

The Borough Broadcaster

Fall Newsletter

Malvern, PA

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News from Borough Council

The Powelton Avenue streetscape project is almost complete. By the time you receive this newsletter, the lights should be installed (except at the corner of King & Powelton – that light won't be ready until November); some landscaping must be completed; trees must be planted and some improvement must still be made in front of some residences. The new curbs and sidewalks look great and we've had many positive comments on the project!!

Thank you to Borough Council for hosting the second annual Volunteer Picnic. About 55 volunteers attended the picnic in Burke Park and our "long-term" volunteers were mentioned by name: Thirty-Year Volunteers are Frank & Carole Ortner (Upper Main Line Memorial Association-"Memorial Parade"); Twenty-Year Volunteers are Elizabeth Deal (Zoning Hearing Board), Joe Bones (Shade Tree Commission), and Bill Huffman (Civil Service Commission); Fifteen-Year Volunteers are Woody Van Sciver (Planning Commission and Borough Council), William Dodge (Zoning Hearing Board), Lou Thomas (Zoning Hearing Board), and John & Maryanne Severance (Halloween Parade); and, Ten-Year Volunteers are Jerry McGlone (Planning Commission, Borough Council & Mayor), Lynne Hockenbury (Historical Commission), Joan Stackhouse (Historical Commission) and Sam Conway (Emergency Management Coordinator). Although these are our long-serving volunteers, ALL of our volunteers make Malvern what it is today. Without you, we couldn't do what we do!! A BIG "Thank You" to all our volunteers!!

The E. King Street development project is on schedule. We recently heard that Kimberton Whole Foods will be joining the Whip Tavern as two of the retailers coming to this development. As more retailers recognize this great opportunity and sign on, we'll keep you informed!

In the last quarter, Council adopted the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, contracted services from East Whiteland Township for a Chief of Police (Mark Ercole), reduced the number of Planning Commission members from 7 to 5, created Tobacco-Free Zones at Public Parks, held a Public Meeting to receive comments from residents and business owners on the Malvern Transit Oriented Development study around the train station and approved the No Parking distances on Monument Avenue from Warren Avenue to just beyond Powelton Avenue.

Your elected officials have been hard at work to keep our town progressive and safe!!

Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat

The annual Malvern Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012. The Parade will line-up at 3:00 p.m. on King Street between Ruthland Avenue and Church Street and participants will begin marching at 4:00 p.m. There is **NO RAIN DATE!!**. Come early to get a good seat along King Street to watch this "spooky" spectacle.

Trick or Treat is Wednesday, October 31st, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for children ages 12 and under. Parents... walking with your children and using reflective tape or carrying a flashlight, will go a long way towards keeping your children safe.

Attention Malvern Seniors

Events and activities for the Great Valley Senior Center can be accessed through the Borough's website at www.malvern.org. From the right hand column of the Home Page, click on Clubs & Organizations. Then, find Great Valley Senior Center. There is a list to click on, depending on your interests. The Calendar shows you activities for the month. For additional information on an area of interest, click on that specific page.

VOTE ON NOV. 6TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHANNING AVENUE

MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The summer of 2012 saw the reinvigoration of teen summer programming at the Malvern Public Library. Under the direction of Reed Apostol, the library launched its *Young Adult Summer Reading Program*. The program targeted students in 6th through 12th grade and offered a series of eight Thursday night programs which included a combination of movies, crafts, prizes, pizza and social opportunities. It also included some Saturday sessions on origami in which adults were also invited.

“One of the greatest challenges has always been getting the word out” says Reed. “When parents suggest library programs to their teenagers, the teen almost never wants to come! We found that the program grew mostly by word of mouth from other teens.” Over the first few weeks, the friends-bringing-friends method resulted in a core group of regulars. Social media is also playing a role as Reed develops a Facebook page and blog to keep participants connected over the school year. To develop the program and social media components, Reed looked to successful programs at libraries like the Free Library of Philadelphia, and public libraries in Washington DC and Seattle.

