

# The Colonial Hills Courier

December

2006

## Neighborhood News by Courtney Jolley

Our Halloween party on Oct. 29 was a big success! The Tooth Fairy showed up, as well as the Energizer Bunny, Ariel from the Little Mermaid, Cinderella, and an assortment of cowboys, witches, and ghouls! They played carnival games, decorated cookies, designed crafts, tried to figure out what the “monkey brains” really were, and ate plenty of candy! Everyone left with their hands full of prizes and a little extra “sugar energy”!

The new officers missed you at our First Annual Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 11! Cindy made 5 dozen scrambled eggs, Sara flipped at least 50 pancakes, and Courtney cooked 4 lbs of bacon but, sadly, not many of our neighbors wanted to eat breakfast with us! Those who did attend had a good time and walked away with very full bellies! Next year we'll give you more time to plan on attending & will hopefully see more of you there!

## Around Columbus and Winter Waistlines by Sara Abele

One of the best things about living in Worthington is our close access to some wonderful activities and cultural events in the greater Columbus area. Grab a friend or neighbor and check out some of what Columbus has to offer this month!

- Skate on State begins (through Jan 1) - [www.downtowncolumbus.com/holiday](http://www.downtowncolumbus.com/holiday)
- Wildlights at Columbus Zoo (through Jan 1) - [www.columbuszoo.org](http://www.columbuszoo.org)
- Fiori: A Chihuly Garden of Glass at Franklin Park Conservatory (through Feb 25) - [www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org)
- Family Fun Saturday's at Franklin Park Conservatory (11am; second Saturday of the month) - [www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org)
- Meet Me at the Museum (tours, live jazz, cash bar, light gourmet fare) at Columbus Museum of Art (every Thursday, 6-8:30) - [www.columbusmuseum.org](http://www.columbusmuseum.org)
- Short North Gallery Hop (first Saturday of the month) - [www.shortnorth.org](http://www.shortnorth.org)
- PB&J & Jazz for kids and families at Columbus Music Hall (11am; Dec 9) - [www.columbusmusichall.com](http://www.columbusmusichall.com)
- German Village Lights - Shop-Dine-Stroll (6-10pm; Dec 10) - [www.germanvillage.com](http://www.germanvillage.com)

On a typical June day in Colonial Hills you will see people walking, jogging, biking, and playing with their children in the park. A typical December day in the neighborhood looks much different as everyone retreats into their homes to avoid the wintry weather. Don't let the cold temperatures get you down, or interrupt your workout routine. Particularly during the holidays when most of us overindulge in unhealthy foods, keeping active is important for maintaining our waistlines **and** our health.

- When exercising outside, dress in layers and cover head, toes and fingers well
- Warm up your muscles well in colder weather to prevent sprains and strains
- Stay hydrated! Drink lots of water before and after exercise. Cold winter weather has a drying affect and people often forget to drink as much as they should in colder temperatures
- Head to the mall for some indoor exercise
- Utilize Worthington's excellent public library to check out some workout videos and burn calories in the comfort of your own home
- Check out the Worthington Community Center's workout facility and complete class schedule. You can also register using their new **Ereg** system at [http://www.worthington.org/services/parks\\_recreation.cfm](http://www.worthington.org/services/parks_recreation.cfm).

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, December 13th, 7 P.M. SELBY SHELTER HOUSE**

### **CHCA OFFICERS**

Please contact with any questions or concerns:

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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.

## MONTHLY SPEAKER

This month's speaker is Cyane Gresham with the Sierra Club. She will be speaking to us about the water sewers, flooded basements and more about their organization.

If you have a group that you would like to know more about or hear speak please contact [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us) and we will try to bring them in for you and for the neighborhood.

Last month Sgt. Mosaic spoke to us about safety, block watch, and updates on the Worthington Police Department. You may contact the police department at 885-4463 for information on what is happening in our community. If you are interested in starting a Block Watch please contact [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us) or Cindy Molnar at 985-0970.

*Did you know that In Case of Emergency (ICE) an officer, medic or any emergency personnel will look for ICE in your cell phone contacts for notification if necessary? If you do not have this contact in your cell phone please do it immediately, you never know when it may be needed.*

## LUMINERIA UPDATE

The assembly is set for Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - completion at the shelter house. If you are a Trustee please do not forget to come and pick up your kits and deliver to your District. We can use all the help we can get and if for some reason you are unable to pick up your District please contact Cindy Molnar at 985-0970 ASAP so we can make arrangements for them to be delivered. The lighting will be on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., if you are unable to set up your Luminaria please contact your Trustee or ask a neighbor to set them up for you. The Shelter house will also be open from 7 – 9 p.m. for Christmas cheer and caroling.

*I want the community to know that the Civic Association is aware of the opinions to do away with this event due to expenditures and budgeting. I wish to share with you that this year we spent a total of \$465.00 for all supplies which gave us a total savings of \$410.00 compared to 2005. We are doing our best to run the Association in a professional manner while maintaining our sense of community and tradition.*

The annual Decorating contest will be **Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>** so get out your reindeers, snow men, Santa's and more, we will be around to judge and post the winners at the Selby Park.

