

Colonial Hills Courier

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Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Well, it does appear that Spring Has Sprung!!! Maybe it's my imagination, but it seems like just yesterday I was wearing a parka!! As I look around at all the flowering shrubs and trees, or drive by those "gentle giants" with canopies of green, lining the streets of East Selby, I am again reminded of the beauty of this neighborhood.

We are well on our way to a busy spring and summer season here in the Hills!! Many thanks go to Kathi Godber and her "Easter Elves" for another Speggtacular Egg Hunt, complete with an appearance by the Easter Bunny!

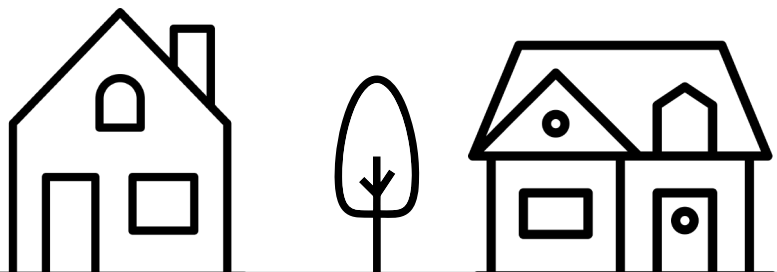
Another recent Happening in the Hills our Civic Association is awarding a total of \$5,750.00 in educational scholarships to our 2024 graduating senior high school students who have been exemplary neighbors, volunteering their time and skills for many CHCA events. Our ability to award these scholarships, as well as to underwrite many of our community events, continue to be dependent upon the generosity of our sponsors and the membership dues that we receive from you. Speaking of dues, Shout Out to our amazing Trustees, who not only deliver the Courier to all of the residents of Colonial Hills (approximately 830!!) but who also play a special role in getting the word out on our annual Membership Drive, which is kicking off this year on May 14th!! Please consider participating; at just \$5.00 a year for Seniors, and \$15.00 for a family, your contribution represents your commitment to help preserve the many heartwarming traditions of this special neighborhood.

There are so many events highlighted in this issue! Don't miss:

- Saturday June 8th, at 4:00 pm, the Civic Association is hosting a "Meet the Author" event at the Selby Park Shelter House, where our own Sharyn Talbert will read from her memoir!!
- June 15th marks the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale. Thanks Rachael Dorothy for organizing!
- Fourth of July Celebration & Run Through the Hills 5K!

As you can see, there are numerous fun and family friendly events throughout the summer. Be sure to check out our CHCA Facebook page for all of our upcoming events, and consider volunteering—or maybe drop by a CHCA meeting, which takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Selby Park Shelter House. I hope that you have a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you around the Hills!!

Kindest regards,
Leslie Caruso, President



Colonial Hills

~ The Friendly Community ~

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Dear Easter Bunny,

Do you know how much joy you bring to the Colonial Hills Easter Egg dash? To see the kids' faces light up when they get a big wave and hug from THE Easter Bunny. Even the ones who are foolish enough to think you might be just a person dressed up in a costume... even those kids get a big smile on their face when they give you a hug. Thank you for showing up year after year and gracing our neighborhood with your presence. We are thankful. And yes, the Civic Association members may brag to their kids that they know the Easter Bunny. It gives us extra street cred.

With Humble Thanks,

The Colonial Hills Civic Association



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To the unheralded, sometimes even unknown Trustees,

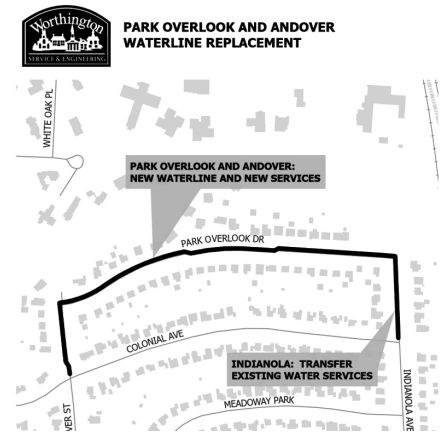
We want to take a second to thank you. Your district members may not even know that you are the unpaid delivery person, the courier of the Courier, the light-deliverer of the Luminary, the one who keeps the gears of civic community greased and moving. But we do. We see you. As the board of the Colonial Hills Civic Association, we cannot thank you enough for your selflessness in taking time out of your months to give the Post Office a run for their money on delivering, no matter whatever the weather. We cannot do this alone and your months or years or even decades of service are a testament to your love for the Friendly Community. Thank you,

