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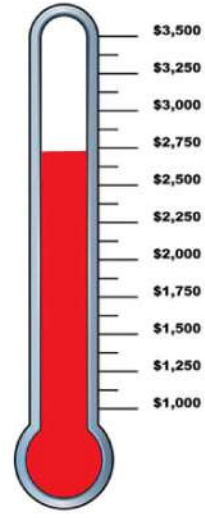


Letter from the President



I'm happy to report we continue to do well on our combined fund drives. But since we are still short of our goals, we are making our second request only to those of you who have forgotten to send in your membership or your park donation. Our goal for the park fund drive is \$4,000. To date we are at only 81% of our goal. Membership is only at 63%. If you are not sure if you contributed, please email Andrea Getsy a algetsy@verizon.net or call her at (412) 795-2607. Please send in your donations. See the form at the end of this newsletter or pay online with a credit card on our website.

GOAL!



We've included information about the new recycling rules since it can get very confusing. Please save the flyer for future reference!

The May 21st Primary election is coming up and we again collected information from all the candidates. This year we have several Crescent Hills residents running. As always we don't endorse candidates and remain nonpartisan. The Voter Guide is simply to help voters get more information about the candidates.

Our Memorial Day Picnic will be here soon. If you are a newer resident we would especially like to see you because it's probably the best opportunity all year to meet your neighbors. If you can help with grilling please contact me. We do several 1 hour grilling shifts and pair you up with another volunteer.

Storytime in the Park starts June 18th. If you have young children and are free on Tuesdays during the day you should join! Your children will hear stories, do crafts and play with their neighbors. You can learn more about our Storytime in the Park on our facebook page.



Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents. Our next meeting is Monday, June 3rd 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!

Sat, May 10	Park Clean up	Mon, June 3	Teen/Adult Volleyball
Sat, May 18	Plant Sale	Tues, June 18	Storytime in the Park begins
Mon, May 27	Memorial Day Picnic	June DTB	Neighborhood Yard Sale
Mon, June 3	CHCA Meeting	Sat, Aug 17	Children's Carnival

Meet Your Neighbor



"I never thought I'd live this long," was frequently stated by the 97 year old Betty McKelvey, a longtime resident of 203 Earlwood Road. Betty was always in good spirits thanks to her three children John, Chuck and Joyce, all who lived and remained in Pittsburgh. Betty liked to cook and always had

a big Sunday dinner for the family, and was especially famous for her pies, which her mother taught the three girls growing up. More recently she had been lucky to have her grandson David as the Sunday chef for the family. Her other grandson, Matthew, always kept her entertained with his stories and photos of his work as a tattoo artist. Betty's son, Chuck, and her two Chihuahuas, Casey and Jango, always kept her busy at home where she had lived for 67 years.

She loved to show early pictures of the house when it was the last house on Earlwood Road, before Crescent Hills was expanded adding lower Earlwood Road and Garlow Drive. The trees were tiny then as people planted young saplings when they moved into the new houses. She noted it was a great place for her sons, who always loved playing in the dirt and watching all the new houses being built. The backyard was large, and as with many homes in Crescent Hills bordered onto a large wooded area. From her back deck Betty always enjoyed watching the wildlife of deer, turkeys, groundhogs, rabbits and squirrels wandering through. She would tell you of the day she was excited to see 10 deer in her backyard munching on the mossy grass or the dozen turkeys that frequently traversed the backyard between the farmhouse and the woods.

Betty graduated from the city's Westinghouse High School in 1940 and went on to graduate from the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing in Wilkesburg in 1942. She then joined the US Navy, serving as a lieutenant. Eventually, Betty was sent to the US Naval Hospital in Philadelphia to care for the WWII wounded sailors and marines from the Japanese conflict in the Pacific. She would frequently comment "how she felt so sorry for the wounded boys." She served as an operating room nurse there, and later in several local Pittsburgh hospitals, her favorite being Children's Hospital. She remained active in the Naval Reserves until the early 1950's.

She met her husband, Joe, after her close nursing school friend convinced her to go on a double date with the friend's fiancée's younger brother. Betty ended up marrying the younger brother the day after Christmas in 1946. She always commented how beautiful the church was still decorated with the red poinsettias and holiday greens. As newly-weds they rented a small apartment in Wilkesburg where they had their first child, John, in 1948. When Betty was

expecting their second child, it was time to go house hunting. They ventured out into Penn Hills and found a darling red brick Cape Cod house at the end of Earlwood Road. They moved in early 1952, just 2 months before Chuck was born. Later Joyce was born in 1956. People always commented that they obviously had college plans for their kids as they were each four years apart in age. Joe and Betty were married for 59 years, until Joe passed away in 2006.

