

# MPNA News

## The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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### Community Supported Agriculture Deliveries to Melrose Park

Bob Tabak and Ruth Loew emailed, “For the last 5-6 years we have been members of a Community Supported Agriculture program run by Ed and Judy Herrmann who farm in Lancaster County. Herrcastle Farms delivers a grocery bag or more of produce every week (this year on Tuesday eve.) to the apartment building next to Melrose Park station. They operate from early June through October. Most of the products are organic or use the minimally treated integrated pest management system. Each week you may receive vegetables ( beans, chard, peppers, several dozen varieties of heirloom tomatoes, and some interesting and unusual items...), fruits (berries, apples, melons...), herbs, and in the fall fresh squeezed cider. You subscribe for a "share" of the harvest. Great fresh food with an interesting variety each week as the seasons change. They also deliver to the Glenside farmer's market on Sat. For more information, contact them at (717) 284-3203 or [haeusa19@epix.net](mailto:haeusa19@epix.net).” MPNA

### Glenside Farmers Market

The Glenside Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9am to 1pm, from May through November  
*Come join us for fresh produce, honey, candles, jewelry, pottery, and other crafts. We will be having live demonstrations on a variety of topics, including cooking, childrens events, gardening and much more. There's something for everyone!*

#### Get Fresh Weekly at the GFM!

The Glenside Farmers Market is a producer-based market, meaning close to 100% of the vendors grow or make the products they bring to market each week. Supporting the Glenside Farmers Market supports local farming and businesses, preserves open space and the environment, and helps spur economic development in the Glenside commercial district.

The Glenside Farmers Market is located at the corner of Easton Road and Glenside Avenue at the Glenside Train Station. Come and Join us, Saturdays 9am - 1pm. May through November.

<http://theglensidefarmersmarket.com/>

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### Volunteer Opportunities in High School Park

High School Park, located in Elkins Park PA is looking for volunteer groups for park cleanup days. As an all-volunteer organization, we completely rely on members of the neighborhood, schools, congregations, youth and community service groups to achieve our mission. Work parties are a great opportunity to get out in nature, meet some of your neighbors and support our community park that is built on volunteerism. Upcoming dates include:

- **Saturday, May 17 – 10-12 noon**
- **Sunday, May 18 – 1-3 pm**

These two dates are especially important, as we will be getting the park ready for Arts in the Park, please plan to come out! All work parties begin at the shed, located near Montgomery Avenue. Remember, always wear long pants and long sleeves, and bring work gloves if you have them, otherwise we'll provide them. Your help is always appreciated! For more information, please contact me at 215-663-5911. RSVPs very much appreciated, but not necessary.

Thank you,

Gina Craigo, Admin and Volunteer Coordinator, Friends of High School Park  
PO Box 11263, Elkins Park, PA 19027, 215.782.8082  
[www.highschoolpark.org](http://www.highschoolpark.org)

## News of the new Co-op from Josh Howard, forwarded by Bill Mettler:

Weaver's Way Co-Op - a small cooperatively-owned grocery store in Mt. Airy - is helping to organize a similar Co-Op in Cheltenham Township. If you've never shopped at Weavers Way, it is quite a refreshing change from your large chain grocery stores such as ACME and Shop-rite. They primarily sell fresh, locally-grown and raised products. Their selection of organic, vegan, kosher, and various other types of foods is unmatched by the chain stores because they are owned-and-operated by the people who shop and work there (e.g. they listen to their customers). In addition, their prices are very competitive and in some categories they are actually able to under-price the large chain stores because they are a non-profit. They are also very involved in community projects. They have their own small farming operation in Philadelphia, which members can help farm, and they do a lot of community out-reach. Yvonne & I have been members of Weaver's Way since we moved to Cheltenham five years ago. The great news is that they are helping to open a similar type of store right in our own back-yard.

The Cheltenham Co-Op is still in the planning process and they are looking for input and donations from individuals living in the community. Last night they held their second organizational meeting at Curtis Arboretum. Well over 200 people attended the meeting (it was standing room only). To date, they have incorporated as a non-profit, established a temporary Board, completed a survey of the community (500+ responses), and have contracted for a feasibility study. The impression that I got from the meeting is that they are pushing full steam ahead with opening a store (target date = June '09). The feasibility study is to help them choose a location, product selection, marketing, staffing, etc. They are focusing on locations in Elkins Park, Wyncote, and Glenside because that is where the majority of the survey-respondents are from and where the people organizing this project live. They clearly indicated a preference for the store to be opened in Elkins Park near the train station. They want to have a site chosen by year-end, and to begin renovations/construction in the first and second quarters of next year. They will elect a permanent Board sometime this Fall.

The Steering Committee is still looking for input and donations to help get the project off the ground. If you'd like more information or to become involved, check out the hyper link below or use the following email address:

[cheltenham@weaversway.coop](mailto:cheltenham@weaversway.coop)

[http://weaversway.coop/index.php?page=cheltenham\\_co\\_op](http://weaversway.coop/index.php?page=cheltenham_co_op)

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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](mailto: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:

May 30-31, 2008 **(NEXT WEEKEND)**

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](mailto: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](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net). This newsletter is available or will be soon, maybe with photos, on our website – [www.melroseparkneighbors.org](http://www.melroseparkneighbors.org) MPNA

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