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Colonial Hills Courier

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President's Message

The CHCA had a great turnout for our Trustee meeting on Feb. 10! Even though we had to share our Shelterhouse with some loud actors rehearsing their lines for an upcoming play, there was a tremendous display of community pride and volunteer spirit. During the session, we talked about the wonderful events that the CHCA organizes and the need for a renewed sense of commitment from the Trustees and other neighbors. There are over a dozen events our neighborhood gets to enjoy thanks to the dedicated efforts of these tireless volunteers.

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--Doug Knight, President

Egg Hunt Time Is Here!



Come one, come all on **Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m. SHARP** at Selby Park for the annual Colonial Hills Easter Egg Hunt. Please remember to be a little early, as this event begins promptly and goes fast! Meacham Real Estate and Rolls Realty will again sponsor this year's event. Thank you, Meacham/Rolls! Volunteers are needed to help chair Rachael Dorothy at the Selby Park Shelterhouse on **Saturday, March 21**, to stuff eggs. New resident? Senior? Little ones in tow? All helpers welcome! Just show up.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 10

CHCA Meeting, Selby Shelterhouse

MARCH 21

Easter Egg Stuffing, Selby Shelterhouse, 9 a.m.

MARCH 28

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

APRIL 4

Easter Egg Hunt (rain date)

APRIL 14

CHCA Meeting, Selby Shelterhouse

APRIL 15

Application deadline, CHCA 2015 Scholarship

(mailed applications must be postmarked by Monday, April 13)

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Adopt-A-Senior Brigade Forming

As the population of Colonial Hills ages, we are looking for volunteers willing to help out our seniors with everyday chores, whether shoveling, raking, planting a few annuals, minor repairs, changing a light bulb, etc. Seniors and volunteers who want to be part of this project, contact Julie Smyth at 785-7064, or email jcarrsmyth@gmail.com.

Letter to the Editor



I moved to Colonial Hills over 30 years ago because I was impressed with the houses and neighborhood. Within a few months of moving, I knew I made the right choice - the neighbors were very friendly and welcoming and there was a wonderful sense of community.

It has been common practice to have unsolicited help from neighbors, from taking out/retrieving trash cans, helping with lawn care or even making soup for a sick family. This has always been a neighborhood where patience, understanding and, what can best be described as American family values, were important - in fact, this has been an exemplary community - one to be proud of.

I remember, a few years ago, when a violent thunderstorm caused significant damage to several trees some of which fell blocking the road. While one neighbor took the initiative to clear the limbs from the road, another used his chain saw to cut the trees and stack the wood. This was all done without payment or demand of any kind.

Over the years Colonial Hills has become well-known as a desirable community - a great place to live and raise a family and a sound place to invest.

On January 30th of this year I received a letter from the City of Worthington dated January 27th indicating a complaint had been filed about the snow on the sidewalk outside my home not being removed in a timely manner, i.e. within 12 hours of daylight after the snow had stopped. Admittedly, on January 24th, we had about 4 inches of snow on the grass, about 1-1/2 inches on the sidewalk and, like many of my neighbors, I didn't immediately shovel my sidewalk since there were limited daylight hours available after work. However, I fully intended to use the weekend to clean the sidewalk of any remaining snow. As an aside, experience has shown, when snow covers ice, it's best to leave the snow rather than expose the ice causing a greater hazard for pedestrians.

I have always been proud to be part of this community and it saddens me to think Colonial Hills might be relegated to becoming yet another petty "all-about-me" neighborhood. Please let's continue our impressive legacy as a caring, compassionate community.

~Katherine Koehler, resident



Applications being accepted
for 2015 CHCA Scholarship

**APPLICATIONS DUE:
Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

***Mailed entries must be
postmarked by Monday, April 13***

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 cleanup, 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 2014/2015 Directory

We are hopeful you have received and had a moment to review the 2014/2015 Colonial Hills Directory!

Those who are long term residents may remember that the last directory was printed and distributed in 2010 thanks to the hard work of George Campbell and many others.

There are many to thank for the work that went into this current 2014/2015 directory. This includes the trustees who knocked on the doors of the houses in their districts, the volunteers who knocked on doors of houses within many other districts, our faithful treasurer Kelly Calhoon for entering information from annual dues submissions, Cynthia MacKenzie and team for information obtained from the auditors site, GraphX printing for their patience with our many revisions, the kind advertisers whose payment made this printing possible.

Most of all, we thank each resident of Colonial Hills that took the time to respond to our requests for updated information to be included within this directory.

We recognize that the directory is not perfect but it is as close as it could be given the movement of families in and out of our neighborhood and the time frame we worked within to have this to each of you in a timely manner.

Thank you all!!!

Directory Project Chairs,
Jenny Kendall
Will Pearce

President's Message (continued from p. 1)

...These events include (but are not limited to) an Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July happenings, a food drive, Halloween party, and a variety of holiday-time goings on. Each event has a coordinator and historically that coordinator has done most of the heavy lifting when it came to finding volunteers, planning, setting up, orchestration, and tearing down/cleaning up.

