



PHCDC
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Our mission is to engage in activities that serve to unite the Penn Hills community and enhance the quality of life for its residents. We're enlisting the help of community residents and business owners to fulfill this mission.

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- **Beautification and Sustainability**
(meets 4th Tuesdays)
- **Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC)**
(meets 2nd Mondays)
- **Organizational Advancement**
(meets 2nd Tuesdays)

All committees meet at 6:30 PM at the

Penn Hebron Garden Club
237 Jefferson Road
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Monarch and Milkweed Project a hit at Community Garden

The Monarch and Milkweed Project, sponsored by the Penn Hills CDC, joined an effort across North America to increase the Monarch butterfly population by growing and giving away native milkweed, the single food source of the monarch caterpillar. Tragically, monarch butterfly populations have sharply declined, (some studies report an 80-90% decline) partly due to a decrease of native milkweed.

We decided to grow three types of milkweed native to Western PA :



butterfly weed, swamp milkweed and common milkweed. In order to increase the germination rate, the seeds were placed in the refrigerator for a month, mimicking a cold and wet period to

which the seeds must be exposed. On May 17, fifteen volunteers came together to plant the milkweed seeds in 1050 peat pots and took them home to care for them

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Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 16, 2015, 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm
Penn Hebron Garden Club
237 Jefferson Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
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JULY BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

Meeting is rescheduled to be held July 14 at 6:30 PM at the Penn Hebron Garden Club at 237 Jefferson Road.

ORGANIZATION ADVANCEMENT MEETING (July 14) CANCELED

Penn Hills Shop Local Contest Returns this Fall

It's July! And believe it or not, but it is time to start thinking about Shop Local. Yes, the contest is not until November, but it takes an incredible amount of time to visit businesses and get them signed up to participate. That's where we need your help! If you have been wondering how you can be more active in the CDC, here's your chance:

- Volunteer to approach businesses, explain the contest, leave materials, revisit, and sign them up. It can take from one to four visits for each business!

- Check the list of 2014 participating businesses below. Whenever you shop at any of them, be sure to thank them for their participation and remind them to sign up for 2015.

- If you shop at a business not on the list, ask them why they haven't participated and encourage them to sign up this year.

Make sure everyone you know is aware of the contest and how it works: shop at participating businesses in the month of November and enter the random prize drawing or win prizes for spending the most money.

If we want to keep businesses in Penn Hills AND attract new businesses we must support them!

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Sandy at shoplocal@pennhillscdc.org or call 412-373-4615.



2014 Shop Local Contest Participating Merchants

Advance Auto Parts (Rodi Road)	Kelly Elaine Inc. a curly hair salon and such
Animal Hut	Laketon Satellite TV & Appliance Center
Anlauf's Sunoco	Leonard Labriola's Italian Stores
Autograph Signs	The Medicine Shoppe
Avon, www.youravon.com/suetrainor	Mohan's Restaurant & Lounge
Baldy's Auto & Truck Emporium	Mr. Pete's Barber Shop
Brady Auto Sales	Nick's Auto Repair
Brentano's Cast Stone Accents	Old Village Grill, Home of the Authentic Gyro
Caribeana – Jamaican Restaurant	Pasquale's Pizzeria
Carquest Auto Parts	Pasqualino's Italian Restaurant
Cefola's Dry Cleaners	Penn Forest Natural Burial Park
Crescent Gardens Floral Shoppe	Penn Hills Automotive Sales & Service
Dauntless Boutique	Penn Hills Cinemas
Dave Smith Auto	Penn Hills Lawn & Garden Center & Gift Shop
Dillon Auto Parts	Penn Hills Rentals
The Double Tulip, Inc Floral Design Shop	Penn Hills YMCA
Dream Photography	Pete's Auto & Tire Service, Inc.
Dunkin' Donuts	Profiles Plus Hair Salon
Eastwood Hardware	Rep. Anthony DeLuca
Elegant Nails by Linda	Resort to Tanning
Ellis Insurance Agency Inc.	Ritzland Floral Shoppe
Erskine Sanker Financial Group	Salon VII
Fedele Insurance Services, Inc.	Season's Nails & Spa
Flowers in the Attic	Sherwin Williams
Flynn's Tire & Auto Service	Sir William Hair Fashions
Frankstown Gardens Flower Shop	Stoecklein's Bake Shop
Frankstown Road Giant Eagle	St. Vincent De Paul Store
Frankstown Wood-Fired Pizza	Stubbz Dry Cleaners
J. A. Electronics Station	Take It 2 The Cleaners
J & C Hobbies	Tasty 'N Healthy
Karla Floyd Audiology	Tsuki Japanese Restaurant
Keeley's Beauty Salon	Universal Pizza

Monarch and Milkweed; continued

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for the next month.

We were successful in germinating 750 milkweed plants, about a 72% germination rate, much above the typical 60% germination rate for milkweed. On June 14, at the Penn Hills Community Garden, we distributed these native perennials to Penn Hills residents for free.

Protecting the monarch butterfly is not just about one species. Our other pollinators and native

wildlife depend on native plants for their food and shelter. Unfortunately, there just isn't enough undisturbed habitat left to support them. Let's all do our part by planting more native plants in our gardens!

Kathy Raborn, Monarch and Milkweed Project Manager



Editor's Note: Read more about the project [here](#).

Penn Hills Senior Center Garden Re-established

Four years ago the PHCDC established its first satellite garden at Penn Hills Senior Center, 147 Jefferson Road. PHCDC founding board member Jim Black and his son built the garden with funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that the PHCDC receives. The extra high raised beds allow seniors to garden without bending. A volunteer gardener, Tom Natalia, from the



senior center, took care of the garden and gave the produce directly to the seniors. However, he was not able to care for the garden last year due to his many

volunteer responsibilities including the flowers in the front of the Senior Center. We thank Tom for his service.

This year, additional topsoil and

manure was purchased and about 30 plants including tomatoes, peppers, lettuce and arugula were donated by Frankstown Gardens. PHCDC and Senior Center volunteers replanted the garden and we are off to a great start. The team included Tammy Morante from the Senior Center, with Bill and Maureen Moutz, Mary Pat Aquaviva and Ed Zullo from the PHCDC.

We thank Frankstown Gardens (10158 Frankstown Rd) for their generous donation.

Call for volunteers to join Elections Committee

PHCDC Board of Directors elections are fast approaching. A preliminary survey of Directors indicates that there will most likely be two (2) or more positions to fill for three (3) year terms beginning in January 2016. The first step is to convene a committee of three members in good standing, as soon as possible, with the goal setting parameters for the said election. As Elections Committee Chairman, I ask that two of our respected members step forward to assist me in this important task. Please email me at elections@pennhillscdc.org, as soon as possible, so we may begin this process in a timely manner. Some recruiting from our talented pool of members and the community at large may be necessary.

Some of the responsibilities of the Elections Committee are:

- To assure our bylaws be followed and unbiased election procedures in place.
- To certify the final list of eligible voters.
- To assure a quorum at the October meeting.
- To encourage a field of qualified candidates, with attention to special skills in some cases.
- To assure the vote count is accurate and verifiable.

Felix Catlin III, PHCDC Director and Elections Committee Chairman

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Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh/PHCDC Volunteer Day a Great Success

On May 30, 2015 Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (www.rtpittsburgh.org) and 10 volunteers from Penn Hills CDC provided free critical home repairs to Bernadette's house on Reiter Ave, Penn Hills. Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh staff led volunteers in activities such as painting, stair tread replacement, weatherization, and tub caulking. Thank you all our wonderful volunteers and Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh!

