

# MPNA News

## The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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### **MPNA Earth Day event Saturday, April 21**

Volunteers will cleanup the flowerbed at the Melrose Park regional rail station on April 21 from 10 am to noon. MPNA

### **Dedication of New Philadelphia National Cemetery Sign**

This Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m. Representative Steve McCarter will join U.S. Congressman Dwight Evans, state Sen. Art Haywood, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, and Cheltenham Township Commissioners Ann Rappoport and Irv Brockington to dedicate a new Philadelphia National Cemetery sign celebrating the efforts and achievement of the U.S. Colored Troops who are buried there. Erected by the U.S. Veterans Administration at the urging of Springfield Township resident Ed McLaughlin, the new sign honors the 1,000-plus Civil War soldiers and sailors of color buried in the cemetery, which is located in West Oak Lane, a stone's throw from Cheltenham. It will also serve to inform the public of the solders' existence and their great sacrifice.

Many of the soldiers of color buried in Philadelphia National Cemetery were trained at Camp William Penn in La Mott. This Union Army training camp was the first training ground specifically for troops of color. (6909 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia, PA 19138). MPNA

# Meeting to Discuss Phase 3 Tookany Creek Trail project connecting New Second Street to High School Park Along the Creek

On Wednesday April 15, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the [Cheltenham Center for the Arts](#) at 439 Ashbourne Road in Cheltenham PA 19012

On behalf of the Cheltenham Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Mobility and Healthy Living subgroup, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF), the Circuit Coalition, and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, we'd like to invite you to a community meeting for an update on The Circuit and a conversation about trail opportunities in our watershed and Cheltenham.

Cheltenham recently adopted a Resolution "endorsing the completion of 180 miles of Circuit Trail throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit Trails; supporting existing trails along the alignment of Circuit Trails to be designated as part of The Circuit; and installing signage in coordination with this effort." The Cheltenham Sustainability Plan as well as the Township's Open Space Plan express a commitment to integrate pathways into the fabric of the community and the transportation system, and continue to develop the Tookany Trail network.

We're looking forward to the Phase 3 Tookany Creek Trail project connecting New Second Street to High School Park along the creek.

RSVP to John Raisch at [jraisch@gmail.com](mailto:jraisch@gmail.com) or 215-704-1556 or Julie Slavet at [Julie@ttfwatershed.org](mailto:Julie@ttfwatershed.org) or 215-744-1853. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call either of us. 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](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

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