

# *The* Borough Broadcaster

Fall Newsletter

Malvern, PA

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## *News from Borough Council*

As you know, we are winding down the TOD Study around the train station. The final public information meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Council meeting. For those who have been hearing and reading about this Study, and what it projects that Malvern could support in the future, please remember that, at this point, it is only a Study. At this time, there are no plans to move forward with any development. Malvern is, however, a very desirable place to live. That can be evidenced by those of us who have lived here 25+ years. So, why would we think that others would not want to live here as well? Our apartment complexes are fully rented. Those residents who live here but find themselves needing more space, are not moving. They are adding additions to their homes and are remodeling. New homes that are built sell quickly. We are experiencing a growth spurt. More developers will be coming before Council and asking them to consider zoning changes; they will be purchasing multiple properties and building more homes or retail space, and we must be ready. Our Council is being pro-active with these studies, rather than being reactive when a developer comes in to request change. If developers come to town, we must have a plan in place of where we may want to see more dense or additional development and where it might have the least impact to our residents. We don't want to be at the mercy of the developers—we want them to be at ours!

Another great job by the residents of our Borough. In September we received notification that we would receive \$20,432.00 from the State for an Act 101 Recycling Grant. So you see that recycling not only benefits the environment, but it benefits the Borough as well! Keep on recycling!!!!

Council had their third annual Volunteer Picnic on October 13<sup>th</sup> and it was wonderful to see so many volunteers from our various Boards and Commissions come out and enjoy the day. It was an opportunity to meet and interact with other volunteers and to learn what their Boards and Commissions were all about. And what a beautiful day it turned out to be. Plenty of sunshine, camaraderie and good food!! Thank you to all our volunteers! We couldn't do what we do without you!!!

## *Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat*

The annual Malvern Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013. 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 Thursday, 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 you and your children safe.

## *Historical Commission News*

Welcome Kurt Leininger and Christian Arena to the Malvern Historical Commission! There are still openings for volunteers to join the Commission. If you are interested, email the Borough Manager at [Malvern@malvern.org](mailto:Malvern@malvern.org) or send your letter of intent along with your contact information.

In commemoration of the 125th Anniversary, the Historical Commission is hosting a Chester County Town Tours and Walks next year. The Historical Commission is looking for volunteers and docents who would like to assist with the tour. If you are interested in sharing the history of Malvern with others, please email [malvernhc@yahoo.com](mailto:malvernhc@yahoo.com). A meeting will be held in February so look for more information then!

The Historical Commission will be at the National Bank of Malvern during Victorian Christmas. Start your holiday shopping early. You can purchase books on the history of Malvern from the borough website. If you would like, come see us! Email us to schedule a History Center visit.

## *Happy Retirement Wishes to Peter S. Thorpe, Public Works*

After serving the Borough for 38 years, Peter Thorpe hung up his shovel in June and joined the happy folks who are now enjoying retirement. The Borough's "old-timers" may remember Peter coming out to their homes and reading their water meter prior to the time we sold our waterworks in 1991. Peter served as our in-house carpenter who built the steps for the judges for the Halloween Parade, the backstop for Santa Claus and many other sundry items (too numerous to list) that we've needed over the years. Peter was a real asset to the residents of our community by helping in whatever way he could. He went above and beyond the call of duty. Peter will be sorely missed and we wish him good health and much happiness in his retirement!!! I understand that his wife has quite a "honey-do" list already in the making.....

## *Welcome to Steve Brown, Public Works*

Following the retirement of Peter Thorpe, a replacement was needed to fill his shoes. After a rigorous interview process, we believe that we found the perfect replacement in Stephen A. Brown. Steve came to us from Charlestown Paving, has a lot of experience doing what our Public Works Department does best, and has already fit right in. We welcome Steve to the Borough and wish him many happy years serving our residents.

## *Attention Malvern Seniors*

Events and activities for the Great Valley Senior Center can be accessed through the Borough's website at [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org). At the top of the page, click on the heading Resource Center. From the drop down menu, hover over Clubs and Orgs and to the right you'll see the drop down menu for Great Valley Senior Center. Click on that link for current monthly activities and information. The Calendar shows you activities for the month. For additional information on an area of interest, click on that specific page.

## *Winter Snow Plowing*

The Borough Public Works Department is responsible for the plowing and salting of all borough owned streets during winter weather events. We will attempt to keep the main travel portion of the streets open and passable during the duration of the storm. At the conclusion of the storm, we push the snow back as close as possible to the curb line. ***Please do not throw snow into the streets after they have been plowed.*** After the streets are cleared we will clear and clean the borough owned sidewalks and lots.

## **MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

- Have you visited the Children's Room lately? Teri Flint, sponsored by the Malvern Community Arts Project, is working on murals. See how many creatures you can find! The MOMS Club of Malvern and Matt Urban have been working to create new seating, storage and display areas on the porch. Matt is working on his Eagle Award Project. Stop in to see how they are transforming our porch!
- The Library will be a drop off point for the Annual Coat Drive until Friday, Dec. 13th and the Food Drive until Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Don't forget to stop in the Library on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, during Malvern's Victorian Christmas celebration. We will have a take away holiday craft available from 11 am to 1 pm.
- We are partnering with Swiss Farms in a fundraiser. Come to the circ desk and receive your Swiss Farm Fresh Family Card. When you use it while shopping at Swiss Farm, you'll receive a 5% discount and the Library will receive a 3% donation. For more information, call 610-644-7259.
- We are always looking for interested residents to volunteer at the library. We can always use volunteers to help out at various community events, during fundraising events and to serve on our Board. If you are interested, stop by the Library and speak to Rosalie Dietz or call 610-644-7259.
- Don't forget you can download FREE e-books from [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org). Renewals are now allowed on items that are not on hold. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask us.

