

**CHESTNUT HILL ANNUAL PICNIC AND BUSINESS MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2006**

OUR ANNUAL PICNIC AND BUSINESS MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE 25th 2006 THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 35 CHESTNUT HILL RESIDENTS PRESENT. WE STARTED WITH THE PRESIDENT, PHIL LEBEL, WELCOMING EVERYONE, WHO SAID "LET'S START TODAY BY EATING THE DELICIOUS ENGLISH'S RECIPE CHICKEN AND A WIDE SELECTION OF HOME MADE GOODIES CONTRIBUTED BY OUR NEIGHBORS."

**BUSINESS MEETING**

PHIL AGAIN WELCOMED EVERYONE AND WELCOMED NEW NEIGHBORS PAUL BEACH AND KATHRYN MOORE, AS WELL AS DR. ELIZABETH DREWER AND ALEX MCRAE. THE FIRST ITEM DISCUSSED WAS THE VACANT HOUSE WHICH HAS BECOME SUCH AN EYE SORE AND MAY BE EXPERIENCING STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DUE TO NEGLECT. FARA TAWES MADE SOME INQUIRIES AND SAID THAT THE PERSON WHO OWNED THE HOUSE HAD PASSED AWAY AND THAT AS OF NOW THE PROPERTY IS IN THE HANDS OF AN AS YET UNKNOWN BANK FOR PURPOSES OF SETTLEMENT OF TAXES AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS. WE WOULD EXPECT THE HOUSE TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION AT SOME POINT BUT HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THE TIMING OR LIKELIHOOD OF THIS DECISION.

OUR TREASURER, BOBBY WHITE, GAVE HER REPORT ON THE DUES PAID, (AND THOSE THAT HAVEN'T BEEN PAID). BOBBY ALSO REPORTED AN ACCOUNTING OF MONEY THAT HAD BEEN SPENT FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES DURING THE PAST YEAR. WHILE WE DID NOT TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF A CHANGE IN THE DUES LEVEL, SOME CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED AMONG RESIDENTS THAT WE HAVE A VERY SMALL CONTINGENCY MARGIN AND THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER A REVISION FROM THE PRESENT LEVEL OF \$15.00. SUGGESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ARE WELCOME ON THIS MATTER.

SECRETARY, MARGARET McEWAN, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD SENT A SYMPATHY CARD TO CONNIE CLARK ON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND. A CARD ALSO WAS SENT TO MRS. GEORGE SAMARIS, WHOSE HUSBAND GEORGE PASSED AWAY THIS SPRING. ALSO, A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO WAYNE AND GLORIA SMITH, WHO HAD HAD A DEATH IN THEIR FAMILY. SHE ASKED IF ANYONE KNEW OF ANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO HAD A PROBLEM, DEATH OR ILLNESS, PLEASE LET HER KNOW.

THE SECRETARY WILL SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO THE COOPERS, OWNERS OF THE VACANT LOT, WHO SO GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED US TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL PICNIC ON THEIR PROPERTY. IN ADDITION, OUR THANKS TO ROY CAFFEY AND HIS FAMILY FOR ARRANGING FOR OUR TENT AND TABLES, AND TO PRESTON TAWES FOR PREPARING BOTH PICNIC AND YARD SALE SIGNS, IN ADDITION TO PLACING THE NEWSPAPER AD FOR THE YARD SALE. OUR THANKS ALSO TO BOBBY WHITE FOR COORDINATING THE MOSQUITO SPRAYING SERVICE COVERED BY OUR ANNUAL DUES, AND TO MARGARET MCEWAN FOR PROVIDING MINUTES AND THE SENDING OF CARDS TO NEIGHBORS, AS NOTED ABOVE.

PHIL MENTIONED THAT HE THOUGHT THE YARD SALE SEEMED TO HAVE GONE FAIRLY WELL. HE THEN ASKED IF ANYONE KNEW OF A PROBLEM THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. TOM CORDREY MENTIONED DOGS THAT RUN AROUND UNLEASHED - ALSO THE BARKING OF DOGS. A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED TO REMIND HOME OWNERS THAT DOGS SHOULD BE UNDER A LEASH WHEN CIRCULATING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT OWNERS SHOULD CLEAN UP WASTE AFTER THEIR DOGS. A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SERVES AS NOTICE OF SAME. DOG OWNERS ARE ASKED TO RESPECT THIS RESOLUTION.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007**

NEXT CAME THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE LIST OF ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007 IS:

PRESIDENT - PHILLIP LeBeL  
VICE PRESIDENT - PAT FRANCIS BOYLE

SECRETARY – MARGARET McEWAN

TREASURER – BOBBIE WHITE

"THERE ARE OVER ONE HUNDRED RESIDENTS IN CHESTNUT HILL – I WOULD LOVE TO SEE AND MEET MORE OF YOU NEXT YEAR - COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF COMING EVENTS EARLY NEXT YEAR. ALSO, WE ARE WORKING ON AN E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST, FOR WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE A DOZEN NAMES AND ADDRESSES CONTRIBUTED AT THE PICNIC. WE WELCOME YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. YOU CAN SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO [lebelp@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:lebelp@mail.montclair.edu). We also will be posting a pdf copy of the minutes on our website: <http://alpha.montclair.edu/~lebelp/ChestnutHillAssociation.html>"

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McEwan, Secretary