



# Crescent Hills

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## Letter from the President



Join us again for our big Martin Luther King Day salad luncheon on January 15th. During the business portion of the luncheon we will take a vote to accept our new bylaws. The old and the proposed new bylaws can be found on our website. If you need a printed copy just contact us and we can get you a copy. Please review them before the luncheon.

This year I've decided, with the rest of the board's approval, to create a CHCA president's award for volunteerism. The winner is chosen by the president and will be surprised and presented with the award at the luncheon.

We're finishing up the membership directory and accepting advertisements for it. If you would like to advertise your business in the directory just contact me for the rates.

It has been brought to our attention that members have found it confusing in the past about how we solicit association membership fees and park fund donations separately in what appears as a constant year-long ask for funding. To change that we're trying something new! This year we're asking for park donations and membership fees at the same time so you can donate once for the year. We're anticipating that this will work better.

As you're probably already well aware, the heart of our organization and neighborhood is our delightful park, and maintaining it is a community effort. Your donations pay the \$3,500 a year it takes to maintain the park equipment, keep the grass cut, landscape tended to and pay taxes and insurance. We ask for a \$25 donation or what you can afford. Whether you live next door to it or several blocks away, please help us keep it the wonderful place it is for the enjoyment of us all.



*Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents.  
 Our next meeting is Wed, March 7th at 6:45 pm in the Penn Hills Library.*



## Events Calendar

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

Mon, Jan 15	MLK Day Luncheon	Sat, March 31	Easter Egg Hunt
Wed, March 7	CHCA Meeting	Mon, April 30	CHCA Meeting

*Consider also checking out these other local events*

Penn Hills Council Meetings – the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month, Municipal Building (except Jan.)  
 Penn Hills School Board Meetings – the 4th Monday of the Month, Linton Middle School



## Neighbor to Neighbor

Our deepest condolences to the family of Lillian Cervi, 97, mother of Sandra Bacasa, of Earlwood Rd., who passed away in Meadville, PA. Lillian was formerly a Penn Hills resident. Sending get well wishes to long time resident, Betty Rickey, of 85 Sycamore Drive. She is recovering from a very serious stroke. Betty and Don are some of our wonderful CHCA newsletter deliverers. Get well wishes also for Andrew Olsakovsky of 424 Springdale Dr. who suffered a fall. An update on previous get well wishes, we hear that Mary Lois Verrilla of Springdale Dr. is doing well after her recent surgery. Wonderful!

## Neighbors taking to the Stage!

Recently one of our Crescent Hills' residents had some fame on the Pittsburgh stage. Brooke is 9 years old and attends North American Martyrs School. Brooke and her parents Dino and Carla Bergamasco live on Spring Grove Rd. Brooke had fun playing a soldier this December in the Pittsburgh Ballet's Nutcracker. She looks forward to future casting opportunities. Mom and Dad are very proud. Brooke delivers the CHCA newsletter on her street. We are proud of you too Brooke!



## Neighbors helping Neighbors

On Sunday evening, December 10, a kitchen fire at 101 Crescent Hills Rd. resulted in the destruction of the home of Phillip Thompson and his four children. Phillip is a popular local disc jockey. His eldest daughter Arnita, a senior at Clarion University was not at home at the time of the fire. The other three children, all students at Penn Hills School District, were at home. The children are: Phillip Thompson, III, a senior; Lydia, a sophomore, and Tristan, a 5th grader. The children and their father made it out of the house safely, but some without even coats and shoes. All possessions were lost to the fire.

Phillip Thompson is the brother of newly elected school board member, Yusef Thompson, Sr., and the son of Arnita Stagger, a retired Penn Hills' administrator and teacher. The family is presently residing with Arnita who lives at 156 Crescent Hills Rd.

Arnita expressed her gratitude to her neighbors and the whole Penn Hills community for coming to the aid of the family. A Go Fund Me page has been set up at: <https://www.gofundme.com/thompsons-house-fire-relief>

This page is also posted on Crescent Hills Civic Association's Facebook under "Postings" for those who wish to help out their neighbors.



