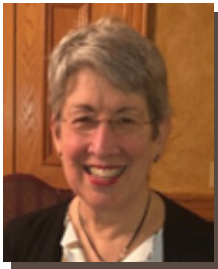




Crescent Hills
— Civic Association —



Letter from the President

I am happy to report that the Fall Fest turned out to be a fabulous time, and not just because we exceeded our goal. We sold 81 meals profiting \$1,665. But wait! We also had raffle proceeds of \$345. And there's more. Some very generous residents donated an additional \$1,167. As a result, our net proceeds were **\$2,449**. Now that's success! All proceeds went to the support of the park.



All this occurred on a beautiful sun-filled day with wonderful guitar music provided by our neighbor Joe West. It was an alignment of the stars. In addition to perfect weather and good music, twenty-two volunteers made this possible.

Our cooks were Linda Bluemle, Lisa Gregory, Sheila Frobuccino, Jan Kukucka, Kim Fraser, Bill and Leslie Skweres, Rosie Perer, Beth Davies, Yvette Logan, Wendy Redington, Grace Edwardo, Anne Yeaw and yours truly.

Setup, serving food, ticket sales, raffle sales, parking cars, membership, and shopping included Karen and Mark Lantz, Dave Fraser, Ed Blazina, Tim Mizerak, Jan Yanko, Susan Chikalla, Sue Fife, as well as several of the cooks already mentioned. Our raffle donators were Wendy Redington, counted-cross-stitch; Grace Edwardo, handmade notecards; and our anonymous donor, \$75 in lottery tickets. It takes a village to have a Fall Fest. Thank you all for making this an event to remember.



Many new folks came, new members signed up, and all were seen smiling and talking with their neighbors. If you didn't make it, you missed a good time.

Two more wonderful events are in our future. The Holiday Party and the January Luncheon. Next year the Civic Association will have been in business for 90 years. We will celebrate this achievement at all of our usual events next year (January Luncheon, Memorial Day Picnic and Fall's Meet 'n Greet).

We welcome ideas from you as to how to make the year special. Send in your memories of your favorite event and we will publish it. Please send those ideas to me at algetsy@verizon.net or to CrescentHillsCivicAssociation@gmail.com

The best way to celebrate such longevity is to make sure the organization has a succession of leaders and not just a continuation of the same leaders. In the spring, we will hold a general meeting to discuss this. New ideas and new leaders are essential.

Andria Getsy 

Calendar of Events

Nov. 5 – ELECTION DAY – PLEASE VOTE!

Nov. 6 – CHCA general meeting cancelled. Watch for a new date in the Winter 2024 newsletter

Nov. 12, 18, 25 – Fall leaf and yard waste pickup

Dec. 3 – Deadline for reservations for Holiday Party

Dec. 13 – Holiday dinner party at Wooden Nickel, 4006 Berger Lane, Monroeville, PA, 6-9 p.m.

Jan. 2 – CHCA Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., place to be announced.

Jan. 13 - Newsletters to residents' doors

Jan. 20 - January Luncheon – CHCA celebrating 90 years

2024 Holiday Party at The Wooden Nickel Friday Dec. 13, 2024, 6-9 p.m.



As much as we like the privacy and luxury of the ballroom at the Oakmont Yacht Club, we need over 50 diners to share the costs. We canceled last year as we only had 26 responders. Assuming we would not get 50, we have decided to hold this year's event at a local restaurant. We've chosen the Wooden Nickel, 4006 Berger Lane, Monroeville, PA, which has a private and beautiful room as seen below. The restaurant, if you are not familiar, is located at the same turn off as Petco on Stroschein Road.



We will have a sit-down dinner with dessert for a cost of \$49 a person, which includes taxes and gratuities. Also included are rolls and butter, plated house salad with champagne vinaigrette, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, soda. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. If attending, make your selections from the form below. Cut out and mail the completed form along with your check made payable to Crescent Hills Civic Association, to Andrea Getsy on or before December 3. Since the private dining room holds just 40 guests, only the first 40 people to respond will get reservations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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| 1. 6 oz. Parmesan Encrusted Chicken w/mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables | _____ |
| 2. 6 oz. Grilled Salmon w/rice pilaf & seasonal vegetables | _____ |
| 3. Pasta Primavera w/linguini and garlic butter | _____ |

Any dietary restrictions: _____

Total enclosed ----- \$ _____

Litter

Our last litter pickup of the year was on 10/12. Despite a cool morning and a small turnout, we collected 16 bags of trash, 3 tires, and other debris along Lime Hollow Rd. We're looking forward to a big catch up in the spring, so keep a look out for next year's dates coming soon!

