

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Earth Day 2008 is less than a week away!

Melrose Park Neighbors will meet at the SEPTA Train Station

Activity: cleanup & planting

Meet: at the Train Station

Time: 10:00 am to about 1pm

Bring: Garden gloves & tools

Plus, perennial plants from your garden, such as blackeyed susans, day lilies, irises, beebalm or any drought resistant, noninvasive plants.

Contact person: Gene Silver 215-635-1874

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Cheltenham Township Community Earth Day Festival 2008

On Saturday, April 26th Cheltenham Township will be holding their annual Earth Day Festival at Cedarbrook Middle School. I forgot who sent me the following information. This year's theme is watersheds. Come enjoy an afternoon of live music, student exhibits, green product demonstrations, crafts, and other fun and informational activities.

Clean water activist, Christopher Swain, will be the guest speaker. I STRONGLY urge you to come and hear him speak. Swain is the first person in history to swim the entire length of Lake Champlain, as well as the entire lengths of the Hudson, Charles, and Columbia Rivers. Christopher has received an International Earth Day Award at the United Nations, an E-chievement Award on National Public Radio's etown, and has been chosen as Person of the Week on ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings. He is the youngest of twenty-one conservationists profiled in Rachel White Scheuring's book, Shapers of the Great Debate on Conservation.

Swain has survived collisions with boats, 12-foot waves, lightning storms, class IV+ rapids, toxic blue-green algae, Lamprey Eel attacks, and water contaminated with everything from human waste to nuclear waste. Swain has made clean water education presentations to over 52,000 North American schoolchildren. Stories about his clean water swims have reached a worldwide media audience of more than two billion people. (www.swimforcleanwater.org)

At Cedarbrook's Earth Day event, Swain will be collecting used electronics (old cell phones, TVs, computers, etc.) for ethical recycling as part of his TOXTOUR, diverting over one billion pounds of used electronics from the North American waste stream. So, I hope you'll bring your old TVs and computers to Cedarbrook Middle School on April 26th, participate in ethical e-waste recycling, and listen to a one-of-a-kind speaker. (www.toxtour.org)

Cheltenham Township Community Earth Day Festival

DATE: April 26, 2008

TIME: noon - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Cedarbrook Middle School

300 Longfellow Road, Wyncote PA

- Guest Speaker - Clean Water Activist **Christopher Swain**

- Student Exhibits
- Live Music
- Climate Change in PA slideshow
- E-waste drive (bring used electronics for ethical recycling)
- Sign up for PECO Wind Energy
- Calculate your Carbon Footprint
- EPA Energy Star Program
- Trash Art Contest
- Briar Bush Nature Center Exhibit
- Crafts and Kid's Activities
- Green Product Demos
- and much more...
- Come Celebrate our Community and Help Build Cheltenham's Sustainable Future! 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 MPNA

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:

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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