

The **Borough Broadcaster**

Winter Newsletter

Malvern, PA

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News from Borough Council

At the Reorganization Meeting of Borough Council held on January 6th, the Honorable Thomas Tartaglio, District Justice, administered the Oath of Office to our new Mayor-Elect David B. Burton, and our three new Councilors-Elect, David G. Bramwell, Todd Richard Lexer and Matthew J. Radano. The Members of Council voted to elect David G. Bramwell to the position of President of Council and Catherine O. Raymond to the position of Vice-President of Council. We welcome our new Mayor and Council Members!!! At the Regular Meeting of Borough Council, held on January 6th, immediately following the Reorganization Meeting, Council appointed John S. Meisel to fill the unexpired term of Richard Sponenbergh, who resigned in November. Mayor Burton administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Meisel. Congratulations to Mr. Meisel! Council had a difficult decision to make as they were very fortunate to have had so many qualified and interested residents from whom to select.

At the Council meeting held on December 17th, Council adopted the 2014 Budget with a millage rate of 4.4200 mills, an increase from 3.9697. This means that for every \$100 of assessed value, residents will pay 44.20 cents. To help offset this increase, Council reduced the minimum sewer rate from \$95.60 to \$80.00 per quarter. Because we bill in arrears, you won't see a difference until the April invoices. The January sewer bill will be billed at the 2013 rate.

The 2014 Budget highlights include financing for upgrades to the Municipal Building's HVAC system, a streetscape project for portions of Channing Avenue and So. Warren Avenue, a security system for the Admin. Building and additional expenses to offset costs for the celebration of our 125th Anniversary. If you are interested in helping the Historical Commission with the 125th Anniversary activities, please contact the Borough Manager at Malvern@malvern.org or call 610-644-2602.

As always, if you have any questions about anything going on in town, contact any member of Borough Council, the Mayor, or the Borough Manager. Information is updated regularly on the Borough website at www.malvern.org, on Facebook, and emergency notifications are sent through the ReadyNotify system. If you have not yet signed up for ReadyNotify, see the procedures below and be sure to sign up today!! Be informed!!

A Fond Farewell to our Departing Mayor and Councilors

We bid our departing Mayor, Gerard ("Jerry") J. McGlone, Jr., and his fellow Councilors, William ("Bill") Macaleer, Zeyn Uzman, Robert ("Rob") Coughlin and Richard ("Dick") Sponenbergh, a fond farewell for a job well done! They all provided a level of knowledge, experience and expertise in their respective fields that was essential to the smooth running of the Borough. We wish them well and thank them for their many years of service to you, our residents!

ReadyNotifyPA

ReadyNotifyPA is a Community Alert System. Notifications through ReadyNotifyPA can be sent directly to your e-mail account (work, home, other); cell phones, pagers or smartphones/PDA's (Blackberry, Treo and other handhelds). All you have to do is go on-line and sign up. If you don't have a computer, you can access this site through the Chester County Library system (they all have computers that are available for your use). Go to <https://chesco.alertpa.org> to sign up. In addition to the resources listed above, we will begin using this ReadyNotifyPA system to notify our residents of events, emergencies or general notifications of interest. Because the message must be brief to send to cell phones, the message may direct you to another site for additional information. Over 300 Malvern Borough residents are currently on this system for weather updates, etc. Don't be left behind! Sign up today!!

Vacancies

Vacancies currently exist on the following Boards & Commissions:

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (2)

Planning Commission (2)

The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund is charged with educating the public about the atrocities that occurred on these grounds during the Revolutionary War and the significance of the battle that occurred at the Paoli Battlefield grounds. The Fund meets from 5:30-7:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you have an interest in local history, this is the volunteer position for you.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. This is a seven-member Commission with four-year terms. The powers and duties of the Planning Commission can be found in the Borough Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances and in Article II of the Municipalities Planning Code. The Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances can be found on the Borough's website at www.malvern.org. The Municipalities Planning Code can be found on www.newpa.com, then look under Publications.

If you are interested in serving on any of the above Commissions, or wish to know more about one of the commissions, please call 610-644-2602, send a letter of interest with some background information to Sandra Kelley, Borough Manager, Borough of Malvern, 1 E. First Avenue, Suite 3, Malvern, PA 19355 or e-mail to malvern@malvern.org.

We'd like to hear from you.....

MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

- We will be conducting our annual Phonathon on March 30th and 31st. This is our major fundraiser for the Library and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make the phone calls or write the follow up notes. Call the Library (610-644-7259) for more information.
- Looking for a break from winter, stop in the Children's Room and enjoy the woodland scene now on the walls. Funds donated by Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, Grace and Molly Toner and Zeyn B. Uzman enabled Teri Flint to create this fabulous environment. See how many critters you can find!
- Excitement is building for the Community Read sponsored by Longwood Gardens. Join the conversation by reading Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*, participating in a book chat at the Library on March 20th at 7 pm, or attending two great events at Okehocking Nature Center on April 5th and April 12th. Call the Library to learn more about the events or go to <http://www.longwoodgardens.org/community-read>
- Interested in helping out your community and Malvern Library? We are looking for a Malvern Borough resident to serve on our Board of Trustees. Stop in to find out details about this position.
- In case of bad weather, call the library (610-644-7259) or become our friend on Facebook. We will post delayed openings, early closings or adjusted program information.

