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Letter from the President

Exciting news for CHCA and Crescent Hills Park. The Civic Association will receive a \$1,000 stimulus grant relative to losses that occurred because of Covid. Three cancelled luncheons and two cancelled picnics caused a shortfall in our budget. We applied for Stimulus Funds to compensate for this loss, and Mayor and Council granted the application.

While that grant closes the gap, membership fees received to date are still short of the \$2,500 needed to fund CHCA activities. Two activities alone, quarterly newsletters and the Frankstown Rd. sidewalk, cost \$1,000. You are an amazing group of generous people, but we can do better. Increase membership!

The park's budget of \$7,000 is much larger than that of the Civic Association. Park expenses are unpredictable as an aging tree can cost thousands to remove. The Challenge Fund for this year allowed us to double the first \$2,800 of contributions. One generous Springdale household donated \$1,000. Donations by eighty-four households brought that total to \$7,400. But we are a neighborhood of six hundred households. We cannot count on future challenge funds or stimulus grants. We must count on all of you. If you have not already contributed to the park or paid your 2022 membership dues, please join this neighborhood effort to maintain our park and support our activities. Please note CHCA's new email address at crescenthillscivicasociation@gmail.com

New Activities

In meetings this spring, CHCA board members have brainstormed new activities and fundraisers for this coming year. I cannot thank the board members enough for their ideas and support. In addition to the plant sale and Memorial Day Picnic, we will introduce First Friday Family Fun Nights at the Park, a community yard sale combined with craft sales, a CHCA yard sale table, an autumn social and a neighborhood survey to gauge your interests. See the calendar in this letter for an amazing list of events. One event already completed was the first litter cleanup of the year. Lime Hollow Road is thirty-six bags short of litter thanks to the leadership of Tim and Rose Mizerak.

Although not new, we are holding the Memorial Day Picnic again, which we have not done since 2019. This is a great opportunity for new residents to meet neighbors and old neighbors to enjoy each other's company. The picnic follows the parade, which typically ends at 1:30. Bring a dish (one that won't wilt in the heat) or a dessert to share. The usual hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, soft drinks and water will be on the menu. Donations are appreciated!

We have an exciting year planned. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LVDKL8N> to complete an online survey OR Scan the QR code (Open the camera app on your smartphone and wait for the link to appear, you may have to click it, it will take you to our online survey). By completing the survey you will help us make Crescent Hills the best place to live.



Andrea Getsy



BINGO – Cinco De Mayo Style – Friday, April 29

Sponsored by Penn Hills Rotary at Universal Fire Hall,
2240 Main St.

Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets @ \$25 include 6 bingo cards, soft drinks,
chips & salsa Beer, margaritas, and light snacks
available for purchase

Purchase tickets online at pennhill Rotary.org/bingo

This bingo supports Crescent Hills Civic Association ---
That is US! How lucky can we get!

We will receive 15% of the proceeds for the benefit of
Crescent Hills Community Park.

Of course, the more people who attend, the more proceeds
the park will receive. What a straightforward way to support
the park while having a great time. The food is good, prices
are right, and opportunities to win are many. Several Crescent
Hills residents are involved with this activity, including Bingo
Caller, Deb Schuetz of McCurdy Drive. For those receiving
emailed copies of this newsletter, you can see a beautifully
colored flier with more details of the event. You can also see
the flier on our web and Facebook pages.

Plant Sale – Saturday, May 14 10 a.m. to Noon

Welcome long-awaited spring. We will once again hold a
prepay plant sale with the option of home delivery. In the
tradition of our former plant sales, we encourage residents
to pick up their preordered plants at the park. No additional
annuals will be for sale, but you will find perennials,
houseplants, baked goods, fresh asparagus and neighbors
you have not seen for a while. Raffle baskets will be on
display and tickets for sale but the winning tickets will not be
pulled until the Yard Sale in June. For those wanting home
delivery, we will deliver plants but for a fee or for free if you
order \$100 or more. If you are picking up your order, please
plan to come between the hours of 10 and 12. Thank you!

