

The **Borough Broadcaster**

Spring Newsletter

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News from Borough Council

The Transit Oriented Development Study is an on-going process. Although a second public meeting has not yet been scheduled, check the website, reader board, etc., for a possible date in May. You'll want to come out and offer your input to some very important questions concerning our Borough.

A Community Revitalization Program grant was submitted to the County for a streetscape project on Channing Avenue from King St. to Roberts Lane and First Ave. to Second Ave. and on So. Warren Avenue from Roberts Lane to W. First Avenue. The proposed project includes curbs and sidewalks, Victorian street lights, street trees, stamped concrete pavers, tree removals, and road mill and overlay. The project will be similar to work completed on Church Street and Powelton Avenue. It is, however, dependent on whether or not we obtain a successful outcome to our grant submission.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up - May 18th

It's that time of year again when we dig into our basements and attics and throw out all those things we haven't used for the past couple of years (of course, those items that are still good but that we're just tired of, should be recycled or sent to the local Donation Centers). Bulk trash has been scheduled for Saturday May 18th throughout the Borough. Freon appliances must have a certification or removal clearly **VISIBLE**. Doors to all bulk items must be removed. Remember...only items that can be picked up by two men will be taken! This includes sofas, chairs, appliances, etc. No plant waste or yard compost will be removed during bulk collection. Items should be placed at curbside after 5:00pm the night before collection or by 6:30am the day of collection. Once the trucks have been down your street, they will not return. **NOT TAKEN** will be hazardous items, construction debris, tires, paint, gasoline, oil or sealed containers, dirt, stone, concrete or piles of small items that could have been boxed or bagged.

16th Annual CRC Streams Clean-Up Day *Saturday, May 4th - 9-11am*

Volunteers are needed to help plant plugs in the Paoli Methodist Church stormwater basin at Devon and South Valley Roads. The local coordinator is Craig Thomas from Malvern Borough and he'd appreciate you volunteering your time to help plant the plugs. To volunteer, please call CRC at 610-359-1440, or e-mail crc@nni.com or e-mail Craig at craig.malvern@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for donating your time to this worthy event. Don't forget the free picnic for volunteers at Pavilion 8, Ridley Creek State Park from 11:45am to 1:00pm. Visit our website at www.malvern.org for more details regarding this event.

Town-Wide Yard Sale, Burke Park, Saturday, May 11th - 9am-Noon

Borough residents are invited to set up their own "vendor station" at Burke Park and sell anything they would like: crafts, household items/furniture they no longer need or want to store. This could be a perfect opportunity to rid yourself of the unneeded items dug out in your spring cleaning, or for your children to sell the toys they've outgrown. Participants should bring their own tables, chairs, and change for the transactions. Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee will provide the coffee and donuts. This is a rain or shine event!!

SEWER BILL ENCLOSED

VOTING ON MAY 21ST WILL BE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHANNING AVENUE

145th Memorial Parade & Family Fun Day **June 2nd – Activities all day; Parade at 1:30 p.m.**

Malvern's own Memorial Parade is recognized as the oldest continuously held Memorial Parade in America. Can you believe that this year will be the 145th Parade? Following the Parade there will be a special memorial service at the Memorial Park on Monument Avenue, as well as many fun activities for children and adults. Without the many volunteers from Malvern Borough and Willistown Township, this parade would never happen. For a list of activities for the day, visit www.malvernmemorialparade.com or keep the enclosed flyer close at hand!

News from Malvern Public Library

- April is Poetry Month and we are collaborating with General Wayne Elementary School on several events. You may have noticed children reciting poems when they visited Malvern businesses as part of the Keep a Poem in Your Pocket Day program in mid-April. On April 29th, Jen Bryant will present a poetry workshop at General Wayne during the afternoon and a poetry talk at the Library that evening at 7 pm.
- Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10 am for our Book Club Meeting. No registration required. Here are the books we'll be discussing in the coming months:
May: *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty; June: *The Age of Miracles* by Katherine Thompson Walker.
- Get ready to Dig Into Reading this summer!!! We have a great line up of activities to keep everyone busy...from babies to preschoolers to school age kids to teens to families. Summer calendars will be available in late May. Science in the Summer will be offered to children going into grades 2 through 6 during the week of July 22nd. When you register for our Summer Reading Club, you also join GO WilMa, a fun program to explore parks in Malvern and Willistown. Registration for summer programs will begin June 13th. A Family Fair will be held in Greentree Park on June 18th to celebrate Go WilMa!
- Stop by our table in Burke Park at the Malvern Spring Family Festival on Sunday, May 5th. We'll have crafts for the children and your favorite library staff member....Bruno, our tail waggin' tutor. He'll be retiring soon to Florida so be sure to sign up to read to him on Tuesday evenings between 6 and 7:30 pm.

