

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin
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Earth Day 2010

Barb Duffy is once again coordinating Earth Day planning. She emailed the following: “Earth Day

2010 will be **Saturday April 17th** for the projects (though some groups can also schedule projects on Sunday 4/18). The time of day is flexible and can be set by your group.

The township prints thousands of fliers to encourage Cheltenham residents and students to participate in these projects, plus publicized the events on Channel 42, on their website, via email blasts and in Township publications.

Earth Day projects may include trash cleanups, gardening, buffer plantings, storm drain labeling, invasive vine removal, or any hands-on project your community group comes up with that directly improves our environment in Cheltenham Township. Projects can be located at local parks, schools, businesses districts, neighborhoods, etc. (All projects will be approved by Township officials before advertising. I can help get this approval.) The township will assist with trash bags and special trash pickups.

So please discuss this venture with your group and let me know ASAP if you will plan an Earth Day project this year. If we have your information by the end of February we can put the list of project areas out in the Township Newsletter.

For the flier to the schools-- I hope to have all your information by Wednesday, March 24th, so that I can put the flier together for distribution in the schools by April 7th. Information that I will need includes: Type of project, project location, meeting place, time of event, what volunteers need to bring and contact person's name and phone # and sponsoring group/s.

You can contact me via email at this address (beduffy@comcast.net) or you can call me at 215-885-1506.”

Friends of High School Park's New Plant Enthusiast Program

The Plant Enthusiasts Program is a new venue for gardeners supporting the native plant restoration efforts of the Friends of High School Park. The group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month and feature free monthly educational talks with horticulturists and volunteer opportunities that include on-site training in plant profile identification. The first meeting will be at the Stratford Gallery, 930 Stratford Avenue, Elkins Park, PA from 7-9PM. Diana K. Weiner, Restoration Manager for FHSP will present : "Gardener's Gadgets". Come find out what new gardening tools and supplies you can live with or without in 2010! Also find out about the new "Adopt a Plot" Program. To register or for more information call 215-782-8082 or email; info@fhsp.org &nb sp; MPNA

Pre-Valentine Concert

T. Michael Poxon emailed the following:

"The Korean United Church of Philadelphia at 12th Street and Cheltenham Avenue will host a concert on Saturday, Feb 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm co-sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lane Library and Oak Lane Tree Tenders. It will honor Ruth Ezekiel's memory. She is a long time resident who died recently. Her daughter lives in Elkins Park (N. Sterling). It seems a good way to connect our communities.

We are cosponsors of the new Weaver's Way coop, or at least many of our residents will be involved. The KUC church permits the Friends of Oak Lane Library to hold concerts in their church. This time, we have access to the main chapel. This used to be an Episcopalian Church and the main sanctuary is very beautiful. There is a Yamaha Grand Piano there and it will produce beautiful music. We have four "WORLD CLASS" musicians who will perform. I can guarantee that they will be crowd pleasers. We will have a free reception afterwards for a mix and mingle hour and have a raffle.

Since the sanctuary seats 400, we need to get the word out. We want people to come. To fill the hall, I propose a dynamic concept. Everyone who comes should invite two friends, and those two friends should invite two more each, and so forth. The tickets are only \$10 per adult and \$6 per teen. As you read through the flyer below, you will see that these are prize winning musicians, extremely talented. Thanks for your help, and I hope you too are free to attend our concert. Please note the Preview Champagne Party I am willing to host at 6 pm on Saturday Feb 13, 2010 for an additional \$20 per person. EMail me with reservation at tm.poxon@verizon.net.

Friends of the Oak Lane Library sponsor a **Valentine's Concert** on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of the Korean United Church (1200 W. Cheltenham Ave.) and admission is only \$10.

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The evening will feature Miss Eva Young, piano, who has performed internationally in four countries and is the winner of a major piano concerto competition. She is a graduate of Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, has an MS from University of Michigan and a licentiate from the Royal Academy of Music in London. In addition we will have several other excellent musicians joining the concert. Michael Ronstadt, cellist, has an MS in

cello performance from Cincinnatti Conservatory and is the nephew of Linda Ronstadt. Also, John Frazer, on clarinet, will join the evening concert. He has performed in many quartets with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, has played with Van Cliburn and also the Manhattan Transfer. Finally we have Dr. Cong Fan, a piano player who has performed at Carnegie Hall and teaches at Temple University. She recently won a prize for the BEST PIANO PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR IN CHINA.

Free parking is available in the KUC Lot at 70th Ave. and Old York Road. Walk out the back and take the sidewalk directly to the rear of the church on 12th street. A reception will follow with a mix and mingle hour. We would like to fill the hall, so bring ALL of your friends. For more information, email T. Michael Poxon at tm.poxon@verizon.net “

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February Book Sale at Elkins Park Free Library

The Friends of the Elkins Park Free Library holds its first Used Book Sale in 2010 on Friday, February 12th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, February 13th, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 14th, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 563 East Church Road, Elkins Park. Sale includes 15,000+ books, CD's, audio tapes, videos, records, software, games and more. If weather is inclement, call first to be sure the sale is on. **FREE.** Information: 215-635-5000.

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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, 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 on our website – www.melroseparkneighbors.org

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