



## President's Message

These are tough times for people who draw paychecks to make a living. The job situation in Franklin County is the worst in four decades. If you haven't lost your job, you've probably lost some portion of your wages and must live through constant fear of being laid off. Its against that backdrop that we have to make some critical decisions about our community at the poles on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Will we support our schools as we always have, maintaining one of the finest systems in the state? Or do we turn away and watch our schools (and real estate market) rapidly degrade as it is in Grove City? Also, have we so utterly given up hope of competing in the global marketplace that we must turn to the economic crack cocaine of casino gambling? Or perhaps you believe as I do that we can and must compete with the rest of the world, and that attempting to save ourselves by vacuuming up the take home pay of the gullible will only end in a paroxysm of social ills. I believe that November 4<sup>th</sup> should be approached with courage and an eye on our *long term* success. After all, when the economy recovers we still want to have a nice community to live in.

George Campbell, 2009-10 CHCA President

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### Upcoming Events

Tue Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Tue Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

**Civic Association Meeting at the Shelterhouse.**  
 Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

Sun Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

**3-5 pm Halloween Parade around Selby Park and party in the Shelterhouse. Come in costume!**

Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup>  
 10 am

**Food Drive – Leave Food on Porch & We Pick Up**

Sat Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

**10 am– 1 pm Luminary Assembly at Selby Park**  
**3 pm – 5 pm Kid's Holiday Party**

Tue Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

**6 pm - 10 pm - Holiday Decorating Contest**

Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

**7 pm - Light your luminaries!**

## Babysitter List (and a Pet Sitter too)

- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Tatiana Diaz-Packard**, 226-5647, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter.
- **Casey Gelin**, 885-4701, Red Cross Cert., TWHS honor student
- **Perri MacKenzie**, 846-2415, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter
- **Regina Miller**, 306-2291, professional pet 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.

## Civic Association Still Seeks New Officers

We are seeking a new **Vice President** and a new **Secretary** to serve during **2010-2011**. Current secretary **Trina Williams** is retiring after 6 years of service, and Vice President **Stephanie Hoyle** will be busy with her second child. Trina also ran the Halloween Party for many years, and Stephanie helped with everything all year long. We thank them both for their service to our neighborhood! Call George Campbell at 785-4999 ([geocolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:geocolumbus@gmail.com)) for details if you are interested in serving.



# **HALLOWEEN PARTY!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**3:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM**

**SELBY PARK SHELTERHOUSE**

**TRICK-OR-TREAT AROUND THE  
PARK WITH BAGS PROVIDED BY  
CYNTHIA MACKENZIE!**

**ACTIVITIES, STORIES AND PRIZES IN  
THE SHELTERHOUSE AFTERWARDS.**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN FALL TRADITION!**



**Everyone enjoyed the 2008 Halloween Party at Selby Park!**

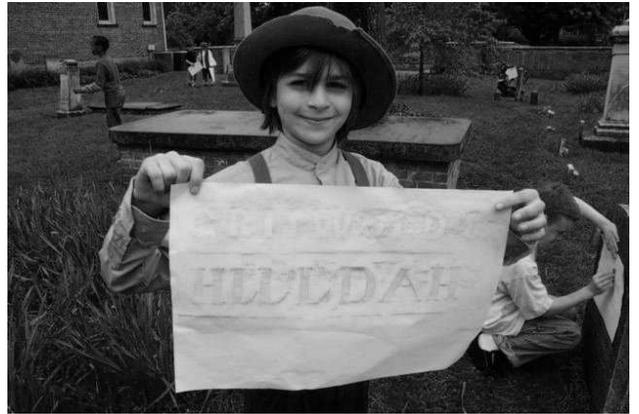
## Colonial Hills School – 59 years of Excellence and Success

Just as Colonial Hills is the quintessential postwar American community, so is Colonial Hills Elementary the very definition of the classic neighborhood school. The large facility with small parking lot and no turn-around for cars was designed to be walked to. And over the years, thousands upon thousands of students have. A neighborhood school provides the necessary educational benefits in the context of a broader community – in short you go to school with same kids you play with and grow up with.

