
THE COLONIAL HILLS COURIER

The Friendly Community

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For my part I entertain a high idea of the utility of periodical publications; insomuch as I could heartily desire, copies of ... magazines, as well as common Gazettes, might be spread through every city, town, and village in the United States. I consider such vehicles of knowledge more happily calculated than any other to preserve the liberty, stimulate the industry, and ameliorate the morals of a free and enlightened people.

--George Washington, 1788

Editor's Note

Happy February, everyone. A few months ago Cindy Molnar, our indefatigable CHCA president, issued a call for help with production of the *Courier* and I humbly offered my services. While not exactly akin to, say, Rupert Murdoch taking over the *Wall Street Journal*, you may notice some changes in the coming months as I experiment with format and content.

The *Courier's* primary purpose is to keep the neighborhood informed of CHCA news and upcoming events, but it can also serve as a community forum and platform for aspiring reporters, op-ed contributors, poets, food and film critics, humorists, and malcontents. We welcome and encourage content submissions such as (but not limited to) personal announcements (births, engagements, weddings, etc.); gardening/house maintenance tips; recipes; restaurant reviews; notices for book clubs, playgroups, etc.; and letters to the editor. We would also like to include a special kid's section featuring artwork, short stories, and poetry from our younger residents.

So, if you have any news to broadcast, creative work to share, or advice to impart, please contact Charlotte Weber at weber.182@osu.edu, or the Civic Association at chca@colonial.hills.us. For a nominal fee, you can also advertise.

A History of the Hills...

In 2005, resident and local historian George Campbell wrote a Wikipedia article on the history of Colonial Hills. (Visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_Hills to learn how our neighborhood evolved from a federally funded housing development for WWII defense workers to the "pearl" of Worthington that it is today!) Since then George has continued his research, and, with contributions from Dan Button, Larry Hunt, and others, has created a more extensive website that features newspaper articles, photos, maps, real estate sales information, and other fascinating tidbits. The site is truly a labor of love, and well worth a visit. Check it out at <http://www.tallgeorge.com/Colonial%20Hills.htm>. If you have any photos or memories to add, you can drop George a line through the site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***** NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 12th AT THE SHELTER HOUSE, 7:00 P.M.**

***** EGG HUNT AT SELBY PARK--MARCH 15, 9:45**

Don't miss this annual rite of spring! Bagels, doughnuts and coffee will be available at the shelter house from 9:45; the actual "hunt"/melee begins promptly at 10:00 or whenever the first child jumps the ropes (be here before 10:00 to ensure your chance at the goodies!). Bring baskets for the loot and cameras to capture the fun. Volunteers still needed to help set up the course, pass out prizes, and impersonate a giant bunny. Please contact Cindy at 985-0970.

*****CHCA DIRECTORY---**If you have not submitted your information you are not too late. Please email chca@colonialhills.us to be added to the 2008 directory. The new editions will be out in late spring or early summer. If you are interested in advertising in the directory please contact Cindy via email at cindymolnar@columbus.rr.com or 985-0970. We are also continuing to take art submissions for the front cover. Please drop off submissions to Cindy Molnar, 471 Loveman Avenue.

***** Ohio Primary Election—March 4**

WHAT ARE PRIMARIES?

Reprinted from the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, http://www.lwvcincinnati.org/voting/What_is_a_Primary-in-Ohio.html, August 2001 (Feb. 7, 2008)

Primaries are a 20th-century phenomenon in which the public has been given an increasing role in selecting the people who'll run on the major-party tickets.

Primaries use secret ballots, similar to those in general elections. Primary voters choose a slate of delegates who are affiliated with a particular candidate. In most states, those delegates sign a pledge to vote at the state convention for the candidate they represent.

Each state regulates its primaries or caucuses differently. The Constitution contains no guidelines for the nomination process, so it's mostly regulated by the two major parties, which have adjusted the process over the years to both suit their interests and respond to public demands.

In Ohio, the presidential and vice presidential nominees of the major political parties are not nominated through primary elections, but are selected by delegates at each party's national convention. The number of delegates and alternates to be sent to a convention is determined by the national party committee's written rules governing the primary process in each state.

The two major political parties, the Democratic and Republican Parties, have filing requirements and deadlines in addition to those provided for by statute. Many, but not all, of Ohio's delegates and alternates to Democratic and Republican national nominating conventions are selected by the voters in Ohio's primary elections. Additional delegates and alternates are selected in accordance with party rules. Depending on the rules of the presidential candidate's political party, the delegates and alternates may be elected from the state at-large, by congressional district, or both. Candidates for

delegate or alternate may run individually or as a group. Delegates and alternates may be substituted after the primary in accordance with party rules.

In Ohio, voters are required to stay within the party with which they're registered when selecting candidates, but may change their affiliation by signing a statement to that effect when they vote at the polls.

How do I establish which party's ballot I am entitled to vote?

If you are a new voter, you may vote the primary ballot on any political party. If you voted the primary ballot of a political party in previous year(s) and this year want to vote the ballot of another party, then you change your affiliation by signing a statement to that effect when you vote.

May I vote on ballot issues in a primary without declaring my politics?

Yes you may vote on issues without voting for the candidates of a political party by requesting a questions-and-issues ballot.

For additional information contact www.sos.state.oh.us.

And Fun Stuff...

"How Valentine's Day Works," April 1, 2000, reprinted from HowStuffWorks, <http://www.howstuffworks.com/valentine.htm> (February 07, 2008)

Origins of the Day of Love

The origins of Valentine's Day are shrouded in mystery. According to [University of Notre Dame Professor Lawrence Cunningham](#), scholars have two main theories to explain how February 14 became synonymous with romance:

- **Roman Feast of Lupercalia** - This ancient pagan fertility celebration, which honored Juno, queen of the Roman gods and goddesses and goddess of women and marriage, was held on February 14, the day before the feast began. During festival time, women would write love letters, also known as **billets**, and leave them in a large urn. The men of Rome would then draw a note from the urn and ardently pursue the woman who wrote the message they had chosen. (Apparently, the custom of lottery drawings to select valentines continued into the 18th century, coming to an end when people decided they'd rather choose -- sight seen! -- their valentines.)
- **The Birds and the Bees?** - In the Middle Ages, people began to send love letters on Valentine's Day. Medieval Europeans believed that birds began to mate on February 14.

There's also some controversy regarding **Saint Valentine**, for whom the famous day is named. Archaeologists, who unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine, are not sure if there was one Valentine or more. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred on February 14 -- at least two of those in Italy during the 3rd century. The most popular candidate for St. Valentine was a 3rd-century [Roman priest](#) who practiced Christianity and performed secret marriages against direct orders from **Emperor Claudius II**, who believed single soldiers were more likely to join his army. Legend has it that Valentine sent a friend (the jailer's daughter) a note signed "From Your Valentine" before he was executed on February 14 in 270 A.D. (That phrase is still used prominently on today's cards!)

Early Christians were happier with the idea of a holiday honoring the saint of romantic causes than with one recognizing a pagan festival. In 496 A.D., Pope **Gelasius** named February 14 in honor of St. Valentine as the patron saint of lovers. In 1969, Pope Paul VI dropped it from the calendar. However, the blend of Roman festival and Christian martyrdom had caught on, and Valentine's Day was here to stay.