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Dear Neighbors,

The demonstrations that are taking place over the death of George Floyd these last couple weeks have been momentous and I cannot go without comment. I think we can all agree with our presidents whose remarks as published in the Los Angeles Times were:

Bill Clinton – *No one deserves to die the way George Floyd did.*

Donald Trump – *The destruction of innocent life and the spilling of innocent blood is an offense to humanity and a crime against God. Equal justice under the law must mean that every American receives equal treatment in every encounter with law enforcement regardless of race, color, gender or creed.*

Jimmy Carter – *We are responsible for creating a world of peace and equality for ourselves and future generations.*

George H.W. Bush – *The doctrine and habits of racial superiority, which once nearly split our country, still threaten our Union. The answers to American problems are found by living up to American ideals – to the fundamental truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by God with certain rights.*

a problem and make people in power uncomfortable, but we also have to translate that into practical solutions and laws that can be implemented.

It is true that some protests have been marred by violence. In our community, at least three of our residents, joined with 50 other volunteers from all over the city to help clean up Pittsburgh. Let's take our presidents' words to heart and be inspired by our residents Lyon Zeibak and Tim and Rose Mizerak for stepping up to help. If there are others from our community who participated in a positive way, we thank you also.

THE 2020 PLANT SALE



Thank You Plant Sale Volunteers!

It was a spur of the moment idea to have an online plant sale but it turned out to be a huge success. While we had 57 customers in 2019, 40 customers this year spent as much on plants giving us an equal profit. The 2020 sale also did not have the benefit of a bake sale and raffle to supplement the proceeds and we still equaled the profit. Seventeen volunteers unloaded the truck and successfully delivered the beautiful plants grown by Bridges Greenhouse. Thank you all. The proceeds will be used to improve the park and pay for activities,



Starting Saturday, June 27, 11 AM



We have decided in this “green” phase of the pandemic, and with playgrounds again opening, that we can have a Reading in the Park after all, but with restrictions. There have been so many activities and events closed to children this summer, we want to bring a little joy back. The Reading in the Park is geared for children ages 2-5. Our leader this year is Lauren Javens, a resident of Rosedale. Lauren is a school teacher but presently a stay-at-home Mom. She is very excited about this program and glad that we are giving it a try using social distance guidelines. Lauren has been planning her program since last summer when she first volunteered. We are delighted to have her. Here is Lauren’s description of activities:

Due to the pandemic, we have had to change things from past years

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

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Children's Names: _____

How many children will make a craft: _____

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- story, but no snack will be provided.
- Storytime will be on the basketball court and spots will be marked so that families can keep their distance. Bring your own blanket/chairs especially if you don't want to sit on that hard surface.
 - A copy of the book will be given to the 10 families that RSVP each week so they can see the pictures during storytime, and reread the book at home.
 - Crafts supplies will be prepared for each family ahead of time.
 - Masks are encouraged but not mandatory. Penn Hills parks are now open, so the playground will be open. We will have hand sanitizer available to help keep germs to a minimum.

The first story time in the park will be:

Saturday, June 27 at 11 a.m.

Book: The Pout Pout Fish in the Big Big Dark

Craft: Ocean zone sensory bottle

HELP REPAINT PLAYGROUND?



Before the Reading program starts, the playground equipment will be repainted. If you get the newsletter in time, you can join that activity taking place Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9 at 10 a.m.

Thank you Ed and Jan for again leading this effort and keeping our park beautiful!

COURT PAINTING



We would like to repaint the former children's court that was resealed to combat mold growth. Those old game images are peeking through the sealer, and beckon the children to return and ride their trikes and scooters, play hopscotch, and other "safe" activities. Here again we need volunteers, particularly those who are still good at stooping and bending. With enough help we can bring this court to life again. Please let me know if you can spend a few hours, either during the week or on a Saturday. Respond to contact@CH-CA.org or algetsy@verizon.net.

