



President's Message

First of all, thanks to all who supported our school and neighborhood last month. I believe this investment will pay dividends, both in the education of our children and in the liquidity of our real estate market.

This month completes my first year as CHCA President, a year in which your participation defined our success. Secretary Trina Williams completed six years (!) of service to the Civic Association with a successful Halloween Party last month. Thank you Trina for all you have done! I am pleased to announce that Tina Mayton on Kenbrook Drive is planning to take her place. This leaves only the Vice President position open for 2010. More on that below. I am looking forward to our upcoming holiday events – we hope you and your family will join us for these timeless Colonial Hills traditions.

George Campbell, 2009-10 CHCA President

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Upcoming Events

Sat Nov 21st
 10 am – 1 pm

Food Drive; leave food on porch & we pick up

Tue Dec 8th
 7:30 pm

Civic Association Meeting at the Shelterhouse.

Sat Dec 12th
 10 am – 1 pm
 3 pm – 5 pm

Luminary Assembly at Selby Park
 Kid's Holiday Party

There is no Christmas Tree sale this year.

Tue Dec 15th
 6 pm – 10 pm

Holiday Decorating Contest

Sun Dec 20th
 7 pm

Light your luminaries. *Enjoy the sight and join us for hot coco and cookies at the Shelterhouse. There is no luminary rain date this year.*

Sitters – Baby and/or Pet!

- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Tatiana Diaz-Packard**, 226-5647, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter.
- **Casey Gelin**, 885-4701, Red Cross Cert., TWHS honor student
- **Perri MacKenzie**, 846-2415, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter
- **Regina Miller**, 306-2291, professional pet sitter
- **Caroline Smyth**, 785-7064, Red Cross Certified baby sitter.
- **Zach Weinle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.

Civic Association Seeks Vice President

The CHCA needs a Vice President who can help coordinate volunteers and be a general assistant. Serving as VP does not in any way obligate you to serve as President in the future. Rather, the Vice President might arrange for refreshments at the Luminary Assembly, or round up volunteers to staff the bounce toys on July 4th. Its jack-of-all trades position. Note that we run the administrative side of the CHCA with the least amount of organization and paperwork required to get the traditional events done. Our November monthly meeting only lasted 50 minutes. Call George Campbell at 785-4999 (geocolumbus@gmail.com) for details if you are interested in serving in this interesting position.

Food Drive!

Saturday, November 21st

10 am - noon

We will collect food from front porches, steps, driveways, etc.

Coordinated effort with Colonial Hills Elementary School.

Supports both St. Michael's and the Worthington Food Pantry.

Food will go to residents in the Worthington School District.

Fats, Oils & Sweets

Jelly and jam
Honey
Sugar
Mayonnaise
Vegetable oil
Salad dressing
Syrup

Milk, Yogurt & Cheese

Infant formula
Powdered milk
Instant breakfast drinks
Canned and boxed pudding

Canned or dried beans

Baked beans
Canned Chili
Peanut Butter
Canned Nuts

Vegetables

Canned Vegetables
Vegetable Soup
Canned Tomato products
Spaghetti Sauce
Baby Food Vegetables
V-8 Juice



Fruits

Canned Fruit
Raisins
Applesauce
Dried Fruits
Baby Food Fruit
Fruit Leather (100% fruit)
Canned & Boxed 100% Juice

Bread, Cereal, Rice & Pasta

Rice and rice mixes
Canned Pastas
Noodle mixes
Dry noodles and pastas
Macaroni and Cheese Mix
Cold Cereals
Shredded Wheat
Infant Cereal
Oatmeal
Bread & Muffin Mixes
Pancake Mix
Whole-Grain Crackers
Granola Bars
Graham Crackers
Flour

Meat, Poultry, Fish,

Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Canned Beef Stew
Bean soups

If you cannot participate on that Saturday, you can drop off food on the front porch of 554 Kenbrook Drive any time this holiday season and we'll get it delivered. Thank you!

Colonial Hills 2009 Holiday Activities

Help Us Assemble the Luminary Kits!

Show up at the Shelterhouse on **Saturday, December 12th from 10 am – 1 pm** for our annual assembly line production. Many hands make quick work, and its fun too!

Celebrate the Holidays at our Kid's Party

Come to the Shelterhouse on **Saturday, December 12th from 3 pm – 5 pm**. Crafts! Cookies and punch! And Santa, of course. Our neighborhood kid parties are always fun and always free!



Decorate Your House!

Our judges will be out on **Tuesday, December 15th between 6 pm and 10 pm** to judge Colonial Hills holiday lights. There are nine ways to win:

- Most Artistic, Most Illuminated* and Most Original
- Best Overall Home – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Best Front Door – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

The prize is a framed 8 x 10” picture of your decorated home taken at night.



Light Your Luminaries ... and Join Us For Hot Coco at the Shelterhouse

Light your luminaries at **7 pm on Sunday, December 20th**. Stop by the Shelterhouse for hot coco and cookies as you enjoy the spectacle. *There is no rain date so its all or nothing this year.*



* Also known as the Griswold award, in honor of Chevy Chase from 1989's *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, not the 19th century Worthington innkeeper of the same name. If you measure holiday spirit in kilowatts, then this award might be for you!

