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Crescent Hills
Civic Association

Dear Neighbors,

Gratitude was the theme for this week's Reading in the Park as 20 children heard about the Thanksgiving holiday and the Pilgrims and Wampanoag. After the reading, and with their parent's help, they wrote one word on a leaf and then hung their leaf on a Thanksgiving tree made out of leaf on the paper tree. They sang a song about the 5 seasons and used modeling clay to create an item of their choice from the story book.

We are grateful too for the wonderful teacher we have, she is sharing her talents with us. The beautiful weather we have had for the program, Cindy Kimbrough, Cindy Wednesday, Kimberlyn at Kentwell Ski for children from all over Penn Hills.

Lauren Linaris is the treasurer and she will be extending the program through the month of September. Go to CHCA.org and Facebook to see more.

Discussions will be limited to the first 10 families that RSVP each week. Contact Lauren Linaris at 412-638-6852 or by email at laurenlinaris@gmail.com

Masks are encouraged. The playground will be open. Bring your own water for the children. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Lauren, not content with the small area of success, raised enough money to expand this program and provide the same packages to the Crescent Hills Neighborhood. Lauren is also working on a Facebook page and an inclusive to the food box distribution. Families will be directed to use YouTube to hear the book reading and learn how to make the Pilgrim hat.

That's really something to be grateful for!

CRESCENT HILLS PARK NEWS

The park is a real treasure for the community in these times. It has been heavily used since the first days of quarantine by families with young kids, who are getting their exercise, dogs are getting their walks, pop-up picnics are occurring, and spirits are being lifted. We recommend that you visit the park.

The fall paintings are started. Finishing touches are needed such as outlining the roadway and stenciling in the letter and numbers. The Masters family of Earlwood Rd. will undertake this part of the project. But otherwise the children's court is back.

Thank you Ed Bajorna, Lynn Zurbel and Nick Kornick for revealing the beauty of the Crescent Hills Park sign. Thank you Cindy Wednesday, Linda Rosenfeld, and Rebecca Williams for repainting the games. Thank you also to our own newsletter editor Nancy Smith for coming all the way from Gibsonia to be the outline work.

Our next big project is to add more gravel to the parking lot. Muscles are needed for this project. Please let Lauren know if you have a pick-up truck and can lend making a ford of driving volunteers now. High whistles, Snacks and college students are most welcome. Please reply to Jim Kuzma at jimkuzma@aol.com or 412-793-2074.

We cannot thank a give a big Thank You to Mike Hauf of Glenfield Drive for his generous donation of new hockey nets for the park. This is not a small undertaking considering the size of the nets and what it represents a lot of work. Texas Iggy Miles had hand-built the goal frames and he has adjusted the commercial nets every time he needed to make them fit just right. The Crescent Hills Committee and the other hockey players say, "Thank you Mike."

LITTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Our next CHCA Litter Clean-Up will be on:

Saturday August 15
9:00 - 11:00 AM
Meet at Crescent Hills Park
Bring your own bag and gloves
Please wear a mask during distribution at the park.

We will be cleaning Frankstown Rd. from the Old Municipal Building to Crestview Lane Hollow Rd. from Frankstown Rd. to Springdale Dr. and Crestview Lane from Hollow Rd. to Springdale Dr. and Springdale Dr. The middle of Lane Hollow Rd. is closed due to construction and was cleaned in early May.

Our group of volunteers has done a great job of keeping our adjoining streets clean during our Saturday work parties. I have also noticed many people picking up litter while walking in the neighborhood. I appreciate everyone's time and hard work.
THANK YOU to ALL who are keeping our neighborhood clean and litter-free!
Is it school and sports yet?
It is very much appreciated.

Judy Cerny, jcerny@verizon.net

Our commitment to long-time resident Debbie Dugly and family of Deerfield Rd. on the loss of Debbie's

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

The COVID-19 Relief Pennsylvania Statewide Small Business Assistance program will provide grants ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 to small businesses that have been economically impacted by COVID-19.

Click the link for more information

PENN HILLS TREE COMMISSION

Saturday, September 19 – Penn Hills Community Park

The Tree Commission will sponsor Phase 2 of its three-phase program to plant 300 trees in Penn Hills. Phase 2 will focus on habitat for wildlife and bumpers. Phase 1 included the removal of Japanese Knotweed that had grown 8 ft. tall and blocked access to Plum Creek in Plum Creek Park and the planting of 100 trees in Plum Creek Park. We asked and had said the commission, with the help of 15 volunteers, planted 43 native trees and with flowers along the newly exposed creek.

Children and families are playing in the creek, now, catching minnows, crayfish and other water creatures. This September 19, 23 more volunteers will plant 100 trees in the Plum Creek Park. The goal for the goal is to get family members to be responsible for planting and then keeping the work environment safe. What a great opportunity this is for families to be together and to see what a difference they can make in a positive. How cool it will be when you visit the park and see a tree your family had planted. For those wanting to be a part of the Tree Commission, please contact Commissioner Shade Tree Commission, Kathy Ramon, at pennhillstree@gmail.com

Congratulations
Penn Hills!
A Tree City USA
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ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission

PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
PA PRE-K COUNTS

For families with pre-school aged children, Penn Hills is offering a high quality pre-kindergarten program at Penn Hills High School at no cost to families, who qualify. A family of 4 can make up to $48,000 annually.

Call 724-437-2080 or apply online at www.pennsylvaniaprecount.com. You can also email enrollment@pennsylvaniaprecount.com

PENN HILLS COUNCIL MEETING

Penn Hills Council Meeting – Monday, August 17, 7:7:30
Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/646457821

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 - 646-307-3012
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Access Code: 976-778-317

FREE HEALTHCARE CLINIC

For persons without health insurance, the First Lutheranship of God Lutheran Church in Penn Hills will offer a free health care clinic on Thursdays from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Contact: http://shepherdsmc.org or call 412-210-0362 for more information.

Nancy Sharer's Hibiscus bush is looking great in her lovely garden.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SCHOOL BUS STOP MEAL
PICK UP IN PENN HILLS
Starting July 1st - THRU THE
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Beginning July 1st, 2020 Penn Hills Community Center will be a meal site for Allegheny County Residents. Meals will be served to anyone under 18 years of age, regardless of residence. Meals will be served on a first come, first served basis. Meals will be served from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Meals will be served on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Meals will be served in the parking lot of the Community Center. Meals will be served in a "drive-through" fashion. Meals will be served in a "grab and go" fashion