

# MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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## **SPECIAL HURRICANE BRUSH/BRANCH COLLECTION**

To assist residents with cleanup from Hurricane Irene, Cheltenham Township is offering a special free brush/branch collection. Residents must call the Public Works Department at 215-887-6200, ext. 331 or 335, by **September 9** to register, preferably before placing the material at the curb. As usual, small branches and twigs may be bagged in biodegradable paper bags or bundled in tied piles not to exceed 4 feet long and 2 feet in diameter, while large branches can't exceed 8 feet long and 4 inches in diameter. As always, logs, firewood, railroad ties, bushes and tree stumps will not be accepted. Only one free collection is available per household.

## **High School Park Programs - Sept. and Oct.**

**Raptors and Warblers- with Ruth Pfeffer, Professional Birder**  
**Saturday September 10, 8-10am**

Ruth will be back in High School Park to lead us around our 11.5 acre native plant sanctuary. Look and listen for life all around us. Catch her boundless enthusiasm as we learn more about our feathered friends and learn to identify warblers and raptors as they stop in our park on their way to migrate for the winter. Meet at the Shed. Register by calling 215-782-8082 or email us at [info@fhsp.org](mailto:info@fhsp.org). Members FREE/Non-members \$5.

**Creek Walk- An Environmental Education Program of Cheltenham Township**  
**Sunday September 11, 1-2:30pm**

This introductory lesson will teach children and adults about limnology, the study of flowing fresh water. A guided walk to the Tookany Creek will feature taking the creeks temperature, finding creek invertebrates and using these indicators to determine the relative health of the creek. A discussion about what good citizens can do to protect our waterways will conclude our walk. Led by Judith Gratz. Meet at the brick driveway near High School Road and Montgomery Ave. Registration is through Cheltenham Township and must be done at LaMott or Rowland Community Centers before September 6 from 9-12am, 1-4pm or 6-8pm. Fee for this program is \$5.00 made payable to Cheltenham Township.

## **Composting Workshop**

## **Saturday October 15, 1-2pm**

Learn how to make "Black Gold" for your garden from discarded leaves, weeds and kitchen scraps. Come view a demonstration of our 3-Bin system and take home step by step instructions. Led by Diana K. Weiner. Meet at the Shed. Register by calling 215-782-8082 or email us at [info@fhsp.org](mailto:info@fhsp.org) Members FREE/\$5 for non-members.

## **Creepy Crawl -An Environmental Education Program of Cheltenham Township**

### **Sunday October 16, 1-2pm**

Children and families will be given a brief introductory lesson about the important recyclers that live in the woods and how they help return nutrients to the soil. In the woods, find "The Underworld" where invertebrates that live on and under the leaf litter, logs and rocks live. Finish off the adventure having fun building structures in the woods using found materials such as twigs, branches, fallen leaves, acorns, etc. Led by Judith Gratz. Meet at the brick driveway near High School Road and Montgomery Ave. Registration is through Cheltenham Township and must be done at LaMott or Rowland Community Centers before September 6 from 9-12am, 1-4pm or 6-8pm. Fee for this program is \$5.00 made payable to Cheltenham Township. MPNA

### **Volunteer Workdays-**

- Sat & Sun, September 10 & 11 10am-noon (September 11 Day of Service)
- Sat & Sun, September 24 & 25 10am-noon
- Sat & Sun, October 15 & 16 10am-noon
- Sat & Sun, October 29 & 30 10am-noon
- Sat & Sun, November 5 & 6 10am-noon

High School Park is an 11.5 acre Native Plant Sanctuary enjoyed and treasured by our township neighbors and friends daily. Your participation will help us to restore and manage the native ecosystems by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native species. Join us at the shed by the meadow to get your tools and head out with Restoration Manger, Diana K. Weiner. Wear work clothes; long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, and bring garden gloves if you have them. One block from the train station and parking is available in the Harrison Street Commuter Lot. RSVPs appreciated and walk-ins welcome. For questions, to RSVP or to arrange a group, contact Diana at 215-782-8082 or email [volunteer@fhsp.org](mailto:volunteer@fhsp.org). All ages welcome!

## **FREE FLOOD CLEAN-UP KITS**

25 Free Salvation Army Flood Cleanup Kits are available to residents for pickup at the Public Works Facility, 8101 Old York Road (corner of Church and Old York Roads) in Elkins Park, weekdays from 8AM to 4PM, except Labor Day (Sept. 5). First come, first served. MPNA

## **ALBERT FRIED-CASSORLA READS HIS NEW PLAY**

Albert will have a play reading of his new play, *Florals and Nudes*, on Thursday, October 6th. You're invited to attend! It's about a painter who is torn between two girlfriends: one wants him

to paint nudes of her exclusively, and a wealthy woman who wants him to create monumental sculptures to be placed atop Independence Hall and other Philly sites. Mayhem and other forms of lively theater ensue. Local folks, hope you can make it -- or at least save the date!

Event: *Florals and Nudes*

Date: Thursday, October 6th

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: Rothschild Auditorium, Congregation Keneseth Israel (KI), 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA, 19027 MPNA

## From the Tacony-Tookany-Frankford Watershed Partnership

### September 17: International Coastal Clean-up at Wall Park

Join TTF in a worldwide effort to clean-up our waterways! Help clean up and tally trash along the Tookany Creek's banks. Volunteers needed and groups are welcome! Please be sure to wear appropriate clothing.

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Wall Park, 1 Wall Park Drive, Cheltenham, PA 19027

CONTACT: Ashley Schmid at 215-514-3952 or [ashley@tffwatershed.org](mailto:ashley@tffwatershed.org)

### September 21: Tacony Creek Park Community Input Meeting [Partner Event]

The Parks & Recreation Commission is dedicated to improving safety, cleanliness and usability of all of Philadelphia's Parks and Recreation facilities. Join the Parks & Recreation Commission and community leaders to discuss specific issues of safety so we can work to address these issues and create an environment that is safe, fun and beautiful. This is a formal meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2011

TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lauretha Vaird Boys & Girls Club 4800 Whitaker Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19124

CONTACT: Jean Hunt at 215-683-3605 or [Jean.Hunt@Phila.Gov](mailto:Jean.Hunt@Phila.Gov) MPNA

## 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

## 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](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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