## *Reminders from the Police Department*

Winter is quickly approaching and now is the time to prepare for the snow and ice. Have your vehicle checked to make sure the battery is able to handle the cold weather. Have the anti-freeze levels checked, and make sure you have plenty of windshield fluid. You should keep the fuel tank above half full in case you were to get stuck, or become disabled. A snow shovel and a blanket is also a good item to have with you during your travels in the winter weather.

The Police continue to see an increase in car break-ins; please keep your car doors locked at all times and keep all valuables out of site. If you see anything suspicious please call 911 immediately.

The police department receives many complaints about speeding vehicles in the Borough. Please remember the speed limit in Malvern Borough is **25 mph**. Please watch your speed; speeding is not worth the fine, or worse yet, an accident.

Did you know? PA Vehicle Code section 4302a3 requires a vehicles head lights to be on any time the windshield wipers are in continual or intermittent use, no matter what time of day. Be aware of this law!

Malvern Police Department would like to welcome four new Officers:

- **Officer Jeremy Sorensen.** Officer Sorensen is a 2012 graduate of the Delaware County Community College Police Academy. This is Officer Sorensen's first police job.
- **Officer Dave Felker.** Officer Felker comes to Malvern with 18 years Police experience, and is a full-time Sergeant in Easttown Township.
- **Officer John Williams.** Officer Williams also has 18 years Police experience and served as a K9 officer in the past.
- **Officer Brian Hughes.** Officer Hughes has 15 years Police experience and 18 years as a fire fighter. Officer Hughes serves as a full time firefighter in East Whiteland Township.

Please help in welcoming these officers as they are here to serve the residents of Malvern Borough.

A reminder to everyone - all calls for police should go through the 911 center.

## *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](http://www.malvern.org), or the Reader Board at Borough Hall, for dates they will be collected.

## *The Codes Enforcement Officer....*

### Refuse Collection

Recently I've received several calls regarding trash receptacles and recycle bins being left at the curb either a day or so before pick up and / or being left out at the curb for up to a day or more after the collection.

If you have private trash collection properties, your trash must be picked up within twenty (20) hours after you put it out. For Borough collection properties, your containers should be placed out at the curb (but not blocking the sidewalk) no earlier than 5:00 PM the evening before the collection and brought back in no later than 7:00 PM the evening of the collection. If you're going to be away when the collection takes place you may ask a neighbor to bring your containers in from the curb for you.

## *The Malvern Farmer's Market*

The Malvern Farmer's Market in Burke Park continues to be a huge success and will continue into the winter months. The last I heard, they will be in Burke Park through November, then may be moving to a new location in the Borough for the rest of the winter. You may visit their website at [www.growingrootspartners.com](http://www.growingrootspartners.com) to learn what items will be available each week and when they will be moving to their new location to keep out of the cold!

## *Malvern's Victorian Christmas and Road Closures*

Malvern's Victorian Christmas Tree Lighting will take place this year on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in Burke Park. Activities throughout town will be held from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Following the tree lighting, be sure to participate in the performances and activities around town. Most of the activities are FREE. The fun will continue on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-3:00pm. For specific information regarding the various events/activities available on Friday and Saturday, go to [www.malvernchristmas.org](http://www.malvernchristmas.org). A flyer is enclosed, as well.

**Road closures** for December 7<sup>th</sup> 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! No one has yet been 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.

## ***SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS !***

We encourage all residents to take advantage of ReadyNotifyPA, a Community Alert System. Notifications through ReadyNotify PA can be sent directly to your e-mail account; cell phone; pagers or smartphones/PDA's. This is a fast way to receive notifications that affect Malvern Borough. Sign up at <http://chesco.alertpa.org>. We will be notifying our residents of events, emergencies or general notifications of interest through this alert system. Don't be left behind! Please sign up today!

## *Parks & Recreation Committee*

Do you enjoy our events at the Park? Do you have ideas of additional events or other types of events that you would like to see in the Park? If so, consider joining our Parks and Recreation Committee and become involved in the decision-making process. We have a five member Committee and are currently looking for interested members to join, bring their ideas and assist at the events. If you have an interest, please contact the Borough Manager by phone at 610-644-2602 or e-mail at [Malvern@malvern.org](mailto:Malvern@malvern.org). We hope you will consider joining our wonderful group of volunteers!!

## *Keep Activity that Causes Pollution Out of Drainage Areas*

- Waste, grease and product storage, as well as cleaning and other industrial processes, should be located away from rainwater or snowmelt flow paths.
- Outdoor projects such as painting, fertilizing, chemical mixing, etc. should take place in dry weather and should be rescheduled if rain or snow is in the forecast.
- If it is not possible to protect rainwater runoff from activities on your property, consider doing them elsewhere. For example, take vehicles to a commercial car wash that recycles water instead of washing them onsite and allowing dirt and detergents to enter storm drains. Consider renting off-site enclosed storage space if it is not possible to cover and secure outdoor materials or waste products.
- Direct the flow of rainwater runoff away from supplies, grease and waste storage by using raised earthen barrier berms, curbing, or other constructed devices. Move materials to drier locations if needed.
- Keep dumpsters and other containers away from roof gutter downspouts to prevent rusting of containers and leaking of their contents.