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Dear Chestnut Hill Neighbors:

Hello, and greetings during this beautiful season of autumn! Chestnut Hill looks great in the fall with our tall, majestic trees changing colors. Let's hope for more good weather in coming months.

As of our Annual Meeting on November 13, I will be changing my role at the CHA, completing my term as President. It's been a pleasure to serve for the past four years with such a great Executive Committee and assist the Association with neighborhood issues, advocacy and representation before BC and at City Hall as needed.

For our next President, Ken Lyons is being nominated at our Annual Meeting, November 13. Ken and his family live on Suffolk Road. He is an attorney and managing partner of Lyons & Associates in Boston. Ken has been active in the CHA for two years on the Executive Committee, assisting on issues of zoning and development. I heartily endorse Ken for his new position with the CHA, and I look forward to continue working with him.

Gloria Gavris, President

Annual Meeting – Thursday, November 13 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street. Special Guest: Mayor Setti Warren!

This year the CHA Annual Meeting's guest speaker will be Mayor Setti Warren with his senior department heads. In August Mayor Warren announced a new initiative entitled "Newton Leads: Ideas & Action" to engage Newton residents in the creation of a more livable, sustainable city. This initiative consists of a new web platform that allows residents to connect with City Hall with separate village "meet ups" where the Mayor and City department heads will be available to meet with residents and answer their questions.

Each Department Head will have a separate table in the Church parish hall so you can walk around and meet them. The Mayor will address our membership as well. Please come to this important Annual Meeting and bring your questions and ideas. This is your opportunity to hear from the City Department Heads who will be available to answer questions and listen to feedback and ideas in a casual setting. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee will nominate the following names of candidates as officers for the new term: President: Ken Lyons; Vice president/Clerk: Gloria Gavris; Treasurer: Elaine Pierce. A complete list and contact information for the officers and Executive Committee members is on the last page of this letter.

Neighborhood News

Launch of *Chestnut Hill Living* Magazine:

N2 Publishing, one of Fortune Magazine's 5000 fastest growing companies, has launched a new free publication in the 02467 Chestnut Hill neighborhood entitled *Chestnut Hill Living*. It is a glossy full color magazine filled with local news about Chestnut Hill residents and businesses and is driven by local content and writers. Look for it in your mailbox coming later. If you are a budding writer or have interesting articles of local flavor, please contact Gates Ouimette, Area Director, at 617-564-0485 or gates.ouimette@n2pub.com. He would love to hear from you. Who knows, you just might be on the next cover!

Waban Hill Reservoir

This lovely five-acre parcel of land has been designated as surplus property by the MWRA, approved by the MA legislature for purchase. Last spring, Newton's Parks & Recreation Commission recommended that the City pursue the purchase of this parcel. Once the required appraisal from the MA Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) has been received, the next step is to present the City's purchase plan before the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) later this fall. If you are interested in supporting the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir for open space and recreational use, please contact the "Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir," susan.servais@gmail.com

Boston College

Boston College's McMullen Museum and Robsham Theatre and Performing Arts Center provide Chestnut Hill with wonderful opportunities to experience art and live theatre in our neighborhood.

The McMullen Museum of Art, located in Devlin Hall on Commonwealth Avenue, is free and open to the public M-F 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and weekends, 12:00 – 5:00 pm. The museum is presently exhibiting more than forty paintings and a wide selection of works on paper by Wifredo Lam (1902-1982) with an exhibit entitled "Imagining New Worlds" through December 14, 2014.

The Robsham Theatre and Performing Arts Center will soon be showing "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" October 22- 26th with evening and matinee performances. The "Forum" is fast paced, irreverent, and musical. For tickets, please call 617-552-4800.

Waterworks Museum

The Waterworks Museum on Beacon Street sponsors a series of Wednesday lectures on various historical topics. Check waterworksmuseum.org/calendar for details. Current lectures are on the history of the Quabbin Reservoir, the science of historic steam engines, and the MWRA broken water main in 2010.

Boston College Sports Schedule

For updated info, check www.bceagles.com. Police will be on duty to discourage parking on local neighborhood streets before, during, and after the games. Call BC Police with any complaints on your street. (617-552-4440) or their Community Hotline at (617-552-2443). The CHA has representatives at scheduled meetings of the BC Traffic Council to exchange information and neighborhood concerns.

The Atrium

What used to be the Atrium Mall is under a complete renovation. No new tenants have been announced, and all options are “on the table” for future use. The owners, the Bullfinch Group, are attempting to make the Route 9 façade more attractive. Representatives of the CHA have been to a few meetings with the project’s owners and attorneys to review possible tenants but none came to fruition. We will keep you posted via our website with any new developments or tenants are secured.

Hammond Street Entrance to CVS and Star Market

The safety and access improvements at the driveway off Hammond Street into (and out of) “The Street” have been addressed by the Brookline Zoning Board of Appeals with a special permit. However, additional conditions and possible expenditures for mitigation and reconstruction of the driveway are still under review with Brookline and WS Development. In the meantime, WSD painted the “Do Not Block the Driveway” box this past spring in hopes of reducing some of the congestion.

Hammond Pond Floating Walkway

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the MA DEP approved a significantly scaled down version of the originally proposed “floating walkway” over Hammond Pond. This project appears to be going forward, and the DEP anticipates activity on the pond next spring and summer, with completion date of fall 2015. We understand that the sponsoring family has pledged maintenance funds of \$10,000 per year for ten years, plus improvements to the pond, landscaping, and nearby DCR pathways. Final plans and permits have not been released, but we will try to keep you informed of progress.

Help Us Build CHA Membership

You may be among the many residents receiving this letter for the first time, as we have expanded our coverage of Chestnut Hill with new addresses from the Newton Voter List. You can help spread the word by letting us know of others who would enjoy our news and activities. Just send any names and addresses via email to admin@chanewton.org. Although we normally solicit support and membership dues in the spring, we welcome contributions and new members at any time. If you have a new neighbor, please pass along this Newsletter and suggest that they join the Chestnut Hill Association. It is a great way to stay in touch with your neighbors. Thanks for your support and help.

Dick Tucker, Editor

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