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News from Borough Council

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You spoke and we listened!! Malvern has signed on with a service called Constant Contact. If you go to the borough website at www.malvern.org and click on *Join our Email List*, you will be asked to provide your email address, name and address and you will be given a menu of choices of what you'd like to receive via email. There are multiple choices so that you can choose exactly what you'd like. Emergency Declarations and Community Events will also be available through Facebook and Ready Notify. You can also remove your email address from the list at any time. It couldn't be easier.

The Public Safety Committee has been very active in responding to your concerns regarding on-street parking by commuters. You are all familiar with the temporary parking restrictions on Monument Avenue. The purpose of those temporary restrictions was to see where the traffic would go if there was not enough parking available on Monument Avenue. We found that the traffic went to Prospect Avenue, First Avenue and Griffith Avenue. If parking restrictions are placed on these streets, commuters will find other streets on which to park. To that end, the Public Safety Committee has recommended to Council 4-hour limited parking between 8am to 4pm weekdays, excluding Holidays, on the following streets: Monument Avenue from Griffith Avenue to Powelton Avenue, Griffith Avenue, Prospect Avenue, First Avenue from Church Street to the Griffith Avenue paper street, Powelton Avenue from Monument Avenue to First Avenue, Channing Avenue from First Avenue to King Street, Woodland Avenue from Roberts Lane to First Avenue, Church Street from Roberts Lane to First Avenue, High Street, Longford Avenue from Broad Street to Old Lincoln Highway and Roberts Lane from Woodland Avenue to Church Street. Current restrictions on these streets will not change. Parking permits are issued to those residents who do not have off street parking and have a parking restriction posted on their street. Council will be discussing this proposed ordinance at their November 4th meeting.

At the 125th Anniversary meeting of Borough Council, held on September 16th (the actual date of the very first Council meeting 125 years ago), Proclamations were made to the Borough by both Senator Andrew Dinniman and by Bob Jones, representing Representative Duane Milne, commemorating the 125th Anniversary. Thank you to the members of the Historical Commission for their presentation of four Historical Commission Preservation Awards to the following recipients: Neal Baldwin for the Hoffman House, 24 W. King Street, (Residential Award) for the sign displaying the history of the building; Lydia Willits Bartholomew for the National Bank of Malvern, 2 W. King Street (Commercial Award), for retaining its original architectural design since being built; Kathleen Jamieson of Andrews Management Corporation, 101 Church Street (Adaptive Reuse Award), for retaining the look of the original fire house at the time of renovations; and, to Pastor Bob Stradling, The First Baptist Church of Malvern, 146 Channing Avenue (Institutional Award), for researching and documenting the church's history and earning the designation of Certified Chester County Historic Resource. The Historical Commission also recognized Katie Mastrangelo and Raadhika Tandon for their artistic talent in the design of the 125th commemorative coin. The Malvern Community Arts Project sponsors were recognized for their support of the mural projects. Council President David Bramwell then recognized and thanked the past members of Borough Council and Mayor who were in attendance, as well as, those who were unable to attend, and all the past and current volunteers on the various Boards and Commissions for their service to the community. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

Malvern Farmer's Market

The last outdoor market in Burke Park will be Dec. 6th. The Market will then move into the First Baptist Church on Channing Avenue for the **1st and 3rd Saturday of the month**, with the first indoor market being Dec. 20. The winter market hours will be 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Stock up for the holidays on Dec. 20th!!

MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Have you enjoyed the flower pots at the entrance of our building? They are created and maintained by the members of the Club of Little Gardens of Malvern. One of their members, Stephanie Miller, has donated an incredible plant to the library. It is a lovely Double Bloom Medinilla with amazing cascading pink flowers. The plant is a native of the Philippine Islands. Many people who frequent the library can now enjoy its beauty.

