

### President's Message

I was talking with some of my grandparents recently and I asked them each for a single piece of advice they wished they would have listened to when they were younger. The theme I heard repeated was that you never regret the time you spend investing in yourself, your community, your home, and your family; making your own personal world better every day. With this in mind I looked for resources in the area that we can tap into to help invest in ourselves, our homes and community.

Rachael Dorothy, 2011 CHCA President

### About the Colonial Hills Civic Association

#### Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> 10am-11am	Egg Stuffing at the Shelter House
Friday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Scholarship Applications due
<b>Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10am Sharp!</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
Tuesday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	CHCA meeting Shelter House
Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm	CHCA meeting Shelter House
Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Perennial Cutting Party, Shelter House
Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> 9am-11am	Play Café held every Saturday until August

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### Scholarship Information

**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.

### New Trees at Selby Park

The City of Worthington Parks and Recreation Department will be removing the six Siberian Elm trees that surround the shelter building in Selby Park. The Siberian Elms were damaged in the latest ice storm as well as the storms we have had over the last few years. The trees will be removed in the spring and new trees will be planted in their place.

For more tree information contact: Darren Hurley, CPRP Parks & Recreation Director, Worthington Parks & Recreation, 345 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085, ph 614-436-2743, [dhurley@ci.worthington.oh.us](mailto:dhurley@ci.worthington.oh.us), [www.worthington.org](http://www.worthington.org)

### Sitters – Baby and/or Pet!

- **Amy Clevenger**, 419-618-7863, Colonial Hills mom, baby sitter.
- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Casey Gelin**, 885-4701, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Perri MacKenzie**, 846-2415, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter/**summer nanny**
- **Caroline Smyth**, 785-7064, Red Cross Certified baby sitter.

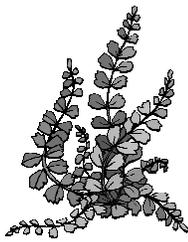
- **Zach Weinle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.
- **Haley Carnahan**, 436-6798, Red Cross Certified babysitter
- **Sophie McCallister**, 436-3653, Red Cross Certified babysitter
- **Ruby Clark**, 296-4315, certified (Girl Scouts), baby sitter

This list also appears on the web site, [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us)  
To be added or removed from this list please contact Rachael Dorothy [rachaeldorothy@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeldorothy@gmail.com) 406.6391



## Perennial Cutting Party

Are you interested in getting some additional plants? Do you have plants that you are dividing but don't have anyone to give to? Then you may be interested in the Civic Associations' plant swap **on Saturday, May 7th**. Come at 10:30am to Selby Park (where the Play Cafe meets) with one or more plants that you want to give away. Then, after everyone has arrived we will draw numbers and you can select a plant from one of those brought. Please bring the name & some relevant growing information about your plant-such as sun/shade requirements, size, ect. Also a great way to meet some new neighbors! – **Mary Youtz (estercat16@netzero.net call:848-5839)**



## Volunteers needed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Extravaganza



Vice Presidents, Matt Lehky and David Mortman are well on their way planning another spectacular 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Along with race organizers Jeff Spain and Courtney Jolley, and Kiddie Parade Chair, Mary Ann Ogle, more volunteers are needed for

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## Playhouse at the Shelter House

Have you driven by Selby Shelter house lately, seen the parking lot full, and wondered what event was going on? Well, I ran into the president, Shauna Piatt, of the **Worthington Community Theater (WTC)** and found out the group has been using the shelter houses to practice for their plays for the last 18 months! Shauna was kind enough to tell me a bit more about WTC too. Shauna stated, WTC "used to produce an annual summer musical, but this year we expanded our season and are producing a winter play as well. We usually rehearse for approximately 8 weeks for the summer musical and 6 weeks for the straight play." Each week is a 4 night rehearsal at Selby. Auditions are held at Selby and anyone can audition for the shows. Information about upcoming shows, auditions, events, etc. is on their website: [wctpresents.org](http://wctpresents.org).



