



## President's Message

When President Cindy Molnar approached me in October about taking over the Colonial Hills Civic Association Presidency, I was thrilled. Cindy, along with Vice President Courtney Jolley, returning Secretary Trina Williams and outgoing treasurer Lorie Cormany organized excellent events over the past two years and left the CHCA in strong financial shape. As I begin my service, I am fortunate to be joined by our new Vice President, Stephanie Hoyle who lives on Loveman Avenue. Returning Secretary Trina Williams and I both live on Kenbrook Drive. Trina also organized our recent Halloween Party, which was enjoyed by all.

My goals are to keep alive our traditional events, to keep the Courier coming on time and fill it with interesting articles, to modernize [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us) and keep it current, and to continue our spirit of community service. In March we will be collecting dues from each household to support our 2009 activities, including the parties, Easter egg hunt, Fourth of July parade, distribution of the Courier and scholarship. Please join the CHCA, and help us keep our community strong.

- George Campbell, 2009-2010 CHCA President

## About the Colonial Hills Civic Association

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### Upcoming Events

**Tue Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 pm

**Civic Association Meeting at the Shelter House. Guest speaker Karen Young, will discuss "Surviving the Holidays on a Budget". We will also discuss the CHCA 2009 budget.**

**Sat Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**  
10am – 1pm

**Luminary Kit Assembly. Volunteers needed for this formidable task! Just show up, or contact Will Pierce (888-8236) for details.**

**Sat Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**  
3 – 5pm

**Kid's Holiday Party. Santa is expected, and all are welcome! Organized by Mary Van Ogle (888-3138).**

**Sat Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**  
10am – 5pm

**Christmas Tree Sale.**

**Tue Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**  
6pm – 10pm

**Holiday Decorating Contest. Whether you measure holiday spirit in good taste, or in kilowatts, we have a prize for you!**

**Sun Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**  
7:00 pm

**Light your luminaries!**

## Treasurer is Needed

Lorie Cormany, our Treasurer of six years, is stepping down. She has the CHCA finances well organized, and the job mainly involves writing checks for CHCA expenses, depositing checks and keeping the balance correct. The Treasurer is part of the board, and attends the monthly CHCA meetings. Lorie will be available to train the new Treasurer. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the CHCA at the board level and make a real difference in our community. **Contact George Campbell (785-4999) if you can serve as CHCA Treasurer.**

## Trustees are Needed

Colonial Hills is divided into 35 zones, each with a volunteer trustee. The trustees serve about 20 homes each with three duties. They deliver *The Courier* monthly, in December they deliver the luminary materials to each home, and in March they conduct the membership drive, asking each house in their district for a membership fee (\$15 for families, \$5 for singles and seniors) to support our activities. Attending monthly meetings is optional for trustees. **Please contact George Campbell (785-4999) if you can serve as a trustee in your district.** Next month we will publish a finalized list of the 2009 trustees.

Open District	Addresses Served
6	510 – 591 N. Selby
7	416 – 501 N. Selby
12	334 – 396 Kenbrook
31	5684 - 5731 Foster

## Food Drive

The Colonial Hill community helped those in need on during our November 8th food drive. We were able to gather 1200 food items from 100 homes! Thanks to all the volunteers and those of you who donated to this worthy cause. You may wonder what happens to this food after we gather it.

We partner with the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry run out of St. Michael's church. I spoke with Donna Krajnak, co-chair of the food pantry. She said the food we donate goes toward the Sponsor-A-Family program. This program is run every December and gathers food from Worthington schools and organizations like ours. Needy families from the Worthington school system are identified and come to St. Michael's in December. These families receive toys for their children, food and a Kroger gift certificate (for fresh items). Last year, this program gave over 220 boxes of food to struggling families in our school system.

Mrs. Krajnak said that over 20,000 food donations were taken in during the holiday season lasted until almost July of this year. Other than Sponsor-A-Family program, 12 grocery bags of food are donated to the Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (J.O.I.N) each week. The Food Pantry also gets referrals from FirstLink, a referral agency that connects those in need with support agencies. The Food Pantry serviced about 150 FirstLink families last month from Worthington and the surrounding area.

“Some folks just need to get over a hump for a few months and then we never see them again” said Mrs. Krajnak. “Then a bag

of food will show up with a note saying that they are just giving back. It's very rewarding.” In this season of giving, it's nice to know the Colonial Hills community has made a difference to those in need in our area.

More information about FirstLink can be found by calling 2-1-1 from your phone or visiting [www.firstlink.org](http://www.firstlink.org) on the web. St. Michael's St. Vincent DePaul society runs the Food Pantry. They take in food throughout the year but their greatest need is in March and August. Please call the church at 885-7814 for more information. J.O.I.N can be reached at 241-2530 for more information about how to help.

- Kelly Campbell

## How To: Avoid Being An Easy Target for Neighborhood Crime

At the October 14th Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA) meeting, Columbus Police Officer and Colonial Hills resident Mark Frazier spoke to us about tactics for preventing crime in our neighborhood and damage to our properties. He suggested three things we can do to prevent our homes, cars, and property from being an easy target.

First, remember to close your garage door when you are not immediately entering or exiting. While many garages in our neighborhood are mainly used for storage, others provide direct access to the inside of your homes, so keeping the garage door closed is as essential as keeping your front and back doors closed. Also, an open garage door is an invitation for passersby to take inventory on your belongings.

