

# THE HUB

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## Don't Miss Luminary Night!

The annual Park Hills Luminary and other holiday festivities are scheduled for December 11th.

Luminary night is an evening when Park Hills truly shines in the glow of thousands of candles! This year even more holiday lights and decorations will adorn our community. Invite your friends to join you and your family on a carriage tour and discover how lovely Park Hills can be in the glow of candle light!

The evening's schedule of events is as follows:

- 5:00 Luminaries are lit (if you haven't ordered your luminary kit yet, see the order form inside this issue.)
- 6:00-7:00 Children's Christmas Party at the Fire House hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served and Santa has gifts for the children!

You must be a member of the Civic Association to attend. (Dues are payable at the door.) Call Liz Stephens at 581-6308 for reservations.

- 7:15 Tree lighting ceremony at Trolley Park. Ceremony and Christmas music provided by St. Agnes Choir.



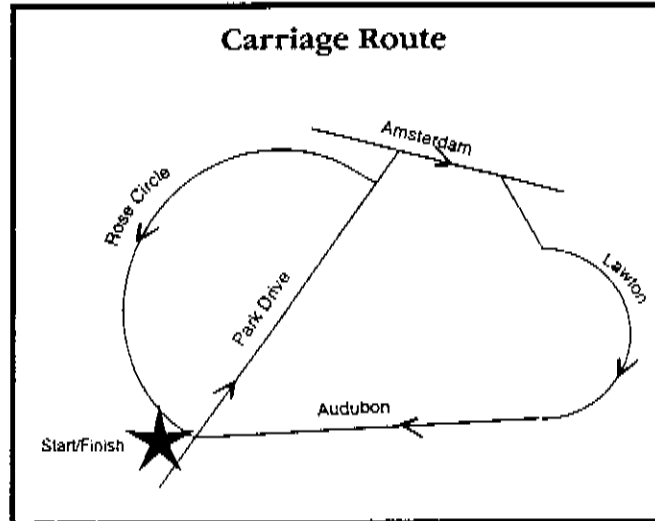
The Civic Association will be scheduling horse-drawn carriage rides through the community. Carriage rides begin at 5 p.m. and run until 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$5/person for Civic Association members, \$6/person for non-members. Each carriage can accommodate four people. Carriages leave every 20 minutes. Those who plan to ride should arrive promptly at their scheduled time.

This year's carriage route will wind its way through Park Hills neighborhoods, starting on Park Drive, proceeding down Amsterdam and Hillcrest to

Lawton, and then down Audubon to Rose Circle. (See map at right.) People with homes on these streets will want to be sure to put their holiday decorations up and luminaries out that night!

To ensure a spot on a carriage for you and your family, call Bill Meyer at 491-3941 as soon as possible to schedule your ride.

**NOTE:** On Luminary Night, Rose Circle will be closed to traffic and no on-street parking will be allowed on Rose Circle or Lawton.



### **Annual Fire and Police Fund Drive Slated for December 4th**

The annual Park Hills Firemen and Police Fund Drive will take place on Sunday, December 4th. Fire, Police, Rescue Squad, Civic Association and community volunteers all pull together to help canvas our neighborhood that day to raise money for the Park Hills Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Last year residents contributed close to \$15,000. Donations from this annual drive have helped a great deal in equipment purchase, maintenance and other items for these essential services. The Civic Association distributes the proceeds evenly to the departments and receives an accounting of its usage. Funds are used for a variety of special needs beyond that which is received from the City for each department's operating budgets. Each department chooses to spend their share as they see fit and can accumulate year-to-year donations to accomplish major purchases if need be.

Your contribution directly helps your community, so please contribute what you can to this worthwhile fund.

### **Garden Club Planning 1995 Home Tour**

The Garden Club is gearing up for another home tour in 1995. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11th. Though plans are still being negotiated, six or seven homes and gardens are anticipated to be available for the tour. The Garden Club is striving to emphasize the diversity in Park Hills and will be hosting a variety of homes on Aberdeen, Altavia, Cleveland, Emerson, Morgan and Rose Circle.

The tour will also feature a display of table settings and an English Garden Tea with traditional home-made English sweets. The table setting display and tea will be included in the price of the tickets. Anticipated price of the tickets is \$10.00. We are currently trying to work out a shuttle arrangement so that all homes can be easily viewed.

If you have any suggestions that would help us make our upcoming home and garden tour a success, or if you would be interested in being involved, please contact Marge Frankl (491-6091), Millie Fangman (581-0022) or Betty Haverbusch (431-5917).

## Park Hills Picnic Draws Big Crowd

Families and neighbors all had a great time at the annual Park Hills Picnic, held Sunday afternoon, on September 11th at Trolley Park. The efforts of event chairman, Eric Soderlund, and the work of many volunteers (as well as the cooperative weather) helped to make this event a huge success and fun for everyone who attended.

