CH Community Association completes pruning project
Pete Golaszewski and Brien Little (Left to Right) with David Brothers Landscape Services prune Germantown Avenue trees planted through funding from the Chestnut Hill Community Association’s Tree Fund. (Photo by Paul Meyer)

by Laura Lucas, Greenspace Initiatives Committee Chair

Under the stewardship of the Community Association, the Greenspace Initiatives Committee completed a fall pruning project of street trees on Germantown Avenue and Bethlehem Pike. The Greenspace Initiatives Committee includes representatives from the Chestnut Hill Community Association, Business Association, Conservancy, Morris Arboretum, Tree Tenders and area landscape, arborists and conservation experts interested in jointly preserving and enhancing our beautiful greenspaces.

It’s been several years since a number of street trees were planted and funded by the Greenspace Initiatives Committee and donors in the community. An inventory of all street trees in our business district showed a number of trees overdue for this work and some presenting imminent danger. While the responsibility for maintaining the trees is the store owners who have the trees in front of their properties, our group and the
CHCA recognized the financial burden our small business owners are facing during the COVID crisis and stepped up to fund the work through our CHCA Tree Fund. Oversight and allocations of this fund are managed by our committee.

We are proud to share that 43 trees were trimmed by David Brothers in late November. The cost of this project was paid for by the CHCA Tree Fund. With assistance from the Chestnut Hill Business Association, the CHCA reminded business owners with trees in front of their stores reminding them that they have responsibility for tree trimming and care.

If you’d like to make a donation to the CHCA Tree Fund to support our greening work in Chestnut Hill, you can do so through the CHCA website at chestnuthill.org (https://chestnuthill.org/).

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