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President's Message

Spring is one of CHCA's busiest times of year. April is when we hold our annual Trustees Dinner and launch our membership drive and, of course, there's the Easter Egg Hunt! CHCA is also launching two new projects this month: Publication of a new Colonial Hills Neighborhood Directory (completion goal: July) and a renewed Welcome Baskets program for new residents. Thanks to **Will Pearce** and **Jenny Kendall** for organizing these efforts. They will promote our goals of keeping Colonial Hills friendly, welcoming, and in touch. We can always use help. Email me at jcar Smyth@gmail.com to volunteer, and Happy Spring!

-- Julie Smyth, President

It's time for the Egg Hunt!

CHCA welcomes new event sponsor

Friends and neighbors will gather **Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m. SHARP** for the annual Colonial Hills Easter Egg Hunt. Please remember to be a little early, as this event begins promptly and goes *fast!*

CHCA is welcoming **Meacham Real Estate and Rolls Realty** as this year's event sponsors. Please thank them for their support. A special thanks also to **Rachael Dorothy**, who chairs this event faithfully each year. Please stop up and help Rachael stuff eggs for the hunt on April 5th at Selby Shelterhouse. All are welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 8, MAY 13

CHCA Meetings, 7:30 p.m.,
Selby shelterhouse

APRIL 5

Easter Egg Stuffing, Selby
10 a.m. – All welcome!

APRIL 12

Easter Egg Hunt, Selby Park
10 a.m. SHARP

APRIL 15

CHCA Scholarship deadline
(details p. 2)

APRIL 16

Annual Trustees Dinner
6-8 p.m. at Dewey's Pizza

APRIL 19

RAIN DATE for Egg Hunt

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Residents are encouraged to contribute articles for publication.



These Colonial Hills Elementary fifth- and sixth-grade students competed in the district's spelling bee sponsored by Leadership Worthington. They had a strong showing against 24 other teams.



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COLONIAL HILLS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

APPLICATIONS DUE: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

The Colonial Hills Civic Association presents at least one scholarship each year, budget permitting, to a high school senior who lives within the neighborhood. Multiple scholarships may be awarded based on candidate qualifications and available funds.

Requirements include documentation of 10 hours of community service within Colonial Hills and attending at least one CHCA meeting. These meetings are held at the Selby Park Shelterhouse at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

Volunteer opportunities are many, including assisting at CHCA annual events, park clean-up, self-generated volunteer ideas and more.

Applications are available at the Colonial Hills website, www.colonialhills.us. For more information, contact a member of the CHCA Board.



COLONIAL HILLS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Have you ever heard of a Little Free Library? Here's the deal: You take a sturdy, waterproof, small structure, fill it with books, set it up outside, add a sign ("take a book, leave a book" is popular), and watch what happens. Little libraries like this are popping up all over the U.S. and world. There are even some close by, including one in Worthington off of East Wilson Bridge Road, and one in Clintonville. Check out littlefreelibrary.org for more information on this movement.

A discussion has begun on the Colonial Hills Facebook page about putting a Little Free Library in Colonial Hills, possibly in one of the neighborhood parks. A few of us have gotten together to get things started, and we would love to have your input. We went to the Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA) March meeting to discuss this idea, and the CHCA agreed to support the project.

We would like for the project to be as community-based as possible, so we are on the lookout for a few things:

1. A carpenter to build the sturdy, waterproof box.
2. Wood or materials to be used in construction of the box.
3. An artist to paint the box once it is made.
4. A steward (or multiple stewards) to keep an eye on the Little Free Library.

Down the road we may ask for book donations to get the library started.

If you would like to be involved, please contact one of the people below. Thanks!

Katie Weyrauch: katiehall24@gmail.com, 443-286-4958

Adam Smith: adamsmith7127@gmail.com

Doug Knight: dougnight314@gmail.com

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street/area, the captain of that
area would be the point of
contact.**

**If you're interested, contact
David Nadolny, Block Watch
captain, for an application at:
dnadolny@columbus.rr.com.**

1st new Colonial Hills neighborhood directory since 2010 is in the works

By Will Pearce

Jenny Kendall and I will be serving as Co-Chairs for the Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA) 2014 Directory Project. We have developed a project plan which will enable us to provide you with a new Directory by the beginning of July. The last directory was published in 2010.

