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## Dear Carla,

Posted Thursday, July 4, 2024 12:00 am

As soon as my paper arrived in my mail last week, I saw your announcement of The Local’s remarkable record of 29 media awards. How far you and your team have led the newspaper – from a small voice at its beginnings to winning the Sweepstakes Award!

Since May 1958 when Lloyd Wells replaced the “Cymbal” with the “Chestnut Hill Local,” the newspaper has continuously printed weekly issues. I began writing for the newspaper in the mid-1960s, promoting Wells’ purpose of prompting community action.

And prompt community action it did. That is when I experienced the newspaper’s power.

Ellen Newbold, then The Local’s editor, placed on the front page her thundering article with a photo of the drastic condition of the VFW building. The initial community response was minimal but grew under Ellen’s broad and bold articles and editorials until the community raised enough money to restore the VFW building.

That success produced the Chestnut Hill Historical Society, now the Chestnut Hill Conservancy. The organization’s mission was clear: to address the total community and help to ensure its future. At the time, there were vocal skeptics who ridiculed this purpose by insisting that “there is nothing historic in Chestnut Hill.”

Ever since those early days, I have written for The Local and worked for the Conservancy to save our heritage. I am grateful for the newspaper’s enormous role in helping the Conservancy face threats and save our heritage for future generations.

Shirley Hanson

Chestnut Hill

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

**Chestnut Hill Community Association 2024 annual review (/stories/chestnut-hill-community-association-2024-annual-review,32900)**

**A word about our local storefronts (/stories/a-word-about-our-local-storefronts,32901)**

**Living in the Farnsworth House (/stories/living-in-the-farnsworth-house,32969)**

**A bulldozer comes for a treasure (/stories/a-bulldozer-comes-for-a-treasure,32970)**



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LOCAL CALENDAR

Thu, Aug 01 @4:00pm Sponsored  
**Bayshore Center at Bivalve**

Sun, Aug 11 Sponsored  
**Ardmore Rock n' Ride**

Wed, Jul 24 @9:00am  
**Riverbend Trailblazers Summer Camp!**

Riverbend Environmental Education Center

Wed, Jul 24 @9:30am  
**The Riverlink Ferry System on the Delaware River Waterfront**

Penns Landing Waterfront

Wed, Jul 24 @9:30am  
**Shark Summer @ Adventure Aquarium**

Adventure Aquarium

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## THE LATEST



### Detweiler redevelopment project is 'too close for comfort' (/stories/five-story-apartment-building-proposed-for-historic-detweiler-house,32955)

The Philadelphia Historical Commission's architecture committee voted unanimously to reject a five-story apartment development across the street from the Chestnut Hill Hotel.

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### CHC summer team falters in playoffs (/stories/chc-summer-team-falters-in-playoffs,33024)

As the college summer league transitioned to playoff mode last week, the first of the teams with local ties ended its season.

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### From Igbo traditions to zero-gravity chairs (/stories/from-igbo-traditions-to-zero-gravity-chairs,33023)

# Inventive creativity comes naturally to Nnennia Chikaodili Esther Mazagwu.



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## Jul 23, 2024 issue (/stories/jul-23-2024-issue,32983)

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**Detweiler project is too close for comfort**  
Historical Commission committee unanimously rejects apartment proposal for 250-year-old Detweiler property  
By Colin Robinson

**From Igbo traditions to zero-gravity chairs**  
The luxury apartment building proposed for the quarter-acre Detweiler House site at 828 Germantown Avenue would include 18 units and an underground parking garage  
By Colin Robinson

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## CHCA Agenda (/stories/chca-agenda,32979)

Thursday, July 25, 7 p.m., CHCA Board of Directors Meeting

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