

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Volunteers Needed for Park at Coventry and New Second Street

Back in the spring, Barb Duffy, chair of Cheltenham's Environmental Advisory Committee, mentioned that the township was putting together a grant application to TreeVitalize for invasive eradication and a riparian buffer planting at Coventry Park. The grant was approved and the eradication of invasive species will begin sometime in August with a second spray application in September. There will be signs posted in the area of the spraying and all those listed on the PA Hypersensitivity list will be notified in writing prior to the spraying.

We will plant the buffer on Saturday, October 16th @ 9am to 4pm. If there are still plants left to plant we will finish on Sunday, October 17th. We will need many volunteers to plant! So spread the word, mark your calendar and have your gloves ready. **MPNA**

Census Advice from Our Township

If your household did not either 1) receive a 2010 U.S. Census Bureau questionnaire in the mail or 2) have a 2010 Census representative come to your door, please call the Local Census Office in Norristown at 484-681-7005 and leave your full street address (including ZIP code). There is no need to provide your name or phone number. If the only questionnaire you filled out was obtained at a Questionnaire Assistance Center or Telephone Assistance Center, you should also provide your address.

Your call will let the Census Bureau know whether any homes were missed, and whether there is any pattern to the misses. Also, if you know of anyone who may not have an e-mail address, please consider contacting them about this matter. Feel free to forward this e-mail as well.

Having complete counts will maximize the funding available from many federal and state programs over the next 10 years. Accurate population counts are important because each person counted equates to almost \$5,000 in federal and state funding when grants are distributed on a population basis.

Please do not call the Township Administration Building with this information, in order to maximize your privacy. **MPNA**

Cheltenham Chamber of Citizens on Ashbourne Development

The CCC emailed their analysis below of the Ashbourne development. For more details see www.CheltenhamChamberofCitizens.com or email email: CheltenhamChamberofCitizens@gmail.com

According to the CCC, the developer, Matrix, wants 226 units, storm water runoff, sewage surcharging, increased traffic, overgrown open space and negative tax contributions. CCC prefers 140 to 160 units, reduced flooding risks, limited sewer demand, fewer cars and parking capacity, preserved buffers and landscapes, and positive tax dollars to the Township.

Township School System May Purchase Tyler Facility

Bill Chambres emailed that the Cheltenham School Board is deciding at your tax expense to purchase the currently vacant Tyler School of Art from Temple University. Their bid to Temple is reported to be in excess of \$3 million. There is a special School Board meeting at 7:30 PM Tuesday, August 31st at the School Administration Building (2000 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park PA). & nbsp;
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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 calendaryear. MPNA

MPNA Board

Members of the MPNA Board are Andrew Rudin, Phil Kates, Michael Shectman, Jim Muldoon, Debbie Posmontier 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 MPNA

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