

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Walk that dog!

THIRD ANNUAL CHELTENHAM DOG WALK To Benefit CURTIS DOG PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th TH 10AM-NOON (rain date 4-6)

TOOKANY CREEK PARKWAY

Get some exercise! Show off you dog! Support Curtis Dog Park! ALL welcome!

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. MAIL your name and address and phone number with your contribution by April 1st- \$10 for each dog/walker.
2. Forms available in the mailbox at the park.
3. Day of the walk - \$15 for each dog/walker. Pre-register and SAVE \$5!

ALL participating dogs get a colorful bandana.

ROUTE: Start at Veterans' Memorial on Central Ave., walk to Kleinheinz Pond and back. The parkway will be closed to vehicular traffic. Parking available across from soccer field at Central Avenue.

AT THE POND: Enjoy exhibits, sale tables, Water station, Ask the Vet, CDP information, dog treats and rescue groups.

ALL dogs must be leashed and under control at ALL times.

Cheltenham Dog Walk
809 Stratford Ave
Melrose Park, PA 19027

Information: 215-635-3827
or www.curtisdogpark.info

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And From Utah...

Dear Andrew, I was thrilled to come upon your website. I used to live at 7308 Mountain Avenue. Our family, (Melnicoff), lived there from 1957 until shortly after my father died in 1973. Melrose Park was a magical place. Cheltenham Avenue was still a two lane road. They were just starting to widen it, and we used to play on the huge dirt piles in the roadway. Our home sat on two acres and we spent almost every waking moment outside playing.

I live in Moab, Utah now and am one of the founders of a group called Solutions. We are doing very similar things to what your group is doing, but on a slightly different scale. Just wanted you to know that I applaud your efforts to bring people together to create a more beautiful and safer world for all. Melrose Park will always be special to me.

Sincerely, Sara Melnicoff
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From the Hiway Theater in Jenkintown...

UNCOUNTED: The New Math of American Elections

7pm April 16 at the Hiway Theatre in Jenkintown, a beautifully restored community facility, at 212 Old York Road in Jenkintown. Tickets \$8, available at the door.

With election fever in the air, the Election Reform Network is proud to be hosting the Philadelphia area theatrical premier screening of *UNCOUNTED: The New Math of American Elections* on April 16.

UNCOUNTED is an explosive new documentary that shows the vulnerability of American elections and the inspiring stories of true heroes working in the trenches of American democracy to protect the vote. It is a stunning wakeup call making it clear that this year our job as citizens goes beyond casting a ballot.

The screening is set for *Wednesday, April 16 at 7 pm* at the Hiway Theatre in Jenkintown. Join us and Emmy award-winning filmmaker David Earnhardt for a lively conversation afterward about what we can learn from the recent history of American elections and what steps we in the greater Philadelphia area can take now to protect the vote in 2008 and beyond. Save the date and RSVP today.

Pennsylvania is, we all know, a battleground state in the Presidential sweepstakes. But 51 of 67 counties vote on high-risk paperless electronic vote machines. Many consider PA to be the likely next Florida or Ohio. Not only are our machines vulnerable to manipulation and foul-ups, but they are unauditible and unrecountable. Yet some say that we should bury all legitimate concerns related to possible voter disenfranchisement because it discourages people. Better to pretend that there are no problems and hope for the best, they say.

The **Election Reform Network** urges people to vote and participate fully in the process - but not with their eyes closed! *UNCOUNTED* is a film that inspires people to vote – and then act to protect it.

Steve Strahs

ELECTION REFORM NETWORK

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About wandering cats...

In our local neighborhood near Cheltenham and Oak Avenue (near Fifth Street), we have a half-dozen cats, most of which have homes, that wander around the neighborhood, ripping open trash bags, fighting with each other in the middle of the night, leaving excrement under our porch, killing birds, and so on. We had one large, gray, feral cat that wandered around at night for weeks, moaning. While Cheltenham Township has a leash law about dogs, they do not yet have such a law about cats. So, my personal plea is to keep your cats inside your homes. This is a national problem. Please visit <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cat/> or do a Google search on “cats indoors.”

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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:

March 28-30, 2008 **(This coming weekend!)**

April 25-27, 2008

May 30-31, 2008

June 13-26, 2008 (liquidation sales) MPNA

This Newsletter

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

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 MPNA

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