The group was established in 1970 and is well organized; there is a board of directors that consists of 9 individuals from the central Ohio area that keep the theatre running. The board meets once a month at the McConnell Arts Center (MAC) and oversee everything involved with the theatre. Performances are at the MAC and information can be found on both the MAC website



@ [www.mcconnellarts.org/wp/](http://www.mcconnellarts.org/wp/) and the website @ [wctpresents.org](http://wctpresents.org) and the WTC Facebook page. Included are some

photographs from their last production, the Savage Beast. Auditions for the 2011 summer musical, *BYE BYE BIRDIE*, will be **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 31st and June 1st @ Selby Shelter House**. Call backs will be Thursday, June 2nd. To audition, prepare 16 measures of music from a show, provide a theatre resume and headshot if available, and be able to read cold from the script and participate in improv activities.

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**Come and celebrate the start of spring, get  
outside, introduce yourself to neighbors, catch up  
from the long winter, and enjoy watching kids of  
all ages find surprises inside the eggs!**

Volunteers are appreciated to help stuff the eggs the weekend before – Saturday  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 10-11am, and to help set up before the event at 9 am, Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>,  
or the rain date, Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact George Campbell,  
[geocolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:geocolumbus@gmail.com) or phone 854-4999



# Worthington PRECYCLE DAY

6pm Wednesday through 8pm Thursday April 20 & 21

Curbside city-wide **free** exchange of **re-usable** items. **Before the event, do that spring cleaning and collect stuff for PreCycle Day.** Go through your garage, attic, closets. Collect reusable items that you no longer want. Set your stuff out at the curb on Wednesday evening, April 20. Then, browse your neighbors' curb for items that you want. Why PreCycle? Keep your stuff out of the landfill (including small items that weekly "trash pickers" would not notice). Save yourself and your neighbors from buying all that stuff in a store. Get rid of all that clutter in ONE day. Walk your street and re-connect with your neighbors. See website for complete details.

<http://www.sustainableworthington.org/precycle>

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## The Real Dirt on Your Food



We're all familiar with "Know Your Food, Know Your Farmer," but do you? Join us for a series of open and honest conversations about our food system. Beginning Monday, March 21st, the Central Ohio Food Forum will host Local Food Exposed: Myth versus reality. With topics ranging from production to distribution, community gardens to backyard chickens, and everything in between, we invite you to join us. Bring your ideas, questions and

thoughts, your neighbors, friends and family. The Central Ohio Food Forum invites farmers, gardeners, growers, chefs, home cooks, homesteaders, planners, and eaters of all types to join in the conversation for the betterment of our food system. Local Food Exposed: Myth versus reality is the first in a series of monthly conversation about our food system beginning on **Monday, March 21st from 6:30-8 pm.** Details:

- Conversations will take place every third Monday of the month at **Wild Goose Creative in Clintonville at 2491 Summit Street (43202).** Save the date for future conversations: March 21, April 18, May 16, and beyond.

- Doors will open at 5:30pm, and the event is free.

- Conversation starts at 6:30pm, but please join us early to meet and mingle.

- BYOB encouraged--all the better if it's locally made or homebrewed!

The Central Ohio Food Forum is hosted by Edible Columbus, Local Matters, and Wayward Seed Farm.

## Councilman Schmidt's Thoughts

City of Worthington Councilman, Robert Schmidt, attended the February 8<sup>th</sup> CHCA meeting to discuss how Worthington's neighborhoods could insure properties are maintained, discouraging crime and keeping our community healthy.

Rob thought there were a lot of good ideas brought up and he will take this input to Council and see how the City can implement any new programs or continue to fund those that have proven to be effective.

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(from below) During the meeting, it was suggested that we create a Colonial Hills service day for assisting those neighbors that require assistance with the upkeep of their homes. If you have a skill you want to offer, contact Rachael Dorothy.

