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Dear Chestnut Hill Neighbors:

Welcome to spring! The snow has gone, the tulips sprout, and temperatures might stay above freezing! It's time for baseball. Please encourage the Red Sox to avoid another finish in the cellar this year.

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BREAKING NEWS!! SPECIAL EVENT!! TUESDAY, MAY 3rd
Meeting with Boston College at 6:30 pm. At Church of the Redeemer,
Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill Bring your neighbors and friends!

Please join us for a meeting to learn about short- and long-term projects now underway or planned at Boston College. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, and we expect to finish by 8 pm. Other topics for the agenda are under review, so please bring your Chestnut Hill neighbors and friends to hear more about what's happening.

Please renew your membership in the CHA now.

It's time to join or renew your membership in the CHA. It's quick and easy. Just complete the enclosed form and mail it with your contribution. Our average donation is \$50+, but every dollar counts, and we need your support!

Members Cocktail Party

There is a cocktail party being planned for an undetermined date, and we will send a notice via email to let you know when and where. Please stay tuned, and check the website for updates on social events.

LOCAL NEWS

Historic Newton Annual House Tour

This year's House Tour, sponsored by Historic Newton, will take place on Sunday, May 22nd, from noon to 5 pm. Tickets may be ordered at historicnewton.org/617-796-1450.

Star Market Hammond St. Entrance Finally Being Completed!

It is almost done! This is a big improvement in traffic safety and flow, in and out!

Temple Mishkan Telifa – Proposed Sale to Boston College

A major current local issue is the plan for Boston College to acquire the buildings and land surrounding Temple Mishkan Telifa on Hammond Pond Parkway. Discussions are underway. One option includes having the City buy some of the undeveloped land to keep it intact as conservation land. The current owners plan to be affiliated but not merge with another congregation in Brookline. You can follow the negotiations and updates in the Newton TAB weekly newspaper.

Houghton Garden Beautification and Coming Events

If you have visited Houghton Garden recently, you can't miss the substantial tree work that was done and improvements along the walking paths. This is part of Newton's conservation land that dates from the early 20th century. Many of the dead or dying trees have been removed in the past few weeks, and the paths have been groomed and improved with wood chips/mulch. The annual spring clean-up took place as well, thanks to the generosity and guidance of Michele Hanss and her team. Thanks to all involved!

A new project at Houghton Garden is planned for Sunday, June 12, at 9:30 am for the purpose of pulling out invasive plants in various locations in the conservation land. Call Katherine Howard for details at 617-527-1796.

A nature walk at Houghton Garden is planned for Sunday, June 25, at 11 am to enjoy the ferns and flowering plants. Meet at the Suffolk Road entrance to the Garden. Call Don Lubin for details at 617-254-8464.

Webster Woods Walk

See the many wildflowers in the Newton Webster Conservation area and enjoy a walk around the woods, the Vale, and Bare Pond. Meet at the end of Warren Street at 10:30 am. Contact the guide, Professor Richard Primack at 617-332-1684 for more information.

Conservation Commission Topics

The Newton Conservation Commission is responsible as the caretaker of a wide range of properties in or near Chestnut Hill, including Houghton Garden, the Webster Woods (across Hammond Pond Parkway), and the former Deer Park at the end of Old England Road. The former Deer Park no longer is home to any deer, but it has been to many coyotes in recent years. The Conservation Commission's agenda is quite crowded currently. You may search for more information on the newtonma.gov website.

Newton Public Elementary School Construction Projects

Three major public school construction projects are underway. These include Angier School on Beacon Street in Waban, which is now open after being completely rebuilt (much larger footprint and capacity). The Zervas elementary school, also on Beacon Street, has been completely demolished and construction has started on a much larger site. The Cabot School, long overdue, is scheduled for a complete overhaul and expansion in the next year or two. Final plans are underway.

Waban Hill Reservoir Update – Come take a walk!

The improvements surrounding the recently acquired Waban Hill Reservoir (off Comm Ave at Ward Street and Manet Road) are moving forward. The property totals about five acres, including the remains of the old reservoir. The entire site has been dramatically cleaned up, thanks to the efforts of Friends of Waban Hill and the Newton Parks & Recreation Department, the “owner” of this nice addition to Newton’s open space.

The rusty old fence has been replaced by a new, sturdy and more attractive barrier around the entire perimeter of the water hole. Most of the invasive poison ivy and volunteer trees have been removed. The hillsides and slopes have been trimmed and will be kept in better shape. Stop and walk around if you can. This is destined to be a gem among Newton’s many open space and passive recreation facilities. A master plan and projects are under review by Parks & Recreation and neighborhood volunteers.

CHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CONTACT INFORMATION

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Your contact information is never shared or sold, used only by the CHA

Indicate how notices or newsletters should be sent to you:

By email ___ **by US Mail** ___ (email is faster and less costly)

If you would like to volunteer, please indicate below activities of interest to you:

Traffic/Parking ___ **Social Activities** ___ **Zoning/Development** ___ **Website** ___

Finance ___ **Membership** ___ **Communications** ___ **Community Service** ___

2016 Dues PAYMENT: \$50 ___ **\$75** ___ **\$100** ___ **\$150** ___ **OTHER \$** ___

Your donations are not tax deductible, sorry! We always welcome new members and anyone who would like to help this all-volunteer organization. Just contact any member of the executive committee for more information if you have names for us, or just send names to admin@chanewton.org.

Our Ward 7 members of the City Council may help if you have questions about City Government: Lisle Baker, Ruthanne Fuller, and Mark Laredo. You can contact them through newtonma.gov. Our website, chanewton.org, is important to provide faster and more efficient information compared to a newsletter or postcard mailing. Please include your email addresses! We keep that information confidential and don't sell our address lists!

As always, many thanks for your support. Call me with questions and/or suggestions.

Dick Tucker