

Colonial Hills Courier

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Happy New Year!

I'm guessing that a lot of you are happy to have 2020 behind us. The Colonial Hills Civic Association is looking forward to hosting our annual events again this year. I would like to thank the Civic Association Board and all of our event coordinators for rolling with the punches (and there were many of them) and coming up with creative ways to celebrate as a neighborhood. I also want to thank the City of Worthington Parks and Recreation Department for allowing us to hold events in an approved, safe manner.

Included in this issue of the Courier is our event calendar magnet. Please refer to this for event dates and times, but also please check future issues of the Courier, Facebook and our website, colonialhills.us for details as these events get closer! The CHCA would like to thank Cynthia Mackenzie and the CyMacK Group for providing these magnets to every house in the neighborhood. Your generosity is always appreciated!

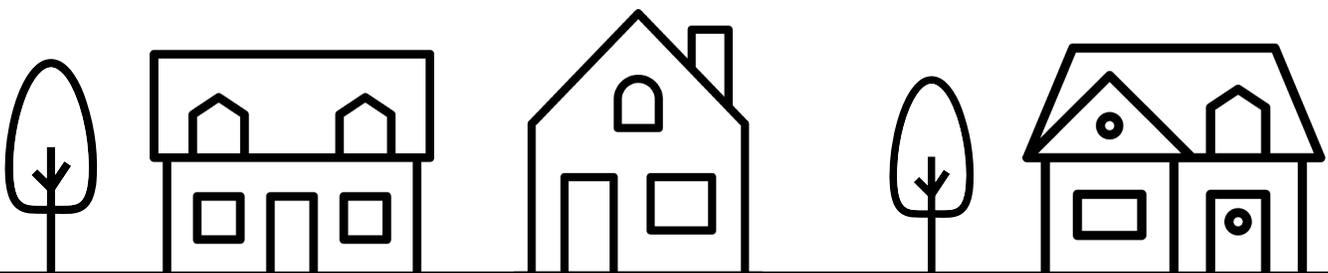
I want to thank Emily Castle from Franklin Imaging for printing our new event signs free of charge. What a relief to get new, lighter and more manageable signs. The CHCA is looking for a neighbor to volunteer to be our sign placer. This person is responsible for putting the CHCA meeting reminder signs (and possibly some others) out at our 3 neighborhood entrances about a week ahead of time and then picking them back up. The good news is our new signs can be easily kept in the trunk of your car! Please let me know if you are interested in this position and I can provide more details.

We had a wonderful holiday season thanks to Cub Scout Pack 331 (Food Drive), Will Pearce (Luminary Display), Erin Zelinski and Karen Steidle (Holiday Party), Sarah Mullen from Mullen-Hawkins: Keller Williams Capital Partners (Holiday Party sponsorship), Kathi Godber (Holiday House Decorating Competition) and to the numerous other volunteers who gave their time to our neighborhood during the holiday season! We can't thank you enough.

See you around!

Emma McCandlish Lindholm

CHCA President



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THANK YOU, COLONIAL HILLS, FOR BEST EVER LUMINARY DISPLAY!

I want to heartily thank each of the 21 volunteers who assembled luminary kits, and the 2 volunteers who delivered some of the assembled bundles to Trustees' homes, on Saturday, December 5, 2020. And also a big "Thank You" to all of our Trustees who picked up, and then delivered their bundles of kits to their neighbors in their Districts.

We overcame everything COVID could throw at us - we modified our assembly procedures to be strictly COVID-protocol compliant, and then with about half the usual number of volunteers, we still completed assembly only 45 minutes later than usual.

I also want to express my great appreciation for everyone in Colonial Hills who put out their luminaries for display on Sunday, December 13, around 7:00 PM.

And here is why I am saying "Best Ever Luminary Display!"

Because we in Colonial Hills would not be denied this year by COVID in continuing our annual holiday luminary display tradition that I believe goes back to the beginning of the Civic Association in 1948. We innovated, we worked with the City for approval of the shelter house event, and we signed up to volunteer. We were blessed with a chilly, but sunny day for kit assembly, and also a nice dry evening for luminary display.

