

News from Borough Council

The Borough's Trash and Recycling Contract with Charles Blosenski Disposal Company expired on June 30th. The new two-year contract will retain the twice a week trash collection and once a week recycling on the same days as current pick-up. The new trash hauler will be Republic Services, Inc., d/b/a Allied Waste/BFI Services. Charles Blosenski will continue to collect our recycling. If you experience missed pick-ups, please don't hesitate to contact us. The transition has been very smooth.

**Welcome our Full-Time Codes Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Bill Wilfong**

Malvern Borough is fortunate in that people who live in town want to remain in town. As a result, if they want more space, rather than move out of the Borough, they add additions to their existing home or complete some major renovations. This is great for our town!! It also increases the work load of our Codes Enforcement/Zoning Officer as he has more permits to issue, inspections to make and plans to review. This is also a good thing!!

As the work load has been steadily increasing, we have asked Bill Wilfong, our current part-time Codes Officer, to consider working for the Borough on a full-time basis. **We are very pleased to announce that he has accepted our offer of full-time employment beginning August 1, 2010.** Bill comes to us with all the certifications and knowledge required for the job. He can issue permits and make inspections for both residential and commercial construction; he has his ADA certifications, and he can complete plan reviews, as well. We are very fortunate that Bill has accepted our offer and we welcome him into our Malvern Borough "family".

Recycling Tid-bits

Recycling is REQUIRED in the Borough of Malvern. Not only are residential properties required to recycle, but commercial and industrial properties are required to recycle, as well.

Although you are required to recycle, I'll bet you often wonder what becomes of the material you recycle. I saw a flyer recently that was printed by Republic Services, Inc., that I thought you might find interesting – I know that I did!

Our recycling material is transported to Allied Waste's King of Prussia Recyclery and the following is a breakdown of each major material that is recycled and what its end use may be:

Aluminum Cans – converted into new sheets of aluminum for production into new aluminum cans then shipped to end users such as Anheuser Busch (gotta love that);

Glass Bottles – are shipped to glass processors. The containers are crushed down to smaller glass pieces and then shipped to end users to make into new glass products, such as bottles and containers.

#1 PET Bottles – they are used to make new PET bottles as well as the process of making new carpet. Mohawk Industries is one of the end users. The plastic bottles are cleaned, ground to pellets, melted and then used in making the carpet fiber.

#2 HDPE Bottles – both pigmented (colored) and natural (clear) are a great substitute for original plastic resins. These materials are made into new HDPE bottles for non-food items, plastic lumber, and various other products.

#3-#7 Plastics - #3 plastics (PVC) are made into pipe, decking and fencing. #4 (LDPE) plastics are used in floor tile, outdoor lumber and trash cans. #5 (Polypropylene) plastics are used in making shipping pallets, storage bins and trays. #6 (Polystyrene) plastics are used in videocassette casings and license plate frames. #7 (other) plastics are made back into bottles and plastic lumber applications.

Newspaper, Cardboard, and Office Paper – This material is shipped directly to paper mills, such as Georgia Pacific and Bowater and used to make new paper products such as tissue paper, newspaper and cartons.

As you can see, recycling IS important to our environment as these materials can be reused for something viable, rather than hauled to a landfill where they are crushed, ground up and never used again.

The Police Department Reminds You About Identity Theft...

Identity theft has become perhaps the defining crime of the information age, with an estimated 9 million or more incidents each year.

Different types of identity theft include:

- Check fraud.
- Plastic card fraud (credit cards, check cards, debit cards, phone cards, etc.).
- Immigration fraud.
- Counterfeiting.
- Forgery.
- Terrorism using false or stolen identities.
- Theft of various kinds (pick pocketing, robbery, burglary, or mugging to obtain the victim's personal information).
- Postal fraud.
- Medical fraud.

Ways you can protect yourself:

- Check your credit report on a regular basis. You can get a free copy of your credit report annually from each of the three credit reporting agencies (Experian, Transunion, and Equifax) by going to www.annualcreditreport.com.

Many credit card companies allow you to set alerts for purchases over a certain dollar amount. This type of alert can give you an early warning that your information has been compromised before you see your credit card statement.

