

# The Colonial Hills Courier

November

**Be Ready for the Next Emergency**

2006

Emergency preparedness kits should be kept in every house. Many of us live as if an emergency will never happen to us. Emergencies come in many different shapes and sizes. We need to be prepared to take care of ourselves if needed. I suggest every household in Colonial Hills should make a kit for their home. The kit in my house was used during the Christmas ice storm in 2004. The city was without power for up to 72 hours, and I was working at the firehouse experiencing a very busy day. We were evacuating residents from an assisted living facility here in Worthington due to the power outage, plus we had several dozen fire and EMS runs. My wife and I had talked about what to do in an emergency, and she put the plan into action that day. Like most houses we did not have a single battery-powered radio in the house except for the transistor radio in the emergency kit. This was a very useful tool to get my wife through the storm. It gave her the information needed to plan her next step. The radio also gives a person a chance to be entertained when confined during a power outage. Other items she used were the light sticks, flashlights and some of the snacks. Making a kit is not very expensive, and you will be thanking yourself if you ever need to use it. The kit should last three days.

Miscellaneous items to have in the kit:

- 2 flashlights (do not store batteries in flashlights)
- 3 sets of batteries for flashlights
- Small first-aid kit
- Knife
- AM/FM transistor radio (do not store batteries in transistor radio)
- 3 sets of batteries for transistor radio
- 3 12-hour glow sticks (NOT CANDLES)
- Medications for 3 days
- Manual can opener
- Roll of plastic
- 50 feet of nylon rope
- Duct tape
- 1 toothbrush per person
- Toothpaste
- Blanket
- Pen, pencil and paper
- Puzzle book
- \$200 cash (smaller bills)

Food items:

- Canned food for 3 days
- Power bars
- A few candy bars
- Chewing gum
- Baby formula
- 3 gallons of water per person

The food will need to be updated annually to check for expiration dates. FEMA's web site has more information. Please be prepared. Mark Zambito is a firefighter/paramedic with the City of Worthington Division of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Mark is a resident of Colonial Hills and a graduate from Oklahoma State University with a Master's degree in Fire and Emergency Management. You can contact Mark with questions at 614-296-2983 (Cell) or 614-885-7640 (firehouse).

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 8th, 7 P.M.  
SELBY SHELTER HOUSE**

## Colonial Hills Civic Association

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## Attention All High Schoolers!!

The Civic Association is looking for students in grades 9-12 to baby sit during the Civic Association meetings. It's a **volunteer** position, but the time you spend would count towards the 10 hours of CHCA volunteer service needed to be eligible for one of our scholarships. Call Courtney Jolley at 635-0700 for more information.

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## **MONTHLY SPEAKER**

This month's speaker will be Sergeant Moffat from the Worthington Police Department. He will be speaking with us in regards to home safety and Block Watch – so please come and join us.

### **DECEMBER SPEAKER**

Cyane Gresham – Sierra Club  
She will be speaking about the water sewers and flooded basements and more about their organization. Visit [sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org) to learn more.

If you know of a speaker or organization that would benefit CHCA please contact [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us)

### **CHCA 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: Christmas Party, Luminaria, monthly Courier publication and its delivery all need volunteers. Send a note to [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us) for more information.

### ***Welcome Wagon...***

#### ***Where have you gone?***

We are still looking for items to fill the bags and people to assist with delivery and new neighbors. Please contact [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us) if interested.

## **LUMINERIA**

If you have chaired this event before or have volunteered I ask you to come to our next meeting and share your experiences with us so we can make this year another success just as 2005 and again help us in 2006. Bring a neighbor. The **assembly** will be on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Shelter house from 8:00 a.m. until we are done and then the actual **Neighborhood lighting** will be on **Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>**. This has been a tradition for years so please help us and come out to our meeting. We also ask for anyone who may be able to donate the votive candles or a portion; we need approximately 5,000 candles! I thank you in advance for your help and for keeping this tradition **ALIVE AND GLOWING!**

Thank you for all the community support for our Halloween Party as well as donations from Kroger, CVS, and Just for Pies....it was a great time!

## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Santa Claus is coming to town and we hope that he will stop at Colonial Hills for some Christmas Cheer and Holiday Festivities. To make this happen we will need volunteers to Chair and organize the event. In years past it has coincided with the Luminary Kit assembly date so please let us know ASAP if you are interested in this event.

### **PAST CHCA OFFICERS**

If you are a past officer and have any pieces of our history I would appreciate it if you would contact me and I can make arrangements to pick it up from you. Our association is so unique and special that we do not only want to preserve the memories of the past but keep the memories and information current. Please contact Cindy Molnar at [cindymolnar@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cindymolnar@columbus.rr.com) or Courtney Jolly at [cjolley@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cjolley@columbus.rr.com). We would also like to start a scrapbook dating back to the beginning of our association, so if there are any scrappers out there willing to donate time and ideas please contact us.

### **Mike's Home Repair**

Handyman Service

*No job too small*

Mike Shurig 436-4902

A Colonial Hills resident.

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## Upcoming Events in Worthington and Colonial Hills

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 11<sup>th</sup> – CHCA Pancake Breakfast – Selby Shelter House

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Tree Sale (see information below)

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Luminaria Kit Assembly – Selby Shelter House

December 13<sup>th</sup> – CHCA Meeting – Selby Shelter House

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Luminary Display

**CHCA Pancake Breakfast November 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Selby Shelter House** – This is your chance to have breakfast cooked by your new officers and talk to us about what you want the CHCA to do for our community. This is also an open house to continue our Membership Drive in our community and again to open the doors for conversation, feedback and new ideas from each of you.

**CHCA Christmas Tree Sale Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 – 1:00 p.m.**.. Our Christmas Tree sale will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Selby Shelter House. **We will need VOLUNTEERS @ the Shelter House during this time. Please contact [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us) or any of the officers if interested.** Trees will be sold for \$30.00 each with all the proceeds going to our Civic Association Scholarship fund. These trees have been donated to the Association so ALL proceeds come to the Civic Association making this event our biggest scholarship fundraiser of the year. To purchase in advance fill out the form below and mail it to the address listed.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**

**Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks out to the Colonial Hills Civic Association  
Address: CHCA P.O. Box 676 Worthington, OH 43085**

### **Village Green Illumination – November 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Village Green**

Together with the Olde Worthington Business Association, the City of Worthington welcomes all to the Annual Holiday Illumination Ceremony. The decorative holiday pine tree on the southeast quadrant of the Village Green will be the site of 600 lights. Santa Claus will make his special annual visit and we will sing traditional holiday carols. Candles are provided or you may bring your own. Please be a part of this gala community event. This is a wonderful way to launch your holiday season.

There are many other Holiday programs and events happening in Worthington Parks go online to [www.worthington.org](http://www.worthington.org) for more information and dates.