Bridges Greenhouse of Plum is our vendor. The plants are
strong, healthy, and locally grown. We will be selling the
popular Tumbling Tom patio tomatoes and the Citrosa plant
which repels mosquitos. The flowers and vegetables come by
packs, flats, individual pots and hanging baskets. You can see
a colored picture of the flowers on our website at CH-CA.org
in our Spring newsletter. That flier identifies which plants are
deer-resistant. Be advised that the deer do not always read
this. An order form is enclosed and the deadline for ordering
and paying is May 7.

Proceeds from the plant sale go to the park. You can help
with this venture by volunteering to deliver, fill orders, donate
perennials, or provide bake goods. Email Andrea Getsy,
algetsy@verizon.net or call 412-495-2607. Even volunteers
have fun at this event.

Yard Sale – June 11, 9 a.m. to Noon

Our always popular yard sale will happen again. This year
we are offering the opportunity to resident crafters to sell
their crafts on the same day but at the park for a small table
fee. We will advertise the event and hopefully lure buyers to
the park. CHCA may have a table at the park if we receive
donated items from the neighborhood (good condition items
or even family treasures are welcome) More information about
this sale will be posted on our website. If this craft sale idea
appeals to you or if you have an item to donate, please email
CrescentHillsCivicAssociation@gmail.com. We have more
planning to do on this project.



The Clothesline

You may have noticed the sign on the Mount Hope Church
lawn reading “Clothesline Thursdays 10-12”. Clothesline
is a community-sponsored service by Mt. Hope Church
that provides donated clothing to those in need. There is a
range of sizes from infants through larger adults. At this time
summer clothes are featured. All ages of people have taken
advantage of this offering. If you or someone you know are in
need, visit Thursday’s 10-12.

This initiative is staffed by Crescent Hills neighbors and is led
by Wendy Redington. Current staff members include Wendy,
Sue Beikman, Linda Bluemle, Lorraine Courtright, Deborah
Digby, Mimi Marco Eberle, Chris Miller, Rosie Perer, and Jan
Yanko.

If you have any summer clothes that are in good condition,
especially men’s and children’s, that you would like to donate,
you may do so Monday through Thursday 10-2 at the back
door of the church. Ring the buzzer and you will be admitted
to drop off the clothes. It’s a wonderful feeling to help people
select the appropriate clothing for their needs, from medical
patients, to young people seeking professional clothing for job
interviews, to various family members needing clothing. If you
would like to join the staff of volunteers, please contact Wendy
Redington at 412-793-7519.



Park News

Share your extra perennials: We have a couple of gardens at Crescent Hills Park that need to be reinvigorated because daylilies are dying off and lamb's ear is taking over. If you are thinning out your garden and need to eliminate some perennials, please consider sharing them with the park. Flowering plants make a nice appearance, but anything that can take full sun would be appreciated. Contact Ed Blazina at kukublaz@aol.com.

Park cleanup Sat. May 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. (Rain date Sun 5/8). Please come with a rake for an hour to weed, rake leaves, remove sticks & winter debris and lay down playground mulch.

Neighborhood News

We extend our deepest sympathy to Robert Gebhardt and the Gebhardt and Gazdik families on the recent passing of Gertrude. Long-time residents of Spring Grove Road, Bob and Gert are best known for their love of gardening, especially the beautiful shade garden they created behind their house where they hosted many garden tours.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Karen McKissick-Dyll who lived on Garlow Drive.

To all our Graduates this spring, we congratulate you on reaching this important milestone in your lives!

Happy 95th Birthday to Irene Seftick, long-time resident of Hathaway Court.

Jim Colwell of Earlwood Rd. wants to thank the mystery snow shoveler who cleared a path to his mailbox this winter.



It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of a longtime Crescent Hills neighbor, Gert Gebhardt. She died on March 21 at the age of 90.

She was a geologist, mother and outdoor enthusiast but when I met Gert 30 years ago she became not only my friend but my garden mentor for many years.

We have had many great gardeners in Crescent Hills, and she was one of the best. Gert's knowledge of native plants was extensive and she was willing to share her expertise with any interested

person. She could name plants botanically, not an easy task for everyone. She and Bob opened their garden many times and welcomed us and enthusiastically gave us garden tours. Gert and Bob adopted a garden at our park - the one in the back that sits in front of the blue and yellow fence. There Gert planted and nurtured a variety of native plants.

