

# MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin  
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## **JAZZ IN CHELTENHAM NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT SERIES**

At the Cheltenham Art Center, 439 Ashbourne Rd., Cheltenham, PA 19012

### **Wednesday, October 5 -- The Dukes of Destiny**

The Dukes have been a mainstay of the blues scene for many years.  
<http://www.myspace.com/dukesofdestiny>

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month October through May  
Hear some of the Delaware Valley's top jazz artists!

- Shows from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Admission only \$10 (\$5 for students)
- Includes a Question & Answer session with the musicians
- Free refreshments!

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## **Volunteers Needed for Parkview Park Riparian Buffer Planting**

Date: Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

Rain date: (downpour only) Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9am to 4pm Come for a few hours or stay all day!

Bring: Gloves, shovel and a friend! Mark all tools with your name!

Cheltenham Township has secured a grant from the Montgomery County Conservation District under the Tree Vitalize Watershed Grant Program. The grant was awarded to the Township in order to enhance and improve the riparian buffer. This will include planting native trees and shrubs along the creek in Parkview Park. Riparian plantings help to improve the quality of our creek water by filtering out pollutants as well as helping to slow the creek water during flood events. These goals are part of our "Tookany Creek Watershed Management Plan". For more information about the plan, check out the Township website at [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org)

*Please come and help plant. No experience is needed! We will teach you how to plant the trees and shrubs. All of the plants are "volunteer friendly"-- so young, old and anyone in-between can plant. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! The more volunteers we have, the faster the work will be completed and the sooner, our healthy buffer will start growing.*

No registration—just show up! If you have any questions please contact Barb Duffy at 215-885-1506. Meet at Parkview Park at the corner of Parkview Road and Front Street in

Cheltenham. *Note: Volunteers also needed on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am to help unload and place plants at the site.*

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## New Crime-Reporting Methodology

Many years ago, Melrose Park had a neighborhood alert program. Volunteers would pick up a cell phone and other materials from Coventry House and spend an evening driving around looking for possible crimes in progress to report to the police. Interest dwindled and evolved into an alert system. The Cheltenham Police Department used to email me various crime alerts, and I would then forward each to our readership. We were effective in at least a couple cases in apprehending the criminals.

Now, the process has evolved again within the Township Police Department. Have a look at <https://www.crimereports.com/>. You can click on a variety of symbols on a map of our neighborhood (and beyond) to see details on car thefts, burglaries, assaults, robberies and even the addresses of sex offenders. As you can see, our neighborhood is relatively free of these symbols, compared to... say... Philly!

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## Cheltenham's Fall Harvest Festival

The 21st Annual Cheltenham Community Harvest Festival promises fun for all ages with a lineup of exciting events on Saturday, October 15, 2011 (rain date Sunday, October 16). The setting for the festival is beautiful Curtis Arboretum, located on Church Road and Greenwood Avenue in Wyncote ([directions](#)). The fun starts at noon and wraps up after dark with a grand fireworks finale.

As usual, entertainment takes center stage throughout the day with several live performers and other festival highlights include:

- all-day music and entertainment.
- hayrides through the arboretum with spooky and fun surprises (Create a "scene" for the hayrides and win prizes!)
- a craft fair featuring great buys (Crafters Wanted)
- "Inflatable Amusements" with a variety of bounces and other fun challenges for the kids.
- wacky arcade-style games where youngsters win prizes.
- "Needle in the Haystack" dive for hidden treasure.
- a community vehicle display and township information tables.
- a delicious food court with lots of tempting treats.
- plus pumpkin decorating, sack races and other delights

Admission to the Community Harvest Festival is free, and plenty of on-site parking is available.

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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](mailto:andrewrudin@earthlink.net)

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## **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 Shectman, Jim Muldoon, Debbie Posmontier and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please email me [atandrewrudin@earthlink.net](mailto:atandrewrudin@earthlink.net). This newsletter is available or will be soon on our website – [www.melroseparkneighbors.org](http://www.melroseparkneighbors.org) MPNA

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