

Colonial Hills Courier

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Hello Neighbors!!

I hope that you have been enjoying the amazing fall we have had thus far—sunny and warm afternoons that have been perfect for long walks, hitting a few tennis balls at Indianola Park, or getting those last outdoor house projects completed!!! This time of year, the Colonial Hills Calendar is bursting—we kicked things off on October 22nd with a Phantastic Halloween Party, complete with a glorious pumpkin patch, fun games and prizes, spooky kooky crafts and treats for the little ghosts and goblins. A Big Thank you goes to Cynthia MacKenzie /CyMack Real Estate for providing a whole field of pumpkins, awesome t-shirts, and trick or treat bags!! Thanks also to all of the volunteers, especially to our Halloween Party Event Chair, Brittany, and Merry Mary's "Team Meadoway" for putting so many smiles on the faces of our youngest neighbors who attended the event!! Three cheers for our volunteers!

I want to congratulate everyone who showed their Halloween Spirit with some amazing house decorating—every year it seems that the number of homes decked out in Halloween style keeps growing, making it more and more challenging for the judges of the Halloween Decorating Contest. Congrats to the winners of the decorating contest, and a big thanks to everyone who participated in this event!!

Another big thanks to our friends and neighbors who left canned goods and other items on their porches, or dropped off items at the Selby Park Shelter House on the morning of November 11th for the Colonial Hills Food Drive. This event, organized by our friend and neighbor Erin, with volunteers from the Scouts Pack 331 involved making the rounds to over 800 homes that morning, to collect items for both St Michael's Food Pantry and the Worthington Resource Pantry. Every year this community continues to demonstrate our commitment to serve others through generous donations of food and personal hygiene items; we could not be successful in this endeavor without every one of you!! Thank you so much, Erin and Scouts!!

We still have some exciting upcoming Happenings—the Children's Holiday Party, Light your Luminaries, and the Holiday Decorating Contest!!! What makes these events possible is our volunteers—if you haven't yet volunteered for an event here in the Hills, please consider doing so; it takes an hour or two at most, you get to meet some of your amazing neighbors, and you help to ensure that these holiday traditions will continue!!

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community and I wish you all good things as we finish out this year together!

Warmest regards,
Leslie Caruso



Colonial Hills

~ The Friendly Community ~

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FOOD DRIVE

Hello Neighbors!

Every year for the past 8+ years the Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA) has with the help of the Cub Scout Pack from Colonial Hills Elementary put on a food drive in the Colonial Hills neighborhood.

This drive provides the Worthington Resource Pantry (WRP) and the St Vincent DePaul center of St Michael's church with much needed food and hygiene products in time for the holiday season.

This service project as well as being great for the local community, also counts towards our Cub Scouts civics advancement. We collected over 1,500 pounds of food and hygiene products and could not have done without each and every one of you who contributed. Thank you for being amazing!



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LUMINARY EVENT

LUMINARY KITS ASSEMBLY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2



Please sign up, using our SignUpGenius, for **Luminary Kits Assembly, Saturday, December 2, starting at 10:00 AM**, via the link in our website blog post or FB posts - or you can copy the link into your browser: signupgenius.com/go/4090C4EABA629A5FF2-45851769-2023

The number of volunteers we are requesting is the same as last year, with only one shift, from approximately 10 AM to 11:30 AM (but hopefully we will again be done by around 11:00 AM). Volunteers for any task can include any youth middle-school age or older, and this event is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to add one missing CHCA event credit for their scholarship application in 2024 before their schedule gets even more crazy!

You've probably heard the Public Service Announcement which says "We may be done with COVID, but COVID's not done with us." Therefore, we **recommend that masks be worn for the tasks inside the shelter house**, where we will again have eight separate workstations, so as to try to maintain some social distancing.

Please sign up for one of these positions:

- Inside the shelter house component assembly (up to 2 volunteers per each of the 8 workstations)
- Outside the shelter house component assembly (up to 9 volunteers, plus the Event Chair)
- Bundling supervisor (1 volunteer)
- Bundling concierge (1 volunteer)
- Pea gravel shovelers (up to 8 volunteers), who are requested to bring their own standard-size, pointed-tip garden shovel. There will be teams of two people at each of the 4 shoveling station chairs. Each shoveling team can decide how long each member will shovel, while the other team member holds open the grocery bags (team members could switch roles halfway through)
- Take down / clean up (1 volunteer)

Please note that even if you didn't sign up beforehand on our SignUpGenius, but do show up to volunteer at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning, there may still be an open position for you to volunteer. However, we request that you do sign up ahead of time, and arrive a few minutes before 10:00 AM to reserve the volunteer position of your choice.

