



## President's Message

Thanks to all for making our big July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend great! We got lots of positive feedback on the events, including the movie night, 5K race and July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. We had so many volunteers who pitched in to make it happen. Remember that **Play Café** runs Saturdays from 8:30 am – 10:30 am at the Shelterhouse through the end of the summer. In October we are planning a **flu shot clinic** and of course, the **Halloween Parade and Party** at Selby Park. You'll find dates listed in this issue and at our always updated web site, [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us)

George Campbell, 2009-10 CHCA President

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### Upcoming Events

Every Sat.  
8:30–10:30 a

Play Café – java, juice and jelly donuts at the Selby Park Shelterhouse.

Tue Aug 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tue Sep 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tue Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Civic Association Meetings at the Shelterhouse. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

Sun Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

Flu Shot Clinic at the Shelterhouse, time T.B.A.

Sun Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

3-5 pm - Halloween Parade around Selby Park and party in the Shelterhouse. Come in costume!

Sat Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

10a – 1p Luminary Assembly at Selby Park  
3p – 5p Kid's Holiday Party

Tue Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

6-10 pm - Holiday Decorating Contest

Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

7pm - Light your luminaries!

### Babysitter List (and a Pet Sitter too)

- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Tatiana Diaz-Packard**, 226-5647, Red Cross Certified baby sitter.
- **Perri MacKenzie**, 846-2415, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter
- **Regina Miller**, 306-2291, professional pet sitter
- **Zach Weinle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.

### New Neighbors for February and March

Please take time to welcome our new neighbors. Our welcome committee chair is Julie McCord, 395-1914.

- Heidi Jones, 457 Park Overlook Dr.
- Robert Gordon, 524 Park Overlook Dr.
- Linda Lauanders, 396 Kenbrook Dr.
- Marisa Miller, 542 Park Blvd.
- Kevin Minner, 5557 Foster Ave.

### COTA Service To Be Maintained

We just learned that COTA's proposal to terminate service on the #2 loop through the Hills has been modified to a proposed reduction in service. Specifically, they will offer three runs each in the morning and evening instead of five, beginning in September. Worthington Estates will also get to keep its loop. Both Worthington Estates and Colonial Hills were represented by residents at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with COTA, but nobody from the McCord Park area came, and the McCord Park loop is still be cut. A second public hearing to discuss these plans will be held at Worthington City Hall on **August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7 pm**. Thanks to all who came out to support this service, especially **Paul Feldman, Doug Matthies** and **Dan Bunn**.

### Shelterhouse Repairs Planned for 2010

In these tight budget times we were gratified to learn that the \$15,000 roof and gutter replacement (much needed) for the Selby Park Shelterhouse survived in the capital budget. We expect the work to be completed in the first half of 2010.



## July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Flags & Movie Night



**Above:** Colonial Hills was festooned with flags the week of our July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Thank you to Cynthia MacKenzie and her entire team who provided the flags and helped the Civic Association put them up. **Right:** Colonial Hills kids rise above their peers during movie night intermission – *Photo by Joni Duffy.*



Movie Night was held the night before the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration to take advantage of the big tent the Civic Association rented. We served popcorn, smores and lots of Looney Tunes. When we showed the feature *The Princess Bride* the audience seemed to know all the lines. *Photo by George Campbell*

## Independence Day – A Timeless Classic



The parade around Selby Park. **Left** – in 2009 (Jeff Soiu) and **right** in 1955 (the Leubben family).



**Left** – the Buttons go sailing on Selby. **Center** – Mary Ann Ogle directs the parade. **Right** – Gary Ogle takes a break from cooking hot dogs to show the kids some old school ball spinning.



