

Keep Penn Hills Beautiful



Property maintenance is important for maintaining and improving the image of Penn Hills. The proliferation of illegal signs and litter throughout the community is a constant issue. Together we can help to solve this problem.

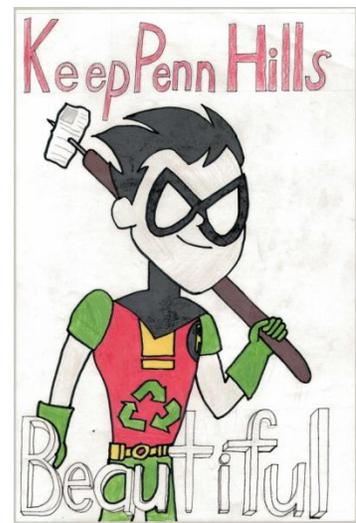
Mayor Sara J. Kuhn is asking that we all do our part in picking up litter and maintaining our properties and roadways. Local ordinances require that residents and business maintain their property free of rubbish and debris. Ordinance 2420 the Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance Section 6 Business Districts requires that fast food restaurants collect litter daily in the area within 250 of the business; however, we are asking all businesses to join in the effort by picking up the area around their property. PA State law imposes a \$300.00 fine for litter dropped or thrown from a vehicle, but this does little to deter litterbugs.

Temporary signs are permitted in conjunction with a grand opening or in association with a temporary use like the sale of Christmas Trees and corn or during elections. All of the banners, temporary signs, and signs posted on utility poles or stuck in the ground are illegal and not permitted. The only permitted signs are those that were installed with a permit from the Planning Department.

Many organizations including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, faith based organizations, civic associations, the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation and other nonprofits, citizen organizations and individuals pick up litter on a regular basis. Although the Department of Public Works cleans up dump sites, picks up litter and runs the street sweeper as a part of their daily routine, litter is still a problem. Code Enforcement has the authority to remove illegal signage and they do on a regular basis. Allegheny Cleanways is working with the Municipality to clean up major dump sites. They have applied for grants to assist in this effort.

We need your help. There are several organizations and businesses that have adopted roads and highways to maintain such as Stacy Rullo and The Crescent Hills Civic Association. If there are other organizations or businesses that would like to adopt a highway, receive a sign and recognition for their efforts, please contact the Planning Department for information. Anyone interested in joining a litter group or starting their own should contact the Department of Public Works for gloves, bags and vests. Let them know where you plan to clean up and they will pick up the bags the following business day.

Everyone can get involved. The above pictures were created by Penn Hills students. Andrea Getsy of Crescent Hills Civic Association and Nancy Hines the Penn Hills Superintendent asked teachers to ask their student to create the anti-litter posters. The students created 50 posters to be placed in the windows of local businesses.



Together we can fight litter and improve the image of Penn Hills. We are Penn Hills!

Chris Blackwell, Planning Director