



President's Message

March was a busy month, with our membership drive and Easter Egg Hunt to prepare for. As I write this in early April we are busy counting and depositing your membership fees, and feeling grateful for your generosity and kind words to trustees as they visited homes. If you haven't sent in your envelope please remember to do so, and support your civic association. This month's Courier is full of news about our warm weather activities. Enjoy!

George Campbell, 2009-10 CHCA President

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Upcoming Events

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| Tue Apr 21 st Tue May 12 th Tue Jun 9 th | Civic Association Meetings at the Shelterhouse. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm. |
| Tue Apr 14 th 6:30–8:00pm | Scholarship applications due to Eileen Calvey in the Thomas Worthington Guidance Office. |
| May 9 th | Play Café begins its 2009 season. Every Saturday from 8:30 am – 10:30 am at the shelterhouse. |
| May 18 th | Scholarship awards ceremony at Thomas Worthington High School |
| Sat, Jun 27 th 9am – 5pm | Community Garage Sale <i>Apply for a \$2 garage sale permit from the City Clerk, 6550 N. High St. by June 20th. You can download the form at www.colonialhills.us</i> |

Babysitter List (and a Pet Sitter too)

- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Tatiana Diaz-Packard**, 226-5647, Red Cross Certified baby sitter.
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter
- **Regina Miller**, 306-2291, professional pet sitter
- **Zach Weinle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.

New Neighbors for February and March

Please take time to welcome our new neighbors.

- Robert Becker, 208 Kenbrook Drive
- Theresa Ferrara, 290 Kenbrook Drive
- Joshua & Erin Flory, 395 Kenbrook Drive
- Kathleen Milling, 492 N. Selby Blvd.
- Phillip Robinson, 5768 Indianola

PTA Cookbook Sale Benefits School

The Colonial Hills PTA has created a cookbook with nearly 250 recipes from Colonial Hills teachers, staff, students and their families to raise funds to support school projects. This is the first cookbook in over ten years. Cookbooks cost \$12 for one or \$10 each for more than one. To order a cookbooks please contact:

Colby Srsic
 614-880-9781
 srsic.1@osu.edu

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 Nicole Peters
 614-885-7207
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Welcome Committee Chair

Julie McCord has volunteered to head our New Neighbor Welcome Committee. We have assembled welcome packets to provide to new neighbors. You can contact Julie at 395-1914 if you have any questions, or want to donate materials we can give to new residents.

April 4th Egg Hunt Draws Large Crowd



Favorable weather and a mention on the front page of the Worthington News produced a record crowd for the annual Civic Association Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. With 1500 plastic eggs and 130 prizes everyone had fun. I would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make this event a success. – *Photos by Jeff Soiu, Worthington Parks & Recreation Department*

Retired

Mike Ford, long time Colonial Hills mail carrier, retired at the beginning of the year. We wish Mike the best during a well earned retirement, and thank him for his years of service.

Play Café Begins May 9th

Play Café meets every **Saturday from 8:30-10:30 am** at the Selby Park Shelterhouse through September, and **May 9th** will be our first gathering. It is an opportunity to chat with neighbors, let the kids play, and enjoy coffee and donuts. Coffee or juice, 20 oz size, costs a dollar. Donuts are \$0.75 each. Kid size 10 oz juice is only \$0.50. Various activities are planned throughout the season – so stop by and enjoy the fun!

How to Start a Victory Garden

The Victory Garden was an organized national effort to provide more food during war time by having the population grow their own. During these tough times, people are again turning to gardening to ease the food budget.

What does it take to plant a garden? If you don't have enough back yard, you can blend some vegetable and fruit plants into your landscaping. If you have a patio, consider container gardening. Or you might research if there is an area in your community that has a group gardening plot. Ask a neighbor to let you develop a garden in exchange for some produce.

Ohio State University's extension service provides a lot of useful information and gardening tips. Their web site is <http://plantfacts.osu.edu> You can reach them at (614) 866-6900 or by mail at 2105 S. Hamilton Rd., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43232-4145.