Betty joined the Crescent Hills Civic Association, then known as the Crescent Hills Men's and Women's Civic Clubs, in its early days and remained a member until her recent death. She loved to go to the dinner dances back in the 60's and mingle with all the neighbors. She frequently helped with the Annual Spring Plant Sale and was a regular attendee at the Winter Luncheon. Her favorite job for the newsletter was keeping track of all the new residents moving into Crescent Hills and making sure they were welcomed. Many issues of the Crescent Hills Directory never went to the printer until Betty had proofed and finalized it. She loved it and continued this activity well into her 80's.

Her name was actually Elizabeth and all her family always called her by that name. Her nursing classmates and Navy comrades knew her as Liz. How she came by the name Betty by her Crescent Hills friends no one in the family is quite sure, but to her dear Crescent Hills friends it was always Betty.

As a final side note to share when Joe took a job in Bridgeville, due to the long commute, there was family discussion about moving to the South Hills. There were even several trips house hunting there. However, things quickly ended when the three kids rose up and protested and were adamant about not moving. They stated that this was their home and they would not leave their friends and neighbors in Crescent Hills. So Joe was forced to endure the commute to Bridgeville for many years so the family could remain here in Crescent Hills.

Earlwood Rd. Bus Shelter

The landscaping at this shelter has been maintained for many years by Susan Chikalla. She lives on Hathaway Court, not particularly close to the shelter. Susan said she started taking care of it when she took her daughter there to get the school bus. A former resident took care of sweeping and removing the trash bag about every other week. To keep this shelter looking good, we need someone to take over that part of the job. Does your child get his or her bus here? Can you help keep it clean? Please call Susan Chikalla 412-559-4267 and tell her you will help. She will explain the responsibilities. Thank you Susan for all your years of care of this shelter!

Anti-Litter Campaign 2019 – *Andrea Getsy*

Our second Anti-Litter Campaign is well underway. 17 high school students and 43 middle school students have created posters based on the theme: “**Penn Hills – Home of Champions – Keep it clean.**” We have chosen seven winning posters from those submitted. The first place winner for the high school is Alexandria Shields.

Copies of the high school posters have been distributed to 73 area businesses by volunteers. They are popular with the businesses. Some middle school posters are already on display at the library. 1,700 coloring pages have been distributed to Penn Hills elementary schools and we will soon be picking the winners of that contest. An awards ceremony will be held at the Penn Hills Library on Saturday, June 1 at 1 p.m.

The first place winners will receive \$50 gift baskets. Several area groups are helping with the costs of those gifts. Thank you Penn Hills Anti-Litter Group, Penn Hills Rotary, Penn Hills CDC, PHAME, Penn Hills Education Foundation. The winners will be published in our September newsletter. Watch for marchers holding anti-litter posters in the Memorial Day Parade. Some of those marchers could be the students who created the posters. The message that litter hurts us all is being spread.

Litter Cleanup – *Judy Conroy* *It's Spring Cleaning time!*

Speaking of litter... Spring is approaching fast and it is time for our annual Spring Clean Up. This will be our 12th year in helping keep our community litter free on our adopted roads: Frankstown and Lime Hollow Roads. Our 1st Litter Clean Up Day of 2019 was on Saturday, April 27th and was very successful. We appreciate all of the community support. The remaining tentative clean up dates for 2019 are as follows:

June 22, August 17, and October 19.

If you would like to be added to the Litter email list for activity updates, please contact Judy Conroy at conroycape@gmail.com.

Park News

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at CH park on Saturday, April 20. A beautiful, rain-free morning was enjoyed by about 40 youngsters. Team relay games were played on the all-sports court prior to participants gathering eggs. Easter Bunny Alexandra Newby took a break from her post-graduate studies at CMU to hand out treat bags to, and take pictures with the children and their families. Thanks to game supervisors **Adeshewa Balogun, Chris Miller, and Andrea Getsy** and to Egg Wranglers **Ed Blazina, Lyon Zeibak and Jan Kukucka!**

Expected Improvements in the CH park this season:

-Walking trail will have more limestone "fines" added to pad the walking area.
-The "slippery-when-wet" Peaceful Kingdom (the former basketball court) will get attention to reduce "slippiness".

The park committee members will try power-washing it, then re-seal it with a mold-reducing coating, then re-paint the roads and symbols with paint that includes some sand. Until this is done, please use this space with caution when it has rained.

