

# The Colonial Hills Courier

Fall 2017 ~ A publication of the Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA)

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Wow! What a summer! The annual "Run Through the Hills" and our 4th of July Extravaganza were an amazing success, and we followed it up with the Sunny 95 "Party in the Park". Sandwiched in-between, we hosted the Worthington Historical Society Tour of Homes and Gardens, and oh yeah, and we had a huge neighborhood garage sale! Thank you to all of the trustees, volunteers, civic association members, sponsors, advertisers and good neighbors that made it all possible.*

*We're not done yet! We have our Halloween party, winter holiday party, lighting contest, and the annual luminary display to look forward to. A complete calendar of these events and more is included in this Courier. You can also learn more about Boundless, our neighbors on the former Harding Hospital site, and their plans for the future; get an update on our neighborhood welcome sign campaign; and learn about civic association elections. We even have a few new young people signed up to help you with your babysitting needs.*

***Finally, if you haven't yet, please consider becoming a member of the civic association. Membership is \$15 for families and \$5 for individuals/seniors, or you can contribute a little more to help cover the cost of your favorite civic association activities.*** You can still contribute to the fund to refurbish and/or replace the Colonial Hills welcome signage as well. Send contributions to P.O. Box 676, Worthington, 43085 or pay online at [ColonialHills.us](http://ColonialHills.us).

*Again, thanks to all those who helped make some great Colonial Hills memories this summer, most especially Jenny Kendall, vice president of events. Jenny's pride and passion for the neighborhood and her experience, energy, and party planning expertise help assure some of our most treasured neighborhood traditions continue each year. Thanks Jenny!*

*Ken Paul, President  
Colonial Hills Civic Association*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHCA MEETING

October 10th, 7:30-9pm  
at Shelter House

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 22nd, 3 - 5pm  
at Shelter House

### CHCA MEETING/ OFFICER ELECTION

November 14th, 7:30-9pm  
at Shelter House

### NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE

November 18th, 9am-Noon  
at Shelter House and  
Neighborhood

### LUMINARY KIT SET UP

December 2nd, 10am - 2pm  
at Shelter House

### LIGHT YOUR LUMINARY

December 10th, 7pm  
at Shelter House and  
Neighborhood

### CHCA MEETING

December 12th, 7:30-9pm  
at Shelter House

### HOLIDAY PARTY

December 17th, 3 - 5pm  
at Shelter House

### HOLIDAY LIGHTING JUDGING

December 19th, 7pm

# Colonial Hills

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# UPDATE: COLONIAL HILLS “WELCOME” SIGN CAMPAIGN OFF TO STRONG START

The Colonial Hills Civic Association membership drive is winding down, and though dues are slightly down year-over-year, we expect to match or surpass last year’s participation. Thank you! Equally as exciting, this year’s membership drive included an opportunity for interested residents to contribute to a special fund to improve the multiple signs that welcome visitors into our neighborhood. To date, Colonial Hills residents have contributed more than \$700 to this effort.

While we expect the amount raised is only a fraction of the total cost of replacing or refurbishing the existing signs, the strong initial support gives the civic association clear direction, and we will be organizing a meeting of interested neighbors in the coming weeks. Colonial Hills Civic Association President Ken Paul will be reaching out to those who contributed to the sign fund to gather input that will guide next steps.

The three welcome signs greet those entering the neighborhood on Selby Blvd, Indianola Ave, and Park Blvd. They are in the City right-of-way, but are the responsibility of the civic association. The process to replace the signs will depend on whether the neighborhood chooses to install new identical signage or propose a new design and look.

If you would like to join the Colonial Hills Civic Association, or if you would like to make a contribution to the “sign fund”, please send payment (\$15 per family, \$5 per individual/senior) to P.O. Box 676, Worthington, 43085 or pay online at [ColonialHills.us](http://ColonialHills.us). Be sure to indicate what portion, if any, of your contribution you would like to direct to support the welcome sign improvements.

# CHCA: VOLUNTEERS SHARE FUN, INFORMATION WITH COLONIAL HILLS NEIGHBORS

If you are new to the neighborhood, “Welcome!”. If you are a long-time resident, “Hey neighbor!”.

Whether you’ve been here 6 months or 60 years, you might sometimes ask yourself, “I wonder if the Civic Association would \_\_\_\_\_?”. The Colonial Hills Civic Association receives many of these types of questions every month. Sometimes we are happy to oblige, but in other situations we simply must decline. That said, we thought it would be helpful to explain what the civic association does and does not do.

The Colonial Hills Civic Association is primarily an events organization, and unlike some other civic associations, we do not engage in zoning, code enforcement, development or policy debates. We are also not a homeowner’s association. While we are a nonprofit, we are not a charitable organization. We do not screen or endorse political candidates, and we do not engage in issue campaigns.

