



The Colonial Hills Courier

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2013

Happy fall, Colonial Hills! We're working hard to pull together another great season of activities for the neighborhood, which you'll read about in this issue. Fall is also CHCA election season. Two of our board members, Vice President Eliza Thrush and Treasurer John Drago, will not be running for re-election, as they carve out more time to spend with their growing families. We could really use a couple people to step up to fill these board seats. Elections will be held in November. Please email me at jcarrsmyth@gmail.com if you are interested in serving in this way, or if you would like more information.

Thank you again! Julie Smyth, 2012-2013 President

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Upcoming Community Events

Sept. 10th – Monthly CHCA Meeting at Selby Shelterhouse

October 8th – Next CHCA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Selby Shelterhouse

October 27th – CHCA Halloween Party, 3:00-4:30, Selby Shelterhouse

October 31st – Beggar's Night, Colonial Hills and Worthington

November 12th – CHCA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Selby Shelterhouse

November 16th – Annual CHCA Food Drive

Upcoming Holiday Festivities

December 7th – Luminary Making – help with this CH tradition, starting at 8:00am!

December 8th – CHCA Holiday Party, 3:00-5:00 pm, Selby Shelterhouse

December 15th – Annual Luminary Lighting Event, 7:00-10:00pm. Please join us in lighting your luminary kits throughout the neighborhood!

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CH Resident Memoir: Reading at Selby Shelterhouse October 18th

You might have seen Sharyn Talbert walking her coonhounds around the Hills. A resident since 1984, Sharyn's new memoir is set in our neighborhood. **SCHOLAR MINE: An Ohio State Love Story** is poignant, funny, tragic, and triumphant. A few dogs make their way into the story, too.

"Sharyn Talbert's haunting memoir is both a celebration and an indictment of American academia" –Charlotte Weber, Colonial Ave.

"Gritty and fearless, and the characters (real!) are unforgettable"—Carolyn Woda, North Selby Blvd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sharyn will read a brief excerpt from **SCHOLAR MINE** on Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Shelter House. All are welcome--light refreshments, too.



"The right blend of detail, contemporary events, and beautiful language move it elegantly to its bittersweet yet life affirming conclusion." – Susan Brown Frederick, North Selby Blvd.

Upcoming City of Worthington Events (courtesy of [wwwhttp://www.worthington.org/calendar.aspx](http://www.worthington.org/calendar.aspx))

Police Department Open House

October 6, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Worthington Division of Police

Come explore the Worthington Police Department and experience daily life as a Worthington Police Officer.

Fido Fest

October 6, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ Village Green

A day full of furry fun featuring the Pooch Parade. Includes over 50 vendors, food, dog contests, Blessing of the Dogs, agility, frisbee and flyball demonstrations. Bring your pup and join the fun.

Worthington CROP Walk and Fall Festival

October 13, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ United Methodist Center

A 5k or 1 mile CROP Hunger Walk along with food, music, field games, crafts, a balloon artist and pumpkins. 25 percent of the CROP Walk donations and 100 percent of the festival proceeds go to the Healthy Worthington Food Pantry and Resource Center.

Meet the Candidates Forum

October 15, 6:30 PM @ Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center

The Meet the Candidates Forum in Worthington includes candidates for Worthington City Council, Worthington School Board, Sharon Township Trustee, Riverlea Village Council and the Worthington Libraries issue.

Monthly Yard Waste Drop Off

October 26, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM @ Public Service Department

Worthington residents may drop off yard waste the last Saturday of each month (March to October) between Noon and 3:00 p.m. There are no quantity, size, nor bundling restrictions. Please enter the gate at the north end of the Service Building. Residents must show proof of residency. This drop-off is for residential use ONLY. Residents hiring private contractors to perform work on large tree removals should contact the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) at 871-5100. Drop off is available at Kurtz Brothers at the corner of Westerville Rd. and Dempsey Rd. south of I-270 in Westerville.

THANK YOU!

Andrew Gons took many of the "Run Through The Hills" photos you saw here last month. We thank Andrew for stepping forward on the day of the 5K race to produce such nice photos of our winners and our community.

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Colonial Hills Elementary School News

Walkathon: Some of your young neighbors might be asking for a donation in the coming weeks for Colonial Hills Elementary's first walkathon. The money will help with the Parent Teacher Association's school improvement projects, including a goal of eventually updating playground equipment, said resident Cindy Molnar, one of the parent organizers. During school on Oct. 9, children from all grades will walk or run a minimum of one mile on the couse at the athletic field behind the school. The PTA plans to make the walkathon an annual tradition. Students will be collecting donations for their running accomplishments up until Oct. 18. They can accept cash or checks payable to Colonial Hills PTA.

Cross country meet: In another first at the school, runners from around central Ohio are invited to compete at the school's inaugural John Blaine Worthington Classic. The runners in grades 1 through 6 will participate in the free, one-mile run on Sunday, Sept. 29. Blaine, the school's physical education teacher for more than 30 years, runs a popular cross country program at the school each fall. The goal of the event, sponsored by the school's cross county team, is to promote running as a lifelong sport and celebrate the children's healthy choices.

Worthington Police Install Prescription Drug Drop Box Red Ribbon Events 2013

A new tool designed to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse is being unveiled at the Worthington Division of Police during a special ceremony at **Noon on October 21, 2013.**

In cooperation with Drug Safe Worthington and the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, Inc., Worthington Police are celebrating the installation of a new permanent prescription drug drop box located inside the lobby of the Worthington Division of Police headquarters at **6555 Worthington Galena Road.** The community is invited to join us for a brief ceremony and refreshments. This celebration is one of several National Red Ribbon events taking place in Worthington in October.

