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Letter from the President



Promote Fellowship and the Neighborly Spirit!

That was something that came up often in our volunteer survey through the process of developing our new Five Year Strategic Plan. Not surprisingly it was also listed as one of the reasons our organization exists when we were founded in 1935.

After the survey, general member feedback and our town hall meeting we have completed a Five Year Strategic Plan that is now available on our website.

In addition to increasing the number of volunteers and general members, one of our main goals is to increase neighbor to neighbor connections. We live in an amazing and unique community where so many neighbors know one another, know their neighbors' kids and/or grand kids, look out for and help one another. Still, I think there are pockets of residents who might not interact with their neighbors as often as most of us, and who might not be feeling the Crescent Hills "Neighborly Spirit." If you are one of those residents I encourage you to talk to your neighbors and frequent our park more often, come to our socials, meetings and volunteering activities. I promise you that you will feel good if you do.

We are doing something new to promote Crescent Hills' Spirit! As a fundraiser and to help show off our neighborhood pride we are selling car magnets, T shirts and Polos. See our enclosed flyer for design choices. The more items we sell, the less they cost; The price per item decreases as the number we order increases. All proceeds benefit our park. Please order by December 12th. By the end of January we hope to deliver them to you with no shipping charge. Join in the fun and get your own Crescent Hills' gear today!

You should "Like" our Facebook page to get updates from us and use it to post relevant news or thoughts about our community. Join Nextdoor.com to digitally interact with your neighbors. It's a private social network like Facebook, but its only for people in your neighborhood. You will have to request a post card that will be mailed to your home to gain access to the site to prove you live here. When you join you'll find over 135 of your neighbors discussing neighborhood topics, recommending services or contractors, or asking for advice. Residents talk about lost and found pets, local politics and random stories. We're looking to erect a bulletin board in the park in the future, but let's not forget about this one online!

It's YOUR neighborhood, be a bigger part of it!



Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jan 4th 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!

Sat, Dec 3	Holiday Simply Social	Wed, Mar 8	CHCA Meeting
Wed, Jan 4	CHCA Meeting	Sat, April 15	Easter Egg Hunt
Mon, Jan 16	MLK Day Salad Luncheon	Mon, May 29	Memorial Day Picnic



Arby's Fundraiser



Help Benefit Crescent Hills Park by eating
at Arby's, 6105 Saltsburg Rd.

Friday, December 2nd from 4:30-7:30pm.

Please Buy anything drive thru or dine-in and just
tell them you are with Crescent Hills. 15% of
everything you spend will go towards our park!

Join in the Games!

Forty three years ago my husband and I moved from Michigan to Pittsburgh so that he could take a job at Westinghouse. We were complete strangers to the neighborhood and a neighbor came to our house to welcome us to the neighborhood. During the conversation she asked me if I played bridge. Within a few days I was sitting at a card table meeting new friends who I would know for decades.



Recently at a meeting of the Crescent Hills Civic Association there was interest in arranging some groups within the neighborhood to meet regularly and play games. If you are interested in hosting or participating in a regular game session please contact Jean Meyer at (412) 795-2638 or through facebook so that we can make more detailed plans and assemble a group.

Get in the holiday spirit at our
Holiday dinner party!

**Saturday, December 3rd
5:30PM**

at Johnny's Italian Restaurant
112 Westinghouse Avenue
Wilmerding, PA 15148

*Live entertainment after dinner
'Chuck Corby and Quiet Storm'*

Cash bar- single checks - No upfront payments,

**RSVPs with choice of entrees are due
Saturday, Nov. 26 th to Bill Miller.**

Reply to cemc@verizon.net/412-793-1940.

Check the website for more dining options:

www.johnnysfineitaliandining.com/pages/menu.html

Menu choices range from \$13 - \$28:

*Pasta/meatballs or sausage 13

Manicotti 15

Ricotta Stuffed Stuffed Eggplant 17

Dinner salads /Chicken, 15

Salads/salmon, steak or shrimp 17

Veal Scallopini 24

Veal & Shrimp Marsala 26

NY Strip steak 28

Filet 28

Salmon 22

Scallops 23

*All dinners
come with
choice of sides.
*Gluten free
pasta available*



CHCA 2017 Martin Luther King Day Salad Luncheon

Featuring Magician

Baffling Bob

January 16th, 2017

Noon to 3 pm

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church
12106 Frankstown Rd.

Come join our annual event featuring a magician for ALL AGES.

RSVP # of children. Play room with sitters available until show.

Admission is \$2 and bring a salad/side dish to share!

A raffle of arts and crafts, donated by residents, local businesses and friends, will be held. For RSVP, to donate to the auction, or to help with luncheon contact Andrea Getsy, algetsy@verizon.net.



Park Highlights

Saturday, October 22nd was a busy clean-up day around the state and in Crescent Hills Park! Our park was honored to have 45 Pitt students from the Pitt Makes A Difference Day program ("PMADD"). This is a program where participants learn about community work and its significance to a neighborhood. Because Civic Association members Chris Miller and Jan Kukucka applied to participate in PMADD, the CHCA is considered to be a "Community Partner" of Pitt.

