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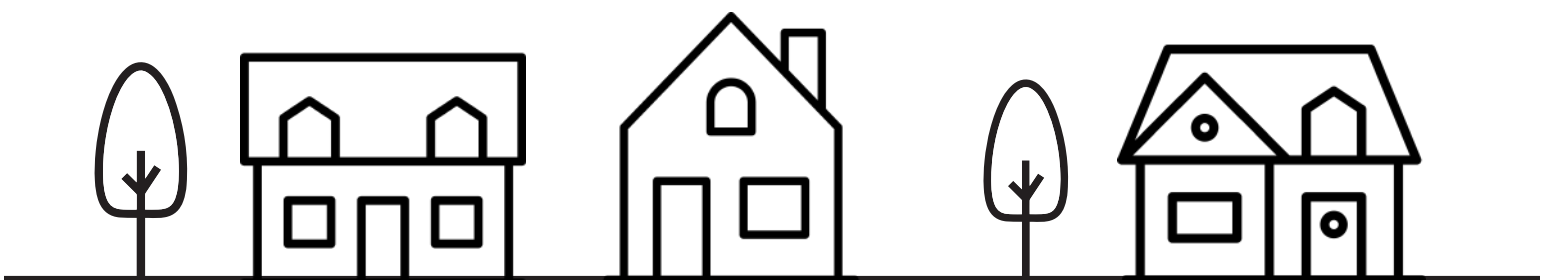
As we welcome 2023, I want to thank you for being part of this wonderful community — if you are new to the Hills, I can't wait for you to experience the fun that we have, with events that take place throughout the year! Included in this issue of the Courier, you will find the Event Calendar; many thanks to Cynthia MacKenzie and CyMack Real Estate for providing these handy magnets that list the dates and times for all the CHCA events throughout the coming year.

Speaking of the Courier, the “behind the scenes” magic that takes place to put this newsletter together is a collaboration between Chris Rule (Vice President/Communications) and Kate Burgener (Kate Burgener Creative, LLC/Kateburgener.com). Chris and Kate are both extremely talented individuals who create a delightful and informative newsletter that also serves as a great resource for local eateries, goods and services!! Thank you, Team Courier!!

I also want to recognize a few of the many volunteers who worked tirelessly during the last few months of 2022 to make sure that our neighborhood events were fantastic. A big Thank You goes to Kristin Orban and Brittany Smith (Halloween Party), CyMack (Halloween Party and Pumpkin Patch sponsorship), Will Pearce (Luminaries), The Mark Neff Team and The Roof Detective (Luminary sponsors), Cub Scout Pack 331 (Food Drive), Erin Zelinski-Righter (Holiday Party), Mullen-Hawkins (Holiday Party sponsor) and Kathi Godber, who coordinated the secret judges for both the Halloween and Holiday decorating contests. Last but certainly not least, I want to give a shout out to everyone who volunteered and who participated in our parties and events, including kudos to all who took part in the decorating contests. Every year, it feels like there are more and more of our neighbors going ALL OUT to display their decorating talents by utilizing their homes as giant canvases, bursting with Halloween and Holiday Spirit!!!

We have lots of fun in store for you and your family in 2023, so Stay Tuned!!!! We would love to have your input and ideas on how we can make this year the Best Ever in the Hills, so please consider attending our monthly Civic Association Meetings at 7:30 pm (Selby Park Shelter House) on the second Tuesdays of each month. Hope to see you then!!!

Warmest regards,
Leslie Caruso



Colonial Hills

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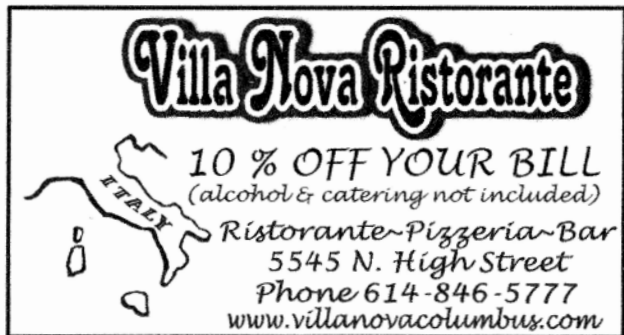
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Please submit questions, ideas, content and/or updates by email to christopher.rule@gmail.com or by mail, address above.