Second, be careful to bring all toys and tools back inside. Leaving objects outside can entice someone to not only take those items, but to take an interest in other things you might have behind closed doors.

Third, residents should be careful to lock car doors and avoid leaving valuables in your car. Cell phones, wallets, CDs, and loose change are just a few of the things that a thief will be looking for in your car, and they may cause damage to your car (broken windows) to gain access to such items.

Officer Frazier also reminded us that the police are there to serve us and we should not feel that we have to take dangerous situations into our own hands. If there are suspicious persons in the neighborhood, speeding drivers, or illegal activities occurring (assault, theft, etc), please call 9-1-1 or the Worthington Police (614) 885-4463 IMMEDIATELY.

Colonial Hills is a safe and friendly neighborhood and these simple tips can help ensure that it stays that way!

- Stephanie Hoyle

## Luminary Assistance Needed

On **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1 pm** please stop by the Shelter House and help us with the immense task of assembling the luminary kits. We set up an assembly line, and many hands make quick work. You don't have to stay for three hours - just an hour of your time on the 13<sup>th</sup> would be greatly appreciated. If you plan on coming, call Will Pearce (888-3138) or George Campbell (785-4999) so we can calculate how much help we will have. Or just show up!

## Halloween Party Success

The Halloween Party was a great success, with 50 children in attendance. Thanks to Trina Williams for once again organizing it, and to Rosalie Hoover, Susan Keeler, Jesse Keeler, and Sandra Bond.

## Baby Sitters

We want to reestablish the tradition of listing neighborhood babysitters in the Courier. Please call George or Kelly Campbell at 785-4999 if you wish to list a teen or adult who seeks babysitting employment.

## New Neighbors

For October, we welcome the Arnetts (5503 Indianola) and MacKenzies (357 Park Blvd.) to Colonial Hills.

## Found Cat

There is an All-American tiger tabby cat with stripes that has taken to hanging about the 460's on Kenbrook Drive. The neighbors are worried that this well fed cat will suffer when the snow flies. Call George Campbell at 785-4999 if you think you know where this critter belongs.

## Thank You for Leaving Your Porch Light On

I deliver the This Week newspaper in the evening hours in Colonial Hills and now that it's getting dark earlier, I find myself having trouble navigating thru yards that are not lit up . It's really hard to see what you're doing when navigating a dark yard/walkway -- especially with the Halloween decorations in the yards and soon to be Xmas decorations as well! [*from Colleen Roberts*]

## Selby Park Drinking Fountain

The drinking fountain at Selby Park has a clogged drain line, and the Parks Department budgeted to replace the 50 year old drain and supply lines. At a Worthington City Council meeting to discuss the Capital Budget, a council member questioned the need to keep the fountain, asking "don't most people bring bottled water these days?" It was a valid question from a financially responsible council member, but we feel that our fountain is heavily used, and we want to keep it. A CHCA officer attended the Nov. 17 City Council meeting and made

the case for repairing the fountain, and also expressed our support for the planned roof replacement and interior refurbishment of the Shelter House. Council listened sympathetically to the brief presentation, so we are hopeful these items will survive the budget process. We will know for sure in a several weeks when the budget is passed.

## Please Clean Up After Your Dogs

This issue comes up at every Civic Association meeting.

## Upcoming Community Events

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| Nov 29 <sup>th</sup><br>9:00 am till<br>noon                           | <b>Fall Family Fun Swims</b><br>Worthington Community Center<br>345 E. Wilson Bridge Road<br>436-2743        |
| Nov 30 <sup>th</sup><br>1 – 5 pm                                       | <b>Gift Shop Christmas Open House</b><br>The Old Rectory, 50 W. New England<br>Ave. (885-1247)               |
| Nov 30 <sup>th</sup><br>12:00 pm -<br>5:30 pm                          | <b>Holiday Open House</b><br>High Street Downtown Worthington<br><b>Tree lighting &amp; Santa @ 5:30 pm!</b> |
| Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> –<br>Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>                           | <b>Citywide "Final Sweep" Leaf<br/>Collection</b>  |
| Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>11:00 am  | <b>Holiday Luncheon Buffett</b><br>Worthington Women's Club<br>Worthington Hills Country Club<br>890-5269    |
| Dec 6 <sup>th</sup><br>9:30 am –<br>11:45 am &<br>1:00 pm –<br>3:45 pm | <b>Children's Holiday Art Shop</b><br>www.worthingtonarts.com<br>431-0329                                    |
| Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Pet Portraits with Santa</b><br>Benefits Cap. Area Humane Society<br>www.petpeople.com/stores.php         |
| Dec 7 <sup>th</sup><br>1:30 pm &<br>3:30 pm                            | <b>Christmas Open House</b><br>Orange Johnson House<br>956 High St. 885-1247                                 |
| Dec 9 <sup>th</sup><br>7 pm  | <b>Pet Loss Support Group</b><br>Cord Camera 4784 N. High St.<br>895-3416                                    |
| Dec 10 <sup>th</sup><br>1:30 pm –<br>3:00 pm                           | <b>Holiday Party at the Griswold</b><br>Griswold Center Town Hall  |
| Dec 12 <sup>th</sup><br>6:30 pm –<br>8:30 pm                           | <b>Holiday Party at the Rec Center</b><br>345 E. Wilson Bridge Road<br>436-2743                              |
| Dec 13 <sup>th</sup><br>10:00 am –<br>1:00 pm                          | <b>Winter Farmer's Market</b><br>Griswold Center Town Hall   |