

Colonial Hills Courier

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President's Message

The civic association will elect and re-elect officers to the posts of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary at its Nov. 11 meeting. No campaigns, no TV ads, no fundraising. Just show up and volunteer! If you have an interest in serving and would like to discuss it with one of our officers, their emails and phone numbers are listed on Page 2. It's not an inside club; all residents old and new are welcome and encouraged to take on leadership roles in CHCA. Please consider taking part.

~ Julie Smyth, President 2013-2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 26

Halloween party, 3 p.m.
Selby Shelterhouse

NOVEMBER 11

CHCA meeting, 7:30 p.m.

****CHCA ELECTIONS!****

**WANT TO BE AN OFFICER?
COME ON OVER!**

NOVEMBER 15

Neighborhood Food Drive
Have donations out by 9 a.m.

DECEMBER 6

Luminary Kit Assembly, 10 a.m.
Selby Shelterhouse

DECEMBER 14

Holiday party, 3 p.m.
Selby Shelterhouse
Luminary Night, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 17

Holiday Decorating Contest

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Residents are encouraged to contribute articles for publication.

Halloween Party Time!



The CHCA Halloween Party will be held on **Sunday October 26, 3:00-4:30** at the Selby Park Shelterhouse. Bring your little goblins for games, prizes, trick-or-treat, crafts, and refreshments. You can also pick a FREE pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, courtesy of Cynthia MacKenzie and the CyMack Group! As long as it's not raining, we will be trick-or-treating around the park, so dress accordingly. Contact Kristin Orban at orbandedesigns@aol.com for more information or to volunteer.

Colonial Hills Elementary School News

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CHCA to clear stored items

The Colonial Hills Civic Association is working to clean up and organize our storage area at Selby Park Shelter House. We have two barrels formerly used for corn on the cob during July 4th celebrations of yore that we'd like to give away. If you'd like one or both, contact Leo Kowalyk at leokowalyk@hotmail.com.



Colonial Hills Elementary welcomes students back to school each year with an ice cream social sponsored by the PTA. In this photo, moms Leslie Ziss and Jen Hall pass out the goodies.

Walkathon: Some of your young neighbors might be asking for a donation for Colonial Hills Elementary's second walkathon. The money will help with the Parent Teacher Association initiatives, including grants for teachers for supplies and projects and items that parents would like for the school. During school on **Sept. 24**, children from all grades will walk or run a minimum of one mile on the course at the athletic field behind the school. Students will accept cash or checks payable to Colonial Hills PTA. They are encouraged to invite guests to walk or run with them for a \$5 donation per person. The rain date is Oct. 1.

Cross country meet: The cross country program at Colonial Hills is wildly popular. More than 100 students run a mile or more during recess to train and participate in meets. Come cheer on the young runners from the neighborhood at the second John Blaine Worthington Classic at 9 a.m. on **Sunday, Sept. 28** at the athletic field. Runners from around central Ohio in grades 1 through 6 will compete in the free, one-mile run. Blaine, the school's physical education teacher for more than 30 years, runs the cross country program at the school each fall. One goal of the event is to promote running as a lifelong sport and celebrate the children's healthy choices.



On **Saturday, Nov. 15th**, we'll once again be collecting donations of canned goods, dry goods and toiletries for two area food banks, the **Worthington Food Pantry** and **St. Michael's**. Anna Marty and Chris Schraff have graciously volunteered to organize this year's event. They need helpers! Please come out to the Selby Shelter House on the morning of the drive, get your route and help collect donations from porches around the neighborhood, 9-11 a.m.

SCOUT/CLUB LEADERS: Would your youth like to help out as a group? Email Anna Marty at annalisamarty@gmail.com.

Nutritious, non-perishable items most needed: Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup); Tuna and canned meat; Peanut butter; Canned foods with pop-top lids; Low-sugar cereals; 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes; Canned fruit packed in juice.