If you have been part of any volunteer-driven organization, you know that, many times, the same people tend to step up to help again and again. We are trying to head that off by asking our Trustees (and other neighbors) to identify and commit to helping with just ONE EVENT during the year. The commitment doesn't mean that you'll have to work endlessly, but just that you'd be willing to put in an hour or two for the coordinators.

There are also a couple of **REALLY BIG OPPORTUNITIES** to help and serve your neighbors. First the position of **CHCA Treasurer** is available. The skills to this are self-explanatory and it requires a couple hours each month handling accounts payable and receivable, managing our bank account, and reporting the information to the board monthly; there is an excellent former treasurer still on the board who can train the new person.

Next, if you have ever driven into Colonial Hills, you've probably noticed our neighborhood notification signs. These are located at three strategic locations and do yeoman's work in communicating important information to the neighbors (e.g. activities, dates, times, etc.). We have dozens of these signs in the shelter house, but they need a steward. The **Sign Steward** should be relatively handy (minor construction-type touch ups are often required) and maybe even artistic. The commitment is typically limited to times that are in advance of the major events in the neighborhood, when you'll be putting signs out and taking them in, and a couple hours in maintaining and repairing damage to existing signs.

Finally, if you are enjoying these wonderful comments, you are obviously enjoying our neighborhood newsletter, *The Courier*. *The Courier* comes out about 10 times a year and contains wonderful writing (from incredibly modest authors!), news about the neighborhood, photographs, a calendar of activities, great resources for our advertisers and other items. There is a need for someone to become **editor or creative director of *The Courier*** and champion this publication. We have a publisher and distribution, but for a person who has some skills in desktop publishing, creative writing, photography, and knowledge of the neighborhood, neighbors, and community this could be a lot of fun!

I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of winter and let's think Spring Thoughts! If you love the neighborhood and want to help us keep it strong and fun, please drop me an e-mail at dougknight314@gmail.com or call/text me at 614-390-6634 and we'll find some way for you to help.

Doug

DALE CARNEGIE'S 10 KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. **Take a chance – All life is a chance**
2. **Be enthusiastic – If you want to be enthusiastic, act enthusiastic**
3. **Learn to love your work – Do what you love, love what you do**
4. **Learn from your mistakes – Develop success from failures**
5. **Do not fear “fear” – Make good use of your time**
6. **Do the hard job first – The easy jobs will take care of themselves**
7. **Persistence is the quality that most frequently leads to success.**
8. **We determine our happiness. It is governed by our mind.**
9. **Remember: everything you do sends a message – What is the message you are sending?**

Dale Carnegie (1888-1955)

On behalf of executive director Jennifer Fralic and everyone at the Worthington Resource Pantry...

We received your in-kind gift of 789 pounds of food and/or personal care items on behalf of Colonial Hills Civic Association in December, 2014. Thank You.

SUMMER READING BOOKMARK CONTEST

Your drawings could help Worthington Libraries promote the 2015 Summer Reading Program!

Rules

- * Starting March 1, pick up an entry form at any Worthington Libraries location. Use crayons, markers and/or colored pencils to illustrate the club's **heroes** theme on the form provided; digital creation methods are also acceptable.
- * You can enter up to three illustrations, but they must be returned to Worthington Libraries by March 31.

Reward

- * Three winners will be chosen from each of the following categories: preschool/kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6 and grades 7-12.
- * Winning illustrations will be turned into bookmarks to promote the 2015 Summer Reading Program!



Do you recognize this man? Oscar winner J.K. Simmons grew up in Worthington

Excerpt from The Columbus Dispatch, Sunday Feb. 22, 2015

J.K. Simmons, after more than two decades in the trenches, is riding high as an Oscar favorite.

Not that long ago, the character actor was playing a regular role on *The Closer*, providing the voice for the yellow M&M and making commercials for Farmers Insurance (a high-profile gig he continues).

Today, though, Simmons — a Detroit native who spent his teenage years in Worthington and briefly attended Ohio State University — is

widely viewed as the front-runner for the Academy Award as best supporting actor.

For his unflinching portrayal of a charismatic but cruel music teacher in *Whiplash*, Simmons has swept the category in the major movie honors handed out this season: the Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild, Critics' Choice and British Academy Film awards.

Simmons, as a jazz teacher at a prestigious New York music school, employs taunts and drill-sergeant techniques to whip students into shape.

"There is an atmosphere of whispery menace, and Mr. Simmons prowls the screen with a vampire's stealth and a killer's wry half-smile," critic A.O. Scott wrote in *The New York Times*.

Simmons, 60, talked recently, ahead of the Oscar ceremony tonight.

Full interview online at:

http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/life_and_entertainment/2015/02/22/01-for-actor-accolades-second-to-family.html

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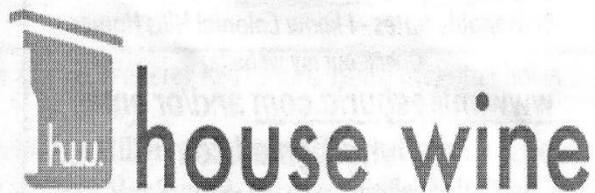
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