



*Crescent Hills*  
— Civic Association —



### Letter from the Outgoing President – Andrea Getsy

CHCA, the longest existing civic association in the municipality, turns ninety years old this year! Coinciding with this historical benchmark is that we will begin this year with new (dare I say much younger) leadership. Tim Mizerak of Springdale Drive

will be our President. His installation occurs at the January 20th luncheon at Mt. Hope Church. Tim and his wife Rose have been leading the Litter Committee since 2022. They have been on the civic association board for three years and knows the organization well. Tim brings new ideas and skills to the job, both of which can be found in this newsletter and at the January meeting.

I am hopeful with new leadership that our younger residents will be encouraged to be part of the association by volunteering or just participating. This month is our membership drive, and the membership form lists the many opportunities to be involved in. Beginning with the park, which CHCA owns and maintains at 141 Sycamore Drive. The walking trail is a community favorite. CHCA sponsors several neighborhood events including fundraisers and parties. Volunteers maintain three bus shelters; keep litter off Lime Hollow and sections of Frankstown Roads; assemble and deliver this newsletter to 600 homes; maintain several gardens; teach yoga, hold readings in the park and welcome new residents to the neighborhood. There's a spot for you on this team!

While we are an active association, there is so much more that can occur. We have a park where people can meet and play ball, chess, corn hole, tennis or have an impromptu picnic. Someone so inclined could start a chess club and teach youngsters chess. Take advantage of this wonderful asset. Make this place your own. New ideas for using the facilities are always welcome!

In our last newsletter, we reported on the use of the stimulus grant to repair the court's flooding problem. Subsequently, with the help of Penn Hills' municipality, we have applied for a state grant to refinish the court. Since those grants are awarded in August, we shall continue to look at other grant opportunities. Any amount of time contributed is very much appreciated!

I have been President for several times starting in 1981. Before that my husband Jim and I had many roles in the association. Jim was president for three years starting in 2008. Throughout it all we were always making new friends. I feel blessed to have this organization that unites us, helps keep us safe, and informed. Jim is no longer with us, but I feel safe and supported because of all the friends I have made here. I will continue to be involved. I wish Tim great success. His success means our neighborhood will be a better place to live.

### Calendar of Events

- January Membership Drive
- January 20 Martin Luther King Day Luncheon and CHCA 90th anniversary
- March 29 Litter cleanup
- April 19 Easter Egg Hunt
- May 17 Plant Sale
- May 26 Memorial Day Picnic

# Letter from the Incoming President – Tim Mizerak



With great appreciation and a tinge of sadness we bid adieu to our outgoing president, Andrea Getsy. Not enough can be said about how much we all benefit from the work Andrea has put into this community--literal decades' worth of volunteering and leadership--so please, if you see her about town, thank her for going above and beyond!

So, who am I to fill such big shoes? Well, truthfully, I don't know if I can. The things I'd like to make happen for our community will require much more involvement from our neighbors than we've seen in recent years.

As a 30-something (I'm 39, so that still counts!) I look around at the wonderful things going on in our community, and I want to ensure it continues for years to come! My background is in data science and business operations, so my plan is to evaluate what our community wants from us and to set us up for success by making sure we have an equitable distribution of effort across our

neighbors and volunteers. But that will only work if the community wants it.

Our world is different now than it was when the association was founded, or even when it was rebooted in 2006. It is easy to cozy up to our favorite activities in the comfort of our homes, and the idea of getting involved with the 'strangers' down the street isn't always met with enthusiasm. However, there are few better investments of our time. Our neighbors and surrounding community aren't just people to serve, but a safety net and a collective force for good in our own backyard!

You've heard all the good things we already do. Maintaining our park, bus shelters, and gardens. Hosting events for kids and adults alike. And being a source for information and advocacy in Penn Hills.

But there's so much more to do! Among the things I'd like us to tackle this year:

- Expanding our social media presence to reach our neighbors where they are
- Elevating our events to create buzz about our community
- Updating our fundraising options to make it easier to contribute
- Identifying reasonable commitments for our many volunteer roles so everyone that wants to help can participate.

So with that in mind, I encourage you to explore the wonderful opportunities our association provides to get to know your neighbors. We will be happy to see you at an event, and even more thrilled if you volunteer to help out! We have big plans, and as such we have never needed more help, so now is the time to get involved! I look forward to seeing you around town.

Tim Mizerak  
CHCA President 2025



What would you like to see in your neighborhood?  
The new Prez wants your ideas. Let us know!

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## Litter pickup dates for 2025:

- March 29
- June 7
- July 26
- October 11

# Martin Luther King Day 2025 Salad Luncheon and 90th Anniversary Party

**Monday, January 20, 2025**  
**Noon to 3 p.m. (doors open at 11:30)**

**Mt. Hope Community Church**  
**12106 Frankstown Rd. (back entrance)**

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**



The salad luncheon is a popular CHCA event where attendees will find an extraordinary array of salads and soup. This year's menu features an anniversary cake celebrating ninety years in business. Admission is \$5 plus one salad that serves eight. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, but please come!

