

News from Borough Council

Following the successful award of the TCDI Grant, twelve RFP's were received and interviews were held with three consultants. Because all three were outstanding candidates, no decision has yet been made but a decision will be made the week of April 16th. This study will provide potential developers with a good work product for future development. The Study will clearly define what the Borough would expect to see should development occur.

The line striping on W. King Street was recently removed and replaced to allow parking on the north side of the street between Crest Avenue and Malvern Avenue.

CRC Clean Streams Cleanup Event at Randolph Woods - May 5th - 9:00 am

The 15th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at dozens of streamside locations in Chester and Delaware Counties. Those residents wishing to assist at their local site can volunteer to help clean up Randolph Woods in Malvern Borough, from 9-11:30 am in this joint effort by CRC Watersheds Assn., Willistown Conservation Trust, Willistown Township and Malvern Borough. Hiking boots or old sneakers are recommended. Gloves and bags will be provided. This site is suitable for younger children.

Following the clean-up, all volunteers are invited to a complimentary picnic at Pavilion 8 at Ridley Creek State Park from 11:45-1:00pm. Preregister to reserve a free participant t-shirt!! To register, please contact Blake Goll at 610-353-2562 x20 or bhg@wctrust.org OR contact CRC at crc@nni.com at 610-892-8731 and let them know you're volunteering for Randolph Woods in Malvern Borough. Hope to see you there!!

Town-Wide Yard Sale: Burke Park, Saturday May 12th - 9 AM-Noon

Rain date - Sunday, May 13th - 10 AM

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 crafts they made with Mom. Participants should bring their own tables, chairs, and change for the transactions. Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee will provide refreshments. Rain Date is Sunday, May 13th, at 10 AM.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up - May 19th

Bulk trash pick-up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, throughout the Borough. Freon appliances must have a certification of removal clearly VISIBLE. Doors to all bulk items must be removed. 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 5:00 p.m. the night before collection or by 6:30 a.m. 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.

This will be the only bulk trash pick-up date this year!!

Trash and Recycling - Just a Heads-Up!

Our current trash and recycling contract expires in June. When we re-bid the contract, we will be seeking an alternate bid for trash collection for collection at the rate of one time per week in addition to the two times per week we generally bid. This may impact future collections. Check-out our website for updates.

Parks & Recreation Spring & Summer Event Schedule

The Parks & Recreation Committee has put together some new and exciting events for you and your family this year. Mark your calendars with the following dates:

May 12th (Saturday), 9:00 a.m.- 12 Noon – Borough Wide Yard Sale in Burke Park
Rain Date – May 13th at 10:00 a.m..

May 18th (Friday), Movie Night – 7:00 p.m. entertainment and Movie at dusk

June 15th (Friday) – Spring Fling/Ice Cream Social – 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Burke Park

Check out the borough's website at www.malvern.org, for dates of future events.

Another Convenience Service Added - Credit Card Payments

Just a reminder that the Borough can now accept VISA or MasterCard credit card payments for Real Estate Taxes, Sewer Rents 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.

Shade Tree Commission - 2011 Highlights

The Shade Tree Commission gives a hearty thanks to the enthusiastic volunteers who planted 18 trees in the Borough's public spaces, including the Paoli Memorial Grounds, Randolph Woods and Rubino Park. We also extend our gratitude to the Club of Little Gardens of Malvern for contributing funds for the purchase of a new tree planted in Burke Park to commemorate the Club's "80th" Anniversary. The Commission is currently planning this year's activities and if you're interested in helping out, please contact the Borough Manager.

Attention Malvern Seniors

The Great Valley Senior Center offers many programs for seniors – mini-trips; card games (pinochle, canasta and bridge), needlework, puzzles, games, Book Clubs (History and WhatEver), Tai Chi, Line Dancing and Art Therapy. In addition, the Center recently purchased a Wii and is looking for "bowlers" to participate in a "tournament". The members meet at the rear of the K. D. Markley Administration building on Church Road in Frazer. In addition, the GVSC sponsors BINGO every Monday afternoon at the Knights of Columbus, 1392 Old Phoenixville Pike, West Chester, from noon until 3PM. Although it is a West Chester address, it's right off King Road, past Johnson Matthey, on the left hand side. Old Phoenixville Pike is a No Outlet Road and the Knights of Columbus is at the end of the road on the right hand side – not eight minutes from Malvern Borough. Monday BINGO begins at 12 noon and doors open at 10:30. For more information on activities and programs, call 610-889-2121.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites

May 19th – Owen J. Roberts Middle School – NO E-Waste Accepted

June 22nd (Friday) – Coatesville Middle School Parking Lot– E-Waste Accepted

All events start at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. SHARP!!

Check our website at www.malvern.org for Acceptable E-Waste and Not Acceptable E-Waste. Addresses of Events are also on the website or call 610-644-2602

Annual Shredding, Recycling and National Drug Take-Back Day - April 28th 9:00-1:00 - Penn State Great Valley

Rep. Milne's office is having their annual shredding, recycling and National Drug Take-Back Day event on Saturday, April 28th, from 9 am. to 1 pm at the Penn State Great Valley Campus Parking Lot, 30 E. Swedesford Road, Malvern. For more info., visit our website at www.malvern.org under Trash and Recycling or call Rep. Milne's office at 610-251-1070.

VOTE ON APRIL 24TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHANNING AVENUE

The Codes Enforcement Officer Reminds You about...

Property Maintenance in Malvern

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 watertight, and all structures including sheds and fences to be in good repair and safe condition. Additionally, all vehicles on the property shall have current registration and state inspection.

