

Annual 4th of July Celebration

The annual Colonial Hills 4th of July celebration was dampened with morning rain but not spirits. A 5 K Run (and walk) was held, the annual Kiddie Parade took place in a slight rain shower and new this year, Kid's Games for everyone. "Rocky" opened the Play Café for all, sold some donuts and cookies, made some coffee and people made some new friends. Thanks Rocky for your help! A special thanks goes to Jeff Soiu, Chad Rasor, and Matt Campbell from the Worthington Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance with their PA and the shelter house. We couldn't do it without these city employees.

5k Run

Although Mother Nature gave us thunderstorms in the morning, the 27th Annual 5K "Run through the Hills: and first annual "Walk Through the Hills" took place with almost 100 runners and 1 "official" walker. She was a brave and fun lady with a great sense of humor. Henry Heisey from Meadoway Park was the first across the line at 18:20. Official race results can be seen on our web site at www.colonialhills.us. Many volunteers helped make the event a success. Many thanks to Dan Button, Sheila Fox, Judy Galasso, Christine Hoersten, Dave and Mary Mielke, Kathy Moore and Lewis Tracy. Doug Matthies and Jeff Spain want to thank Giant Eagle and Kroger Marketplace for their assistance with after race refreshments.

4th of July Kiddie Parade Results

In spite of the threat of rain, the turnout was very good for the Annual Colonial Hills Kiddie Parade. All boys and girls of all ages and shapes arrived in their creative costumes to march around the park and strive to be judged the best in their categories. The following is a list of the winners:

Walkers

1st Place-"Ladies of Liberty" Baily (10 yrs.), Alexis (12 yrs.), Paige (8yrs.) and Kiera (8 yrs.)

2nd Place-Fyfe & Drum, Dominic (7 yrs.), Lewis (6 yrs.), and Reece (6 yrs.)

3rd Place-"Paul Revere," Andrew (8 yrs)

Floats

1st Place-Alex (2 yrs.), Zoe (1 yr.)

2nd Place-Bo (2 yrs.), Jackson and Brynlee

3rd Place-Regan (1 yr.)

Dogs

1st Place-"Gus"-Jon

2nd Place-"Katie"-Marlene

3rd Place-"Lucy & Gabby"-Erin

Tricycles

1st Place-Katie (5 yrs.)

2nd Place-Harrison (4 yrs.)

3rd Place-Julian (4 yrs.)

Bikes

1st Place-Leia (8 yrs.)

2nd Place-Emma (11 yrs.)

3rd Place-Grant & Isach (6 yrs.)

Runner Up-Isaac (7 yrs.)

In an effort to bring some fun back to the 4th of July for our youngsters, 11 games were set up and operated by many volunteers throughout the morning. Many youngsters (and oldsters) took part in the fun. We found some reproductions of old quart milk bottles for a baseball toss (knocking down the bottles). The 2 liter bottle ring-toss was a BIG hit. Water balloons were tossed. Balls were thrown and laughs and smiles were all around. Christine Hoersten and Leslie Caruso co-chaired this event raising \$113. Thank you to all who played, volunteered and developed the games. They will be back next year, Bigger and Better! A Worthington Fire Department truck arrived at the games and many people were able to touch a real fire truck! We all owe a special thank you to the Worthington Fire Department for stopping by.