



The Colonial Hills Courier

The Friendly Community

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November

President's Message

2011

This issue is full of opportunities for involvement to help improve our community. Check out the Freecycle event, live at the Shelter house Sunday Nov. 6th. Be a mentor to a child at the school or shelter house. Tell the Worthington Police what you need to help stay in your home, or be a helper to someone in the neighborhood throughout the year. Come support the Civic Association, Secretary, Vice President and event volunteers needed! **And don't forget to vote November 8th!**

-Rachael Dorothy, 2011-2012 CHCA President

About the Colonial Hills Civic Association

Upcoming Events

Thursdays after school, 2:30pm-4pm	Community Café – shelter house
Saturday, Nov 5 th , 8:30am-10:30am	Colonial Hills Elementary School Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Nov 6 th , 2:30pm-4:00pm	Freecycle at the shelter house
Tuesday, Nov 8 th , 6:30am-7:30pm	General Election Day – Go Vote!
Tuesday, Nov 15 th , 7:30pm	Monthly CHCA Meeting (all meetings at the shelter house)
Saturday, Nov 19 th , 10am	CHCA Thanksgiving Food Drive, Volunteers needed!
Saturday, Dec 10 th , 10am	Luminary Assembly – shelter house
Sunday, Dec 11 th , 3pm	Holiday Party at the Shelter House
Tuesday, Dec 13 th , 7:30pm	Monthly CHCA Meeting
Saturday, Dec 17 th , 7pm	Luminary Lighting

Officials

President – Rachael Dorothy 406-6391
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Vice President- Volunteer Needed
Learn about how the Civic Association works and help run one or two events.

Secretary-Volunteer Needed
Attend monthly meetings and take notes for distribution

Treasurer – John Drago 505-6347
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Web Master - George Campbell
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******Scholarship information Reminder**- CHCA does present at least one scholarship (based on funds available) a year to a high school senior who lives within the neighborhood. Applications are due in April, but requirements include documentation of 10 hours of community service within CH and attendance to one CHCA meeting.****

Sitters – Baby and/or Pet!

- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Casey Gelin**, 885-4701, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Perri MacKenzie**, 846-2415, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter
- **Caroline Smyth**, 785-7064, Red Cross Certified baby sitter.
- **Zach Weinle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.
- **Haley Carnahan**, 436-6798, Red Cross Certified babysitter

- **Sophie McCallister**, 436-3653, Red Cross Certified babysitter
- **Ruby Clark**, 296-4315, certified (Girl Scouts), baby sitter
- **Freddy Woodrum** - /red cross certified babysitter/can watch ages 3 and up/#431-0206
- **Emma Webster** Age 14 (freshman at TWHS) Red Cross Certified h 880-9655

This list also appears on the web site, www.colonialhills.us
To be added or removed from this list please contact:
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Who needs the Great Pumpkin to show up in the CyMack Pumpkin Patch?

When you have expert party planner, event chair, **Trina Williams**, **Cynthia MacKenzie** and the CyMack Group, the event is going to be spooktacular as long as **you** show up!

Neighborhood children came out to enjoy the great weather, paint over 150 pumpkins, donated by the CyMack team, eat cookies and apple cider, and get treats during the costume parade. Thank-you to all who came and especially those who assisted in making this a great party.

I hope we have as good of day next year for the event!





Pancakes and Books, Community Breakfast The Colonial Hills

Elementary School will hold their annual PTA Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, **November 5th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am**. The Library will kick off their annual book sale at 9:30 am! Cost for pancakes is \$5 / person or \$18 / family (under 3 free), and they'll be serving sausages and OJ too! Please join us for fun and fellowship, and support our library.

Be a Mentor at Colonial Hills Elementary School with Project MORE Project MORE

(Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence) is a 1:1 structured reading volunteer mentoring project for students with disabilities in grades K-4. Students are mentored four times per week for 30-minute sessions. Over the 11-year history of Project MORE, independent evaluators from Bowling Green State University's Center for Evaluation Services have found that students who have mild disabilities gain one month reading level for each month they receive volunteer mentoring.



A key component to the success of the project is the rich reading mentoring content (books and lessons) accessed from Reading-tutors.com. Teachers/coordinators can download and print the appropriate packets for individual students based on corresponding individualized assessment data. Students and teachers have multiple packets at each grade level PP-Grade 6 available for ongoing reinforcement.