### Current Programs

Colonial Hills has set a goal of full implementation of Balanced Literacy in all classrooms. While this is in place in the primary classrooms, it was an area for growth for the intermediate grades.

To that end, all Colonial Hills intermediate teachers participated in a summer graduate course on Guided Reading. Teachers volunteered their time to "level" and organize the book collection. Because of our space constraints, our Guided Reading Book Room is in the back of the computer lab. Materials for a Balanced Literacy classroom were purchased using federal Stimulus funds awarded to the Title 1 schools in Worthington. Colonial Hills is continuing professional development sessions throughout the school year to support teachers in this endeavor.



If the levy passes, Colonial Hills will again conduct the extended day program, beginning in January, and also the summer reading program for our struggling reading and math students.

Colonial Hills submitted a grant proposal to the Worthington Education Foundation to equip the intermediate classrooms with Elmos (digital document cameras) and projectors. The school is also awaiting approval to equip all 16 classrooms with Smart Boards and ceiling mounted projectors using Stimulus funds. If

approved, there are plans for extensive professional development on this interactive technology.

A writing team has also been formed to prepare a Renewal proposal to present to the Colonial Hills School community and the Board of Education. The proposal will be based on community input gathered at our World Cafe in February, our Staff Back to School Retreat and Fall Institute. Emerging themes that will be included in our proposal are: community/family partnerships, whole child, authentic/real life learning, supporting diversity/cultures, and hands on learning.

Modern education demands sophisticated programs and equipment. Just as a previous generation invested in your education, so must we now sacrifice to invest in the next generation's, and they will need maximum support to compete in the global economy. Please consider supporting our neighborhood school when you visit the poles in November.



*- Special thanks to Dr. Henk DeRee, Colonial Hills Principle, for providing information on current school programs as I put this article together - George*

## Neighbors Cushion Blow When Disaster Strikes Colonial Hills Family

Webster's dictionary defines a neighbor as "one living or located near another." But in my experience as a Colonial Hills resident I would say that definition misses the mark. A Colonial Hills neighbor is so much more than merely a person who lives nearby. True, they are the folks with whom we share fun conversations, morning walks along our tree-lined streets, gardening tips and cheerful waves across the way. But they are also the folks you come to realize you can depend on in times of need...to simply be there, to offer a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen or simply a cup of tea for comfort.

Last summer, my family and I returned home from a fabulous vacation on the beach. It was the kind of vacation you look forward to all year. The weather had been beautiful, our days carefree as we played on the shore with our boys; enjoying long rides in their boats made of sand and reading beach novels. It was hard to pack up the car and head home. Still, we were homeward bound and looking forward to sleeping in our own beds once again.

After 11 long hours on the road, we pulled into our driveway on Loveman. We were pleased to see that our flowers had survived without watering during our week away. As we walked the garden, checking on the progress of our plants we heard an alarm sounding inside our home. We immediately knew something was wrong. Through the back door we saw what appeared to be muddy footprints. Our hearts leapt as we ran to the front door, anxious to get inside. Fumbling for our keys, we could only peer through the glass, certain of a problem inside but completely unprepared for the enormity of what lay beyond. The door opened to an absolute nightmare. It was raining IN our home; our beloved little home was in shambles. Plaster ceilings were on the floor, door frames were so swollen by the water we couldn't open them, years of favorite recipes smeared and scattered across the floor jumbled with wet plaster from the ceiling above, furniture, toys, treasured heirlooms and cherished photos, all soaked and ruined. We were speechless. Our boys stood in the door wide-eyed and nervously asking about the safety of their beloved stuffed animals. We had no idea what had happened, how it happened, or what to do. We were in complete shock.

My husband tried to determine what had gone wrong while I desperately tried to reach the insurance company. It took me several tries to correctly dial the number; my hands were falling asleep – a sure sign that I was near to passing out. Unfortunately the customer service agent on the other end of the line could not possibly imagine the scope of our damage I described. I could only tell him that it appeared as though a pipe had broken

and there was water everywhere. We needed help, immediately. He told us someone would be in contact with us within a day or so! That was just not soon enough – was he joking?! Unfortunately, it was Sunday evening and no one would be coming until at least Monday.

