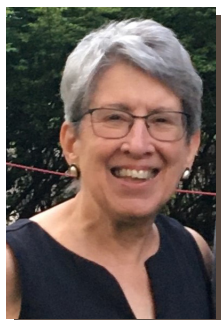




Crescent Hills  
— Civic Association —



### Letter from the President

Thank you Crescent Hills for responding generously to my plea for increased funds for our Park. Since our last newsletter, we have received an additional \$1,525 for the Park bringing total donations for the year to \$9,600. We can pay the bills! The proceeds from the Holiday House Tour, described in this newsletter, give us a cushion for next year's unexpected

expenses. When you buy a ticket for the tour, you are supporting the Park.

We continue to have exciting events to look forward to including our house tour and our holiday party. In January on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we will have our traditional community luncheon. More details about this favorite affair will be in our January newsletter. If you are new to Crescent Hills, please know you have moved into a neighborhood that has a long, 88 years to be exact, history of community service. We welcome you to join us in this tradition.

### Holiday House Tour

Grace Edwardo, Event Chair

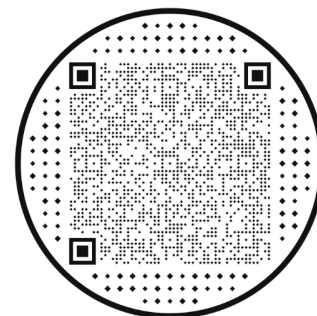


Get ready to embrace the festive spirit with the Crescent Hills Holiday House Tour, taking place on December 10th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This enchanting event invites you to wander through nine beautifully adorned homes, capturing the essence of the holiday season. Refreshments will be served at one home where homemade nutrolls, cookies and cakes will also be for sale. A chance to win a raffle basket is

included with the ticket price.

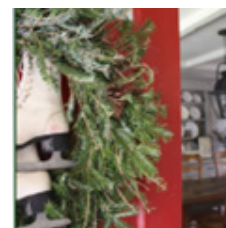
Ticket details:

Cost: \$22- can be purchased online via Eventbrite or by check. Please go to our website [www.ch-ca.org](http://www.ch-ca.org) for the link to purchase tickets, or use this QR Code to directly connect to the tour on Eventbrite.



Ticket pick-up: Please go to the First Reformed Presbyterian Church at 12900 Frankstown Rd the day of the even to pick up your tickets and be directed to the first home on the tour. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event by cash or check only.

If you would like to assist in any way, we need bakers for the cookie sale and greeters/guides for in the homes the day of the event. Please contact Grace Edwardo by email at [glkosko@gmail.com](mailto:glkosko@gmail.com) or by phone 724-309-5452 with any questions.



### Calendar of Events

- 11/4 – Litter Pickup
- 11/9 – Rotary Spaghetti Dinner
- 12/8 – Holiday Party
- 12/10 – Holiday House Tour
- 1/15 – Salad Luncheon

## Neighborhood News

Happy Birthday to James Hanna of Earlwood Road who is 101 this year!



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Rebecca and Rodney Williams of Earlwood Road, and their family on the recent passing of Rebecca's mother, Patricia Nieme. Mrs. Nieme, who was living in Seneca Manor at the time, was the mother of 4, grandmother of 14, great grandmother of 31, and great-great grandmother of 1. What a legacy!

Get well wishes are being sent to Jan Yanko, who is at home on Earlwood Road, resting and recovering from several fractured vertebrae, and to Rhonda Pope, Sycamore Drive, who is recovering from a knee replacement.

Jean Meyer of Crescent Hills Road is currently a resident of Corner View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and would love to receive cards. The address is 6655 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15206.

Congratulations to Bobby and Diana Franklin of Earlwood Road, who recently opened Fresh Prep Pgh, located in the former Crescent Gardens Floral Shop on Saltsburg Road. Freshly-prepared meals delivered to your home. [www.freshpreppgh.com](http://www.freshpreppgh.com)

FOUND: set of keys on Spring Grove Road. Call Getsy at 412-795-2607 to describe them.

