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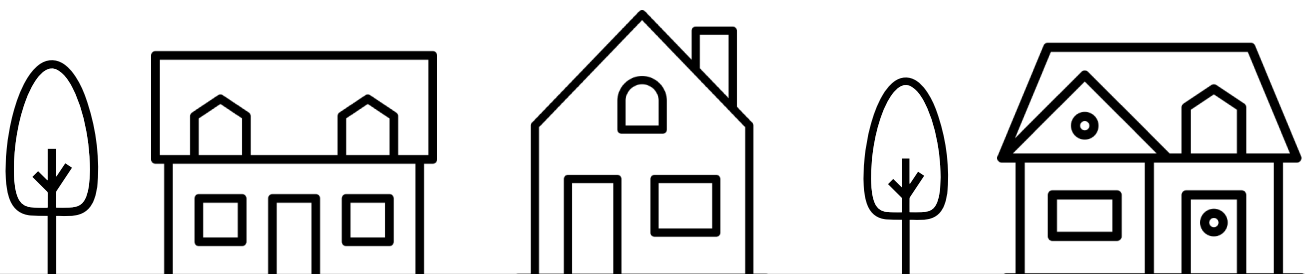
It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end, but the signs are there – parents with kids and furry friends in tow, walking towards Colonial Hills Elementary School in the mornings, neighbors getting their football flags ready to hang, some of our deer friends sporting those autumn antlers...

There is lots going on in the Hills, as we start leaning into Fall – we have our Halloween house decorating contest, the Halloween Party and Pumpkin Patch, and our annual Neighborhood Food Drive. Please consider spending an hour or two as a volunteer, and get to know your neighbors!! You can find out more about the “goings on” in our beloved neighborhood by dropping by the Selby Park Shelter House at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month (our reminder signs are strategically placed at the Indianola and Park Blvd Park entrances, as well as at the intersection of East, North and South Selby). We would love to see you there!!

I hope that whatever you have going on over the next few months, that you have a chance to take in the beauty of this season – that you make time to enjoy friends, family and all that makes life wonderful!!!

See you around the Hills!

Kindest regards,
Leslie Caruso



Colonial Hills

~ The Friendly Community ~

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The Courier is published by the Colonial Hills Civic Association and distributed to approximately 800 homes.

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

OFFICER ELECTION

Mark Your Calendars! Election Night is November 14th, 7:30 pm at the Selby Park Shelter House. It's not too late to Enter the Race for these KEY positions!!!

NOVEMBER 14,
7:30 PM,
SELBY PARK
SHELTER HOUSE

- **President** (incumbent/Leslie Caruso; 20-year resident with no prior experience so if she can do this, then you can too!!)
- **Vice-President of Events** (incumbent/Alan Miroslaw; Spectacular Event track record - admittedly an uphill battle for any challenger)
- **Vice-President of Communications** (incumbent/Chris Rule; best Couriers ever in the history of Colonial Hills but don't let that intimidate, he is very willing to job share)
- **Treasurer** (Incumbent/Adam Bass; accounting professional who has brought a level of expertise and financial management practices that are best in class)
- **Secretary** (Open Position)
- **Webmaster** (Incumbent /Will Pearce; Simply the Best; not sure that anyone could fill these shoes but let's see what you got)

CHCA officer elections will take place during the November meeting. All residents of Colonial Hills are welcome and encouraged to run. **Every officer position for CHCA is up for election : President, Vice-President of Events, Vice President of Communications, Secretary, and Treasurer.** Tim Nittle will be stepping down as Secretary, and so we are looking to recruit someone like Tim, with strong written communication skills. **That said, if you are interested in any of the officer positions, please consider volunteering!**

All positions have one-year terms. Officers are responsible to attend the once-per-month CHCA meetings, held on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The meetings generally last about one hour, and are best described as low key, "working" meetings focused on what needs to be done ahead of the next community event. The meetings are fun!! We don't take ourselves too seriously and we work as a team to get things done. Depending on what position you hold, you might expect to commit another two-three hours per month, and you may be asked to help volunteer for an event. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please reach out to any of the officers via email (listed on facing page). We hope to hear from you!!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