My husband and I each called our families, who are all several states away. They listened in horror as we told them what was happening. They felt helpless. Being so far away, there was little they could do to help but to say a prayer, make hotel arrangements, and wait for news. We paced the sidewalk, shocked and desperate for help. The fire dept. arrived and helped us pry open the back door so that we could reach the basement and utility valves. The utility people arrived and turned off all of our services. Best of all, our neighbors arrived. I have tears in my eyes as I type that line.

Our Colonial Hills neighborhood is a true treasure – a gem of a community. I am ever so grateful for our neighbors. I don't know what we would have done without them. Our minds were a blur ... they gave us sound advice and tools to remain clear-headed, our children were worried ... they eased their fears with fun distractions, our home stood in ruin ... they opened their doors and helped use salvage cherished belongings, we were reeling in shock...they gave their compassion. From packing supplies to home-cooked meals - even helping to locate alternate housing, they stood by our side and helped us through a very difficult time. To all of our neighbors who were there to support us that night, that week and in the months ahead, thank you; from the bottom of our hearts and from our families far away, thank you.

*As a follow-up to this recounting, we are so pleased to say our home is now beautifully restored. We returned home in the spring and are nearing completion of replacing furniture and the like. It's been a long journey but one made easier thanks to our wonderful community. – Jeff and Connie Bunger*



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## Play Cafe Ends 2009 Season

The Play Cafe, a Saturday morning institution at Selby Park, recently ended the 2009 season. We had many memorable events this year, ranging from crafts like Tie-Dye shirts to activities like Model Rockets and Origami to the Pokemon Card Swap Meet. The organizers want to thank everyone who participated, and I'd like to recognize Josiah Royse, Shelley Beard, Cindy Molnar, and Kelly Campbell for helping to host this summer and George Campbell for his unflagging support as president of the Civic Association. Regular customers Darlene Irons Rosado and Chris Hayes, among many others, helped to make this year's cafe successful.

The Play Cafe runs during nice weather, usually May to October, from 8:30 to 10:30 at the Selby Park shelterhouse. It is a not-for-profit service to the Colonial Hills community brought to you by the Colonial Hills Civic Association. Each Saturday, a volunteer host gets up early to buy continental breakfast supplies and make coffee for our neighborhood. Many neighbors take advantage of a chance to let the children run at Selby Park while having a cup and a bite with old and new friends. Other neighbors come to visit, to talk about home repair and community politics, and to meet new neighbors. The Play Cafe is sustained financially by contributions that cover the cost of the breakfast and coffee. Please make a point of coming out to join in the fun in Spring, 2010, our 5th year of the Play Cafe. For details, to volunteer, or to make suggestions for events in 2010 please contact me at [dstoeckel@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dstoeckel@columbus.rr.com). Thank You!

- Rocky Stoeckel

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## Effort Underway to Collect Baby Food Jars for Luminaria

Will Pearce at 365 S. Selby Blvd. is collecting baby food jars to use for our upcoming improved luminary display in December. We need to step up the tepid response lest there be a shortage. We are determined to lick mother nature this year no matter what. Please leave jars on Will's front porch. Thank you!!



  
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## Porch / Yard Lights Neglected

A lady neighbor mentioned to me that Colonial Hills seems darker than ever at night. It seems that fewer folks are maintaining their porch and yard lights. You might recall that when the Colonial Hills street lighting was installed in 1975, it was decided after much controversy to place the street lights only at corners so they wouldn't shine into people's windows. Back then porch lights were part of the pride of maintenance people took in their homes. Today, it can be uncomfortable for some folks who are walking in the evening to pass darkened home after darkened home. It also invites crime.

## Flu Shot Clinic Attracts Residents



Our own secretary, Trina Williams, put together a successful flu shot clinic on September 27th, our first ever, at the Selby Park Shelterhouse. With help from Kroger we were able to serve up seasonal flu shots to around 20 residents. Thanks to all who turned out!