Sincerely,

CHCA Board

PARK OVERLOOK AND ANDOVER ST WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

In recent years, Worthington has been working to improve our water infrastructure. One of those projects involves replacing water mains along Park Overlook Drive and Andover Street. There will also be a transfer of existing water services on Indianola Avenue between Park Overlook Drive and Colonial Avenue. The City's contractor will begin working on May 13th. During construction, residents can expect to see equipment and materials within the roadway and adjacent right of way. To keep workers and the public safe, there will be temporary road closures in place. The project is expected to take place over the next 4-5 months. We appreciate the neighborhood's patience and understanding as we complete this important upgrade to your public utility.



For more information, please contact the City of Worthington Service and Engineering Department at 614-431-2425.

5K

Colonial Hills Runners, Walkers, and Joggers, it's almost time for the event you've been waiting for all year, the 4th of July 5k Run Through the Hills! We can definitively say it is the finest 5K on the Fourth of July that goes through our neighborhood.

Registration is open at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Worthington/RunthroughtheHills>, and if you register by 11:59 pm May 31st, you'll get our special early bird pricing of \$25. Starting June 1st, the price will go up to \$30. Online registration will cut off at midnight on July 2nd. You can register race day in person. You can pick up your race number bib the night before, July 3rd, at the Selby Park shelter house between 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Please note that t-shirts are "first registered, first served"; we order a limited quantity.

This race is open to everyone, so bring your friends, co-workers, and random people you see running on the street :-)! Speed doesn't matter; it's all about challenging yourself and having fun. Race day registration starts at 7:30 am on July 4th, and the race will begin at 8:30 am. Hope to see you there; it will be a great day for a 5k!!

All profit goes to the Colonial Hills Civic Association to subsidize Fourth of July festivities and the Colonial Hills Civic Association scholarships for continuing education.

**RACE DAY IS
JULY 4 AT
8:30 AM**

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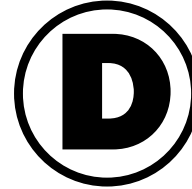
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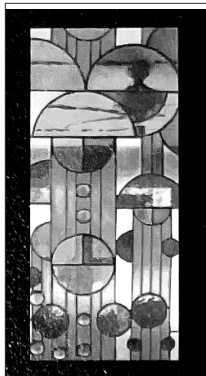
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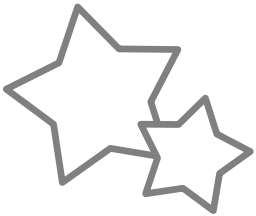
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4TH OF JULY

Growing up in Ohio, the heart of the Midwest, it is easy to take for granted a certain community spirit. Perhaps you were lucky enough to be in Colonial Hills all your life. Then maybe you take for granted how truly special this community is. Perhaps the crowning jewel of that community spirit is found on the legendary fields of Selby Park on the 4th of July. Lest you have doubts, show up and experience it for yourself.

There will be something for everyone: Bounce houses (one kid & one "adult/big kid"), a giant inflatable Slip 'n Slide with TWO aisles so you can race your friends, a Dunk Tank featuring local celebrities (aka teachers), midway games, lawn games, a 50/50 raffle, Face Painting, mouthwatering barbeque & Kona Ice (thanks CyMack!), and more. If you have never experienced the fun of the Fourth in the neighborhood, be sure to come on down and participate!

**SELBY PARK,
KIDDIE PARADE
AT 10 AM,
MIDWAY AT
10:30 AM**



The day will begin with a 5K run through the Hills. The annual kiddie parade (10:00 am) is available for children of all ages. We encourage decorating bikes, trikes, wagons, children, pets, scooters and anything else with wheels in patriotic décor. Those participating will circle the park while the judges and community enjoy their "parade" around the park. At 10:30, following the kiddie parade, the midway games, bounce houses, face painters and food trucks will open for all to enjoy. Because of our good relationship with the City of

Worthington Parks and Recreation Department, they are generously granting us permission to keep cool on a hot day by allowing us access to running water. Thank you to those who have worked hard over the years to develop this relationship with the city. Dunk Tank Ready, aim, toss! Get ready for a splash! See you there!



