

# The Colonial Hills Courier

The Friendly Community

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November/December

2010

## President's Message

After many announcements that the Colonial Hills Civic Association would be holding elections for new officers in October during a regular meeting at the Selby Park shelter house, many concerned residents attended to voice their support for the Civic Association and elect new officers. There were also several guests in attendance from surrounding neighborhoods in hopes of getting ideas to improve activities in their own neighborhoods. All volunteers for positions were unanimously voted in after Jennifer Button reminded those in attendance that there was a precedent to have **2 Vice Presidents** for the Civic Association!

With such a showing of robust support for the continuation of the Civic Association, I am proud to announce the following residents were elected: Rachael Dorothy – President, David Mortman and Matt Lehky – Vice President, John Drago – Treasurer, and Tina Mayton will continue to serve as Secretary. Thank you to all who stepped up to serve, and to those who pledged their continued assistance.

Outgoing officers are President George Campbell and Treasurer Roy Gelin. Trina Williams served as Secretary for most of the past two year term, followed by Tina Mayton. Vice President Stephanie Hoyle also served during most of that term. I thank our outgoing officers for their dedication and support to keep our Civic Association strong and our community a great place to live.

Rachael Dorothy, 2010-2011 CHCA President

## About the Colonial Hills Civic Association

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 1pm	Luminary Kit Assembly
Sunday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> 3pm – 5pm	Holiday Kids Party
Tuesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm	Civic Association Meeting
Thursday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> 7-10pm	Holiday Decorating Contest
Sunday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Luminary Lighting / Hot Coco @ Shelterhouse
Tuesday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm	Monthly Meeting
Friday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Winter Movie Night in the Shelter House
Tuesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm	Monthly Meeting
Friday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Winter Movie Night in the Shelter House

### Officials

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## Sitters – Baby and/or Pet!

- **Amy Clevenger**, 419-618-7863, Colonial Hills mom, baby sitter.
- **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. 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.
- **Ruby Clark**, 296-4315, certified (Girl Scouts), baby sitter
- **Zach Weidle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.

Please let me know if you want to be added or removed from this list. It also appears on the web site, [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us)

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## 2010 Colonial Hills Civic Association Holiday Decorating Contest

Participate in the Decorating Contest! Categories are:

- Most Artistic
- Most Illuminated
- Most Original
- Best Overall Home – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Best Front Door – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

We need **three volunteers** to do the judging! Meet at the Shelter house at **7 pm on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Contact George Campbell, 785-4999

([geocolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:geocolumbus@gmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer.

Last year we were supposed to give night photos of the winner's homes, but the pictures did not turn out. We are going back to more traditional prizes - \$10 gift certificates from Anthony Thomas Chocolates 5050 North High Street, across from Graceland Shopping Center.



Photo by George Campbell

### **Elves Needed for Luminary Assembly and Twinkling Display**

Please show up for our **kit assembly** session at **10:00 A.M. Saturday, December 11 at the shelter house.**

We will have coffee and donuts, etc, ready for you around 9:45 A.M. After you arrive and get whatever victuals you want, we will ask you to start work on one of the tasks in the assembly process. I am again going to have the pea gravel delivered on Friday. Thus we will be able to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday on all tasks, including shoveling the pea gravel into the plastic grocery sacks, without any worries about waiting for the pea gravel to be delivered.

The more people we have, the faster the assembly goes! I have observed that we seem to get more efficient at our assembly process every year, thanks to the expertise and work of our dedicated volunteers, many of whom have numerous years experience – last year, as I remember, we were finished building 821 luminary kits by around 11:30 A.M.! Also, I think we have improved the design of the luminaries themselves, as I described last month in my article for the October Courier.

**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 share**, even 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 better able we will be to finish all tasks as quickly as possible.

After the kits have been assembled and bundled, the **Trustees should pick up their bundle by 1:00 P.M.** Then, during the timeframe of December 11 thru December 18, the Trustees will deliver the kits to each resident in their district. Each home receives 5 luminaries in their kit, and receives an extra kit if they have a corner lot.

Lastly, we **display our luminaries**, which this year will be on **Sunday evening, December 19, when the whole neighborhood lights the luminaries at 7:00 P.M.** This lighting includes a ring of luminaries around Selby Park, and hot coca served at the park!