2014 Holiday Festivities coming soon

LUMINARY NIGHT: Sunday, Dec. 14th, is Colonial Hills' annual luminary night, when everyone in the neighborhood puts out luminaries, turns out their porch lights and enjoys the evening. Luminary kits are provided by the Civic Association and put together by all the willing volunteers we can get! **Luminary assembly will take place at Selby Shelterhouse on Saturday, Dec. 6th**. This is a great activity for families and kids, with easy, well-organized jobs. Please come and give what time you can, 15 minutes or a few hours, to support one of the neighborhood's most beloved events. **Questions? Contact Chair Will Pearce at willpearce@columbus.rr.com**.

ANNUAL HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST: Every year, the CHCA sponsors a holiday decorating contest, which names winning homes and front doors in multiple categories, including Most Illuminated, Most Artistic, Most Retro and more. Judging this year will be **Wednesday, Dec. 17th**. Light displays should be left on from **7-11 p.m.** to allow our out-of-neighborhood judges enough time to see everything they need to see. **Looking for a willing photographer to take pictures of winning homes for the Courier!** Contact Julie Smyth at jcarrsmyth@gmail.com.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY: Our holiday party will be held at **3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14th**. Fun for the whole family featuring crafts, treats, activities and a visit from Santa Claus! Come on down for the fun. Youth volunteers, including scouts, are needed to help out with this event! All volunteers earn community service hours needed to qualify for the CHCA Scholarship when they're seniors. **Long-time Chair Mary Ann Ogle is looking for a person to co-chair this event in 2014 with an eye toward taking over from her next year. Call Mary Ann with questions or to volunteer, 614-888-3138.**

REMINDER: *We're always in need for volunteers of all ages to help with neighborhood events. Simply call the organizer of the event you're interested in and they'll give you the details. It's a great way to give back to the neighborhood and have fun in the process! The community will thank you.*

Remembering Carolyn Davis, early resident

Carolyn (Barton) Davis, 5584 Greenwich Street, died Aug. 6, 2014, at the age of 95. We are writing this article to remember Carolyn for you, and to explain the part Carolyn and her husband Russell (Russ) played in making Colonial Hills the great neighborhood it is today.

Carolyn and Russ, a World War II Army Communications Specialist veteran, purchased their Greenwich home on April 20, 1946, as one of the first couples to buy a house in Colonial Hills at the end of the war. Their home on Greenwich was one of the first homes to be built in Colonial Hills after the original 200 Selby and Kenbrook homes were built in 1942-1943 to house employees at Curtiss-Wright, a factory which built war planes adjoining Port Columbus.

Carolyn was well educated, having graduated from the Columbus School for Girls (CSG) in 1937, and then having attended Skidmore College. Although her CSG senior yearbook prophecy was in error regarding her actual future as a homemaker and mother in Colonial Hills (not Carolyn's previously favorite place of Lake Placid), the prophecy was remarkably prescient about her involvement in sports, as we will explain.

Most women in the days right after the war were stay-at-home Moms, who when they weren't laboring (many of them more than) fulltime in their homemaking job, made some time for socializing over coffee while their children played with each other in their backyards or enjoyed the great facilities in Selby Park. And the women and men made some time for recreation. Bowling leagues (for both men and women) were formed, a dance club was started in the old Beechwold Restaurant (now Mozart's) and a men's softball team was formed to play various other teams in nearby communities. The biggest event was the 4th of July at Selby Park.

Russ and Carolyn were quite active in starting and working on the various activities such as the Bingo tent, many contests for children and other games and exhibits.

The consequences of the Baby Boomer generation made the residents aware of a problem – space, which they solved in one of two ways: add on to their houses or move away, some just a few streets north to two-story houses, and others farther afield. Even those who had done the latter returned to Selby Park on the Fourth to renew old friendships and good memories.

One such occasion concerns the Hoover family at 345 South Selby. When Jim and Sue Hoover thought it was time to move away to a larger home, their boys Doug, Ryan (who currently lives at 345 with his wife Rosalie) and Gregg, put up such a big fuss that the parents gave in and added to their home. What children wouldn't want to live across the street from a playing field, playground equipment, picnic tables, a shelter house and trees to rest under?