Housing Tax Credits Continue

Civic Association trustee **Jack Gabalski**, who is also a Realtor with Prudential Plus, sent me a link to a web site that explains all the Federal Tax Credits that are available to home buyers. You may have noticed that Colonial Hills benefited from 2009's **first time home buyer** incentive – it really helped to keep the houses moving. For 2010, it looks like **move-up buyers** can also benefit. If you are doing the moving math, check out www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com for details.

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Scott Meyers Joins Council

On November 3, Scott Meyers became the first Colonial Hills resident elected to Worthington City Council since 1982. Scott distinguished himself during our meet the candidate night at the Shelterhouse with his comprehensive grasp of Worthington issues and realistic approach to governing honed during service in the State Attorney General's Office. We think anyone who has been through several sixth grade clap-outs and spent volunteer hours at the shelterhouse is bound to make a great a council member. Congratulations, Scott!

We also note that fifth place challenger D.J. Falcoski's development experience and enthusiasm made us wish there was a fifth seat open, and we hope he will run again in the future. Worthington is blessed with talented candidates who care deeply about our city and are willing to serve in a tough job.

Halloween Party Attracts 70 Goblins

We think the costumes at our annual Halloween Party are getting more inventive every year. In addition to princesses, vampires and action heroes, we also had a John Deere tractor and the Sun (complete with eight planets plus whatever Pluto is). Party organizer **Trina Williams** decided to set up trick-or-treat stations around the park, and that worked out really well. Crafts, refreshments, a story and beautiful weather added to the occasion. I am always grateful for the volunteers who show up and make our events work – and I know that in 2030 adults will be fondly remembering their childhood in Colonial Hills because of the efforts we put forth in the golden age of their childhoods. We especially would like to thank **Cynthia MacKenzie** at **Keller Williams Capital Partners** for providing each child with a gift bag.

Resident Seeking Play Group

I want to start up a playgroup for all Colonial Hills kids starting kindergarten. I think it would be great for the kids to get to know each other over the next year and go off to school with familiar faces and close group of friends. We can discuss details as we get more kids interested. Please contact me if you are interested.

Denise Barnes, 848-7807, 329 Park Blvd



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Luminary Design Improvements Update

I wanted to give my neighbors an update regarding progress in implementing the luminary design improvements that I described in my article in the September Courier.

As you may recall, these improvements consisted of the following items, which will be provided for in our luminary kit assembly activities, Saturday, December 12th:

- 1 Putting a candle into a 4 ounce baby food jar.
- 2 Doubling the amount of sand which we had previously used
- 3 Using pea gravel instead of concrete sand
- 4 Changing the instructions to explain that using the baby food jars is optional (the jar provides protection for the candle against inclement weather)
- 5 Changing the instructions to eliminate the provision for a postponement date
- 6 Putting the paper lunch sacks, candles, instructions and jars in a closable plastic bag, to keep the lunch sacks and instructions dry – then putting this closed plastic bag in with the pea gravel in a plastic grocery sack

However, due to far less neighbor participation than I had planned for, we have fallen well short of being able to collect the required number of baby food jars, so as to be able to have one jar for each candle in all the kits for all the homes in Colonial Hills. Specifically, by the end of the collection period (December 5th), I estimate that we will have collected approximately 1000 of the 4000 jars required.

And, the vast majority of the jars that we have collected to date, have come from the Worthington child care centers which are listed in the Courier.

Thus, at our November Civic Association meeting, we decided that we will arbitrarily allocate the jars as follows: first, to the kits that will be used for the luminaries surrounding Selby Park, and then to the districts in district number order, starting with District #1, until we run out of jars.

Therefore, I am disappointed to report that for the majority of neighbors, we will not be able to supply jars for your kits this year. For those residents who do not have jars in their kits, if the weather is inclement, and if you wish, a suggestion is that you might put your luminary candles in votive candle jars, in order to achieve the same beneficial effect as would have been achieved using baby food jars.

