



# Crescent Hills

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## Letter from the President



*A big congratulation to our residents Pauline Calabrese and Jim Getsy! Jim is a past president of the CHCA and a core volunteer in everything we do. He will be sworn in as councilmember in January. Pauline can often be found at our events and park*

*volunteers remember the tremendous amount of help she and her family contributed this year when they brought their truck to help in retouching the park running track. Pauline Calabrese will be the new mayor of Penn Hills.*

*The Holiday House tour is coming up. This is always a big fundraiser for us and a great time when we all come together and celebrate. Please share the event, especially with those outside of our neighborhood. You can find the event on our facebook page and click 'share' to post it on your page or message your friends.*

*You won't want to miss our big Holiday Simply Social at the Yacht club on December 13th; it is already looking like it will be a big one. We especially would like to see our new residents so don't be shy and buy your tickets early!*

*Karen Lantz brought to our attention the statistics of what a difference leaving a light on overnight can have on neighborhood safety. "Operation Night Light" we are calling it.*

*Consider leaving a light on outside overnight. For just pennies a day, it deters crime, and when everyone in the neighborhood does it, it really makes our streets look nice.*

*Well, with a heavy heart I declined to run for reelection as president again this year. Andrea Getsy will be president in 2020. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as president these last 3 years. I consider so many of you family and it warms my heart when I recall all the wonderful projects we've worked on together. I am sure most of you know how fortunate we are to live in this neighborhood and count each other as neighbors. Many people in Penn Hills don't have what we have, nor do most people in the country for that matter. I have been working with some great people in Penn Hills to try to change that. I believe we can help create some new neighborhood groups across Penn Hills and bring people together to better our entire community. Stay tuned.*

*Finally, I am not going anywhere. I have accepted an appointment to become the new CHCA membership chair and will be working on increasing our membership and volunteers. To that end I encourage you to find our Crescent Hills Neighbors group on facebook, so we can all stay in touch more often. See you on there!*



*Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents. Our next meeting is Monday, December 2nd at 6:45 pm at Mt. Hope Church.*



## Events Calendar

*Events are added and changed all the time. Check our website for the most up to date info!*

Mon, Dec 2	CHCA Meeting	Fri, Dec 13	Holiday Party
Sat, Dec 8	House Tour	Mon, Jan 20	MLK Day Luncheon



## Meet Your Neighbors

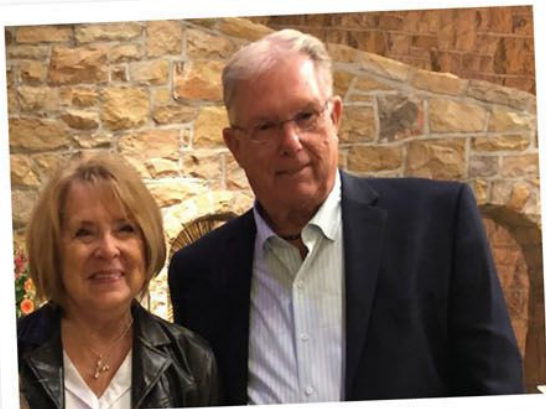
### Karen and Mark Lantz, Springdale Drive

Neither Mark nor I were interested in a blind date that a mutual friend of ours arranged for us. Meeting time was 6:00 p.m. While I arrived at 6:00, my date finally came at 7:15, just as I was leaving. He apologized and explained that he had a buyer for a piece of real estate. Many months later we married and were off to a cold and snowy ski honeymoon in New England. Mark's real estate career moved from selling existing properties to building new homes in the Pittsburgh suburbs, many more than 500 homes and developed plans in many of the north hills communities. Awards for "Best Exteriors, Best Contemporary Designs and many more; along with being named Builders' Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, Builder of the Year.

Moving along to having three beautiful children, Michelle, Scott and Brian. Our youngest, Brian, was two and I was back to college, La Roche University, to study Interior Design. Drafting and doing projects until very late, helping Mark with his contracting business and raising three children - wow, not sure how I found enough hours in the day. Our passions are definitely interior design and construction. Family vacations were always part visiting model homes and looking for new and creative designs - certainly not our kids favorites at the time.

We are thrilled every day to work for clients in this area, but my design business has taken me to Florida, Maryland, Hilton Head, North Carolina, NY, Chicago and many points in between. Most of the time I followed clients from Pittsburgh to their new home. I guess a client is a client for life.

Our son Scott has followed in the new construction business; Brian is our "techie" and is with an energy company; and Michelle is the Sales Director of the Fox Chapel, Howard Hanna office. We are proud to say she is our fourth generation in real estate. Can I saw how happy we are that they all live in the 'burg. Eight beautiful grandchildren; their ice hockey and soccer games, ballet recitals, one yellow Lab, boating and entertaining plus our passion for the Penn Hills Rotary, CHCA and our community fill our days. We love to spend time with our friends, both old and new and stay busy every day --- because every day brings a new challenge we want to address. Hoping to have many more healthy years with my love, family and friends.



## New Playground or Tennis Court?

At our last meeting we talked about updating our playground with a more modern feature or two and also discussed resurfacing our tennis court. Each would require grant money and matching donations. They are not small expenses. We would like to hear from you if those are things that interest you. Would you like to see new playground equipment? If so what kinds? Would you play tennis or pickleball if the court was resurfaced? Please contact us to let us know. We need to hear from you.