We may seem to have digressed a bit, but we wanted to try to give you a sense of Colonial Hills in the days when Carolyn and Russ raised their two daughters here. And as so many other folks, then and now, Carolyn and her husband continued to live here after their children were grown. We believe that the reasons for this are the same, then as now, namely, as Carolyn and her friends, Colonial Hills neighbors Jean Lindley and Mary Wiles, stated in an article in the April, 2013, Courier: “... activities that gave a strong sense of community ... the readily available help from neighbors ... July 4th! ... Everyone came together ... Lots of fun and excitement for everyone.”

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News from Worthington Libraries

Make It: Big, Hairy and Not So Scary Pop-ups (for ages 3-11)

Join us, if you dare, as we turn folded paper into all manner of creepy creatures. No experience necessary!
OCTOBER 11 from 10 - 11:30 AM, NORTHWEST LIBRARY

Make It: Monster Makeup (for teens and adults)

Elevate your Halloween costume with makeup tips from movie makeup artist Katrina Francis. She'll take a volunteer from zero to zombie with steps you can replicate at home.
OCTOBER 11 at 2 PM, NORTHWEST LIBRARY

Make It: Homebrewing Your Own Craft Beer (for adults)

Trevor Williams, Hoof Hearted Brewing's master brewer, will discuss all the how-tos of home brews.
OCTOBER 25 at 2 PM, NORTHWEST LIBRARY

Make It: Decorative Book Pumpkins (for teens and adults)

Transform old paperbacks into decorative pumpkins – the perfect centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table!
NOVEMBER 15 at 10:30 AM, WORTHINGTON PARK LIBRARY

CAROLYN DAVIS, continued

Now, regarding Carolyn's athletic ability, per her obituary in the Columbus Dispatch, Carolyn was "an avid golfer (a long-time member of the York Golf Club) who made two holes-in-one, and an excellent bowler who picked up the 'big four'." She was also engaged in social and spiritual activities, being "a member of the Worthington Women's Club and the Third Church of Christ Scientist, Columbus."

Carolyn's husband passed on in 1976 after a 30-year career starting immediately after the war as an insurance salesman (Russ also, early in his career, concurrently operated a Radio, TV and Record Player repair shop at the corner of High and South Street), but Carolyn continued to be quite engaged intellectually and socially after her husband's relatively early death. Besides her volunteer work for many years in the Worthington Schools Outdoor Education Center, Carolyn especially loved to play bridge.

Her former neighbor and friend Barb Welton remembered that Carolyn probably was one of the founders of the Colonial Hills Bridge Club – which Jean (Lindley) noted was just one of five bridge groups Carolyn concurrently participated in. Barb recounted that Jean, Sue (Hoover), Carolyn and herself were among the group of neighbors who regularly played bridge at each other's homes, as members of these different bridge-playing groups – and, like Carolyn, they were all quite competitive – when it was time to start playing, all chit chat stopped!

Carolyn's love of life continued into her last years. Her next door neighbors the Currans wrote in their online condolences: "We'll miss her great sense of humor, lively spirit, gardening tips and friendly chats in the backyard."

And so, as you relax in your backyards, and talk with your neighbors, either when you're out "in the Hills" or online on Facebook, please take a moment to give thanks to all the many homeowners like Carolyn and Russ who laid the foundation for the kind of neighborhood we all enjoy today.

This remembrance for Carolyn was fondly and collaboratively written by Mary Wiles, Jean Lindley and Will Pearce.

Sitters – Baby, Pet, and House

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+ Caroline Smyth, 785-7064, house or pet sitter

+ Haley Carnahan, 436-6798, baby sitter

 Ruby Clark, 296-4315, baby sitter

+ Freddy Woodrum, 431-0206, baby sitter/can watch ages 3 and up

+ Emma Webster, 880-9655, baby sitter

+ Audrey MacKenzie, 824-9486, baby sitter

+ Mara Miller, 623-0104, baby sitter

+ Ali Diehl, 633-8059, baby sitter

Kelli Hill, 436-4627, pet sitter

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