You know what's adorable? Your kid in a halloween costume. You might worry on any other day of the week if dressing like a zombie or a butterfly or Harry Potter is your kids M.O. but on Halloween, anything is game! So get your fun on and come on out for the neighborhood Boo at the Zoo...err...Selby. Bonus points to the families that have matching/themed costumes. The annual CHCA Halloween party will be held on Oct 22rd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will use a similar setup to last year. Individually bagged candy, snacks, crafts, and game prizes will be available as a walk through event around the picnic tables at Selby Park Shelter House. The shelter house itself may not be open during the event, depending on need. As always, our wonderful sponsor Cynthia MacKenzie and Cymack Real Estate will be hosting a pumpkin patch out in the field. Stop by for Halloween fun, and don't forget to take a picture in the pumpkin patch!

OCT 22,
3:00-5:00 PM,
SELBY PARK



HALLOWEEN DECORATING

Halloween is coming! And what is better than waiting up all night for the appearance of the Great Pumpkin and sugaring up with pillow sacks of candy (seriously, who needs pillow sacks of candy... but I digress)? Why it is the Halloween Decorating Contest of course. Pull out all the stops for the 6th annual Halloween Decoration Contest, to be judged on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The five categories are: Spookiest, Friendliest, Most Creative, Best Effects and Best Activity. Have fun with your dastardly décor!

JUDGING ON
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 24,
7:00 PM



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4TH OF JULY RECAP

Kudos and great thanks to Event Chair Amanda Rule, her three other Park Overlook committee members Abby Wills, Ashley Chaney and Mandie DeWine, and the many other volunteers for what may very well have been the best Colonial Hills 4th of July Event subsequent to fifty years ago when the Colonial Hills 4th of July was the premier community holiday event in all of Worthington!

The best of the recent era? Yes! Amanda and her committee started planning for the event four months ago, and were able to provide many more midway games, plus a double-lane slip n' slide (twice the fun!). the addition of the 50-50 raffle, a cotton-candy stand, both a youth and adult watermelon eating contest, plus the return of favorites such as the dunk tank, two bounce houses, face painting, Kona Ice and another delicious food vendor, Branded BBQ, with all activities seeming to flow seamlessly. The CHCA officers, along with former event chair Jenny Kendall, pitched in to help Amanda according to their roles with planning and implementation, including providing for Venmo payments, event direction, coordination with the City (Thanks, Worthington Parks and Rec and Police Departments!), putting up pop-up tents, announcing the activities, and photography — and resident Matt Steidel donated his sound equipment and play list, and former Park Overlook resident Brian Wright donated all those 2-liter bottles of pop for the ring toss game.

We estimate at least 300 or more people attended (there were 220 for Kona Ice alone!), and we suspect many of these folks hope that Amanda will be able to serve as Chair for many years to come!



RACE RECAP

It was a great day for the 44th Annual 5k in Colonial Hills! Not too humid, with a slight breeze, in our beautiful tree-lined streets. As always, the expertise and hard work of Event Chairs Courtney Jolley and Jeff Spain and their volunteers made the event appear to happen seamlessly, and thanks to their publicity efforts, we had the greatest number of runners/walkers (201) since 2016!

But this year, Jeff and Courtney also had to overcome the challenge of the ongoing, extensive water lines replacement project excavating the streets in Colonial Hills — by designing an alternate course (see diagram in the colonialhills.us blog post), which masterfully solved the problem of the non-availability of Colonial and Foster as parts of the traditional course on July 4.