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.

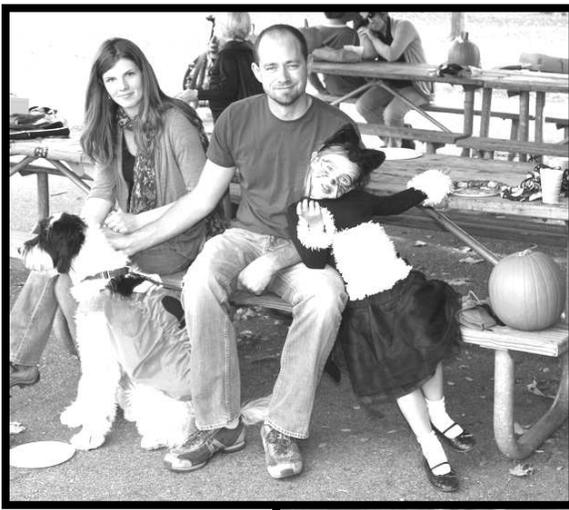
If you have any questions, please call me at 888-8236, or send me an e-mail: [willpearce@columbus.rr.com](mailto:willpearce@columbus.rr.com). Thank-you for participating in this stunning event!

**Will Pearce** – Chair, 365 S. Selby Blvd  
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### **Get Your Letters to Santa Ready!**



Colonial Hills Civic Association will be sponsoring their Annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 12th, 3:00 – 5:00 pm and there will be a **visit from Santa Claus** for all the children to get the word out on what they would like under their tree. In addition to his visit, there will be **snacks, arts & crafts and other surprises.** Come and join in the fun! - **Mary Ann Ogle** - Chair



## Halloween Party a Frightening Success!

The Colonial Hills Civic Association held their annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 24th. Special thanks to Tina Mayton and Kelly Campbell for running the event. Cynthia MacKenzie from **The CyMack Group** ([www.cymack.com](http://www.cymack.com)) donated 106 pumpkins, and special thanks to all the volunteers who staffed treat stations and helped with setup. We estimate about 90 children attended, and the costumes were magnificent. Frankly, we couldn't believe the weather - 76 degrees!! – **photos and article by George Campbell**



## Raising Greenbacks for Turf Project

A non-profit organization has formed to advocate and fundraise for a new turf field at Thomas Worthington High School. From the group's website [TWHSTurf.org](http://TWHSTurf.org):

“A synthetic turf field will be a tremendous benefit for our student athletes, marching band, physical education classes, youth sports programs, and community. This state of the art playing surface is safer and more consistent, providing for reduced risk of lower extremity injuries and concussions, and will triple the number of contests that can be held in our stadium.

Worthington will benefit from a facility which can be utilized for a wider variety of community events, and improved facilities will make Worthington a more desirable relocation destination, ultimately increasing or property values.”

Checks can be made payable to: **TWHS CARDS, Inc. - TURF**  
 PO Box 713 Worthington, OH 43085  
**Cards Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization, your contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.**

## Colonial Hills Scholarship Available

**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.

## Light Up the Night!

We noticed a clear improvement in the number of homes that are well lit after we mentioned how dark the neighborhood seems in the Courier. Please keep it up! We deal with burglars on a regular basis, prowling the neighborhood streets and out in the ravine behind Foster. It is also good to check / install rear house lighting as well.

## Mike's Home Repair

**Handyman Service**

Reasonable rates ~ No job too small

For a list of services and references, e-mail:

[mshurig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mshurig@columbus.rr.com)

A Colonial Hills Resident! Call 614-436-4902

# Colonial Hills Goes to HOLLYWOOD



## Photo Still from Shoot. Date

**and Time:** Oct 21st - Bully scene  
Approx time: 3 pm call time - 4:30  
roll - 7 wrap  
Where: Loveman St. in Colonial Hills

This short, suspenseful film is intended to be used in the film festival circuit. The director, Jeremy Hughes' goal is to create a piece that can help raise money to support a feature film, which would also be shot locally. This film will definitely have its surreal and scary moments, but the viewers will have to decide on what's real and what isn't. Jeremy intends for a local showing somewhere in town, possibly Crosswoods or the Gateway Theatres. Jeremy's goal has been "to

keep production not just in Columbus, but in Worthington as well, which has been a first class experience with the support I've gotten from the city, schools and community groups." You can keep up with the film a little more here:

