

The Colonial Hills Courier

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Plan your trick-or-treating route before you leave and show the kids where you'll be going
- Double-check any costumes with masks to make sure kids can see clearly
- Use reflective tape on dark costumes
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Only visit houses with porch lights on
- Make sure all kids know that under NO circumstances should they enter a home
- Make sure an adult is with anyone under 12 (if older kids are going in a group, set a time for them to be home, or follow them at a safe, but not embarrassing distance)
- Remind your kids to stay out of the street!
- Be on the lookout for cars when crossing - sometimes it's hard for drivers to see you!
- Check ALL candy and treats before eating

CHCA Halloween Party

The annual CHCA Halloween Party is set for Oct. 25 from 3-5 p.m. at Selby Park Shelter House. There will be refreshments, games, crafts and trick-or-treat to entertain your ghosts and goblins — all ages are welcome!

We are in need of volunteers; if you are able to help, please email Kristin Orban at orbandesigns@aol.com Hope to see you there!

Special thanks to Cynthia MacKenzie for donating the pumpkin patch.

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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, Oct. 25

Halloween Party, 3 p.m.; Sponsored by CyMack
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, see above

Sunday, Oct. 31

Beggar's Night; 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, see pg. 5

Saturday, Dec. 5

Luminary Kit Assembly; 10 a.m.
Selby Shelter House

Sunday, Dec. 6

Holiday Party, 3 p.m.

SEEKING NEW PARTY CHAIR, see pg. 2

Sunday, Dec. 13

Holiday Decorating Contest
Luminary Night, 7 p.m.
Hot Cocoa at the Selby Shelter House!

CHCA Meeting Dates - all are welcome!

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
at the Selby Park Shelter House:

- October 13
- November 10
- December 8



Seeking Holiday Party Chair

This year we are seeking a new Holiday Party chair. The past chair will be available to support the transition but we will need more help from the neighborhood to continue this great tradition.

If you are interested, please contact Doug Knight at dougnight314@gmail.com or call 390-6634.

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Get Involved with Block Watch!

Jennifer Hershey Button, S. Selby, is the new CH Block Watch Coordinator and she's seeking more Block Watch Captains.

To become a captain, all you have to do is fill out an electronic form to authorize a background check through the Worthington Police. And, from that point on, just be the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. Jennifer is the liaison between our neighborhood and the police; the captains are the liaisons between the area for which they are responsible and Jennifer.

If you'd like to become a Block Watch Captain, contact Jennifer 284-8682 or djbutton@ameritech.net.



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A Note from Doug; CHCA President

Change is in the air! Every October starts a busy time for our little neighborhood, and this year is no exception. Besides the normal changes in the weather, you'll notice a few changes with this edition of *The Courier*.

The first thing you probably noticed is that you are receiving this edition through the U.S. Mail as opposed to our normal delivery by Trustees. We are doing this to experiment with the value of using the USPS and saving some "wear and tear" on the Trustees, who have a lot to help with this time of year. We may not be able to mail every edition of *The Courier*, but since this issue is chock-full of important information concerning the busy fourth quarter here in the 'hood — we wanted to make sure it got to everyone quickly.

Another change you may notice in the issue is that there is some color. We wanted to make sure to highlight some important days and events, plus it's just prettier. There is a lot of effort put into *The Courier* by several different folks and we hope that you enjoy the colorful change.

Some things, however, NEVER change!

The one constant that continues to hold true is that we are DESPERATE for volunteers.

There are so many wonderful and fun events that take place over the next 90 days and almost everyone in CHCA enjoys something that is coming up. That being said, we HAVE to get some help on these events! It's just not fair (and not sustainable) that so few put in so many hours of effort to make these events fun for everyone.

PLEASE look through The Courier and find just one event that you can give just one hour to.

The standard excuse that we hear is "it's such a busy day/time." Trust me, the folks who put the effort into the Halloween Party, the Neighborhood Food Drive, Luminary Assembly and Distribution, Christmas Decorating and Contest, and Holiday Party are just as busy as you! They still give more time and energy than you can imagine because of the shortage of volunteers.

