

News from Borough Council

Borough Council welcomes Mark Ercole, Chief of Police. Malvern has entered into a contract with the East Whiteland Police Department to provide an interim Chief for at least one year. Chief Ercole has spent 26 years as a police officer with East Whiteland, the last 5 as a Lieutenant. Mark has extensive managerial, supervisory and general police experience. Council believes that Chief Ercole will provide excellent leadership to the members of our Police Department and his arrival places our Department, residents and business community in good hands.

At the Regular Meeting of Council on June 19th, Council adopted an Ordinance amending Chapter 139 "Parks and Recreation" to declare certain parks and playgrounds as tobacco-free zones. It will now be unlawful to use any tobacco products in Quann Memorial Park, Theodore S. A. Rubino Park, Randolph Woods or Burke Park in the Borough of Malvern, which parks have been designated tobacco-free. This action was a part of the Young Lungs at Play initiative sponsored by the *Southeastern Pennsylvania Tobacco Control Project* and *Chester County Health Department* by eliminating children's exposure to secondhand smoke and harmful litter at local public parks and playgrounds. Signs will be posted at the parks.

After four years of review and discussion, the 2012 Comprehensive Plan has been adopted! The Plan is consistent with Chester County's guidelines of *Landscapes2*, with *Linking Landscapes* and with *Watersheds, An Integrated Water Resources Plan for Chester County and Its Watersheds*. Many Plan Maps are included in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and they are well designed and easy to read. The Plan will be on the Borough's website at www.malvern.org in the near future. Take a look at it. As well as a list of items to be completed within the next ten years, it provides a great deal of information about the Borough itself.

Regarding Trash and Recyclables, Borough Council approved the contracts for twice a week trash collection and once a week recycling pick-up. The haulers remained the same. Just a reminder that we have single stream recycling that means all recycling material can be placed in one container. Nothing needs to be separated. It's easy and recycling benefits all of us! Recycle everything that has the little recycle symbol on it!

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Events for the Family

August 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Children's activities in Burke Park. Bring a box dinner. Dessert provided.

August 24, 7:00 p.m.- Movie Night in Burke Park – 7:00 Entertainment, Movie at Dusk – Popcorn and water

September 8, 9:00-12:00 -Yard Sale in Burke Park – Rain Date September 9 from 12:00 to 3:00.

(Come set up your own "vendor station" in Burke Park and get rid of those items you've been storing in your basements and garages. Might also be a good time to clean out yours and your children's closets and bring some outgrown winter clothing that others might buy.) Bring your own tables, chairs, and change for the transactions. Pastries, donuts, O.J., coffee and hot chocolate will be available.

September 23, 4:30-6:30 Fall Fest in Burke Park – Rain Date October 7 - Free pizza and soda, Band

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.

YOUR SEWER BILL IS ENCLOSED IN THIS ENVELOPE

MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

- What a great summer!!! Hope everyone is reading 30 minutes a day and exploring the parks in Malvern and Willistown! Friday, August 17th is the last day to turn in your reading logs and get your Wishing Well Tickets for our book drawings. You need to present your Go WilMa Captain Log with your completed star stamps by Friday, August 24th to get the raffle tickets for the prize drawing at Fall Fest on Saturday, Sept. 8th. If you took photos while searching for your star stamps, share them on the website or Facebook page for Go WilMa.
- Book clubs start up again in the fall. We'll be discussing The Paris Wife by Paula McLean on Tuesday, September 11th.
- Register to Read to Bruno, our Tail Waggin' Tutor on Tuesday evenings. He is happy to listen from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- Registration for the Fall Storytime will start in September. Be sure to sign up and give your child a leg up in school readiness.
- As always, to see what is happening at Malvern Public Library, go to www.malvernpubliclibrary.org.

2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites

Saturday, September 8 – New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA 19350 –
NO E-WASTE ACCEPTED - (Proof of Residency May Be Required)

Saturday, October 13, 2012 – Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380 –
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.

Malvern Fall Festival and Bark in the Park September 30th - 11am-4pm

This is another one of Malvern's favorite events! The Fall Festival will have three main areas to include King Street, Bark in the Park and the Kid Zone. King Street will feature an assortment of vendors, crafters, entertainment, Food Court and the Beer Garden. Burke Park will be home to the Bark in the Park, featuring pet related activities and vendors. The KidZone will be jammed packed with children's activities and amusements. Pack up the kids and the dogs and make a day of it in Malvern!!

The Codes Enforcement Officer Reminds You....

Hedges, Bushes and Flowers Along Sidewalks and Sidewalk Maintenance

As the hedges, bushes and flowers grow along the sidewalk at your property; please make sure that they don't spread to the point where they obstruct the sidewalk. This makes it difficult, not to mention dangerous, for pedestrians who use the sidewalks. In light of Malvern Borough's size, many people, residents and non-residents alike, use the sidewalks to get around. In addition, where vegetation is planted near road intersections, it's important to keep them trimmed back so they don't become a sight hazard to motorists attempting to go through those intersections.

Speaking of sidewalks, residents and businesses are required to maintain their sidewalks in good repair and free from trip hazards. While out trimming the vegetation along the sidewalk, take a look at the condition of the sidewalk for cracks and broken sections. If a section of the concrete (including along cracked areas) is about a half inch higher than the section next to it, a pedestrian could well trip and fall and hurt themselves. These areas need to be repaired or replaced in order to keep the sidewalks safe.

