

# MPNA News

## The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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**If you are keeping track of my newsletter numbering, you will see that I mistakenly sent out two Number 33 newsletters, which is why this is Number 34.**

### Melrose Park Neighbors Meeting

There will be a public meeting of the Melrose Park Neighbors Association on Monday evening, October 22, 2007 at 7pm at the Elkins Park Library in the Community Room. We have invited the two candidates for Ward 5 commissioner – Tom Carboni and Mike Swavola. I will moderate the discussion. We ask that you email ([andrewrudin@earthlink.net](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net)), fax (215-635-1903) or mail me (7217 Oak Avenue, 19027) questions for the candidates. You don't have to be an MPNA member to attend. Some good questions have already come in.

### Dog Days of Fall

Diane Kolb emails. "The Friends of Curtis Dog Park are having a Wine & Cheese Fundraiser with Silent Auction on Sunday, September 9th 4-6pm at Curtis Hall. Proceeds benefit the continuing improvements planned for our dog park- including a pavilion and water fountain. Items are needed for the auction. Anyone who wishes to donate an item or a service can contact me at 215-635-3827 or email at [Diane1701D@aol.com](mailto:Diane1701D@aol.com). Thanks!"

### A Sign of the Times

On July 24, Albert Fried-Cassorla and I dug a deep hole and planted our MPNA sign on the southbound side flowerbeds at the Melrose Park SEPTA station. We think it looks neat. What do you think? It only took us about a year to install it. Good things take time! When you see it, remember that a good two feet is underground. We are a bit concerned that someone will rip the plaque off trying to steal the sign. Any suggestions to prevent this?

### More Melrose Park 'Speakeasy' Memories

Cindy Taubman emails, "I grew up on the 100 block of Windsor Ave. and although I don't know about a speakeasy, there was a riding academy with horse stables along Coventry between Windsor and Stratford Avenues. This was on the creek side of the street, before there were houses on the 200 block of Windsor Ave. After that there was a nightclub/restaurant for a brief time. I also don't ever remember anything referred to as "Mill Run" until the MPNA started using it."

And Gene Silver emails, "Regarding the 'speakeasy' on Coventry Rd., the description sounds much like a place called the "Paddock" that was there around 50-60 years ago. The few times I was there with friends, after going to the movies, etc. I remember that they seemed to have a stable of horses and were not "concerned" about checking for ID of individuals [who were obviously underage] being served alcoholic drinks. Maybe because

it was kept so dark inside, [atmosphere?] they thought no one would notice. I can assure you that my sandwich was accompanied by nothing stronger than a soda.”

## **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:

September 28-30, 2007

October 26-28, 2007

November 30 - December 2, 2007

January 18-20, 2008

February 22-24, 2008

March 28-30, 2008

April 25-27, 2008

May 30-31, 2008

June 13-26, 2008 (liquidation sales)

## **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 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 Board**

Members of the MPNA Board are Andrew Rudin, Phil Kates, Gene Silver, Michael Shectman, 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)

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