



Mia Linder, left, Isabel and Charlotte Maria, of Shavertown, have fun with chalk art on the Pine Street Extension during a neighborhood block party.



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'Good people and good dogs' is how the Carverton Heights neighborhood has been described by one resident.

# Havin' fun in the neighborhood

Carverton Heights residents enjoy good old-fashioned block party for third year in a row.

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It's the third consecutive year the Carverton Heights neighborhood has had a neighborhood party. The streets - Pine, Oak Heights and Pine Drive Extension - are opposite the entrance to Frances Slocum State Park off Mount Olivet Road.

Hilary Forlenza says that Kingston Township had no problem supplying residents of that area with caution and road closing signs prior to the party with advance notice.

"We passed out flyers and then someone said they'd bring a main course, then a salad, dessert. The kids just bobbed for apples and we have whipped cream and chalk drawings. It's a good time," says Becky Emershaw.

This year the band "Back Mountain" provided entertainment. August Bednar and Jay Maria, members of the band, are part of the neighborhood.

So are the dogs. Many dogs, says Joanne Orlando. "This is a neighborhood of good neighbors and good dogs." When they first moved to the neighborhood, the Orlando's took their dogs for walks and met everyone.

But really, this is the second chapter in the history of the neighborhood.

"Thirty-eight years ago, I moved to this neighborhood after the Agnes Flood. I wanted more space than there was in Exeter," says Ralph Rostock, who sat outdoor smoking cigars with Gary Orlando.

Rostock, Larry Lettie and Helen Ankenbrand remember having block parties for 12 or 13 years in a row in the Carverton Heights area. The idea just died for a few years, Lettie said, until recently, when a new group of people moved in with younger children and more energy.

Steve Scoble, a younger resident, moved into his grandmother's house in Carverton Heights as his grandmother moved back to Wyoming.

Lori Bednar, who grew up in the Heights, moved back and built a house right next door to her mother, Ankenbrand. "It has been great for me but I'm not sure if it was good for her - she ends up babysitting a lot," Bednar said.

But when her father said there was an available lot next to his, Bednar jumped at the opportunity.

Craig Yarrish said, "We are in the Back Mountain, but not far from anything in the valley. We like the people, the quiet walks in Frances Slocum Park and the wildlife." Bear, deer, wild turkey and blue herons are common backyard visitors, the residents say.

More commonly, though, is the chorus of residents who just love their neighbors and like to commune with them like Emer-

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shaw, who says, "It's like super hospitable here, everybody lives their own lives; but we are there for our neighbors. It's like, 'Hi, come on in.'"



Ralph Rostock and Gary Orlando, sitting behind him, enjoy smoking cigars outside.



Younger families are moving back to the Carverton Heights neighborhood. Lori Bednar, left, bought the lot next to her mother, Helen Ankenbrand.

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