Phillip Thompson 4/16/2017

## Artists & Help Needed - MLK Luncheon

It's about that time again! Those who have been to our wonderful Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheons know how much we depend on the volunteerism and amazing generosity of local vendors and artisans to make this event such a success. We ask painters, crafters, pottery and jewelry makers, and photographers, would you be willing to donate an item for our artist raffle? Please call Andrea Getsy, 412-795-2607, if you have a donation. Also call if you are willing to lend a hand with the setup and cleanup at the luncheon. Many hands are needed and much appreciated!





## Neighborhood Watch

This fall all three of our bus shelters were vandalized by persons writing on the inside walls. The two shelters on Crescent Hills Rd. and Spring Grove Rd. had one message from a person broadcasting his webpage. We painted over the graffiti twice and reported the vandalism to the police. The vandal has struck again at the Spring Grove shelter and the police were notified. The police officer who

responded to the first report, encouraged us to continue to report the graffiti to increase the potential for an investigation. That bus shelter was decorated with a wreath and bow by the school bus guard for the holidays. The children who wait at the bus stop are disturbed by the defacement as are we. The graffiti will again be painted over and we will continue to report it. If anyone witnesses the vandalism, please call 911.

# 2018

# PARK FUNDED & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

## CRESCENT HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION **COMBINED** PARK & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For a mere \$15 per household you can be a member of an active and vital civic association and the oldest in Penn Hills.

At this same time, please also support our park. Annual cost to maintain the park (maintenance, taxes, grass cutting & leaf removal) is **\$3,500**. The park belongs to the Crescent Hills and is run by volunteers. We all benefit from having a community park!

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No more confusion! We are combining our fund raising efforts to a **once a year** fund drive. Just select which area (or both) you wish for your contribution to go to.

Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15

Park Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25; \_\_\_\_\_ \$35; \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Total (Membership + Park Donation): \_\_\_\_\_

Make one check payable to Crescent Hills Civic Association and mail to Crescent Hills Civic Association  
P.O. Box 17055, Penn Hills Branch, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

## *Thanks for your support!*

Lyon Zeibak, President CHCA & Jan Kukucka, Chairperson, Park Committee

### *I want to help!*

- Park Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Bus Shelter and Corner Maintenance
- Newsletter Assembly
- Newsletter Distribution
- Litter Committee





# Martin Luther King Day Salad Luncheon

## CHCA 2018

*Bring the kiddos!  
Playroom available onsite  
with sitters. Children must be  
walking age to stay in  
playroom without parents.*



**ADMISSION: Bring a Salad for Eight + \$2.00**  
**We'll Provide the Entertainment, Hot Soup and Dessert!**

**WHEN: Monday, January 15, 2018**  
**(Martin Luther King Day)**  
**Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**  
**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**  
**12106 Frankstown Rd.**

### All the Details

Join us once again, in the doldrums of January, for the annual CHCA Salad Luncheon. We welcome all present and former Crescent Hills residents and their invited guests. This event will feature two speakers: Kathy Raborn, President of Penn Hills Tree Commission, will tell us a little about the goals of this newly organized group and opportunities for residents to help.

The second and featured speaker will be Jayme Visnesky, owner of Penn Hills Lawn and Garden on Jefferson Rd. Jayme inherited the business from her family but has enlarged the facility and expanded the business model, resulting in one of the most successful businesses in the community.

We've invited Jayme to tell us the secrets of her success. We suggest it is the beautiful building, the super accommodating staff and the generous and always smiling owner. But we all know it is more than that. For those of you who want to start your own business, or for those who just like a success story, come and learn.

As always, we will have gift baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and arts & crafts raffles. If you have an item for our luncheon, please call Andrea Getsy, 412-795-2607. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th! Your support has made our neighborhood a great place to live for more than eight decades.