CRESCENT HILLS JUNE LITTER CLEANUP



Saturday, June 20

Crescent Hills Park

7:45 AM

Gloves and Bags will be distributed

Please wear a mask at distribution

(Please help keep everyone healthy and safe)

We will be cleaning

Frankstown Rd. from the Old Municipal Building to Crestview

Lime Hollow Rd. from Frankstown Rd. to Springdale Dr.

The bottom half of Lime Hollow RD. is closed due to construction and was cleaned in early May.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you for your time in showing pride in our community by helping keep to keep it clean

It is much appreciated.

-Judy Conroy chcalitter@gmail.com



We know our tennis court is not in the best shape, but it still could be used to teach young folk (ages 7 to 10) how to play this “safe” outdoor sport. We can do this, if:

- 1) We find a tennis player willing to give weekly lessons, and
- 2) We find youngsters wanting to learn.

So for those of you reading this email who fit into the 1) category (high school or college students, retired tennis players, etc.), please let us know at contact@CH-CA.org or algetsy@verizon.net and we will proceed to find folks who are eager to learn. Keep in mind that we do not need a professional player but one who knows the rules of tennis and will enjoy spending an hour a week with these young people. Some compensation is involved.



We really appreciate and thank the Rotary Club of Penn Hills' generous addition to our park!



The Crescent Hills Civic Association extends its condolences in the passing of the following residents, former residents and their family members:

George Scipione of Glenfield Dr.

Jack Dunn of Glenfield Dr.

Don Schratz of Earlwood Rd.

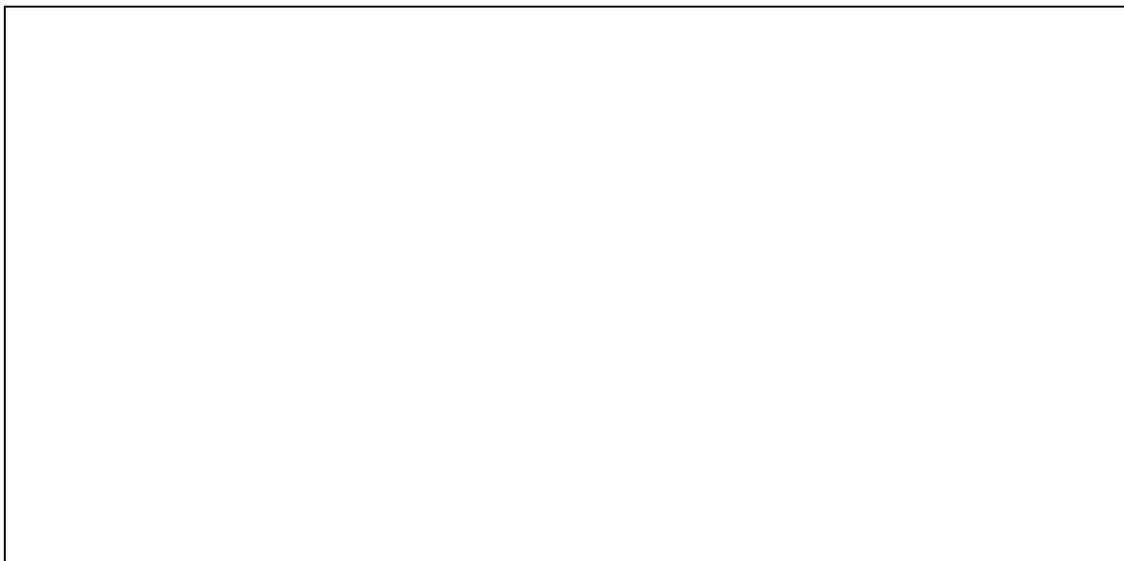
Ron Nardozzi, son-in-law of Irene Seftick of Hathaway Court

Josephine Sparano, mother of Phil Sparano of Spring Grove Rd.

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 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 our group yet please join us. Let us know you are ok or if you need help. Join us by clicking the facebook logo:





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



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