

The Colonial Hills Courier

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THE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY, WHERE EVERY HOUSE IS A HOME!

On July 1, 2006, approximately 105 original homeowners and their children (from the 1950's) rekindled a tradition. Loveman Ave., between Foster and Greenwich, was a hot spot of activity for about 70-75 kids between 1953 and 1970. Every year until 1967, the residents held a 4th of July block party. When a small group of Loveman Ave. neighbors (past and present) got together for a funeral for one of the parents, it was determined that they would bring back the block party one more time and did so in August 2004.

John Snouffer, Pam French Peck, Sandy French Hupp, Roy Gelin (who now lives on Colonial), Trish Gelin Warren, Bill Pfefferle, and current Loveman resident Jen Withee joined forces to become the planning committee. The first order of business was to find all the former residents of this block of Loveman Avenue. Through the magic of modern technology and e-mail, 16 out of the 20 original owners were located, though they were living all over the country. It took 1-1/2 years to organize the party, and on the weekend before the 4th of July holiday, 2006, it happened.

People came from as far away as Washington State, California, Arizona, Georgia, Virginia, and Minnesota. From as close as Indiana, Michigan, around Ohio, and, of course, Worthington and Central Ohio. Paul Snouffer and Rosalie French are the only original residents still living in their Loveman Ave. homes; Bill and Dorothy Pfefferle still own their home which is currently for sale.

Totaling around 130-135 people gathered in the street with their tables and chairs, side dishes and desserts, cameras, and old stories. Meat was purchased from Hoggy's and some hot dogs were grilled. Old faces met new. The real treat was seeing friends not seen in 30-40 years, and recognizing them right off the bat. Stories were abundant, happy tears were flowing and old pictures were passed around. Approximately ninety minutes of home movies and photos now on DVD were projected inside a tent to a laughing, nostalgic audience. After lunch, current residents welcomed the precious residents into their houses for tours and storytelling. Discussions of old wallpaper, holes in walls, trees, remodeling, and "how could you raise six children in this house" dominated conversation.

Labeled a "once in a lifetime opportunity" and "maybe the last time to see friends and their first homes," this gathering proved that 50 years of friendship established in "the friendly community where every house is a home," still continues. A proposed website is being designed to share the hundreds of pictures that were taken, and to allow the party participants and anyone else who is interested to view them.

-Written and submitted by John Snouffer*

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**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9th, 7 P.M.
SELBY SHELTER HOUSE**

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PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!!!

When walking your dog it is your Responsibility to clean up after Fido. It is the law. Please be a good neighbor!



Play Cafe

Come all to the Play Café, every Saturday morning from 8-10:30am at the Selby Shelter House. Get your morning start with donuts and coffee. Check the website for more details.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

A reminder that officer elections for the Colonial Hills Civic Association will be held in September. All residents are urged to join in, attend the monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the Selby Park shelterhouse. A listing of the positions and their duties are on the CHCA web site, www.colonialhills.us. If you're not interested in an officer position, what about becoming a neighborhood District Trustee? These block "representatives" are the liaison between residents and the CHCA for each of the 38 districts.

We need a President, Vice-President, and Secretary for the upcoming year.

The monthly CHCA meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Selby Park Shelterhouse.

Scholarship Reminder

The CHCA requires all High School seniors to attain ten (10) hours of community service to the Colonial Hills Civic Association and attendance at one (1) CHCA monthly meeting to apply for the Colonial Hills Civic Association High School Scholarship Awards. There are events coming up to volunteer at. The Fall Membership drive, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Luminaria, monthly Courier publication and it's delivery all need volunteers. Send a note to chca@colonialhills.us for more information.

Annual Events In Olde Worthington

MAY-OCTOBER

OWBA Farmers Market
Every Saturday morning through October

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Evening Concerts
On the Village Green
City of Worthington
436-2743

SEPTEMBER

Market Day
High St. closes on a
September Saturday for
This traditional event
Showcasing arts, crafts,
Food and entertainment.
Worthington COC
888-3040

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

*OWBA Traditional Holiday
Open House*
A holiday celebration in Olde
Worthington's business districts
features musical entertainment,
Photo with Santa, food, beverages
and exciting merchandise.
Sunday following Thanksgiving

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.