## Block Watch

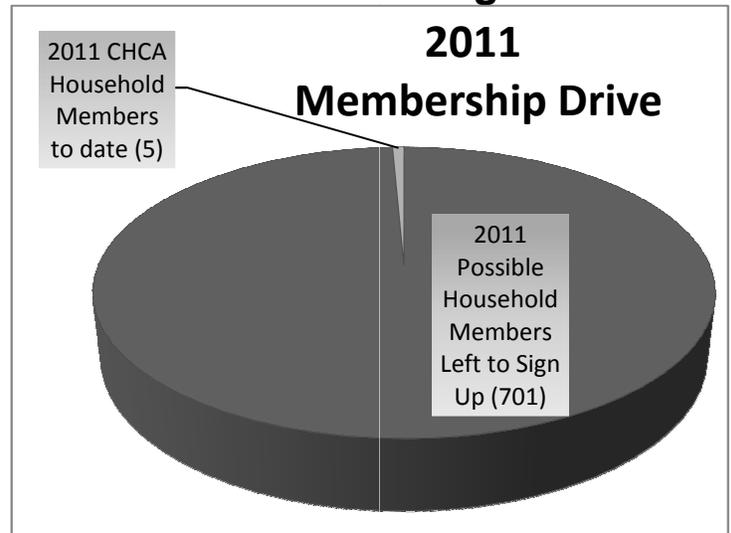
When the Worthington Police Department Community Services Officer notifies the block watch captains of information relating to our area, and in some cases, the City of Worthington in general, I'd like to be able to pass that on to our members. If you are interested in getting these notices, please send me an email to [dnadolny@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dnadolny@columbus.rr.com) and I'll add you to the list. We will also try to post it to the various Colonial Hills websites, but this will get you a direct and quick email.

Remember that as a block watch member your duties include: reporting suspicious and criminal activity in the area to the police, keep an eye out on residences when the neighbors are away, keep crime away from our area by practicing safety and security measures at your own home (close your garage and shed doors, lock your doors, etc.). It is important to remember that it isn't our job to confront the criminals. Just report them and the police will do their job. I don't know how many times I heard them say that they prefer to be called, even if it turns out to be nothing. That's their job and with our help, they can help keep the area safer. Thank you! **-David Nadolny** 179 Kenbrook Dr. and **Ofc. T. Floyd #343** To report suspicious activity call the Worthington Police Department ph. 614-885-4463.



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## CHCA Fundraising Drive



Civic Association uses funds to provide **4<sup>th</sup> of July Events**, printing for the Courier, other event handouts, website fees, luminary supplies, refreshments, games, awards, and giveaways to participants of local events and for Colonial Hills Scholarship(s). All officials, trustees, events chairs, webmasters, organizers, or other volunteers are not paid for any of their time.

Additional funds received, not used for activities, are used to provide multiple scholarships for that year or carried over to the next year. We appreciate your support of your Colonial Hills Civic Association, and hope to have almost 100% membership by the end of 2011. Look for 2011 membership letter now at home or **online at [www.colonialhills.us](http://www.colonialhills.us)**

## Getting to Know Our Neighbors

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. I encourage everyone to email, mail, or call your responses in and be featured in an upcoming Courier!



### **Tom and Rosa Huff – (Southington Ave.) Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.**

We were married in 1996 in Bangkok, Thailand where Rosa was teaching at the Assumption University. Rosa immigrated to the U.S. on the same year. Tom is a lifelong Ohio resident who is self-employed with an IT consulting business.

We moved to Colonial Hills in 1999. After shopping for houses in Sunbury, Ohio, we like the 'having it all in a small town' that Worthington offers yet still being very close to the city.

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

Our two children, Dakota (10) and Kei (4) were both born since we've moved to Worthington. Tom's older two sons, Topher (18) and Alex (16) moved to Worthington in 2005.

Fixing up our house has been a great pleasure for us. Replacing the windows and adding the flower boxes changed our house from an ugly duckling to a cute cottage.

**Where will we most likely run into you around town?** Our sons are frequently playing in our front yard. Tom and I go out to the local restaurants on a regular basis -- La Chateleine, Old Bag O'Nails and PK O'Ryan's. We also walk to Graeter's.

