



# Crescent Hills

— Civic Association —

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## Letter from the President



As I write to you this spring, I will be stepping down as president of CHCA. Without the support of my chairpersons and community volunteers, what we've accomplished over the last 3 yrs would not have been possible. Thank you all!

Our new president is Lyon Zeibak, formerly VP of our organization. He has a lot of new and exciting ideas for our community, so it is my hope that you will give him the same support that you afforded me.

Hopefully, many of you were able make it to our May 15 plant sale. Our chairperson Tina Sparano coordinated our first event of this spring, and we say, 'thank you' to her and her volunteers! Working around the recent weather patterns has been a real challenge in planning our events.

Coming soon is the May 30th Memorial Day Picnic which follows our community parade...around 1:30pm. Please join us on this special day to commemorate our veterans and to celebrate family. We'll have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the picnic too.

Our wonderful Reading in the Park for children will again take place this summer along with a Simply Social dinner in July. We've also already booked the Penn Hebron Garden Club for an 'Octoberfest,' and a holiday dinner in December.

Spring in Crescent Hills means more time spent at our local park. Many volunteers have spent long hours getting it ready for you! We've weeded, mulched, put up a new doggie litter container...thanks to resident, Bob MacBeth, and added some new items—like a brand new swing set...thanks to a Crescent Hills neighbor, and a "Peaceful Playground" on the former basketball court is on it's way... thanks to Nandry Smith and her volunteers.

If you're a new resident, and haven't yet been visited, please contact our new Welcome Committee chairperson, Rosie Perer (see sidebar), and she'll make arrangements to drop off some pertinent, neighborhood information for you.

Signing off, I'd like to ask that you enjoy the beautiful outdoors of spring in Crescent Hills, the colorful season of fall on our tree-lined streets, and the picturesque winters in our section of the world. I wish you all good health, happiness and peace.

*-Christine Miller*

*Please remember that CHCA meetings are open to all residents. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept 7th 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!*

Sun, May 15	Spring Plant Sale	Sat, Aug 27	Road Cleanup
Wed, May 25	Storytime in the Park	Wed, Sep 7	CHCA Meeting
Mon, May 30	Memorial Day Picnic	Sun, Sep 18	Wine and Cheese Party
Sat, June 11	Relay For Life	Sat, Oct 1	Oktoberfest
Sat, June 25	Road Cleanup	Sat, Oct 22	Road Cleanup
Thurs, July 14	Simply Social	Sat, Dec 3	Holiday Simply Social
Sat, Aug 20	Kids' Carnival		



## Passing the Gavel



Chris Miller, CHCA President, passes the gavel and leadership to Lyon Zeibak. We welcome Lyon, his wife Bridgette and daughter, Rosslyn. We are thankful that he has taken up the challenge to keep our community organized and the CHCA functioning. But we must thank the woman who has been our leader the longest. Albert Schweitzer said, "Example is leadership." Chris, leading by example, in the

last three years has worked on every CHCA committee, participated in every event, and throughout, treated all folks with respect and kindness.

Chris and Bill Miller have lived on Garlow Drive since 1990. They raised two sons, Christopher and Andrew, and are now proud grandparents. Chris has spent many of the last ten years fighting for litter-free streets. She has advocated for tougher litter laws. She has challenged businesses to clean their properties. She has led numerous litter cleanups on roads adopted by our association, collecting more than 2,000 bags of litter. She was recognized by her former employer, University of Pittsburgh, for her volunteerism in this area. Before she retired, Chris received a monetary award from the University which she donated to the Crescent Hills Park.

Since 2013, Chris has led CHCA and advocated for our community. Under her leadership CHCA committees have increased membership and communication, renovated our park, sponsored picnics and other events, and picked up even more litter. Under her leadership, CHCA pressed our local government for a larger road budget and more accountability. We hope that Chris' example will inspire others to come forth and participate in the leadership of CHCA. As another great woman, Maya Angelou, said, "[n]othing will work unless you do." Thank you, Chris, from all of us.