### Volunteers Needed

We still need volunteers to bake cookies - email Rosie Perer, [billandrosie@aol.com](mailto:billandrosie@aol.com) and volunteers to assist at the homes on the tour, email Andrea Getsy, [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net).



## Anticipation Grows for Holiday House Tour

With the Crescent Hills Holiday House Tour now only four weeks away, there is growing anticipation for this exciting holiday event. It will take place on Sunday, December 8 from 1:00-5:00 p.m and will feature eight homes, including those of Kevin & Brenda McDevitt, Diana Corbett, Greg Madura, Mark Yates & Doug McAnlis, George & Eileen Scipione, Pamela Woods & John Kratsas, Rod & Rebecca Williams, and Bobbie Moore. The proceeds from this event will support the maintenance, facilities and programs of our Crescent Hills Park.

Our hosts will welcome visitors to their festively decorated homes, sharing not only their love of the holidays, but their creative flair as well, offering both upbeat and traditional approaches to holiday decorating. At the Scipione Home at 203 Glenfield Drive, guests will be refreshed with coffee, cider and an array of holiday treats. Come in and be tempted. Available for sale will be trays of assorted homemade holiday cookies, some beautiful handmade crafts, and live wreaths and pine garland at exceptional prices. In addition, each guest will be eligible to win a wonderful door prize.

Currently, tickets are available at the Early Bird price of \$17. To order, call Christine Miller at 412-793-1940 or go online to our website at [www.ch-ca.org](http://www.ch-ca.org) where you can use the Paypal link to pay by credit card or Paypal. (Yes, we had a brief glitch in our Paypal feature the first few days of November, but it works fine, now!) **Get your tickets soon, because the full price of \$20 will take effect December 1.**

Events such as this are nothing new to this 85 year-old Penn Hills community, built in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Its homes are unique in personality and diverse in style ranging from Tudor and Cape Cod to Ranch and Colonial. The community's civic association has long been a source of connectivity for residents, hosting regular activities and events for kids and adults, fostering the kind of neighborliness and community pride which are today hard to come by.

Don't forget to order your wreaths in advance. They will be 22" Balsam Pine and will include the bow of your choice. Price \$22 each. Use them on your doors, windows, mailbox, and even gravesites of loved ones. Your order requires no advance payment but helps us to know how many to have available that day. Call Bobbie Moore, 412-798-4471 to reserve yours.













## Simply Social - Holiday Party

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019, 6 to 10 p.m.**  
**OAKMONT YACHT CLUB**

This year we are stepping up our usual dinner event to a real party. Our holiday social will be held at the Oakmont Yacht Club (OYC), 11 Washington Avenue, Oakmont, PA. This club is the oldest inland yacht club in the United States. It is a beautiful white two-story building sitting next to the Allegheny River.

We will have exclusive use of the second floor ballroom pictured here with our own bar, bartender, restrooms, and a view of the Allegheny and plenty of space to socialize. We will provide our own holiday and dancing music. The ballroom is on the second floor and being it is a very old club, there is no elevator.

The catering will be provided by Garda's Restaurant located in Ford City. The cost is \$32 per person and the price includes a buffet dinner with the following items:

-  Chicken Piccata (lemon, wine, garlic sauce)
-  Broiled Salmon with creamy dill & horseradish sauce
-  London Broil
-  Pasta Primavera
-  Red skin potatoes with butter & parsley
-  Green Beans Almondine
-  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.

If you are coming – and we hope you do – send your check payable to Crescent Hills Civic Association, P.O. Box 17055, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 **by December 3**. If you're running late, you can also drop your check off to the Getsy house at 151 Crescent Hills Road. Call 412-795-2607 or email [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net) if you have any questions.



# Winter

# Events

All the Details

## Holiday Party

**6 pm, Friday, December 13, 2019**  
**Oakmont Yacht Club**

11 Washington Ave, Oakmont, PA 15139

This is looking to be our biggest, most spectacular Simply social yet. We don't want anyone to miss it! More details inside newsletter.



## Martin Luther King Day Soup & Salad Luncheon

For many years, CHCA has held a salad luncheon in January on Martin Luther King Day. Over that time our program has included white elephant sales, an antiques appraiser, a magician, various musicians and guest speakers.

The luncheon is an appreciated respite from the cold and snow. It's a great way to mingle with our neighbors, eat some good food, display the arts and crafts of neighbors and friends and maybe win a prize.

The luncheon, held at Mt. Hope Church, has always been well attended with former neighbors returning year after year. Many of the same volunteers have been helping with this event since 2008.

After ten years of luncheon planning, we are experiencing a decline in the work force, and thought this might be an opportunity to seek some addition workers. Some of the jobs include making centerpieces, decorating the hall, setting tables, setting up the raffle table, cleaning up after lunch, and washing dishes.

Please let me know if you can assist with any of these jobs. Help us keep this cherished event going strong. Email me at [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net) or call 412-795-2607.

## Holiday House Tour

**December 8th, 1-5 pm**  
**Crescent Hills**

It's official, Crescent Hills will once again host a Holiday House tour. Proceeds will support the programs and maintenance of our Crescent Hills Park. Read inside for more details!

