

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin
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Members of the MPNA Board are Andrew Rudin, Phil Kates, Gene Silver, Michael Shectman, Jim Muldoon and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please email me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net. We are planning our next Board meeting for March 30, 2005. Let me know if you have anything you want us to consider, or if you would like to attend.

This newsletter is available or will be soon, with photos, on our website – www.melroseparkneighbors.org

The News:

Spring is near...



Drops Snow bloomed in our garden today – Sunday, February 20, 2005. Our crocuses also have buds.

Of course, a day later they were covered with four inches of snow. But, spring is on its way!

Work Yet to Begin on Mill Run, near Cheltenham Avenue

You have read it here before. Work on the stream the flows through our neighborhood – Mill Run – will begin soon, according to Joanne Dahme of the Philadelphia Water Department. When the contractor wanted to get permission from the owners of the neighboring properties, one person held out because of his interest in a parking lot. That has passed. He signed the permission form, so the work will begin soon.

New Pretzel Shop on Montgomery Avenue

Right across the street from Frank's Pizza, a new pretzel shop has opened up. I stopped in there to ask them for details about their store, but I have not received anything yet.



Montgomery Market on Montgomery Avenue

On the other side of Frank's Pizza, we have a new grocery store called Montgomery Market. I remember Hilde's Harvest when I moved down here in 1982. That was where the RiteAid is on Fifth Street. It's nice to see a new, locally-owned market in our neighborhood.

Lord Cheltenham Tavern Sold

Ruth Shaw, Cheltenham's Main Street Manager, says that the new owner of the Lord Cheltenham Tavern may be interested in renovating it according to the Main Street Guidelines. There is some evidence of remodeling there.

Sidewalk Snow Shoveling Ordinance

More snow is coming. Cheltenham's Municipal Code says:

§ 255-5. Removal of snow and ice. [Amended 9-15-1987 by Ord. No. 1655]

A. It shall be the duty of all tenants, occupants or owners of buildings abutting on a sidewalk on a public highway, and all owners of vacant ground abutting thereon, the owners and operators of multiple dwellings and all tenants, occupants or owners of any commercial property, shopping center or any property which is open to the public to cause all sidewalks and parking areas situate upon said property and used by the public and any tenants to be cleared of snow within ten (10) working hours after it has ceased to fall and kept clear of snow and ice or any other obstruction. [Amended 3-21-1989 by Ord. No. 1686]

B. In the event that any person whose duty it is to comply with the provisions of this section shall permit or suffer snow to remain upon the sidewalks abutting a vacant lot or abutting the property used for residential purposes more than thirty (30) hours after the snow has ceased to fall or shall permit ice dangerous to travel to remain on the sidewalks uncovered by ashes or sawdust, he shall, upon summary conviction thereof before a District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine in accordance with § 255-22. EN

C. If any such person whose duty it is to comply with the provisions of this section shall permit or suffer snow to remain upon the sidewalk abutting a property open to the public for business purposes more

than thirty (30) hours after the snow has ceased to fall or shall permit ice dangerous to travel to remain on the sidewalks uncovered by ashes or sawdust, he shall, upon summary conviction before a District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine in accordance with § 255-22.EN

Are You Interested In...?

If you are interested in any of the following activities, email me and I will tell you who else, if anyone, is similarly interested:

- Drumming
- Tea, biscuits and stories
- Santorum and Commonwealth politics
- Non-denominational silent worship in homes
- An Old Time Rock 'n Roll band for Older Neighbors
- Poetry reading
- Gardening, vegetable/flower sharing
- Township politics
- Jazz Band
- Traffic in Our Neighborhood
- Softball team
- Other?

Sex offender website

MPNA Board member Gene Silver called attention to a Pennsylvania State Police Megan's Law Web Site that lists sex offenders who live in various places around Pennsylvania. My search for 19027 revealed six as of February 20, 2005. The website is <http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/SearchZip.aspx>

Update on the Ashbourne Country Club Housing Development – 2/23/05 meeting

The *Times Chronicle* reports that the next hearing for about 300 housing units built on the Ashbourne Country Club will be on this coming Wednesday, February 23, 2005 in Curtis Hall starting at 7:30pm. Zoning says the height of the buildings should not exceed 40 feet. The *Chronicle* says the intended buildings are 96 feet high.

EarthDay 2005 will be on Saturday, April 23

As the snow melts, we will see the trash along Coventry, always discouraging. So, each year, we can get together for a few hours to clean up the neighborhood, and perhaps even plant some beautiful flowers. If you want to help out, Board member Gene Silver is coordinating this. You can email Gene at genesilver@msn.com

This Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net. If you know of any neighbors who wish to receive this newsletter via email, please forward their addresses to me.

Best wishes for a pleasant spring!