Dear Business Owner,

Welcome to Chestnut Hill! You’ve decided to be part of a vibrant and thriving community. Listed as a National Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, today’s Chestnut Hill is recognized as a fine example of a transit-oriented neighborhood with an active retail corridor and stable and affluent customer base. In fact, the American Planning Association named Chestnut Hill one of the “Top 10” Great Neighborhoods.

This community is frequently cited in academic curricula as a classic example of successful town planning. The qualities that led you to choose to come to Chestnut Hill are the result of vision, determination, and cooperation on the part of many individuals and organizations. All the more reason to ask you to help us maintain the unique characteristics that make Chestnut Hill a wonderful place to live, work, and shop.

We encourage you to contact us and share your plans. The Association has two project review processes. If your project is limited to signage, façade treatment, lighting, and awnings, you can simply meet with the Streetscape Committee. If your project requires a zoning variance or special exception for size or use as determined by the City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspection, you will be directed by them to contact us to meet with our Development Review Committee before you meet with the City Zoning Board.

The CHCA Streetscape Committee of the Chestnut Hill Community Association is here to help you create a business presence that will draw customers, be an attractive addition to the Avenue, and complement the successful, established environment that is itself a brand. The committee takes pride in helping businesses find solutions for signage, façades and awnings. We are professional design-consultant volunteers, and can provide advice and resources to help you make a successful entry into Chestnut Hill.

You are welcome to call me for more information about process, schedule, and any other questions. I’ll do my best to answer them, or direct you to someone who can.

Best of luck—and we look forward to meeting you.

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