



# THE HUB



## Halloween in Park Hills

### TRICK OR TREATING ?

Trick or treating in Park Hills is always an exciting experience. The winding ways, lack of street lights, and the enthusiasm of the neighbors creates an unforgettable atmosphere. Where do we get the custom of Halloween? Originally it was known as All Hallows Eve or the evening before All Hallows Day, November 1. All Hallows Day later became known as All Saints Day, a feast for all martyrs and saints. The next day, November 2 was All Souls Day, the feast for all faithful departed. This was a time to pray for the dead and honor them with alms and good deeds. A traditional observance of this date in England involved "soul" cakes. These were alms given to the poor in exchange for prayers for the dead. The poor and their children would go "souling" where they would go from door to door in wealthy neighborhoods seeking soul cakes, fruit and other treats in exchange for their prayers. This practice is mentioned by Shakespeare in the play *Two Gentlemen from*

*Of Verona* - "You have learned to speak pulling (whiningly) like a beggar at Hallowmas"

The custom of carving pumpkins into Jack-o-Lanterns is uniquely American, but has made its way back to Europe. The scary faces into which the gourd curls as the candle burns lend themselves to flights of fancy. The name Jack-o-Lantern has been traced to an Irish legend in which one clever miser tricked the devil into agreeing not to take him into Hell. Upon death, St. Peter rejected him from Heaven due to his greed and stinginess. Since the Devil honored his bargain and refused him in Hell, Jack was condemned to wander between Heaven and Hell with his lantern searching for a place to rest, but never finding one.

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween. Remember you are part of a long tradition of mutual courtesy and generosity.





## HALLOWEEN

**HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE, AS ALWAYS, ON OCTOBER 31ST. THE CUSTOMARY DOOR-TO-DOOR TRICK OR TREAT WILL RUN FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. THE FIREHOUSE WILL HAVE ITS TRADITIONAL PARTY WITH HOT DOGS AND SODAS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.**

### Dates to Remember

Submitted by: Carol Bethel



#### *Upcoming events*

General Meeting and Dickens Event planning  
Tuesday, September 11

Bulb planting party with lunch  
Saturday October 20

Preparation for Luminary Night  
Tuesday November 13th

Luminary Night and Dickens Christmas  
Saturday, December 15th

Planning Meeting  
Tuesday January 15th

### **SEE A MOVIE IN THE PARK, GET INVOLVED WITH DICKENS' CHRISTMAS**

Dear Friends,

When we meet as a team for the Park Hills Civic Association, we are always planning for the next few events.

Last month, the Feltner's proposed a great idea, and we now have it in motion. As long as construction work in the Park cooperates with the timing, we will offer:

#### TROLLEYWOOD!

The PHCA hopes to sponsor an early fall film in Trolley Park for all to enjoy. There is an article by Heather and Mike Lord in this HUB that offers more detail, but we think it is worth mentioning again.

We hope you can bring your kids, other family members, and friends for a great time, and we will supply the popcorn and beverage. Look for publicity in October.

#### DICKENS' CHRISTMAS

In late August, Amy Zerhusen and I will start the preparation for the second annual DICKENS' CHRISTMAS. We hope to offer even more entertainment this year, and you can count on seeing your favorite characters.

We'd love to have you involved, as we have a lot of fun planning. Please call me if you'd like to join us: 431-9594

All the Best,  
Diane and Joe Geiger



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## City Recycling Info

### Recycling saves energy and resources

- Every ton of paper made from recycled material saves 17 trees, 6,953 gallons of water, 463 gallons of oil, 587 pounds of air pollution, 3.06 cubic yards of landfill space, and 4,077 kilowatt hours of energy.
- In one year, recycling allows aluminum companies to save the equivalent of more than 19 million barrels of oil – enough energy to supply electricity to about 18 million households for a year.
- Recycling one glass bottle or jar saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- Recycling one pound of steel can power a 60-watt light bulb for more than a day.
- Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1,000 – 2,000 gallons of gasoline.

### Recycling decreases pollution

- Making cars from recycling aluminum decreases related air pollution by 95 percent.
- Making recycled paper generates 74 percent less air pollution and 35 percent less water pollution, and uses 64 percent less energy than making paper from virgin timber.

### Recycling decreases tree cutting

- If all morning newspapers in the US were recycled for one day, the equivalent of 41,000 trees would be saved and 6 million tons of waste would never end up in landfills.

