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# Chestnut Hill Square Presents Outdoor Public Art Exhibit In Partnership with New Art Center

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (September 2023) – Chestnut Hill Square (<u>ChestnutHillSquare.com</u>) has partnered with Newton's New Art Center to display *The Block*, created by Liz Helfer. This unique art exhibit is a combination of windshield glass, plexiglass and steel. Liz Helfer creates sculptures out of her studio in Waltham, MA. Liz has exhibited widely, and her permanent public artwork can be found in Latvia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York. Steeped in metalwork, her recent work emphasizes sustainable sculpture practices, using recycled and upcycled materials.

"It's easy to think of places in relation to our own bodies, in travel distances and amenities, landmarks, and how they make us feel, which is not often in alignment with boundaries drawn on a map. The thirteen sculptures that make up *The Block* uses the lines of the assessor's map to create reflective barriers that are intentionally enigmatic, based on the property lines of Chestnut Hill Square and surrounding land parcels, forming a disassembled puzzle of this place," says artist Liz Helfer.

"The Block is a playful visual puzzle that explores how boundaries fit together to create a cohesive whole. Liz invites viewers to engage with the individual sculptures to think about the points of connection among them. We're grateful to Liz and the entire team at Chestnut Hill Square for bringing creative exploration through public art to our community," explains Rose Perriello, Exhibition Coordinator of the New Art Center.



#### The New Art Center

The New Art Center in Newton is a non-profit community art education space which offers everyone, at all levels of ability, exceptional opportunities to make, exhibit, view, think about and talk about art. Annually, the center offers 450+ classes for adults, teens, and children and enrolls more than 2,500 students from more than 160 zip codes, including school vacation and summer camps. The New Art Center is the only nonprofit, educational venue in Newton solely dedicated to the visual arts. The center's school vacation and summer programs offer a safe and engaging space for parents and caregivers to send their children. For more information, visit NewArtCenter.org.

# **Chestnut Hill Square**

Chestnut Hill Square is an exciting lifestyle destination on Route 9 in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts that features popular shops such as Massachusetts' first Serena & Lily, Anthropologie/BHLDN, Free People, Athleta, and more. Dining selections include Seasons 52, The Capital Grille, sweetgreen, Oath Pizza and Starbucks. Wegmans and Wegmans Wine, Liquor & Beer provide customers with the area's best grocery shopping, while Equinox, Precision Running Lab by Equinox, SoulCycle, and Lunette Optic offer sought-after fitness and health options. Chestnut Hill Square's Medical Office Building includes Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare-Chestnut Hill, Beth Israel Lahey Health Urgent Care and eight medical offices. Chestnut Hill Square is a New England Development shopping destination. For more information, visit ChestnutHillSquare.com.

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