## Fall Fest

After two rain outs, we were finally able to have a very successful Fall Fest on the last day of September. Old Friends and New Neighbors spent a beautiful afternoon in our park as we shared cheese platters, appetizers, fried chicken, beverages, and desserts. The event was made even more special by the music of local musician, Craig King. Thank you to Susan Chikalla and Juleen Madera for their planning, organizing, and generous donations of food!



To our new neighbors,

## WELCOME TO CRESCENT HILLS!

It has been a great honor to meet our new neighbors and drop off our "Welcome Bag" of goodies and information about our community. Crescent Hills Civic Association sends a quarterly newsletter to everyone on our email list, and throughout the year we also send information on upcoming events in Crescent Hills and the surrounding community. To keep everyone informed, we need to have every person included in our email list. PLEASE HELP ME get each of our new residents welcomed by introducing yourself and letting me know so we can give them a Welcome Bag and update our list. This is such a warm way to let new neighbors know they picked a special place to call home. Please call or email me when you notice a new family moving in near you! It is hard to know the changes on each of our streets and we don't want anyone to be missed! Thank you!

Julie Madera, Welcome Chair  
412-491-7225 [mjmadera@msn.com](mailto:mjmadera@msn.com)

## Litter

Tim and Rose Mizerak

Our last pick up of 2023 will be Saturday 11/4. If you'd like to help, please meet us at the park at 7:45am. We'll ask Penn Hills Police to close Lime Hollow Rd that morning, as we have in the past. To be added to litter pickup e-mails (4x/year) reach out to us at [chcalitter@gmail.com](mailto:chcalitter@gmail.com). Thank you everyone who has helped clean up litter this year!



## In the Community

WPAL - Looking for volunteers to wrap presents for the Western PA Athletic League's Stuff-A-Store Program. This collection enables local law enforcement officers to distribute toys to families in their communities. Toy donations will be accepted at Representative Joe McAndrew's office (visible from Rodi Rd.) Wrapping toys takes place at the Monroeville Mall (near the Hallmark Store) the weeks of December 3 and 10. Please call Pat Zvaleny if you can help, 410-353-8113, or for additional information.



## Holiday Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023, 6 to 10 p.m.  
OAKMONT YACHT CLUB



Seems early to talk about a holiday party, but this is the last newsletter for this year so it is the right time to do so. We will party again at the beautiful Oakmont Yacht Club (OYC) located at 11 Washington Avenue, Oakmont, PA. This club is the oldest inland yacht club in the United States but it is also a two-story building without an elevator. This event is a wonderful way to wrap up the CHCA year. I hope you will come. We particularly hope that new residents will join us. We promise to make you feel welcome.

- We will have exclusive use of the second-floor ballroom with our own restrooms, bar and bartender.
- We will seat six at each round table. If there are six in your party, you can reserve a table.
- The caterer serves the buffet meal to each guest.

Garda's Restaurant located in Ford City is the yacht club's caterer. The following is the menu we used in the past, tweaked slightly. The cost is \$55 a person. This higher price reflects a significant increase in rental fees and a smaller increase in food costs. The meal is delicious and includes two types of appetizers followed by a buffet dinner with the following items:

Chicken Marsala (smothered in a light brown sauce with mushrooms)  
Broiled Salmon with creamy dill & horseradish sauce  
London Broil  
Pasta Primavera  
Red skin potatoes with butter & parsley  
Vegetable Medley  
Garden Salad  
Bread & Roll assortment  
Cake  
Coffee & tea

Cash bar -- everyone pays for their own drinks. Soft drinks are \$1 each and the alcoholic drinks are very reasonably priced.

There is parking available in the OYC lots and also in the street. No parking in the Greek Church lot or the Riverside Landing lots.

Please confirm to [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net) if you are coming and send your check payable to Crescent Hills Civic Association, P.O. Box 17055, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 by December 1. If you're running late, you can also drop your check off at the Getsy house, 151 Crescent Hills Road. Call 412-795-2607. If you need to reserve a table, please email that information to the address above.

