

Chestnut Hill Association Newsletter

Spring 2006

Greetings:

Despite the recent cold weather, daffodils and crocus in our yards have announced the arrival of spring. And with the spring season, we begin preparations for this year's events, notably, our yard sale and picnic.

Dates to remember:

1. The Chestnut Hill **yard sale** will take place on **Saturday, May 13th**, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. **Preston Tawes** has kindly agreed to arrange for the newspaper ad in the Daily Times and to arrange for updating our sign at the entrance to Mallard drive. As you prepare to display your wares, you may want to anticipate posting of twine along the edge of your lawn to ward off the tire tracks of eager shoppers.
2. The Chestnut Hill **picnic** will take place on **Sunday, June 25th**, beginning at **4 p.m.** As is customary, this will serve as our annual public meeting to meet old and new friends and to conduct old and new business. Once again, we have secured permission from **Donald** and **Debra Cooper** to use their lot adjacent to **Larry** and **Betty Taylor's** home at 30318 Mallard. And our thanks to **Roy Caffey**, who will arrange for a tent and tables to spread our food. As usual, we ask that you please bring a dish to the event and we will provide for fried chicken and beverages. If past picnics are an indication, the food will be excellent, as will be the company.

Personal Events:

Loss of a neighbor:

We note with sadness the passing of **George Clarke** on March 8th and extend our condolences to his widow **Connie**.

Recovering neighbors:

We send our best wishes to **Norris English** of 30294 Mallard, who is undergoing therapy for back problems, and to **Sally Lambert** of 30412 Mallard, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery in both knees. You may have seen Sally doing sprints around the neighborhood as part of her recovery.

Moves of a neighbor:

George and **Polly Jett** have sold their house at 30424 Mallard and moved to Hebron. We wish George and Polly well as they move to their new home.

Newcomers:

1. As to newcomers, we welcome **Tom Longo**, a former Ocean Pines resident, who has purchased the Jett home at 30424 Mallard.
2. In addition, as noted in our fall letter, we welcome Dr. **Elizabeth Drewer**, of Pet-ER, to her residence at 30285 Mallard Drive, along with **Alec McRae**.
3. We also welcome **Paul M. Beach II** and **Katherine S. Moore** to their home at 30354 Mallard.

For all of our newcomers, we note that pdf copies of the **Chestnut Hill Association Bylaws** and **Chestnut Hill Association Covenant** can be downloaded at the URL given at the bottom of this newsletter. It is important to note that any external changes in property require approval of the Association Improvement Committee, whose current members are **Preston Tawes, Tom Cordrey, and Margaret McEwen**, and they can give you a quick reading on any renovation plans. The purpose of this review is to help guarantee the integrity of neighborhood property for the benefit of all members.

Spring cleaning:

This is a good time of year to clean yards of accumulated debris in preparation for spring flowers. If anyone needs help in removing bulky items, please let us know and we can arrange for volunteers to help. We note that the Wertz house at 30234 Mallard is still unoccupied and external vegetation continues to grow on the dwelling. A suggestion has been made to have a realtor assess the property to determine how much its value has fallen below the original purchase price, and to consider a Kelo application for condemnation so that a new home could be built on the premises. No action has been taken as of this point.

Dues status:

Most of our members are paid in full for this year. As noted before, our dues of \$15.00 is a nominal sum of money. Two-thirds of our dues is dedicated to summer mosquito control spraying, with the remainder given to miscellaneous expenses such as the cost of our annual picnic. We note with regret that the following still have not paid dues for this year: **Jim Gregory, Randy Bennett, Janice Shores, Gwyn Benny, Greg Bailey, and David Wertz**. We urge them to bring their membership up to date and would be delighted to have them join us at this year's yard sale and summer picnic.

As noted in the fall newsletter, we will post pdf versions of this newsletter and an updated directory on the Chestnut Hill website:

<http://alpha.montclair.edu/~lebel/ChestnutHillAssociation.html>