

Our big news, announced!...



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NEW NAME, SAME MISSION: We Have Changed Our Name to the Chestnut Hill Conservancy!



OUR BIG NEWS!

At our Annual Meeting this past Sunday, we announced the change of our organization's name: **The Chestnut Hill Historical Society is now the Chestnut Hill Conservancy**. This major announcement comes at the start of our 50th anniversary year of 2017, and we hope you're as excited as we are!

The Board of Directors selected this new name, after *years* of deliberation, to more accurately reflect the organization's energetic work to protect the cultural and natural resources that define the character of Chestnut Hill and surrounding communities.

The organization's 3 core goals remain the same:

1. To preserve Chestnut Hill **architecture** and balance beneficial development with protection of significant resources
2. To maintain the **Chestnut Hill and Wissahickon Archives** and provide for the discovery

and care of community heritage; and

3. To conserve **natural land**, protect the Wissahickon watershed, and maintain the area's uniquely green character, as the nation's first *urban* accredited land trust.

As seen in our new logo (at the top), the Chestnut Hill Conservancy name will be branded for a time with "and Historical Society" to underscore the organization's continued dedication to all three core goals.

"During its 50-year history, the Chestnut Hill Conservancy and Historical Society has protected over 100 acres of open space and dozens of buildings, placed over 10,000 archival images online, and welcomed thousands of participants in our many tours, lectures, and other events that celebrate the community's treasures," said Executive Director Lori Salganicoff. "The name change highlights the organization's unique approach to this work through the consistent integration of land conservation and architecture preservation advocacy, and the maintenance of the area's archives."

"This change follows 50 years of work, and quite a bit of discussion by the Board on the name. For the next 50 years, the Conservancy is poised to protect Chestnut Hill's charm and historic character as inevitable growth and development is proposed," stated Board President Randy Williams.

Co-founder and current Board member Shirley Hanson added: "We created this organization in 1967 to protect and celebrate the treasures that define Chestnut Hill. I reflect on its work over the last 50 years with great pride and gratitude, and am delighted that the Chestnut Hill Conservancy now carries a name that represents its truly broad mission."

If you have any inquiries or comments, please contact Executive Director Lori Salganicoff: Lori@CHConservancy.org or 215-247-9329 x201

***With gratitude for your support,
and a ton of excitement for what's next,***

~The Staff of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy

Special thanks to designer Jay Valinis of [Javelin Media](#) in Chestnut Hill, and to our logo redesign committee comprised of Board members Patricia Cove and Matt Millan, and Staff members Lori Salganicoff and Kristin Southall

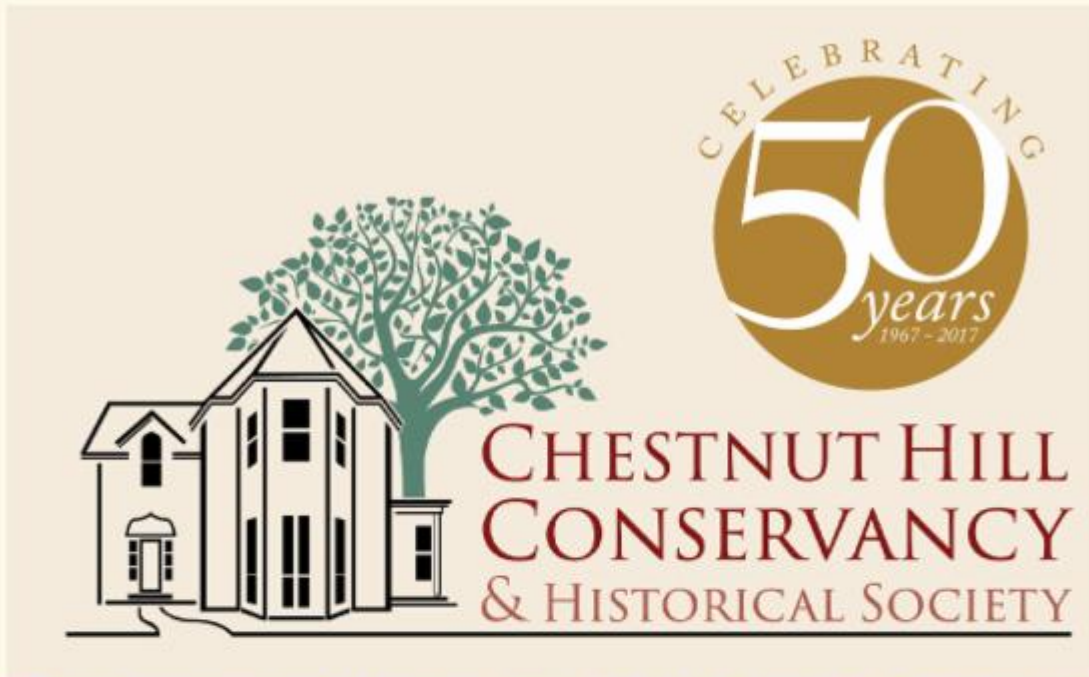
NEW WEBSITE & EMAIL ADDRESSES, TOO!

