

Colonial Hills Courier

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Howdy, Friends and Neighbors!!

I hope that you have enjoyed a lovely spring and that you are looking forward to a fantastic summer, here in the Hills!! Have you noticed an increase in the playground traffic? I sure have, with school being out, and the days warming up!! In case you haven't been to Selby Park lately, not only will you find things to climb, or swing, or slide, for those looking to relax and maybe do a little leisurely reading, there is a Little Free Library Stand, as well as a Newspaper Box (thank you Jim Rundle and Dan Button!!) where you can pick up the latest edition of the Worthington Spotlight. Colonial Hills is fortunate enough to have two Parks that offer playgrounds, tennis and basketball, and large grassy fields for a quick soccer game or playing catch with friends. So please come and enjoy the great outdoors in Colonial Hills!

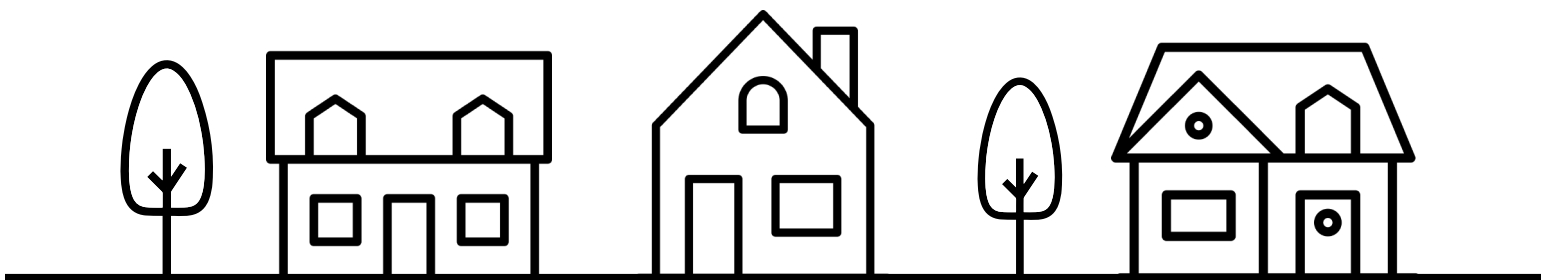
We have a number of events that are just around the corner; the Colonial Hills Garage Sale is taking place on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm (thank you once again to our neighbor, Rachael Dorothy, for doing a fantastic job coordinating this annual event!). In addition to the garage sale, the Civic Association is thrilled to once again partner with Volunteers of America for collection of any post garage sale donations. You are welcome to bring any of those unsold items to Colonial Hills Elementary School from 2:00 pm-4:30 pm on the 14th. I call that a Win-Win event!!

Please also mark your calendars for the Colonial Hills 4th of July Extravaganza, starting at 8:30 am for the 46th annual "Run Through the Hills" 5K, followed by the Kiddie Parade at 10:00 am, and Games, Food and More starting at 10:30 am (until 1:00 pm) at Selby Park. Have you ever had an opportunity to volunteer for one of the 4th of July events? If not, please consider signing up for one of our many volunteer positions—we can't pull these amazing events off without our wonderful neighbors here in Colonial Hills so please be on the lookout for postings on Facebook and on our own CHCA Blogpost.

Finally, if you are ever looking for something new and different to do on the second Tuesday of the month, please check out the Civic Association meeting, which is held at the Selby Park Shelter House at 7:30 pm. We are your friends and neighbors who are crazy happy about living in Colonial Hills and committed to making this community one of the best places to call home—so come join the fun!!

See Ya in the Hills!

Leslie Caruso



Colonial Hills

~ The Friendly Community ~

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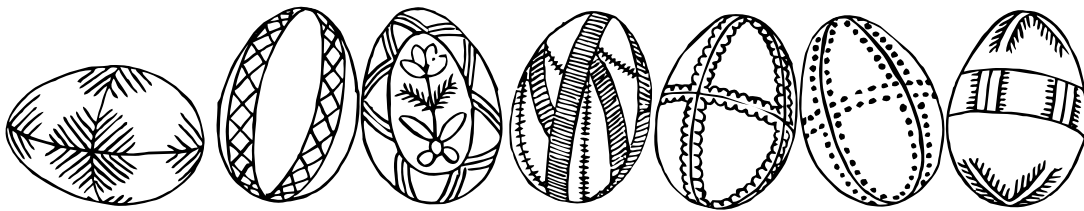
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contribute articles for publication.*

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HOPPING DOWN THE BUNNY TRAIL

We all know who they are. The parents who crush the magic out of holidays by spreading rumors questioning the existence of magical creatures. A certain VP of Communications was even rumored to have had a daughter who told her pre-school teacher that the Easter bunny was not real.