Enjoying the day. **Left:** From right to left, busy selling tickets, are Jessie Keeler, Meredith Bruns, Seamus Bruns, David Curran, Julie Kiggins and Karen Young. Susan Keeler (not pictured) also spent the entire day selling tickets. Thanks to all our volunteers! **Right:** Jeff McCargish and Laura Clark of *The Laura Clark Band* do a Turtles cover. Jeff teaches Vocational Ed at Fort Hayes High School, and his band really knocked everyone out with their excellent vibe.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Recognition

### Movie Night – July 3rd

**Jim Duffy** and **Rocky Stoeckel** provided fire pits and wood for the smores, **The Koeppen Family** donated a fire pit. **Gillian & Jeff Warmkessel** and **Jesse Keeler** kept the popcorn coming. **Joni Duffy** made an emergency run to the store when the crowd was bigger than expected. All the parents pitched in to make it work.

### Kiddie Parade – July 4th

**Mary Ann and Robin Ogle** supervised the parade. **Dan Bunn** got the flag untangled at the last minute (phew!), **Dan Button's sons Mitchell and Doug** (Cub Scout Pack 331) led The Pledge of Allegiance. **Jeff Soiu** from Parks & Rec provided the sound system and music. **Christine Hayes** set up a table before the parade with lots of bling for decorating bikes.

### Concessions – July 4th

We received this note from the concession co-chairs:

For a job well done, we would like to extend a hardy THANK YOU to all who helped man the Concession Stand on July 4th, 2009.

**Rocky Stockle, David Wallace, Tom Rieder, Desiree Forbes, Cathy Moore, Stephanie Hoyle, Robin Ogle**

**Mary Ann Ogle**, co chair  
**Gary Ogle**, co chair

Our group would also like to extend an extra thanks to all the work that George Campbell put in to make this July 4th, 2009 on the path to a great entertainment spot for our children in the Hills.

### Games & Amusements – July 4th

**Christine Hoersten** once again supervised our games. She makes it happen by involving her family and friends in this labor intensive aspect of the celebration!

**The Guerreros** (Christine's husband and kids) - **Don, Aiden** and **Gabe**

**The Galassos** (Christine's sister) - **Judi, Bob, Emma** and **Anna**

**The Gelins- Roy, Anne, Casey** and **Sean Elizabeth Gabriel, Bradley Warchol, Seth Shanley, Ian Duffy, Jack Norman, Brett Brilski, Sam MacKenzie**

Civic Association Vice President **Stephanie Hoyle** supervised the bounce houses. Ticket takers were **Roy Gelin, Bobbi Justice** and **Craig & Erika Rutherford**.

### Ticket Sales & Raffle – July 4th

We would like to commend **Susan Keeler, Jesse Keeler, Dawn Curran, Karen Young, Meredith Bruns, David Curran, Julie Kiggins** and **Karen Young** for helping sell tickets.

### Chairs

**Henk DeRee** let us borrow chairs and tables from **Colonial Hills School**. **Gretchen Wessel** and **Cynthia Keller** let us into the building. Many volunteers helped cart the 120 chairs and 8 tables over to the park and back.

### Kiddie Parade

The 2009 Annual Kiddie Parade was held on July 4th under clear, sunny skies, with many little ones coming out to entertain the spectators at Selby Park with their creative decorations.

The parade was filled with; bicycles, tricycles, floats, strollers, walkers and dogs all in costume to commemorate our Independence Day. As is tradition, they all circled Selby Park to marching music as provided by Jeff Soiu, long time Worthington Recreation and Parks Employee, who will be retiring this year. On behalf of the Colonial Hills Civic Association, a huge Thank You to Jeff for his many years of being involved with our celebration.