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Location/Other Notes For Calendar
Easter Egg Stuffing	Saturday March 25	10:00 AM	Selby Park Shelter House
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday April 1	10:00 AM SHARP	Selby Park
Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date	Saturday April 8	10:00 AM	Selby Park
Trustee Dinner	Tuesday May 9	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	
Neighborhood Garage Sale	Saturday June 10	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
4th of July	Tuesday July 4	8:30 5K, 10:00 Kiddie Parade, followed by games and food trucks	Shelter House and Selby Park
Halloween House Decorating Competition	Tuesday October 24	7:00 PM	Lights on by 7 pm
Halloween Party, Pumpkin Patch & Chili Cookoff	Sunday October 22	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Selby Park Shelter House
Food Drive	Saturday November 11	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Please Have Donations on Your Front Porch by 9am
Luminary Set Up	Saturday December 2	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Selby Park Shelter House
Children's Holiday Party	Sunday December 10	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Selby Park Shelter House
Light Your Luminaries	Sunday December 10	7:00 PM	
Holiday House Decorating Competition	Tuesday December 19	7:00 PM	Lights on by 7 pm

HELP WANTED

Everyone has seen help wanted signs or noticed a labor shortage, be it in restaurants, banks or at your own place of work. Well my neighbors, have I got a job offer for you! It will be paid top dollar (I promise, we will pay you double what we paid the last volunteer) and comes with nothing but respect and love from your neighbors. Here are open positions we are looking to fill this year:

- Apprentice under the legendary Jenny Kendall to learn the ropes of throwing an amazing Fourth of July bash for the neighborhood.
- Pick the judges and lead the judging efforts the Halloween and Christmas House Decorating Contests
- Apprentice under the detailed genius of Will Pearce to assist with Luminary Set Up.
- Volunteers will be needed and welcomed for ALL neighborhood events

If interested in any of the above, please contact the CSCA at CHCA.worthington@gmail.com

HOUSE DECORATING COMPETITION

Luckily, the super cold and snowy weather held off until after our contest!

The winners are:

MOST ARTISTIC



551 Park Blvd – Our judges called this one “HO HO HO Ha Ha Ha” with its 3 bushes dressed up as Santa. So creative!

Photo credits to the Secret Judges

BEST RETRO



322 Loveman – Hula Santa and friends. Hawaii sounds good right now, yes?

MOST LIT UP



287 Loveman – A wonderful yard full of “Island of Lost Toys” figures and plenty of sparkle!

1ST BEST OVERALL



244 Colonial – The judges gasped, then squealed with delight at the wonderful Whoville display.

1ST BEST FRONT DOOR



63 Southington – With its simple, sweet and heartfelt "Merry Christmas door".

2ND BEST OVERALL



291 E Selby – BIG Santa and Frosty.

2ND BEST FRONT DOOR



384 Colonial

3RD BEST OVERALL



212 Colonial – Although the address is hard to see in the dark, it sure is pretty with the unique colorful lights.

3RD BEST FRONT DOOR



581 N Selby

LUMINARY SET UP AND THANKS

I want to thank each of the 24 volunteers, including 8 youth, who assembled 899 luminary kits for the 838 homes in our neighborhood on Saturday, December 3. Although it was raining heavily earlier in the morning, by 10:00 AM when we started kit assembly, the rain had completely stopped and the weather was comfortable for our outside volunteers.

All but six Trustees were able to pick up their completed bundles of kits before 1:00 PM, and so volunteers delivered their bundles to them, which included one large bundle for which volunteer Al Smyth delivered the kits to all homes in this District due to Trustee illness. And thus my special appreciation to Al, who has been “backstopping” the kit assembly event with multiple Trustee bundle deliveries each year since 2014!

And last, but not least, I thank our Trustees who deliver the luminary kits to each home in their District (plus delivering the Couriers and CHCA membership packets, and many of whom have additional roles within the CHCA).

Colonial Hills was blessed with great weather for our Neighborhood Luminary Display, which includes the luminaries ringing Selby Park, on Sunday, December 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. As I drove the streets in the Hills that evening, I estimated that we had approximately 95% overall participation, with long expanses of continuous displays on Indianola and the Selbys, and some streets such as Meadoway and Park Overlook with virtually 100% participation!

In fact, even with driving very slowly, windows rolled down and flashers on, I felt as if my vehicle was an intruder on the streets which, along with the sidewalks, were filled with folks, including strollers and pets, enjoying the great weather and our amazing holiday decorations. And of course, I had to park by the curb for about five minutes, to become part of the ongoing crowd of children (and adults) marveling at the awesome display at a certain home.

And finally, I must thank every neighbor who set up their luminaries in front of their residence, and those who decorate their homes for the season, to make our Colonial Hills holiday celebration uniquely jolly.

Will Pearce
Luminary Event Chair



HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's holiday party was a great success! Over 100 children participated in our annual party at the shelter house. Laughter and good times were had all around decorating cookies, making crafts, and playing games. Santa was asked for some very special items this year by some CH little ones such as a "mop" (and yes a bucket), and a "real size crane". A mom exclaimed as she drove out of sight "This was the best part of my whole weekend!"



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Time is running out my friends and neighbors. Did you know that Colonial Hills gives out scholarship money to worthy candidates in the neighborhood? This applies to adults going back to school/pursuing classes and high school students. The CHCA awarded **\$2,500** three years ago, **\$3,000** two year ago and this past year were able to award **\$6,000 in scholarships!** Thanks to the membership dues people so

generously pay, sponsorships we work hard to maintain and ad space in this very Courier that we sell, we hope to keep the trend going. So what do you need to do? APPLY! For the volunteer requirement, there are MANY opportunities coming up with the holiday season, so make sure you check that box!