HA! Jokes on that VP, because an amazing Easter Bunny showed up at the Colonial Hills Easter Egg Hunt and loved on the kiddos in ways that only a magical creature could. So THANK YOU dear Easter Bunny, for gracing Colonial Hills with your presence and loving on those kiddos that showed up to demolition derby their way through an egg hunt that goes quicker than 'From Me To You' by The Beatles (look it up).



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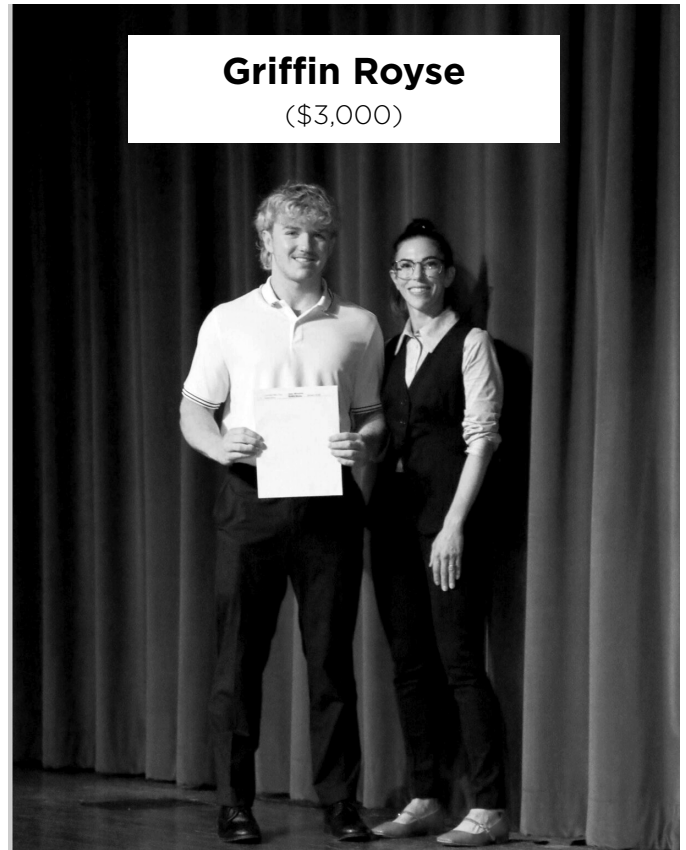
A NEW SCHOLARSHIP RECORD!

Please join the CHCA in congratulating our two 2025 Scholarship Winners!



Sean Mirosław

(\$4,000)



Griffin Royse

(\$3,000)

CHCA Secretary Brittany Smith presented Sean and Griffin their scholarships at the Thomas Worthington HS Local Scholarship Ceremony held at the McConnell Arts Center, May 16, 2025.

And a special thank-you to sponsor The Roof Detective who very generously donated one thousand dollars to our scholarship awards for 2025!

One of the joys that the CHCA Board gets is to read the messages of what Colonial Hills meant to the scholarship applicants. We enjoyed reading Griffin's recollections of teachers who made a difference, neighbors who impacted him, and the neighborhood itself with its beauty and atmosphere. **"In the end, a neighborhood is important to who you are and what kind of memories you make."** It was wonderful reading Sean's recollections of service, sledding and block parties. From Cub to Eagle Scout, food drives to volunteering, the neighborhood shaped him. **"Without the neighbors I would not have had a safe place to grow and become who I am today."**

We truly do get the privilege of living in a special place and your Civic Association dues, ads sold in this Courier, and all the ways you, dear neighbors, contribute, is shaping the next generation.



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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED: RUN THROUGH THE HILLS 5K

The Run Through the Hills 5K has been a beloved tradition in Colonial Hills for decades. If you're not planning to run or walk this year, we'd love for you to join us as a volunteer!

We're looking for enthusiastic helpers for:

- Course setup and preparation
- Packet pickup (July 3 and the morning of the race)
- Water stops along the route
- Post-race tear down and cleanup

This is a great way to support your community, cheer on friends and neighbors, and be part of an unforgettable Fourth of July morning.

Interested? Email Jeff Spain at jspain01@csc.edu to learn more and sign up. Let's make this year's event the best yet!

PS. You read the earlier article about the Scholarship? This goes to fulfill the volunteer requirement to be eligible!

4TH OF JULY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The most magical scene in all of film history may be the Sandlot game under the fireworks, listening to Ray Charles sing "America the Beautiful." If you have never watched it, put down this Courier, pull up YouTube and enjoy... Ok, you back? On the 4th of July here in Colonial Hills, we are missing Ray & Fireworks but what we are not missing is MAGIC.