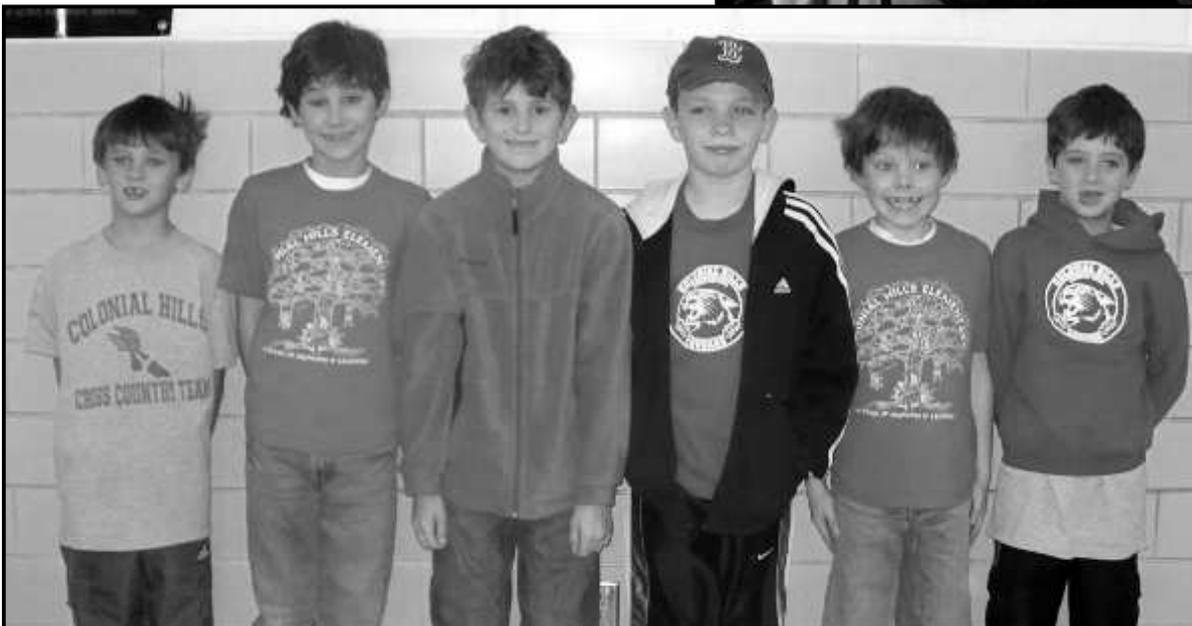


## Just a Few examples of Colonial Hills Excellence

**Top** – The Science Club meets after school. Led by Mrs. Shepherd and community volunteer Pei Wu, the students are studying chromatography.

