

MPNA

News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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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, with photos, on our website – www.melroseparkneighbors.org

The News:

Come to the Elkins Park Free Library antique appraisal event Sunday, April 10

Is that stuff deep in your closet or basement trash? Or, could it be treasure? Find out on Sunday, April 10, 2005 when the Friends of the Elkins Park Free Library present “Trash or Treasure” with appraisers with various areas of expertise. An added attraction is the buffet of **delicious refreshments**.

- Appraisers and their specialties include local and regional experts, among whom will be
- Donald Creswell of the Philadelphia Print Shop for maps, prints and books
- Jon Edelman, Jenkintown, for coins, stamps, postcards
- Gary Kauftheil, Jenkintown for glassware, porcelain, “generalist”
- Randi Tartaglio, Chestnut Hill for jewelry
- Rob Lefevre, Brave New Worlds for comic books, games and sports/non-sports cards.

The event, which takes place at the Elkins Park Free Library from 12 noon to 5pm on Sunday, April 10, 2005, is the Friends’ Annual spring fund-raiser on behalf of the library. This event, like the antiques appraisal success of last spring, is a win-win situation for everyone. Admission to “Trash or Treasure?” is \$8.00 per person for one evaluation with tickets pre-purchased online at www.elkinsparklibrary.org; \$10.00 per person with one piece for evaluation; \$15.00 per person with 2 pieces, and \$5.00 to attend and browse. For more information visit www.elkinsparklibrary.org or call 215-635-3648.

Work to Begin on Mill Run, near Cheltenham Avenue

The latest from the Philadelphia Water Department is that the contractor will be at 7th & Cheltenham on Monday, April 11. They are not sure if this simply means “mobilizing” - which is a good sign – or actually starting work. But either way, the real work should not be far behind.

Melrose Park Neighbors Association Public meeting on May 2, 2005 at 7pm

We are planning our next public meeting for May 2, 2005 in the community room at the Elkins Park Library starting at 7pm. Let me know if you have anything you want us to consider, or if you would like to attend. We will send more information shortly.

EarthDay 2005 will be on Saturday, April 23 (Rain date 4/24)

Each year residents of Melrose Park get together for a few hours to clean up the neighborhood, and perhaps even plant some beautiful flowers. If you want to help out, Board member Gene Silver is coordinating this. You can email Gene at genesilver@msn.com or call him at 215-635-1874.



Plan to help out on Earth Day, April 23rd. It's a chance to come together to improve our environment and get to know one another.

Come beautify 1) Our new SEPTA Station, 2) the Pedestrian Overpass near Mill and Windsor, and 3) Apex of Montgomery and Union

- **Date:** Saturday, April 23rd, 2005 - Rain Date: Sunday, April 24th
- **Time:** 10 am start – come whenever – any time you can spare.
- **Place:** Melrose Park Train Station, southbound side (see above). The dark, mulched areas are flower beds prepared for us by SEPTA.
- If we have enough volunteers, we will also ask people to clean and plant at: the Pedestrian Overpass at Windsor and Mill the corner of Mill and Union at Myers Elementary School.
- **Activities:** Cleaning, planting and getting to know your neighbors!
- **Bring:** Gloves, shovels, clippers, hand-trowels, shears, peat moss, plants, beverages for yourself and to share. The Township will provide: trash bags, cones and saw horses to help protect neighbors working. Plants to buy or bring include: perennials of many types, azaleas, rose bushes, and more.
- For further details on plants, contact Ricki Lent at rsimone49@aol.com



Aerial Map of Melrose Park

The web gets better each day. I was able to spot my roof from a satellite photo on <http://mapper.acme.com>. For my house, the coordinates are N40.05624 W 75.126463. Can you find your house?

Traffic and Noise

Irritated by barking dogs, blaring ice cream trucks, zillion decibel car stereos? Cheltenham Township has a noise ordinance with a fine of \$600 per day for noisy offenders of the “the peace and quiet of Cheltenham Township and its residents.” Check out **ARTICLE III, Noise and Disorderly Conduct [Adopted 1-18-1994 by Ord. No. 1798-94] sections 205-8 through 205-16** which warns against “The making, creation and maintenance of loud, unnecessary or unusual noises which are prolonged, unusual or unnatural in their time, place or use, regardless of the intent, does affect and is a detriment to the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, repose, welfare or prosperity of the residents and persons within the township.” The following are some of the items prohibited by the ordinance:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to create a noise disturbance or disorderly conduct within the borders of Cheltenham Township.
- B. No person shall sound unnecessarily any horn or any signaling device on any vehicle, automobile, motorcycle, motor bicycle or other vehicle in any street or public place of the township except as a danger warning signal. Doing so will constitute disorderly conduct.
- C. No person shall operate any vehicle in the township, licensed or unlicensed, on public or private premises, whether standing or moving, without an appropriate muffler on the exhaust system of said vehicle in order to prevent noise disturbance or disorderly conduct.
- D. No person shall use, operate or permit to be played any radio receiving set, musical instrument, television, phonograph, public address system or other machine or device for producing or reproducing sound in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance or disorderly conduct. The operation of any such instrument in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from the noise source shall be a noise disturbance or disorderly conduct.
- E. No person shall operate or cause to be operated any sound truck for any commercial purpose in the township with sound-amplifying equipment in operation. [*Commercial vehicles can apply for a license from the Township. Even with a license, however...*] The volume of sound shall be controlled so that it will not be audible for a distance in excess of one hundred (100) yards from the sound truck and so that the volume is not unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing or a nuisance to persons within the area of audibility.
- F. No person shall yell, shout, hoot, whistle or sing on the public streets nor at any time or place so as to cause a noise disturbance or disorderly conduct.
- G. No person shall keep any animal or bird which causes excessive noise that disturbs the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.
- H. The erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration, construction or repair, of any building prior to 7:30 a.m. is prohibited unless it involves emergency work.
- I. No person shall create any noise disturbance or disorderly conduct on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, hospital or any public building, while the same are in use, which unreasonably interferes with the workings of such institution or which results in excessive noise for pupils, churchgoers, patients or others inside said building.
- J. No peddler, hawker or vendor shall shout or otherwise cry his wares which results in a noise disturbance or a charge of disorderly conduct.
- K. Loafing, loitering, lounging or congregating in such a manner as to interfere with the free passage of the traveling public or annoy the public by means of remarks or conduct of any improper nature will constitute disorderly conduct.

The entire ordinance is on our Township’s website at www.cheltenhamtownship.org. Click on “Municipal Code” and then on Chapter 205 concerning “Peace and Good Order.”

Spot Any Litter Bugs?

If so, you can report them to 1-888-LITTERBUG, a hotline funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as part of its statewide anti-litter program. You can also download, fill out and fax forms to report litterbugs. See www.litterbug.org/hotline/hotline.shtml

Adding email addresses

Please tell your neighbors to email me to be added to this email list to share information about our neighborhood.

This Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net. Let your neighbors know that we can add their email addresses to our list for this newsletter. We do not share our list with anyone.

Best wishes for a pleasant spring!