Upcoming Events and Tidbits:

- Need a reading buddy? Children are invited to read to Bruno, a trained therapy dog who loves to calmly listen to children read to him. Join Bruno for a little reading and TLC on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. He’s very popular so you need to register for 20 minute sessions.
- Be sure to visit the Library on Saturday, December 8th, during Malvern’s Victorian Christmas. Stop in for some warmth, good cheer and a walk away holiday craft.
- Have you checked out our Facebook page? Become a friend of the Library on Facebook and keep up to date on upcoming events and bad weather closings. Don’t be the last to know about the latest events and news.
- Please remember Malvern Public Library in your holiday gift plans. Visit us online at www.malvernpubliclibrary.org to donate or stop by the library for an envelope. Thank you.
- Visit www.malvernpubliclibrary.org and view our event calendar.

Leaf Pick-Up & Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Leaves will be picked up at curbside during the month of November. Rake your leaves to the curb and the Public Works Department will be around as quickly as possible to pick them up. The men pick up leaves throughout town in between their other duties. Do not call the Administrative Office for pick up times for your street. It may take a few days to get to your street. This is a time-consuming process so please be patient. They’ll be around as soon as they are able. There is no planned route or time for pick-up. Leaves will not be collected after November.

Christmas trees will be collected in January. Check out the Borough’s website at www.malvern.org, or the Reader Board at Borough Hall, for dates they will be collected.

Mailing Change of Address for Malvern Borough

All payments mailed to the Borough can no longer be mailed to the P. O. Box. If you do on-line banking, please be sure to notify your bank of this change of address. It is your responsibility to make sure your payments are being delivered to the correct address in order to avoid late payment penalties. All payments should be mailed to:

Borough of Malvern
1 E. First Avenue, Suite 3
Malvern, PA 19355

The Post Office will no longer deliver mail addressed to the P. O. Box.

Obey the LEASH LAW

Even with all the reminders we send, we still see dogs running off a leash. Even if your dog is running beside you, he/she must be on a leash!! Dogs must be on a leash at all times both on the streets and in our public parks. Failure to adhere to this ordinance may result in the issuance of a citation. You are also required to “scoop”. Bags and trash receptacles are available at all the public parks. Please clean up after your dog. It’s the law!

The Codes Enforcement Officer's...

Property Maintenance Reminder

In recent weeks, I've received a few complaints regarding tripping hazards in sidewalks. Before the winter weather is here, take a few minutes to look over your sidewalk and walkways. If there's a height difference between sections of sidewalk or walkways of more than about a half an inch, someone could possibly trip there. Property owners must ensure that their sidewalks and walkways are in good condition and free of trip hazards. Patching the sidewalk to eliminate the trip hazard, creating a slight ramp, if you will, is one temporary solution. Another solution is to replace one of the sections so that they're even across.

Another maintenance issue that I have seen a lot recently is the lack of smoke detectors in sleeping rooms. There seems to be some confusion still regarding requirements for smoke detectors in homes. The requirement, per the Property Maintenance Code is, one on each level including the basement and attic and one in every sleeping room. In the sleeping rooms, they should be mounted on the ceilings, no more than about 30 inches from the door to the hallway. Also, be sure to change your detector batteries at least once or twice a year.

Reminders from the Police Department

With winter approaching please be reminded that the law requires you to clean ALL snow off of your vehicle before operating it on the roadways. Clear all windows of ice and snow, the roof of the vehicle and all lights and the registration plate. Snow blowing off of your vehicle onto vehicles behind you causes a dangerous condition.

If anyone requests entrance into your property or requests that you walk outside and show them your property lines, please refuse and then contact 911 immediately as this is a scam to distract you and allow someone to enter your home and rob you.

Make sure that your house number is unobstructed and easily visible from the roadway, even in the dark.

Please never hesitate to contact the police department if you hear or see something you feel is suspicious. We are available 7 days a week/24 hours a day. There are numerous occasions where crimes could be solved or criminals apprehended with prompt reporting. Do not feel that it's not important; we would rather respond right away and find out it was nothing than be called hours later and find there was a burglary or such. Don't ever feel that you are bothering us by calling. Many residents wait until the next day and call the administrative office to report crimes or incidents. Please call 610-647-1440 or 911 right away so an officer can respond.

