

# MPNA News

## The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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### Planting and Clean-up Set for Monday, November 13

Gene Silver and Albert Fried-Cassorla want to let neighbors know that we will have a planting and clean-up at the SEPTA station, inbound side on Monday, Veteran's Day, Nov. 13th at 3 pm. Anyone who can help out, please meet us there and then.

People who want to help dig up redbud saplings for replanting at the homes of Gene, Albert and possibly at other participating neighbors' houses, please e-mail Gene at [genesilver@msn.com](mailto:genesilver@msn.com) or Albert at [albfcc@comcast.net](mailto:albfcc@comcast.net).

Bring tools, work gloves and good spirit!

### Meetings Concerning High School Park

Amy Steffen emailed that “two important meetings are coming up that I strongly encourage you to attend. One is with the Township Commissioners where I will be requesting money for a new Restoration Plan. The second will explain the results of our Plant Stewardship Index assessment. If you can only make one meeting, come to the PSI meeting on Nov. 13. Both of these meetings are part of our reinvigorated effort to restore the native ecosystems of HS Park, taking our already outstanding work to a new level.

Please show your support for our funding request on Wed. Nov 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building. (Old York Road next to the Police Station). We are requesting \$25,000. Your presence will lend greater weight to our request.

On Mon. Nov 13, 7:00 at the EP Library, we will learn about what's growing and thriving in the park. Diane and Kristina arranged for an innovative and thorough assessment of the park plants over the summer. CJ wrote about it in the newsletter. Now we have our results! Come hear Jeannine Vannais of Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve explain the Plant Stewardship Index and what was discovered about High School Park. This information will form a foundation for our upcoming restoration planning.

These are exciting times for the Friends of High School Park. We are accomplishing a great deal and positioning ourselves for the future. Thank you for your ongoing involvement. Together, we are doing an outstanding job of restoring the native ecosystems in the park and building a strong community. See you soon.”

From Amy Steffen, 215-635-1993, [AmySteffen@verizon.net](mailto:AmySteffen@verizon.net)

### Historic LaMott Makes History Again

Historic LaMott is proud to report that hits on their website [www.historic-lamott-pa.pa](http://www.historic-lamott-pa.pa) for the month of October, 2006 reached an all time high of more than eighty-seven thousand hits. This number represented a dramatic increase over the previous two months.

The high for the month occurred on October 12<sup>th</sup> when more than ten thousand hits were received. We attribute much of this increase due to the publicity received by Elkins Park teacher, Mrs. Lise Marlowe who was named the History Channel's Teacher of the Year at the beginning of the summer and in October when she was an

invited guest at the convention of the PA Council for the Social Studies and later in the month when she met with the President Bush's wife in New Orleans. Mrs. Marlowe has always been a promoter of the website and promotes it at every opportunity.

You may recall that Ms. Marlowe spoke at an MPNA meeting about the work she and her students have done to draw attention to Camp William Penn and LaMott.

## **More Email Addresses Would Be Great**

The more neighbors we have on this email list, the better. So, please encourage your neighbors to email their addresses to me at [andrewrudin@earthlink.net](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net). We do not share our email list.

## **Donations Needed for Library Book Sales**

What to do with all those books in the basement! Pickup is 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 book sales are Friday through Sunday, starting on the following Fridays at 1pm – December 1, 2006 and January 12, February 23, March 23, April 10 and May 18, 2007. Half price sales start June 1<sup>st</sup> and the final \$5 per bag sale starts June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **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).

## **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.

## **MPNA Board**

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)

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