

Colonial Hills Courier

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Greetings, Friends and Neighbors!!

What a roller coaster of spring we have had!! Did anyone else marvel at the weather swings? We have seen hazy 80 degree afternoons, spectacular showers of hail and monsoon rains, winds that took down some of our beloved trees.....and here and there, sunshine mixed with white puffy clouds. One thing that I have noticed is the grass seems to be growing at warp speed!

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Easter Egg Hunt Chair, Annie Schuster, for a spectacular, best ever Hunt!! Not only were there a record number of eggs for the scooping, but Annie saw to it that all treats were nut free AND that there were alternative eggs “at the ready” for any kiddo who might need to swap candy for another kind of treat! And what would an Egg Hunt be without an Easter Bunny? We didn’t have to worry about that, as Bunny was on hand to give hugs and waves to the crowd—Annie and Bunny, thank you so much for making the Colonial Hills Hunt Eggstra Amazing!

Another recent Happening in the Hills—our Civic Association is awarding a total of \$6,000 in educational scholarships to our 2026 graduating senior high school students who have been exemplary neighbors, volunteering their time and skills for many CHCA events. These scholarships were made possible thanks to YOU, through your Civic Association membership dues. Our ability to award these scholarships, as well as to underwrite many of our community events, continues to be dependent upon the generosity of our sponsors, and the membership dues that we receive from you. Please consider renewing your membership or, if you are new to the Hills, consider becoming a member!! At just \$5.00 a year for Seniors, and \$15.00 for a family, it represents your commitment to help preserve the many heartwarming traditions of this special neighborhood.

We have a number of events that are just around the corner; the Colonial Hills Garage Sale is taking place on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. 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 13th.

Please also mark your calendars for the Colonial Hills 4th of July Extravaganza, starting at 8:30 am for the 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. 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.

See you around the Hills!

Leslie Caruso, CHCA President

Colonial Hills

~ The Friendly Community ~

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EASTER BUNNY THANK YOU

Do you believe in Easter Bunny? I sure do; I saw Bunny, hopping along with the Bestest Easter Egg Hunt maker EVER—Annie Schuster—over at Selby Park, for the annual Colonial Hills Egg Hunt. Annie and Bunny sprinkled more of those colorful eggs than ever before in the history of egg hunts!!! It was Eggstra Amazing—Bunny, who also resides in a lovely cottage here in Colonial Hills was a big hit with the throngs of kiddos who came up to say hello and get a picture. Thank you especially to Bunny's Bestie (and Hunt Chair) Annie, who knocked it out of the Egg Park with lots of special touches to make this year absolutely Speggtacular—thank you Bunny and Annie, for being YOU, and for making this community so special!!



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 to reserve your favorite race volunteer position. Let's make this year's event the best yet!

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

4TH OF JULY

We know, last year's Fourth of July celebration was a home run. This year we are going for bottom of the ninth, Grand Slam! DO NOT MISS the 80th celebration of the Fourth of July in Colonial Hills (on the 250th birthday of our country!). This year we plan on having:

- Bounce houses, blow up water slip and slides, dunk tank and face painters!
- A watermelon eating contest.
- Local exhibitors, hot dogs & burgers & snacks at reasonable prices!
- Midway Games!
- An exhibit with displays of authentic artifacts made during the 10,000 year prehistoric period graciously provided by Randy Sanders and promoting the local Columbus Archeology Chapter. Turns out this land has been around longer than 250 years.

Stay tuned to Facebook for further details and ways to sign up and participate. We ALWAYS need volunteers. And you will always want to join in the action. 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 at 10am around Selby Park. The Midway Games will start afterwards and will officially open by 10:30am.

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.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Colonial Hills Civic Association is pleased to announce that we have awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the following well qualified candidates: Alex Chomos, Francis Scardina, Jack Jolley, Lauren Curran, Lucy Darbaker, and Sean Roche. All six applicants have been shaped by living in Colonial Hills and have given back and helped shape our community. In their own words:

“This consistent kindness from the people around me did not just make the neighborhood a pleasant place to live; it actively taught me how to treat others.” **Alex Chomos**



“Colonial Hills is a place where I have felt a strong sense of community and love. It has shaped me into a person who understands how important these things are and who wants to create that same feeling for others anywhere I go.” **Lauren Curran**

