

# MPNA News

## **The Melrose Park Neighbors Association**

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin  
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### **Our Meeting Agenda:**

**Melrose Park Neighbors Association Public meeting on May 2, 2005  
at 7pm at the Elkins Park Free Library in the Community Room**

**Please invite your neighbors to accompany you to this meeting.**

**Refreshments will be provided.**

**We have to be out of the room before 8:45pm.**

#### **Classical Music Beginnings**

- MPNA Board member Phil Kates is organizing a short presentation of classical music just before the meeting. This will be wonderful because Phil plays violin for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

#### **Cheltenham Police presentation**

- The Cheltenham Police will talk with us about controlling noise, slowing traffic and improving security in Melrose Park and the surrounding communities.

#### **Tree planting follow-up to EarthDay**

- Township Commissioner Mike Swavola wants to know if we would you like to plan a tree transplanting day for the trees that many of us planted as babies a couple of years ago? He has four or five, and they are growing to a point where they will become difficult to transplant in another year. What do you think? I hope Mike will be at our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **The Kerlin Farm**

- I have asked Township Commissioner Charlie McKeown to talk with us about the future of the Kerlin Farm at the corner of Ashbourne Road and Oak Lane Road. Part of the existing structure started as a one-story, one room stone cottage on a 300acre plantation in 1682. That's 323 years ago. Perhaps there are ways that Melrose Park neighbors can help preserve this place.

## **Trees for Melrose Park**

- Cheltenham Township needs our input on several matters. The Township has funds to plant about 23 trees in our neighborhood. If you have suggestions about where to plant them, please come to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with your ideas, or email me at [andrewrudin@earthlink.net](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net) and I will forward your ideas to the Township.

## **\$25,000 for Calming Traffic**

- The Township also has about \$25,000 to invest in slowing down traffic and making streets and intersections safer in our neighborhood. Some intersections that may already qualify are at Union and Montgomery near Myers School, Oak Lane Road and Cheltenham, and Fifth and Cheltenham. If you have other suggestions, please come to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with your suggestions.

## **The Islands in Old York Road**

- We are finally seeing some progress in dealing with the ugly concrete islands on Old York Road. They could become beautiful... as beautiful as those in front of Abington Hospital. Cheltenham Township is applying for a grant from PennDOT to use the Abington designs to rejuvenate four islands in our neighborhood. One plan is for the Melrose Park Neighbors to 'adopt' one of the islands. The Township will solicit other neighborhood groups to adopt the other three. What do you think? Would you like to be involved with this? If so, email me, and I will forward it on to the Township. Or, come to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with your ideas.

## **The New Commercial Services District**

- For the past year or two, a group of government representatives from both the Philadelphia side and the Cheltenham side of Cheltenham Avenue have been meeting to form a Commercial Services District along Cheltenham Avenue. A consultant was hired to develop a plan for revitalization. It seems that they will be initially concentrating on the area near Penrose and Cheltenham. Such a district would allow businesses to cooperate in marketing, protecting and cleaning up the district in much the same way that businesses in a mall cooperate. We will keep you informed of the progress.

## **Arts in the Park**

- Friends of High School Park president Amy Steffen will be on hand to discuss plans for Arts in the Park on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Rain date is a week later on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 10am to 5pm. MPNA will have some literature on a table there, along with other community organizations.

### **Some other information:**

### **Book sale at the Elkins Park Library**

This weekend is the book sale at the Library. Hours are 7pm to 9pm Friday, 10am to 3:30pm Saturday, and 1pm to 3:30pm Sunday.

### **Plans for the Jenkintown/Wyncote Train Station**

- On June 6 at 7pm, the Township will be holding a meeting at Curtis Hall to reveal and discuss the current plans for the parking garage at the Jenkintown/Wyncote SEPTA train station.

### **Adding email addresses**

- Please tell your neighbors to email me to be added to this email list to share information about our neighborhood.

### **This Newsletter**

- If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at [andrewrudin@earthlink.net](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net).

### **See you on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Library at 7pm!**

- 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](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net). This newsletter is available or will be soon, maybe with photos, on our website – [www.melroseparkneighbors.org](http://www.melroseparkneighbors.org)