

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Free Rain Barrel Workshop – September 11, 2008

The first 50 households that register and attend will receive a FREE RAIN BARREL. The workshop is for residents of the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford watershed and will include a demonstration of the stormwater management projects at Waterview Rec, Center, a brief overview of the rainwater cycle, information on the importance of storm water management at home, and instructions on the installation and use of a rain barrel. At the completion of the workshop, the first 50 households that pre-register for the seminar will be given a free 54-gallon Spruce Creek rain barrel.

This event is sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department and is part of the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership's Awbury/Cliveden Model Neighborhood Program.

DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2008

TIME: 6:00 PM 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Waterview Recreation Center, 5826 McMahon St., Philadelphia

COST: Free

REGISTER AT: www.phillywatersheds.org/rainbarrel (if you do not have computer access, call 215-685-4945)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 4th

Pre-registration is required. [MPNA](#)

Native Planting Day – September 13, 2008

SEPT 13: NATIVE PLANTING DAY -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Cheltenham Township seeks volunteers to plant native species in the Edward Hicks Parry Bird Sanctuary in Elkins Park. The planting follows a township program to eradicate invasive exotic plants from several township parks.

DATE: Saturday, September 13, 2008 (rain date: September 14th, downpour only)

TIME: 9:00 AM 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Edward H. Parry Bird Sanctuary Glenside Avenue, Elkins Park, PA (North of Washington overpass) Meet in the gravel parking lot off Glenside Avenue

CONTACT: For more information, contact Barbara Duffy, volunteer coordinator, (215) 885-1506.

Note: Please dress casual and bring your own gloves, shovel, trowel, and hand clippers

Imported from around the world for home garden use, invasive plants like English ivy escaped into the wild and multiplied, almost entirely displacing native flora and corrupting the habitat and food supply for wildlife. To reverse this ecological damage, the most environmentally benign herbicide was applied in the smallest possible quantities to invasive plants in eight parks. Now it's time to replant. Everyone is welcome to pitch in; just bring gloves and shovels.

This planting will focus on the riparian buffer along the Tookany Creek. In addition to restoring original vegetation, many native plants feature deeper root systems, which better curb erosion along streambanks. A healthy riparian buffer also enhances water quality by filtering out pollution before it reaches the waterway.

Residents can support the restoration of native plants by either eliminating exotic invasive species from their own home landscapes or ensuring they remain contained with proper pruning and maintenance. More information and a list of invasive plants are available at:

www.cheltenhamtownship.org/stormwater/INVASIVESPECIESPROGRAM.htm 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."

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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:
September 12-14, 2008 **(WEEKEND AFTER NEXT)** 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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