**What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?** Halloween in Colonial Hills is the epitome of the friendly neighborly community that we are. Our favorite image is that of friendly cordial people sitting on lawn chairs in their driveways while children in costumes stop by and visit.



**Gary & Mary Ann Ogle (Indianola -District 16)  
Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.** We are old and moved into our house on Indianola Ave. in May of 1970 after two

years of marriage. We brought our first child Donald with us and Carl and Robin followed. It has been a spectacular place to rear a family and become a part of the greatest community ever. Over these many years our kids have enjoyed the joys and laughter and fond memories of this community while growing up. Besides three children, we have been fortunate to have raised 8 wonderful puppy dogs. One son became a high school teacher in Westerville, one son is a restaurant manager in Indianapolis, IN. and our daughter teaches preschool in Creative Play Center at Worthington United Methodist Church and all are enjoying the good life. We also have two wonderful grandchildren who are teenagers in Westerville and very active in school.

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

In addition to what I explained in last question, our oldest son got married and he and our daughter in law has a teenage daughter and son. All three children graduated from Worthington High School and our eldest went on to get his bachelor and masters degree from Ohio State. Our daughter got an associate degree from Columbus State and our middle son was very instrumental in Donatos Pizza opening up stores in the Cincinnati area, Dayton area, and Indianapolis Area. He is now with Famous Dave's Barbeque Restaurant. They were heavily involved with Soccer at the high school level.

**Where will we most likely run into you around town?** Mary Ann will be at most Civic Association Meetings and walking our two puppy dogs (Eddie and Isabella) around the neighborhood daily. She also volunteers for July 4th Celebration and Christmas Party.

Gary seems to be just a load anymore, but sometimes volunteers for civic association functions. I spend time at McConnell Heart Health Center working out to keep 272 pounds of me in SHAPE?

**What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?** We as a family were very involved with the Fourth of July Celebration at Selby Park for some 20 years. Mary Ann and I organized the Kiddie Parade, and ran the concession stand for many years and are still involved to some degree.

At one point in time, Selby Park was the place to be on the Fourth of July with many family activities; pony rides, midway games and rides, clowns, bingo, musical entertainment for all ages, flea market, variety of food served, kiddie games, volleyball challenge, fire engine demonstration, competitive run, raffle of prizes hourly, dunk 'em tank, the famous kid parade and ending fireworks display on Indianola Ave. Most of the community came together for this yearly special weekend. Memories.....





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## Richard & Sasia Markley (S. Selby)

### Tell us a little about you and your family.

My wife Sasia and I have two children. Our daughter Kylie is 6 years old and enjoys cheerleading and playing basketball. Our son Chase is 16 months old. He loves to torment our chocolate lab Razz and to get into absolutely everything we don't want him too! My wife is a Call Center Operations Supervisor for Molina Healthcare of Ohio 'Medicaid.'

### What life milestones have happened for you here?.

I am self employed and own a remodeling business 'Markley Remodeling.' I have been in business for approximately 8 years and do all sorts of jobs; big or small. Markley Remodeling is a full service residential remodeling and home improvement company servicing Central Ohio. I have beautifully perfected homes throughout the area, specializing in bathroom, kitchen, trim, flooring and basement remodels.

### How & when you came to Colonial Hills?

My wife and I were driving home one evening and she wanted to drive through Colonial Hills. Her and her mom use to walk the area and bring the kids to the park. She really loved the neighborhood and wanted to show me. It just so happens we found a house on our drive.

My current special is \$100 off labor \$700 or more. Markley Remodeling has references and pictures on [www.markleyremodeling.com](http://www.markleyremodeling.com) and is also on Angies list.

## Richard Markley Markley Remodeling (614) 348-0726, [www.MarkleyRemodeling.com](http://www.MarkleyRemodeling.com)



Before



After



## Dee Husted (Kenbrook)

### Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.

