

Colonial Hills Courier

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Hello Neighbors!

I hope that this issue of the Colonial Hills Courier finds you well. Unfortunately, summer in our neighborhood will look a little different this year. The Civic Association is working on ways to keep the fun alive while keeping our distance from each other.

The neighborhood garage sale has been postponed. We will make a decision on a fall date as soon as we feel comfortable doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.

A big 4th of July celebration is a tradition that dates back many decades. Due to the current pandemic we will have to scale our celebration way back, but we think we can make it fun. Of course, it is up to you how and if you wish to participate! See the article later in this issue for details. And, as always stay tuned to the CH Facebook page and our website for more information.

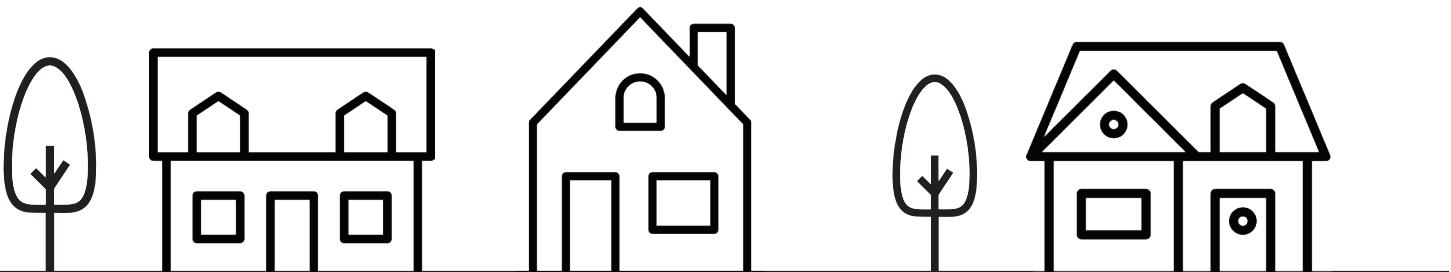
Thank you to Cynthia Mackenzie and the CyMack Group, Keller Williams Capital Partners for providing flags for each house again this year! Join us on July 1st to help distribute the flags. Check their Facebook page "The CyMacK Group: Keller Williams Capital Partners" and the neighborhood page for details as we get closer to July.

The CHCA has decided to push back the membership drive until later this year. With that being said, you are always welcome to pay your membership dues on our website (www.colonialhills.us) at any time! Consider using PayPal's "send to a friend" feature so that we do not have fees taken out of your payment. See the right-hand side of our website for details. Membership dues help pay for neighborhood events and the cost to print the Courier.

See you around (from a safe distance)!

Emma McCandlish Lindholm

CHCA President



Colonial Hills

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Please join the Colonial Hills Civic Association in congratulating the 2020 scholarship winners, Aleks Aleksić (\$1,750) and Alex Campbell (\$1,750)!

Meet Aleks Aleksić

Why do you love living here? What role has your community played in your development?

"Why do I love living here? One reason I love Colonial Hills is because of the people. People in the neighborhood are so nice and compassionate it honestly feels like home. When I was 14 years old (about 3 almost 4 years ago) I ran into a perfect example of compassion that many other neighborhoods don't have. It was July and the sun was beginning to set, I was riding my bike back home from my first job at a nearby restaurant. I was a bit too fast for my own good and while going down the massive hill at Hartford St. I miscalculated my turning speed and I crashed into the curb and I fell over at a harsh speed. Luckily the worst of the damage was a few scrapes on my hands and knees but the crash had left me on the side of the road with my bike chain mangled and my body aching. Not long after, maybe even seconds, a car coming down the hill probably coming home from work stopped right behind me to make sure I was ok. The lady, whose name I never asked, first made sure I was ok then went and grabbed my hat from the middle of the road and brought it over to me. She then offered to take me home until I assured her that I would be ok and that I only lived a couple blocks away....."



Meet Alex Campbell

Why do you love living here? What role has your community played in your development?

"..... My house, too, has significantly shaped my development. Due to its size, we are a bit cramped, but this also means we have been able to innovate with the space we have. My house happens to be a WWII - era house with an addition and two sheds. Those two sheds have also let me work on many interesting like the motor me and my father built for science fair a few years ago. This area also happens to have great historic value. I have gotten to know a decent amount about the origins of colonial hills through various sources, and it is incredibly interesting. This area was created to house workers for the war effort during WWII, according to my father and others, and you can tell by

some of the things around here that the neighborhood was initially built during WWII. This rich history has added a level of awe to my surroundings....."



4TH OF JULY



As many of you are probably aware, we had to cancel the planned festivities for the 4th of July. However, we can still celebrate the holiday as a community in ways that we are together, but separate!

