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December

2013

Happy holidays! This is Colonial Hills' busiest time of year, with activities for the whole family to enjoy. Please remember to volunteer and pay your dues as you are able, to help sustain the work and costs associated with these great offerings. With the holiday season comes a new slate of officers for 2013-2014. Elected in November were: Julie Smyth, president; Leo Kowalyk and Jenny Kendall, VPs; Kelly Jaeger, secretary; and Kelly Calhoon, treasurer. Thanks go out to outgoing officers Eliza Thrush and John Drago for their hard work for the association.

-- Julie Smyth, 2013-2014 CHCA President

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Upcoming Community Events

DECEMBER 7th – Luminary Kit Assembly– help with this CH tradition at this family-friendly event, Selby Shelterhouse, starting at 10:00am! *See Page 2 for Details!*

DECEMBER 8th – CHCA Holiday Party, 3:00-5:00 pm, Selby Shelterhouse (*See Page 3 for more info; youth volunteers needed; Call 436-6176 to help, or just show up on party day*)

DECEMBER 10th – CHCA monthly meeting, 7:30 pm, Selby Shelterhouse

DECEMBER 11th – Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Leave your lights on from 7pm-11pm!

DECEMBER 15th – Luminary Night, 7:00-10:00pm. Please join us in lighting your luminary kits throughout the neighborhood! Also join us for an open house at Selby Shelterhouse from 6-7 p.m.

DECEMBER 20th – Neighborhood Game Night, 6-8pm family and kids' games; then 8-10pm adult games and cards, Selby Shelterhouse

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jcarrsmyth@gmail.com). **Residents are encouraged to contribute articles for publication.**

Help Needed for Luminary Assembly and Awe-Inspiring Display

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who volunteered for last year's Luminary Assembly activities – and many of you have volunteered numerous times over the years – your dedicated work last year made for what many neighbors have told me was the best Colonial Hills luminary display they had ever seen!

For this year, I am requesting that you please come on over for our **kit assembly session at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, December 7 at the shelter house**. We will have coffee and donuts, etc., ready for you around 9:45 A.M. After you arrive and get something to eat and drink, we will ask you to start work on one of the tasks in the assembly process. We always find something for everyone to do, whether you're an experienced luminary volunteer or a newbie, and the more people we have, the faster the assembly goes!

Note: If you have a standard size garden shovel (with pointed tip), I would ask you to please bring your labeled shovel with you to use, or to share if you want to work on a non-shoveling task. We need to start shoveling pea gravel concurrently with starting the inside tasks of assembling the kits, and the more shovels (and people shoveling we have), the more quickly we can finish all tasks.

After the kits have been assembled and bundled, we are requesting that the **Trustees pick up their bundle starting by around noon or so**. Then, during the timeframe of December 7 thru December 14, the Trustees will deliver the kits to each resident in their district.

Since the period from Thanksgiving thru the end of December is such a hectic time, the Civic Association decided, starting this year, that it would be a good idea to call the Trustees to remind them of the kits pickup time (although of course many of our Trustees already volunteer every year to help assemble the kits and wouldn't need this reminder). Anyway, if you are a Trustee, in addition to receiving a letter from your Civic Association president about the pickup time, one of your Civic Association officers also will be calling you during the week of December 1.

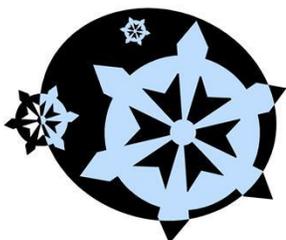
Per tradition, each home receives 5 luminaries in their kit, and receives an extra kit if they have a corner lot. And starting in 2011, we have included a provision to request an extra kit for certain homes that have an additional length of frontage or side lot that the standard number of luminaries cannot cover. I document this information about the homes in their District on the "Bundle Sheet" which is given to each Trustee, so that if you are a (new) Trustee, you will know exactly why you have a given number of kits in the "bundle" you pick up.

Lastly, we **display our luminaries**, which this year will be on **Sunday evening, December 15, when the whole neighborhood lights our luminaries at 7:00 P.M.** This lighting includes a ring of luminaries around Selby Park, and the shelter house being open for a neighborhood get together to celebrate the season, and from which folks may wish to sally forth for luminary viewing or impromptu caroling.

Each year I hope and pray for good weather that evening. However, our experience seemed to be that residents' participation greatly suffered if we tried to postpone to an alternate date if the weather was bad on the originally scheduled evening. So, there will be no postponement date if the weather is bad. If the wind is blowing and/or it's lightly raining (and as will also be explained in the instructions packed with your luminaries kit), please just light the candles within your own small glass jars (or votive candle holders), in a sheltered area, and then carry the jars inside the paper sacks out into the inclement weather.

And a final request – please feel free to set up the luminary kits for vacant homes, or volunteer to help neighbors who aren't able to set up their own luminaries.

If you have any questions, please call me at 888-8236, or send me an e-mail: willpearce@columbus.rr.com. Again, thank you for participating in this stunning event!



Holiday Party

Come to Selby Shelterhouse on **Sunday Dec. 8th from 3-5 pm** for games, crafts, food and Santa Claus! This annual party is geared toward the kids, fun for all!