And for this display, it was the best ever for the highest percentage of participation! I observed around 95% plus, of homes on all streets displaying their luminaries this year, and at least two streets with 100% participation. The very long, almost straight streets, such as Indianola and E., S. and N. Selby (starting at the apartments and all the way to Indianola), were wondrous sights for their quarter to half-mile long continuous strings of luminaries. And I observed many, many neighbors out walking and celebrating that evening, enjoying the display and their neighbors' incredible holiday decorations.

The joy was palpable that evening in our shining neighborhood!

Will Pearce
Luminary Event Chair



THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS - HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Thank you to those who were able to donate to our food drive. Cub Scout Pack 331 worked hard in early November to put out flyers about the food drive and then collecting the donations. After the donations were sorted and loaded into cars, the Scouts delivered the items to the St. Michael Food Pantry and the Worthington Resource Pantry. Your generosity provided approximately 1,700 pounds of food and personal care items to those in need!



SANTA IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC



There have been lots of ways that people have tried to bring the fun festive tradition of the Man in the Red Suit to life during pandemic life. We tried to think through all the ways we can bring jolly old Saint Nick to your home; house calls did not seem socially distanced enough, the weather didn't cooperate for Skiing Santa behind a truck, so we settled on the wonderful organized digital chaos of a Santa Zoom Call. Thanks to the Big Man himself for taking the time to zoom into our living room and thank you for the long-suffering parents who made yet another zoom call to keep the tradition of seeing Santa in the Hills alive. And a big thanks to our very own Santa Elves who delivered Santa Goody bags in a sleigh that looked suspiciously like a car.

WELCOME SIGN CAMPAIGN PRESSES FORWARD

The Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA) campaign to replace the neighborhood welcome signs is pressing forward after more than two years of planning and fundraising.

The welcome sign campaign began with a conversation with the City of Worthington near the end of 2018 and after much back and forth, has resulted in City approval of a near final design and a request for quote from the preferred vendor contracted by the City to install other wayfinding signs.

The City of Worthington requested the Colonial Hills signage be consistent with existing design standards and the CHCA benefited from the donated professional graphic design work of a Colonial Hills resident. Her design was approved in concept and has been shared with Archer Sign Company. Archer will likely fabricate and install the signage, including required safety features (breakaway base). The City has tentatively agreed to site preparation, and the civic association will likely remove the existing signs, perhaps as early as this spring as part of ongoing fundraising efforts.

While the process has extended longer than originally anticipated, sign installation could begin this year. The timing and number of signs installed will likely depend on funding. The City is not contributing any funding to the project, though the CHCA may apply for a 2021 neighborhood grant. The CHCA has twice been unsuccessful in its application for grant funding through City of Worthington Community Relations Commission, but collectively our neighborhood has raised nearly \$4,000 toward the total project cost.

In the near-term, the CHCA is working on plans to make launch a new fundraising effort to auction and/or raffle one or more of the existing neighborhood signs and prioritizing which signs may be replaced first if all cannot be installed in 2021. The new fundraising goal will be tied to the quote provided by Archer, expected in late January.

Look for project updates in the next issue of the Courier, and check the Colonial Hills Civic Association Facebook Page for details on our new fundraising efforts.



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BRIGHT LIGHTS!

A big bright spot in this very challenging year is to see and enjoy all of the beautifully decorated, sparkling homes in Colonial Hills this holiday season. The whole neighborhood appreciates every decorated home for your extraordinary showing of holiday hope and spirit. I think we could add “the festive neighborhood” to our name!

Our judges always have difficult decisions to make, and this year was no exception. After the votes were cast, the winners are:

BEST RETRO



547 Park Overlook: Dinosaurs! You can't get more retro than that!



Congratulations to the winners! In your honor this year, the Colonial Hills Civic Association has made a \$100 contribution to the Worthington Resource Pantry.

