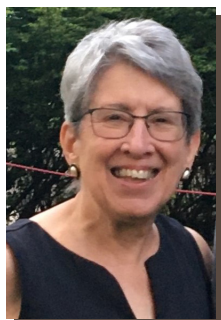




Crescent Hills
— Civic Association —



Letter from the President


Our fabulous Holiday House Tour is over, and the results are that it was the most profitable one ever. This is because our Event Chair, Grace Edwardo, created a booklet for the tour and solicited business advertisements which covered the expenses. She solicited the eight homeowners who graciously put their homes on the tour, making all possible.

Nine residents made up the committee that planned and assisted with all the details including the collection of advertisements. The money from the ticket sales and baked goods went directly to the profit of \$3,800 – the highest of our tours. All proceeds are going to the park and will enable us to have a reserve account for those inevitable tree problems.

Grace demonstrated extraordinary skills in marketing, creating the theme and design of the signs, fliers, and booklet and communicating with the press. Her leadership abilities were also evident in the management of the committee and volunteers. Grace will tell you about those volunteers in this newsletter.

Speaking for CHCA, we are so proud of the folks, homeowners, and volunteers, who rallied and supported this project. The smiles on the faces of the tour guests and their comments showed they were happy as well. If you missed this tour, you missed something extraordinary.

I am pleased to report that Grace will be taking on the role of Vice President in 2024. Also, Sheila Frobuccino of Spring Grove Road will take over as Treasurer. Read more about Grace, her husband Brian, and Sheila in this newsletter. Come and meet both Grace and Sheila at the January luncheon where we will vote for and induct new officers.

Andria Ketsy 

“Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Crescent Hills Civic Association Martin Luther King Day 2024 Salad Luncheon

Monday, January 15, 2024 - Noon to 3:00 p.m.
(doors open at 11:30)
Mt. Hope Community Church, 12106 Frankstown Rd.
(back entrance)



Admission: \$5 a person and a salad to feed eight.

We will provide the entertainment, raffle baskets, soup, beverages, rolls, and dessert!

Please join us as we continue this traditional event. Bring a neighbor and enjoy a community celebration! It will be a wonderful place to be on a cold day in January.

Our program is “Behind the Mask”, a pandemic photography

presentation by Penn Hills photographer Beth Kukucka. In two successive photographs, with and without a mask, followed by the quote of each subject, “Behind the Mask” asks the question, “Who are you behind the mask?”, beyond the facts and details of our lives. The answers will surprise and touch you, and remind you that behind our masks, no one is a stranger.

Beth Kukucka is a photographer and filmmaker in Pittsburgh. You can see her work at www.BethKPhoto.com, and @kukuckaphotography

Contact Susan Chikalla if you have a donation for the raffle - Thank you. 412-559-4267 or susanchik@comcast.net

New! Use this QR code to go to the CHCA website



Welcome New Neighbors

Julene Madera, Welcome Chair

In 2023, we welcomed 21 New Neighbors! We are so happy you chose Crescent Hills as your new home. Our Civic Association has been in existence for 89 years and has helped develop the wonderful spirit of community throughout our neighborhood. I hope you have received your welcoming bag of goodies, some information about our area, and ways to get involved. We would love for you to join our mission and keep our neighborhood strong with a number of social and volunteer opportunities. Please visit our website, CH-CA.Org or our Facebook page. We send out quarterly newsletters, and also email a copy if we have your email address.

It has been wonderful this past year seeing friendly faces using the Crescent Hills park, walking around the neighborhood, and at our Fall Fest in the Park! It will also be a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors at our January Luncheon - see details and more information in this newsletter.

PLEASE help me reach out to each new neighbor! If you see a new owner at a home near you, please call or email me and we can deliver a "Welcome to CH" bag and together let them know of all the events and amenities our fabulous community has to offer.

This past year we have welcomed 13 new families into our neighborhood.

Neighborhood News

Congratulations to Emily and Eli LaBelle of Lawrenceville on the birth of their son, Oren Brok LaBelle, on November 9th. Emily grew up in Crescent Hills, and her parents, Richard and Susan Brok of Earlwood Road, are Oren's proud grandparents.

We extend our condolences to Sue Beikman of Hathaway Court and to the Beikman family. Sue's brother, Steve Beikman, passed away in November.

Meet the Edwardos, Brian And Grace



Brian has been a part of this community since 2001. In October of 2020, Grace and Brian found a home that fulfilled their quest for a more spacious residence with a generous yard and relocated from Glenfield to McCurdy.

Grace is a physical therapist

assistant in Allison Park and enjoys crafting, gardening and being involved with the community of Crescent Hills. Brian works in cyber security for Dell and is an adjunct professor at Robert Morris University.

His hobbies include watching horror and sci-fi films, gaming, and working out in the home gym.

Together they love to travel and be outdoors, most recently committing to the Rachel Carson Trail hiking challenge.



Garlow Drive

Abigail Sedlacek
Dylan Hiles & Ana Padilla
Joseph & Katlynn Miklos
Allan Goldstein & Cheryl Kirkland

McCurdy Drive

Anthony Sisco & Lauren Wiley

Spring Grove Road

Adam Wehler
Luke Sherer & Abbey Smith

Sycamore Road

Khalila Shareef

Springdale Drive

Stefan & Franziska Bernhard
Dalton Davis
Taylor Januik
Zachary Hewitt & Nissa'a Stallworth
Anthony & Kristyn Williams

Again...Welcome to Crescent Hills. It is such a wonderful place to call home. Please call or email me with any updates, or any questions you may have.