Think of your civic association as a group of volunteers who work to share fun and information with their Colonial Hills neighbors. A small group of “officers” meet every month to manage the budget and to plan, but much of the real work gets done in the days in between, and when a much larger group of volunteers pull together to put on major events like the Fourth of July Extravaganza or the holiday luminary display. We do our best to provide you

with timely, relevant information via the Courier, and also make use of social media to promote events and share updates. We sometimes support the good work of other organizations (i.e. The Worthington Historical Society) who want to bring programming to the neighborhood, and we promote charitable efforts like the food drive organized by the Boy Scouts. We also offer an annual college scholarship, and are working to improve the neighborhood welcome signage.

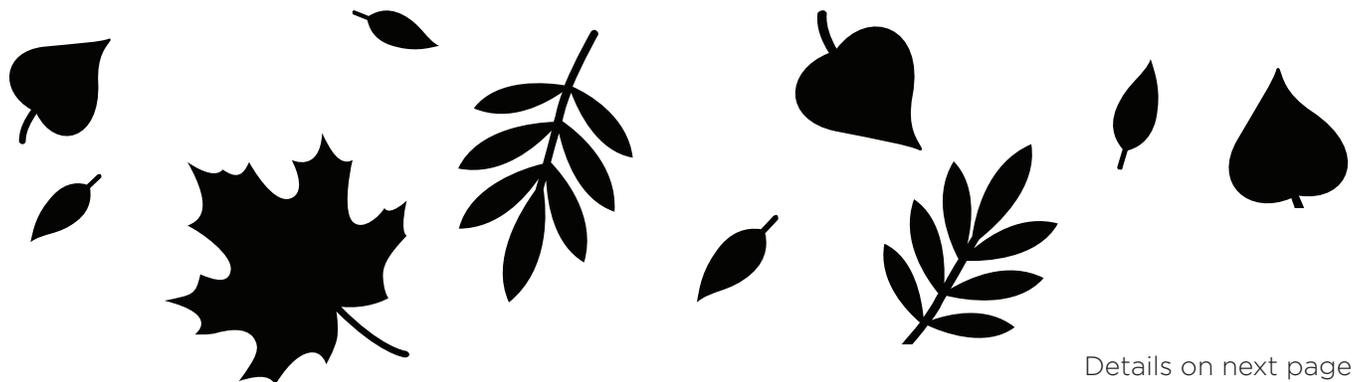
However, if your neighbor’s grass is too long, you’re worried about encroaching development, you’re looking to run for elected office or you want to raise money for another charitable organization, we’re not likely to be very helpful. We will help direct you to the right City resources, and may be able to promote the charitable event you are leading. We’ll encourage all residents to vote, and you can even buy an advertisement in the Courier to promote your campaign. We just won’t tell our neighbors who to vote for.

Our goal is to make Colonial Hills a desirable place to live by promoting the neighborhood, offering fun, family friendly activities that bring neighbors together, and providing a forum to share information.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday	October 10th	CHCA Meeting	7:30-9pm	Shelter House
Sunday	October 22nd	Halloween Party	3 - 5pm	Shelter House
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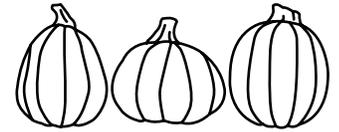


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# DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Please join your friends and neighbors at the annual Halloween Party and Pumpkin Patch at the Shelter House! Thanks to the sponsorship of Cynthia MacKenzie/KW



Capital Partners/The CyMack Group and event organizer Kristin Orban, we will have a trick or treat opportunity in the field, thematic games and crafts inside the shelter house and a pumpkin patch for all to enjoy! Please come dressed in your Halloween costume!

## COLONIAL HILLS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

**Please donate your time and food/basic necessities - November 11 th and 18th**

The annual Colonial Hills Food Drive, currently being coordinated by Cub Scout Pack 331, will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 18 th from 9:00a-12:00p. Pantry type food and personal hygiene items will be collected from the neighborhood by Scouts/volunteers and evenly divided between the Worthington Food Pantry and St. Michael's church for distribution to those in need. For those that want to volunteer their time, please plan to come over to the Selby Park shelter house at 9:00a on the prior Saturday, November 11th to help distribute information flyers to the neighborhood that describe the types of items to be donated and 9:00a on Saturday, November 18th to help collect the donated items. We will remind you of the date on Facebook and on our web site, [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us), towards the end of October. In the meantime if you have any questions, please call me at 614-374- 0903, or send me an e-mail: [along@tcco.com](mailto:along@tcco.com). Thank you, Andrew Long - Cubmaster - Pack 331