- We are grateful for her generosity in particular and for the work all the members do in providing a welcoming entrance to our building.
- There will be a new exhibit on the walls of the library beginning in mid-October. The works of the Delaware County Collage Collective will be displayed. Be sure to stop in and enjoy this exhibit.
- The Library will be a drop off point for the Annual Coat Drive and Food Drive again this holiday season. We will also be collecting new socks during the month of October for homeless shelters, children shelters and programs serving the disadvantaged.
- Don't forget to stop in the Library on Saturday, December 6th, during Malvern's Victorian Christmas celebration. We will have a take away holiday craft available from 11 am to 1 pm.
- Looking for an unusual holiday gift? Why not make a donation in honor of someone? We'll purchase the item and create a bookplate naming the honoree. Or we still have a few t-shirts that will spark conversation around the holiday table!
- 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.
- Did you know you can now access e-magazines through the CCLS.org homepage? Look for the Flipster icon and see what magazines are available.
- CCLS has launched a new mobile app for its libraries that that will provide quick and easy access to your library account and many of our services. The app is free and can be downloaded to mobile devices. The free app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, and can be found by searching for "Chester County Library System."

Planning Commission News

In August of this year, Borough Council appointed Geoff Rubino to the Malvern Planning Commission (MPC). Geoff replaces Cecelia Oswald who has taken-on a major volunteer position with the Girl Scouts. Cecelia served the Borough - with distinction - for six years as an MPC member.

MPC continues to work on a package of selected changes to the Borough's Subdivision and Land Use ordinances to be recommended for adoption by Borough Council. We are also surveying the Borough sidewalks as we did in 2009, this time including a review of signage throughout the Borough. The survey results will form the basis for a report - with recommendations - to Borough Council. We have also been reviewing several applications for subdivision along Old Lincoln Highway.

The Planning Commission typically meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 7:30 PM at Borough Hall. Changes to the schedule are posted to the website in advance. Borough residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Shade Tree Commission

The members of the Shade Tree Commission invite you to join them at the Paoli Memorial Association grounds, Monument Avenue, on Saturday, November 1st, at 11:00 a.m. for a dedication ceremony of the celebratory tree, a 2 ½" caliper swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*, that is being planted in honor of the Borough's 125th Anniversary. The *Quercus bicolor* is a deciduous, medium sized, native tree that grows rapidly. It forms an impressive shade tree that typically grows between 65-80 feet. This tree will be magnificent for future generations to enjoy as it can reach 300-350 years.

Thank you to the members of the Shade Tree Commission for planting this celebratory tree in honor of the Borough of Malvern's 125th Anniversary!!

Malvern Historical Commission News

This has been such an exciting and memorable year, celebrating our 125th Anniversary! The Historical Commission was thrilled to be a part of numerous events! One in particular was the "historical" scavenger hunt, held in August, in which about 30 young people (and some very determined parents!) scampered all over town looking for answers to clues. Participants were given our 125th Anniversary coin and some frozen yogurt just for making it to the end, and the winners were given some very nice gift cards! Another was the official Borough celebration of the anniversary, which was held on the date of the very first ever Borough Council meeting. The Historical Commission bestowed our first ever preservation awards to four very deserving properties – the Hoffman House, the National Bank of Malvern, the Olde Malvern Firehouse, and the First Baptist Church of Malvern. We are so appreciative of the things each has done to preserve their building and history!

We would like to thank the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund for co-sponsoring our town tour in early August! Perhaps you saw the trolleys driving around town that evening? Maybe you were one of the lucky ones who rode a trolley! We hosted 12 FULL tours – 444 people – to five sites in the Borough. Thank you to our sponsors, our tour stops, and the numerous people who helped with the tour! It was truly a success which never would have happened without the involvement of so many!

Have you purchased your 125th Anniversary commemorative coin yet? If not, please make sure to see us at the National Bank of Malvern during the Victorian Christmas celebration on Friday, December 5th. The coins, with artwork courtesy of Great Valley High School art students, Katie Mastrangelo and Raadhika Tandon, will be on sale that evening for \$2 each. They would make a great stocking stuffer for a child or a Malvern collector! We will also be selling reprinted postcards, magnets, 75th anniversary coins, and our collection of 3 history books by Nancy Schmitt that evening. With Christmas right around the corner, you could have all your shopping done!