Every person in the US receives junk mail that represents the equivalent of 1-1/2 trees a year. If only 100,000 people stopped their junk mail, as many as 150,000 trees annually would not be cut down for paper productions. (One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year). To remove your name from junk mail lists, contact:

Mail Preference Service  
Direct Marketing Association  
PO Box 9008  
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

### Recycling reduces reliance on imported oil

Motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Oil can be recycled, re-refined, and used again, reducing our reliance on imported oil.



## CITY INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The tax bills for the City of Park Hills for 2007 will be sent out at the end of August. Tax bills are due during the month of September and become delinquent on September 30th, 2007. This year, tax bills will be sent to the homeowners only and not to the mortgage companies. If you do not receive a tax bill by September 1, please call the clerk's office at 431-6252 as a penalty and interest fee will be immediately added to all delinquent tax bills on October 1<sup>st</sup> with no exceptions. Payments postmarked September 28th 2007 will be accepted. Tax bill payments are the responsibility of the property/homeowner.

**Property owners 65 years of age, or older**, are entitled to a Homestead Exemption on their property taxes. The current exemption is \$31,400 which is subtracted from the assessed valuation before taxes are calculated. It reduces the amount you pay for city and county taxes. You must live at the address in order to qualify for the exemption. In addition, the law grants this exemption to disabled persons, regardless of age, if the disability meets certain state requirements. For more information, please call the **Kenton County Property Valuation (PVA) office at (859) 392-1750, or to apply.**

**To remove a deceased persons name from the tax bill**, the following criteria must be met:

- The survivor's name must appear on the deed as an owner and state right of survivorship.
- A copy of the death certificate must be provided.

This information allows the name to be removed from the tax bill only. A new deed must be filed to remove a name from a deed. For more information, please contact the **Kenton County Clerk's Office at (859) 392-1650.**



## HISTORICAL DISTRICT MEETING

As many of you already know, the City of Park Hills is in the process of certifying many of its properties to be listed on the National Registry of Historical Districts. All residents affected have received letters from the Kentucky Heritage Council inviting them to attend a Review Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Northern KY Area Planning Commission Office located at 2332 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions regarding the Historical District Preservation, please call Councilman Ted Worland at 859-491-5308.




Submitted by: Jill Smith

## 2006/2007 Civic Association Membership Drive

### CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

#### We Still Need You to Join this Year!

 Please use the membership envelope to send in this year's Park Hills Civic Association membership dues if you haven't already paid. You should have received an envelope in a recent HUB or had one left on your door if you weren't home when your street chair came during the drive. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you** to all the street chairs that have spent their time to go visiting our neighbors and collecting memberships. The mailing address is:

Millie Fangman  
1001 Park Drive  
Park Hills, Ky 41011

The dues are Family (\$15) Single (\$10) Senior (\$5)

Checks should be made payable to the Park Hills Civic Association

This is a convenient form for renewing your membership in the Park Hills Civic Association for this year's membership drive. Dues for the 2007/2008 year are \$15.00 per family, \$10.00 for a single membership, and \$5.00 for a senior membership.

In addition to joining the Civic Association, please indicate any of the activities below that you are interested in, or would be willing to volunteer to help with in some capacity. (Please circle.)

#### CIVIC ASSOCIATION

- Serve on the board
- Serve as a street chair

#### FAMILY PICNIC

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Help set up/clean up
- Work a booth

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

- Serve as a chair/co-chair
- Serve on committee

#### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Serve on Committee

#### DINNER DANCE

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Serve on committee
- Decorate/clean-up

#### LUMINARY NIGHT

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Help with sales/deliv.

#### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

- Serve on committee
- Help organize/clean up

#### HOSPITALITY COMM.

- Help with bake sale
- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Contact new residents
- Visit new residents

#### VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE

- Serve as a chair/co-chair
- Help maintain plantings

#### GARDEN CLUB

- Help with Xmas décor
- Become a member
- Help with home tours
- Help with bake sale

#### HUB PRODUCTION

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Contribute articles
- Help with mailing
- Serve as editor

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) UNLISTED

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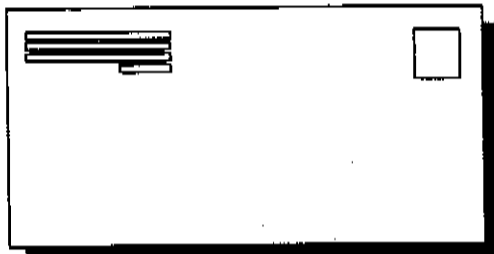
Level of membership (circle one)

Family (15)                  Single (10)                  Senior (5)

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to

The Park Hills Civic Association  
Remit this form along with payment to  
Park Hills Civic Association  
1106 Amsterdam Road  
Park Hills, KY 41011  
Attn: Millie Fangman



# TROLLEY PARK UPDATE

Submitted by P. Spoor

The new planting areas created along the Amsterdam side of Trolley Park will soon hold nine shade trees. The planting beds have been configured by the Good Earth. The crews also amended the soil with organic matter and mulch. These will then be joined to the drip irrigation system. Over a relatively short time period the berms will settle to establish a gentle rise over the plain of the park interior. The construction of the planting beds makes possible the addition of the shade trees. The basic soil in the Park is extremely poor, almost rocky, from all the years of the trolley tracks filling the center of the park. The tracks must have contained a rocky, ashy base because this material is constantly encountered in the park.