Dunkin' donuts, coffee and hot chocolate will be served, and plenty of hand sanitizer will be provided inside the shelter house.



Regarding the Trustees picking up their bundles of kits for their Districts: **We are asking the Trustees to start coming over no earlier than 11:30 AM on Saturday morning** to pick up their bundles, so as not to increase the number of people present in the shelter house area during the kit assembly timeframe, which is expected to be 10:00 AM to about 11:30 AM, especially if it is not raining too hard that day.

Light Your Luminaries! Our **luminary display evening will be Sunday, December 10, starting at 7:00 PM** per the instructions which will be enclosed in each resident's luminary kit.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or if you encounter any difficulty using our event's SignUpGenius.

Thank you,
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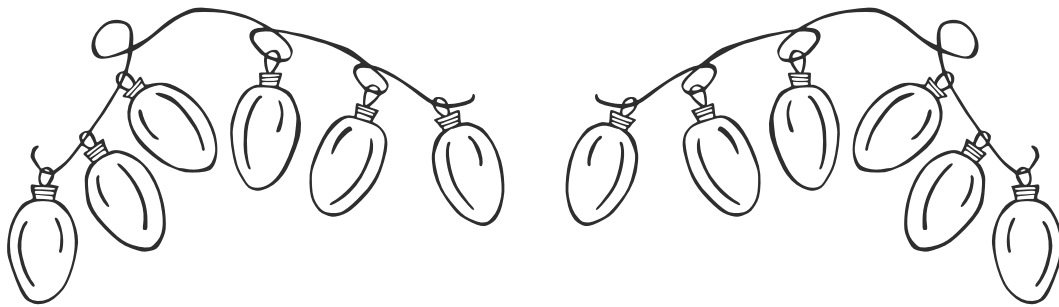
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HOLIDAY PARTY

**SUNDAY,
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HOUSE**

Come one, come all to the best (and only) neighborhood Winter Holiday Party! Be there Sunday December 10th from 3-5pm at the Selby shelter house for fun, games, cookie decorating, and prizes with a side of Santa tucked in his holiday room for those who want to meet with him about any important topics prior to holiday visitation. We hope you can top last year's ask for a mop and broom from a first grader.

See you there, you don't want to miss it!



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Question: What does the Columbus Zoo Lights, Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights and the Columbus Commons Light Show all have in common? They are all in Columbus and I would still take the Colonial Hills House Decorating Contest over all of them. Go big or go home, dear neighbors. Whether your theme is Charlie Brown Christmas (still an automatic winner in my non-judgemental opinion and no one has fully pulled it off) or simply channelling your inner electric-bill-busting-Clark-Griswold, we are looking for classic, new, and all around festive! Guest judges will be touring the neighborhood on Tuesday, December 19th and awarding prizes under several categories. Make sure your inflatables are going and your lights are shining by 7pm to wow those judges.

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19TH,
7-8:30PM**

HALLOWEEN DECORATING AND PARTY WRAP UP

The CHCA greatly thanks everyone who decorated, and made our neighborhood such a spooky delight this year! The secret judges noted that our Colonial Hills residents created many prize-worthy Halloween displays, either frightful, whimsical or a combination of the two, for their consideration.

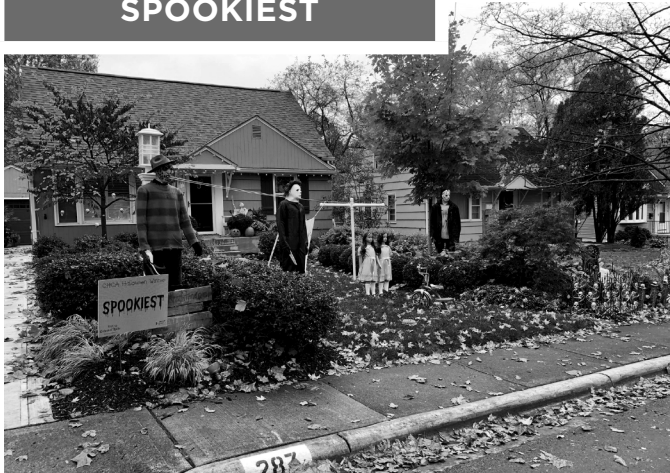
Therefore, the judges reported that their decisions were again very difficult — but in the end, the following were the winners in these categories:

MOST CREATIVE



524 Colonial

SPOOKIEST



287 Loveman

FRIENDLIEST



536 Meadoway

BEST EFFECTS



363 Loveman

BEST ACTIVITY



427 S Selby

A great big Thank You to Event Chair Brittany Smith, and also to Mary Wetterauer who recruited eight other Meadowway Park volunteers and donors, and to CHCA President Leslie Caruso who enlisted three other friends and family volunteers, all of whom provided a bountiful afternoon of Halloween-themed crafts, games and treats for our 2023 Halloween Party October 22.

