



The Colonial Hills Courier



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March

2013

Greetings, Colonial Hills! As thoughts turn to spring, CHCA is gearing up for a great line-up of activities for kids, families and eager gardeners. Besides the spring Plant Exchange, and our great Easter Egg Hunt, we're putting together a new Eco Day in April. It combines the return of the county's Rain Barrel workshop with a neighborhood seed swap. Contact me if you'd like to offer your own environmentally related activity to the day. You'll also find in this issue new details about Colonial Hills' eligibility to become an historic district. Our understanding is that this designation would NOT entail limitations on home improvements, but it would require your cooperation and heavy effort by a loyal organizing team. We plan a community briefing following the March 12th board meeting. Discussions have just begun on this and we welcome your feedback.

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Upcoming Community Events

March 12th – CHCA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Selby Shelter House, followed by National Register Eligibility information session (8:30 pm)

March 16th – Easter Egg stuffing, 10 am at Selby Shelter House

March 23rd – Easter Egg Hunt 10 am SHARP at Selby Shelter House

March 30th – Rain date for Easter Egg Hunt (same place and time)

April 6th – Rain Barrel Workshop – 10 am at Selby Shelter House

(see page 2 for details). There will also be a Seed Swap during/after this event.

April 9th – CHCA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Selby Shelter House

April 11th – Trustees Dinner, 6:30 pm, Pizza House

April 11th – Kick off of CHCA Membership Drive. Please don't forget to begin or continue your membership and support CHCA!

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See Page 6 for Baby, House, and Pet Sitter information!

Rain Barrel Workshops



*The fee is non-refundable and participants must register at least three days in advance.

Rain Barrel Workshop – April 6th at 10:00 am at Selby Shelter House

If interested, the registration form is located on page 3 or visit GreenSpotRainBarrels.org to register online. The fee for the workshop and rain barrel is \$55. Please arrive 15 minutes early for the workshop. The barrel is a 45 gallon sealed system to keep out pests and comes with all parts for easy installation.

Neighbors are also invited to bring seeds to swap or donate during/after the event. This could include purchased seed packets you didn't use, bulk seed, or loose seed you collect from your garden. FCSWCD is starting us off with a donation of seeds they'll give away! Bring seed in a jar or other lidded container, or in original packaging. A handout with growing instructions would be great, too. CHCA will provide take-home bags, labels and markers.

National Register of Historic Places District Information Session March 12th, 8:30 pm

Following the next CHCA meeting there will be a brief information session held at Selby Shelter House regarding possible Historic District Nomination Coordination for Colonial Hills. In 2012 our neighborhood was the focus of an OSU city and regional planning course and a great deal of information was gathered regarding the history of Colonial Hills. It is possible that our neighborhood is eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Colonial Hills could be the third National Register Listed Historic District in Worthington if this effort is successful! We're seeking to determine if residents are interested in learning more.

It is our understanding that because Colonial Hills is not subject to Worthington's Architectural Review Board, a National Register listing would **NOT** prevent property owners from altering their homes, and would not impose any additional financial or aesthetic requirements on homeowners.

A first step in the process would be submitting a completed questionnaire to The OHPO (Ohio State Preservation Office) to get concurrence from OHPO before proceeding with a nomination.

For more information on the nomination process, visit:

<http://ww2.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/toolbox/nr/nr-01.html>

We encourage anyone with questions, concerns, or who would possibly be interested in being involved in this type of effort to attend the information session following the next CHCA meeting on Tuesday, March 12th. The regular board meeting starts at 7:30 pm and the information session will begin around 8:30.

Registration Limit ONE per household



Name: _____ # of attendees: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Workshop: In order to obtain your rain barrel, you must attend a workshop on one of the dates below. Choose ONE. Rain barrels will be distributed to participants at the conclusion of each event.

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You must pre-register in advance to attend a workshop.

We must receive registration at least 3 days in advance.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE START OF WORKSHOP TO SIGN IN

- ____ April 6, 10:00AM, Selby Park Shelter House, 358 Selby Blvd. S., Worthington
- ____ April 18, 7:00PM, Northside Library, Northside Meeting Room, 1423 N. High St., Columbus
- ____ April 25, 6:00PM, Bexley Public Library, 2411 E. Main St., Bexley
- ____ May 4, 10:00AM, Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 South Hempstead Rd., Westerville
- ____ May 11, 10:00AM, Highbanks Metro Park, Nature Center, Lewis Center
- ____ May 17, 6:00PM, Amelita Mirolo Barn, 4395 Carriage Hill Ln., Upper Arlington
- ____ June 15, 10:00AM, Hilliard Recreation Center, Hilliard
- ____ June 29, 10:00AM, Battelle Darby Park, Nature Center, 1415 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway
- ____ July 20, 10:00AM, Battelle Darby Park, Nature Center, 1415 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway
- ____ August 15, 6:30PM, Blacklick Woods Park, Beech-Maple Lodge, 6975 E. Livingston Ave., Reynoldsburg

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Don't Forget!