Virtual 5k

This year the Run Through the Hills 5k is going virtual! We can't get together in a big group but we've seen everyone training outside since the gyms have closed and think you need some recognition (and a really cool t-shirt) for all your hard work. You can complete the 5k at any time between July 4 - July 18 and have the option to walk or run the actual course or you can be creative with it. Hop on a treadmill and log the 3.1 miles, map out a 5k course through one of the parks or at your vacation home, run up and down the stairs in your house until you've reached 3500 steps (the average # of steps taken during a 5k) and fill up our Facebook page with your time & sweaty selfies. You will be able to find more details on the Colonial Hills website sign up page (colonialhills.us) about turning in your time (not required) and picking up your really cool t-shirt. Registration will open up on June 1. To paraphrase Jeff Spain "every day is a good day for a 5k!"



July 4th House Decorating Contest

- ❖ Get out your flags, banners and lights and decorate your house in the red, white and blue!
- ❖ Judges will be driving around the neighborhood the evening of Thursday, July 2nd (from a safe distance) to vote on the best!
- ❖ Winners receive bragging rights in the next Courier and on the neighborhood Facebook page.



Colonial Hills Sparkling Sparklers Spectacular!

- ❖ Get out in your front yard and play with your sparklers. We hope the streets light up like they do on Luminary Night.
- ❖ Times
 - 7pm for the little ones with early bedtimes
 - 10pm for those of us with no bedtime

Bike Decorating Contest

- ✿ Even though the Kiddie Parade may be cancelled, kids can still decorate their bikes, scooters and wagons.
- ✿ Take a picture of your creations and post them on the Facebook event page for socially distant judging. (No problem, if you don't want to post your child's picture! A photo of the bike, scooter or wagon will suffice.) Judging will be in the following categories: tricycles, bicycles, wagons, strollers, scooters, and pets.
- ✿ Winners receive bragging rights!



July 4th Scavenger Hunt

- ✿ The CHCA will create a neighborhood decoration scavenger hunt as a fun incentive to get outside with your families on the 4th.
- ✿ Look on the Facebook event page and the CHCA website on the morning of the 4th to find the hunt.
- ✿ As you are walking around the neighborhood, stop by the corner of Indianola Ave. and Park Blvd. for a goody bag and bike safety gear. One per child please. While supplies last!



"The Amazing Giants"

- ✿ The stilt walking duo will tour the streets of Colonial Hills from 11:00am-1:00pm.
- ✿ Be sure to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from the performers!
- ✿ A route map will be shared prior to the 4th.



Food Trucks

We hope to have at least one food truck available for carry out during the day. We are still waiting on approval from the City. Stay tuned for details!

And remember, even though it's a pandemic, fireworks are still illegal!

Please be respectful of your neighbors.

BUILDING DOCTORS IN COLONIAL HILLS: TIPS FOR MAINTAINING OLDER HOMES

By: Ashley Nittle

Wet basements. Maintaining wood floors. Termites. Repairing rotted wood.



I probably had you at "wet basements". These are the issues that many of us have faced (or will face) living in our Colonial Hills homes. In March, the CHCA and Mullen-Hawkins: Keller Williams Capital Partners, hosted a Building Doctor Clinic.

This clinic was facilitated by the Ohio History Connection and led by two "Building Doctors" who walked us through common "ailments" of older homes, how to identify and solve some of the most common sources of problems, and how to make informed decisions about repairs and improvements.

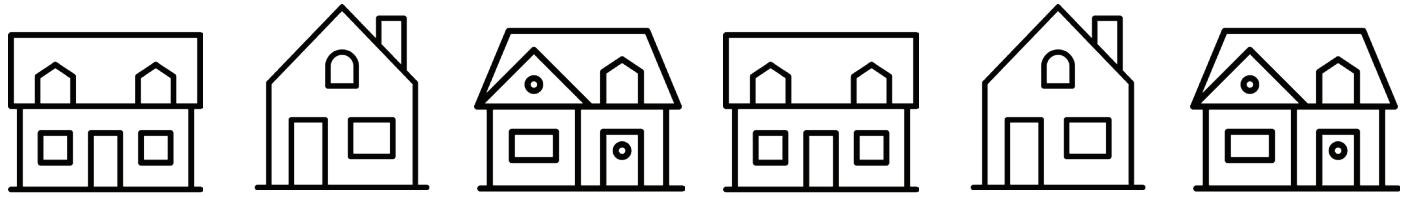
Our homes, quaint and cozy, are integral aspect of our community but maintaining them can be hard. Take heart - the Building Doctors are great resources and can help point you in the right direction.

One of the main topics they discussed was that we need to be doing regular inspections on our homes at least twice a year, the inside and the exterior. It is important that we document changes or issues using pictures and notes!