Our Civic Association would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Deputy Mayor Joseph Palumbo. We agree with the statement made by Penn Hills District Judge Tony DeLuca Jr., "He was an asset to the community and had the people of Penn Hills' interest at heart," He will be missed.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Crescent Hills Civic Association Board has been working on a 5 year strategic plan. We've summed up all our goals in 6 points. We'd like to solicit input from the general membership. Please consider coming up with some ideas and tactics to help us achieve our goals and email your responses to [contact@ch-ca.org](mailto:contact@ch-ca.org)

1. How can we improve communication and keep all residents informed?
2. How can we increase the feeling of "community/neighborliness" and neighbor to neighbor connections?
3. How can we increase the number of attendees at our events?
4. How can we increase association membership?
5. How can we increase the number of volunteers?
6. How can we increase Park Fund donations?

## Keep Our Neighborhood Beautiful

We had an awesome turnout for our part in the State-wide cleanup on April 23rd. Fifteen volunteers showed up and worked hard to collect almost 60 bags of trash plus TVs, a computer and car parts -- all in under two hours. Give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back!

Want to help? Get on the email or call list ([chcalitter@gmail.com](mailto:chcalitter@gmail.com) / 412-704-7294) or watch for the signs posted a week ahead around the neighborhood. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the next litter cleanup: June 25th.

Thank you, Remelle (mel) Adams



## Yard sale this year?

Feel free to have your own but we are not planning a Neighborhood Yard Sale this summer. We will most likely keep this a biennial event. Save up for next year!

## Simply Social at Green Forest

Thursday, July 14

Come join your neighbors at a Simply Social gathering at one of Penn Hills' unique restaurants. Located in a plaza at the bottom of Rodi Rd, **the Green Forest** is the only Brazilian Churrascaria in the Pittsburgh area. Folks come from as far away as West Virginia to eat the meats that are prepared in a special oven. We will be eating from the "bar menu, however, just to make it affordable for everyone. These prices range from \$10 to \$20 and the food is quite delicious. Because it is happy hour, the drinks are also reduced. There will be separate checks but we do need to know how many folks are going. If you are interested, let us know now and we will contact you at the beginning of July to confirm your attendance. Save your seat. Call Andrea Getsy 412-795- 2607 or email [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net).

## Relay For Life

June 11, 2016

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life movement ranks as the largest community-focused event in the world. Since its inception in 1985, more than 60,000 relays have been held in the U.S. But you only have to go as far as the Penn Hills high school football stadium to participate. As much as \$75,000 has been raised in this community in one year at that function. Last year our team raised \$1,654 and we had 29 walkers. I say wow to that.

We have registered Crescent Hills Civic Association as a team on the Relay for Life website. Go to <http://www.relayforlife.org/> and insert our team name to contribute online. If you prefer to write a check, make it payable to the American Cancer Society and drop it off at 151 Crescent Hills Road prior to June 11. We can then send the contributions in under our team's name.

There are many ways to participate:

**There will be a 5K race!!** You can sign on to this on behalf of our team. Registration fee is \$20 and if you pre-register, our team will get credit for the donations. The race starting at 9 a.m. will be the first activity of the event. Awards will be handed out during the Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m. Go to the website to pre-register.

If you are a cancer survivor, the Relay provides dinner for survivors and caregivers at the event. You will get coupons to use at the various event booths. After the dinner, there is a survivor lap around the track. You must register in advance for this.

When dusk arrives, luminaria are lit around the track in remembrance of those who have faced cancer. You can purchase luminaria in someone's name.

There are many family oriented activities throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. You can support the many booths that will be there. Bring the kids. Have fun! If you have any questions or are willing to man a booth for our organization, please email [algetsy@verizon.net](mailto:algetsy@verizon.net).



## Storytime in the Park

and then  
it's spring



### Starting May 25th

We will be having Storytime in the Park on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm Crescent Hills Park, 141 Sycamore Dr. The activities are targeted towards age 2-5 but any interested children are welcome in joining us.