My name is Dee Husted and I am proud to live in Colonial Hills. When my parents were first married they moved here for the safe and friendly neighborhood. They loved that Colonial Hills offered a school and parks that were within walking distance. My parents raised 3 children here and now I am raising my daughter in the same environment.

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**Donnie Austin (Loveman)**

**How did you get the idea for house wine?** The idea stemmed from when I was first getting interested in wine. It seemed like a pretentious subject, but I got hooked and wanted to taste, drink, and learn more. I didn't like the approach of how wine was sold, whether it was attitude or lack of customer service. I also had no idea what I was buying at times and I didn't like spending money on something that I might not like. Basically, we took all of these scenarios and came up with a concept to remove the hassle and difficulty in shopping for wine. Before we opened, I would get friends together at my house for wine tastings, and we enjoyed learning (and drinking, of course) together.

**Who could we meet when we stop in?** I'm the general manager of the shop and present most of the time, backed by an incredible group of people who like wine and helping others. When I'm not at the shop, you'll typically find Jim, our assistant manager, or Gene, Billy, Megan, or Kyle. Most of us live near the shop. My house on Loveman is probably the farthest from the shop out of everybody.

**Why did you open in downtown Worthington and what do you like best about it?** I moved to Colonial Hills in 2004 and thought there was demand and opportunity for a neighborhood wine shop. I also noticed a true sense of community that you won't find in the other towns around Columbus. There's a lot of history and a rich tradition to downtown Worthington. Also, many residents in Worthington like to support local businesses, so people will stop by our shop versus grabbing wine at the big box stores.

We're in an interesting industry where we have competitive pricing with everybody else due to Ohio laws and we carry similar (but not necessarily the same) products, but we can offer those intangibles you won't find elsewhere. We also focus on handcrafted, family-owned wineries that make awesome wine in smaller quantities, versus a lot of the bulk stuff you'll find on the market. We sell wine, not SKUs.

**What would you recommend a first time customer to try?** We're both a wine shop and a wine bar so there's ample opportunity. I recommend using our Enomatic wine dispensing machines to taste up to 24 wines to get an idea of you what you like before buying bottles blindly. If you already have a good idea of which wines you like, you can purchase bottles to take home and we're competitive with the pricing you'll find elsewhere, with 10% case discounts. We're also the most affordable spot in the area to drink a bottle of wine, with a helpful staff and a relaxed, pleasant atmosphere as well. As we get to know customers and their tastes, we can help them find the perfect "house wine" and we're also happy to order anything we don't carry in the shop, with no minimum order quantity.

**Do you have any house wine events you want to highlight?** We have tastings every Thursday night with a new theme each week, which give you an opportunity to taste a mix of wines and learn a little bit along the way. It's like House Wine "family night" as we've come to know people who attend our tastings regularly, and we're always welcoming new people every week as well. We also hold wine classes on a regular basis on top of doing tastings in people's homes.



**Michael and Julie McCord (Colonial)**

**Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.** I came to Colonial Hills with my wife Julie in Oct of 2008, having previously lived in Pickerington. Julie is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker King Thompson and works in the area. We discovered Colonial Hills through Julie, who was holding an open house in the very house we bought. We both loved it and the neighborhood, and were lucky enough to be able to buy that house and move here. Our son Eli was born in 2010.

**How and when did Mike start his business?** I started my business in January of 2001. I have an accounting degree and after a few years in that profession, I felt I needed to do something else for a living. Having a love for art, it seemed that would be a good direction to look if I could make a steady income doing it. By chance I met a mural artist the same week.

I began working with a local interior designer who taught me how to faux finish and do other interior painting, so I added that to my service package.

**What does Mike like most about his business?**

What I like most about my work is that at the end of the day I get to make the client happy with an improvement to their home, whether it's a faux finish, mural or just a fresh coat of paint. They get to see a room transformed.



**What projects are you most proud of?** I'm most proud of my murals and a wood graining project that took an old trunk that was thrown in the trash and turned it into a center piece of my own living room.



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