<http://filmvideostuff.blogspot.com/>

**Movie Synopsis:** Taking place in suburban America, *Monsters Under the Bed* is the story about the poor, misunderstood kid in every classroom. Jonah is a quiet, reclusive boy who keeps to himself. When his teacher notices the bruises on his arms and questions him about it, he mentions an imaginary friend turned monster that did it to him. Questions arise about parental abuse and mental illness. But is there truth to the monster Jonah speaks of? *Monsters Under the Bed* is a short story that starts off typical and rushes up to a twist of a finish to leave you thinking.

**Director's Bio:** Jeremy Hughes has been a filmmaker for over 10 years where he has directed national projects ranging from music videos to commercial and web-based productions. His music videos have aired on VH1, MTV and been featured in the top 25 on iTunes and include Grammy nominated and winning artists for Sony, EMI and WB Records. Jeremy resides in Worthington, Ohio with his wife of 10 years and their 2 daughters and son. Contact Info: 1 Elevate Pictures LLC | 421 Pittsfield Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43085 | 614.537.8086 | [www.elevate-m.com](http://www.elevate-m.com)

## New Investments in Worthington

While visiting Worthington Square Mall recently, I noticed an adorable new toy shop has opened just in time for Christmas. It is called Kids Toy Zone and features very different toys that you would find in Toys R Us or Target. Kids Toy Zone features classic, mostly wooden toys. They carry Melissa & Doug's wooden puzzles, wooden trains and doll houses, dress up clothes, puppets and more. I talked to the owners, and if things go well, this seasonal storefront may take up where Larson's Toys left off years ago. The owners also own the Urban Baggerie store across from the toy shop. **The owners said they will offer a special Colonial Hills 10% discount for any residents who bring this newsletter to their shop.**



There is also a new storefront for the Worthington Craft Guild. This is a group of 15 Worthington artists who have banded together to sell their wares to the public. They are open W-TH-F from 9-6 and Sat-Sun from 9-5. There is also a special Craft Guild event scheduled for December 5th.

