



# Crescent Hills

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**Letter from the President**



Please join us Sunday, October 6th, 5PM at the Crescent Hills Park for our annual Wine and Cheese event. We'd especially like to invite our new residents as it's the perfect opportunity to properly welcome you and give you your welcome basket if

we haven't been able to connect. I hope to see you there!

We owe Adeshewa Metzger a debt of gratitude for running Storytime in the Park the last two summers. And as always we thank Jessica Wallis for her tasty and creative treats. Storytime participant Lauren Javens has volunteered to take it over next year and we are excited by her enthusiasm and credentials.

A note from the Membership Chair, Andrea Getsy, "Membership is lagging this year. It is not too late to pay your dues and it is important to support the civic association. Only \$15 for the year. Feel free to email me to see if your dues are current. algetsy@verizon.net."

We are also a few hundred dollars short this year with our park fund drive. If you have forgotten to pay please send it in. You can mail us a check or pay via PayPal on our website [www.ch-ca.org](http://www.ch-ca.org).

We'd like to congratulate our Crescent Hills residents Pauline Calabrese and Jim Getsy on their election wins. Pauline won the Democratic nomination for mayor of Penn Hills and Jim won both parties nominations for council member. Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 5th.

A lot of residents have mentioned concerns regarding our streets getting crowded as many residents aren't parking in their driveways and are instead parking in the streets. Roads at times are becoming difficult to maneuver around. As a general reminder regarding parking on the street...

Please don't. Leave room for our emergency vehicles and park in the driveway. It's your house you could be saving!



Finally, I'd like to thank everyone participating in our Holiday House Tour this year and Bobbie Moore for organizing it. Proceeds will benefit our park. The Holiday House Tour is Sunday, December 8th, 1PM to 5PM. Be sure to buy your tickets in advance to save some money!



*Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents.  
Our next meeting is Monday, November 4th at 6:45 pm at Mt. Hope Church.*



## Events Calendar

*Events are added and changed all the time. Check our website for the most up to date info!*

Sun, Oct 6	Wine & Cheese Party	Mon, Nov 4	CHCA Meeting
Sat, Oct 19	Litter Cleanup	Sun, Dec 8	Holiday House Tour
Sat, Oct 26	Halloween Parade		



## Storytime in the Park

As we enter into the fall season, let's take a moment to reflect on the summer fun we had during Storytime in the park.

Story-time took place from 10:30am-11:30am on Tuesdays during the months of June and July. Over 15 families participated in Story-time in the Park including some new neighbors. Story-time consisted of a story, a hands-on project, playtime and a delicious snack. Some of our themes were Celebration of Plants, Lemonade Party, Bugs, Grilling, and Fairytale Garden Time.

Our Story-time reader, Patty, did a fantastic job and helpers like Jessica Wallis made sure we had nutritious beautiful snacks. Other helpers like Jan Kukucka helped keep the place tidy and kids safe. We are thankful to all of our helpers... Jan, Jessica, Angela, Nandry, Patty, Lyon and Andrea. Thank you, neighborhood, for your support and for helping to make this fifth year of story-time in the park a success!

We would also like to welcome on board Lauren, an educator and dear friend who is taking on leadership of storytime in the park and is already excitedly making preparations for next summer.



*Adeshewa Metzger playing parachute during Fairytale Garden Storytime*



*Jessica's awesome edible creations for each theme were a hit!*

## Park News

The Park Fund Drive that was started in the spring newsletter has yielded donations totaling \$3,600. While this is less than our \$4,000 goal, it's a very good sum and will go a long way to pay for taxes, insurance, equipment, landscaping and improvement costs. It's encouraging that so many neighbors recognize the park as a community asset that requires maintenance and attention. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the park fund drive, both big and small donations!

## **Some of the park improvements that these contributions paid for:**

- Resurfacing of the walking trail with 13 tons of limestone. In May, this project was accomplished by neighbors Ross Biedrzycki, Ed Blazina, the Pauline and Nick Calabrese family, Jim Getsy, Willis Paul, Jan Kukucka and Lyon Zeibak. While these folks were working on the trail, other residents like Judy Conroy, Chris Miller, Eileen Scipione, Andrea Getsy and Tim Mizerak and a couple of Zion Lutheran church members were weeding, mulching, sweeping and raking. Thanks to these residents for being diligent and helpful during these park cleanups.