The new trees will provide inviting shade, autumn color, and protection from the road for the children. Two generous residents have stepped forward to sponsor trees in honor of Park Hill's residents. The appropriate recognition will be carved into a small boulder at the base of the tree. If you would like to sponsor a tree please contact Pam Spoor or Julie Alig. The tree selection will include red maple, beech, scarlet oak and other indigenous varieties. The indigenous trees, being long accustomed to the whims or our sometimes hostile climate, enjoy a better chance of survival and vigor. The remaining area will be planted with low maintenance divisions from our existing perennials. This will include some grasses for winter interest and salt protection. The road salt is a major toxin for most plant life, but the grasses tolerate the salt and prevent it from entering the main soil area. A grassy strip has been left along the road side to provide access for maintenance.

I have learned that where one is forced to stand in the road to weed, water or plant there is significant danger. With patience we will see these new plantings mature into an oasis of cool shade which will contribute to the enjoyment of our park

## GARDENING NOTES

This extreme summer gives us an opportunity to study what survives and what fails in drought conditions. In the park gardens, I have observed that the following annuals fare surprisingly well in extreme temperatures and dryness :

Geraniums  
Diascia  
Angelonia  
Snap dragon  
Begonia  
Portulaca  
Zinnia  
Sunflower  
Red Lady Salvia  
Gompherena  
Periwinkle



The following perennials have also shown remarkable health in extreme conditions:

Shasta daisy  
Hibiscus  
Echinacea  
Perovskia  
Day lily

You may wish to take a look around your garden and make notes on what survived and what failed. We have had such extreme weather (icy Spring, drought, extreme heat) that any survivors must be very hardy. These merit a place in next year's garden.

**A Note From Denny McKeown** (Enquirer 9/2/07)  
The oxygen we breathe comes from plants. Living plants absorb carbon dioxide and convert it into oxygen. Plants trap unwanted dirt in the air, like a furnace filter. The dirt adheres to the foliage until rain washes it to the ground. If you add the cooling effect from shade trees, you can see the many benefits of planting more green in our landscapes.

# Sunshine Committee Report

Submitted by Jill Smith

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the following neighbors that have recently lost a family member:



**Charles Dahlenburg** lost his wife and **Diane Geiger** lost her Mother **Ruth Dahlenburg** **Bonnie Scott** lost her sister **Gretchen Balsler French**

**Mary Lee Atkins** lost her sister **Lou Ann Rassche**

**Maureen Gerrein** lost her father **William J. Grady**.

**Cathy Meyer Hebbeler** lost her father **William Norman Meyer**

**Mary K. Coulson** lost her brother **Donald A. Hue**.

**Brandi and Ricky Hicks** lost their daughter **Morgan Hicks**.

**Gladys Beechem** lost her husband **Thomas Beechem**.

**Bob Bilz** lost his sister **Suzanne J. Sanders**.

**Ricardo Smith** lost his father **Charles Smith**.

**Fay Reeves** lost her brother **Douglas Abers**.

**Teresa Burnett Coen** lost her mother **Wanda Louise Veekly Burnett**.

**Ellen Yelton Disque** lost her husband **Chester Disque**.

**Congratulations and welcome to the newest neighbors of Park Hills!**



**Craig and Stephanie Feltner** have a new baby girl **Georgia**

**Chris and Kim Auburger** have a new baby girl **Ava Marie**

**Update:** Shannon Gemeinhardt will be taking over the chair of the Sunshine Committee for Jill Smith. I wanted to offer my thanks to Jill Smith and a welcome to Shannon. A word from Shannon:

**Attention New Parents!!!** We would like to celebrate all of the new births in our neighborhood. If you have recently welcomed a new addition to your family please let us know so we can deliver your care package! Send an email to [shan\\_gem@hotmail.com](mailto:shan_gem@hotmail.com) with your news and we will coordinate a convenient time to deliver your package.



