

The Colonial Hills Courier

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IN THIS ISSUE

We've dedicated this issue of *The Courier* to detailing all the great events coming up, including a calendar that you can hang on your refrigerator so you don't miss a thing!

Colonial Hills Luminaries – Please Volunteer on Dec. 3

Yeah, I know, an article about luminaries at this time of year?

Well, I just wanted to make sure to ask you early on, to make a note about coming over to the shelter house the first Saturday in December (Dec. 3) at 10 a.m., to volunteer for our luminary kit assembly. And don't worry, we will remind you on Facebook and our website, colonialhills.us, toward the end of November.

Many of you who have volunteered in previous years – and again I wanted to express my deep appreciation for the over 40 great volunteers last December (31 adults and 12 children) – our luminary volunteers know what I will be explaining below.

However, for our new neighbors and for any neighbors who haven't volunteered in the past, every year I write a brief explanation regarding what is involved in the Colonial Hills luminary display.

Volunteers who choose to work 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 who choose to work outside shovel about 5 pounds of pea gravel per scoop into plastic grocery bags, into which other outside 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 had to do the outside kit assembly tasks in 2014, while it rained (at times hard) and the wind blew! (We did take breaks to go inside the shelter house to warm up and to fortify ourselves with donuts, hot chocolate and coffee.)

That is, just like a football game, we would postpone our kit assembly only due to something like a weather-service warning for tornados 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.

Although we had nice weather last year on kit-assembly Saturday, if the weather is bad, please just bundle up and come on over, for either an inside or outside task of your choosing.

It's the most WONDERFUL time of the year. The kids are back to school. It's finally cooling off, and the leaves are beginning to turn colors.

Then, each month brings us fun and neighborhood events – Halloween, followed by the annual neighborhood Food Drive, then all the events that December brings: luminary building and lighting and hot chocolate at the Shelter House.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All of these wonderful events happen because of the generosity of our neighbors – please volunteer to support the community. Event contacts are listed on the back of the calendar.

Continued ...

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Luminaries, continued ...

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. 11, 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.

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.

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

Thank you,
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2016 Holiday Calendar

October		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10	11 CHCA Meeting	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
Halloween Party 3-5 pm								
30	31 Halloween! Trick Treat 6-8 pm							
November		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8 CHCA Meeting	9	10	11	12 Food Drive 9 am- 2 pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26		
27	28	29	30					
December		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2	3 Luminary Set-Up 10am	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
11 Party; 3-5 p.m. Luminaries: 7 p.m. Cocoa: 7-8:30 p.m.		12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year!		

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EVENTS DETAILS

All events at the Shelter House unless otherwise noted

October

23 **Halloween party; 3-5 p.m.**

Fun for all ages! Please join event organizer Kristen Orban and event sponsor Cynthia MacKenzie, CyMack Keller Williams, for a pumpkin patch experience, trick or treat activity, arts and crafts, snacks and more. Attendees are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume. **Volunteers are needed.** Please contact Kristen Orban via Facebook or 614-781-1635 for more information.

November

12 **Colonial Hills Food Drive; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

This neighborhood collection benefits the Worthington Resource Center and St. Michael's food bank. Colonial Hill's own Boy Scout troop will be collecting donated items placed in a visible location on front porches starting at 9 am. More information about needed items will be provided prior to the event.

December

3 **Luminary set up; 10 a.m.**

Thanks to the organization of Will Pearce (willpearce@columbus.rr.com), we will be compiling the luminary kits beginning at 10 a.m. and ending when all kits are bundled and distributed. Please dress appropriately for this indoor/outdoor volunteer activity. Volunteers are absolutely necessary to ensure each resident receives their luminary supplies. Please contact Will with any questions.

11 **Holiday Party; 3-5 p.m.**

Fun for all ages! Please join event organizer Karen Steidle and sponsor Cynthia MacKenzie, CyMack Keller Williams, for holiday fun. This will include arts and craft, snacks and perhaps even a special visitor. Volunteers are needed to ensure success. Please contact Karen Steidle via Facebook for volunteer opportunities.

Light your luminaries; 7 p.m.

Please remember to turn off your porch lights so all can enjoy the beauty of the luminaries.

Hot Chocolate; 7-8:30 p.m.

In addition to lighting your luminaries, the Shelter House will be open and serving hot chocolate to all visitors.

13 **Holiday Light Judging; by 7 p.m.**

If you are interested in participating, please have your house lit and ready for judging by 7 pm. Possible categories for judging include: best overall, best front door, most lit, most original, most artistic, best retro and best blow up.

Additionally, Colonial Hills will be participating in the **window decorating competition** in the store fronts in Old Worthington. House Wine has kindly offered to host our window this year. Please visit our neighborhood's window at House Wine in the month of December. Thanks to Julie Carr Smyth for coordinating this and Donnie Austin of House Wine for hosting us!

Monthly CHCA Meetings

Open to All!

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Dates:

- Oct. 11
- Nov. 8 (Election of new officers) The CHCA will be posting open officer positions and location for this meeting in the near future on Facebook. Please consider supporting CHCA by volunteering for any open positions. Please contact Jenny Kendall (jkendall614@gmail.com)with any questions.
- Dec. 13



Halloween Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe on Halloween.

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.



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Reagan Jolley, 614-286-2360 +
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Emma McKeegan, 614-318-5704 +
Mara Miller, 614-623-0104 +
Lily Millwater, 614-844-3836 (cell) or 614-396-6144 +
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Ben Webster, 614-880-9655; mowing, shoveling

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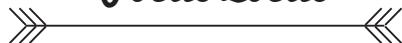
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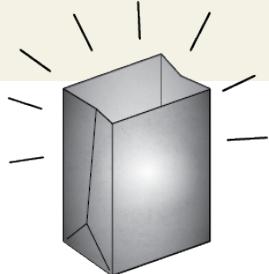
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