

Chestnut Hill and Green Woods Charter Community Meeting

When: March 15, 7:30 PM

Where: Chestnut Hill Hospital 1st floor Conference

Green Woods Charter School is meeting on March 15th at 7:30PM at Chestnut Hill Hospital's first floor conference room to present our updated building designs to the CHCA-Development Review Committee. For those parents hoping to secure a seat at Green Woods for September 2011 (and beyond), or adults interested in bringing high-quality, public school options to the community, this meeting is an important one to attend. It is our hope that this first official meeting with the greater community will encourage a positive dialogue as we outline both the need for a high-quality charter school in Chestnut Hill and our desire to restore Greylock Manor to become our new home. This meeting is open to the public. Please join us.

Warmest Regards, Jean Wallace, CEO, Green Woods Charter

Why Should You Care?

- Green Woods Charter is one of the most highly regarded charter elementary schools in the region
- Better schools will improve educational options for parents and increase surrounding property values
- Greylock Manor is a historic site which has been vacant and deteriorating since 2008. Green Woods will take great care to restore this building and property.
- A school zone speed limit on Chestnut Hill Avenue would contribute to making the neighborhood more walkable and child-friendly
- Green Woods Charter Leadership has commissioned studies on traffic and is prepared to work alongside local residents to remediate any impact.

About Charter Schools in General and Green Woods

Charter Schools are independently operated tuition-free **PUBLIC** schools that are funded with federal, state and local tax dollars. These schools are established to provide families with more educational alternatives for their children. Charters are non-profit, *non sectarian*, organizations that are approved by the local Board of Education (the “authorizer”) or the State Appeal Board. Each charter has its own Board of Trustees and administrative staff and operates as a separate, independent local educational agency (LEA) within Intermediate Unit 26 (IU 26). The Pennsylvania Charter School Law – **Act 22 of 1997** – set up charters to operate free of many of the local and state requirements that apply to traditional public schools.

The mission of Green Woods Charter School is to provide children in grades K through 8 with the opportunity to be active, knowledgeable and conscientious young investigators by fostering a keen understanding of the interrelatedness and interdependence of our local and global existence...creating active young stewards of the natural world.

Children at Green Woods Charter School will understand that learning is an ongoing process requiring a strong foundation. They will use their special talents and knowledge to constantly improve themselves, their learning, their school, and the environment.

Green Woods Charter School is an educational institution highly sought-after by parents, having earned numerous honors, including the Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence, Exemplary Status School award from the Department of Education, Best Practices Award from the School District of Philadelphia, and the Program of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Council of Social Studies in 2009, in addition to achieving AYP each year since the school’s inception.

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<http://www.greenwoodscharter.org/aboutus/move.asp>