

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Walk that dog!

On Saturday, April 24th 10 am to noon join us at Tookany Creek Parkway at Central Avenue. \$15 per dog. All proceeds go to CURTIS DOG PARK for the pavilion we desperate need. TELL YOUR FRIENDS! Dogs must be leashed at all times. FREE PARKING on Tookany at Central across from the soccer field. SAVE \$5 by pre-registering. Pay only \$10 per dog! Fill out the form below. Checks can be made out to Curtis Dog Park. Rain date is Sun, April 25th same time. Diane Kolb – Coordinator, 809 Stratford Avenue

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The Elkins Park Library April Book Sale

The Friends of the Elkins Park Free Library holds its next Used Book sale on Friday, April 16th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 17th, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 18th, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 563 East Church Road, Elkins Park. Sale includes books, CDs, audiotapes, records, videos, software, games, giftware and more. 15,000+ items in all. Too many specials to itemize. FREE.

Information: 215-635-5000.

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Denise King and her Trio

From the Cheltenham Center for the Arts' website:

Philadelphia is blessed with great singers. Perhaps it's because we're such a musical town ... Whatever the cause, we've got a lot to be thankful for, and one listen to Denise King will turn you into a believer too! Denise is a no-nonsense singer, whose naturally beautiful voice, vibrato and phrasing please musicians as well as fans. With over four wonderful CDs to her name, Denise spreads the work around to lots of our musicians, giving each a character of its own.

Wednesday, April 7th, 7:30-9pm, Tickets \$10.00/5.00 (students) at the door Free Refreshments! Cheltenham Center for the Arts, 439 Ashbourne Road

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Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About TREES

A series of three free programs presented by Julianne Schieffer, Urban Forester Penn State Cooperative Extension Service.

Wednesdays @ 10:30AM Glenside Library Branch, 215 S. Keswick Avenue, Glenside

April 7 - Why Care About Trees?

April 14 - Caring for Your Trees

April 21 - Selecting Trees for Success

For more information, call 215-885-0455.

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Dance, Dance, Eat!

Roy Hollinger calls our attention to a dance sponsored by the Cheltenham Rockledge Rotary Club. It will be at the Philadelphia Protestant Home Social Hall at Tabor and Martins Mill Roads on Saturday, May 15 from 7 to 11pm. The event costs \$20 per person and features a light buffet (BYOB). The DJ is Vince Masciarelli. The funds will be used for the Protestant Home and for overseas projects.

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The CreekSide Farmers' Market at High School Park

On April 11, the CreekSide Farmers' Market at High School Park in Elkins Park blossoms for the first of many Sundays. The farmers' market will be held in High School Park in Elkins Park at the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and High School Road every Sunday between 10 am and 2 pm. from April 11 through October- with the exceptions of June 6 (June 13th if a rain date is needed for the local "Arts in the Park" festival) and July 4.

The market will feature organic produce, eggs, honey, meat, cheeses, bakery items and other farm-fresh ingredients from farms in Bucks, Lancaster and Montgomery Counties. Beans from a regional small-batch coffee roaster, cut flowers and bedding plants as well as pottery and tiles from local artisans will also be available.

A small cluster of mature trees at the Montgomery Avenue entrance to the park will shelter this community-gathering place. Live acoustic music and the beautiful backdrop of High School Park in its springtime bloom promise to make this farmers' market a fun and healthy way for local residents to feed and entertain their families and support local farmers. Residents are encouraged to bring their folding chairs as well as their shopping bags, bend an ear to the music, sample prepared foods from local vendors and create a mellow Sunday morning and afternoon of relaxing with neighbors & friends.

For more information about the CreekSide Co-op or the CreekSide Farmers' Market at High School Park, please contact CreekSide Co-op general manager Ryan Youngman at ryanyoungman@creekside.coop or Scott Laughlin, CreekSide Co-op board President at scottlaughlin@creekside.coop or 215-275-1685.

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Earth Day Activities In Cheltenham

We are on for cleaning the flower beds at the Melrose Park SEPTA station on 4/17/2010 from 10am to noon. People need to bring some tools -- rakes, pruning tools, gloves, kneeling pads etc.

The perennials we already have are plentiful. This would be a cleanup and evaluation day. We can plant annuals later in the spring. If any one has concerns or suggestions they can email our coordinator Ricki Lent at rsimone49@aol.com.

Neighborhood, school and community groups will commemorate Earth Day with more than a dozen projects scattered throughout Cheltenham Township. The projects will be held on Saturday, April 17, unless otherwise indicated. Everyone is invited to take part; no registration is needed.

In addition, an Earth Day Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Myers Elementary School, located at 7609 Montgomery Avenue in Elkins Park. Tours of the new LEED-certified school will highlight the event.

All of the Earth Day activities fall under the umbrella of the Cheltenham Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). For more information, contact Barb Duffy, EAC chair, at 215-885-1506. MPNA

About CreekSide Co-op

The farmers' market is one of the first enterprises of CreekSide Co-op, a member-owned grocery store that is being planned for the nearby Elkins Park East business district. The Co-op has more than 1,200 families signed up as members and is arranging financing to open its member-owned store. When the co-op opens, it will function as a full-service grocery store with a focus on sustainability and represent a vital link to the rejuvenation of the Elkins Park East business district. MPNA

Shop to raise money to free the hikers

From Toby Grubman...

ALL DAY SHOPPING BENEFIT!! FREE THE HIKERS! To observe the 250th day in Captivity, The Dovetail Artisans will donate 15% of all sales to FreeTheHikers.org on Wednesday, April 7th, 10:00am - 9:00pm. This is a great way to show your support for the 3 American Hikers, local resident Josh Fattal, Sarah Shourd & Shane Bauer, who have been detained in Iran since July 31st, 2009. Donations will be used for expenses related to legal and translation services and travel for the 3 mothers to go to Iran. For more information visit www.freethehikers.org

Refreshments served 6-9pm. Bring your friends to The Dovetail Artisans, 105 E. Glenside Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038, 215-887-2220, www.TheDovetailArtisans.com

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, 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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