Crescent Hills Civic Association extends condolences to the following:

Lyon Zeibak and family of Frankstown Rd. on the passing of Lyon's wife, Bridgette, on October 4th.

Jeff and Kathy Sylba and family of Spring Grove Road on the death of Kathy's mother in September.

The family of Sherry Edmonds formerly of Crescent Hills Rd. on her recent passing.

Marland and Julie Madera and family of Earlwood Drive on the death of Julie's mother this October.

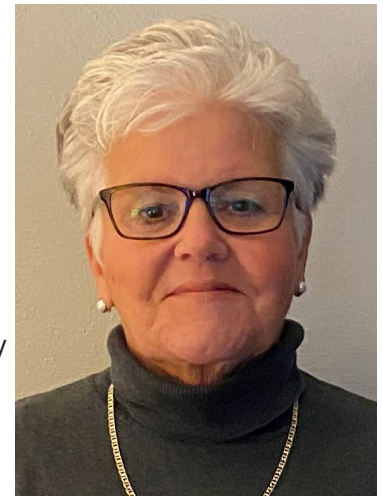
A Love Story



Lyon Zeibak, our past president, lost his wife Bridgette this Oct. 4 to brain cancer that was first diagnosed in June 2023. After receiving that shocking diagnosis, Bridgette, only 41 years old at the time, fought valiantly to survive. Lyon and daughters Maggie and Rosslyn watched as Bridgette too quickly declined. Once Bridgette had completed her cancer therapy, Lyon pursued opportunities to arrange many "bucket list" trips for Bridgette and did so with the support of family, friends, neighborhood, community and "Make a Wish" organizations. Lyon took Bridgette and his 12-year-old daughter Rosslyn to Boston, Mt. Washington, Colonial Williamsburg, Kenneywood, a Pirate game, a boat ride at Lake Moraine, local community events and anything he could think of to bring some measure of happiness to her. He did this as he faced the devastating future without his beloved wife of 16 years. Bridgette loved it all. Lyon and Bridgette had an extraordinarily supportive marriage. They adored each other and were happiest when together. Neither were heard to say an unkind word about the other. May Bridgette rest in peace and may her family find comfort in the memory of their loving, gentle mother and wife.

New Member-At-Large Lisa Gregory

My name is Lisa Gregory, and I would like to introduce myself as member-at-large on the Crescent Hill Civic Association Board. Originally an Ohio native, where I grew up on a dairy farm in the eastern part of the state, I have been in Pittsburgh since 1987. I'm a 25 year resident of Glenfield Drive where I live with my dog Woody and cat Shadow.



After almost 40 years working in the field of worker's comp case management/insurance, I received the offer to join the board on the day I submitted my retirement, so it seemed like the perfect opportunity to invest some of my future free time in this special community. I am sure that many of you were drawn here by the same features that appealed to me - the unique homes, the sense of community, our beautifully maintained park. If you are not already a member of the Association, please consider joining! I believe there is much we can build upon with your support and participation!

New Associate Editor Dennis O'malley



When I started my career in the paper business delivering the Pittsburgh Press in the late 80s, I never dreamed that one day I would attain the lofty heights of Associate Editor of a quarterly civic association newsletter! If my father could see me now! Seriously, he knew the value of a park. When my childhood playground was closed, he spent several years raising funds and politicking to have another built, so that my younger brother could still play carefree as a child in a safe environment nearby. He also cut a LOT of grass, but that's another story. It benefits everyone to have shared space, and when we come together to support and maintain that space it feels more special than a public one. I moved here in 2018 when there were multiple empty houses, and it has been a pleasure to see the growth and progress of not only Crescent Hills but Penn Hills as well. For a little about me, I grew up in the south hills where most of my family still reside. I earned an engineering degree in PA went away for a short but sweet 20-year career out west in New Mexico and Colorado working with weather satellites. It was beautiful out there, but Pittsburgh has something special about it as we all know. Just as Crescent Hills does with our park.