Change can be difficult, but Jeff reviewed the course modifications, which were well-marked along the way, with the runners immediately prior to the start of the race, and a Worthington Police Officer Cruiser led the way. And we suspect that many of the runners were secretly grateful for the alternate course this year, in that its difficulty declined from what the unsuspecting runner would find to be brutal to merely challenging, by removing the traditional course's final uphill stretch of Foster-Kenbrook-Greenwich.

Accordingly, we congratulate everyone who participated, and especially the overall winning runners, who ran the following spectacular times: Jonathan Allen (14:59.97) and Hannah Moulton (16:53.89)!



CONTEST WINNERS

Long-time Chair Mary Ann Ogle again expertly planned and conducted this joyous event for the neighborhood. Mary Ann noted that we had a great turnout, a wonderful time was had by all participants (young and older), and the kids (with maybe some parental assistance) did a great job this year decorating their mode of transportation! Mary Ann thanks her judges: Robin Ogle (Co-Chair), Jim Kidd, Julie Freeman and Kathy Moore, who selected these winners in the following categories:



Bicycles

- 1st Place: **Ellie Armstrong Phillips** (11yrs)
- 2nd Place: TIE **Eli Thines** (4yrs) and **Hannah Hughes** (4yrs)
- 3rd Place: TIE **Evie Miller** (6yrs) and **Becka Miller** (5yrs)

Scooters

- 1st Place: **Everly White** (7yrs)
- 2nd Place: **Iris Johnson** (7yrs)
- 3rd Place: **Sophie R.** (10yrs) and **Zenna R.** (5yrs)

Strollers

- 1st Place: **Tillie Guerrero**
- 2nd Place: **Hudson**
- 3rd Place: **Miya Semenya**

Wagons and Floats

- 1st Place: **Goose & Maverik** (aka **Joey & Emily Mittelman**), **Noah Mertz**, **Eli Mertz**, **Cassie**, **Shannon**, **Joe**, **Blanche**, **Sean**
- 2nd Place: **Hudson Spain**
- 3rd Place: **Naomi Lemnard**

Dogs and Walkers

- 1st Place: **Anna & Kramer** with dog **Maude**

Watermelon Eating Contest Winners, by Category

The no-nonsense judge for the two contests made sure that the following winners were the first in their age group to finish their slice so that absolutely no red was showing:

- Youth: **Bennett Royse**
- Adult: **Adam Calhoon**

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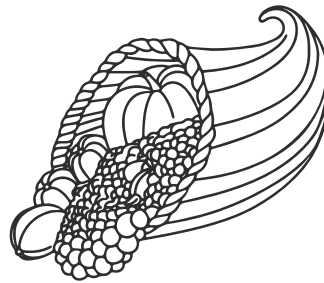
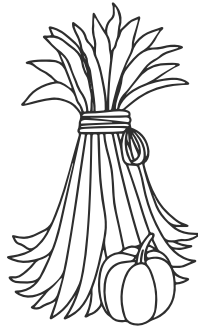
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SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11



REMAINING 2023 EVENTS

October CHCA Meeting	Tuesday October 10	7:30 PM
Halloween House Decorating Competition	Tuesday October 24	7:00 PM
Halloween Party & Pumpkin Patch	Sunday October 22	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Food Drive	Saturday November 11	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
November CHCA Meeting	Tuesday November 14	7:30 PM
Luminary Set Up	Saturday December 2	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
December CHCA Meeting	Tuesday December 12	7:30 PM
Children's Holiday Party	Sunday December 10	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Light Your Luminaries	Sunday December 10	7:00 PM
Holiday House Decorating Competition	Tuesday December 19	7:00 PM



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SCHOLARSHIP

You know, quotes sometimes have the ability to say things better than writers can. So to really drive home our Scholarship PSA, I got a few golden ones for you.

"I wish I had to pay more for college," - No-one Ever.

"If only there was a neighborhood scholarship fund." - New Neighbor

Well New Neighbor, allow me to introduce you to the Colonial Hills Civic Association scholarship! If you go to colonialhills.us, you can download the scholarship application. Minimum requirements are:

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FUND."
- NEW NEIGHBOR

- 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**.