The theme for Week 1 is **Spring!** Bring a pot, mug, or jar (get creative!) to plant your very own seed in to bring home. Please register with [nandrysmith@gmail.com](mailto:nandrysmith@gmail.com) to ensure we have enough supplies.

## Memorial Day Picnic

Monday, May 30th

1:30pm

(Immediately following the Penn Hills Parade)

The Annual Memorial Day Picnic will be held at Crescent Hills Park (141 Sycamore Drive).

**hot dogs - hamburgers - chips  
kielbasa - sauerkraut - beverages  
music - children's games**

## Repaving the Roads

Attention: Glenfield and Earlwood Rd. Residents  
In the coming weeks Oakmont Water Authority is to repair two sections of our roads that have had problems. Following this repair project, the Civic Association has requested that the municipality repave Glenfield and Earlwood Rds. One of our residents was recently told by Oakmont Water Authority that Glenfield,

Earlwood, Sycamore and lower Garlow will be paved. Please keep Penn Hills Council meeting dates on your calendar. They are usually the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Always check the municipality's website since meeting dates may be changed or dropped, especially in the summer months. Our association would like to keep on top of this issue, so please check our website, ch-ca.org for updates.

## Park News

Although the CH park is used year-round, there has already been a flurry of activities this spring!

On Saturday, March 26th, the annual Crescent Hills Easter Egg Hunt was held. Neighborhood children played group games, (thanks to supervisors Andrea Getsy and the Yvette Logan family) gathered plastic eggs and had a photo-op with the Easter Bunny. Credit is given to Egg Wranglers and All-Round Helpers Lyon Zeibak, Ed Blazina, Chris Miller and Jan & Beth Kukucka for keeping the event safe and organized. A special thank-you goes to Easter Bunny Alexandra Newby for giving her farewell performance handing out treat bags and visiting with the 70 children in attendance. (In fact, thanks to the Newby family for "providing" 20 years of Easter Bunnies to the neighborhood!)

The new 4-seater swing set bought with park fund donations (and in particular with an anonymous neighbor donation) was installed by the Snyder company at the end of March. A celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the Memorial Day picnic!

A "post-winter" park cleanup was held on April 16th. Residents Chris Miller, Linda Bluemle, Nandry & Sean Smith, Ed Blazina, Jan Kukucka Lyon Zeibak and church members from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter -Day Saints helped weed, gather debris and paint equipment. Russ Biedrzycki used his tractor/hauler to spread mulch over garden areas and the swingset base. Thanks to all who participated. Any

park-user is encouraged to continue this process by "cleaning-up" throughout the season.

Kudos to Tom Conroy who single-handedly created and installed a wooden fence near the former basketball court to cover the area affected by one of last year's fallen trees.

### Summer Activities at the Park

A major effort taking place this summer is the rehabilitation of the basketball court. This space is being converted to a play/roadway area for our younger children; a process that will take place in stages. Help create "Stage One" by volunteering time to Nandry Smith (Phone # in newsletter front) and by donating to the park fund drive seen below. Other summer activities "in the works" include a movie in the park, weekly kids summer program, adult volleyball, and an end-of-summer kids festival. Watch for posted signs or visit the ch-ca.org website for future details. Park Rental for parties is available to Crescent Hills residents for \$50 and a \$25 security deposit. The renter has a list of responsibilities reviewed at the time of inquiry. When the park's rented, signs are posted at the park entrances and the neighborhood is asked to respect this exclusive use. To rent the park, contact Linda Bluemle at 412-795-4213.

**No one is to be in the park after dusk** - police will be called. Any time questionable behavior is seen in the park (like fighting, vandalism or illegal activities), call police rather than approach the offender. In our constant effort to provide a safe neighborhood, electronic surveillance will be added to the park this summer.

## PARK DONATION DRIVE 2016

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.

Crescent Hills park fund 2016

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