Not to be a "scrooge" at this time of year, but as I said, without some help the number of events and activities is just not sustainable. It will require some difficult decisions going forward into 2016 about what events the neighborhood is really committed to and which ones have to be lessened or eliminated.

First and foremost, though, please enjoy this amazing fall weather! Get out and watch the changes that are sometimes breathtaking throughout the neighborhood and area.

-Doug Knight

BABY SITTERS LISTING

- Ali Diehl, 633-8059 +
- Lauren Frenz, 635-1195 (home); 790-0374 (cell) +
- Rosemary Harris, 436-6294, 8 weeks-24 months
- Jesse Lilly, 352-4515
- Mara Miller, 623-0104 +
- Lily Millwater, 844-3836 (cell) or 396-6144 +
- Julia Orloff, 885-4963 +
- Freddy Woodrum, 431-0206, ages 3+ +

+ = Red Cross certified
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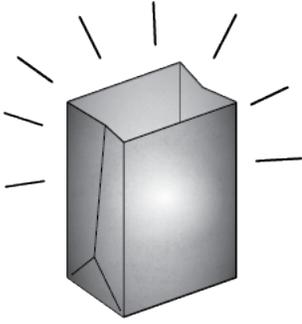


Historic Ghost Tour of Worthington Friday, October 23

Join the Worthington Historical Society under the full moon for a tour of some of Worthington's spookiest spots. The Worthington Inn will offer all ticket holders a special post-tour discount on food & some special beverages. The tour is designed for guests 13 and older.

Tickets are non-refundable and may be purchased for \$15 at Fritz Jacobs or The Shop at the Old Rectory.

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**Don't forget to renew your membership!
The membership drive will start in
early 2016, but it's never
too early to renew.**



Luminary Night

We need your help to bring some holiday cheer to Colonial Hills

By Will Pearce – Luminary Event Coordinator, 365 S. Selby Blvd

Please mark your calendars now, either paper or electronic, to help us assemble the luminary kits on Saturday morning, Dec. 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Selby Park shelter house.

After the kits are assembled, by around noon, your Trustee will pick up the kits for all the homes in their District, and deliver your kit to your home some time during the next week. You will then set up the 5 luminaries in your kit (extra kits are included for corner lots), and **light your luminaries on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m.**, at which time we are planning to have hot cocoa at the shelter house for a holiday gathering.

A bit of background ...

For those neighbors who moved in after last December, and as a reminder to longstanding residents, a little bit of explanation regarding our luminary assembly. Volunteers inside the shelter house put 5 white paper lunch sacks, 5 tea light candles and one instruction sheet into reclosable refrigerator bags, which they zip shut to keep the contents dry. And volunteers outside shovel about 5 pounds of pea gravel per scoop into plastic grocery bags, into which other volunteers put the sealed refrigerator bags to complete the assembly.

We assemble the kits – rain, sleet, snow or shine. If bad weather is predicted, I have the pea gravel dropped as far as possible underneath the shelter house portico, where we did the outside kit assembly tasks last year, while it rained (at times hard) and the wind blew! All of us working outside needed breaks to go inside the shelter house to warm up and to fortify ourselves with donuts, hot chocolate and coffee.

Due to the bad weather, some neighbors probably assumed we wouldn't be doing the assembly. But just like a football game, we would postpone only due to something like a weather service warning for tornadoes or lightning strikes. The reason is that we have a cascade schedule of holiday events: luminary kit

assembly, kits delivery, luminary lighting and holiday decorating judging, and we have observed in prior years that when we postponed an event, such as the luminary lighting, there was much confusion as to the new date, and participation for the event was but a fraction of what it would have been on the originally-scheduled date.

So, just like the generous and intrepid volunteers from last year – for whose efforts I repeat my utmost appreciation and gratitude – even if the weather is bad, please just bundle up and come on over, for either an inside or outside task of your choosing.