Criminals will use the telephone and internet to perpetrate fraud. Be cautious of emails and phone calls asking you to validate personal information. If you receive such a phone call or email, don't respond and contact the institution where the phone call or email allegedly came from to ask if they contacted you. Most, if not all, companies have a policy that they will not ask for personal information by phone or email.

Text messages are another way criminals try to gain personal information. If you receive a text message advising you that your account has been compromised, call the institution NOT the number the text message came from.

If you're retired, consider "locking" your credit. You can send a letter to each of the three credit reporting agencies requesting that they freeze your credit so that no one can use your information to open an account. This is a good option if you aren't planning on applying for a new line of credit in the near future.

If you have any questions or would like more information about identity theft, feel free to contact the Malvern Borough Police at (610) 647-0261 or email us at police@malvern.org.

Lastly, be aware of papers you toss in the trash. They could contain personal information and just because you toss them in the trash, does not mean you are safe from ID theft. Be sure to shred those papers that contain personal information or account numbers. If you cannot shred, check the local newspapers for "shredding" events. There are numerous shredding events held throughout the year. Take advantage of them. Be safe....not sorry.

**Identity theft research review. (2010, June 07). Retrieved from <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/publications/id-theft/welcome.htm>*

Chester County Day

Chester County Day is Saturday, October 2nd, from 10am-5pm. Chester County Day is the oldest House Tour in the nation. Your \$35 ticket gives you access to 28 of the finest private homes throughout West Chester and Chester Springs. Call 610-431-5301 or log on to www.ChesterCountyHospital.org and search "the Day" for more information and ticket sales.

Attention Seniors 65+ - Transportation

Are you aware of the Rainbow Cab & Limousine Senior Shared Ride program? I was recently reminded of it and thought I'd share it with you.

If you are over the age of 65, you can benefit from the Shared Ride Program that is provided by Rainbow Cab & Limousine. If you are a registered member of the program, **seniors using Rainbow Cab only pay 15% of the full fare.** Registration is always free for the program. Rainbow Cab's website states "you'll find that the level of service we're able to provide is second-to-none" and "We call it "Taxi service with a limousine attitude."

A recent user of this service had previously registered with Rainbow Cab. Once this person had made travel arrangements, they contacted Rainbow Cab with their departure and arrival times a few days prior to leaving on their trip. Rainbow Cab picked them up at their home (yes, at their home in Malvern) and drove them to the Philadelphia Airport. The cost for this service was \$11.10. Upon their return, all they had to do was call Rainbow Cab and let them know their plane had arrived and they were picked up at the airport and driven back home – again, at a cost of \$11.10. You can't beat that!!!

To register, you must go to their offices in West Chester at 539 South Bolmar Street (corner of E. Nields and S. Bolmar) and bring Identification that indicates you are over the age of 65.

For more information, check out their website at www.rainbowcab.com.

This is not just an airport service; they can take you anywhere and you'll only pay 15% of the full fare. Take advantage of it!

Park & Recreation Summertime Fun

The Park & Recreation Committee invites you and your family for some summertime fun:

July 22nd – Children's Event – Craig Collis "Behind the Scenes" show at 7 p.m.

August 10th – Children's Event – Sonic Splash – 1:30pm-2:30pm

August 19th – 7pm – Wahoo Medicine Show & Phydeauxs Flying Flea Circus

(NOTE: All Children's Events will be held in Burke Park. If bad weather, the event will be held in the Library/Boro Hall.)

August 20th – Movie Night – Entertainment Starting at 7:00 p.m. (Free Popcorn and Soda)

September 18th – Fall Fest (Free Pizza and Soda) – Entertainment is Malvern's own band, *The Highballs*.

Paoli Battlefield

This is an event you don't want to miss. The Paoli Battlefield will have their Illumination & Candlelight Tour on Saturday, September 18th at the Battlefield Park. They will be conducting continuous guided tours in the evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.ushistory.org/Paoli and click on Calendar. This is an impressive event with candlelight seen in the woods and the tour guides dressed in period garb. It's an educational event for the entire family.