Julie Madera 412-491-7225, mjmadera@msn.com

Calendar of Events

January – CHCA Park Fund and Membership Drive

1/15 – Salad Luncheon

3/30 – Litter Pickup



Holiday House Tour 2023 Wrap-Up

Grace Edwardo, Event Chair

We express our gratitude to the homeowners who took part in this year's house tour. Both long-time residents and newcomers joined in the festivities, contributing to the tremendous success of the event. The unique styles of each home highlighted the distinct personalities and collections of the owners. I personally enjoyed the opportunity to deepen my connection with each of them, and I'm confident that they all valued getting to know other members within the community. A special thanks to PK Weston and Terry Dougan, Mike and Lauren Evans, Amy and Tom Haas, Melanie Huntley, Alisa Pippens and Lance Johnson, Rebecca and Rodney Williams, Jim and Deb Weidenaar.

Volunteers played a pivotal role in the success of this event. Rosie Perer from Hathaway Court orchestrated the involvement of bakers, collecting their contributions and bringing them to her home, where a dedicated work party meticulously packaged the goods for sale. The collaborative effort of ten bakers resulted in an impressive array of over 800 cookies, 12 nut rolls, and 44 mini loaves — all generously donated. The perks of being on this committee were certainly evident!

In addition to the bakers, fifteen more volunteers contributed significantly, engaging in diverse activities such as editing, assembling baked goods, and assisting on the day of the tour. Furthermore, four residents generously donated their crafts for our raffle basket, and three businesses provided gift cards. The names of these generous volunteers are detailed below. As expected, the volume of volunteer hours, notably from our event chair, was substantial. However, no complaints were voiced, as participating in this fulfilling event was a source of joy for all involved.

Holiday House Tour 2023 Volunteers - Thank you all!

Committee

Grace Edwardo, Chair
Mary Colaianne
Susan Chikalla
Sheila Frobuccino
Andrea Getsy
Yvette Logan
Joy Payne
Rosie Perer
Mary Beth Phillips

Bakers

Mary Colaianne
Judy Conroy
Deb Digby
Sheila Frobuccino
Andrea Getsy
Lisa Gregory
Linda Kornick
Yvette Logan
Lisa McQuillis
Crystal Muth

Additional Volunteers

Mary Colaianne
Beth Davies
Shiela Frobuccino
Andrea Getsy
Rob Jones
Linda and Nick Kornick
Jan Kukucka & Ed Blazina
Chris Miller
Joy Payne
Rosie Perer
Mary Beth Phillips
Rodney Williams
Jan Yanko

Donations

Susan Chikalla – Soft throw and holiday socks and basket assembly
Grace Edwardo – Holiday table runner
Yvette Logan – Candle and body lotions
Wendy Redington – Christmas tree counted cross stitch Embroidery from the Heart – Holiday towels
Eastwood Hardware – Gift card
Today's Market – Gift card

Sheila Frobuccino, CHCA's New Treasurer



Thank you to Andrea for recommending me to this position as CHCA Treasurer. I was born and raised in the Midwest, met and married my husband in 1972. Over the next several years work transfers for both of us (I was a Respiratory Therapist, he was an Industrial Hygienist) moved us to Virginia, then Pennsylvania. In the late 1990's, I accepted a position as General Manager for a national home medical equipment company.

By 2002, he had retired, and we decided to move to sunny, hot (but it's a dry heat!) Arizona—no snow to shovel! I returned to clinical care at a local hospital and retired in 2014.

In 2017, due to his failing health, we chose to return to PA, closer to family. I had researched Pittsburgh neighborhoods, liked Crescent Hills because of the variety of affordable and different home styles, so when Tom and Judy Menk's house on Spring Grove Road came on the market, I pounced, and they chose to sell to us.

In January of 2020, my husband of 47 years passed away. We have 6 children and 16 grandchildren/great-grandchildren scattered over the country, so we have lots of visits!

I stay busy, babysitting my youngest great-granddaughter, reading (avid bookworm!), researching family genealogy started by my great grandmother in 1900, and staying fit at the local gym.

Litter

Tim and Rose Mizerak, Litter Committee Co-Chairs

After getting rained out in July and August, we had nice weather on 11/4 and collected 40 bags of trash from Lime Hollow Rd. The Penn Hills Police closed the road for us and tagged an abandoned truck for removal. Some folks who couldn't make it that weekend also helped clean up Frankstown. Next year's pickups will continue to be on Saturdays, meeting at the park at 7:45 a.m. and running until 10 a.m. Mark these dates on your calendar!

March 30th / June 8th
July 27th / October 12th

New Trash Cans

If you are elderly, handicapped, or would just like smaller trash cans in general, there is an option for you. Currently being dropped off at your home is a 95-gallon garbage can and a 65-gallon recycling can. If you need smaller sizes, call Republic Services at (877) 788-9400, Ext. 5. You can swap out the larger cans for 65-gallon, 35-gallon, or 18-gallon cans at no charge to you.

Volunteers Needed

Hello Crescent Hills Neighbors.

We have a wonderful neighborhood here in Penn Hills. It's a great place to live and hopefully you already know neighbors who live on your street. Did you know Crescent Hills is a development of 13 streets? There are over 600 homes and residents in Crescent Hills. I'm Doug Riegner, resident of Glenfield Drive, and I'm leading the creation of our next Civic Association Community Directory. It's a fun big project that requires help from a few volunteers. I'm seeking someone from each of our amazing streets to help. If you want to help, please email me at (metheny521@gmail.com), and I'll set up time to talk and go over what we need. It'll be fun; it'll help us all connect and live better among one of Pittsburgh's best communities. Cheers...

Doug Riegner
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