APPLICATION
DEADLINE
APRIL 6

Colonial Hills Civic Association Scholarship Application

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 received by APRIL 6th, and can be submitted by any of the following methods. Mail entries must be postmarked by April 3rd and sent to CHCA, PO Box 676, Worthington, OH 43085. You may also bring your application to a Civic Association meeting, or deliver it to the current CHCA Secretary (by April 6).

Optionally, you may also submit by e-mail as follows: Attach your completed application to an e-mail sent to CHCA.Worthington@gmail.com; your e-mail must have a timestamp before midnight April 6th. Although the CHCA will reply to confirm receipt of your application via e-mail, please save your sent e-mail until you receive CHCA confirmation that we received it.

- 6) The application must be signed by the student and parent/guardian(s). For an e-mail submission: By PDF, please make sure your attached scanned PDF has the signature lines completed. Or with an attached Word document, please scan in either PDF or JPEG photo format the page with signature lines, and then also attach this scanned or photographed page, in addition to attaching your Word document.

The applicant must complete 1 item from each column:

1	2	3	4
Attend a Colonial Hills Civic Association meeting OR Interview a CHCA Officer	Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from an adult who knows you well and has worked with you in a relevant capacity	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?	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	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend a CHCA Meeting _____ (date)
	OR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Interview a CHCA Officer _____ (name and date) <i>*Attach a copy of the interview questions and a summary paragraph.</i>

2	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of recommendation
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3	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Essay
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4	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at 2 Civic Association Events _____ (dates)
	OR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Project <i>*Attach a description of your project.</i>

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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NOMINATE A NEIGHBOR - MEET JIM LOEFFLER

The song “Seasons of Love” from Rent asks the question how do you measure a life? If we were measuring in time, Jim Loeffler has to be one of the oldest neighbors in Colonial Hills, as he will turn 92 this year. If you measure in music, he could be measured by his basement which is stocked with over 12,000 LP’s and 9,000+ 78’s, not to mention the hundreds of CD’s and cassettes. If it is a story, well, next time you are walking along Indianola and see a kind older man sitting on his porch, stop on by and ask and you won’t be disappointed.

Mr. Loeffler moved into Colonial Hills in 1960, the third owner of the house, and planted roots that have yet to be pulled out. He and his late wife Lucille raised two sons in the house that, as many houses in the neighborhood have been, has been modified over the years. A jack of all trades and far more capable than most, Jim has opened walls, moved doors, all while maintaining a certain aesthetic that is unique to his artistic vision. The walls are all decorated with unique art pieces he has collected or painted during his long life.



A lifelong love of music was started by his father, an amateur musician. He came from a long line of craftsmen but never thought he had the talent but during a 3 years stint in Europe, serving in the Air Force from 1950-54, he picked up bass to play in a band with some fellow servicemen. A passion was born and though he never learned to read music, it didn’t stop him from playing for the past 70 years.

His love of music is evident from the moment that you walk in the door. From the upright bass that was handmade, to the ukulele and guitar from the 20’s, to the shelves dedicated to jazz greats Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Jack Teagarten, it is apparent that Jim’s love of music far exceeds the ordinary bystander. The crank Starr Phonograph in the corner, working jukeboxes in the add-on family room, and autographs and paintings on the wall speak to a deep appreciation of the classics. Want to catch Mr. Loeffler in action? In the spring through fall months, he still plays with the Bexley Jam Band on Thursday evenings at Johnson’s Ice Cream in Bexley.

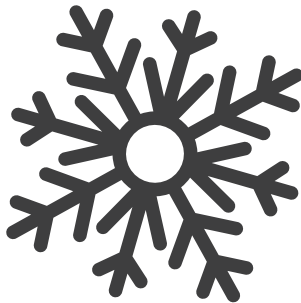
Wait, you might ask, isn’t he 91? He still has a busier social calendar than most people half his age... well, really busier than most people, period. Monday’s is Vaughn Wiester’s Famous Jazz Orchestra at the Clintonville Women’s Club, Friday’s is the Rick Brunetto Big Band at the Valley Dale Ballroom, euchre is a couple nights a week. You could say age is just a number, but his body has slowed down a little. He no longer runs the multiple businesses he once started and his painting and art has slowed to focus on just photography these days. With everything he has experienced, he says with thankfulness, that he has no regrets, just fond memories.

Want to Nominate a Neighbor or Thank A Neighbor? Email CHCAnewsletter@gmail.com and we will work on writing up a new neighbor each Issue of the Courier.



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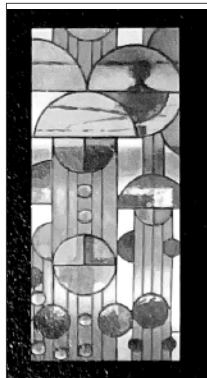
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