

MPNA News

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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If I don't hear of any news, I won't send out a newsletter. I saw our commissioner Mike Swavola in the Melrose Hardware store last weekend. I asked him if he thought that things were quiet. He said yes. So, here are two news items for you -- Mill Run data came in from the PWD, and Lorna Rosenberg suggests that you vote for Cheltenham in a sustainability award contest.

If you have other news, let me know.

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Summary of Mill Run Water Quality Data

The Philadelphia Water Department has spent over \$1,000,000 to remediate the pollution in Mill Run, the stream the flows along Coventry Avenue and New Second Street before it joins Tacony Creek by the fire tower on Tacony Creek Parkway. Fluoride indicates the presence of drinking water, which is treated with fluoride. The fecal count is the number of colonies of bacteria in the sample. An ocean beach in New Jersey can be closed if the count exceeds 200 per 100 ml of water. The PWD continues to test water at the beginning of Mill Run at the outfall at Cheltenham and Coventry. And we continue to report the results:

Philadelphia Water Department Lab Analysis of Water at Outfall

Date	Time	Location	Flouride (mg/l)	Fecal Count (#/100ml)	
3/26/2007	11:40	Outfall: 7th & Cheltenham	0.14	280	
5/22/2007	10:50	Outfall: 7th & Cheltenham	0.19	2500	
9/25/2007	11:05	Outfall: 7th & Cheltenham	0.31	21000	MPNA

Vote for a Sustainable Cheltenham Township

The following was brought to my attention by Lorna Rosenberg. The Philadelphia Sustainability Awards are the first-ever awards in the Philadelphia region to recognize those who are leading the way to a more sustainable future. Businesses, non-profits, community organizations, individuals, schools and government agencies in the region are invited to submit nominations. Applicants demonstrate many aspects of sustainability. Nominees will be judged by a panel of [distinguished jurors](#). Each has extensive knowledge of Philadelphia and/or sustainability issues. Finalists will be highlighted and the winners will be announced at the [Philadelphia Sustainability Awards Ceremony](#) on March 3rd at the Philadelphia Flower Show!

Cheltenham Township is one of the finalists in this competition. If you would like to cast your vote to make Cheltenham a winner, go to <http://www.philadelphiasustainabilityawards.org/node/347> If that isn't the exact page, look for "From Century to Century – A Sustainable Cheltenham." The highest score is 5/5 in a drop-down menu. Vote as many times as you would like. If you have questions, you can contact Lorna at 215-635-6655. MPNA

A New Melrose Park Blog

Kevin Derr of Crest Avenue has just set up a Melrose Park Blog at Wordpress. The address is <http://melrosepark.wordpress.com/> He thought with winter coming on this might be a way for the neighborhood to chat without being outside, though, he says he would rather see people outside and talking, thought the blog might be useful. It would also be a place to post upcoming events and such.

Kevin goes on to say, "The whole thing is designed to be interactive. A place to carry on a conversation that is public. So, a topic is posted, and then people can comment raise other issues and the like. The first topic I posted was what would be a nice addition to the community. Now people can chime in and say, this is what I would like to see.... You can stop by the web site and see what is going on, you can also subscribe to receive any thing posted on the page. Either way, the simplest is to stop by the web page, the idea is to have people come back and leave comments, respond to what others have said and so on."

Kevin Derr - hkderr@gmail.com

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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:

February 22-24, 2008

March 28-30, 2008

April 25-27, 2008

May 30-31, 2008

June 13-26, 2008 (liquidation sales)

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This Newsletter

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

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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

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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