## COLONIAL HILLS LUMINARIES

**Please Volunteer on December 2rd.** Just a note to request that you “mark your calendars” to come over to the shelter house the first Saturday in December (Dec. 2) at 10:00 AM, to volunteer for our luminary kit assembly. We will remind you of the date on Facebook and on our web site, [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us), towards the end of November, along with the detailed article I will write about luminaries for the next Courier. Also, please note that we will light our luminaries this year on Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 PM, as I will review in my detailed article. In the meantime if you have any questions, please call me at 614-888- 8236, or send me an e-mail: [willpearce@columbus.rr.com](mailto:willpearce@columbus.rr.com). Thank you, Will Pearce - Luminary Event Coordinator, 365 S. Selby Blvd

## HOLIDAY PARTY:

Please join your friends and neighbors for a holiday themed party at the Selby park Shelter House on Sunday December 17th from 3-5. Thanks to the sponsorship of Sarah Winland Mullen, the LaBuda Team at Keller Williams Capital Partners our Colonial Hills residents will enjoy holiday themed snacks, games and a possible visitor from a friend up north.

# HELP WANTED: CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS NEEDED

CHCA officer elections will occur at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Nov 14, 7:30pm at the Selby Shelter House. All residents of Colonial Hills are welcome (encouraged!) to run.

All positions are up for election: President, Vice-President of Events, Secretary, and Treasurer. **Our biggest need is for a Vice President of Events as Jenny Kendall would like to transition the responsibility.**

Ken Paul has agreed to continue to serve as president if elected, and Kelly Calhoon and John Cecil will continue to serve if another resident does not express a strong desire to fill these seats.

All positions are for 1-year terms. Officers are responsible to attend the once-per-month CHCA meetings, held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

In addition to volunteers for executive office, the civic association is seeking a volunteer to serve as Courier coordinator/editor. The Courier is currently designed by Melissa Lavetsky with content contributed by civic association officers and others. The coordination and collection of content, and proofing and editing of articles, requires additional time and attention. If you are interested in filling this important and much needed role, please contact Jenny Kendall at [jkendall614@gmail.com](mailto:jkendall614@gmail.com) to learn more.

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Gabe McCallister, 614-678-3156; dog walking, pet clean up  
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# UPDATE: STEP BY STEP ACADEMY

By Suzy Davis, Colonial Hills Resident and I Am Boundless Executive Director

As a resident of Colonial Hills and the executive director of I Am Boundless, a provider of supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, I am excited to share news about the recent merger between I Am Boundless and Step By Step Academy.

In May, I Am Boundless officially merged with Step by Step Academy, a non-profit provider of outpatient behavioral health services and center-based educational services for children with autism. As part of the merger, I Am Boundless will now oversee the usage and maintenance of the Step By Step Academy campus just north of Colonial Hills.

I Am Boundless, formerly Franklin County Residential Services, merged with Step By Step Academy to broaden our mission of serving the community and to preserve the longstanding purpose and spirit of the property, which is providing valuable mental and behavioral health services and programs.

As we begin to make plans for Step By Step Academy and the campus, we wanted to let you know that all of us at I Am Boundless are committed to getting to know our community, being good neighbors and remaining transparent about our plans. On that note, here's information that might answer some of the questions you might have about our plans for the property.

- We plan to maintain the park-like setting of the campus and to keep the back gate at Indianola Avenue closed to traffic, which we know has been a concern for many residents.
- Our current plan is for the campus to be used by social service and nonprofit organizations, which includes moving the I Am Boundless corporate headquarters to the campus so that our leadership team can be very involved in what happens there daily.
- There are three buildings on the campus that have not been maintained for decades. We share the community's concern about the safety and appearance of these buildings and have received approval from the Worthington Architectural Review Board (ARB) to demolish two of them. We will be re-evaluating the third building in collaboration with the ARB.
- We will likely restore two other historical buildings on the campus — the former icehouse and an original home of Dr. Harding II, which are in better condition and do not present a safety hazard. We will continue to work closely with the ARB on the restoration projects, as well as with the City Planning Office and Worthington Police and Fire departments, which have all been very supportive of our plans.
- We are in the process of making improvements to enhance the beauty and safety of the campus, including removing dead trees, filling potholes and renovating some of the buildings. It's a big project and we kindly ask for your patience as we establish a master plan.

We are so grateful to be a part of the Worthington community. We love having our neighbors walk their dogs, ride their bikes and enjoy the peacefulness of the campus. We will continue to keep you posted about our plans as they develop through the Colonial Hills Civic Association. If you have questions, concerns or would like a tour of our campus, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your support!

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# 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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