are the results from their Pinewood Derby held at Colonial Hills Elementary School on February 19th. There were 17 youth cars registered, and one ambitious adult (Mike Cross) who simply put 4 wheels on the block of wood. I called it the "rustic" or the "minimalist" car.

Here are the winners:

Timmy Berridge	1st place	Fastest Car in the Pack
Hugo Winkler	2nd place	Faster Car in the Pack
Jeremy Wellman	3rd place	Fast Car in the Pack
Viekko Winkler	1st place	Tiger Den
Elias Wise	1st place	Wolf Den
Grant Cross	1st place	Bear Den
Douglas Button	1st place	Webelos Den

Issac Wise won Most Creative Car (coffin with wheels)
Scooter Nadolny won Best Design (off-road racer)

Special thanks to Craig Hackman (former Cub Scout Parent) of Hackman Frames for setting-up the track and scoring system, and essentially running the race. And, a thank you to Tom Dennison for judging cars for Most Creative and Best Design.



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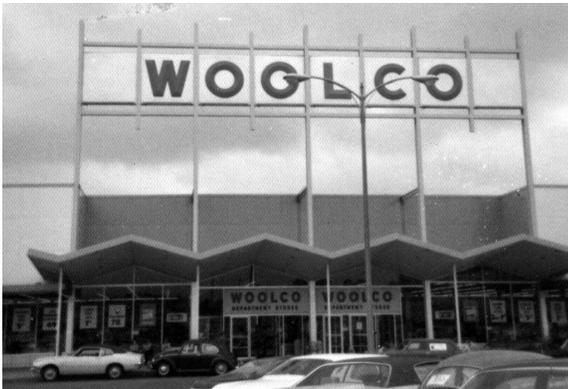
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New businesses at Graceland

Just a few years ago, many of us thought Graceland Shopping Center was going the way of so many local shopping centers. When the proposal to extend Bethel Road across the river into the middle of Graceland's parking lot failed, the future looked bleak, and when Big Bear and Drug Emporium went under, many of us wondered what would fill the void.

Today, it seems Graceland has turned the corner. The old Woolco building that housed Drug Emporium and Burlington Coat Factory most recently, has been taken down. In its place, a new glass and chrome fitness center called Urban Active. Their web site (www.urbanactive.com) states that the new facility will include an indoor lap pool, children's play room, basketball, racket ball and cardio Movie Theater. I'm not sure what this last thing is but it does indicate Urban Active's commitment to this area. More information can be obtained by calling the Preview Center at (614) 310-0770 or visiting them at 151 Graceland Blvd. (in the same section at Office Max and the Chinese Buffett) between 7 am and 10 pm Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 9 pm Friday, 9 am to 7 pm Saturday or 11 am to 7 pm Sunday.



This 1970 photo shows the Woolco building that stood at the back of Graceland Shopping Center from 1963 – 2007.



Urban Active Fitness Center under construction in February, 2009

The corner recently vacated by Bear Rock Café next to the Target also has new life. Qdoba Mexican Grill recently opened. Qdoba is a chain of southwestern specialties including burritos, tacos, nachos, etc. While I have not tried this location, the location at Polaris has nachos that I've really enjoyed. Their salsa is fresh and enjoyable if you like enjoy cilantro, as I do. I find the burritos too large but many of my coworkers rave about them. Call 614-840-0411 for more information.

Even the old Howard Johnson's building on High Street facing Bob Evan's has a fresh lease on life as the newest CS Bank location. Perhaps you were disappointed (as we were) when the Melting Pot fondue restaurant decided to relocate to Easton. We were more chagrined when the building sat idle for months. When they started to reconstruct the building for its new tenant, we assumed it would be another restaurant. What a surprise when the ATM and teller drive through went up! Cooper State Bank (CS Bank) boasts that it is Columbus' most convenient Bank with evening and weekend hours. Some of the features touted on their web site (www.csbank.com) include free coin counting machines, free checking and full service banking by phone. I could not determine when the new location will open. You could contact the location at 1616 Route 161 with a visit or call them at 614-741-0275 for more information. – Kelly Campbell

Real Estate For Sale / For Rent

----- For sale as of 2/23/09 -----

Address	Asking	Contact
179 Lake Ridge	\$528,000	Tim Meacham 438-7118
5695 Foster	\$224,900	Susan Holtsberry 889-0808
354 Park Blvd.	\$199,900	Tiffany Panhuis 447-0808
473 Kenbrook	\$197,900	Dave Johnson 353-7715
554 Park Blvd.	\$182,500	Glen Moog 578-2433
5637 Indianola	\$175,000	Dave Arthur 778-3700
5557 Foster	\$160,000	Lorraine Lynn
345 Kenbrook	\$153,900	Russell Elliott 939-1509
507 S. Selby	\$143,900	David Baker 989-5662
Empty lot west of 164 E. Selby	call	Judd Betts Builder 888-5833

----- For rent as of 2/23/09 -----

Address	Monthly Rent	Contact
283 Kenbrook	Call	Paul Groeniger 848-9400

Sale is pending on 492 N. Selby (\$149K), 264 Kenbrook (\$167K), 208 Kenbrook (\$200K) and 551 Park Blvd. (\$207K). 240 Kenbrook is scheduled for Sheriff's Auction on April 3rd.

Mike's Home Repair

Handyman Service

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for list of services and references

A Colonial Hills resident 614-436-4902