-The boarded-up outhouse structure will be sanitized and re-purposed as a storage area.

General park reminders:

-Dog-walkers are welcome but please use a leash, and clean up after your pet. Bags and waste receptacles are available in 2 park locations.

-No park use after dark. The parking lot will be chain-closed at dusk from May through October to discourage use.

-Contact police if you see fighting, equipment being damaged or illegal activities. It's safer not to confront the offender yourself.

-A Port-a-John, located near the parking lot is available for public use (6 months per year) for the "usual" reasons but this doesn't include use as a garbage can. Items found in the toilet last season included shoes, diapers, and a badminton set!

-Use of the shelter and grounds for picnics is encouraged but is not exclusive, as the park's open to everyone to share the space.

Thanks to everyone for using the CH park respectfully!

Have you heard of PAWSitive Voice?

Meet the animal advocacy group that's helping local animals

Founded in May 2017, the animal advocacy group PAWSitive Voice is stationed right here in Crescent Hills. Started by residents Brittney Norris and Elizabeth Taylor, the group began its campaign for animals after finding an abandoned dog at Mt. Hope Cemetery that was taken by Animal Control. After rescuing the dog, they decided to go on a mission to help the lost and abandoned pets of Penn Hills. Their goal: to start a group for people who want to raise awareness and support for animals in need and be their voice for change.

Since then, the group has been busy working on a number of efforts with the Penn Hills Council. Just recently they launched a free pet database at www.pennhillspets.com to help residents and police locate the owners of lost pets in addition to starting a fundraiser called “**Help the lost dogs of Penn Hills**”. The goal is to raise money to set up a short-term holding kennel at the municipal building to give dogs a better chance of being found before they have to be taken by animal control (which could destroy them after 72 hours).

If you love animals and want to get involved in their mission check out any of the resource links below. They are always looking for new members to help the lost and abandoned pets of Penn Hills.

PAWSitive Voice Resource Links:

- Register your pet on here in case it ever gets lost: www.pennhillspets.com
- Support the Lost Dogs Fundraiser by donating to: www.gofundme.com/help-the-lost-dogs-of-penn-hills
- If you have Lost or Found a Pet? Share Online: www.facebook.com/groups/pawsitivepennhills
- Find out more on Facebook @[pawsitivevoice](https://www.facebook.com/pawsitivevoice)

Spring Events



The following are the anticipated Spring/Summer activities in the park. Please watch for neighborhood signs and Facebook posting that will give more details and times for these events:



May 10, 9am-12 - Park Cleanup

Tasks include laying mulch, picking up sticks/leaves and possibly putting limestone fines on the walking trail (weather-permitting).



May 27, 1PM - Memorial Day Picnic

Following the parade, bring the family and a dish to the Crescent Hills Park to celebrate Memorial Day with all your neighbors.



June 3, 6-8PM - Teen/Adult Volleyball

Held each Monday until late August (weather-permitting) - participate for exercise and share laughter with your neighbors; no pressure to be athletic!



June 18, 10:30AM-11:30AM - Storytime in the Park

Held each Tuesday 10:30 to 11:30AM until end of July (weather-permitting). Enjoy hearing a story, doing a craft and participating in a play activity. For kids 2 to 10 years old.



August 17, 1-4pm Children's Carnival

Enjoy low-cost games and activities with the whole family at the park during this circus/carnival themed event.



Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale

There will be a yard sale this summer for those interested. The date has not yet been set. If you are interested in participating, send an email to Contact@CH-CA.org and you will be notified of the plans.



**SATURDAY, MAY 18TH
9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
Crescent Hills Park**

While there may be many sunny, warm days before May 18, RESIST the urge to buy annuals before CHCA's sale! Don't forget that the proceeds from our sale go to support Crescent Hills Park. Mid May is also perfect planting time. The frost should be behind us and the ground nice and warm.

We will have our usual array of annuals, including some deer resistant plants, hanging baskets, perennials and house plants. As always there will be free donuts for the early bird shoppers and a bake sale for everyone.

Our neighbors on Spring Grove Road, Sylvia and Bob Lynch, have donated a homemade planter with succulents that will be our raffle item for this year. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Memorial Day Picnic.



New Recycling Rules

Wondering why some of your recycling materials are being left at the curb???

Beginning January 1, 2019, new rules have been adopted for recycling in Penn Hills. Enclosed is a copy of the flyer explaining in detail the new rules. If you have any questions please refer to Penn Hills municipality website and click on Recycling Simplified.

- Judy Conroy