The following is a list of categories and prize winners:

#### Bicycles

First Place:	Marin Henry	Age 6
Second Place:	Avery Jehn	Age 3
Third Place:	Brayden Jehn	Age 5

#### Tricycles

First Place:	Will Barnes	Age 2
	Rosalee Generas	Age 4
Second Place:	Sophia Ziss	Age 2
Third Place:	Casey Harden	Age 3
	Alex Campbell	Age 7

#### Strollers

First Place:	Noah Huff	Age 1
Second Place:	Rosali Gengras	Age 4
Third Place:	Lucy Castle Ramiaz	Age 3

#### Floats

First Place:	Douglas Button	Age 10
	Mitchell Button	Age 7
	Meredith Button	Age 2
Second Place:	Jack Scranton	Age 3
Third Place:	James Weaver	Age 1

#### Walkers

First Place:	Jake Hufstedler	Age 2
	Abby Stephenson	Age 6
	Anna Stephenson	Age 8
Second Place:	Adam Libby	Age 2
	Elias Libby	Age 5
	Violet Libby	Age 3

#### Scooters

First Place:	Seamus Bruns	Age 6
Second Place:	Julie Orloff	Age 10
Third Place:	Caden Duffy	Age 7

## Retired

We note that the Worthington Parks and Recreation Department is losing its Recreation Supervisor to retirement this August, as **Jeff Soiu** hangs up his bullhorn. Jeff has been a strong supporter of the Colonial Hills Civic Association, lending his help and personality to our events over many years. You might recall the double eagle statues at Selby Park, the carving of which Jeff initiated. We wish Jeff a pleasant retirement and hope to see him at next year's Egg Hunt and July 4<sup>th</sup> anyway.

## Play Café Season Continues

Play Café meets every **Saturday from 8:30-10:30 am** at the Selby Park Shelterhouse through September. It is an opportunity to chat with neighbors, let the kids play, and enjoy coffee and donuts. Coffee or juice, 20 oz size, costs a dollar. Donuts are \$0.75 each. Kid size 10 oz juice is only \$0.50. Various activities are planned throughout the season – so stop by and enjoy the fun!



**June 13th's Play Cafe' attracted 19 children to learn Origami folding by Colonial Hills grandparent and author Raul Rosado.**



  
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## We Need 8,000 Baby Food Jars. Seriously.

Never one to ask too little of its residents, the Civic Association has determined that it needs 8,000 baby food jars by November 30<sup>th</sup>. The jars should be cleaned and placed in bags on the porch of **Will Pearce** (365 S. Selby, 888-8236). Obviously, not everyone is feeding babies from jars so if you can come up with any clear jars similar to those we will gratefully accept them.

## Community Garden in Harvest Mode

**Kelly Campbell** reports that the Community is producing many squash, cukes and zukes! June saw the harvesting of strawberries and raspberries. We are hoping to produce enough pumpkins to sell some at the Halloween Party in October.



**The fifteen families participating in this year's pilot project have worked hard to tend their plots, and have produced a section of land with a great variety of plants.**

Kelly also took our first load of donated produce to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen downtown on West Broad Street. The Community Garden was started in March when land owner and East Southington resident George Norris offered to let us use some of his land at 5567 Sinclair Rd.

We will have some hostas available for transplanting in August, so if you are in need of some please contact Kelly at 785-4999.

## Scholarship Winner

Your Civic Association awarded \$850 to **Tim O'Brien**, 540 Loveman Ave. during a ceremony at Thomas Worthington High School on May 18th. **Mary Youtz**, chairwoman of the scholarship committee, presented the award. Tim has been a long time Civic Association volunteer and we wish him the best as he begins the next phase of his education.

Mary reminds parents that we had only one applicant this year and could have accepted two. Because we have a 10 hour volunteer requirement, the scholarship is difficult to qualify for at the last minute. We suggest students begin volunteering in middle school. The scholarship is for any kind of continuing education after high school, and is available to any senior, not just Thomas Worthington graduates. You can download a copy of the application at our web site, [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us)

## Happy Birthday to Our Park's Namesake

**Augustine Dawson Selby** will be 150 years old on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Former Hills resident **Mark Gideon** is doing some more in depth research on Selby, and we look forward to his report next month.