Since the books are low cost and printed by the school, the books can be given/sent home with the students for individual enjoyment as well as family engagement.

As a supplemental reading program, Project MORE can be adapted to meet the needs of diverse populations of students with disabilities, students at-risk for reading failure and students who are ELL. Project MORE is guided by the goals of being: Effective for student performance, Affordable for schools, Replicable for any school that has a need for reading improvement, and Sustainable because of low cost, ease of use, and evidence-based.

Project MORE has been helping students with disabilities and at-risk students become proficient readers since 1999. Project MORE partners with 185 schools (urban, suburban, small city and rural) in Ohio. Students served include the following disability categories: multiple disabilities, specific learning disabilities, cognitive disabilities, speech & language impairment, emotional disturbance, autism, etc., as well as at-risk students in grades K-4.

2009/10 school year, 2500 students with disabilities and students at-risk for reading failure were mentored. More than 3200 mentors volunteered 77,350+ hours in Project MORE schools.

Independent evaluations over eight years demonstrate that students receiving Project MORE always outperform (often at a statistically significant level) students receiving small group instruction.

To become a mentor please contact Mrs. Hoffman at MHoffman@worthington.k12.oh.us or ph 450-7287



Northwest Counseling Services' Older Adults Program is recruiting volunteers to work with older adults in the area to help in a variety of ways. Volunteers are matched with older adults based on ability, common interest, and location. Volunteers should enjoy meeting new people, be understanding of disabling conditions and be willing to share talents and interests with others.



Volunteers are needed weekly, bi-monthly, on-call as needed, and for yearly projects. Some duties for volunteers can include:

- Transportation to important appointments
- Friendly visits
- Light indoor and outdoor chores
- Take client to lunch
- Run errands
- Help with various yearly service projects

For more information please call **Rosemary Donovan, Volunteer Coordinator** at ph 457-7876 or email rdonovan@northwestcounselingservices.org

Block Watch A message from the Police Department Community Liason, Ofc. T. Floyd #343, tfloyd@ci.worthington.oh.us : Several thefts were reported to the police department during the morning of October 26, 2011 involving property taken from unlocked vehicles on Foster Ave, Loveman and Colonial. Please take a moment to protect yourself and keep your vehicles locked and leave no valuables in them. If you choose to keep your vehicle unlocked, do not leave valuables in them. Most thieves are banking on and winning that items will continue to be left either in plain view or inside an unlocked vehicle.

Continue to report incidents as we recently received valuable follow up information on a vehicle theft occurring last year where the suspect left DNA at the scene. Though the case had been closed the DNA provided a link to an individual who was charged for the incident. Many of these individuals rely on people failing to take simple measures to reduce their likeliness of becoming a victim of theft. Also, consider keeping descriptive information such as serial and model numbers in a secure place should these items be stolen. Police need serial numbers for traceability and to also enter stolen items into a national database. Thank you!

To keep up to date with current crime activity, join the block watch, email group online at www.colonialhills.us or contact David Nadolny, 175 Kenbrook Dr., dnadolny@columbus.rr.com, or sign up at www.crimereports.com or the new Worthington website <http://www.worthington.org/list.aspx>

To report suspicious activity, call the Worthington Police Department 885-4463.



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Worthington SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

is a new cooperative effort by the community, the Worthington Police and Fire Departments, the City of Worthington, the Griswold Center and other organizations to make Worthington "more livable for a lifetime". While the focus for SALT is on seniors and their safety, the programs developed from this survey will benefit all members of the community. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WPRDSALT> If you have any questions about this survey or the SALT program itself, please contact Colleen Light at

(614)842-6320, clight@ci.worthington.oh.us or Officer Kirk Allton at (614)885-4463, kallton@ci.worthington.oh.us.



2011 Food Drive-Please place your food donations out on your porch to support the St. Michael's and Worthington Food Banks this year BEFORE 10am, Saturday November, 19th. Volunteers to collect food, please show up at 9:45am at the Selby Park Shelter House. Volunteers are also needed at 11am at the Shelter house to help sort the collections and bring them to the food banks.

Design the New Face of Colonial Hills Contest

Can your design be the new calling card of "Colonial Hills, The Friendly Community?" The current sleek representative logo of the Selby Street split and shelter house are familiar to us all, but the new winning design will be available for T-shirts, coffee mugs and other Friendly Community spirit wear and available for purchase at www.colonialhills.us. Entries deadline has been extended. Entries should be emailed to rachaeldorothy@gmail.com by Nov 15th. **Winning entry will receive a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant.** Shown to the right is an entry received from Robert Kendall.