Thank you to our neighbor Kathi Godber for once again organizing this fun contest!



MOST ARTISTIC



322 Loveman: Caribbean holiday with a hula dancin' Santa, flamingos & palm trees. Why not!!

MOST LIT UP



5595 & 5597 Indianola: Purple Haze! Lots of light and a cool glow.



1ST BEST OVERALL



71 Southington: A classic shimmering white wonderland

1ST BEST FRONT DOOR



63 Southington: Just lovely with swags of evergreens

2ND BEST OVERALL



287 Loveman: "The Island of Lost Toys" theme, complete with music!

2ND BEST FRONT DOOR



302 Loveman: A welcoming stoop with wreaths, bows and sleds

3RD BEST OVERALL



214 Colonial: Nutcrackers, flanked and topped by Christmas trees

3RD BEST FRONT DOOR



384 Colonial: Festive festoons and colors of the season

CHCA SCHOLARSHIP - GIVING BACK!

Don't Forget! The Civic Association has revamped the application requirements for our annual scholarship. In an effort to have more applications submitted and to focus on serving others, especially in our neighborhood, we have come up with a new application. I encourage all high school students and those pursuing continuing education to read through the application carefully and let us know if you have any questions. Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2021!

APPLICATION
DEADLINE:
APRIL 1

The new application includes areas where you can choose activities based on your interests and comfort levels. Note that there is now a neighborhood project choice. This can be anything you dream up that will benefit our neighborhood, just make sure to get it approved by the Civic Association before beginning!

Last year we were able to award over \$2,500 worth of scholarship money and we hope to grow this number each year!

Please visit colonialhills.us and use the link on the right-hand side to access the application or fill out the paper version on the next page.



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The following are eligibility requirements and conditions for the Colonial Hills Civic Association Scholarship:

1. The applicant must be a current resident of Colonial Hills, Worthington, Ohio and a graduating high school senior during the current year or someone pursuing continuing education.
2. The Scholarship may be used for all types of educational programs beyond high school. (e.g. college, vocational, technical, and business institutes)
3. The Scholarship must be used within one (1) calendar year of the award and will be made available in a lump sum payment upon proof of enrollment in an academic or vocational program and proof of residency in Colonial Hills, Worthington, Ohio.
4. The applicant must complete this form for consideration. Final selection will be the sole decision of the Colonial Hills Civic Association. All information will be kept confidential except essay question response(s).
5. The completed application must be submitted by APRIL 1st. Mail entries must be postmarked by March 27th and sent to CHCA PO Box 676 Worthington, OH 43085. You may also bring your application to a Civic Association meeting, deliver it to the current CHCA Secretary or to the scholarship committee head (selected yearly).
6. The application must be signed by the student and parent/guardian(s).

The applicant must complete the following:

1. Attend a Colonial Hills Civic Association meeting **OR** Interview a CHCA Officer.

AND

2. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from an adult who knows you well and has worked with you in a relevant capacity.

AND

3. Write a 2-page (double spaced) essay about the Colonial Hills neighborhood that answers the questions- Why do you love living here? What role has your community played in your development?

AND

4. Volunteer at two (2) Civic Association events **OR** Complete a (Civic Association pre-approved) neighborhood project.

Please put a check mark next to the activities/requirements you have completed and attach appropriate documentation to this application.

1. ____ Attend a CHCA Meeting _____(date) **OR**
____ Interview a CHCA Officer _____ (name and date)
*Attach a copy of the interview questions and a summary paragraph.
2. ____ Letter of recommendation
3. ____ Neighborhood Essay
4. ____ Volunteer at 2 Civic Association Events _____(dates) **OR**
____ Neighborhood Project
*Attach a description of your project.

