

# BERKSHIRE HILLS OUTLOOK

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Normally, we would start this newsletter with 'SPRING IS HERE!', but, this year, it's 'WHERE IS SPRING?' What a winter!

The Berkshire Hills Civic Association met on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April and have some information to pass on.

**Dues.** We have increased our dues from \$30 to \$35, this year. Each year, we see the bills that need to be paid in order to keep our development safe and looking neat. There is the mowing at the rec field and playground, the electricity at the pavilion, insurance, any repairs that need to be done either at the playground or the rec area, advertising for the yard sale, and mulching, just to name a few. Unfortunately, we had to cut the children's programs due to lack of funding. Right now, we are breaking even thanks to some extra generous families who pay a little extra. For those of you who pay your dues, we appreciate you so much! Unfortunately, there are still some neighbors who don't seem to get it, and because of them, the rest of us have to pick up their slack. If you are one of the families who haven't paid, we do need your help. We cannot force you to pay dues, but ask yourself, why wouldn't you want to? What is the negative part of this? Are we asking too much for your help in keeping Berkshire Hills a nice place to live? Depending on your neighbors to pay their dues in order to help keep things safe and nice just doesn't seem right. For those who may change their mind and pay dues, thank you.

**YARD SALE.** 22 and 23 April, starting at 7am are the yard sale dates and time. It will be advertised in several places.

**Pavilion Use.** If you would like to use the pavilion, please call Nancy (432-3870) to reserve. It is free of charge, if you are a civic association member.

**Miscellaneous.** The basketball backboard and net will be replaced.

York Social Security Admin Office now offers services online. You can now file for retirement, Medicare, disability benefits, as well as other services. Check out <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>

Carroll Township has suspended electronic recycling until further notice.

Smart 911. Help protect your family and pets in an emergency, by signing up for this program. Log on to [www.carrolltownship.com](http://www.carrolltownship.com) for registration.

PLEASE pick up after your dog! ESPECIALLY around the park.

Member's Appreciation Picnic will be on Sunday, September 11. Please bring your table setting and a dish to share with everyone. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided. Jot it on your calendar and come to the Pavilion for good food and good fun!

Our Book Club will be meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Our book is The Nest by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. If you are interested in joining us, please call Julie at 432-4650.

New neighbors!

Mike and Jessica Yinger who have moved in on Ashley Drive.

Peter and Janeann Kakalecz have moved on Sheffield Drive. Peter is retired and Janeann is a midwife.

BIG WELCOME to both families! Hope to see you at our picnic!

Please check our new telephone directory for their address and phone number.

If there is a phone number change or other corrections needed, call Nancy at 432-3870 or [kcbsr@aol.com](mailto:kcbsr@aol.com).

Dues box will be up this week for collecting dues.

Wishing all of you a beautiful summer! See you in the Fall!