The Malvern Farmer's Market

We are pleased to announce that the Malvern Farmer's Market will be coming to Burke Park on Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm in the Spring of 2013. Our Market will be very similar to the current East Goshen Farmer's Market. If you've been to that Market, and I hope you have, you know that they feature locally grown produce including organic and conventionally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, cheeses, baked goods, local honey and maple syrup, fresh cut flowers, beverages, soap, "ready to eat" vendors, ice cream and much more.....

We know the Malvern Farmer's Market will be worth the trip on Saturdays to stock up for the week.

Watch the Reader Board and signs around town for their "opening day"!!

A Reminder that Credit Card Payments Can be Made on-line

Just a reminder that the Borough can now accept VISA or MasterCard credit card payments for Real Estate Taxes, Sewer Rents, Historical Commission items and Alarm Registration through the Borough's website at www.malvern.org. Click on the icon on the left side of the Home Page that reads "Online Credit Card Payments". It will take you to a screen that asks which service you want to pay with a credit card. Once you click on the service, you will go to a secure site to provide your credit card information. Once you complete the requested information, you can download a receipt for your files. Fees will apply and will be clearly identified before you agree to the payment.

SEWER BILL ENCLOSED!

Historical Commission News

We invite any interested parties to attend a public information meeting regarding the possibility of instituting an Historic Ordinance, which will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30pm during the regular Borough Council meeting. Anyone owning a property that *might* be affected by this ordinance will be receiving a letter in early November, but anyone in the Borough is welcome to attend to hear more about it. We ask that you please RSVP to the Borough office at 610-644-2602 so that we know approximately how many people will attend. We want to share our ideas with you and hear your comments!

We will be selling our 3 history books, as well as reproduction postcards and magnets at the National Bank of Malvern during Victorian Christmas. Any of these items would make a lovely gift for a Malvern history buff! Please come and visit us in the warmth of the bank that evening!

We would love for you to visit the History Center, located on the second floor of McGuigan Hall, for more information on the history of our town as well as information on properties, people, businesses, and more! We have many interesting items to share with you! Please call the Borough office or email malvernhc@yahoo.com to make an appointment.

We invite any and all interested people to come to our meetings, held the 4th Monday of each month (except December) at 7:30pm in McGuigan Hall. We currently have 2 openings for Commissioners, but welcome anyone with an interest in the history of our Borough! Please contact us at our email address or call the Borough Office for more information! We'd love to have you visit us!

Malvern's Victorian Christmas and Road Closures

Malvern's Victorian Christmas Tree Lighting will take place this year on Friday, December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in Burke Park. Following the tree lighting, enjoy the many events that will be taking place on King Street and around town until 9:30 p.m. Most of the activities are FREE. Activities will also take place on Saturday, December 8th beginning at 9:30 a.m. For specific information regarding the various events/activities available on Friday and Saturday, go to www.malvernchristmas.org.

Road closures for December 7th will be along King Street from Warren Avenue to Bridge Street from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

This will be a rain, shine, snow or starlight event so come early to enjoy all the event has to offer! I'm sure you won't be disappointed!!

Paoli Memorial Association Grounds on Monument Avenue

These grounds are an integral and beautiful asset in our community. They are enjoyed and used by many people, both inside and outside of the Borough. On a daily basis you will find walkers, dog walkers, joggers, tennis players and children taking advantage of the many amenities of these grounds. Unfortunately, it takes a lot of funding to maintain the property for the enjoyment of all.

If you are interested in making a **tax deductible donation** to assist in the upkeep of this pristine property, please send your donation to Jim Fooskas, Treasurer, Paoli Memorial Association, P O Box 38, Malvern, PA 19355. The Paoli Memorial Association thanks you in advance for your continued support.

Enclosures in the Newsletter

Be sure to find and read the following enclosures with this Newsletter:

- Victorian Christmas Flyer
- Cars for Cleaner Creeks – tips for stormwater management on your property – **Did You Know** that cars contribute to pollution of our streams? Even small amounts of used oil or leaking fluids are easily washed by stormwater into stormdrains where they pollute our streams. Take a moment to read the enclosed flyer for some tips on how to operate your car to minimize your impact on the environment. Clean streams are our responsibility!!

The Borough Offices will be closed on the following dates: November 12, 22 & 23 and December 25.

Enjoy a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!