



# Crescent Hills

— Civic Association —

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**Letter from the President**



I'm sure you've noticed the wall has been repaired and looks good as new. A big thanks is owed to Sylvia Lynch who referred the contractor who did such an amazing job.

Our Bus Shelters along Frankstown Road were repaired and repainted and they are looking great. We owe Sylvia more thanks for her efforts in getting them repaired along with Karen and Mark Lantz; who helped with the design and secured donated paint for us to use from our local Sherwin-Williams paint store. A big thanks goes to the store manager, David Powell for the donation.



I was invited to the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Penn Hills Municipal Building on Friday, April 28th. Past CHCA presidents Chris Miller, Andrea Getsy and Jeannie Myer accompanied me. Though we had raised many questions about the building in the past and were able to secure a special hearing about it, we attended the historic groundbreaking in good faith. The

mayor had many kind words for us in her speech at the event. She praised us as a helpful community watchdog.

At our last meeting It was suggested that we make some kind of accommodation for past residents, friends and family who are involved in our organization. A good number donate, participate and volunteer yet since they don't technically live in neighborhood their official status is unclear. Many other organizations such as the Blackridge Civic Association and the Garden Club of Oakmont allow membership to those outside of their neighborhoods. We discussed possibly adding an amendment to our bylaws for non resident members but while reviewing our bylaws we realized many were very outdated and no longer applied. So we have decided to form a bylaws revision committee to rewrite our bylaws and address the residency issue along with others. If you would like to volunteer for the committee please let us know.

Join us for an Ice Cream Social at Cold Stone Creamery; part of the proceeds will benefit our park. We're hoping to do a movie in the park and the kids carnival again this year. We'll announce the dates later this summer. Don't forget about the Memorial Day Picnic on Memorial Day in our park. It's especially important for you to come if you are a new resident so you can meet many of your neighbors and we can properly introduce you. I hope to see you there!



*Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents. Our next meeting is Sept 6th 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!*

Sat, May 20	Plant Sale Reschedule date	TBD	Movie Night in the Park
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day Picnic	Aug, TBD	Kids Carnival
Wed, May 31	Storytime in the Park Starts	Aug, 19	Litter Cleanup
Sat, June 3	Ice Cream Social	Wed, Sept 6	CHCA meeting
Sat, June 10	Neighborhood Yard Sale	Wed, Nov 1	CHCA meeting
June 24	Litter Cleanup	Wed, Jan 3	CHCA meeting



# SUMMER Events



## Rescheduled Plant Sale

**SAT, MAY 20TH, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.**  
**Crescent Hills Park**

As you know our sale had to be postponed due to nasty weather. The new date is May 20 - prime planting time. We are going to have the biggest and best plant sale ever. You just need to wait until then to buy your plants. This year we will have homemade hypertufa pots for sale, some already planted and others empty for you to plant. Hypertufa pots were a hot item in the 1930's when they were created to replicate stone troughs popular among English gardeners. The pots are made from a mixture of Portland cement, peat moss, and perlite. Each pot is unique. They are very porous and good for plants needing good drainage such as succulents (hens & chicks and sedum). They will look good sitting on other stones, driveways, rock gardens, near waterfalls. They are the "in" thing. Other beautiful porcelain planters are also for sale. Another addition to the sale this year is a bake sale. Come hungry, come early, but do come!!!



## Neighborhood Yard Sale

**Sat, June 10, 2017, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
(rain date June 17)

This is the time to clean out the cupboards, attic and garage and plan to participate in our neighborhood yard sale. This is also a great time to get out and see your neighbors! We would like to get an idea of how many neighbors are able to participate. Please contact Tina Sparano at 412-793-2529 or [ptsparano@verizon.net](mailto:ptsparano@verizon.net) if you are planning to set-up for the sale. We will run an ad in the Pennysaver and also on Craigslist. Signs will be posted at the entrance to the neighborhood the week before the yard sale. If you have other free advertising ideas please use them!



## Ice Cream Social



**Sat, June 3rd 1-3pm**

Enjoy Cold Stone Creamery on this date and have some of the proceeds come back to our neighborhood!  
**The Waterworks Mall - 1035 Freeport Rd**

## MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

**Monday, May 29, 1PM**

Bring the family and a dish to the Crescent Hills Park to celebrate Memorial Day with all your neighbors.



# Storytime in the Park

**Every  
Wednesday  
at 12:30**

*Starting Wed. May 31st*

Come enjoy a story, craft, snack, and activity with fellow neighborhood kids! Targeted towards ages 3-5 but older and younger kids welcome. Email [nandrysmith@gmail.com](mailto:nandrysmith@gmail.com) to register to ensure there is enough supplies.



## Our Warmest Welcome

Amy and Tom Haas moved to Hathaway Ct. in June of 2016 and are very happy to be part of the Crescent Hills community. Amy is a Penn Hills native, her mother grew up in Crescent Hills and her grandmother, Beulah Barnett, was

one of the original members of the Crescent Hills Civic Association.

Before retiring in 2010, Amy enjoyed a career in arts management with WQED FM, and also worked for the Pittsburgh and Boston Symphony Orchestras. Tom is a native of Brackenridge, PA. and has served on the administrative staff at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University for 22 years.

Amy is a pianist and enjoys antiques, home decorating, and history. Tom likes to play the guitar and drums and enjoys yard work and gardening. Amy and Tom are members of Oakmont Presbyterian Church.

Pssst... be sure to come to the Memorial day picnic to get to see a live performance by our new neighbors!



## Get Well Wishes

We would like to extend get well wishes to Jan Yanko, past president of CHCA and long time resident of Earlwood Rd. She is presently recovering from surgery in West Penn Hospital. Warmest wishes from us for a quick recovery.

