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Dear Neighbors,

As we meander through this strangest summer, keep your focus on the beauty all around you. While we are mostly home, energies are being poured into property beautification. Remodeling, repairing, painting and landscaping – happening everywhere. When you are walking around the block, look at the changes taking place, find the flowers overlooked by the deer, and hear the music of the multitude of birds who reside here. We live in a beautiful place!

**No More Outhouse!** We now have a genuine storage building.



Thanks to Crescent Hills resident Bob Shaner, a retired carpenter and construction supervisor, the old outhouse, unused for 2-3 years, was converted into a storage building. We hired Bob after he presented his plan that avoided having to move four tons of limestone, which plan was stalling the project. Instead he removed the wall separating the men and women's room, the toilet bench, and both doors, crushed the cement blocks and dumped them into the toilet well, and filled it with cement. He power washed and painted inside and out, sealed off one door and installed another solid core door. He boarded up the eaves to prevent birds and bees from entering, installed shelves and vents. He donated the paint and some of the hardware for the doors and purchased supplies with his veteran's 10% Home Depot discount. This project was completed in one week. Ed and Jan are considering putting a car in their garage space that, until now, held all the park supplies. All of this and within the planned budget. Thank you Bob. You've made a lot of folks happy.



## **New Bench**

The Penn Hills Rotary donated this beautiful, sturdy bench to Crescent Hills Park. It is a perfect fit. Come to the park and relax. Thank you Rotary for thinking of us.



## READING IN THE PARK

Our first reading took place last Saturday and it was a big hit. Families stayed apart and kids ran joyfully amok. We used the shelter for the reading rather than the court. Families sat at the tables or on blankets in the grass.



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featured story and the craft materials. Having their own book allowed the children to follow along as our Storytime leader, Lauren Javens, read to them. Here's Lauren with her own family:



Due to new restrictions from Allegheny County for this holiday week, we will be unable to have the second reading this Saturday. If we are allowed to gather after that, we will celebrate the 4th of July the following Saturday.

Lauren will send an email to those who are already registered. We'll have music and the children can parade around the court. Families must register each week. Depending on pandemic restrictions, the readings will occur every Saturday in July and August starting at 11 a.m.

Storytime will be limited to the first 10 families that RSVP each week - Lauren Javens 412-609-5953 [laurenjavens@gmail.com](mailto:laurenjavens@gmail.com). If you plan to attend on July 11, include in your response:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

How many children will make a craft: \_\_\_\_\_

playground will be open. We will have hand sanitizer available to help keep germs to a minimum.

## PARK COURT PAINTING

If you visit the court, notice that the playground equipment has been repainted. Thank you Ed Blazina, Jan Kukucka, Beth Kukucka, Yvette Logan, Andrea Getsy, Lyon Zeibak, Judy Conroy and others. Tom & Judy Conroy also painted the Glenfield steps fence.

The court was power washed and is now ready for repainting. One day when the heat wave breaks, volunteers will attempt to bring the roadway and games back to life. If you have an interest in helping with this renewal project, please contact Andrea Getsy at 412-795-2607 or email [Contact@CH-CA.org](mailto:Contact@CH-CA.org).

## VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



Penn Hills Council has been conducting virtual meetings since the pandemic started. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month. The agenda is available on the municipality's website a week in advance. To bring an issue before Council, residents must send a

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meeting. To attend the virtual meeting to speak to the agenda or to issues raised by community speakers, residents can call in on a number that will be provided on the municipal website. You can also participate on your smart phone, tablet or computer where you will be seen and heard, but you need a special app "Go to Meeting." Your computer would need a camera and microphone. Learn more about this at the website: <https://pennhills.org/>

## PENN HILLS IS A TREE CITY USA



Even though the official announcement of Penn Hills becoming a "Tree City USA" was in April, we did not officially tell the Penn Hills Tree Commission, and its head Kathy Raborn, how proud we are of this achievement. The Commission has been in existence since 2017. Since then it has planted 136 trees by as many volunteers throughout neighborhoods (including Springdale Drive), community parks and

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... look at the trees planted alongside Plum Creek, as one example of a project. It has been a phenomenal amount of work, which includes the maintenance and watering of the trees planted in addition to raising the funds. The Commission raised the \$80,000 (\$2 for each resident) necessary to receive this designation through fundraisers and grants. If you are looking for a place to volunteer or make a contribution, contact [PennHillsSTC@gmail.com](mailto:PennHillsSTC@gmail.com).

The Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission invites the community to its summer and fall events. Social distancing will be practiced in all activities:

- Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. -- A Tree and Pizza Party in Penn Hills Community Park celebrates the first phase of the Plum Creek Project. After removing invasive Japanese knotweed, volunteers planted 44 native trees and shrubs along with native grasses and perennials. Pizza will be served and water and soda will be available. RSVP at [PennHillsSTC@gmail.com](mailto:PennHillsSTC@gmail.com).

To find out more about the Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission, see the website at [PennHillsSTC.org](http://PennHillsSTC.org).

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION





## SCHOOL BUS STOP MEAL PICK UP IN PENN HILLS

**Starting July 1st - 11:00-1:00**

**Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

Through a collaborative partnership spanning government, nonprofit, and local business, food delivery bus routes have been developed throughout the Penn Hills community to ensure children, families, and seniors can receive meals at convenient locations during this difficult and uncertain time. Partners include the United Way of Southwestern PA, Eat'n Park, A Second Chance Inc, Carnegie Mellon University, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Penn Hills School District, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, the Municipality of Penn Hills, Allies for Children, Penn Hills Clergy Association, and other community organizations. Generously funded through the United Way's Students and Families Food Relief Fund, this model has the capacity to serve an additional 1,000 meals per day.

