

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Melrose Park Neighbors Meeting

There will be a public meeting of the Melrose Park Neighbors Association on Monday evening, October 22, 2007 at 7pm at the Elkins Park Library in the Community Room. We have invited the two candidates for Ward 5 commissioner – Tom Carboni and Mike Swavola. I will moderate the discussion. Please email (andrewrudin@earthlink.net), fax (215-635-1903) or mail me (7217 Oak Avenue, 19027) questions for the candidates. Some good questions have already come in.

We also hope that Sergeant John Slavin will be there to discuss crime, speeding, stop signs and other community policing issues in Melrose Park. You don't have to be an MPNA member to attend.

Eliminating School Property Taxes

Mike Fogarty, vice president of the Coatesville Taxpayers Alliance, which is a member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Taxpayer Associations and Pennsylvania Taxpayers Cyber Coalition www.PTCC.US emailed the following information. Three members of the MPNA board think that it is worthy of your consideration, but the MPNA Board is not endorsing or promoting it:

“The School Property Tax Elimination Act of 2007 will be introduced any day now in the Pennsylvania House. This is a brilliant piece of legislation that has bipartisan support. For four years business experts, the public and taxpayer groups from across the state have provided the insight and input to this concept. Independent financial firms have determined it to be financially sound. If passed, the overall savings to property owners will be significant.

Highlights: (More) details, a Calculator, and a tool to find your state Representatives/ Senator on www.PTCC.us

- Eliminates School Property Tax for homeowners and farmers; business property owners get a 50% cut. Phased in over 4 years.
- Eliminates local Earned Income Tax (EIT) collected for the school district (normally 0.50%).
- Increases the state income tax by 0.55%.
- Broadens the current 6 % sales tax so it covers a few more services.
- Creates a new separate but lower 3% sales tax for just clothing and processed foods. (Fresh meat, produce, fruit, dairy, bread, WIC, food-stamp purchases are not taxed).
- Loaded with common sense tax exemptions for families and businesses.
- All schools educational programs to be fully funded despite the local area's ability to pay.
- The state will for the first time act as a check-and-balance on how local school boards are using tax dollars.
- Removing the property tax dollar from the fight between municipalities and school districts will allow true regional planning to address sprawl and congestion.”

The 2008 Entertainment Book is here

Support the Friends of the Elkins Park Free Library! Buy your 2008 Entertainment savings book!

Everybody knows the ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - full of 50% and 2-for-1 discounts on restaurants, movies, sporting events and more. Books are super easy to use - people enjoy saving money while supporting a good cause! Fundraiser supporters can purchase the Entertainment book at \$5 less than regular retail price.

- Cost -- \$25 (Checks payable to Friends of EP Free Library)
- Can be used immediately
- Available at the circulation desk in the library
- Dine...Shop...Travel...SAVE up to 50%
- Quickly pays for itself with hundreds of exclusive offers.
- Available for cities all over the USA – send them as gifts
- Get One Free when you sell 5 Entertainment books online
 - Our group's number is 876487
 - Log on to the Seller's Section at fundraising.entertainment.com

For questions or orders, contact Norma (215-635-1771, pm) or by email at mrotman2@comcast

Donations Needed for Used Book Sales at the EP Library

Pickup Available – Just call 215-635-5000.

WANTED - CD's Video Tapes, Audio Tapes, Vintage Magazines, Comic Books, Software, LP Phonograph Records & ALL KINDS OF BOOKS.

NOT WANTED - Reader's Digest Condensed Books, Old Textbooks & Law Books, Scratched Phonograph Records, Older Encyclopedias, Underlined or Highlighted Books, Partial Sets of Reference Books, Moldy, Water-damaged Books.

All donations of books, videos & CDs are tax-deductible. The dates for the coming book sales are:

October 26-28, 2007
November 30 - December 2, 2007
January 18-20, 2008
February 22-24, 2008
March 28-30, 2008
April 25-27, 2008
May 30-31, 2008
June 13-26, 2008 (liquidation sales)

This Newsletter

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

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 Board

Members of the MPNA Board are Andrew Rudin, Phil Kates, Gene Silver, Michael Sheckman, Jim Muldoon and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please email me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net. This newsletter is available or will be soon, maybe with photos, on our website – www.melroseparkneighbors.org

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