In addition to good food, games, prizes, and pony rides, those who attended were treated to a nostalgic journey through Park Hills in the form of an exhibit of wonderful old photographs, newspaper clippings and real estate literature. It offered a chance to see how the community looked when it was first planned and built, and an opportunity to see how the neighborhood looked during the roaring '20s.

Artist Don Neumeister also displayed his nostalgic paintings of Park Hills and Covington as they were in the first half of the century. Anyone interested in purchasing one of Don's street scenes can contact him at 781-8225.

Some of Park Hills' most prized recipes were entered in the covered dish competition. The following residents won first prize plaques for their dishes:

### Soups & Salads

Marge Frankl - Green Potato Soup

### Appetizers & Breads

Phil Ryan - Stuffed New Potatoes

### Main Courses & Side Dishes

Donna Weiss - Chicken Gumbo

### Desserts

Elizabeth Robinson - Nanaimo Bars

## Christmas Pointsettias

Getting ready for the holidays? The Saint Agnes School eighth graders are taking orders for your holiday flowers to fund their upcoming Washington D.C. trip in the spring. The point-settias will be foil wrapped and ready to decorate your home for the holiday season. The pointsettias come in two sizes: 4-1/2" pots for \$5.00 and 6-1/2" pots for \$12.00 each. Colors will vary. You may pick up your point-settias on Sunday December 4, 1994 at the Saint Agnes Winterfest celebration, from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Winterfest at Saint Agnes

The Saint Agnes Winterfest will be held on Sunday December 4, 1994, from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. The Winterfest will consist of Children's games, a silent auction of crafts, a secret Santa gift shop, holiday music, cookie decoration and a visit from Santa Claus himself, plus lots, lots more!

Live pointsettias will also be sold at very competitive prices. Admission for Winterfest will be \$1.00 per person at the door. Food will be served throughout the day. Proceeds from Winterfest will benefit the eighth grade class trip to Washington D.C.

What a great way to start the holiday season with holiday and friends. Give a cook a day off and join us for lunch or dinner. Parents can enjoy an extra cup of coffee and desert while the children visit Santa and shop in the secret gift shop.



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## **Help for Elderly Loved Ones with Memory Loss**

The Saint Charles Care Center, in cooperation with the local police departments of Kenton County, is sponsoring a community awareness and registration program for frail and elderly seniors. There is an increasing number of seniors either living alone or being cared for by an elderly spouse or other family member.

Today in America there are 2.2 million care-givers and one million of them are also employed outside the home. Many caregivers are caring for young children at the same time they are caring for an elderly parent. Part-time and full-time caregiving is becoming a way of life in our community.

The good news is that Americans are living longer; the bad news is that with increased age comes the possibility of chronic illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Such diseases are characterized by short-term memory loss, poor judgement and a progressive inability to care for one's self.

Caring for a person with Alzheimer's produces many problems that are unique to this disease such as:

- It is a slowly progressive disease that affects each person differently. If anything can be predicted about this disease, it would be its unpredictability.
- The majority of people with Alzheimer's can often appear to be healthy.
- The signs and symptoms of this disease can mimic symptoms of other problems such as alcohol and drug abuse.

Many families and caregivers don't realize the magnitude of the situation until a crisis occurs in their home, then they turn to the community for assistance.

One of the greatest fears that caregivers of Alzheimer's patients face is the possibility the patient will wander away from home or a facility and not be able to find their way back. Persons with this disease can make one wrong turn and be found miles from home, hopelessly lost with no clue as to where they belong. Often they cannot tell you where they live or even who to call for help. "This happens more than anyone would guess," states Marcy Collett, registered nurse and director of the Adult Day Health Program at the St. Charles Care Center. Marcy believes that community assistance is needed to aid in addressing the major concern around the Alzheimer patient's potential to wander.

The Alzheimer Association has a program called "SAFE RETURN" which is a national locator and identification program. For a minimum fee, the patient is registered in a national computer system and given an identification number on an I.D. bracelet. In case of an emergency, authorities can locate their family minutes after finding the patient by calling a central number. However, we in the local community, believe we need to do more.

A program is needed in our community to identify not only the patients with Alzheimer's Disease who may wander away from home, but also to assist the frail and elderly members of our community who need special assistance in an emergency situation. We are asking families who care for loved ones in our area to register them at their local police departments. They simply fill out a registration form and return it to the police with a recent photograph of the person being registered. These forms will be kept on file and readily available if needed. This registration can also help alert other emergency services, if required.

We encourage all caregivers to participate in this program. For further information concerning the Alzheimer Association's "SAFE RETURN" program, our local registration program, or to request a registration form, please contact Marcy Collett R.N., C., St. Charles Care Center, 331-3224.

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