Jenny and I have planned several ways to obtain updated names and telephone numbers information for new residents and changes for existing residents.

First, our project will include the activity of our Trustees' Annual Membership dues canvassing, which starts this year after the Trustees Dinner, April 16. Your Trustee can annotate any changes for residents' information on their District's listing when they canvass for your dues.

We are asking the Trustees to turn in their District's sheet to the CHCA president within three weeks after the start of the canvassing period, so that Jenny and I can update our copy of the residents' database with these changes in a timely manner. Please look forward to your Trustee visiting you between April 17th and May 8th.



*Please note: your **e-mail addresses** (if you have provided them to the Civic Association) are **not** published in the Directory, and are used only to communicate with you if needed. Also, providing your telephone number (or not) for the Directory is, and always has been, your choice.*

Second, Jenny and I will be receiving weekly updates on houses that sell in the neighborhood from the CyMacK Group.

Third, in addition to our e-mail addresses listed at the end of this article, we are looking at the feasibility of developing various channels for you to communicate directly with Jenny or me regarding either your changes or just to let us know you have a new neighbor. We hope to be able to develop one or more of the following communication paths: Facebook Group postings; a new Colonial Hills "generic" e-mail address (which you can also use after the end of this project to communicate with the CHCA officers); a CHCA web site request box. Please look for more information soon about new communication channels.

Finally, some of you have indicated your interest in volunteering to work on this new Directory project. We will have tasks for you during May to: 1) Go out and canvass certain homes to confirm/obtain current residents' info and/or 2) Assist the CHCA officers and Trustees in auditing the changes Jenny and I have made to our copy of the database; that is, auditing these changes against the hard-copy documentation we will maintain for all changes we make for the Directory. These volunteer tasks, of obtaining residents info and of auditing it, will be important to ensure that when the Directory is published, the residents' information is as nearly complete and accurate as we could make it at that time.

So, please just e-mail Jenny or me with any questions, or to volunteer to work on the Directory!

Jenny Kendall, Co-Chair, jkendall614@gmail.com, 614-825-4782

Will Pearce, Co-Chair, willpearce@columbus.rr.com, 614-888-8236

COLONIAL HILLS ELEMENTARY NEWS

Help Clean the Ravine

The school PTA needs help for its annual Clean the Ravine event on April 26. It is a great Earth Day activity for adults and kids, and the cleanup helps keep the ravine behind the school safe and enjoyable for students and neighbors.

You can help for as little or as long as you like from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Even a half hour is appreciated. Volunteers will help remove honeysuckle and other invasive plants to encourage native plants to flourish. Organizers also hope to repair the steps and mulch trails. As the volunteers open new areas of the ravine, they are adding trails to allow students greater access to the woodlands and creek that are part of the Olentangy watershed.



Organizers are trying a new sign-up system through the website for Green Columbus, a nonprofit that promotes sustainable living in central Ohio. To sign up, go to greencbus.org and click on Earth Day then Become a Volunteer. Search for Colonial Hills Elementary and you'll find the Clean the Ravine listing where you can sign up.

The shift is listed from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., but you can stay a shorter time if you sign up. The more volunteers the event gets, the better its chances of getting a corporate sponsor. And if you don't get signed up on line, you're still welcome to show up. Feel free to bring tools such as wheelbarrow, rakes and pruners.

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUP:

Colonial Hills parents have formed a casual playgroup through Facebook to arrange get-togethers for children starting kindergarten in the fall and their families. Join here:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/CHES2014Kindergarten/>

Directory UPDATE at a glance

STEP 1:

Residents provide updated address/phone info to your CHCA Trustee during 2014 membership drive (April 17th to May 8th)

STEP 2:

Trustees return updated address/phone lists to CHCA President Julie Smyth, 535 Park Blvd. (785-7064)

STEP 3:

Keep CHCA posted on any new neighbors via Facebook or email during production period.

STEP 4:

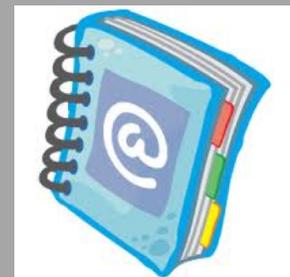
Volunteer to help canvass missing addresses, edit draft directory, etc.

STEP 5:

JULY: Directory completed.

TO ADVERTISERS:

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