Trash and Recycling Responsibilities of non-Borough Collection Properties

All non-borough collection properties are required to contract with their own hauler for trash and recycling pick-ups. And, recycling IS required of all non-borough collection properties! Letters were recently mailed asking for the names of your haulers. Please respond at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Borough Collection Properties

Guidelines for Recycling at the Curb

Recyclables are commodities. Dirty or contaminated, they are worthless. Clean and properly prepared recyclables have value and may be turned into new products. Please be sure to rinse all aluminum cans, glass bottles, jars, metal cans and all food containers before placing them in your recycle bin.

East Goshen Farmer's Market

Chester County is one of the sponsors of the East Goshen Farmer's Market. The Market is open every Thursday from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Park Veteran's Pavilion. The market features 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..... Check it out! Many new vendors are participating this year.

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

Historical Commission News

Interested in the history of our great town? We have openings for members on the Historical Commission. Send a resume and letter of interest to the borough! Also, we meet every month! You never know what you might learn when you visit us at a meeting.

New in the history center: two child sized baseball shirts sponsored by two local businesses, Rado's Pharmacy and Quann's Hardware. Stop by when the door is open to see these gems. See you at the fall festival!

News from the Police Department

With warmer weather approaching, citizens are reminded to keep their vehicles locked while parked in the driveway, on the street and in parking lots. Keep your valuables out of sight by locking them in the trunk or taking them with you, especially in public parks.

Please keep your garage doors closed, especially at night or when you are away from the home, to prevent garage "hopping".

Crimes against seniors are on the rise. Please do not be lured out of the house to "look at property lines" or for any other reason, by a contractor you did not hire. Most scams in this area involve a subject coming to the house of an elderly person and luring them outside to view property lines. Once outside, another person goes into the house to look for cash and other valuables. If this occurs, call 911 immediately and get a vehicle description and a license plate number, if possible.

Another popular scam involves a subject contacting grandparents and reporting that their grandchild has been arrested (usually in a foreign country) and needs bail money to get out or they are stranded. On occasion, a subject will get on the phone and act as the grandchild. The subject requests money to be sent via Western Union. If this occurs, please call 911 **before** sending any money.

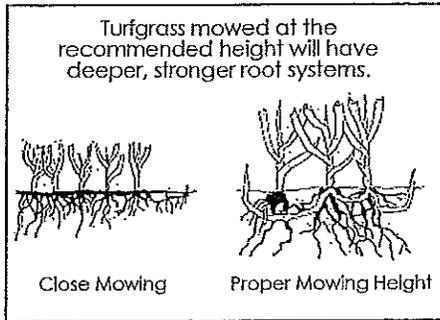
Thunderstorms and power outages cause traffic signals to go out. If they do, they are to be treated as a stop sign in every direction.

Obey the LEASH LAW

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 warning or 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!

Raise Mower Height for Healthier Lawns, Cleaner Water

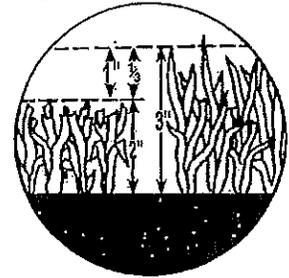
Turfgrass, like other plants, must manufacture sugars through photosynthesis in their leaves if they are to develop into a high quality lawn. Closely mowed lawns have limited leaf area to take in the sunlight to produce the food they need to be healthy.



Source: Ohio State University Extension

In addition to leaf area, a direct relationship exists between the height of turfgrass plants and the depth and total mass of their root system. **Kentucky blue grass and tall fescue lawns mowed at the recommended summer height of 3 inches have roots more than twice as deep as those of closely cropped lawns.** The shallow, weak roots of closely mowed lawns exhibit stress first and loss of grass plants to competing weeds is more likely, particularly during the summer. Raising mower heights during the summer will keep soil temperatures cooler, preserve soil moisture and help maintain turfgrass quality.

Thicker lawns are more weed resistant, absorb more stormwater, lose less sediment during storms, and need less fertilizer. So this June, **remember to raise your mower height to three inches, or remind your lawn service company, for a healthier lawn and cleaner streams this summer.**



THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO PROTECT CLEAN WATER!

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This message is brought to you by your municipality and Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, www.crcwatersheds.org.

Keep Car Washing from Harming Our Streams

Did you know:

- Soapy runoff from vehicle washing enters storm drains and flows untreated into local streams.
- Detergent levels as low as 0.1 ppm can harm wildlife and negatively impact drinking water and supplies.
- Even biodegradable detergents contain surfactants which can harm fish.
- Tap water from running hoses contains enough chlorine to kill fish in local streams.



Photo taken on a Crum Creek tributary in winter showing detergent discharge from stormwater outfall and algae in the stream.

Use a commercial car wash whenever possible. They typically use half the water, and treat and reuse the water before discharging it to sanitary sewers.



If use of a commercial car wash is not possible, please follow these precautions:

- 1) Park the car so that water runs off onto a grassy area, not to the street. Use protective measures to redirect water onto grass and to block nearby stormdrains.
- 2) Use a bucket of wash water with minimal detergent or plain water with sponges and towels, not a running hose, to wash and rinse the car.
- 3) Use a high-pressure, low-volume hose with a trigger nozzle to refill the bucket. Do not allow hose to run freely on the pavement.

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