Also, a hearty thanks to Cynthia McKenzie and her three other CYMACK volunteers, who in addition to handing out T-shirts and trick-or-treat bags, provided the pumpkin patch for our Halloween Party, consisting of 150 very sincere pumpkins, all of which had gone to good homes at the conclusion of the event!

The weather was seasonably warm and sunny, and we estimate that there were at least 150-200 costumed characters plus their adults (200 to 400 or so) who enjoyed the activities, including the six stations surrounding the patch which handed out treats.

The photos below were taken around 2:56 PM, right before the official start of the event at 3:00 PM, after which it seemed that all of Colonial Hills came over to the park for the festivities. The photographer couldn't take photos during the event due to handing out candy at one of the stations, but can attest that there was joyous energy from the multitude throughout the event, overflowing when many of the kids literally ran from one activity and station to another!

Again, thanks to all the volunteers who made this another wonderful day in our neighborhood!



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If you go to colonialhills.us, you can download the scholarship application. Minimum requirements are:

- 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 holiday 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!

CHEERS TO THE BEST DESIGNER!

When I think of how to appropriately thank someone who has done so much consistently for this neighborhood I have a hard time thinking of what is enough. How do you thank someone who so consistently shows up and uses their amazing talent to make a small neighborhood civic association look far more professional than we truly are?

This is the part of the Courier where the Board gets to thank Kate Burgener for the incredible job that she does every single Courier. Kate is kind, gracious with how last minute we (specifically the perpetually delinquent VP of Communication) are on a consistent basis, and incredibly professional. If you, dear neighbor, ever need content which is thoughtfully and intentionally designed, connect with Kate to bring your materials and brand together in a cohesive manner, we cannot recommend kateburgener.com enough. The way we can, as a neighborhood, thank her is to swamp her with more business than she can handle!

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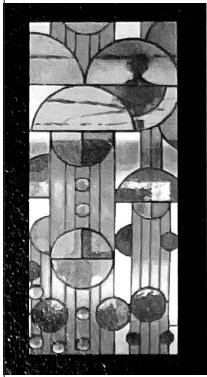
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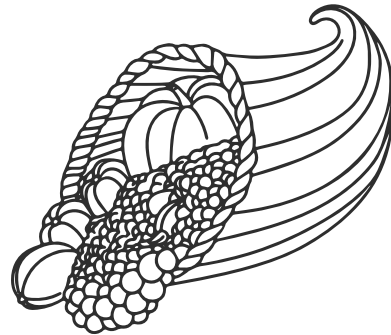
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'Twas the night before Luminary, when all through the neighborhood
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Perhaps **Villa Nova** is the one for the job.

Whatever the choice, be it near or far,
Extra calories might mean, they need a trip to **Boss Gal Beauty Bar**.

With luminary supplies on the porch, and bellies that are full,
And a plan to look fly for the neighborhood stroll,

The lights competition, the neighborhood can't resist,
But some wonder if something happens, "Does my insurance cover this?"

I should probably call **France and Associates** or **Janna with State Farm**,
And while I am at it, sprucing up the outside wouldn't do any harm."

So ring **Russell** for a tree trim, **614 Exteriors** for some extra love,
The **Roof Detective** for the leaks, **Stephen Green's Stained Glass** for a door window dove.

To fix up the outside without the inside, would miss the chance to pop,
Flowers from **Ampersand**, some knick knacks from **Worthington Thrift Shop**.

The house looks so pretty, it would get top dollar,
It almost makes me want to holler,

Now **Mullen-Hawkins**, Jack with **Fathom Realty**, or maybe **CyMack!**
Meacham Real Estate, Erin with **New Albany Realty**, someone get me on track.

Thank God **Rapid Mortgage** could help finance the sale,
But do I actually want to move? That would be a sad tale.

Instead book some travel with the **Magical Mouse**,
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Buckle up, dear neighbors, your mental health can make through the holidays,
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Or maybe just see **O'Reilly Family Pharmacy** for the necessary prescriptions.

And when you send out your cards, don't forget festive design,
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But whatever you do, to circle back to the start,
Walk the Luminaries with your neighbors, it's a gift to the heart.