Also, please note ...

- If you have a standard size garden shovel (with pointed tip), please bring your shovel with you to use, or to share if you want to work on a non-shoveling task.
- On Sunday, Dec. 13, if the wind is blowing and/or it's lightly raining (as explained in your luminaries instruction sheet), please just light the candles within your own small glass jars (or votive candle holders) in a sheltered area, and then carry the jars inside the paper sacks out into the inclement weather.
- We will be publicizing these holiday event dates on the Colonial Hills web site www.colonialhills.us, and on Facebook: Colonial Hills.
- And a final request – please feel free to set up the luminary kits for vacant homes, or volunteer to help neighbors who aren't able to set up their own luminaries.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (614) 888-8236, or send me an e-mail: willpearce@columbus.rr.com.

10 Fall Clean-up Tips



Fall is here. This summer has been hot and dry. But by taking time to put your yard and landscape “to bed” in fall, your lawn will reap the rewards. Follow these tips to ensure your lawn has the best chance to thrive next year.

1. Feed your lawn.

Think of fall fertilization as refueling and replenishing your lawn after a long, hot summer.

2. Remember to water. Water early in the day to avoid evaporation and disease development.

3. Air out the soil. Thatch build-up and foot traffic can compact soil, which cuts off oxygen and nutrient supply to the roots. Aeration loosens soil and literally airs out the earth. Balding turf, sparse new growth, pools of water and tough ground are signs you need to aerate.

4. Level and reseed. Start spring on level ground by filling ruts and low spots where water collects now. Early fall is the best time to reseed a lawn so turf roots establish before winter. Loosen soil with a dethatching rake, add a soil amendment and evenly apply seed.

5. Divide plants. If your perennials are overcrowded, fall is an ideal time to divide the root ball and replant. Cutting back the plants prior to transplanting can help reduce shock.

6. Plant fall bulbs. Plant in fall to enjoy spring’s first blooms — crocus, daffodil, tulip. The best time to plant is after the first frost so the bulbs will stay cool all winter. Dig holes for bulbs and fertilize before replacing soil.

7. Pick up leaves. Fall cleanup will save time for gardening come spring, and clearing your lawn of leaves and sticks will prevent the heavy, wet foliage from suffocating the turf. Dark, moist environments are breeding grounds for disease.

8. Mow low. Make the last mowing of the season a short cut since you’ll retire lawn equipment until spring comes around again.

9. Decorate for the holidays. Fall is the time to think festive! Draw attention to your landscape with lighting, and find ways to incorporate a pop of color by filling containers with seasonal selections — mums for fall.

10. Clean up. Wash down the patio furniture and store it for the season. Make sure to pick up toys so they don’t get buried or lost.

By Eric Mateo, owner, Colonial Hills Lawncare
colonialhillslawncare.com

Is this Recyclable?

Submitted by a Reader: I notice when I walk my dogs on Thursday nights that a lot of the waste in recycle bins isn't recyclable. Can you include a reminder?

NOT for Recycling

No plastic bags, cassette tapes, bed sheets, hangers, metal chains, garden hoses, batteries, needles, syringes, electronics, buckets, butter tubs, car parts, food, yard waste, light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, pots, pans, and scrap metal

Recycling Tips

Mix all items together

Empty all bottles, jugs and cans

No need to remove labels

For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids

For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws

Find more recycling tips and guidelines at rumpke.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, Nov. 1, we'll be collecting donations of canned goods, dry goods and toiletries for two area food banks, the Worthington Food Pantry and St. Michael's.

If you'd like to help, please come 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.



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Mitchell Button, 846-5620; raking leaves

Edy DeGood, 783-5436, pet sitter

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Matthew Harrison, 888-6360; house/pet sitter, mowing

Kelli Hill, 436-4627; pet sitter

Gabe McCallister, 678-3156; dog walking, pet clean up

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