CHCONSERVANCY.ORG

Redesigned last winter, our beautiful and navigable new website is now located at CHConservancy.org. Related to the new website URL, our staffers have new email addresses. Update your address book with the new email addresses [HERE](#). Old email addresses will remain active for *some time* to ease this transition (i.e., both old and new will work) but eventually will be obsolete.

Our 50th Anniversary Year Begins

celebrate our past, envision our future!



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At the start of our 50th Anniversary we are delighted and proud to share this brand-new brochure with you. It is a celebration of some of the milestones in our organization's development over a half-century.

It also offers a peak at the important projects and exciting programs to come this year! >>>

CLICK AND TAKE A LOOK

Envision Our Future!

2017

Nights of Light
Get ready for "Nights of Light"! This very special program will create public art inspired by the Archives, projecting images onto Germantown Avenue commercial buildings during Friday nights in October 2017.

CHHS is rebranding and introducing a new logo as the Chestnut Hill Conservancy to better convey its longstanding mission.

We are leading collaborative efforts to evaluate and adapt the historic Gravers Lane Station to ensure it is maintained and best utilized to benefit both SEPTA and our community.

We are partnering with the Chestnut Hill Community Association to manage change while protecting the area's significant resources. This Residential Conservation, Preservation and Development Study is funded by a generous grant from the William Penn Foundation to the Conservancy.

A big happening in April 2017, "Visions and Change in Chestnut Hill's Future" will be moderated by the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Gail Hanley, and will feature Denise Scott Brown, David DeLong, Bryan Hansen, Winifred Polyzonis, and Richard Snowden.

We are working with area schools to engage the next generation and connect their history classes to the amazing images and stories in the Archives.

We will continue to work as hard as ever to protect the buildings that define Chestnut Hill, such as Graylock, 20 W. Chestnut Hill Avenue, the Vanna Venturi House, and the Chestnut Hill Fire Station.

Photos (throughout) courtesy of Bowman Properties, Wendy Concannon, C. Nancy Evans, Bradley Maule, Jeffrey Totaro, and the Archives at the Chestnut Hill Conservancy

The 2017 Program Brochure Is Available

tours, explorers club for kids, 50th anniversary events, more!

Programs & Events 2017

50th anniversary!

The top image shows a group of people of various ages gathered outdoors on a paved path, some looking at a brochure held by a man in a yellow jacket. The bottom image shows a young girl in a green shirt and grey scarf smiling and holding up a drawing of a building with a gabled roof, likely a fort or a historical structure, at a table with art supplies.

CLICK TO DOWNLOAD AND SAVE THE BROCHURE

Happening this weekend:

The Chestnut Hill Explorers Club for Kids 4-7!

SECOND SATURDAYS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
2:00 -- 4:00 PM

Free for CH Conservancy Members ([become one now](#)) This month, we're making box forts! Bring all of your leftover cardboard boxes from the holidays and build a fort with friends. We had so much fun last month--join us this Saturday! [More info >](#)



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