The interior of buildings are also required to be kept in a safe and sanitary condition. No accumulation of rubbish and trash should be kept inside, all plumbing fixtures must be working properly with no leaks (especially the piping), heating systems must be working properly, kitchen facilities are maintained in good condition and working properly, and probably one of the most important, smoke detectors shall be installed on each level of the building including basements, attics and all sleeping rooms and they must be working!

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.

News at the Malvern Public Library

- The Annual Library Phonathon was held March 25th and 26th. Thank you to all who generously donated to our most important fundraiser and the great volunteers who made the calls and wrote letters. Please remember to send in your pledge. It's not too late, donation forms are available at the library or by calling the desk at 610-644-7259.
- Did you know that you can borrow pre-loaded Nooks from the Library? Each Library in Chester County has seven nooks that are pre-loaded with books in a specific genre (fiction, mystery, romance, science fiction/fantasy, thriller, non-fiction and biography). You can place a hold on a specific Nook (they are very popular and are rarely on the shelf at any library). They have a loan period of 3 weeks and cannot be renewed.
- Summer is around the corner and the library is planning reading programs and activities around the theme of **Dream Big**. Registration for our summer programs will begin Wednesday, June 13th. Malvern Public Library will once again host Science in the Summer sponsored by Glaxo SmithKline. This year's topic is chemistry and will be held July 23rd through July 26th. Registration for Science in the Summer will begin Monday, July 9th. Calendars will be available in late May. Malvern Library is also partnering in the GoWilma Program. Details on all summer programs will be available in the library and online at www.malvernpublib.org in late May.

GO WilMa (Get Outside Willistown and Malvern!)

Adventurous New Program

Initiated by Willistown Township Parks and Recreation, the GO WilMa program combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, and reading. The Willistown/Malvern coalition members are Willistown Township Parks and Recreation, Malvern Borough, Malvern Library, Paoli Library, Paoli Hospital and Activate Chester County.

Our GO WilMa program is based on the library summer reading program theme identified annually by the National Collaborative Summer Library Program. The 2012 theme is “Dream Big – Read!”. The program is designed for K-5th graders and runs from June through Labor Day. The summer reading theme is used as an inspiration for our Get Outside (GO) Willistown and Malvern summer programming theme, which is “GO and Reach for the Stars!”. Check out www.willistownparks.org for details of the program as they unfold.

Your kids can easily glean the benefits of such a program that promotes healthy minds and bodies and a love of the outdoors – as can you!

The goals of the GO WilMa program include:

- ✓ Promoting physical activity

- ✓ Promoting Willistown Township's and Malvern Borough's parks, open space, historic and community treasures, and the Town of Malvern
- ✓ Promoting reading
- ✓ Promoting curiosity about the natural world
- ✓ Promoting health/fitness/wellness
- ✓ Creating a sense of community

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary McLoughlin at Willistown Parks and Recreation, 610-647-5300 x224.

The Moms Club Invites You to....Come Out and Play this Spring!!

Less than 1 mile from the borough, Friends of Greentree Park in partnership with Willistown Parks & Rec., has raised money to fund new playground equipment at Greentree Park on Grubb Road and Woodland Avenue. Greentree Park was an under utilized community resource that needed new equipment to attract more families in our area to get outside and play. The park has parking, restrooms, fences, picnic tables, green space and now – fun new equipment for kids ages 2-12. The community group of local parents will continue to sell engraved fence pickets to help fund small equipment and amenities, and finish the community donor wall, which also serves as a barrier fence to keep little ones within reach. Watch for installations this Spring and check out <http://willistownparks.org> for a schedule of “Thrilling Third Thursday” family events at the park and other great programs being offered this summer. For more information about supporting this project please visit – <http://www.momsclubofmalvern.org>. See you at the playground!!

Malvern Blooms Spring Family Festival - May 6th - 10am-4pm

This is always one of Malvern's favorite events! This year there will be some additional events, such as the Grilling Contest that will feature celebrity judges, including our own Mayor Jerry McGlone. The Festival proceeds will benefit “Teach Anti Bullying, Inc.”. Another new feature of this year's event will be the Beer Garden, run by the Flying Pig Saloon and a KidZone featuring a batting cage, moon bounce and more! Of course, the usual favorites will be on hand including crafts, music, food and jewelry. The date is May 6th and its rain or shine!! (See flyer insert)

Leash Law - OBEY OUR LAWS!!

The Borough continually receives complaints from residents who report that other residents are not obeying the leash law, particularly at the Paoli Memorial Grounds and the Paoli Battlefield site.

With spring in the air, Malvern Police remind dog owners to keep an even closer eye on their pets. Dogs must be maintained on a leash and dogs are not permitted to run at large on public property. Although your dog may be friendly, many people are frightened by dogs. Police will issue a warning for the first violation and a summary citation will be issued to the dog owner on subsequent violations. The Malvern Police appreciate your cooperation with obeying this ordinance.

Historical Commission News

The Malvern Historical Commission has been hard at work with the Planning Commission on developing a Historical Ordinance for the Borough. This is starting to look like it will take the form of a Historic Overlay District, in which the properties would have some level of regulation. There has been no formal ordinance drafted yet, but we are asking for public comment regarding its development – we are very anxious not to have anyone feel as though their rights are not being considered!! We hosted a very successful meeting in March, which had about 10 attendees and got some really good feedback. Thanks to all who came! We are planning to host another of these meetings on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Council meeting room. We invite anyone to attend who has an interest in hearing about the Historical Ordinance!

The Historical Commission is planning to be at the Malvern Blooms Festival on May 6th. Please stop by our table to chat with us, look at our display items, and purchase various “Malvern” items, including our history books, magnets, coins, and postcards! We love to share our stories and hear yours as well. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in visiting the History Center, call the Borough or email us at malvernhc@yahoo.com.