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Congratulations to our scholarship winners for 2024! Did you know that we were able to give our \$5,750 in Scholarship Awards to students from Colonial Hills? We would love to continue doing this into the future, so make sure your high schoolers are getting volunteer hours (a requirement and the component that holds the most weight!) during things like the Fourth of July celebration or Buddy Box program (noted elsewhere in this newsletter). Our winners will be announced in the next Courier, as they will be surprised at their High School Scholarship Awards ceremony but we wanted to make a special note to thank all the applicants.

We cannot stress enough the importance of volunteering in the neighborhood if you want to apply for the scholarship. We would LOVE to give you money; please demonstrate that you are an active member of the community here by volunteering at events that the CHCA puts on. The reward of the joy you get from being involved will make it worth it; the scholarship just might be a nice cherry on top!



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On March 17th, 17 awesome residents of Colonial Hills helped fill 393 DOUBLE Buddy Boxes for hungry Worthington students for spring break! Many of those going to our own Colonial Hills families. A huge thanks to Emily Chalfant who helps coordinate these opportunities to serve and be reminded of the community we are all a part of, whether we know it or not. If you don't know, we strongly recommend visiting <https://www.familymentorfoundation.org/> and seeing how you can be involved in their mission "to help meet the nutritional needs of children in our community so they can reach their full potential." Donate or find another time that you can go and be a part of the Buddy Box packing crew!



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There is a new indoor golf club going in at Bridge Park that has a membership fee of \$5,000. For a whole lot less pretension (no judgment...ok maybe a bit), we offer a ~33,000% discount for the Colonial Hills Membership Dues. Before you throw this Courier, know that the dues are **voluntary** but go to a great cause supporting events and scholarships. We humbly ask that you consider donating \$5 for seniors or \$15 for families.

Last year was the inaugural **Membership Drive Contest!** Congratulations to **522-584 Meadoway captained by Trustee Mary Wetterauer** for taking home first prize and winning an Ice Cream Party for all residents in that district! Will you be able to maintain your crown for 2024?

A reminder, the contest is for the MOST PARTICIPATION of your Colonial Hills district. If there is a tie, the tie breaker will be the dollar amount raised but we are truly aiming for participation. The honored district will get a shoutout in the next Courier and be beloved by all in the neighborhood (ok, so maybe that last bit is a little excessive, but we really do want to encourage participation!).

Membership Levels:

- Senior \$5.00
- Family \$15.00

AND BONUS LEVELS

(consider this like you unlocked NBA Jam's "He's on FIRE!" mode)

- Hills Helper \$30
- Colonial Champion \$50
- Loveman Champs \$75
- Selby Superstar \$100
- Park, Park & Park \$150
- Ravine Resident \$200

GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 15,
9 AM – 3 PM**

There is a special time of year coming up in the neighborhood. No, not the 4th of July (we already addressed that one). The neighborhood garage sale. Yard sale is more accurate because most of us don't have garages. A yard sale is where you sell all of the stuff you've been accumulating at other garage sales. When you have enough stuff to open your own thrift store, save on rent and rock the yard sale. Let's

not call it trash; one person's...accumulations...are another person's treasures.

You, dear neighbor, are invited into the magic. Because what is better than getting rid of stuff you need to clean out? Getting paid for it. If your garage (or basement or shed or whatever nook and cranny you have) is filling up with stuff, then take heart dear friends. Instead of renting the dumpster or filling the landfill, fill your neighbor's garage and participate in the Neighborhood Garage Sale on June 15th! There is a hearty market out there for the clothes you outgrew, the tools you never used, and the toys you wish you or your in-laws never bought your kids. In need of more decor? Why go to a store and instead poach something from your neighbor. Why keep up with the Joneses when you can simply buy their stuff :)

Colonial Hills will be advertising a neighborhood Garage Sale, sponsored by CyMack Real Estate at cymack.com. Signup by June 1st, to be on the neighborhood list/map via Facebook, call or email RachaelRDorothy@gmail.com, or call 614-406-6391 to be on the map!