## Real Estate

----- For sale as of 7/17/09 -----

Address	Asking	Contact
507 S. Selby	\$139,000	David Baker 989-5662
545 S. Selby	\$149,900	Jack Lamberson 396-4298
568 Loveman	\$166,500	Erin Davis 438-7121
517 Meadoway	\$174,900	Cynthia MacKenzie 848-8877
309 Park Blvd.	\$164,900	Sara Bonnie 847-1111
5590 Indianola	\$184,900	Cynthia MacKenzie 848-8877
512 Park Overlk	\$189,800	Bob Bryden 791-0144
207 Loveman	\$189,800	Michele Gillis-Wright 848-9400
345 Park Blvd	\$199,900	Patrick Belcher 324-2331
70 E. Southington	\$274,900	Jo Anne LaBuda 431-9343
179 Lake Ridge	\$499,900	Timothy Meacham 985-5890

## Home for Rent

Beautiful Colonial Hills home. Four bedrooms, two full baths, family room, large screened back porch, full basement, private fenced backyard, nicely landscaped. A must see. Available Immediately. Please call 263-4232 or contact [mgideon@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mgideon@columbus.rr.com)

## Printer for Sale

Mary Wiles (846-2378) has a Canon Pixma MP480 printer for sale for \$50.

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## Membership Drive Nets \$3,200

Thanks to all our residents for contributing so generously to this March's membership drive. This successful drive combined with the excellent financial stewardship of the previous board (**Cindy Molnar, Courtney Jolley, Trina Williams and Lorrie Cormany**) positioned the Civic Association to pull off a larger July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration this year while still being able to offer two scholarships next year. Our plan is to spend your money wisely, but boldly, to advance the goals of the Civic Association – offering events that bring neighbors together, maintaining a strong sense of identity and tradition and promoting the interests of our neighborhood. Thank you!

## Hills loses 38 lbs – Contest Continues!

Our first monthly “Colonial Hills Biggest Loser” contest concluded with a total weight loss of 38 lbs among the 6 participants in July. Dawn Curran (433-0317, [dawnmariecurran@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnmariecurran@yahoo.com)) informs me that the success of the first contest has prompted her to continue on this month.

You pay \$5 into the pot and the winner is the one who has lost the most percentage body weight. **So come to the Shelterhouse between 8:30 and 10:30 am on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> with \$5 and participate in this healthful contest!**

## Ravine Maintenance

Rocky Stoeckel has been leading an effort to maintain Schoolhouse Ravine for several years. Specifically, the removal of the honeysuckle infestation, clearing paths and gathering places for students and keeping the culvert under the walkway clear. You'll recall that Schoolhouse Ravine runs between the back of Colonial Hills School and Rush Creek, and the small creek that runs through it is a tributary to Rush Creek. This area is used by students to walk to school, and as a place to hold school programs. Another group work day is being planned for October, and we'll provide the exact date and time when we get it. In the meantime, we offer a homework assignment: Google “honeysuckle” and find out why this erstwhile ornamental English garden shrub is destroying the wild areas of Ohio.

## Neighborhood Garage Sale Success

Thanks to **Anne Curran** for organizing the June 27<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Garage Sale. **Cynthia MacKenzie** of Keller Williams Capital Partners Realty payed for the very successful advertising and provided sale kits to participants. We had more than 70 homes participate, and gave out nearly 200 maps at the Shelterhouse. After the sale, **Tammy Wallace** arranged for **Boy Scout Troop 474** to pick up unsold and unwanted items to use for their fundraising sale later this year. Overall, a rousing success!



**South Selby home arrayed for the yard sale**

## Tree Planting

John Toth of the Worthington Arbor Committee and Andover resident Josh Flory are developing a curbside tree planting plan for the Selby entrance to our community – specifically the area from High Street up to the first few homes. The City undertakes one or two tree planting projects, usually along commercial areas, each year. John feels the City should make a project out of a residential area instead and ours would be a good place to start. John is also working to change City policy so that residents can plant \$30 nursery trees rather than having to pay \$200 for larger ones. We'll keep you posted.