Dear Colonial Hills Residents,

Winter is approaching and with it freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and probably at least one power outage. The Civic Association would like to identify those in our community who are elderly or have special needs that may be at higher risk during these extreme weather conditions. Our goal is to pair each of these residents with a neighbor who will make sure that their needs are being met. Please contact us if you are someone or know someone who may need a little neighborly attention during the winter months, or if you would like to volunteer to help out one of your neighbors, please let us know.

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*Happy Holidays!*

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

I want to thank everyone who has turned in their packets and given dues towards the 2007 drive. Also, I want to thank Jennifer Button and Meredith Bruns for chairing this event as well as maintaining communications with our Trustees. We are proud to say that we have all of our Districts filled with a Trustee and thank you for all the new people who are now getting involved in the community. We are still looking for a Trustee or two for the Selby Apartments, if you are interested or want to know more please contact any of the officers or [chca@colonialhills.us](mailto:chca@colonialhills.us). Please read this carefully and know how important our Membership Drive is to CHCA and our future. To date we have 3.42% return of our Membership packets to Jennifer Button. That means out of 38 Districts we have 9 completed. So I ask you to please get out if you haven't and collect dues, and if you are unable or willing please contact Jennifer Button immediately, so we can reassign or cover your District. We have the potential to raise approximately **\$7,200** (this number was achieved by taking 720 homes times avg. of \$10) and we are currently at **\$1,670.00**. I understand we are all busy and life happens however unless we can have a greater return we will be forced to cut out events and programs that make Colonial Hills such a special place to live. We are open to new ways to facilitate the Membership Drive so it is easier on everyone; however we need to hear from you.

*Do you have a vision for CHCA, is there a way we can better get you involved in the community? Please contact us via email, phone or mail we are waiting to hear from you.*

## COLONIAL HILLS UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Luminaria Kit Assembly 8:00 a.m. Shelter House

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – CHCA Holiday Party 2 – 4 p.m. Shelter House

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – CHCA Meeting 7 p.m. Shelter House

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Luminaria Lighting 7 p.m. and open house at Shelter house from 7 – 9 p.m.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – CHCA Decorating Contest

### AROUND WORTHINGTON

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** Worthington Parks and Recreation Holiday Party 6:30 – 8:30

**December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Santa Calling 5:00 – 7:00

Visit <http://www.worthington.org/city/parks-f.htm> for more information on these events and more.

### FIREFIGHTERS FOR KIDS TOY DRIVE

Help children in need this holiday season by dropping off new, unwrapped gifts for children ages infant through teen. Donations can be dropped off during regular business hours in the lobby collection box at the Worthington Fire Department, 6500 N. High Street, between now and Christmas Eve or during the **Firefighters for Kids Drive-through Toy Drive on Saturday, December 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### CHCA TREE SALE

Our annual Tree sale this year was fantastic. Our trees were Canaan Firs from a small tree farm in Knox County (a Colonial Hills neighbor donated all trees) that were planted as seedlings in 1990. We sold 23 trees which profited the Scholarship Fund **\$680.00**. A special thank you to Paul Feldman, Mary Youtz, Rod Loveless and Christine Hays who made this event happen.

*Hey Colonial Hills....is anyone interested in scrap booking, preserving the history of our community??? If so please contact Cindy Molnar at 985-0970 and lets get it started!*

## NOVEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

provided by Jack Gabalski

Governor	D	Strickland	70 %
	R	Blackwell	29 %
Attny Gen.	D	Dann	52 %
	R	Montgomery	48 %
Auditor	D	Sykes	53 %
	R	Taylor	47 %
Sec of State	D	Brunner	66 %
	R	Hartman	33 %
St Treas	D	Cordray	74 %
	R	O'brien	26 %
US Senator	D	Brown	60 %
	R	DeWine	40 %
Congress	D	Kilroy	UNDECIDED
15th Dist	R	Pryce	
St. Sen.	D	Krieder	54 %
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R	Goodman	46 %
St Rep.	D	Hernandez	58 %
21 <sup>st</sup>	R	Bacon	42 %
Cnty. Comm.	D	Brown	56 %
	R	Stokes	44 %
Cnty. Aud.	R	Testa	60 %
	D	Donahey	40 %

### BIRTHS/ENGAGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Ryan Hughes and Sara Abele who recently got engaged in Lisbon, Portugal.

If you have an announcement that you would like to publish in the Courier please submit them to [courier@colonialhills.us](mailto:courier@colonialhills.us) by the last Wednesday of the month and we will make sure to share the joy with the community!

*I hope that we are all able to spread a little joy and good cheer this Holiday season and wish one another peace and prosperity for the upcoming year.*

*Happy Holidays Colonial Hills!*

*Cindy Molnar*