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## College Heights Estates Association Newsletter

April 2006

### Letter from CHEA President

There are some new faces on the CHEA Board. I would like to welcome Jean Bourne-Pirovic. As a local realtor, Jean is aware of the goings and comings in our area and has insight into what is happening around us. Jean has volunteered to coordinate a process for welcoming new residents. Sam Goward has also joined the Board. Sam will monitor development of the Knox Boxes which abut our properties. Sam's background in land remote sensing (imaging) and mapping will be a great asset to our monitoring of development around us. Lisa Holt, the owner of Paperworks Balloons and Gifts in College Park, has also joined the Board. Lisa has volunteered to coordinate the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch Program for our Community. You will receive information, via the website and the CHEA Newsletter, about the specifics of the Program as it develops.

As you may be aware, we continue to monitor those issues which impact College Heights Estates and its citizens. Kudos to all who were involved in the successful resolution of the proposed boundary changes to University Park School and its current and future students. Many of you attended the various meetings with County representatives to show our support and express our position. Some of you worked with the school staff and parent organization on the actual documents and professional presentations which were used to present our views. It was a job well done! We continue to gather information on the numerous development projects (e.g., Buddington South, Knox Boxes, Buddington North Intergenerational Housing, etc.) in our extended neighborhood so that we may have direct input as the projects progress. We would like to continue to hear from you about any questions or issues which you have so that we may represent CHE households. We appreciate those of you who have already brought up issues which will be addressed in CHEA Newsletters.

As I previously mentioned, we are focusing on reaching out to the CHE community. Please continue to review the CHE website (<http://www.chemd.org>) as it contains information from previous Board meetings as well as issues currently under review. All Board meetings are open. Upcoming Board meeting dates and times will be posted on the website. If you have provided an email address to us, you will also receive notification of upcoming Board Meeting places, dates, times, and agendas. Please feel free to attend our meetings.

We will continue to issue the CHEA Newsletters and hold emergency meetings to address topics of importance. Therefore, **we ask that you provide us with a current email address!** Information on how to update your address is provided later in this Newsletter.

If you have any questions or issues that are important to you, feel free to contact me or any CHEA Board member.

*Bill DeWitt*

President

## NEW NEIGHBORS

CHEA welcomes Dexter and Marci Gaines who currently reside at 4009 Remington Court (formerly owned by the Barnett Family).

CHEA also welcomes Stephen and Jenny Price who have purchased the Elkins residence at 7104 Eversfield Drive. We hope that they will be moving in soon.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Centralized Selection/Purchase of Trees for CHE*

CHEA is researching whether or not CHE homes would be eligible to purchase trees as part of the Prince George's County Livable Communities Program. We will circulate the opportunity to all CHE households to review requirements (e.g., planting must be in the County right of way), pricing and purchase of trees, and logistics of delivery. Be on the look out for more information on this.

*Azalea Classic 2006 – April 22, 2006*

*1K Fun Run at 8:45 a.m.*

*5K Run at 9:00 a.m.*

*Dog Walk at 7:00 a.m.*

Join your neighbors for the Fifth Annual Family Fitness Event to benefit the University Park Elementary School PTA. There will be awards for the top three male, top three female and top three ten-year age group finishers. There will not be any road closures. Traffic may be stopped temporarily to allow runners to pass safely. We appreciate the patience of all local drivers. This healthy, family-friendly event to benefit our local elementary school is becoming a community tradition. You will find more specific information about the race and other events at [www.azaleaclassic.com](http://www.azaleaclassic.com).

### *Northwest Branch Cleanup Day*

*Saturday April 22, 2006*

*9 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

The Neighbors of the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River invite you to an Earth Day Event in cooperation with the Anacostia Watershed Society (<http://www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2006.htm>).

Meet in the West Hyattsville Metro Station parking lot. Wear long sleeves and pants. If you have waterproof boots, bring them. We will provide gloves, bags, water, and snacks. Please contact [heather.phipps@neighborsnw.com](mailto:heather.phipps@neighborsnw.com) for more information or to volunteer!

