

# MPNA News

## The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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### 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. Please 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.

### Coventry and Valley

Linda Thomas is very concerned about the intersection of Coventry and Valley. She wants a four-way stop there. If you have opinions about this, please contact her at 215-635-5222 or [linni3@comcast.net](mailto:linni3@comcast.net)

### Rumors of Attacks Near the SEPTA station

I received emails about attacks on the bridge spanning the SEPTA rails between Mountain and Mill and one other attack. I personally read about one incident at the station in the *Times Chronicle* about a month ago. Were there three incidents or only one? I emailed Sergeant Slavin of the Cheltenham Police. He replied,

“We had the one robbery approximately 1 month ago at the area of the Melrose Train Station area. We spoke to the 35th district and Septa about this job and there has been no arrests in that case to date. Our Detective Division is working on that job and the case is still open. We have not had another robbery at that location since the 1st incident a month prior. I checked the reports for the week of 8-27 to 8-31 and we did not have a robbery reported to us at that location on August 30th. If something comes up I will let you know.”

In the future, I suggest that you contact the Cheltenham Police directly about incidents or rumors of incidents. I am not in a position to confirm such things. Our alerts must originate with the Cheltenham Police Department.

### More from the Cheltenham Environmental Action Committee

All of the following is from Bill Mettler. *You are invited to join us in Cheltenham: A Solar Energy Township within 10 Years 2007-2017. SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, 29 September 7 PM Cheltenham High School Theater. Participate in a free Quiet Riot show explaining Cheltenham's Solar Township Initiative. To create Joyous, Healthy, Sustainable Communities we must shift to Community Produced Clean Renewable Energy (solar, wind, water & geothermal). In Cheltenham Township the best energy design is conservation, efficiency then solar.*

On 4/10/07, Cheltenham Township became a **PA Clean Energy Community** by resolving to purchase 20% of its energy from PA Clean Renewable Energy sources. Also, the Township has applied for an **Energy Harvest**

**Grant** to install 51 solar PV cells on the Police Building. Following our Township's excellent example, The Cheltenham Environmental Advisory Council has responded with this Initiative:

Cheltenham Township is resolved to be a Green Community powered primarily by Solar Energy within 10 years. Our vision is to eliminate wasteful energy practices, install efficiency technologies and empower political action to make individual & community-produced solar & wind energy affordable for everyone by 2017. All the clean energy technology we need is ready to go—our local, state & federal economies must support it!

***You are invited to join Cheltenham Township: EAC, the municipality, businesses, institutions, residents & other townships of our region on this Solar Energy Township Initiative.***

For Information: Bill Mettler, EAC member, [wmmettler3@aol.com](mailto:wmmettler3@aol.com) 215 885 8936

## **Ben Cassorla**

I have played guitar since the 1960's and have known Ben Cassorla for many years and heard him play when I visited with Albert Fried-Cassorla from time to time. A Melrose Park-born guitarist, Ben will bring his New York-based band to Philadelphia's Chris' Jazz Café ([www.chrisjazzcafe.com](http://www.chrisjazzcafe.com)) on 1421 Sansom Street at 9 pm on Wednesday, September 12th, as part of a 4-city tour behind a new CD. Guitarist Kenny Burrell says, "Cassorla's album is filled with musical emotion." Ben Cassorla's debut release on the Engine Studios imprint is entitled *What With*. It's about all that he has experienced... from the LP collection from Philly that lingers in the back of the mind to the sideman work he's done with everyone from Slick Rick to Ben Riley. CD cover art for "What With" by Cassorla It's about Jimi Hendrix, D'Angelo, and Bill Frisell. It's about the hours spent slouched over a beat-up upright in Harlem. This album is a culmination of everything he wants music to be. It's filled with his own songs and is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2007, an event about which he is very excited. Go to [www.cassorlaband.com](http://www.cassorlaband.com) for more information, including song clips and pictures. Tour dates: September 12th: Chris' Jazz Café, Philadelphia September 13th: Twin's Jazz, Washington DC September 14th: Walter's Museum, Baltimore September 15th: Mo Pitkin's, NYC For more information, contact Ben Cassorla at 1-917-623-1988 or [cassorlaband@gmail.com](mailto:cassorlaband@gmail.com)

## **The 2008 Entertainment Book is here**

Support the Friends of the Elkins Park Free Library! Buy your 2008 Entertainment savings book!

Everybody knows the ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - full of 50% and 2-for-1 discounts on restaurants, movies, sporting events and more. Books are super easy to use - people enjoy saving money while supporting a good cause! Fundraiser supporters can purchase the Entertainment book at \$5 less than regular retail price.

- Cost -- \$25 (Checks payable to Friends of EP Free Library)
- Can be used immediately
- Available at the circulation desk in the library
- Dine...Shop...Travel....SAVE up to 50%
- Quickly pays for itself with hundreds of exclusive offers.
- Available for cities all over the USA – send them as gifts
- Get One Free when you sell 5 Entertainment books online
  - Our group's number is 876487
  - Log on to the Seller's Section at [fundraising.entertainment.com](http://fundraising.entertainment.com)

For questions or orders, contact Norma (215-635-1771, pm) or by email at [mrotman2@comcast](mailto:mrotman2@comcast)

## 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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