Student's Name	Address	Phone Number
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Current School	Date of Graduation
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Name of School Enrolled in for Secondary Education	Address
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Student Signature/Date	Parent/Guardian Signature/Date
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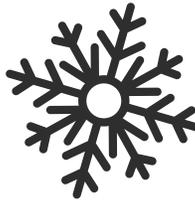
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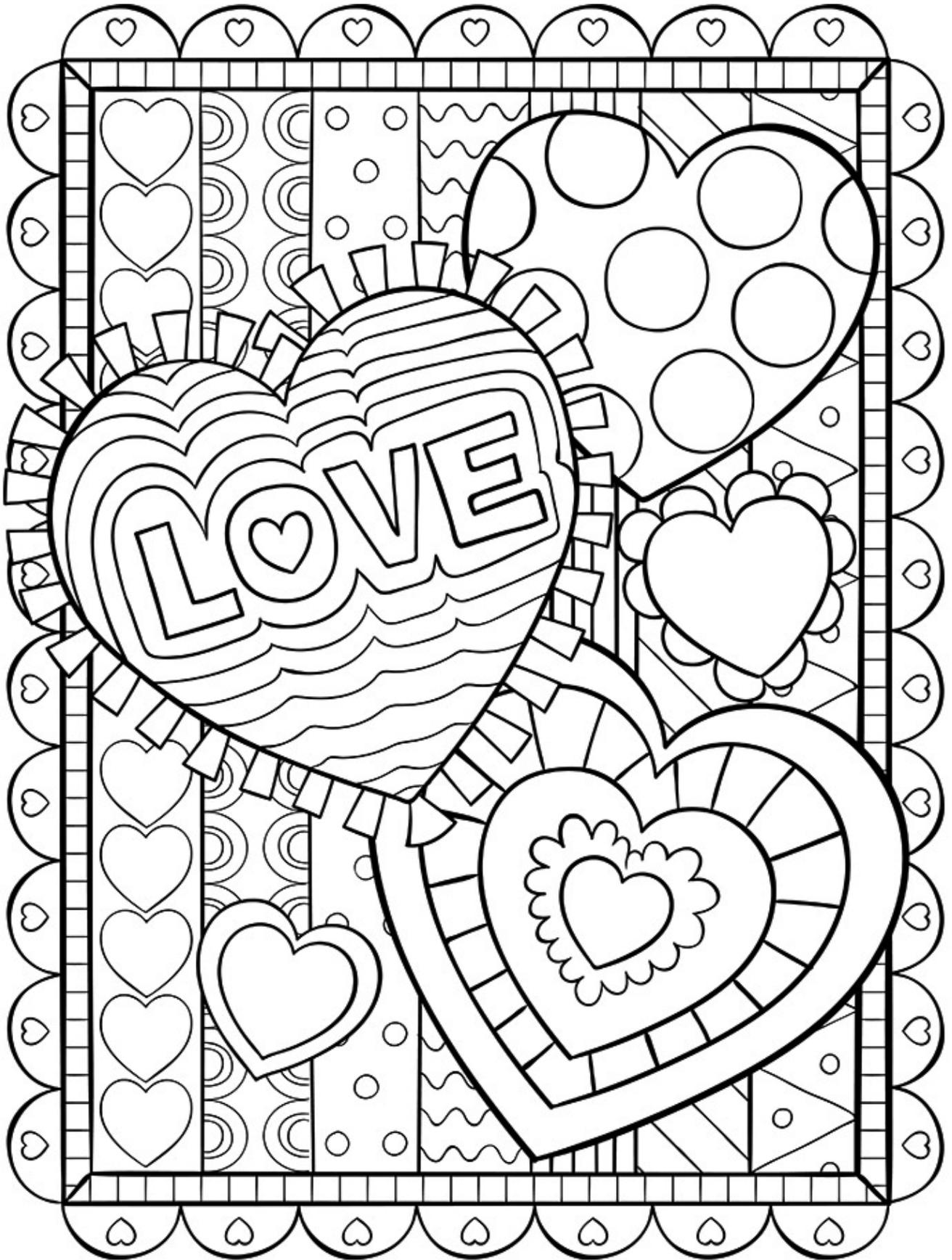
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