Shade Trees - Responsibility of Property Owners

The Home Rule Charter of the Borough of Malvern / Part One / Chapter 48-7 Section –B, clearly states that "It shall be the responsibility of the property owners to maintain shade trees trimmed to a minimum height over streets and highways to provide a clearance of 13 feet, to keep shade trees trimmed overhanging a public sidewalk to provide a minimum height of eight feet, and to maintain shade trees in a manner that does not block any intersection sight distance, obscure pedestrians about to cross a street, or otherwise interfere with the safety of motorists and pedestrians. The Commission reserves the right to designate higher clearance where conditions make it desirable. (See also § [153-3C](#), grass and weeds, and Chapter [153](#), Article [III](#), property maintenance, for prohibitions against other encroachments)."

It is important to the safety of our residents and motorists that this ordinance be adhered to and enforced. If you have a property with trees that overhang the roadway or public sidewalks, please trim immediately. Your neighbors, pedestrians and motorists will thank you.

SEWER BILLS ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER!!!

Malvern Historical Commission News

The Malvern Historical Commission is looking for any photographs of the Randolph house, which was located at 242 Monument Ave, where the new development is located. Please contact us at the phone number or e-mail listed below. Any photograph would be appreciated!

The Historical Commission is also looking for materials anyone may have on the Monday Afternoon Club of Malvern, the Club of Little Gardens of Malvern, the Junior Women's Club of Malvern, and any items that concern the lives of women in Malvern over the past 120 years for an upcoming publication. Items of particular interest would be meeting minutes, newsletters, yearbooks, news clippings, etc. We are particularly shy in the area of the Junior Women's Club from 1975 on. If you know how long the club remained active, whether it just faded away or succumbed to the societal pressures of so many women working and no longer finding time, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us at the phone number or email listed below! We thank you in advance for your help with this!

We invite you to visit the Malvern History Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Borough Hall. The History center is currently open by appointment only. To schedule a visit, simply call the Borough office at 610-644-2602, who will put you in touch with Commissioners who will meet with you and show you around the Center. Come and see what we have to share with you!

We also encourage any and all interested people to come to our meetings, held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 in the Borough Hall. Please contact us at our email address, malvernhc@yahoo.com, or call the Borough Office for more information! We'd love to have you visit us!

Storing Building / Landscaping Materials in the Street Our Codes Officer States....

Borough residents and businesses are reminded that before allowing contractors to place stone, mulch, dirt or other construction / landscaping materials in the street, the borough should be notified so that the location of the materials can be checked for potential hazards or problems that may be created by their location.

Traffic cones or barricades may need to be placed at either end of the materials and traffic must not be obstructed. Chapter 131, Section 131-1(G) requires that these materials be removed from the street "before 5:00 p.m. of the day on which the same was deposited thereupon."

Recent Wind Sheer

As you know, the recent wind sheer that went through our community on Thursday night, June 24th, caused many of our residents to be without electricity--some up to 36 hours. In addition, we suffered a significant amount of tree damage with some trees blocking access to various roads.

This was a freak storm and one that we could not prepare for. We were recently asked what our response was to the storm and how we would notify the residents that we were working on things.

Unfortunately, because of the loss of power, there was no good way to notify the public. Televisions and radios, unless battery powered, were not working. The public, however, should know that in this kind of emergency, *we are automatically doing anything and everything we can to respond to the situation.* If the elderly or any resident is in need of emergency services, they should call 9-1-1. Emergency responders will **always** find a way to respond to your emergency. For this storm, we contacted the County Emergency Operations Center to ask if they were open so that we could refer our residents to that facility. They responded that they had opened a couple of hours on Thursday night, but when they had received no calls, they closed the Center. However, if they began receiving calls, they assured me that they would reopen the Center. So, don't hesitate to call if you need assistance. I can't stress this strongly enough.

If you lose power, and the temperatures are high, open your windows. Your best defense is to keep the air circulating throughout your home. Also, don't be timid about contacting your friends and/or family or 9-1-1 for help. Those residents on wells should keep bottled water on hand at all times in the event of an emergency such as this. With these high temperatures, and everyone using their air conditioners, we never know when there may be an overload and electricity is lost. Be prepared!!

Our Public Works and Police Departments were extremely proactive to the perils of this storm. The PW crew worked hard to remove trees and limbs from the roadways and the PD kept our traffic flowing safely through town, even with a non-operational traffic signal. They deserve a big thank you from all of us!!