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Letter from the President



I hope you had a great summer, I sure did. We had another beautiful kids carnival thanks to Nandry Smith and a great anti-litter awareness project thanks to Andrea Getsy. Although it was a huge effort with many volunteers, Andrea really lead the effort and made it a

memorable experience for all. Students in the Penn Hills schools designed wonderful anti-litter posters that hung in Penn Hills businesses. One of the posters was then chosen for a coloring contest to get even more kids involved. The awards ceremony for the nine winners was held in the Penn Hills Library where Mayor Sara Kuhn presented our gift bags as well as hand written letters to each of the winners.

On the topic of making Penn Hills more beautiful, I am sure many of you are happy to see the upgrading of our roads and I look forward to the ever continued improvement of our neighborhood.

We have some big issues to vote on at our next meeting on Nov 1st. Over the summer the Bylaws Committee drafted a whole new set of bylaws for our organization since the present

ones were very outdated and non-applicable in many cases. A major change is an article allowing nonresidents to join provided they are active volunteers and support our mission and park. The board voted to accept the new bylaws. The full CHCA membership will have the opportunity to vote at the big general meeting on Monday, Jan. 15th, at the Martin Luther King Luncheon. Please review the old and new bylaws on our website under the newsletter section.

A second major issue is the matter of park rentals. Please read what Park Chair, Jan Kukucka has to say in this newsletter about it. We will discuss at our next meetings whether park rentals will cease or continue under new terms.

Finally, in response to complaints about soliciting membership fees and park donations seemingly all year we are considering combining the membership and park drives into just one drive. That is another change we hope to enshrine in the new bylaws changing the fiscal year of our association.

Please review the bylaws and park rental issues and come to our meeting on Wednesday, Nov 1st!



*Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents.
Our next meeting is Wed, November 1st 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!

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| Sat, Oct 21 | Litter Cleanup | Wed, Jan 3 | CHCA meeting |
| Sat, Oct 28 | Halloween Parade | Mon, Jan 15 | MLK Day Luncheon |
| Wed, Nov 1 | CHCA meeting | Wed, March 7 | CHCA Meeting |

Storytime in the Park

For three summers, and on at least 42 occasions, Nandy Smith read stories to children in our park. Not ordinary stories, but stories of pirates, robots, rockets to the moon and space, fun at the beach, and bugs, and other wonderful adventures including water sports. All stories came with a craft that matched the story theme and amazing colorful snacks. Sometimes the kids learned about being patriots or how to be responsible citizens, or how to make and understand traffic signs.

Sometimes 6 children attended and other times as many as 30. But Nan was ready for all with plenty of food and supplies. Everyone, parents included, had fun. It was like attending 42 birthday parties, but you didn't have to worry about bringing a present. Nan has turned over this very big job to Penn Hills resident Adeshewa Metzger, who brought her children to the readings and helped with the crafts. We will miss you Nan beyond words. We are grateful that Adeshewa will continue the tradition. We welcome you Adeshewa.



Jack, Rosslyn, and Parker of Storytime in the Park learn about road signs and road safety.



Miss Nan at Storytime in the Park reading When You Give a Dog a Donut.

Park News

CH residents donated about \$3,500 to the CH park drive which was held from May to July. Thanks to everyone for their generosity! These donations help the park meet the expenses of landscaping, taxes, insurance and equipment maintenance.

Hundreds of neighbors enjoyed hours of recreation at the park these past 6 months. Besides leisurely sports, walking and get-togethers, there were about 15 park picnic rentals, a weekly childrens' story/craft hour and weekly adult volleyball held in the park.

The dozens of trees in the park help create shade, scenery and a pleasant atmosphere...but they sometimes are uprooted in storms! In June, one such tree fell during a rainstorm onto the toddler area and damaged the fence. This top railing will be replaced by late October and the fence stretched to make this area secure again. Thanks to Tom Conroy and Lyon Zeibak for their efforts in this matter.

The trees throughout the park will be evaluated in the coming months to see which are already fragile and are likely to be affected by storms. Maybe a "proactive" approach could prevent future damage to equipment or people.

In past years, neighbors who are CHCA members have had the right to reserve the park for exclusive picnic/party use. It could be considered a "perk" of being a CH donor/resident. Some residents this summer have expressed dismay that this exclusive rental limits everyone else's use on those days (which were usually Saturdays and Sundays). Others have mentioned the noise, cars and debris that sometimes accompany a picnic. The park committee will be discussing these issues and whether some changes should be made, such as: limiting rental use to shelter-only, keeping parties under 50 guests and charging a clean-up fee. We would like input from the community about park rentals. Email Jan at kukublaz@aol.com with your opinions.

