

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin
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National Fire Prevention Week Free Activity in Cheltenham

Friday, October 14

Cheltenham Fire Company volunteers will demonstrate their skills and techniques at the Firefighting Demo 2011 starting at 7:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the William Gottschalk Fire Training Area, on Tookany Creek Parkway near New Second Street in Cheltenham.

For additional information about the free events, contact the Cheltenham Fire Marshal at 215-887-6200, ext. 235. MPNA

RANDALL WILLIAMS & Einstein's Dreams

Glenside House Concerts (Hosts Ken Yavit & Donna Ryder) presentation on Saturday, October 22, 2011 – 8PM Donation: \$15-20 (*All money goes to performer*)
Glenside, PA

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please call to reserve a seat: 215-572-7715 or write us at GlensideHC1@comcast.net

Whether calling or writing to reserve seats, please provide BOTH a phone number AND an e-mail address, and tell us how many seats you want to reserve. MPNA

Lecture on Philadelphia Railroads

The Old York Road Historical Society is sponsoring a lecture on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Parish House of the Church of Our Savior, in Jenkintown, PA (corner of Old York Road and Homestead Roads).

Transit historian and author, Joel Spivak, will present a talk based on his latest Arcadia book *Philadelphia Railroads*. Philadelphia became the railroad capital of the world in the 1830s. The Industrial Revolution fueled the 19th century boom in rail transportation as did the region's excellent access to raw materials, and an influx of European immigrants.

Philadelphia manufactured locomotives, railroad track, and other rail components and exported them around the world. The ability to move agricultural goods, manufactured products, and people commuting from home to work helped to unite the region. From 1830 to 1930 over

190 different railroad lines and companies operated in Philadelphia. Spivak also co-authored Arcadia's *Philadelphia Trolleys* and a 2007 self-published pictorial history of the Market Street elevated. Copies of his book will be available for sale following the lecture. MPNA

Tuesday night concerts are in full swing at the Elkins Estate!

Cheltenham High's two *a cappella* groups will perform Tuesday evening, October 11th at 8:00 pm at the Elkins Estate on Ashbourne Road. **Up The Octave** is the girls' group, and **Sons of Pitch** are the boys. Seen around the township as recently as the Glenside Festival, these two groups of young people are sure to entertain! [Register here.](#)

October 18th brings Jenkintown's own **Teri Rambo** to the Estate. A singer/songwriter with an extraordinary voice reminiscent of Sarah McLachlan, Teri brings great guitar chops with her as well. She recently won Philadelphia's Barrymore Award for Outstanding Music with composer Christopher Colucci for their work on the Wilma Theater's production of *In The Next Room*. She and Christopher were featured in White Pines inaugural production of William di Canzio's *Johnny Has Gone For a Soldier* in 2009. Don't miss Teri! [Register here.](#)

The Hot Club of Philadelphia was founded in 2001 by guitarist Barry Wahrhaftig, and violinist Mark Campiglia. They are an acoustic jazz quartet, dedicated to playing and preserving the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, and adding their own style and arrangements. They are sure to bring a toe-tapping evening of guitar-driven jazz to the Estate on Tuesday October 25th. [Register here.](#) MPNA

Candidates for Commissioner Debate on October 26 in Curtis Hall at 7:30pm

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association is joining with Citizens' Call, the League of Women Voters, Cheltenham Chamber of Citizens, Transition Cheltenham, We The People of Cheltenham and the Wyncote Civic Association to promote this event. Every two years, we have a chance to elect commissioners that represent our best interests. We hope you take advantage of this event. 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, Michael Sheckman, Jim Muldoon, Debbie Posmontier and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please email me atandrewrudin@earthlink.net. This newsletter is available or will be soon on our website –www.melroseparkneighbors.org MPNA

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