Prior to starting their tasks, the students were oriented to the Crescent Hills Park and the mission of the Civic Association by park chairman Jan Kukucka. These energetic and enthusiastic 18 to 22 year-olds then laid seven tons of limestone dust on the walking trail, four yards of wood mulch on the woody area of the parking lot and five tons of limestone chunks on the parking lot. Neighbors Russ Biedrzycki (& his trusty trailer cart), Ed Blazina and Tom Conroy supervised the students' efforts in these areas. These are projects that would've taken residents a full day to do! Since the students were so strong and worked so efficiently, the students completed these three projects in less than two hours. And so it was on to phase two:

Neighbors Chris Miller, Jan Kukucka and Jim Getsy supervised the students in then raking up leaves around the park, weeding all the garden areas and steps to Glenfield Drive and even cutting down small nuisance trees. (many of the surrounding Sycamore & Glenfield neighbors lent their tools and wheelbarrows for these tasks.) The students then finished with a pizza lunch from Fox's Pizza while CHCA members reviewed with the workers the importance of their contribution to the neighborhood effort to keep the park safe and clean.

Even though the weather was cool, windy and rainy, it didn't dampen the spirits of the Pitt students or the CHCA neighbors who supervised them. Many thanks to these college workers and the CH residents for their efforts!
In other park matters:



Crescent Hills neighbors are reminded that use of the park walking trail, sports court and play equipment is encouraged through the winter. However, there is some "winterizing" of the park that takes place: From December to March, the outhouse in the park will be closed and locked. The fountain is turned off from mid- November to April.

While there's an attempt to eliminate leaves in the autumn by December, there's no attempt to plow snow from the CH parking lot or grounds. Enter at your own risk (of getting stuck!)

Found Baseball Glove - Andrea Getsy

To the boy who accidentally left his baseball glove on my front stoop on Halloween night, please call me at 412-795-2607 so we can arrange to return it.



Litter Report by yours truly, Mel Adams!

As you all know, the statewide cleanup on October 22nd was our last for 2016. We had eleven volunteers who collected 26 bags of trash plus a TV, car parts, etc.

I want to say, "What a year," and hope to see more of you in 2017. Thank you, volunteers, and have safe and happy holidays and winter. See you in the spring when, with all your help, we can keep our neighborhood clean!

If you are interested in joining the email list to be notified in advance, please contact Mel Adams at CHCALITTER@gmail.com.

It really makes a difference.

Don't forget: you can put it on your resume that you volunteer for your community!

Meet Our New Secretary!

We'd like to formally introduce our new secretary, Jen Jackson. She has helped with several projects this year already and is very excited to become a board member.



- Jen with her husband James and 2 year old son James.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Early last year, our Welcome committee began giving out Welcome Home Baskets to new homeowners. We would like to take the time to welcome some of our new residents as of 2016! Welcome Michelle Hoskey-Stevens and Gerald Stevens, Antonia Scheidel and Daniel Justice, J.R. Brown, Kathy Erazo, Mizerak family, Donald P. Strunk, Hale family, Bacola family, Bethany, Jake and baby Emmett, Taylor family, Weaver family, Davenport family, Robert Greco, Jameel Davenport, Mike & Kari Trice, Amy L. & Thomas J. Haas, Kayla Marie Durbin, Nicholas McCall & Katherine O'Brien, Eric Gaiter, Alison Jelicks, Michael Strayer, Kent & Annette Martz, Jason and Amanda Floyd, Michael and Mai Lisovitch, and William and Leslie Skweres, Jr.!

We are so happy you have joined Crescent Hills' community. If you are a new resident and have not been welcomed by our committee, contact Rosie Perer a billandrosie@aol.com.

Status of Our Wall

On Thursday, October 13th a young driver veered off Frankstown Road and crashed into one of our community's pillars and wall leading into Crescent Hills Road. We received a copy of the police report and have been contacted by the driver's father. We filed an insurance claim. We are awaiting their decision. We are hoping we can get it repaired soon.

Speaking of our Police!

The CHCA Board enthusiastically decided to treat the Penn Hills Police force to several dozen donuts as a small gesture of our gratitude for their service. We want to thank our officers and make sure they know that they are appreciated.

Tree Memorial

In honor of Fred and Millie Harman, and George and Irene Seftick, long-time residents of Hathaway Court, neighbors planted and dedicated trees in the court across from their respective homes. Millie and George witnessed the ceremony from Heaven. These trees will be a beautiful reminder of these special neighbors and friends!



- Second Request - Crescent Hills Civic Association 2016-2017 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.

Sign up below. Please offer to help. Send your check made out to Crescent Hills Civic Association to P.O. Box 17055, Penn Hills Branch, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I want to help!

- Welcome Committee
- Park Committee
- Bus Shelter and Corner Maintenance
- Newsletter Committee
- Newsletter Distribution
- Code Enforcement Committee
- Litter Committee
- Directory
- Other

Updating our Directory

We need your Directory Contact Information! We're working on publishing a new neighborhood directory. Please let us know what phone number you would or wouldn't like listed in it. Just email us at contact@ch-ca.org