FREECYCLE Worthington LIVE: Sunday November 6th at the Shelter house (and always on Facebook)

Bring your new or gently used items that you want to give away to someone in the neighborhood, to the Shelter house -2:30-4pm Sunday November 6th, and see if there is anything you would like to take home with you!

Never heard of Freecycle before? It's recycling clothes, appliances, household decorations, sports equipment, furniture, an island full of misfit toys....anything you think that could have some useful life in them to your neighbors who will use it for free!

You'll get the joy of knowing your item will be used, and not just collecting dust in the corner, and maybe you'll find something that you can use and take home with you. Remember, you must offer at least one thing first, before you can take anything, and items you bring that no one wants, need to go home with you.

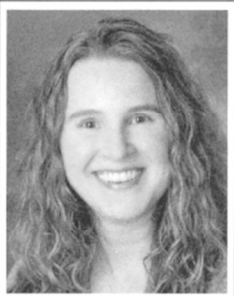


Below are some FAQs for online Freecycle, many of the rules apply to the live event Sunday. Join the Worthington Freecycle Facebook group, to be able to Freecycle any day of the week! – **Thank-you Organizers and Moderators Rosa Huff, Co-Owner of Computer Lab, and Anne and Dawn Curran!**

- 1. How do I offer an item?** Post on the status line --- OFFER: name of item. Give a short description.
- 2. How do I let everyone know an item I OFFERed is taken?** Post on the status line: TAKEN: item. If you want to include a short thank you, that's fine.
- 3. How do I request an item?** Post on the status line: WANTED: item & give a short description of what you're looking for. - Remember to use this feature reasonably and only one (1) request within a 7-day period. - Requests for "big ticket" items (decent/good cars, boats, bags of money, or anything with large pricetags) are out of the bounds of decent asking-fors. However, offers for these items are accepted. Outlandish requests will be deleted.
- 4. How do I let everyone know I received an item I posted a WANTED for?** Status line: RECEIVED: item and if you want to include a short thank you, that's fine.
- 5. What can I offer or request?** Almost anything as long as it is free, legal, and appropriate for all ages. Best rule of thumb: if it keeps something out of the trash, you can offer it.
- 6. What can't be offered or requested?** Anything illegal or regulated by law, including but not limited to: ■animals ■firearms and weapons/ammunition ■medications/drugs ■alcohol ■tobacco ■hazardous materials ■adult magazines/videos/dvds/etc. ■jobs/services ■services in general, please check the Links section for alternatives ■non-durable medical equipment -- while sterile and unused medical supplies isn't illegal, it would be better to see if a specific organization could use these items; durable medical equipment like wheelchairs, shower chairs, etc. are acceptable. ■Two strikes and you're out.
- 7. Anything else not allowed?** The following: politics, spam, money, trading, advertising, services (looking for a job or employees, etc.), sermonizing, harassment of other list members, intangible items (Gmail, ING, referral programs, information, etc.). Coupons/vouchers may be posted in the Coupons Database. . ■Two strikes and you're out.
- 8. I offered or accepted an item, what now?** Make your own arrangements with the person that accepted or offered.
- 9. I have multiple responses to my offer, how do I decide who gets it?** You can wait 24 hours and pick from the group; first response first serve; whoever has the funniest or most creative response; whoever asked nicest; put names in a hat and draw.... Use your own discretion within reason.
- 10. Can food be posted?** Yes, as long as it is not expired and preferably unopened. Best judgment should be used regarding opened food items and will fall under caveat emptor.
- 11. Are items given through Freecycle tax deductible?** -

Items given through Freecycle lists person-to-person are not tax-deductible.



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Riverlea Annexation: Final Thoughts: Last CHCA meeting, Rob Schmidt, Worthington City Councilmember, and member of the Worthington Riverlea Annexation Commission came to offer his view of the proposed merger. Below is a brief summary about the annexation process and results that he wrote and other Worthington City Councilmembers added their name in agreement **to voice their support for voting YES on the annexation issue Tuesday, November 8th.**

“This year, residents of Riverlea and Worthington have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of joining our two communities together. As citizens of Worthington who are also members of the Worthington City Council, we wanted to express our personal support for the proposed annexation of Riverlea to Worthington. The proposed annexation is in the best interest of both communities, is revenue neutral when considered over the course of the first several years following annexation, and is fair.