Rachael Dorothy will be coordinating a map of community garage sales on that day, which will be available at the Shelter House. Early sign ups also will receive a garage sale gift pack from CyMack Real Estate!

Official Garage Sale Permits are through the City <http://www.worthington.org/596/Garage-Sale-Permits> & neighborhood signups can also be done via <https://forms.gle/hhxaJgNvZgBt2de58>



The image shows a business card for Camille Savage, a hair stylist. The card is split into two vertical sections. The left section has a white background with a black and white photograph of a person's hair being styled. The right section has a solid black background with white text. The text on the left includes the name 'Camille Savage Hair Stylist', an Instagram link, a promotional offer '20% Off Your First Visit', an email address, and a phone number. The text on the right includes the name 'Camille Savage' and a physical address in Columbus, Ohio.

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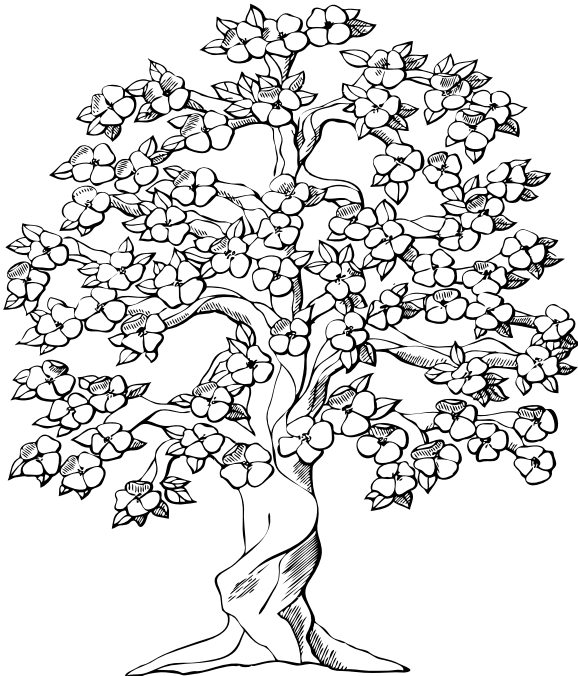



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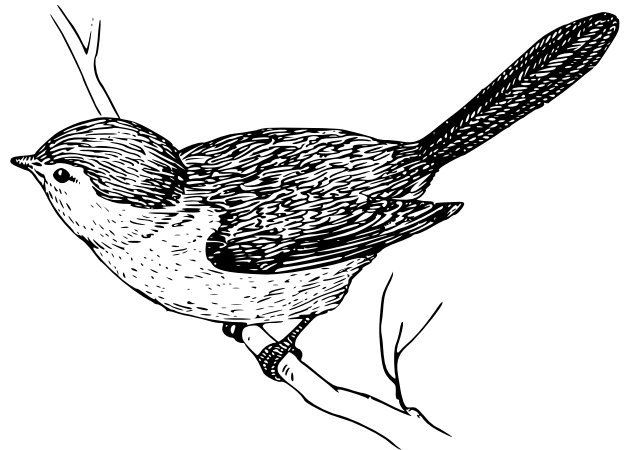
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SCHOLAR MINE

You might know Sharyn Talbert. The 40-year resident of Kenbrook Drive has promenaded with a variety of canine companions over the decades; a rescued Beagle is her current baby. Or maybe you've noticed Sharyn's landscaping—she's replaced the turf in her front yard with drought-tolerant native shrubs and plants, gravel pathways, and rock gardens. But the xeriscape, as it's known, is also a subject for another time.

The topic at hand is Sharyn Talbert's memoir, ***Scholar Mine: An Ohio State Love Story***. Set variously in Colonial Hills, Ohio State University, and points around the globe, the story traces the journey of kindred spirits who meet in Ohio State's History Department. The twists and turns that define their relationship are threaded with comedy, romance, suspense, betrayal, and tragedy. Ultimately, it's a tale of triumph over adversity.

The CHCA is proud to host Sharyn Talbert in a brief reading and discussion of SCHOLAR MINE. The memoir may be purchased in advance for signing at the event, but due to Worthington Park & Recreation regulations, absolutely NO sales of actual books can occur at the talk.

SCHOLAR MINE can be ordered in the following ways:

- Amazon (\$8.43 for paperback edition, \$1.99 for Kindle version)
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