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Colonial Hills Scholarship applications are due April 15th. Applicants must attend at least one CHCA meeting. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30 pm at Selby Shelter House. Easter Egg Hunt and egg stuffing are your last chance for volunteer hours before the 2013 deadline!

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Winter Reminder:

Navigating the community on foot can be hazardous in the winter, especially for the elderly or those with disabilities. Help keep sidewalks in front of your property or business clear of snow and ice. If you have elderly neighbors, take a few extra moments to help clear their sidewalks too.

We'll be in the clear soon – spring weather is fast approaching!

CHCA Blockwatch

Colonial Hills Block Watch now has more than 150 members. 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

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Patricia ("Pat") R. Weston, 436 S. Selby, age 78, passed on December 14, at her home. Pat was preceded in death by her husband Robert ("Bob") E. Weston, who died in 1992. The Westons were long-time Colonial Hills residents, having bought their home in July, 1963. Pat was particularly active in the Colonial Hills Civic Association, volunteering for the 4th of July celebration and other activities, and continued to volunteer into her golden years until her health prevented her.

Pat maintained many good friendships, and was very well-liked by her neighbors. She regaled friends and neighbors with her wonderfully interesting stories of life in Colonial Hills and Worthington in the 60's, 70's, and 80's, and of her life growing up as a coal miner's daughter in Kentucky, where she was a schoolmate of Loretta Lynn. Pat always seemed quite proud of her roots.

Pat also took great pride in her immaculately maintained yard and home, and in her later years, delighted in viewing the parade of life from her easy chair looking out her front window.

Pat is survived by her brothers, James Coleman and Ronald Coleman, her sister, Ernestine Webb, and by many nieces and nephews.



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This list also appears on the web site, www.colonialhills.us. To be added or removed from this list please contact: Julie Smyth (jcarrrsmyth@gmail.com, 785-7064)

Storm Help from House Wine (644 High Street)

House Wine co-owner and general manager Donnie Austin offers neighbors access to his facility in event of future power outages. He says the shop often has "2000+ square feet, warmth and power for charging up items" when CH is down.

Here's to you, Donnie!

Worthington International Friendship Association (WIFA) Meeting will be held March 26th at 5:30 pm at the Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 N. High St.

2013 CHCA Membership Information

Sign up online –
www.ColonialHills.com

We support the amazing activities, parties and service projects of the association only through your memberships each year. Please pay your dues, and ask your neighbors to pay theirs. Makes checks payable to C.H.C.A. and mail to PO Box 676, Worthington 43085 or pay online at www.colonialhills.us. Thanks!

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regret the error.**

Want go get involved?
CHCA is seeking a
volunteer(s) to help with the
4th of July Celebration and
Play Café. Please contact
jcarrsmyth@gmail.com

Monthly Yard Waste Drop Off
March 30th, 12:00pm – 3:00pm @ Public
Service Department

Worthington residents may drop off yard waste the last Saturday of each month (March to October) between Noon and 3:00 p.m.

There are no quantity, size, nor bundling restrictions. Please enter the gate at the north end of the Service Building. Residents must show proof of residency. This drop-off is for residential use ONLY. Residents hiring private contractors to perform work on large tree removals should contact the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) at 871-5100. Drop off is available at Kurtz Brothers at the corner of Westerville Rd. and Dempsey Rd. south of I-270 in Westerville.

City of Worthington Events

Please visit www.Worthington.org for a full and detailed listing of events on the city's calendar. Here are a few upcoming events for January/February:

1.

Saturdays Now thru April 2013

The Winter Farmers Market will be held at the Shops at Worthington Place (7227 N. High Street)

2.

March 4th, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting @ 6550 N. High St.

3.

March 6th, 9:50am

March 3-9 is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio. Franklin County and Homeland Security encourages you to exercise your safety plan during the Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:50am.

4.

March 14th-17th, McConnell Arts Center

Worthington Community Theatre presents Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'. Visit wctpresents.org for more info and for tickets.



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