Also available, and a favorite part of the luncheon, will be many items to be raffled. All are donated by local artists, crafters, residents and area businesses. New to our raffle donations is a pet portrait by our own Newsletter Editor and artist Rob Jones.

Our speaker for the luncheon is Gary Rogers, who is the president and founder of the Oakmont Historical Society, will present a program on the history of Penn Hills. He has authored six books on local history including the topic of his presentation:

*"The Changing Hills, A History of Penn Hills."*



## Welcome New Neighbors!

Julie Madera, Welcome Chair

Welcome, New Neighbors! We are so happy you chose Crescent Hills as your new home. Our Civic Association has been in existence for 90 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 through social and volunteer opportunities. Please visit our website, CH-CA.Org or our Facebook page. We send out quarterly newsletters, plus 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 keep your eyes out for new neighbors moving in, and make sure we get to let them know what a special community they chose. I would like to deliver a welcome basket with a few nice gifts, a directory of their new neighbors and some important information on CH and Penn Hills.

Can you please call or email any updates to me as you see new homeowners!

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Since our last update we have had the following new additions to the neighborhood:

Nathan Edward Bailey 432 Springdale Rd  
Jeremy Morgan and Ruth Roze 132 Earlwood Ct  
Brandon Edward Vedock 201 Crestview Dr  
Bruce W Harris Jr 85 Sycamore Dr  
Cathy and Broderick Jackson 120 Glenfield Dr  
Alan and Jannice Stuckeman 143 Crescent Hills Road

## Trash Collection Republic Services 1-877-788-9400

In order for automated service to work, cans must be placed 5 feet apart. If they are too close, the operator has to get out of the truck and do it by hand. This information from Penn Hills Municipal website:



## Neighborhood News

Jimmy Conrad of Springdale Drive passed away on 11/14/2024. Jimmy and his blue and white pick-up truck were well known to the residents of Springdale Drive. For twelve months every year, he maintained their yards and driveways and helped any neighbor in need. He was the son of Elizabeth Conrad and the late Howard Conrad and brother of Anne and Jeanne. Our sincere condolences to Jimmy's family.

Get better, Bob Shaner. Our neighborhood handy man, especially at the park, is having knee and wrist problems. Not good when you do all the work that Bob does. We wish him a speedy resolution to these issues, for his sake and those of us who depend on him.

Welcome baby Cleo Violet Huden. Born on to Caitlin and Joseph Huden of Crescent Hills Rd. For the past two years, Caitlin has conducted the Reading in the Park program. We'll take this opportunity to thank Caitlin for her commitment to our neighborhood children.

Sending prayers and well wishes to Ken Bott of Garlow Drive.

We are sorry if we have not reported information about your neighbor or loved one. We count on all residents to keep us informed so we can keep you informed. Please send your information to civic association's email or directly to the president.

## Penn Hills News

Penn Hills has a new app for your phone or tablet called "**Penn Hills Passport.**" Here you can find up-to-date information about everything Penn Hills: trash pickup delay, happenings in Penn Hills and Verona, school news, real estate sales, municipal news, Penn Hills Progress articles -- you name it. Very helpful information. Thank you, Councilman Alan Waldron and Penn Hills CDC for doing this.

## Membership

The 2025 membership form with return envelope is included in this letter. Please use that to renew, join and volunteer. Our fellow civic association in Rosedale has had great success increasing membership with the idea to put signs in willing members' yards. Not for a long period of course -- just during the membership drive. Our sign would say "Member of Crescent Hills Civic Association." When folks see that their neighbors are members, it encourages others to join. It worked for Rosedale! This is an easy way to help CHCA. See the check box in the membership form. We'll order and distribute the signs after we get a sense of how many members will participate.

### Brief History of the CHCA

- 1935 Women's Civic Club of Crescent Hills formed and Marion Decker installed as first president
- 1938 Men's Civic Club of Crescent Hills formed
- 1947 Incorporated
- 1947 Crescent Hills Park established
- 1959 Spring Grove Road shelter built
- 1984 Frankstown Rd. sidewalk between Spring Grove and Glenfield built as a joint project with Penn Hills Municipality
- 1989 Earwood Rd. shelter built
- 1990 Flower garden at corner of Glenfield and Frankstown Roads built
- 1990 East Egg Hunt at park
- 1991 Spring Grove and Frankstown Road shelters remodeled
- 2005 Anti-litter committee established and state roads adopted
- 2015 Reading in the Park started
- 2022 CHCA along with Penn Hills Rotary and Penn Hills Education Foundation provided 1,200 anti-litter workbooks to Penn Hills elementary students
- 2023 Crescent Hills Civic Club officially changed to Crescent Hills Civic Association
- 2024 Major repairs to sports court with \$50k stimulus grant

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