She was a very special lady with a gentle heart who had a phenomenal grasp of plants, nature and people. --Sylvia Lynch

Adult Volleyball In The Park

Bob and Geri MacBeth will once again host a summer of volleyball-fun at Crescent Hills Park on Monday evenings, beginning on June 6th, from 6:00 p.m. until dusk. All adults, including seniors, are welcome! No need to register, but if you have questions you can call Bob at 412-877-87714.

Yoga In The Park

Tracey Salah is offering her skills as a yoga instructor for free again this summer in our park on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning on June 6th. You just need a mat and the willingness to bend and stretch. Weather permitting, yoga lessons will go on until the end of September (excluding Labor Day). Until summer, yoga is still taking place at Mt. Hope Church's multipurpose room.

Reading in the Park

Get ready for another year of Storytime in the Park! This year it will be Saturday mornings at 11, starting June 18 and running through July 23. Just as the last two years, the first 10 families will receive a copy of the book to keep— and eeeek!—some weeks we have two books! We will have a book, song, and craft idea each Saturday to enjoy at the park. Last year, many children let their imagination run wild with a 'craft buffet,' which is why I said 'craft idea.' Join us with your children ages 3-7 for this fun, 6-week program! Follow the Crescent Hills Civic Association on Facebook or email LaurenJavens@gmail.com for more information closer to June!



Thank you Connie and Keith Michael for your \$1,000 donation to the Park Fund.

General Membership Meeting MAY 2, 2022, 7-9 p.m., Mt. Hope Church

Identify Fraud – Take Action

We are pleased to bring you a brand-new presentation on identifying fraud. Crescent Hills resident Detective William Skweres of the Penn Hills police force has been trained by the Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force on this topic. He has created the presentation and it will cover the following:



- The benefits to the community of the Fraud Task Force.
- The types of fraud individuals may encounter, including real examples, with names and private information redacted.
- What to do if you are a victim of fraud.
- Resources available to fraud victims.
- Q and A session at the end.

CHCA is privileged to host this event at our first membership meeting since 2019. A short business meeting, with all our exciting plans for 2022, will proceed this very informative and timely subject. Almost every day we receive scam emails, scam phone calls and scam texts. We need to know what to do about it. Detective Skweres will offer this presentation to other community groups as well. Thank you Detective Skweres for your work that may ultimately save Penn Hills residents a lot of grief.

Trash Talk

We had our first litter pick up on April 2nd! 12 volunteers collected 36 bags of trash and other discarded items from Frankstown Rd. and Lime Hollow Rd. There was so much litter on Lime Hollow that we couldn't get all of it, so the focus of our next pick up will be Lime Hollow. We need more volunteers, so please consider joining us at 7:45 a.m. on June 4th! We meet at the park, bags and gloves will be provided. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Membership form

Membership: \$15 per Household _____
Park Donation: \$40 _____ \$50 _____ Other: _____

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.

First Friday Family Fun Night in Crescent Hills Park

Beginning Friday, June 3, 6:00-8:30, join us for a fun time in the park, and also for the next three consecutive month's first Friday! Please join us for games and fun with neighbors. The CHCA will provide assorted chips, pretzels and lemonade. Bring your own beverages, (adult or other), chairs, your family, and a game if you want to share.

If you have any questions or want to help set up or clean up, I'd be happy to hear from you. Thanks! Susan Chikalla, susan.chikalla@comcast.net.

CHCA 2022 Spring And Summer Calendar

- 4/29 Rotary Bingo at Universal Fire Hall.
- 5/2 CHCA General Meeting, Officer Skweres Presentation on Fraud/Scams
- 5/7 Plant sale order and payment deadline
- 5/14 Plant and Bake Sale; Seedling Exchange; Houseplant and Perennial Sale
- 5/21 Volunteers from the Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission providing and planting trees on Sycamore Drive
- 5/30 Memorial Day Picnic
- 6/3 Friday Family Fun Night at the Park
- 6/4 Second litter pickup
- 6/6 Yoga and Volleyball return to Park
- 6/11 Yard & Craft sale Rain Date – 6/12
- 6/18 - 7/30 Reading in the Park
- 7/1 Friday Family Fun Night at the Park
- 8/5 Friday Family Fun Night at the Park
- 9/2 Final Friday Family Fun Night at the Park



the Easter Bunny with Alexander Vaxman of Crescent Hills Rd.