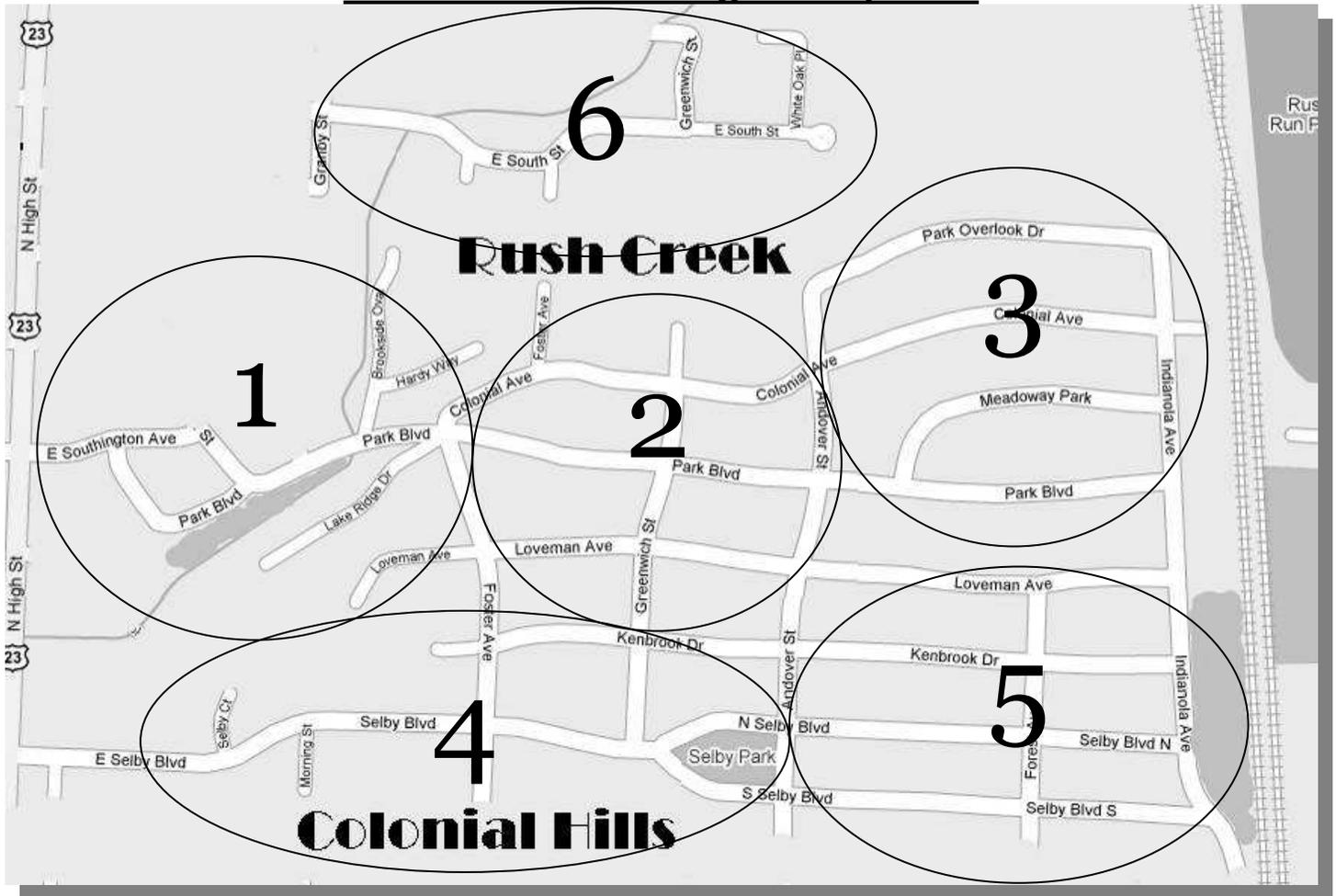
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New investment is also being made in Downtown Worthington. There will be a new premiere cupcake bakery called Blue Frost Cupcakes in the same building as Worthington Hardware. The owners tell me they have baked gourmet cupcakes (along with many other treats) for years and decided that a gourmet cupcake bakery would do nicely in the Columbus area. They picked Worthington over Westerville due to the charm of our historic downtown. They are looking forward to participating in The Farmer's Market, Holiday Open House and the Worthington Art Festival. They also tell me that our Worthington community has been very welcoming. They look forward to get to know their new neighbors after they open in December. Their web site can be found at <http://www.bluefrostdcupcake.com/>

**By Kelly Campbell; Photos by George Campbell**

## **Block Watch Looking for Captains**



**New Colonial Hills Block Watch** – Do you live in one of these areas? We need **at least 5 Block Captains** (liaisons) to communicate information throughout the designated neighborhood areas to those involved in the program. Block Watch Captains would be liaisons with the Worthington Police Department and will receive information from daily summary reports of incidents in their area that are compiled by the Worthington PD, as well as general information which may be helpful in reducing crime in our neighborhood. Block Captains would then help distribute this information for their area. For more information on becoming a member of the block watch or to sign up to be a block watch Captain in your area, please contact Rachael Dorothy, 614-406-6391 or [rachaeldorothy@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeldorothy@gmail.com) Additionally, a member of the Worthington Police department will lead a block watch informational meeting in January or February open to all residents.

# Getting to Know Our Neighbors

(A new monthly feature)

Probably the best way to get to know our neighbors is by bringing over food and chatting for awhile, but we don't always have a chance to do that. So, this is my attempt to break the ice, and to start finding out about the residents who make up our great community by asking four standard questions. I encourage everyone to email, mail, or call your responses in and be featured in an upcoming Courier! [rachaeldorothy@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeldorothy@gmail.com)  
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Front L-R Zach, Kelly, Anne, George, Top - Alex

George Campbell (Kenbrook)- **Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.**

My wife Kelly and I bought a home in Colonial Hills on Kenbrook Drive in 1998. We had been married for four years and it was our first home. But I actually had some previous history - my parents owned 532 Colonial Avenue from 1964-1968, and I was born in 1966 while they lived there.