Ohio History Connection Resources

- **Virtual Site Visits:** Have question for the experts? Contact the Technical Preservation Services (TPS) staff via email and take them on a "Virtual Site Visit" of your home. A Virtual Site Visit is designed for those who have one or two specific technical preservation questions. Email shpo@ohiohistory.org for more info. A virtual site visit might include, but is not limited to, these types of questions:
 - What do I do about failing paint?
 - How do I address my failing mortar?
 - Why is my basement floor wet all the time?
 - My windows are drafty, what can I do?
 - How can I clean brick/stonework?
- **Fast Facts for Guidance and Repair of Older Buildings:** Find info regarding common issues like carpenter ants, exterior painting, ice dams, ivy, plaster, wood rot, basements, windows, etc. Use this link for more info: <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/state-historic-preservation-office/buildingdoctor/old-building-owner-links/preservation-fast-facts>
- **Contact a Building Doctor:** Nathan Bevil, Community Planning and Preservation Manager, was the lead Building Doctor for our event and he also conducted several site visits here in CH. Contact him for tips and guidance on older home maintenance (nbevil@ohiohistory.org or 614.298.2000).

These resources are helpful tools for maintaining our home, of course, we all probably agree that Colonial Hills is much more than a collection of houses. It was a “sense of place” that drew me to this neighborhood. This concept describes “the things that add up to a feeling that a community is a special place, distinct from anywhere else”. Colonial Hills is one of these special places (think: neighbors, homes, schools, parks, trees, events). We are the fortunate ones who get to be the stewards of the built and natural environment. Here’s hoping that our efforts - whether it be lending a helping hand, getting involved in community activities, reaching out to a neighbor, asking for help when we need it – are all building toward the common theme of perpetuating a thriving, caring community that fosters the special sense of place and lives up to the nickname – the friendly community!



COLONIAL HILLS COOKBOOK

Submit Your Favorite Recipe!



We've all been cooking at home a lot more this year because of the Coronavirus Pandemic and 2020 seems like a perfect time to compile a new Colonial Hills Cookbook!

Please submit your favorite recipe to be included in the book. Feel free to also include a note on how you are handling these strange days or how your recipe has helped sustain you during this time. Photos are welcome!

Submit recipes to Hinz.SSH+CHcookbook@gmail.com or drop off to Susan Hinz at 398 Loveman Ave.

Recipes due by July 30, 2020.

NEIGHBORS WILLING TO HELP!

During this health crisis, if you are in need of help, we have 60 volunteers lined up throughout the neighborhood who are willing to run errands, talk, etc...

Contact CHCA Treasurer David Nadolny via text (614-670-9852), Facebook messenger (<https://www.facebook.com/david.nadolny.9>), email (davidnadolny@yahoo.com) or call (he works, so call as a last resort). Let him know what you need and he will assign the request to a neighbor near you.

No one in this neighborhood is alone. And while we will all be practicing social distancing; we can still make out the smiles on our neighbors faces when we see one another.

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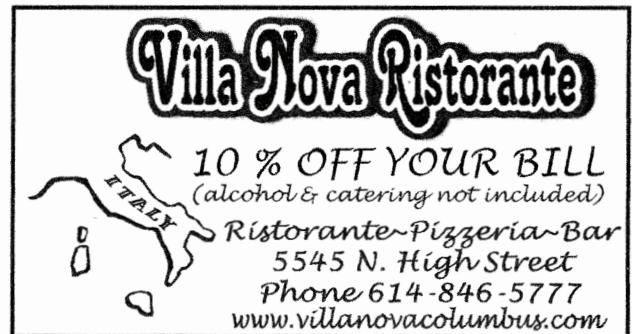
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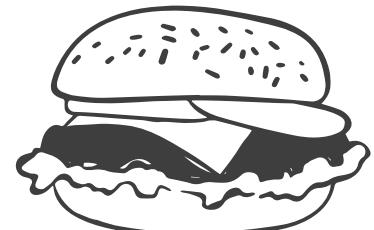
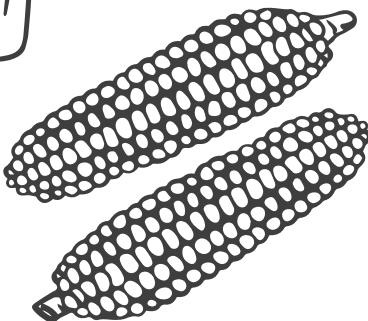
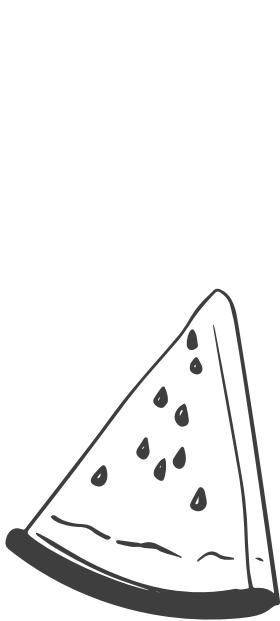
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