- Removal of decaying trees by Jay (of J&S tree removal). He also donated mulch from park and other trees for use within the park. Also regarding this subject the CHCA has given a donation to the Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission to test the park soil and give advice about what trees would be desirable for shade and landscaping in the park. Stay tuned for future newsletter articles about what new trees may be planted.

- Resealing of former basketball court by Ken Sebastian, former CH resident. This surface had become "slippery when wet" due to age, lack of sun and general deterioration. It's hoped that in the spring, the asphalt can be repainted as the "peaceful kingdom" without a return of the slick surface.

Park improvements that we hope to accomplish "before the snow flies" include re-painting of the play equipment and benches (a very rainy spring and summer made this task difficult), and conversion of the former outhouse to a storage shed.

There were two events in the park over the summer: adult volleyball on Mondays and children's storytime in the park on Tuesdays. Many other Penn Hills residents used the park daily for walking dogs, playing sports, having picnics and walking on the trail. During September and early October, the Penn Hills High School tennis team used the CH court for practice sessions.

The park can still be used throughout the fall and winter for leisure and play time. The port-a-potty will be removed November to April. Use of the park and the lot is discouraged after dark even though the entrance chain won't be latched during these months. If someone needs the lot to park car(s) overnight, contact Jan Kukucka. Otherwise, anyone in the park after dark is considered "up to no good" and police will be called.

Thanks to all who have used the CH park with respect and consideration in spring and summer!

## Litter Cleanup

Final Litter Clean up for 2019 is on Saturday, October 19. Please join us in helping keep Penn Hills Beautiful!!

## Discover Lost & Found Pets in Penn Hills

*"PAWSitive Voice is your local resource for help reuniting pets in the community."*



Did you know 1 in 3 pets in their lifetime will become lost? In Penn Hills, we have numerous dogs and cats that become lost every day. Many times, these animals never make it home and end up as strays or picked up by Police and taken by animal control who can destroy them after 72 hours. Others may end up being kept by neighbors that find them or in the worst scenarios they end up dead.

To help the pets of Penn Hills, PAWSitive Voice has built a Facebook community and public database for residents to help reunite pets with their owners and notify the public about dogs picked up by Police. Also, the Facebook page and website have lots of great resources posted to tips if you have lost or found a pet.

Here are some top tips from PAWSitive Voice has to keep your pet safe and help them be found in they are ever lost.

1. ALWAYS have a collar and tags with a contact phone number on your pet, do not rely only on microchips.
2. Make sure you have registered your microchip and it has current contact information.
3. For Dogs ALWAYS make sure you have a dog license and it MUST be on their collar with an ID tag to save you hefty fines.

Make sure to check out these local resources and tell your friends and neighbors, you could help save a life:

- Lost & Found Community - [www.facebook.com/groups/petsofpennhills](http://www.facebook.com/groups/petsofpennhills)
- Register Your Pet in the Database - [www.pennhillspets.com](http://www.pennhillspets.com)

## Neighbor to Neighbor

We want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of one of our neighbors, whose mother passed away on 9/17/19. Theresa (Iandiorio) Gionta of Garlow Dr was the mother of Carmen (Donna) Gionta, also Garlow Dr.

A big WELCOME to all of our new Crescent Hill neighbors... Caitlin Voight & Joseph Hudson, Keith & Lora Duncan, Joshua Spiers & Jenna Gratter, Joseph P Hrivnak & Stephanie A Biedka, Vittorio Distazio, Eddie S Gaines, Andrea Mancuso & Shawn McCormick, Sarah Sloneker, Aneesah Saahir, Eric N Lance & Danielle Carter, Joan Carr & Anthony D Rollins, Tasia Weems, Matthew Wollenschlaeger, Sherri L. Akitoye, Robert Schaffer & Kari Tice, Robert & Lisa McQuillis, June Shin, Jay & Jessica Rae Lamp, Nancee Magill McCune, James & Korrin-Ferguson George.