**What life milestones have happened for you here?**

Our three children were born here and attend Colonial Hills Elementary School.

**Where will we most likely run into you around town?**

Kelly and I met most of our neighborhood friends at Selby Park and through Colonial Hills Elementary School. Prior to having children around the turn of the century we did not know many people beyond our immediate neighbors. Since becoming active in the Civic Association, we've met many more people in the neighborhood!

**What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?**

We've been to some pretty good parties - that's for sure. Obviously, the Civic Association events at Selby Park dovetail with our child rearing and have produced many excellent memories. I always like voting in person at the Shelterhouse, those warm evenings where the kids play at Selby Park until dark and just walking around the neighborhood as the seasons change.



Dan Button (Selby)- **Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.**

As a newlywed couple in 1993, we lived in an apartment off of Morse Road. We would ride our bikes over the foot bridge crossing I-71 through the Salem area and over the tracks to Graeter's in old Worthington. We loved riding through Colonial Hills and decided this is where we would buy our first house. Seventeen years later, we have the best neighbors and neighborhood and can't imagine ever leaving our "starter" home.

**What life milestones have happened for you here?**

Since we moved into our home in 1995, we've had three children (ages ranging from 3 to 11), lost a dog but gained two cats, obtained one Master's degree, and have renovated/added on to our house.

**Where will we most likely run into you around town?**

You'll find us in our own front yard or anywhere around the neighborhood, at Colonial Hills school, the Community Garden, the Worthington Community Center, or just about anywhere in downtown Worthington.

**What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?**

Our area seems to attract windstorms! But after three storms (2003, 2008, and the famous 2009 Hurricane Ike) that damaged property in Colonial Hills, our neighbors worked together to clean up and then make the occasions memorable. For example, after Ike, many residents lost power, trees, and on and on.... so, we cleaned up during the day, and then we hosted a "Disaster Dinner" in our front yard one evening to consume the food soon to be lost! The people in this neighborhood are what makes it such a great place to live.

Another good memory is while Jennifer was president of the CHCA, our family was honored to be in the 2003 Worthington Bicentennial Parade representing the typical family living in Colonial Hills in the early 1940s. The Civic Association also designed a float for the parade using the architecture of the neighborhood homes as the theme. It was a lot of hard work by many dedicated neighbors to get the float together (right, Doug M.?!?!), but it was worth it as it was also in the Columbus Red, White, and Boom parade that year.



David Mortman (Selby)- **Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.**

I'm David Mortman, and I'm one of the co-vice presidents for the Civic Association for 2011. We moved to Colonial Hills about 3.5 years ago from California via a brief stint in Michigan. My wife, Kathryn, got hired as a professor at OSU, so here we are.

**What life milestones have happened for you here?**

We had our second child here and our first kid attends Colonial Hills Elementary.

**Where will we most likely run into you around town?**

Walking the older kid to school or out jogging with Cashew.

**What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?**

The annual 4th of July events.

## Report a Good Neighbor

(a log of reported incidents – call or email 406-6391 [rachaeldorothy@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeldorothy@gmail.com) to report an incident near your home)  
7/10/2010 in the 200<sup>th</sup> block of **Kenbrook**, it was reported that after 3 days away, someone had mowed their lawn.

10/23/2010 in the 5500<sup>th</sup> block of **Indianola** a resident reported after she sprained her ankle at the park, a Foster St. resident drove her, her son and dog home.

10/31/2010 in the 300<sup>th</sup> block of **Meadoway** neighbors opened their doors and gave candy to masked goblins, Spidermen, and Hanna Montanas

11/6/2010 in the 200<sup>th</sup> block of **Loveman**, neighbors were reported finding their leaves raked after an extended stay away from home.

11/20/2010 Trustees reported food left out on porches throughout the neighborhood which was then picked up and donated to 2 local food banks.

## Redefining the Neighborhood

Everything changes as time goes by. In this new section, I want to highlight before and after pictures of homes or businesses in the neighborhood. Please submit any before and after pictures you would like featured.



Photo by Don O'Brien (I wonder what the price of gas was then!)



55 E. Southington – Note the tree in front is the same!



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Residents are encouraged to submit articles for publication.