The drop box is one of only a few permanent locations in central Ohio where community members may drop off unwanted prescription medications 24 hours a day. This permanent drug drop box is designed to help people clean out their cabinets of old and unwanted medications, cutting back on the risk of overdose and misuse.

A growing epidemic of overdoses of prescription painkillers is leading to a record numbers of deaths, especially among women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More Americans now die from painkillers than from heroin and cocaine combined, and since 2008, prescription drug-induced deaths have outstripped those from automobile accidents, according to the CDC.



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Colonial Hills Block Watch now has more than 150 members. To keep up to date with current crime activity, join the Block Watch email group online at www.colonialhills.us or contact:

David Nadolny, 175 Kenbrook Dr.,
dnadolny@columbus.rr.com

Or sign up for updates at
www.crimereports.com or the new
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+ Audrey MacKenzie, 824-9486, baby sitter

+ Ali Diehl, 633-8059, baby sitter

* Kelli Hill, 436-4627, pet sitter

+ Angela Schirtzinger, 312-9882, age 17, baby sitter

* Matthew Harrison, 888-6360, pet and house sitter, will also mow lawns

+ = Red Cross certified

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This list also appears on the web site, www.colonialhills.us. To be added or removed from this list please contact: Julie Smyth (jcarrsmyth@gmail.com, 785-7064)

Upcoming CHCA events get organizers, seek volunteers

Halloween Party: Don those costumes and come on over to Selby for games, crafts, snacks and trick-or-treat fun for all -- plus opportunities for cute photos and free pumpkins at CyMack's annual Pumpkin Patch. You won't want to miss this popular annual community event **Oct. 27th, 3-5 p.m.**

Kristin Orban has graciously offered to chair this event. Please email her at orbandesigns@aol.com if you are willing to help decorate, serve or hand out candy. Teens can earn hours toward the CHCA scholarship for their service.

Please note: If attendance is light, our events sometimes wrap up a little early. So come toward the early end.

Food Drive: CHCA will be collecting canned and dry goods, toiletries and other offerings for the needy again this holiday season. Donations should be on your porch by **9 a.m. Nov. 16th** the day of the drive.

Nicole Acox is chairing this event. She could use some volunteers to distribute door hangers around the neighborhood the week before the event and to collect donations on drive day. Why not organize a team of neighbors or family members and come to Selby that morning to help collect donations? Or just come on your own! All are welcome. Please email acoxnicole@gmail.com to volunteer.

Holiday Party: Family fun is in store at our annual CHCA Holiday Party, which is scheduled for **Dec. 8th, 3-5 p.m.** at Selby Shelter House. Games, activities, food and a visit from Santa are all part of the festivities. More details to come in next month's Courier.

Please contact Tammy and Emily Wallace at 436-6176 if you are willing to volunteer by helping decorate, serve, run a game station, or other jobs.

Silly Halloween Jokes

Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween? A. Ghoul-aid!!!

Q. What is a Mummie's favorite type of music? A. Wrap!!!!

Q. Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? A. Because demons are a ghouls best friend!

Q. What's a monster's favorite bean? A. A human bean.

Q. What do you call a witch who lives at the beach? A. A sand-witch.

Q. Where does a ghost go on Saturday night? A. Anywhere where he can boo-gie.

Q. Why did the game warden arrest the ghost? A. He didn't have a haunting license.

*Courtesy of
<http://www.halloween.com>*

Construction in Worthington at US-23

The I-270/US-23 interchange project began construction in September. The project will bring improvements to the interchange that will decrease congestion and improve safety of the intersection, as well as access to the Worthington area.

A special website has been set up by the Ohio Department of Transportation to help drivers know what to expect before, during and after construction. Visit www.270-23.com for details, before and after pictures, live traffic cameras, interactive maps to help drivers find alternative routes, answers to frequently asked questions and more. Visit <http://www.worthington.org/index.aspx?NID=552> for more information.

If interested, you may also sign up online at www.270-23.com for periodic email updates.

Road Closures at Railroad Crossings during October

Norfolk Southern will be repairing crossings at Schrock Road and Wilson Bridge Road. The Schrock Road closure will take place from September 23 until October 3. E. Wilson Bridge Road will close from October 7 through October 16. The roads will be closed for traffic in both directions during the anticipated dates of construction. There will be signage posted near each closure to direct drivers to alternate routes.

For more information, please call the City of Worthington Department of Service & Engineering at (614) 431-2425.

CHCA Board News

The CHCA Board voted to include factual information on the upcoming **Worthington Libraries levy** along with this edition of the Courier, so that neighborhood residents can make an informed choice in November. ... The process of assembling a new **Neighborhood Directory** is being planned for the spring. It was decided to coordinate that activity with the 2014 Membership Drive in order to make best use of time and resources. ... The board is recruiting for the offices of Treasurer and Vice President (can be more than one). Email icarrsmyth@gmail.com if you're interested. **CHCA elections** are in November.

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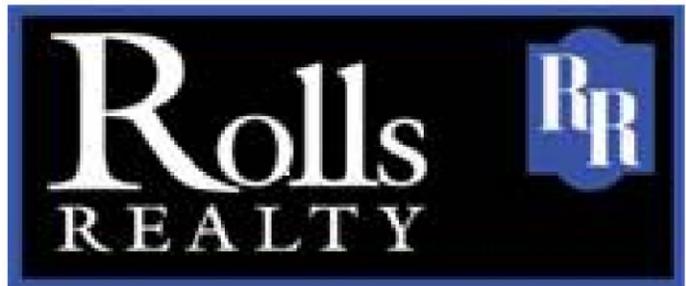
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