Be aware of our growing season. The Worthington area is classified by the US Department of Agriculture as hardiness zone 5b or 6a. That means the winters generally get no colder than 5 to 15 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. First frost generally comes around October 16th. Last frost is generally April 30th in our area but May 15th is generally considered a "safe planting date". The Ohio State University Garden tips web site cautions against planting tender, young plants in clay soil that is still cold (<http://plantfacts.osu.edu/faq>). You can probably plant



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earlier if you have raised beds as these warm more quickly than ground beds.

Your crops will depend on what grows during each season. Pumpkins are usually a fall harvest and strawberries are usually an early summer harvest. Think about what will grow when, when you will harvest it, and work backwards to figure out when you need to plant each one.

Test your soil. There is a detailed article about how to test your soil at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hygfact/1000/1132.html>. This article includes the names of various labs that can perform the test for a small fee (\$14-20 generally). Two local labs are CLC Labs at 325 Venture Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081 (614-888-1663) and Calmar Lab at 130 S State St, Westerville, Ohio 43081 (614-523-1005).

Place your garden away from any Black Walnuts, their roots secrete a poisonous chemical called juglone (<http://www.wvu.edu/~Agexten/hortcult/fruits/blkwalnt.htm>).

Prepare the bed by removing the top layer of vegetation and grass. Turn the soil 8 inches down. Research each type of seed and see if you need to start them in small containers inside or can they go straight into the ground. You can re-use gardening containers if you need to germinate indoors first.

While you are waiting for the fruits of your labors, do some research on canning and preserving. This is a great way for your efforts to continue long after the growing season.

– Karen Young, CKD and Kelly Campbell

Historic Sharon School Torn Down



This picture from 1952 shows Sharon School students, many of whom lived in Colonial Hills, in the music room.

This March the Sharon School at the corner of Stanton and Foster was torn down. Built in 1949, it was still under construction when Sharon Township merged its schools with

the Worthington School District. Colonial Hills students attended Sharon until 1955, when Colonial Hills was annexed to Worthington and Colonial Hills Elementary was constructed

Sharon School then became part of the Columbus School District, where it continued to serve as an elementary school until 1989, when it was closed. In 1990, it was used for a special program to house “behaviorally handicapped teens”, over the furious objections of its neighbors. In 1991, a student brought a handgun to school, and the program was moved elsewhere. In 1996 it served as an “Arts Middle School”, but was vacant again by the early 2000’s.

Community Garage Sale

Dawn Curran is chairing the Community Garage Sale, scheduled for **June 27th**. We will advertise the sale and hand out a map at Selby Park Shelterhouse listing all the participants. If you wish to participate:

1. File a \$2 garage sale permit with the City of Worthington clerk (6550 North High Street). The permit must be submitted seven days prior to the sale. You can download a permit from our web site, www.colonialhills.us, or get it from the City clerk.
2. Notify Dawn Curran (433-0317, dawnmariecurran@yahoo.com) of your intention to participate so that we can include you in the neighborhood map.

Wildlife Photo Challenge

Pete Mackenzie in Rush Creek saw the Colonial Coyote last month but failed to snag a picture. The Courier is still offering a **\$50 prize** for anyone who gets a photo...

Real Estate For Sale / For Rent

----- For sale as of 4/6/09 -----

| Address | Asking | Contact |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 179 Lake Ridge | \$528,000 | Tim Meacham 438-7118 |
| 354 Park Blvd. | \$199,900 | Tiffany Panhuis 447-0808 |
| 473 Kenbrook | \$197,900 | Dave Johnson 353-7715 |
| 554 Park Blvd. | \$179,400 | Glen Moog 578-2433 |
| 524 Park Ovrk | \$164,900 | Richard Henry, 273-7716 |
| 5557 Foster | \$160,000 | Lorraine Lynn, 395-9628 |
| 345 Kenbrook | \$153,900 | Russell Elliott 939-1509 |
| 507 S. Selby | \$142,500 | David Baker 989-5662 |
| Empty lot west of 164 E. Selby | call | Judd Betts Builder 888-5833 |

There were no rentals, pending sales or foreclosures scheduled as of 4/6/09. 240 Kenbrook sold at Sheriff’s auction on 4/3/09, but the sale price has not yet been posted.

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