Park News

Jan Kukucka

The first phase of the project to improve the sports court at Crescent Hills Park was finished the second week of October. This part of the project involved improving drainage and used money from the federal stimulus program. Crews from contractor A. Folino installed a bigger, deeper drainage basin at mid-court between the tennis and hockey areas and placed a larger drainage pipe that runs under the surface, hillside and walking trail. That pipe empties into a new rain garden that sits a few feet beyond the walking trail.

As a result of construction, there are areas around the hillside and parking lot that had to be re-seeded with grass, so please walk gently there until it takes hold. In the next few weeks, we will install a fence around the rain garden for safety and to discourage deer from going in there! It is a small pit that is lower than the rest of the park surface.

We hope for a second phase of this project to improve the surface of the court either by resurfacing or using a special sports court sealer to rehabilitate it. Just doing this will cost as much as \$29,000. Without a grant, we have little hope of raising that much money. We have obtained a book of available grants from our State Representative Joe McAndrew and will apply for any applicable funds there, particularly those for community parks. But even if we get a grant, we will probably need help from you. See Help Wanted.

Other park items

•Bob MacBeth fixed the Crescent Hills Park sign and replaced the post in the garden at the Sycamore Drive entrance after it started to lean. He also installed a new post at the entrance after someone drove through the chain and sign at the driveway just after dark, damaging that post and pulling the chain out of the other post. He and Dave Fraser also will be following through on a wish by the late Jim Getsy to improve the fence at the rear of the garden near the storage shed.

•Mike Hopf donated and installed new hockey nets.

•With winter on the way, we remind long-time neighbors and newcomers to the neighborhood about winter conditions at the park. The park is always open during daylight hours, but there is no attempt to remove snow or ice -- even from the parking lot -- so be careful if you visit. Although we don't place the chain across the driveway from December to April, the park is closed after dark and

parking is prohibited. The port-a-potty also will be removed from December to April.

Thanks to all who volunteer to keep our park a neighborhood gem and to all those who use it respectfully!

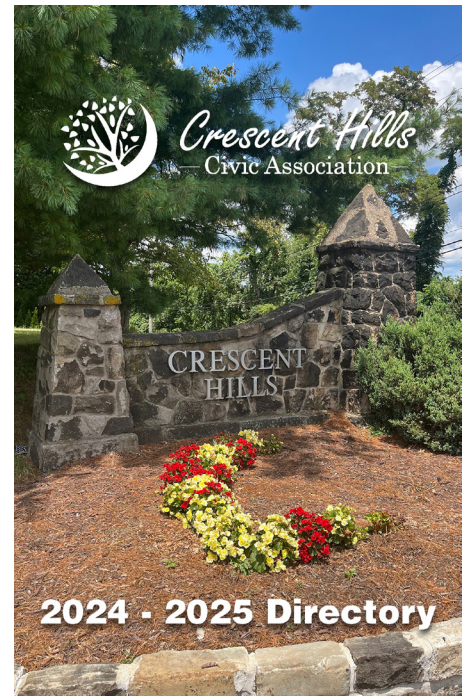
HELP WANTED

Looking for a grant writer to research and apply for available grants to repair and seal the tennis court. Perhaps in this 600-home neighborhood, someone might be willing to give it a try. Experience is not necessary, just a desire to help. If so please contact Andrea Getsy, algetsy@verizon.net and include GRANTS in subject line.

CHCA 2024-2025 Directories

This beautiful directory includes: the names of residents and addresses for 600 homes, information about CHCA history, area businesses, municipal offices, trash collection, recycling rules, and leaf collection.

The directory can be yours for only \$15. That is the cost of a CHCA membership. To have this delivered to your home, send your check to CHCA at P.O. Box 17055, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, with your name and address. If you are already a member and did not get a directory, please send an email to CrescentHillsCivicAssociation@gmail.com.



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