For the volunteer requirement, there are MANY opportunities coming up during this fall and winter season. DON'T MISS OUT! The CHCA has given over \$5,000 in scholarship funds each year for the past two years. Make sure you enjoy the JOY of being part of this neighborhood community... and get a little something extra if you are headed into a continuing education program!

BUDDY BOX PACKING

We are still working on a date for the reschedule and will keep the neighborhood in the know as soon as we know!

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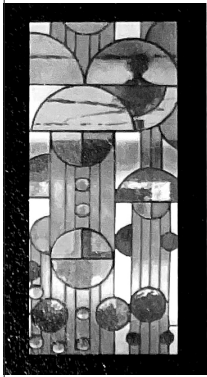
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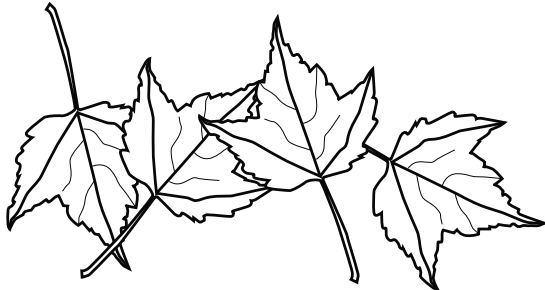
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LUMINARY PROMO & SET UP VOLUNTEERS

It's never too early - please mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 AM - the first Saturday in December - to come over to the shelter house for our Luminary Kits Assembly event. We hope to be completed with our assembly tasks by around 11:00 AM, the same as last year, when 24 volunteers, including 8 youth, completed assembly for 899 kits for the 838 homes in Colonial Hills.

I will be writing another article for the next Courier and a blogpost for the website, explaining the volunteer positions for this event and any health concerns which might be present later in the year. This article and blog post will give the link for the SignUpGenius, which also will be publicized via both the CHCA and the Colonial Hills Facebook pages by around the second week in November.

The same as the previous two years, signing up via SignUpGenius for a given position and arriving about 5 to 10 minutes before 10:00 AM, will reserve this position for you. After all reserved positions have been filled, we will assign those volunteers who didn't sign up beforehand, to fill any remaining inside and outside positions - please note that we are grateful for all volunteers, and we try as much as possible to find a position for everyone. And everyone always seems to enjoy talking with their neighbors while volunteering, plus the donuts, coffee and hot chocolate!

Will Pearce
Event Chair



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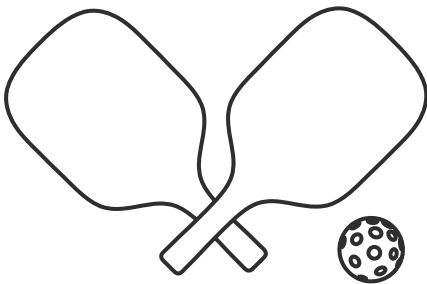
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

First we would like to thank all of the individuals, families and districts who have already donated to the CHCA in 2023! These donations help fund our local scholarships and all of the fun events that we do in this amazing neighborhood! As a reminder, our competition for FREE ICE CREAM will end on October 1st. That's right, the entire family for each house in the winning district will be treated to a free ice cream night at Graeters or Dairy Queen in mid-October! The current standings are as follows:

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|---|---------------------------------------|
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| 2) 464-517 Meadoway | 7) 263-333 Colonial |
| 3) 334-395 S Selby, 5595-5594 Greenwich | 8) 164-238 E Selby, 5568-5584 Morning |
| 4) 174-281 Loveman | 9) 429-507 Park |
| 5) 447-500 S Selby | 10) 424-490 Colonial |

PICKLEBALL COURT PSA



The tennis courts at Indianola Park are now tennis/pickleball courts! Four courts have been lined on the tennis courts, the tennis nets are still up. Grab your portable pickleball net, your favorite paddle & ball and start dinkin'.

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