

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Bird Watching Walk Tomorrow Through the Park !

This is a free event sponsored by Friends of High School Park
www.highschoolpark.org 215-782-8082 info@fhsp.org

Join the Friends of High School Park on a springtime walk with Professional Birder Ruth Pfeffer

Sunday, May 4th 8-10am

It's the perfect time to view our resident birds preparing to pair-up, and our migratory birds returning from Southern wintering areas.

- Wear comfortable shoes for walking the trails.
- Bring binoculars (also available to borrow)
- Meet at the High School Park shed, near the intersection of Montgomery Ave. and High School Rd.
- Event will take place unless extreme weather conditions occur. MPNA

What's New with the Ashbourne Country Club

MPNA Board Member Jim Muldoon emailed Charles Taylor, who works for a developer that was considering building high rise residences at the Ashbourne Country Club. Jim asked, "It has been quite a while since we have discussed, however I was following up on the status of the project at the Ashbourne Country Club for our Melrose Park Neighbors Association."

Charles Taylor responded, "Unfortunately, for right now, there is not much of a "status" to report on Ashbourne. As you will have noticed we have had to closed down the golf operation entirely. This was a difficult, yet probably overdue, decision. While it is a stunning golf course, given the nature of the golf industry these days and people's recreational patterns, activity has been dropping for years. This is true at golf courses in every market, and in all segments (resort, public, private, etc.). In terms of the approved residential use, you can imagine it is also an inappropriate time to be commencing a project of that scale. If and as things change I'd be happy to share our thoughts with you. All the best, Charlie"

The Litterbug Hotline

I was in a car following a white sedan when the driver threw out rubbish onto the street. You have probably seen something like this. What to do? Write down on a piece of paper, or leave yourself a phone message concerning:

- License plate number and description of vehicle involved (such as make, model, year, condition of vehicle)
- Number of persons involved, with descriptions
- Date and time of incident
- Traveling direction, if you have witnessed a littering incident
- Type of litter thrown from vehicle
- Location and/or directions to site of an illegal dumping problem

- Ownership of the site, and whether public or private, if known
- Your name and telephone number

If a vehicle is involved, the owner of the vehicle is responsible for trash dropped, thrown, or deposited from the vehicle, regardless of who committed the offense. The vehicle license number may be all that you need to report, however, the more information you provide to an agent the stronger the case will be.

Then, call the toll-free Litterbug Hotline at **1-888-LITTERBUG** to report mobile littering. You'll need to provide the above listed information. When you call the Litterbug Hotline, you will be reminding Litterbugs that someone is watching -- and even more important than that, someone cares enough to do something about it. Visit http://www.pacleanways.org/enf_whattodoif.html

The reported Litterbug will receive a letter explaining the harm in littering, a handy litterbag and a reminder that littering is a crime that carries a \$300 fine if caught. 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:

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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