

MPNA News

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Chili Cook-Off & Pie-Baking Tournament

Your chance for chili (or pie) glory is less than a few days away! The Jenkintown Recreation Board is proud to host the 2018 Chili Cook-Off and Pie-Baking Tournament on Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 PM in Town Square. In the event of rain, the cook-off will take place at Independent Fire Company located at 609 Greenwood Avenue.

A ticket to taste all chili is \$5 a person. Tickets may be purchased at the Rec Board table by cash on the day of the event. Those who purchase a ticket for the event will be given 3 tokens at the Rec Board table to vote for their favorite tasting chili! (**One additional token will be provided to tasters who donate one or more canned goods to Loaves & Fishes.**)

Contestants must register here before 12:00 PM on Saturday, November 10th! (There is no fee to register!) For a full list of rules for all cooks and bakers, please click here!

During the tasting and judging please enjoy some tunes from this year's special musical guest Alex Bartlett!

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Where does the stuff we throw out actually go?

I asked our commissioner, Dan Norris. Here are his replies:

- **Where does the stuff we recycle end up?** All items go to the Consortium Recycling Centre at Upper Dublin Township and all bulk cardboards (only) goes to Mascro's Recycling Facility in Montgomeryville.
- **Where does the trash we put out each week end up?** To the Covanta Trash-to-Steam plant in Plymouth Township.
- **Where does our tap water come from?** From Neshaminy Creek via Aqua's Neshaminy Water treatment plant in Middletown Township in Bucks County.
- **Where does our wasted water go?** The Philadelphia Water Department's Northeast Treatment Plant in Philadelphia

Our thanks to Dan.

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The Trolleys of Montgomery County

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:30pm

Homestead Hall of the Parish House of the Church of Our Saviour - Jenkintown, PA

A 140-mile network of electric trolleys once served Montgomery County. Constructed between 1893 and 1915, the independently owned trolley lines connected the far corners of the County, from Pottstown to Hatboro, Telford to Ardmore. This illustrated talk by author **Michael Szilagy** will cover the length and breadth of the County with a focus on the four trolley lines that converged at Willow Grove Park. He will show scenes along Old York Road and trace the route of the suburban Route 6 through Abington and Glenside with its long stretches of railroad-style right-of-way, and discuss why the Route 6 trolleys were replaced with General Motors diesel buses in 1958. Copies of his recent Arcadia book will be available after the lecture.

Emailed to me by Thomas Wieckowski, VP Membership OYRHS 215-885-5829

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Cheltenham Family Fun - Hayride and Bonfire

On Friday November 16, 2018 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at the Curtis Arboretum, 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote PA 19095

Welcome the onset of chilly weather by enjoying a hayride down to a bonfire to listen to music or sing along on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This event in beautiful Curtis

Arboretum, located at Church Road and Greenwood Avenue in Wyncote, costs \$5 per person, but children under age 3 are free. Hot chocolate, and other light refreshments are included.

Contact Info: Parks and Recreation - 215-887-1000 ext#227 MPNA

Recycle Lawn Signs

Now that voting is over, the signs are accepted at the Cheltenham Township Public Works Yard 8101 Old York Road in Elkins Park. MPNA

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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 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 president Caryl Levin, 922 Stratford Avenue, Elkins Park, PA 19027. The membership cycle is the calendar year. MPNA

MPNA Board

Members of the MPNA Board are President Caryl Levin, Cindy Blackwood, Ricki Lent, Phil Kates, Michael Shectman, Jim Muldoon, Debbie Posmontier, Andrew Rudin and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please call Caryl Levin at 215-635-7078 or email caryllevin@gmail.com or me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net. This and other past newsletters are available on our website – www.melroseparkneighbors.org MPNA

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