Exterior Property Maintenance in Malvern

Provided by Bill Wilfong IV, BCO, Code Official, Malvern Borough

In 2004, Malvern Borough adopted the **2003 International Property Maintenance Code**, published by the International Code Council. The purpose of this code is to ensure that existing Residential and Non Residential properties and structures are maintained in a "clean, safe and sanitary condition", and "structurally sound".

The Property Maintenance Code requires property owners to maintain the exterior of their property to include the grass not exceeding 10" in height, trash and rubbish not accumulating on the property, gutters and downspouts working properly and not allowing the discharge of water to create a nuisance on neighboring properties, roof areas being water-tight, and all structures including sheds and fences to be in good repair and safe condition. Bushes, shrubs and flowers that are planted alongside your sidewalk must be kept trimmed back behind the sidewalk, for a height of no more than ten feet

Additionally, all vehicles on the property must display current registration and state inspection.

To sum it up, the **International Property Maintenance Code** is intended to ensure that all properties where the code is in effect are kept in a safe condition and structurally sound at all times. This could certainly help to reduce the instances of fires or other emergencies from occurring, thus aiding in saving lives and protecting property. And while all emergencies may not be able to be eliminated altogether, the code requires that those systems that are in place to give warning to the occupants provides the best chance to prevent people from becoming victims if they do occur.

Questions regarding the Property Maintenance Code may be directed to the Borough Code Official at 610 644-2602.

The Police Chief's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Malvern Borough for their outstanding support. The Officers of the Malvern Police Department are dedicated to providing the highest level of service to all residents and visitors of the Borough.

Now that summer weather is upon us, I would like to stress upon the residents to make safety a priority. Pedestrian and Bicycle safety is one of the most important issues. Motorists must be alert for walkers/joggers and bicyclists. All children up to age 12 must wear an approved bicycle helmet, and all riders should consider wearing a helmet.

“We have many children, but none to spare”! Please be alert for children playing around the roadways and stay within the posted speed limit!

Residents should remember to close all windows and lock all doors when leaving your home. Keep all car door windows closed, doors locked and keep all valuables out of sight. Please keep your garage doors closed as this is another way for people you may not want to enter your home.

When on vacation, please notify the police so we can keep an extra eye on your home.

Please remember your neighbors, especially the elderly during the extreme heat. Make sure fans are used and windows are open to keep cool.

The Police Department operates 24 hours, 7 days a week. Should you see suspicious activity or need the police to respond, please call 911 immediately. **DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** as we do not have dispatch capabilities in the Borough Hall. All calls for police should go through the 911 center.

Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Activities

The Parks and Recreation Committee has scheduled the following events for Spring and Summer that you won't want to miss, so **SAVE THE DATES!!**

Saturday, May 11th – 3rd Annual Spring Yard Sale from 9am to 12noon.

Coffee and Donuts – Rain or Shine

Friday, May 31st - 9th Annual Ice Cream Social/Spring Fling from 6:30pm to 8pm

Rita's Water Ice and Entertainment

Friday, June 21st – Movie Night with popcorn and water

7pm Entertainment – Movie at Dusk

Friday, August 16th – Movie Night with popcorn and water

7pm Entertainment – Movie at Dusk

Thursday, August 22nd - Family Fun Night

Saturday, September 21st – 3rd Annual Fall Yard Sale from 9am to 12noon

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, September 22nd – 10th Annual Fall Fest from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Rain Date October 6th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Pizza, Snacks and Drinks

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD IN BURKE PARK

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates and Sites

The 2013 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Event Schedule follows:

Saturday, May 18 – Owen J. Roberts Middle School, Pottstown

Friday, June 21 – Coatesville 9-10 Center, Coatesville

Sat., September 7 – New Garden Township Maint. Bldg., Landenberg (Proof of Residency may be Required)

Saturday, October 12 – Government Services Center, West Chester

All events start at 9:00 AM and close at **3:00 PM SHARP!!**

Visit our website at www.malvern.org for a list of acceptable e-waste items and items that are NOT ACCEPTABLE!