## Meet Your Neighbor



My husband James and I would like to introduce ourselves, as we are new to the neighborhood. My name is Korrin and both James and I are Pittsburgh natives. Prior to moving to Crescent Hills we lived in the East Liberty area. James is an Army Vet and currently works for Pittsburgh Public Schools. I have both my bachelors and masters in Social Work. I was a therapist with Mercy

Behavioral Health for 6 years and recently decided to go in a different direction. I am now a landlord and part owner of a food truck (Caribbean Vybz) with my sister and her husband.

My husband and I started looking at homes when my mother passed away about 2 years ago. We wanted a fresh start and something different since we spent most of our lives in the city. We viewed at least 40 to 50 homes and the more we looked the more we realized how grueling the process was going to be. In August of last year we found a house on Crescent Gardens Drive. The house was perfect! It was beautiful with enough bathrooms and kitchen space. The house also had a beautiful yard and deck area. This house had almost everything we wanted and so we decided to put an offer in. A day later we get a phone call and our Realtor said, "I have some bad news. The house you guys put an offer on is being sold to someone else." The seller who renovated the home on Crescent Gardens Drive felt really bad and said that he has another house he is renovating and we should take a look at it. James and I were a little skeptical but we liked the work the seller did on the last house plus this house wasn't on the market yet so no one could offer "cash" again. We pulled up to Glenfield Drive and the house wasn't even completed but we knew this was our home and as they say the rest is history!

## CHCA Anti-Litter Coloring Contest

A big thanks goes out to Andrea Getsy for heading up the "Penn Hills - Home of Champions" coloring contest this year. Congrats to the winners!



First place winner, Alexandria Shields, Penn Hills High School senior.



Tough picking a winner from so many wonderful choices!



## Wine & Cheese Social Sunday, October 6th 5PM Crescent Hills Park

Warm cider, a fire pit and lanterns for after dark. As always, it's a casual affair. Please bring your own beverage and cheese to share, as well as chairs to sit around the fire pit.

If you're a new resident please be sure to come! We will have a welcome basket for you that includes a great neighborhood directory. Come meet your neighbors!



## HALLOWEEN PARADE Sat, October 26th Noon Penn Hills Community Park

Come visit Penn Hills Community Park as local vendors hand out candy to all the young ghouls and costumed friends that pass by during the costume parade through the park.

### Newsletter Editor Wanted

Sadly, this will be Nandry Smith's last year as acting newsletter editor. If interested in this role, contact Andrea Getsy at 412-795-2607. Illustrator software knowledge would be helpful.

## 2019 CRESCENT HILLS HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

The 2019 Crescent Hills Holiday House Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 1-5 p.m. It will feature eight terrific Crescent Hills homes festooned for the holidays. This year we will have fresh balsam wreaths and pine garlands for sale. See the enclosed flier for all the details or our Facebook page or website at [www.ch-ca.org](http://www.ch-ca.org). Or you may contact our event chairperson, Bobbie Moore at 412-798-4471 or [rjmoore13@comcast.net](mailto:rjmoore13@comcast.net) with any additional questions. If you'd like to get involved as an Event volunteer, call Andrea Getsy at 412-795-2607.

### *We need folks to help in the following ways:*

- Provide "muscle" to a few of our hosts/hostesses by helping to set up (but not decorate) their Christmas trees
- Make bows and wire them onto wreaths
- Serve as Greeters/Guides in the featured homes
- Distribute flyers to key locations
- Prep & Serve Refreshments
- Assist with the sale of wreaths and other items

To **pre-order wreaths or garland**, contact Bobbie Moore at 412-798-4471 or [rjmoore13@comcast.net](mailto:rjmoore13@comcast.net). All wreaths are 22" Balsam Pine with a red velvet bow @ \$22 each. Pine rope/garland is \$15 for a 30' length. Orders will be available for payment and pick up the day of the event.