Join your neighbors to celebrate the 4th of July in many ways on the Fourth. If you are a runner, register online and get started with the 5K Run Through the Hills at 8:30. If you are a kiddo, the kid's bike parade will start promptly at 10am around Selby Park. The Midway Games will start afterwards and will officially open by 10:30am. Enjoy NEW inflatables and all sorts of classic games like "bottle toss" and "duck pond." Don't miss the watermelon eating contest around 11am.

There is a high bar to clear. Last year's event "may very well have been the best Colonial Hills 4th of July subsequent to fifty years ago when this Colonial Hills event was the premier community holiday event in all of Worthington!" Come for an event that the press called "flawlessly planned and implemented", for fun and games and to celebrate the spirit of community with your neighbors and see what new games and events are in store.

Purchase your wristband before the parade to avoid the lines.

5k Run Through The Hills

Colonial Hills

Worthington, OH

July 4

www.colonialhills.us

About the Race

The Colonial Hills Civic Association invites you to participate in the 46th annual 5 kilometer “Run Through the Hills.” The race will be held Friday, July 4, 2025, starting at 8:30 a.m. The course will weave through beautiful tree-lined streets of Colonial Hills and offers a great way to start the 4th of July.

Entry Fee

\$30 – Pre-Registration (All Ages)
\$35 – Race Day Registration

* Proceeds benefit Colonial Hills Scholarship Fund

Registration Includes:

Awards*
T-Shirts (first 200 registrants)
Refreshments

* Awards will be presented to 1st male/female adult over-all. 1st place male/female junior (19 and under) over-all. In addition, awards will be presented to the top three finishers both male and female in each age category.

Early Packet Pickup - race number and shirt

Thursday, July 3rd, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Selby Park Shelter house.

Race Day

Register or pick-up race number and T-shirt at Selby Park from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

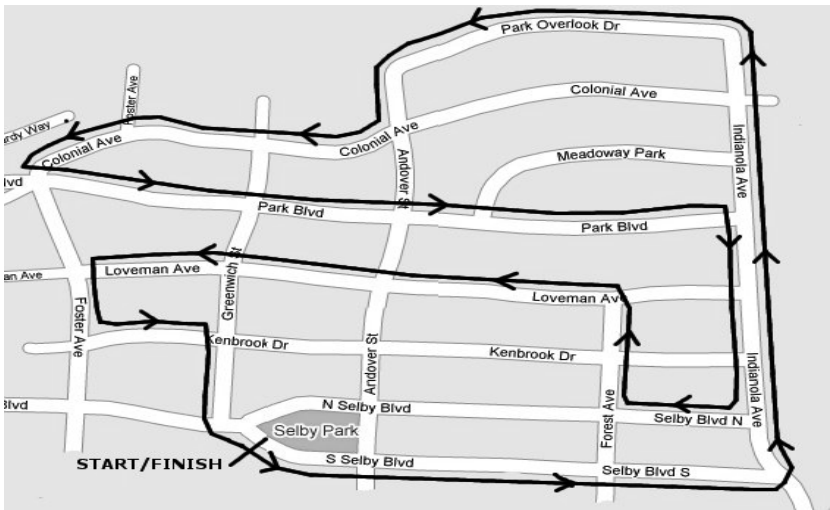
Race starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.

To register or learn more, scan the QR code below:



Where and When

The “RUN THROUGH THE HILLS” starts and finishes at Selby Park, located on Selby Boulevard between High Street and Indianola Avenue in Worthington. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp!



Complete and return entry form to:

Colonial Hills Civic Association
c/o “Run Through the Hills”
P.O. Box 676
Worthington, OH 43085

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Please make checks payable to:
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Colonial Hills 5K “Run Through The Hill,” Friday, July 4, 2025

Please Print:

Name: _____ Age on race day: _____ M/F: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Shirt Size: ☐ Youth Medium ☐ Youth Large ☐ Medium ☐ Adult Small ☐ Adult Medium ☐ Adult Large ☐ Adult X-Large

Release: In consideration for the acceptance of my entrance fee. I for myself, my executor, my administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Colonial Hills Civic Association, its officers, trustees, and volunteers, and other sponsors from all claims of damages, actions, whatsoever and in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in said athletic event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risk involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

(Parents signature required if under the age of 18)

Signature

Date

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

What can you purchase for a \$5 bill (if you still use cash)? How about \$15? If you are asking my kids, you can buy anything from a car to a house. Maybe I still have a bit of work to do on the value of money. But you know what you can buy? You can buy into the community spirit of Colonial Hills.