GAME NIGHT!

On Nov. 15th, neighbors and friends enjoyed the first monthly installment in a new Neighborhood Game Night being held at Selby Park Shelter House. Future dates are set for: Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21 and March 21. Guests should bring a snack and a board game or two to share.

The event is organized in two phases, a 6-8 p.m. family portion featuring kids' games and an 8-10 p.m. portion for grown-ups to kick back kid-free with cards and other more adult games. Contact Event Chair Doug Knight, 390-6634, dougknight314@gmail.com, with your ideas or questions.

Visioning UMCH Public Meeting – Wednesday, December 4th from 6pm-8pm

The Worthington community is invited to provide feedback and input to help shape the future of the United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH) property. The City of Worthington is inviting you to attend a public meeting to develop a community vision for the UMCH site. The meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 4th from 6pm – 8pm at Thomas Worthington High School, 300 W. Dublin Granville Road. The meeting will take place in the school library. Attendees are asked to park on the north side of the building and enter through door 16 on the north.

The public meeting is part of the City's effort to update a section of its 2005 Comprehensive Plan that is related to land use and public policy as it applies to the UMCH site. This is a community discussion about the future use of this site. The update will be incorporated into the plan and shared with the property owner and potential developers.

At this meeting, the consultant team will provide an overview of the visioning process, demographic and market conditions, economic considerations, and a variety of potential land use scenarios for discussion. Following the presentation, attendees will be asked to review land use scenarios and share their thoughts on a vision that complements and contributes to the prosperity and future of the City of Worthington. These presentation materials will also be made available on the City's project web site (www.worthington.org/VisioningUMCH) following the meeting for those unable to attend.

In addition, the Visioning UMCH website will soon include a method for you to comment and provide feedback on potential development ideas. We will notify the community when this interactive tool is available. To receive updates electronically, please sign up online.

For more information, contact the Worthington Planning and Building Department at (614) 431-2424.

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Colonial Hills Elementary School News

Walk-a-thon total: Students raised \$4,100 in donations for their first walk-a-thon earlier this fall. The money will help pay for PTA projects, including buying musical instruments and updating playground equipment. Thank you very much to neighbors who donated! The PTA plans to make the one-mile walk or run an annual tradition.

Join us for Pastapalooza: The school is getting ready for another beloved tradition: Pastapalooza! Neighbors are invited to the cafeteria on the evening of Jan. 17 for all-you-can eat pasta served by sixth-graders to raise money for the school. The fundraiser started years ago with a woman who cooked the food in her Colonial Hills home and brought it to the school. Last year, the event had grown to serve 500 people, and the food was donated by Coaches Bar and Grill on Bethel Road. Various local businesses have donated items in the past for an auction that night, including House Wine, Fritzy Jacobs, Tiltens Automotive Service, Lennonheads Salon & Spa, PK O'Ryan's Irish Pub and many other friends and neighbors of the school. Dinner reservations can be made soon. More details to come!

Box Tops Collection: The school is collecting Box Tops for Education that you can find on many General Mills products. Please consider cutting out Box Tops and sending them to school with a neighborhood child. Brands names with Box Tops include Cheerios and other cereal, Hanes, Ziploc, Hefty, Scott disposable products and many others. Here is a link to a complete list:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products>.



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For general neighborhood info, contractor recommendations, and goings on, check out
Group: Colonial Hills

For items for sale, check out:
Group: CH Classifieds | Colonial Hills

THANK YOU!



Just in time for the holidays, CHCA has received the generous donation of a piano from neighbors Judi and Jon Siehl. The piano was scheduled to be relocated to the Selby Shelterhouse in November, for community use for parties and other functions.

We ask that you please treat this instrument as if it were your own, and teach children to do the same. Under our agreement with Worthington Parks and Recreation, CHCA is responsible for upkeep and tuning.

Thank you Siehls for this wonderful gift! Also, a big thanks to Parks Director Darrel Hurley and his staff for moving the piano to its new home.

2013 Colonial Hills Food Drive was a success!

Thanks to all the neighbors who participated in donating food and personal items to the Worthington Food Pantry and St. Michael's Church. Both organization greatly appreciated all the items our neighborhood donated. A special thanks to all the volunteers in Colonial Hills and Cub Scout Pack 331 for helping distribute the reminder door hangers and collect food items on the day of the drive.

Photo (left): Loading trucks for the food drive

Colonial Hills Elementary School Events



Veterans Day (left): The students invited veterans they know to the school for a special assembly in honor of Veterans Day. The veterans were thanked for their service with patriotic songs and a flag ceremony performed by students.

Reflections (right): Colonial Hills has some amazingly talented students whose art, writing, videos, dance and musical performances were on display at the banquet for PTA's annual arts competition called Reflections. A huge number of students, 94 this year, submit work for the competition, and some of the top winners will be sent on to the next round of the national contest. The students pictured created literature entries for this year's theme "Believe, Dream, Inspire."



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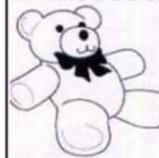
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