

MPNA News

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New Season Starts for Jazz Bridge

Wednesday, October 3. JAZZ BRIDGE presents JAZZ IN CHELTENHAM NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT SERIES at the Cheltenham Art Center, 439 Ashbourne Rd., Cheltenham, PA 19012

1st 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) Kids 12 and under are free! Includes a Question & Answer session with the musicians.

Bootsie Barnes Quartet - A Tribute to Hank Mobley featuring Bootsie Barnes-sax, Duane Eubanks-trumpet, Lucas Brown-organ, Byron Landham-drums MPNA

Rock n Roll Dance Party

Back by popular demand. The next rock-n-roll dance party at the train station will be Saturday Nov 10th. Doors open 7:15 Dancing 7:30 - 10 PM Light refreshments will be available. \$10 at the door. Reservations required. email: cheltenhambandstand@gmail.com. Bring your dancing shoes. MPNA

Glenside Food Truck Festival

Thursday, October 11 is The Glenside Food Truck Festival. 26 food trucks are coming and lots of activities in coordination with Arcadia Inauguration Week. 5:30-9:30. Rain date October 18. MPNA

Home Improvements by Habitat for Humanity

If you are single and earn less than \$48,950 per year, you may qualify for improvements to your home by Habitat for Humanity. If you are a family of 4 and earn less than \$69,000 per year, you may qualify. Call Saroj Chetti at 610-278-7710 x 107 or e-mail schetti@habitatmontdelco.org and apply between Jan. 1 and March 31. They will do repairs up to \$15,000. MPNA

Concerts at St. Pauls Episcopal Church

Announcing the first concert in St Paul's 2018/2019 season -- West Philadelphia Orchestra. It's described as "Original Eastern Music which synthesizes Gospel, Klezmer, Techno, Funk, Gypsy Jazz & More" It involves a 10 piece instrumental group (mostly brass) and a vocalist, Petia Zamfirova, who sings in Bulgarian, Serbian and Romani languages. Location at Old York and Ashbourne Roads. You can check out these links...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TcXFiCYftY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SP9Q1CwZpDA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhV4zHadNfk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAHCsAr-yW4>

For tickets, and more information, go to www.stpaulsfriends.org and click on "Concerts/Events". You will also see the list of other concerts planned for the 2018/2019 season. MPNA

Old York Road Historical Society Fall 2018 Schedule

Wed, October 10 The 7-30 Man: Jay Cooke and Ogontz by Tom Wieckowski. One of the most illustrious residents of Gilded Age Cheltenham was the banker, Jay Cooke. Cooke is best known for his heroic efforts to raise millions of dollars for federal expenses during the Civil War. After the war, he directed the construction of the Northern Pacific transcontinental railroad as well as the school that became Penn State Ogontz. This lecture will explore his early life that prepared him for

this accomplishment and review his tenure in Cheltenham Hills, where he built one of the most extravagant estates yet seen in the United States. His generosity provided homes in Cheltenham for several esteemed friends as well as a new church to offer convenient access to religious services for residents of the area.

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Wed, November 14 Trolleys of Montgomery County Mike Szilagyi, Montgomery County was once served by a 140-mile network of electric trolleys. 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 will cover the length and breadth of the County with a focus on the four trolley lines that converged at Willow Grove Park. We'll view scenes along Old York Road, its historically significant roadside traversed by large open trolleys nicknamed Dreadnaughts. Finally we'll 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.

Mike will have copies of his recent Arcadia book available after the lecture.

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OYRHS.org --- Click on Programs / Lectures for more information and photos
Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m., with light refreshments to follow.

The Parish House, Homestead Hall
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour
821 Homestead Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046
(east side of Old York Road, one block south of the Jenkintown Library, and one block north of West Avenue) 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

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