Before you think “Geez, everyone is asking for money,” know that the dues are voluntary but go to a great cause supporting events and scholarships. We humbly ask that you consider donating \$5 for seniors or \$15 for families. Two years ago was the inaugural Membership Drive Contest! A reminder, the contest is for the MOST PARTICIPATION of your Colonial Hills district. If there is a tie, the tie breaker will be the dollar amount raised but we are truly aiming for participation. The honored district will get a shoutout in the next Courier and be beloved by all in the neighborhood (ok, so maybe that last bit is a little excessive, but we really do want to encourage participation!).

Membership Levels:

- Senior \$5.00
- Family \$15.00

AND BONUS LEVELS

(it is like unlocking a new character in Mario Kart)

- Hills Helper \$30
- Colonial Champion \$50
- Loveman Champs \$75
- Selby Superstar \$100
- Park, Park & Park \$150
- Ravine Resident \$200

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GARAGE SALE & POST GARAGE SALE DONATION

We have all heard the lame Dad jokes this Courier makes about trash and treasure with the neighborhood garage sale. Let's just state the facts this time. It is ALL TREASURE. Seriously, go on a treasure hunt in your neighborhood on June 14 and see what you turn up with; we are pretty sure you will find lemonade and sweets along with some gold. Even better, make some treasure by hosting your own garage sale.

JUNE 14,
THROUGHOUT
COLONIAL HILLS!

All Colonial Hills residents are invited to host their own garage sales on this date and e-mail their participation to the coordinator Rachael Dorothy RachaelRDorothy@gmail.com

Or, you can sign up online using the Google form <https://forms.gle/qnwkeEk3UYCf3oau6> (see the Facebook event for a live link) but please e-mail Rachael or sign up online by the deadline of June 7, in order to have your place listed on the neighborhood map of garage sale locations and receive a garage sale helper pack from this event's sponsor CYMACK Real Estate <https://www.cymack.com/>

Please note: Sellers will be responsible for obtaining their own free Garage Sale permit from the city of Worthington: <https://www.worthington.org/596/Garage-Sale-Permits>

A list of homes hosting a garage sale will be communicated the week of the sale online and via a list available at the Selby Park Shelter House.

What? No one wanted to buy Aunt Edna's 15-piece Barry Manilow themed baking dishes (their loss... "Oh Mandy!")? Don't put them back into your garage, take it the the VOA Donation Pickup! A donation truck will be parked at Colonial Hills Elementary to pick up your unsold items. Just last year, our neighborhood loaded 2,000 lbs of donations into the truck. The truck will be there from 2 to 4:30pm the day of the CH Garage Sale.



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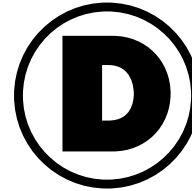
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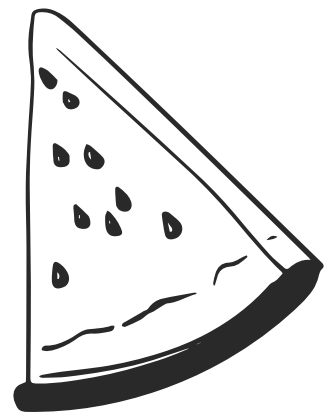
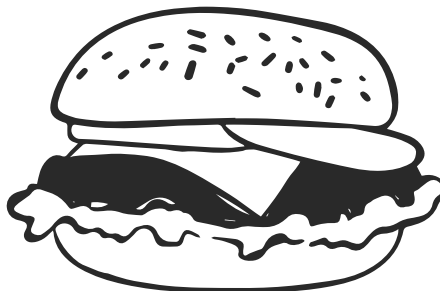
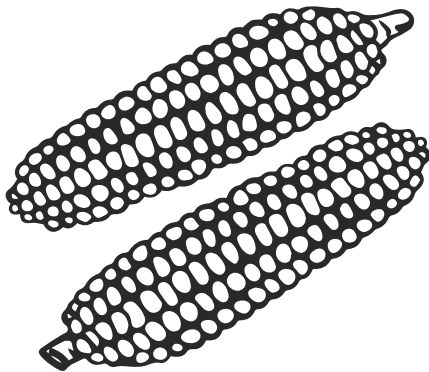


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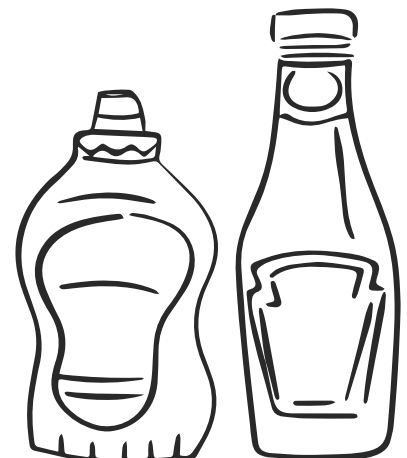
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OHIO RAIL MUSEUM RAIL EXTENSION

Residents on the Facebook page may have noticed an article about the potential for Ohio Rail Museum Rail Extension to Indianola Park. If you haven't, check out that post and find some community members suggestions for productive ways to engage. For those who have not heard, we take a non-positional, info sharing role in this process.

