

MPNA News

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Update from Commissioner Dan Norris

As I mentioned in previous issues, Dan Norris agreed to send me updates that I would forward on to you. This update concerns mostly the Commissioners' meeting tonight:

“As the recently elected Commissioner of Cheltenham's 5th Ward, my plan is to send periodic e-mails with hopefully, informative and interesting information about Cheltenham Township. While not all the information will be of interest to everyone, the goal is to increase communication about issues in the Township.

Each of the seven Commissioners are elected in their respective Wards, but we all vote on issues and deal with problems throughout the Township. If anyone has a question or needs assistance, please let me know. Also, if you do not wish to receive these e-mails, please send an e-mail indicating so.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2012!

Dan

Board of Commissioners Reorganization

In January, Art Haywood was elected President of the Board of Commissioners for 2012 and Harvey Portner was elected Vice- President. I am the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Pension Board and the liaison to the Library Board.

Sewers and Flooding

The Board of Commissioners approved a \$10 million sewer replacement and relining project in January. The work will continue until 2015 in areas from Old Wyncote to Elkins Park. Last Wednesday the Public Works Committee approved several short-term projects to be completed within 5-7 months which will help Harrison Ave., Waverly Road, and Greenwood Ave.

Township officials are meeting with the state Dept. of Environmental Protection, DEP, that designs and constructs flood control projects and the Army Corps of Engineers. Abington and Jenkintown are involved since a regional approach is required to address the Glenside flooding issues.

Land Development Update

Last week at the Historical Commission meeting, the developer who owns the **Kerlin Farm** property at the corner of Oak Lane and Ashbourne Rds, across from the Ashbourne

CC has proposed building 50 town homes on this 7 acre property. This will be discussed at the Planning commission meeting on 2/27 and the next step is to the Zoning Board in March.

At tonight's Commissioner meeting, the **revised age 55 restricted zoning** ordinance will be reviewed.

The owners of the partially completed **Wyngate** project off of Limekiln Pike near the Towers of Wyncote are planning to restart building and selling of homes this summer and fall.

The owners of the **Laverock Hill** project off of Willow Grove now propose 156 townhouses, 44 in Cheltenham and 112 in Springfield along with retaining the mansion for professional office space.

The **Ashbourne Country Club** townhouse project is stalled in zoning litigation.

Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

At tonight's Commissioner meeting(7:30pm at Curtis Hall), a vote is scheduled on this ordinance which would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (not covered under current state law) as well as race, religion, ethnicity and age. Twenty-two other municipalities in the state have passed similar laws including Jenkintown, Springfield, Haverford and Lower Merion. The law would cover housing, employment and public accommodations but would not include private clubs and religious institutions that do not accept public funds.” MPNA

This Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net MPNA

MPNA memberships

Membership in MPNA helps pay for plantings, signage, and many other things. Annual dues are \$10 per individual, \$20 per household. Send your contribution to MPNA Board member Jim Muldoon, 106 Parkview Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012. The membership cycle is the calendar year. MPNA

MPNA Board

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