## FOURTH QUARTER PARK HILLS HONOR ROLL CONGRATULATIONS!

Submitted by Iris Spoor

The following schools reported the students who made honor roll in their schools before summer break:

### Notre Dame Academy

#### Second Honors:

Shannon Brungs  
Nicole Dickman  
Ashlee Foster  
Megan Good  
Emily Hebbeler  
Morgan Hungler  
Molly Johnson  
Kylie Newman  
Katie Quinn  
Emily Rowenkamp  
Jessie Russo  
Katie Russo  
Lily Soderlund  
Remi Walz  
Maggie Weber



Please submit special honors and awards to Iris Spoor at [atlantis@fuse.net](mailto:atlantis@fuse.net)

# WILDLIFE NEWS

Submitted by: Iris Spoor

The Park Hills skunk population has been on the rise. Pet owners should be aware that Skunks (in particular) frequently carry *Leptospirosis* (Weil's disease), a bacteria that is transmitted through the urine of an infected animal. The disease has an incubation period from 2-20 days and the first symptoms are flu-like. The second phase of the disease can involve meningitis, renal failure and liver damage. The disease is contagious as long as the bacteria are moist. A dog, for instance, can contract it by drinking water recently urinated in by a skunk or infected animal. Moist soil may also harbor the bacteria. Human beings can contract the disease as well by ingesting infected water and soil or by coming into direct contact via a wound. Humans, however, are much less likely to contract the disease since they don't typically swallow mud or drink from fetid puddles (hopefully). The disease is a year round problem in wetter climates. In the Northern Hemisphere it is most common from August-September. Given the current drought, the occurrence of the disease will be even lower. In conclusion, make sure to eliminate any standing pools of water (also a good plan to reduce mosquito population) and keep an eye on your pets.



## SIGHTINGS

**ALERT:** Amazing sighting of a Kentucky bobcat along Montague near the entrance to Devou Park occurred in late July of this year. As outrageous as it may seem, the park ranger indicated there had been numerous other sightings.



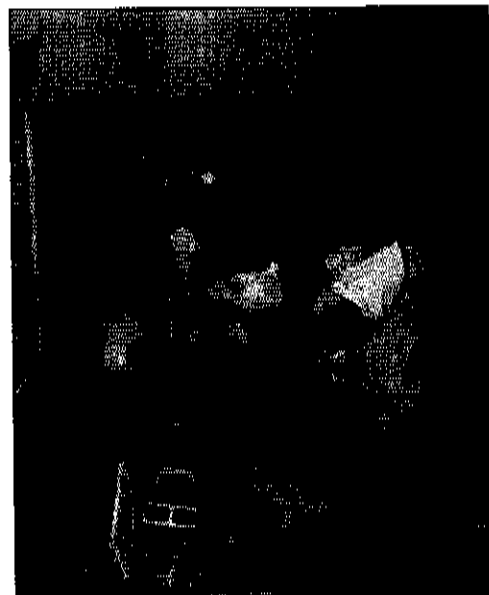
# Park Hills Preschool Builds Elementary Success

Submitted by: Megan Newberry

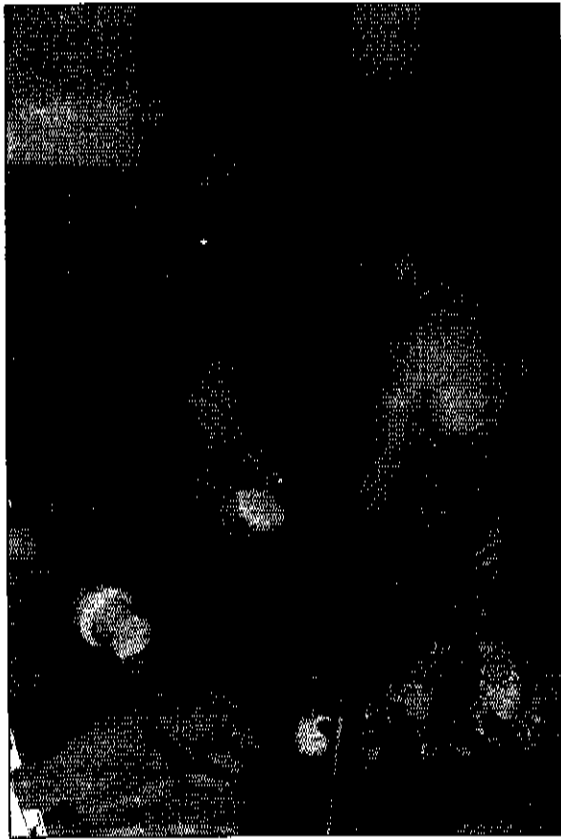
Is your child ready for preschool? Do you need an educational and nurturing child care environment for your child? There is a Children, Inc. early education and care center committed to creating environments and experiences that foster early brain development and help young children excel right here in Park Hills.