“I used to wonder why “The Friendly Community” was included in the sign. Was it a reminder for residents to be friendly to one another? Was it a way to distinguish Colonial Hills from the other neighborhoods? ...I realized that it was neither. It was simply the truth- Colonial Hills is a friendly neighborhood. I believe growing up in Colonial Hills has positively influenced me and made me who I am today.” **Lucy Darbaker**



“One friend that grew up elsewhere was surprised when I explained how we used to walk around the neighborhood just trying to find people to hangout with. This togetherness and type of community are something you see very rarely and we are lucky enough to have them in Colonial Hills.” **Jack Jolley**

“On top of the events, the people in my community have helped me grow as a student, a worker, and a person overall. I have had great teachers, neighbors, and role models who pushed me to do my best and treated me with respect.” **Sean Roche**



“In my neighborhood, people don’t hesitate to reach out, offering empathy and support to ensure the well-being of others. It was at that moment that I began to understand just how special my community truly is.” **Francis Scardina**

As a reminder, community service is one required part of this scholarship application so if you want to get in on the action, the **Fourth of July is a great time to sign up** and learn the joy of giving back!



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We usually give a snarky, clever and quippy summary leading into the Membership Drive. We are going for heartfelt this year. Do you know what your Membership Drive funds? This year it is funding scholarships to six amazing students who grew up in Colonial Hills. Who were molded by the neighborhood that we call home. We have been able to fund over \$5000 in scholarships for each of the last 3 years or so. Real money going to real students.

And do you know what it costs you? \$5 or \$15. For less than a Starbuck fancy drink or a large pizza from your favorite provider, you get to play a part in a kid's future.

Before you think, "Wow, everyone's asking for money," just know that dues are totally optional and go toward some really great things—like community events and scholarships. If you're able, we'd love for you to consider chipping in \$5 for seniors or individuals or \$15 for families.

We're also bringing back the Membership Drive Contest (now in its third year!). It's all about participation—whichever Colonial Hills district gets the most neighbors involved wins. If there's a tie, we'll use total dollars raised as the tiebreaker, but really, we just want to see as many people join in as possible. The winning district gets a shoutout in the next Courier... and some solid neighborhood bragging rights.

Membership Levels:

- Senior \$5.00
- Family \$15.00

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(it's like building on your Monopoly properties)

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GARAGE SALE (JUNE 13)

Most neighborhoods who are at the top of their game throw a party and call it a “neighborhood Garage Sale!” Well folks, we are not most neighborhoods! And most of us don’t have usable garages! So by the executive power invested in me by no one running against me, I am redubbing this the “Colonial Hills Clean the House and Make a Buck Day.” Not catchy enough? “Put Your Junk Out for Neighbors to See?” How about “Clean House & Make a Friend”.

**JUNE 13, ALL
THROUGHOUT
THE HILLS**

Seriously, Saturday June 13, 2026 is an opportunity to put on a Yard Sale, get rid of some of the things you don’t want or need any more and pick up a bargain from a neighbor. And the “Make a Friend” part? They don’t call us the Friendly Community for nothing. Hagglng with a neighbor over a buck and then overpaying their kid for the lemonade and tipping them well is a great way to make a friend. There is a booming market out there for the clothes you outgrew, the tools you never used, and the toys you wish you or your in-laws never bought your kids. It’s even a good parenting threat; “Don’t make me set that aside for the garage sale!” In need of more decor? Why go to a store and instead poach something from your neighbor.

Worried about leftover stuff? No one wants to buy your “vintage” baking dishes or “antique” furniture. Your CD and tapes just didn’t sell? 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 over 2,000 lbs of donations into the truck. The truck will be there from 2 to 4:00pm the day of the CH Yard Sale.

Colonial Hills will be advertising the neighborhood Garage Sale, sponsored by CyMack Real Estate at cymack.com. Signup by June 6th, to be on the neighborhood list/map via Facebook, fill out the form <https://forms.gle/ZjQmMNsAPYf21Rrz6> (you can also find the link on the website or Facebook posts)!

Special thanks to Rachael Dorothy for coordinating.

Official Garage Sale Permits are through the City <http://www.worthington.org/596/Garage-Sale-Permits>

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BOOK TALK - LOCAL AUTHOR SHARYN TALBERT

Join resident author Sharyn Talbert and Colonial Hills neighbors on Saturday, August 1st at the Selby Park Shelter House for a book signing, read-along, and light refreshments. Gemma the beagle, a character in Memory's Compass, will be on hand for petting.

OHIO, 2020

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