Regarding the coming autumn/winter use:

- The park's open all year and in particular, the walking trail gets a lot of use! Remember, 7 laps= 1 mile!
- One of the ways we can keep leaf-removal costs low is to put the leaves behind the park fences, out of view. These spaces are needed for the park's own leaves and wood refuse, so the neighborhood is asked not to dispose of their household debris in the park.
- In December, the outhouse will be locked and closed to the public.
- Once the snow falls, the parking lot is not plowed and park at your own risk!
- Like the rest of the year, there's to be no one in the park grounds (including parking lot) after dark. It will be assumed someone's "up to no good" and police will be called.

Thanks to those of you who used the park with consideration this season!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Our deepest condolences to the family of Dolores Jendrasik, former resident of Spring Grove Road. Our warmest welcome to our new neighbors Sara Garbin, Corey and Ray Lakins, Keven Jeter, Lydia Martin, Alyson Milan and Matt Breymeier, Mitye Richie, Andrew and Jennifer Loewe, Tanisha Fitzpatrick, Valiha Jones, Stefanie Strauss, Shelley Proper, Ryan Scott, Ruth and Stuart Lindberg!! We look forward to getting to know you all and hope to see you at the next neighborhood event. Last but not least, a big congratulations to our own recording secretary, Jen Jackson, on the birth of her beautiful new baby boy!

Volunteers Needed - Plot at corner of Frankstown & Glenfield Rds

Much is done in this neighborhood by volunteers. You are reading this newsletter because 38 residents have delivered the copy to your door. Another half dozen residents pick up, sort, staple, fold and deliver those newsletters to the 38. Many residents answer the call to pick up litter, clean or maintain the park, and weed the flower beds contained therein. If you or your children travel by bus, you can wait in one of the three bus shelters built and maintained by this organization and its volunteers. This year all bus shelters were painted or repaired. Some maintenance is ongoing such as the flowers at the entrance to Crescent Hills Rd. maintained for years by Sylvia and Bob Lynch. Likewise for years, Susan Chikalla of Hathaway Court and Rose Spinelli of Garlow Drive have taken turns keeping the Earlwood Road bus shelter clean and beautiful. Springdale Drive resident Nina Helsel is the school bus guard at the Spring Grove Rd. shelter. Nina is not only looking out for the safety of our children, but she has been keeping that shelter swept, cleaned, and the landscaping trimmed. Mark Lantz of Springdale Drive recently installed an eagle over the newly remodeled Crescent Hills Rd. shelter. Constantinos Panousis' family of Crescent Hills Rd. is assuming the job of emptying the new garbage can we will soon be installing at that shelter.



Crescent Hills would not be the same community without volunteers. Despite having many helpers, more are still needed. A small flower bed at the corner of Glenfield and Frankstown Rd. needs a friend. This bed was recently weeded by Judy Conroy of Glenfield Dr. and perhaps can wait until spring for further attention. But if you are willing to adopt this plot or help with any of the flower beds at Crescent Hills Park, participate on any committee, please let our President Lyon Zeibak know.



A new Trash Talker to take over for Oscar

As some of you might know ... Laurie and I are moving out of state. It is time for our next chapter in life. I would like to say, it's been a fun, productive 5 years as litter chairperson/trash talker. Please welcome your new litter chairperson Judy Conroy who has stepped up and will be my replacement. Please continue to show support and keep Crescent Hills and Penn Hills BEAUTIFUL. I Love you all. (This is not FAKE NEWS) all the best ... Yours truly, Mel Adams

PS. Next clean is Saturday October 21st @7:45 meet at our park. Plan to attend. I know I will be there !!!



CHCA Anti-Litter Coloring Contest

Talk about Litter! The Anti-Litter poster campaign started by the civic association in cooperation with the Penn Hills School District was a phenomenal success and a delightful experience. Fifty seven middle and high school students participated and 80 posters were distributed by community volunteers and displayed throughout the business and local public offices. The theme was "Keep Penn Hills Beautiful." One poster was used for a coloring contest geared for the younger students, ages 5 to 13. An awards ceremony was held at the Penn Hills Library on Sept. 9 and Mayor Sara Kuhn presented the awards which included three \$50 gift baskets. Here is Peter Sprecher, age 12, of Glenfield Drive receiving his first place award.

Posters and colored pages were on display at the Penn Hills Library for three weeks. There were nine winners and two were from Crescent Hills (Peter and Zion Sprecher.) Evey Sherbo, age 5, granddaughter of Sycamore Dr. residents Fran and Robert McFadden also won a second place award. The event was published in the Tribune Review and caught the eye of the Allegheny County Treasurer's office, which then sent certificates of excellence to the award winners. So wow - everyone wants to Keep Penn Hills Beautiful!





Summer Highlights

CARNIVAL

STORYTIME IN THE PARK



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC



We had such fun this summer! Be sure to check out our Facebook page (under albums) for more pictures of the events.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sat, October 28th Noon
Penn Hills Community Park

Come visit our table in Penn Hills Community Park as we hand out candy to all the young ghouls and costumed friends that pass us by during the costume parade through the park.