Located on Old State Road, Park Hills Child Development Center is on the Park Hills campus of Gateway Community and Technical College. The center provides early education and care to Gateway students and staff, as well as families from the community.

- Small, close-knit environments allow children and families to build strong relationships with staff. The intimate and nurturing environment is ideal for introducing toddlers into a preschool setting.
- Enthusiastic qualified teachers have ongoing professional development in the early childhood education field.
- Strong educational emphasis with literacy-rich environments that strengthen whole language.
- Integrated arts program where the Director is specially trained to incorporate arts into all areas of curriculum.



*Children at Park Hills Child Development Center play at sand and water tables, building coordination and developing spatial awareness.*



Park Hills Child Development Center holds a 3 STAR quality rating from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the highest in Northern Kentucky. It is also accredited through NAEYC, a distinction only earned by 6% of early childhood programs nationwide.

The center is open from 7:00am - 5:30pm, and offers full and part time enrollments for children ages 2 through 5 years old.

Tuition assistance programs, based on family size and income, are available to qualifying families.

Residents of Park Hills may mention this article and receive their first week free.

**Park Hills Child Development Center**  
1030 Old State Rd.  
859-431-2482  
[www.childreninc.org](http://www.childreninc.org)

*A nonprofit, United Way agency, Children, Inc. has offered affordable quality child care since 1977. Tuition assistance may be available to qualifying families, based on income, family size and availability. For more information, visit [www.childreninc.org](http://www.childreninc.org).*

## Letter from the Editor:

Iris Spoor

I wanted to offer my thanks to Dick Middendorf for writing such an excellent history of his family home in Park Hills. Unfortunately, in this issue I did not receive any new history articles. Anyone with an interesting story to tell about Park Hills, be it a house history, or event history, I'd be glad to publish it. Since the next edition of the Hub will be the Christmas edition, I'd love to get a Christmas related Park Hills story. My contact information can be found in the box below this column.



I would also like to ask for some feedback about the Hub. Knowing what people enjoy and don't enjoy would help me produce a better paper. In addition, if there is any topic readers would like to see more of, let me know.

Thanks for your continued support,

Iris Spoor



### **Hub Deadline:**

Articles for the November issue of the HUB are due **November 5th**. Articles must be submitted electronically via e-mail (preferred) to [atlantis@fuse.net](mailto:atlantis@fuse.net) or disk (MS-Word compatible).

This will allow the HUB to drop in

mailboxes around **November 20th**.

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## PARK HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HALLOWEEN SAFETY



#### KIDS

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

#### PARENTS

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

#### HOMEOWNERS

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.

- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
  - Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be micro waved later.
- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.



news from the...  
**AVANT-  
 GARDENERS**

Submitted by Carol Bethel

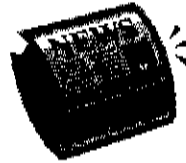
**Submitted by Carol Bethel**

The Memorial Day Bake sale was again a big success for the garden club. Thanks to all who donated baked and those who purchased some of the goodies. Please encourage your neighbors to bake and donate more next year!

The garden club visited the Lavender Hills of Kentucky in July where we strolled the grounds and attended a workshop to make lavender wands. On the farm is a gift shop with dried lavender bundles, lavender oil, culinary lavender and other items for gifts or craft projects. Did you know that lavender has been used since ancient times for many different remedies including antibacterial and anti-inflammatory? We had a great time and plan to visit again. The farm is about an hour's drive along the scenic AA Highway. For more information, contact Denise Scaringi at 606-735-3355 or visit [www.lavenderhillsofkentucky.com](http://www.lavenderhillsofkentucky.com)

The Park Hills Avant Gardeners will be planning and preparing refreshments for "A Dickens Christmas" to be held with Luminary Night (more in this issue of the HUB). It's not too early to start thinking about how our members can contribute to make this event special. Start gathering your holiday recipes and ideas! We will be having a brainstorming and planning meeting this fall, so plan to attend!

The Park Hills Avant Gardeners organization is open to all residents of Park Hills. For questions, contact Carol Bethel 292-0317 or [clbethel@fuse.net](mailto:clbethel@fuse.net).



## HUB Advertising Management

Beginning with the August edition on the HUB, Amy Lyons Zerhusen will be taking over the placement of ads in the HUB. These ads reach each resident of Park Hills and are an excellent value. Thank you to Jackie Bauereis who is retiring as Manager of Advertising. Her hard work and excellent organization have contributed to the success of both the advertisers and the HUB.

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