The Rail Museum recently posted a press release on May 10, 2025. Among other things, their Visionary Development Plan states:

Highlights of the Visionary Development Plan

- **Enhanced Security and Campus Definition:** Installation of fencing and gates to secure and define the expanded museum grounds for the safety and enjoyment of guests.
- **Expanded Track Infrastructure:** Addition of 2,900 feet of new track, including a short running track (Main 2), yard leads, and a display track. The museum's original (Main) line will double in length along the historic Columbus, Delaware, and Marion Railway (CD&M) right-of-way, reaching as far as Indianola Park.
- **New Facilities:** Construction of key operational and display facilities, including a three-track Car Barn, a replica interlocking tower, a single-stall trolley barn, and an engine & rolling stock maintenance building to enhance operational efficiency and preservation efforts.
- **Dedication to Restoration:** Preservation of significant historic structures, such as the old PRR Freight Depot, the Silcott Scale House, and the Worthington Passenger Depot, ensuring their continued contribution to Ohio's railway history.
- **Visitor Experience Enhancements:** Creation of accessible walking paths, elevated train platforms, and a native foliage Garden Railway exhibit designed to immerse guests in the world of railroads and enrich the overall museum experience.
- **Modern Amenities:** Addition of a dedicated Modern Restroom Facility and the innovative Concession Caboose, providing comfort and convenience for every visitor.

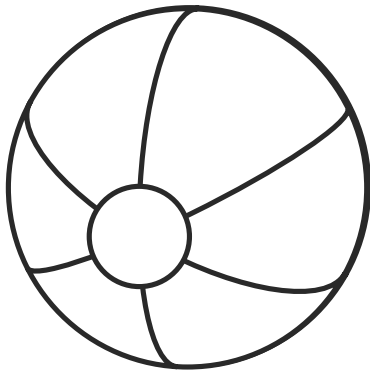
Note that the plan does include extending their tracks down to Indianola Park. The Civic Association is a non-profit organization that has NO political involvement and is not chartered to engage in lobbying for use but we do seek to serve our neighbors with information. We do not know timelines for these developments.



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The CHCA was informed that there will be a community meeting in the gym at the Boundless campus, 445 E Dublin Granville Rd., on June 19th at 6:00 PM regarding the future of the Boundless property and development by Elford. Again, we do not have an official position but encourage the community to be aware of development in our neighborhood, so you might have the facts and not just rumors.

Please note that on January 31, 2025, some members of the CHCA attended a meeting on the Boundless Campus, in which the following items were discussed: Elford intends to buy the property from Boundless. Elford is targeting to start construction this June and development plans have not been finalized. Boundless and Elford have not exchanged money. Worthington plans to use a PUD to approve the development of the property; this would replace all present zoning. Elford's intent is to build Class A, multifamily housing; they also plan to rehab some Boundless buildings. Boundless and Elford agreed to keep the closed gate for emergency vehicle traffic. Elford and Boundless plan to host separate meetings with the three neighborhoods (New England, Rush Creek, and Colonial Hills) to discuss concerns prior to presenting the finalized plans at a combined meeting.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: ANNUAL BUDDY BOX PACKING

The Buddy Box packing event that we have done as a community is scheduled for Sunday, August 10, at 1:00 PM-3:30. Please see the website calendar entry on the Colonial Hills website for more details. We will post a sign-up closer to the event for you to reserve times that you can serve.

Buddy Box Packing at Family Mentor Foundation
Sunday, August 10:1:00 – 3:00pm
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**AUGUST 10,
1-3:30 PM,
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A huge thanks to Emily Chalfant who helps coordinate these opportunities to serve and be reminded of the community we are all a part of, whether we know it or not. If you don't know, we strongly recommend visiting <https://www.familymentorfoundation.org/> and seeing how you can be involved in their mission "to help meet the nutritional needs of children in our community so they can reach their full potential." Donate or find another time that you can go and be a part of the Buddy Box packing crew!

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