**Middle** – Science Fair Award Winner Jacob DeRodes represented our school at the District Level in 2008.

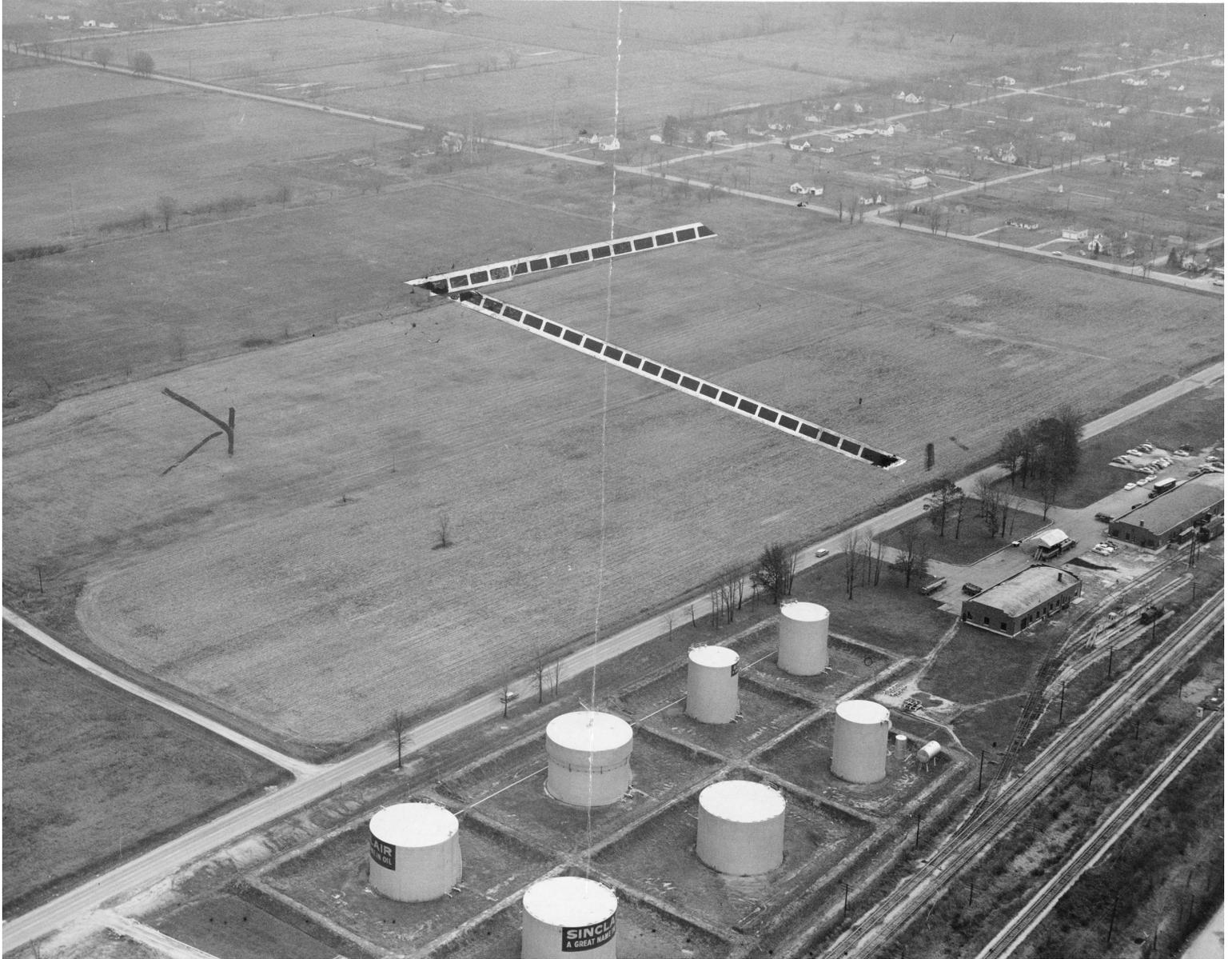
**Bottom** – Colonial Hills 2008 Chess Club after playing their first tournament.



## What Might Have Been

In the late 1950's, the Ford Motor Company proposed constructing an assembly plant at the corner of Morse and Sinclair Roads. This photo from the Citizen Journal Archives at the Grandview Public Library has been marked to indicate where the plant would be built. A hue and cry of opposition to the plan was raised on two fronts – local residents did not want a large industrial plant near their homes, and business leaders did not want to attract businesses with strong unions to historically non-union Columbus. Shocked by all the opposition, Ford gave up and chose St. Louis for their plant. Today, that site houses the former Sun TV and Appliance (now a mattress outlet store), the perpetually abandoned ZZ Boots store, and the Skate America rink. This picture predates the construction of The North Freeway (later renamed I-71). This picture also helps explain the origin of the name "Sinclair Road". Where today hotels stand (OK the Red Roof Inn is half standing, half-burned up), there used to be a tank farm that supplied the dinosaur themed Sinclair gas stations.

You can't help but wonder what would have happened had that plant been built? Would there be a billion dollar a year economic engine at the Morse and Sinclair cranking out F-150's, surrounded by parts plants, bars and restaurants, or would be dealing with a recently abandoned factory as so many other manufacturing communities are today?



Sinclair Road abuts the tank farm, and Morse Road goes across the top of the picture. Today, I-71 runs through the middle of the proposed Ford Assembly Plant that never was. I also suspect that the plant would have been much larger than the lines marked on the photo by the Citizen Journal editor.