Beginning on July 1st, ACCESS vehicles will deliver food to Penn Hills residents along five bus routes. The stops are strategically placed to ensure residents are able to access the food they need. Communications alerting residents to the bus routes will be conducted through community organizations, municipal channels, and the school district. By launching this model, Penn Hills is leading the way for other communities, as this innovation is now being replicated in additional municipalities with significant need. The United Way's Students and Families Food Relief Fund has already served over 250,000 meals since the end of March. With this newfound collaboration and innovative delivery model, capacity to feed more families is expected to grow.

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**EACH BUS WILL REMAIN AT EACH STOP FOR 15 MINUTES.**

Route 1	Start Time	Route 2	Start Time
HAMIL RD AND VALEMONT DR	11:00 AM	FRANKSTOWN RD AND JANICE DR	11:00 AM
6506 QUINCY RD	11:21 AM	BON AIR RD. AND CALVIN ST.	11:18 AM
SHANNON RD AND SHANNON HEIGHTS DR	11:38 AM	FRANKSTOWN RD AND CHAMPA STREET	11:34 AM
HULTON RD AND HAMIL RD	11:54 AM	EASTWOOD RD AND UPLAND TERRACE	11:51 AM
6161 HERBERTON DR	12:10 PM	MT CARMEL RD AND CALMAR DR	12:08 PM
FRANKSTOWN RD AND PARKRIDGE DR	12:28 PM	GROVE RD AND MARK DR	12:25 PM
LIME HOLLOW RD AND ALTHEA DR	12:44 PM	GROVE RD AND SELVIN DR	12:42 PM

Route 3	Start Time	Route 4	Start Time
LEECHBURG RD AND GARDEN DR	11:00 AM	LAURIE DR AND LOMOND DR	11:00 AM
NASH AVE AND SUTTON DR	11:16 AM	FREY RD AND WHITES LN	11:17 AM
LEECHBURG RD AND ALBURN DRIVE	11:32 AM	715 UNIVERSAL RD	11:34 AM
UNIVERSAL RD AND MEADOW DR	11:49 AM	ANTHON DR AND ANGE DR	11:52 AM
WOODSTONE DR AND DEERWOOD DR	12:07 PM	ANTHON DR AND CHARLESTON DR	12:08 PM
ALCOMA DR AND TUNNELVIEW DR	12:25 PM	STOTLER RD AND BALE DR	12:26 PM
225 ALCOMA BLVD	12:43 PM	SHEMADOAH DR AND YOSEMITE DR	12:44 PM

Route 5	Start Time
LONG RD AND JOAN DR	11:00 AM
LONG RD AND ROSEWOOD DR	11:16 AM
MACFARLANE DR AND PENN VISTA DR	11:32 AM
MARSHALL DR AND MAROSE DR	11:51 AM
DUFF AND NEWPORT SQUARE	12:08 PM
375 RODI RD - RODI RD AND DARRYL DR	12:25 PM
JEFFERSON HEIGHTS RD AND LEWIS RD	12:43 PM



Funding provided through the United Way's Students and Families Food Relief Fund



# summer youth *café*

*Healthy* and *free* meals at a site near you!

**Open to all youth ages 18 and under. No cost or sign-up required.**

**Holy Ghost Fun Outreach Ministries – 3534 Laketon Road in Penn Hills**

M-F from 10am – 12pm until July 31<sup>st</sup>. Grab and go breakfast and lunch served.

**Linton Middle School – 250 Aster Rd. in Penn Hills**

M, W, and F from 12pm – 2pm. Grab and go breakfast and lunch served.

**Riverview Children’s Center – 655 Sylvan Way in Verona**

M-F from June 15 – August 14. Breakfast 8:15am – 9:15am, Lunch 11am – 1pm.

**Verner Elementary – 700 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Verona** M, W, TH from 11am – 1pm until Aug. 25. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch served.

**Verona UMC – 566 South Ave. in Verona** M-F from 1pm – 2pm until Aug. 7. Grab and go breakfast and lunch served.



*This organization is an equal opportunity provider.*

## PENN HILLS LABRIOLA'S REOPENING



Labriola's is planning on re-opening its Penn Hills location on August 1. We are looking forward to it. We certainly miss that store!

## LITTER COMMITTEE REPORT

A group of 6 current and former neighbors gathered on June 20th to participate in our bi monthly litter clean up on Frankstown Rd and Lime Hollow Rd. Several bags were also picked up on the lower part of Verona Rd. In total, 20 bags were collected. Thank you to everyone who attended and the neighbors that regularly pick up the litter around our neighborhood streets. Our neighborhood looks good and shows the pride we all have in our neighborhood and Penn Hills. Our next clean up will be in August. Hope to see you there.

-Judy Conroy [chcalitter@gmail.com](mailto:chcalitter@gmail.com)





### CRESCENT HILLS CARES

Crescent Hills is a special neighborhood filled with interesting people who have excellent ideas and opinions. With that in mind, we invite you to submit your ideas, opinions and information on how to keep Crescent Hills beautiful as well as ways to protect and improve it for the people and wildlife who live here, and to offer helpful hints and suggestions. If you would like to have your information shared in this newsletter, please submit an article to Mary Beth Phillips at [marybethphillips@comcast.net](mailto:marybethphillips@comcast.net) who will see that it is included in an upcoming edition.



In this time of social distancing it is more important than ever that we stay in touch over digital mediums such as Nextdoor.com and our Facebook Group. If you aren't in



Please help us grow our email list so we can keep everyone in the neighborhood informed!

If you can help call your neighbors to get their email addresses so we can add them please let us know by emailing us or calling Andrea at 412-795-2607

**Keep Safe, Wear Masks, Keep Distant**  
**Keep Walking**



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