## Volunteers Needed – Penn Hills Service Association

Penn Hills Service Association, which has been providing aid and service to Penn Hills residents in need since 1959, is looking for volunteers. Specifically a team of two volunteers is needed to distribute food to clients at the service center on Main St. in Universal. This commitment is for two hours, at least once a month, and preferably on a Saturday. Volunteers can set their own times, morning or afternoon. Training will be provided. Please contact Andrea Getsy at 412-795-2607 or [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net) for more information.

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## Litter Report by yours truly, Mel Adams!

I would like to thank the 14 volunteers that showed up on April 22nd 2017, our first clean-up of 2017. We collected 50 plus bags on Lime Hollow Road and Frankstown Road as well. Not to mention the additional car parts, tires, unidentifiable pieces of whatever. Give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done!! Also below are the upcoming dates don't forget to mark your calendar!!!! We sure could use more volunteers June 24th, August 19th and October 21st. With your help, we can keep our neighborhood clean! If you are interested in joining the email list to be notified in advance, please contact Mel Adams at [CHCALITTER@gmail.com](mailto:CHCALITTER@gmail.com). It really makes a difference. Don't forget: you can put it on your resume that you volunteer for your community!

## Talk about Litter!

Recently litter has been a topic of discussion at Penn Hill council meetings, where a new anti-litter group has proposed a number of ideas to awaken all residents to their responsibility to keep our community clean. We thank Faith Milazzo's group for starting this discussion. You can find out about that groups' activities on Facebook. The Penn Hills CDC is also involved in litter cleanup. CHCA has been cleaning up litter for a decade. During that time we have picked up more than 2,000 bags on litter on Lime Hollow, Saltsburg and Frankstown Roads.

Presently CHCA is working with the Penn Hills School District on an anti-litter campaign that involves students creating anti-litter posters and local businesses and government offices putting them on display. We hope that the very creation of the poster will enlightened students as to the effects of litter on our community and environment. Likewise, when business owners display the posters, they will be reminded of their responsibility in this regard. Look for these posters to be on display sometime this month. Anyone willing to help distribute the posters to area businesses please email Andrea Getsy, [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net).



## Park Highlights

The Park Committee held a meeting at chairman Jan Kukučka's residence on Sycamore Drive on March 29th. In attendance was Ed Blazina, Lyon Zeibak, Nandry Smith, Jim & Andrea Getsy, Chris Miller, Rosie Perer, Nick Kornick, Linda Bluemle, Gregg Wise and Rose & Tim Mizerak.

The accomplishments in 2016 were reviewed which included the installment of a new swingset, the transformation of the basketball court to the "peaceful playground", the placement of a wooden fence behind the court, the creation of a summer weekly craft time in the park and the celebration of a successful Kid's Carnival held in August. The treasurer Nick Kornick announced that 2016 park fund drive donations totaled \$3,582.00. The committee appreciates the neighborhood's support and thanks everyone who donated.

Among the the committee's plans for 2017 are: park clean-ups April 8 and May 13, fence expansion along the Peaceful Playground border, outhouse "maintenance," landscaping, park security improvement and event-planning.

At the April 8th cleanup, the following helped clear the park of winter's debris and prepared it for Easter Egg Hunt use: Andrea & Jim Getsy, Chris Miller, Pauline Calabrese, Tim Mizerak, Lyon Zeibak, Linda Bluemle, Ed Blazina and Jan Kukučka.

Thanks to Tom Conroy, who rebuilt the "white picket" fence at the north end of the park that surrounds a garden spot and repainted it a cheerful blue and yellow.

On Saturday, April 15th, the annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at the park. Visiting from her new home in Lima, Ohio, Alexandra Newby was kind enough to reprise her role as "Crescent Hills Easter Bunny." She distributed treats to 35 neighborhood children and then posed for pictures at the "Bunny photo-op area" created by Nandry Smith. The



daffodils happened to be blooming at the CH sign adding a spring feel to the location. Prior to receiving treats, the children played games supervised by Susan Chikalla, Chris Miller, Andrea Getsy, Nandry Smith and Yvette Logan. Thanks to Egg Wranglers Ed Blazina and Jan & Beth Kukučka.



## General Summer Park Hints

**Park Rentals:** The park can be rented for a picnic or gathering by contacting Linda Bluemle at 412-795-4213. The renter must be a CHCA member (\$15 annual membership fee) and rental is \$50. The renter has a list of responsibilities outlined in a contract signed prior to using the park. Signs saying "Park closed for private party" are posted at the park entrances and the neighborhood is asked to honor this exclusive use.

### **Help keep the park clean and safe:**

- Please clean up after your dog(and always use a leash!) and dispose of the waste in refuse containers in the shelter or at the parking lot entrance. Could trail walkers occasionally pick up a few weeds or sticks as they circle the park? They can be placed behind the fence near the yellow slide.
- Please place garbage (even if you didn't create it) in garbage cans
- CH park is generally a very safe place to visit! People seem to know it's a private park watched by the neighbors. But if you witness questionable activity(like fighting or destruction of property or drug use), don't approach the "perp" yourself-contact police!
- While daytime park use is welcome, no one is to be in the park after dark. (No questions asked- police will be called.) As an attempt to dissuade visitors after dark, the entrance to the parking lot will be chained during the overnight period.

## PARK DONATION DRIVE 2017

Please keep our CH neighborhood valued by keeping the park safe and well-tended. Whether a resident lives next to it or six streets away, it affects property values! The neighborhood donations is what pays the \$3,500 a year it takes to maintain equipment, cut the grass, landscape and pay taxes and insurance. Please fill out the form below and make checks to "CHCA". Mail to : P.O. box 17055 Penn Hills Branch Pittsburgh, PA. 15235 . Or donate online at [ch-ca.org](http://ch-ca.org).

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