See Enclosed Flyer for Malvern's Spring Family Festival - May 5th

Annual Shredding, Recycling and National Drug Take-Back Day - April 27th 10:00am-2:00pm - Penn State Great Valley

Rep. Duane Milne's Annual Shredding, Recycling and National Drug Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at Penn State Great Valley Campus Parking Lot, 30 Swedesford Road. This is a FREE event and items collected will include paper, faded and worn flags, cell phones and chargers, appliances and electronics (nearly everything with a plug), eye glasses, hearing aids and prescription and non-prescription drugs. For details, view the Flyer on our website at www.malvern.org.

Malvern Farmers Market - Grand Opening May 4th!

The Malvern Farmers Market is gearing up for their *grand opening* Saturday, May 4th, 2013 in Burke Park, from 9 AM - 1 PM.

This will be the first year for the Malvern Farmers Market. The organizers of the market, Donna Levitsky and Lisa O'Neill of Growing Roots Partners, hope this will become a weekly event for residents of Malvern and surrounding communities. The mission of the market: *The Malvern Farmers Market is dedicated to community education that nurtures the importance of sustaining our local agricultural food system. As a weekly community event, the Market will offer vital economic opportunity to regional farmers and food producers while playing an important role in revitalizing the borough's central district. Essential to the Market's mission is the fundamental role of nutrition and healthy food choices, supported by an educational dialogue and access to fresh and nutritious foods.*

The Market will feature over 25 farmers and food artisans within a 50 mile radius of Malvern - every vendor at the market must grow, raise or make what they are selling. Variety is key to a great farmers market; and this market promises to be impressive, offering: local fruits and vegetables (organic and conventional), meats, poultry, farm fresh eggs, local cheeses, fresh breads, baked goods, handmade pasta and sauce, honey and maple syrup, frozen desserts, artisan chocolates, hummus, guacamole and salsa, jams and jellies, locally roasted coffee, flowers, handmade soap and doggie treats.

A visit to the market will be a community event - offering something for everyone. In addition to the amazing selection of fresh and wholesome foods, the market will also feature weekly musical guests and activities for children to educate them about where their food comes from. There will also be a host of special events, including a grand opening event May 4, 2013, a 4th of July Celebration, and a Harvest Market in the fall.

Mark your calendars – May 4th – Opening Day at the Malvern Farmers Market, 9am-1pm in Burke Park!!!

Leash Law and Dog Waste Pick-Up Ordinances - OBEY OUR LAWS!!!

Unfortunately, it seems that every newsletter must address this issue. Many people are not adhering to the Dog Laws and we continually receive complaints about dogs being unleashed and running in the parks. Dog owners are continually failing to clean up after their dogs in our parks and on our sidewalks! This is an unsafe condition as there are many children who enjoy playing in our parks. Chapter 68, §68-6, of our Code of Ordinances, states "No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to defile or defecate on any sidewalk, pathway, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or on any private property without the permission of the owner of said property." Because of the number of complaints received for people walking dogs unleashed in Burke Park, the Paoli Battlefield property, at Memorial Park and in the ball fields fenced-in area, if anyone is found in violation of this Ordinance, they WILL be cited. This is just a reminder that the ball fields are not dog parks! Please keep your dogs on a leash, clean up after them and dispose of the bags in the receptacles provided. We appreciate your cooperation.

Attention Malvern Seniors

The Great Valley Senior Center continues to offer many programs for seniors – mini-trips; card games, needlework, puzzles, games, Book Clubs, Art Therapy, etc. Also this month on April 24th at General Wayne Elementary School on Grubb Road, the GVSC will be having their annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7pm. It will be a fun night with an Italian Basket, Bingo Basket and Gardening Basket being raffled, a delicious spaghetti dinner and scrumptious desserts. The dinner is \$8 and tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 610-889-2121. *To Go* is also an option. The evening will also include music and artist renderings from our seniors that will be displayed and also for sale. Come out and support the seniors!!