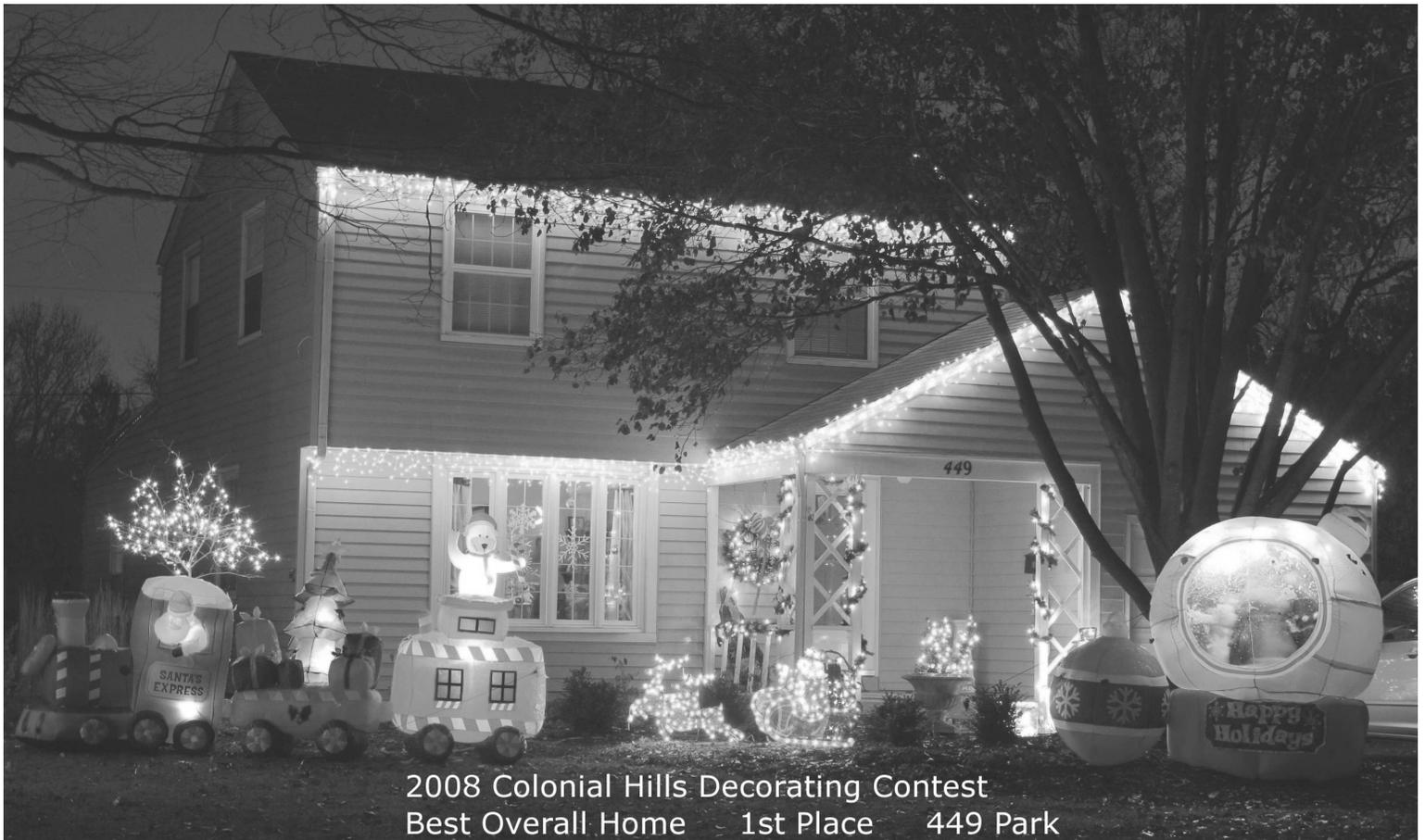
Finally, if you do receive baby food jars in your luminary kits, you are requested to return the jars to me, for use in next year's luminary kits.

If you have any questions, please call me at 888-8236, or send me an e-mail: willpearce@columbus.rr.com.

Thank you,
Will Pearce
365 S. Selby Blvd



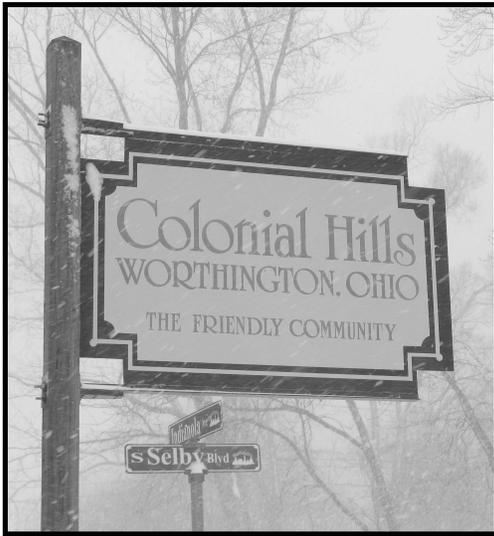
**Trick or Treat Night on Loveman Avenue
Thursday, October 29, 2009**



**2008 Colonial Hills Decorating Contest
Best Overall Home - 1st Place - 449 Park**

In case you need inspiration, here is last year's Holiday Decorating Contest Winner!

From the 2010 Farmer's Almanac Winter Prediction



“Old Man Winter doesn’t want to give up his frigid hold just yet, but his hold will mostly be in the middle of the country.

According to the 2010 Farmers’ Almanac, this winter will see more days of shivery conditions: a winter during which temperatures will average below normal for about three-quarters of the nation.

A large area of numbingly cold temperatures will predominate from roughly east of the Continental Divide to west of the Appalachians. The coldest temperatures will be over the northern Great Lakes and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. But acting almost like the bread of a sandwich, to this swath of unseasonable cold will be two regions with temperatures that will average closer to normal - the West Coast and the East Coast.” [the photos on this page were taken on March 9, 2008]

