

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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News Update:

New website for MPNA is up and running!

Check out our newsletter in .pdf format at www.melroseparkneighbors.org. It has pictures, which I can't email!! The MPNA mission statement is there, too. Other items will be added soon. If you have any suggestions on the website or this newsletter, please email me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net.

Celebration for new SEPTA station

Our New Station Celebration is currently scheduled for two weeks from yesterday – October 19 during morning rush hour from about 7:30am to 8:20am. We are working to get beautiful music, free coffee, distribution of MPNA brochures, brief speeches by Commissioner Mike Swavola and others, and so on. Diane Kolb is going to dress in a 1905 outfit and pass out MPNA brochures. I think it will be fun. If you want to help out, please email me or call me at 215-635-5450 during the day.

Fall Festival

This coming Saturday, the 14th Annual Cheltenham Community Harvest Festival promises fun for all ages with a lineup of exciting events. Rain date is Sunday, October 10. As always, the setting for the festival is beautiful Curtis Arboretum, located on Church Road and Greenwood Avenue in Wyncote. The fun starts at noon and wraps up after dark with a *grand fireworks finale!*

Why are our newly-paved streets being dug up?

Rudy Kastenhuber is Cheltenham Township's Public Works Coordinator. He recently responded to my question by explaining that "utility companies are required to wait 5 years after a road is repaved before they can dig up the road unless it is an emergency situation. Utility companies are notified before we repave a road so they can do work before repaving."

I replied to him that I thought Oak Avenue, Chestnut and Crest were paved within five years. He explained, "Chestnut was paved in 2002 and Aqua has agreed to mill and repave it again after they finish their work. Crest Ave. was paved in 1998 and Oak in 1999, both meeting the 5 year criteria. The utility work had to be performed because of their history of water main breakage."

So, there we are.