The Codes Enforcement Officer Reminds You....

The winter weather that has already occurred means another season of snow and snow covered sidewalks and walkways. Please remember that after the snow has stopped falling, The **Malvern Borough Code** requires that sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after it has stopped. In addition, where icy patches result on sidewalks, please be sure to put down salt or some other material that will minimize the chance of someone slipping or falling until the sidewalk is clear and dry. If you have a neighbor who is elderly or unable to clear their sidewalk, perhaps several neighbors could help them out by clearing their sidewalk for them. This will help to ensure that all of the sidewalks in Malvern are passable this winter season. Remember also, it is unlawful to place the snow from sidewalks into the street. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation

A Message from the Police Chief...

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will be in the middle of winter. With the snow fall we have experienced already, we need to be ready for more.

The snow, ice and wind can cause major problems on the roadways. Please remember these few winter driving tips:

- *Remove all snow and ice from your vehicle;
- *Have your tires checked including air pressure;
- * Check all fluids in your vehicle;
- *Carry a Jumper Cable in the car;
- *Keep your vehicle at half to full with gas during the winter months.

Please be mindful of the snow removal process during snow and ice. If you can park your vehicle off the roadway until they are plowed, it would help in clearing the roads, and the time they can do it in. The more cars parked in the way, the slower the process.

During the year Thefts from vehicles continue to be a problem. Please take the time to remove or cover valuables, and to LOCK your vehicle. **The thefts were all on unlocked vehicles.**

Borough of Malvern has an alarm ordinance whereas you must register your alarm every year. This is to keep the administrative records up to date. This is for all alarms within the Borough. If you fail to register your alarm, a fine may be issued up to \$300.00.

Every parking permit that was issued in the year 2013 is now expired. You need to renew your parking permits, and receive a new parking sticker. The new sticker will have a 14 imprinted on it. You will need to renew your parking sticker every January. Please place the parking sticker in plain view for the Officer to see.

We have made great progress in having people contact 911 when needing the police for assistance. I ask that you continue to call the 911 number for police assistance and not call the Administrative Office. Remember the police are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Historical Commission News

What an exciting year! It is the quasiquicentennial, that is, the 125th anniversary, of the incorporation of the Borough! There will be a number of events happening this year to commemorate this momentous occasion. Look for a list in the next newsletter, on the website, and around town in April! We also encourage any and all interested people to come to our meetings, held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

One of the events that we can share right now will be that the Historical Commission and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will be participating in the Chester County Town Tours and Walks events held on Thursday evenings during the summer. Our tour will be held in the early evening of **Thursday, August 7**, but right now, we are looking for some volunteers to help us! We have a number of jobs to be filled, and we expect this tour to bring in a large number of visitors to the town. We will be holding our first informational meeting specifically about the tour on **Monday, February 24 from 7-8pm in the Borough Council room**. If you will be in town on August 7th and are interested in helping us, we invite you to attend! If you cannot make it that evening, but would like more information, please email us and we will keep you current with the plans.

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 or email us directly at malvernhc@yahoo.com. Come and see what we have to share with you!

We currently have openings on the Commission. Please contact us at our email address or call the Borough Office for more information! We'd love to have you visit us!

Parks & Recreation - Save the Date!!

Malvern Borough's Parks & Recreation Committee will hold their 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m. in Burke Park. The Rain date will be Sunday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. This event is a BYOB (bring your own "basket", that is). The Easter Egg Hunt is for **Ages 10 and under**. Plan to gather at the gazebo and, if there appears to be a chance of rain, please check the Borough's website at www.malvern.org to see if the event has been rescheduled to Sunday. Put the date on your calendar TODAY. Don't forget your baskets!!

2014 Household Hazard Waste and E-Waste Drop-off Schedule

RESIDENTIAL ONLY www.chestercountyswa.org **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**
ALL EVENTS START AT **9:00 AM** AND CLOSE AT **3:00 PM SHARP**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014 CAT PICKERING CAMPUS ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Monitors
CPUs/Laptop Computers

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL (Proof of Residency May Be Required) 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

Printers
Copiers (desktop & stand-alone)
CRT Televisions and Non CRT

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014 OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

Answering Machines
Camcorders
Cell Phones
Docking Stations

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014 COATESVILLE 9th-10th GRADE CENTER 1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 (Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

Fax/Copy machines/Duplicators
Microwaves
Radios
Pagers
Electric Typewriters

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE BLDG. (Proof of Residency May Be Required) 8934 Gap Newport Road (Route 41), Landenberg, PA 19350

Remote controls/Gaming Consoles
Stereo/Tape/CD Players
Telephones & Equipment
Toner/Ink Cartridges

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014 GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Testing Equipment
VCR/DVD Players

NOT ACCEPTABLE- UNIDENTIFIED WASTE
TIRES, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, EXPLOSIVES & AMMUNITION
Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 Gallons or 220 Lbs. / No Metal Drums, LATEX PAINT, APPLIANCES WITH FREON APPLIANCES
TRASH, PROPANE-HELIUM TANKS, ASBESTOS, GAS CYLINDERS
INFECTIOUS OR MEDICAL WASTE, RADIOACTIVE WASTE
PRESSURIZED CFCs & HCFCs
ALKALINE BATTERIES, 50 GALLON DRUMS

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BOXES HOME TO RECYCLE AT THE CURB.