CHCA PLANT SALE – May 2022

Photos are from the internet, not the nursery, and are provided to assist the buyer.

<p style="text-align: center;">SUN PLANTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p style="text-align: left;">*</p>	<p>Plants marked with an asterisk are deer resistant. BUT just in case, keep deer away with garlic water or surround with strong smelling herbs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bridal Veil</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Bidens</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">New Guinea Impatiens</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Geraniums</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Drought resistant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dahlias</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ageratum with Marigolds*</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Petunias incl. Wave Petunias</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Zinnias*</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bacopa</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Container plant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dusty Miller</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Drought resistant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Vinca*</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Celosia</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Polka Dot Plant*</p> 

Gazania



Allysum*



Flowering Maple



Dianthus Perennial*



Border plant attracts pollinators

Osteospermum*



Scaveola*



**SHADE OR PARTIAL
SHADE**

Fuchsia



Streptacarpella (False Violets)



Sweet Potato Vine

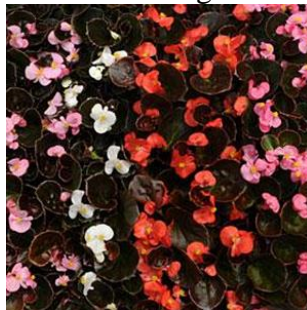


Full sun to partial shade

Coleus*



Dark Leaf Begonias*



Green Leaf Begonias*



Trailing Tuberous Begonia



Pansy Mix



Likes cool weather and more sun than shade.

Nonstop Begonias*



CHCA PLANT SALE ORDER FORM - MAY 2022

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:

6 plants/pack – 48 plants/flat		Price / pack - \$3	Price / flat - \$18	Total Price
Plant Type	Color	No. of packs	No. of Flats	
Petunias	Purple			
	Mix			
Pansy	Maxum mix			
Ageratum	Blue			
Dusty Miller	Silver			
Alyssum	White			
Marigolds	Yellow			
	Flame			
	Mix			
Vinca	White			
	Apricot			
	Mix			
Celosia	Mixed			
Coleus	Mixed			
4 plants/pack – 32 plants/flat		Price/pack - \$3	Price/flat - \$18	Total Price
Plant Type	Color	No. of packs	No. of Flats	
Dahlias, dwarf	Mixed			
Begonias – Green Leaf	Red			
	Pink			
	White			
Begonias – Dark Leaf	Red			
	Pink			
	White			
Polka-Dot Plant	White			
	Pink			
Zinnias, dwarf	Mixed			
10-Inch Hanging Baskets		No.	Price - \$17	Total Price
New Guinea Impatiens	White			
	Lavender			
	Salmon			
	Pink			
Bridal Veil	White			
Streptacarpella (False Violets)	Purple			
Begonia – Trailing Tuberos	Orange			
	White			
Fuschia	Purple & red			
Nonstop Begonias	Yellow			
	Apricot			
	Red			
Purple Wandering Jew				
12-Inch Hanging Basket		No.	Price - \$22	
Patio tomato – Tumbling Tom				

Name: _____

4-1/2 inch Pots		No.	Price - \$4.60	Total Price
Bidens	Yellow			
Bacopa	White			
Dianthus, perennial	Red			
	Purple			
	White			
Flowering Maple				
New Guinea Impatiens	Orange			
	White			
	Pink			
	Purple			
Osteospermum	Orange			
	Lilac			
	Yellow			
	Red			
Scaveola	White			
	Blue			
Sweet Potato Vine	Lite Green			
	Black			
	Rusty Rose			
	Tri-color			
Wave Petunias	Purple			
* (Good in containers too)	Pink			
	White			
Tomatoes	Earliest	Primo Red		
	Mid-season	Mt. Fresh		
		Grape tomatoes		
Parsley				
Peppers		Vidi		
		Hungarian Hot		
Sweet Basil				
Geraniums		Red	\$5	
		Salmon		
		Violet		
		White Splash		
Citrosa (Mosquito Repellant)		6-1/2" pot	\$7	
SUBTOTAL				

TAX 7% _____

I will pick up my order between 10 and Noon _____ DELIVERY for orders under \$100 – \$7.50 _____

Payment Method: Pay Pal Check TOTAL \$ _____

Thank you for your order.