## Penn Hills Rotary – A Community Treasure

Our Penn Hills Rotary has been serving our community for 76 years. The Rotary holds various events and fundraisers to support Penn Hills residents, nonprofits, and other worthy organizations. This month the Rotary held a bingo that was attended by over 100 people and raised a record amount. Other activities include:

- National Night Out – bringing first responders together with the public
- Pizza night to all 1st responders
- Spelling Bee and dictionaries for 3rd graders
- Support for local civic associations and other local nonprofits
- Scholarship for graduating seniors
- Support for national and international projects, including support for Ukraine
- Donations to local food banks

By supporting the Rotary you are supporting your community. Please put these upcoming Rotary events in your calendar:

- ▶ Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, November 9th at Mt. Hope Church, our second spaghetti dinner this year, requested by popular demand! Featuring homemade meatballs and sauce by Grazia Tomasino, salad, rolls and butter, dessert, and beverages. Dine-in and take-out available. Cost is \$12 prepaid to Karen Lantz, 534 Springdale Drive, or \$13 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Penn Hills Scholarship Program.
- ▶ A Holiday Bingo is being planned, check the website for information.

TICKETS for both events and MORE INFO  
at [pennhillsrotary.org/events](http://pennhillsrotary.org/events)

## WANTED: Cookie Bakers

Rosemary Perer



We still need bakers to supply our cookie boxes that will be for sale during the Holiday House Tour. If you are willing to provide 6 dozen cookies, please bring them to my home at 61 Hathaway Court by Wednesday, December 6th. Please email me at [billandrosie@aol.com](mailto:billandrosie@aol.com) if you can bake. Thanks in advance for helping to make this a successful fundraiser!

# Park News

Jan Kukucka

On October 7, eleven neighbors helped spread limestone dust onto the CH park walking trail. This improves a walker's ability to navigate their "7 laps = 1 mile". Thanks to the following residents who used shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, a roller, and Russ's jeep/trailer/dune buggy to pack this down:

- Russ Biedrzycki, Ed Blazina, Jim & Linda Bluemle, Larry Choby, Judy Conroy, Lance Johnson, Jan Kukucka, Bob MacBeth, Julie Madera, and Bob Shaner.

14 tons of limestone dust was used on the more-worn areas of the trail. The remaining stretch (between the toddler area and the storage room steps) will be repacked with 4 tons in the spring. Stay tuned in March for a "workday notice".

Other late-season notes:

- the CH park is open year-round. However, cautious use is urged in winter as there is no snow removal from the parking lot and grounds!
- the CHCA and park committee will continue to evaluate how to improve the sports court through the winter. Hopefully a plan (to use the federal stimulus money given to the CHCA in March, '23 for this purpose) will be formulated by spring '24.

## Allegheny River Boulevard Preservation

Rick Duncan, ARBPA Chairperson

Have you noticed that Allegheny River Boulevard (ARB) has been getting some much-needed attention recently? Less litter, flowers, and vegetation cutting around the old stone observation turnouts? And there are many other ongoing efforts, due to the newly created nonprofit: Allegheny River Boulevard Preservation Association (ARBPA). The ARBPA's mission: "To restore, preserve and enhance the natural and built environments of the historic Allegheny River Boulevard scenic roadway by working with all interested parties to steward and improve the traveling experience of the communities and visitors of the Allegheny Valley."

and assessing current conditions on ARB and providing guidance to us for future planning. To help fund this study, ARBPA was awarded a \$20,000 Keystone Grant via our 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor, the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation (PHCDC). However, this grant requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match, which means that ARBPA needs to raise a matching \$20,000.

We would ask those interested in supporting the preservation and improvement of this beautiful, historic and scenic roadway help us by donating (tax deductible) through the PHCDC. Please go to: <https://arbpa.org/donate>. We appreciate any donation, no matter the size, as it helps us towards our goal. If you have any questions about ARB, ARBPA, or our fund raising, please contact the ARBPA Chairperson, Rick Duncan, at: [rbduncan@verizon.net](mailto:rbduncan@verizon.net). Thank you!

### OLD FOUNTAIN AT TURNOUT 3



To realize our mission, our first goal is the professional development of an ARB Preservation Management Plan, documenting



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