When Worthington City Council authorized the appointment of three commissioners in statutorily mandated annexation negotiations, Council charged the Worthington commissioners with the task of reaching an agreement to join these communities that was fair to both keeping in mind two important goals. First, it was paramount to Worthington City Council that any agreement be as revenue neutral as possible to Worthington. Second, the agreement should take into consideration that once the two communities were merged, Riverlea should be treated the same as any other neighborhood in Worthington. We believe that these two goals were met.

The details and the legal mechanisms of the process are complex, and to a certain extent arcane. By necessity, this has included reliance on reasonable estimates of the costs and revenues from annexation. Is there uncertainty in the proposal? Yes. Do we believe that the uncertainty has been resolved to the greatest extent practical and that the agreement meets these two fundamental goals? Yes.

It is our opinion that the resulting combined community will be best able to address the long term issues facing both. It will allow both communities to maximize the efficiencies of combining revenues and sharing costs. Although the benefits to the two communities are different, it can never be forgotten that both communities share a common identity. **We believe that the merger of these communities will promote not only a greater sense of the Worthington community but also strengthen the individual qualities of our neighborhoods. We also personally believe the expansion of Worthington can be accomplished only through annexation, and that expanding Worthington is good for the long term future of the community.**

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to the staff of Worthington without whom this complicated task would have been nearly impossible. [Emphasis added by Rachael Dorothy]

We believe that the merger of our two communities will serve both. We encourage members of both communities to support this measure.

Respectfully, Dr. Lou Goory, Dr. Bob Chosy, Bonnie Michael, Dave Norstrom, Joe Davis, Rob Schmidt”



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Get in the Spirit of the Season and Organize Your Caroling Group for the Luminary Event.

It's not too early to start forming your caroling group that will make the lighting of the luminaries even more magical throughout the neighborhood. Email rachaeldorothy@gmail.com if you have a group of boy or girl scouts, choir, band or other group that would like to carol in the neighborhood.



Community Café: Wouldn't you like to get away? To a Place Where Everyone Knows Your Name, and They're Always Glad you Came. Are you looking for a place



where your kids will want to do their homework with their peers without fuss? Or where you can get involved in improving our neighborhood school? Well look no further than the Selby Shelter house at the Community Café, Thursdays after school. Starting, Thursday, October 27th from 2:30-4pm each child has the opportunity to join classmates at the Shelter house, with written parental consent. This program was started by **Past Civic Association President, Cindy Molnar**, and a group of parent volunteers (all background checked through the Worthington School District) and teachers from Colonial Hills. What happens at the Café? After safe

transportation from school (walking or driving if weather is bad) to Selby Park Shelter House, and having a snack, homework assignments will be worked on including reading time and then it's time for supervised play!

At 4pm children will be taken home. Volunteer parents and grandparents are needed to bring students to the café, after receiving parents' written permission, and having a background check at the Worthington School District Office at 200 E. Wilson Bridge Road. This does include any child that rides the bus home. You will have the opportunity to help the students with their assignments as well as get to know them and their family. To get more information contact Cindy Molnar at cindymolnar@columbus.rr.com or ph. 614-832-7704 or Dr. DeRee hderee@worthington.k12.oh.us or ph. 614-883-2800



CHCA Fundraising & Officer Elections: A Secretary is still needed for the CHCA, please come to the next meeting and volunteer your services! Thank-you to the THREE new members this past month, and to all the existing 2011 members of The Colonial Hills Civic Association.

The CHCA uses funds to provide printing for the Courier, other event handouts, website fees, luminary supplies, refreshments, games, awards, and give-a-ways to participants of local events and for Colonial Hills Scholarship(s). All officials, trustees, events chairs, webmasters, organizers, or other volunteers are not paid for any of their time.

Additional funds received, not used for activities, are used to provide multiple scholarships for that year or carried over to the next year. We appreciate your support of your Colonial Hills Civic Association, and hope to have almost 100% membership by the end of 2011. Senior membership rate is \$5, Family rate is \$15. Send in your 2011 membership now to PO BOX 676 or online at www.colonialhills.us

It's never too early to sign up for helping with the Food Drive or Christmas Party, Luminary making or becoming an Officer! Thank-you, for assisting our neighbors, and making this a terrific place to live. ~Rachael Dorothy

Tuesday, November 8th
6:30am-7:30pm