### *County Mulch Giveaway*

*Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30*

*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

To commemorate Earth Day, the County Department of Environmental Resources is sponsoring a free "Mulch Giveaway" for County residents. The mulch may be picked up, at the appointed days and times, at the Western Branch Composting Facility (6601 S.E. Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro). A skid loader will be available to load the mulch or you may provide your own containers and tools. Call (301) 883-5045 for additional information.

## COMMUNITY ALERTS

### *Items being stolen*

The Police have announced that several UPS and FED EX packages have been removed from home doorsteps in CHE and the surrounding area. In at least two cases, the *empty* boxes have been located. Other homeowners may not realize that they too have been victims.

### *Meet the Major*

Major Kevin Davis, Commander of Prince George's County District 1, has agreed to speak to the CHE Community. We will announce when the meeting will be scheduled. Please attend the meeting and discuss with Major Davis any issues or concerns about safety in our extended area.

## THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Alex Norman and his staff from Hyattsville Nursery, Inc. They continue to maintain and upgrade the landscape at the entrances to College Heights Estates. The flowers and plants add such beauty.

Thank you also to Chris Blunck who is doing such an outstanding job with the CHE website. Chris created the site and is updating it with the latest information. Visit the site often.

## **ANSWERING YOUR QUESTION**

Question: Is there a County requirement to replace trees which are removed from my property?

Answer: There is no *requirement* to replace trees which are removed from private property. See Community Announcement section above.

If you have any questions or issues to be addressed, please let us know.

## **AREA DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

### **1) Buddington South (College Heights West)**

#### **Property Plan Revisions.**

On January 5, 2006, the MNCPPC approved The Michael Company's proposal for constructing high-value single family homes. The proposal was approved with some modifications.

### **2) Buddington North**

MCF Investment Company, LLC acquired property from the University of Maryland. On March 17, 2006 MCF filed an application to develop a luxury condominium Intergenerational Housing community. Preliminary plans were presented to the CHE Community at St. Mark's School on March 30, 2005.

## **2006 LEAF/SNOW REMOVAL PLAN**

CHE had two leaf pick ups this year. We continue to work with the County for better leaf collection service and possibly a spring pick up. Leaves that were raked and placed at the roadside were vacuumed. Signs announcing the planned collection date were posted along the street about 5 to 7 days prior to pick up. For leaf collection information, call (301) 499-8576.

This winter snow removal was provided by the Department of Public Works and Transportation to CHE in a reliable manner. We continue to work with the County to assure timely snow removal service next winter.

## **SPRING RENEWAL**

We all look forward to the blossoms and colors of spring. Spring is also an excellent time to review how well our trees survived the winter. Hurricanes in recent years may have damaged older trees in your yard (as noted in the Washington Post). Dead or dying older trees are evident in our community and should be addressed as soon as you can. *Look up!* Do your trees need pruning? Do they need to be cut down?

## **CHEA MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The annual membership fee of \$ 25 is the primary source of funds for CHEA activities. The fee covers Newsletters, street sign maintenance, Oktoberfest, etc. It is a small amount for each household. We ask residents to pay yearly to support the community organization that serves all of College Heights Estates.

Check the mailing label of this Newsletter. *Above* your name is the date (YYYY/MM) of your last CHEA Membership dues payment. If this date is highlighted, your 2006 fee is due and can be sent to Don Hein, 4109 Clagett Road, College Heights Estates, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

## **CHEA EMAIL ADDRESS**

CHEA maintains a protected e-mail list, available only to CHEA Board Members, which is used for dissemination of current issues affecting the Community. *Below* your name on the mailing label is the e-mail address you provided to CHEA. If there is no address shown on the label or if your address has changed, please send an update to Don Hein so that we may add you to the CHEA e-mail list.

## **CHEA BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

We are looking for Board Membership which represents all areas of College Heights Estates. On the last page of this Newsletter, you will find a list of the current Board members. If your street is not represented, please consider volunteering as a Board Member. Contact Bill DeWitt at (301) 864-6777 if you are interested.

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