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 also encourage any and all interested people to attend our meetings. Our next one will be on Wednesday, October 29th at 7pm in the Borough Hall. Please contact us at our email address or call the Borough Office for more information! We'd love to have you visit us!

As our quasiquintennial draws to a close, we would love to thank everyone who helped with and/or participated in any of the events that took place over the year! You not only helped to keep our history alive, but helped to create new memories that will become a part of the Borough's history.

Codes Enforcement Officer - Bill Wilfong, CBO, Code Official Winter Weather and Sidewalks

As the amount of daylight grows shorter, another winter season approaches. That means the potential for another season of snow, with snow covered sidewalks and walkways. Early meteorological predictions, which I sincerely hope are wrong, call for a colder winter with above average precipitation, much of which could be snow!

After the snow has stopped falling, The **Malvern Borough Code** requires that sidewalks must be cleared at least 36" in width, within 24 hours. In addition, where icy patches may result on sidewalks, salt or some other non-skid material is required to minimize the chance for someone to slip and fall, until the sidewalk is clear and dry. And remember, it is unlawful to place the snow from sidewalks into the street.

If you have a neighbor who is elderly or unable to clear their sidewalk, perhaps several neighbors could help them out by clearing the sidewalk for them. This will help to ensure that all of the sidewalks in Malvern are passable this winter season.

REMINDERS – SEWER BILL ENCLOSED

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHANNING AVENUE

The Club of Little Gardens of Malvern

The Club of Little Gardens of Malvern invites you to join them for the following programs at the Malvern Borough Hall:

October 2 – 1:00 p.m. - “Fall Garden: Put it to Bed: Plan Ahead” – by a Montgomery County Master Gardener

February 5 – 1:00 p.m. - “Rain Gardens for Everyone” – Master Gardeners from Montgomery County

March 5 – 1:00 p.m. - “Japanese and Chinese Gardens” – A slide presentation and talk on the art of oriental gardens

April 2 – 1:00 p.m. - “Programs on Ferns” – Fabulous, feathery, fanciful, finery for your garden.

Presented by a Master Gardener.

Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat

The annual Malvern Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 26th. The Parade will line-up at 3:00 p.m. on King Street between Ruthland Avenue and Church Street. Participants will begin marching at 4:00 p.m. on King Street to the Malvern Shopping Center. There is **NO RAIN DATE!!** Come early to get a good seat to watch this “spooky” spectacle. The costumes are incredible!!

Trick or Treat is Friday, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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.

Remember to turn on your outside light to welcome the trick or treaters.

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 as there is no planned route or time for pick-up. 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. Leaves will not be collected after November.

Christmas trees will be collected on two Saturdays in January. Check out the Borough’s website at www.malvern.org for dates they will be collected. This information will also be available through our on-line e-mail notification system, through Facebook and displayed on our Reader Board at Borough Hall.

Malvern’s Victorian Christmas and Road Closures

Malvern’s Victorian Christmas Tree Lighting will take place this year on Friday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in Burke Park. Activities throughout town will be held from 5:45 p.m.–8:45 p.m. Most of the activities are **FREE**. The fun will continue on Saturday, December 6th, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For specific information regarding the various events/activities available on Friday and Saturday, go to www.malvernsvictorianchristmas.org.

Road closures for December 6th will be along King Street from Warren Avenue to Bridge Street from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

This is a rain, shine, snow or starlight event so come early to enjoy all the event has to offer.

Malvern Stroll - Third Thursday of the Month

The King Street merchants host their Third Thursday Malvern Stroll every month. If you haven’t experienced the Malvern Stroll, you don’t want to miss it. The shops are open late and the restaurants are bubbling with excitement. The next Stroll is November 20th. Put it on your calendar today. The retailers should be stocking up for the holiday season..... Friend Third Thursday on Facebook.

ENJOY A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON