

The Borough Broadcaster

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News from Borough Council

Following a lengthy process, the buildings that we've all been complaining about for so long on E. King Street, across from the bridge, have been demolished! The contractor did a great job of demolition, in-fill and putting in sod so that we can see "green" once again. Who knew all those trees were separating these properties from the ones on Roberts Lane? What a much more inviting entrance to our Borough! Many thanks to the property owner for following through with the demolition. It is such a nice improvement!!

Malvern Winter Farmers Market

Winter may be just around the corner, and we're gearing up for the indoor Malvern Winter Farmers Market. Our produce farmers have high tunnels, allowing them to grow select produce all season long, even in the cold months of winter. And all of our other bakeries, livestock farmers and more have product available all year long.

The market will continue in Burke Park every Saturday from 9 AM - 1 PM through December 5th. After that, we'll be moving to our indoor location for the Winter Farmers Market, the Malvern Baptist Church. Many thanks to the folks from the Malvern Baptist Church for inviting us back for the 3rd year in a row - we feel like part of the family. Winter market is held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 AM - noon, with the first market schedule for December 18th - perfect timing to stock up for all of your holiday needs.

We hope you'll continue your commitment to eating locally, and join us for the Malvern Winter Farmers Market. Questions: lisa@growingrootspartners.com.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

Never been to one of the Paoli Battlefield's Lecture Series events? You're really missing out on a fun, educational and entertaining evening. On Monday, November 9th at 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:45 pm), Bruce Gill will tell you all about Charles Thomson (the Secretary of the Continental Congress), the Man America Forgot. Book your reservation online today at <http://pbpfinc.org/lecture-series/>.

Planning Commission News

The Planning Commission has spent this quarter looking ahead to the future. We have brainstormed a variety of uses for Borough-owned sites -- the vacant property at 130 Woodland Avenue, the basketball courts and former Herzak garage at Old Lincoln Highway & Bridge Street, and the vacant property off Ruthland Avenue next to the fire house. In addition, with the help of a dedicated volunteer, we have completed a Walkability Report on the maintenance of sidewalks throughout the Borough. We have also reviewed changes to the proposed Historic Resource Protection Standards, held a discussion with the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund about how traffic may increase as they seek National Historic Landmark status, and attended a presentation about the potential redevelopment of the Great Valley Corporate Center as a mixed-use business area.

Proactively, the Borough is working towards creating an Official Map -- a tool that allows Pennsylvania municipalities to designate land for future public uses, including streets, parks, trails, and stormwater management. All residents with an interest in the future of our Borough (i.e., everyone!) are invited to attend our meetings in Borough Hall at 7:30 pm on the first and third Thursday of every month. Agendas, minutes, and schedule changes are posted to the Borough's website at www.malvern.org.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD FROM 7:00am to 8:00pm
Voting is 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 terrific programs at the Malvern Borough Hall:

November 5, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. – “Country Gardener” by Pat Neff – Japanese and Chinese Gardening.

March 3, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – “Furoshiki” – Japanese Art of Wrapping Gifts in Fabric.

April 7, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – “Daffodils” – Presented by Yvonne Brownlie from the Uwchlan Garden

Club

Malvern Historical Commission News

2015 allowed the Historical Commission to honor four Malvern buildings (and owners) for their dedication to preserving the historical look of our Borough. At September’s Borough Council meeting, we presented plaques to the following buildings:

Malvern Bible Chapel: Originally the Malvern Friends Meeting House, built in 1879. Though many changes to the building have been made, its exterior remains similar to how it looked over 130 years ago. They won our Institutional Use category.

Corner of Green St and First Ave: This house was undergoing renovations a couple of years ago, when the owners realized the deteriorating white siding was actually hiding a gorgeous brick building underneath. We thanked them with our Residential award for their restoration efforts.

Mauger-Givnish Funeral Home: Built in 1931, this masonry funeral home and crematory has serviced the region for decades, and has been beautifully maintained. They won our Commercial Use category.

Willistown Country Day School – Montessori: Malvern’s Monday Afternoon Club built this as their clubhouse in the late 1920s, where meetings and various community assemblies took place. Sold to the Borough in 1964, the building housed the Borough offices, the police department, and the public library until the mid-1980s. The Willistown Country Day School now occupies this building, demonstrating why they received our Adaptive Reuse award.

As the year closes, please keep in mind that we still have several items that would make great holiday gifts with local flavor, from small items to the large. Our commemorative coins from the 125th Anniversary are still available, as are a limited number of coins from our 100th and 75th celebrations. Also, we have five different postcards, reproduced from our archives, suitable for mailing or framing. If you recall the 125th Anniversary banners that hung from the streetlights in 2014, we still have several for purchase.

“A Century in Malvern,” “Malvern Items,” and “Malvern Treasures,” all authored by Nancy B. Schmitt, are also still available. Replete with photos, stories, and—in the case of “Treasures”—recipes, these books published by the Historical Commission are fascinating.

Any item is available at the Borough Offices during normal business hours, or we can be reached by email (malvernhc@yahoo.com) or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MalvernHC).

Additionally, we are excited to once again be guests of the National Bank of Malvern during the Friday night of Malvern Victorian Christmas. All items above, and possibly more, will be ready for purchase.

Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat

The annual Malvern Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 25th. 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 amazing and show so much imagination!!

Trick or Treat is Saturday, 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

ENJOY A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Malvern Public Library News

- There is a new exhibit on the walls of the library featuring the works of Sally Ritter and Michael Iacobucci. The art will be on exhibit through January 4th. 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. Coats will be collected from mid-November to mid-December. Now is the time to clean out your closets and donate any unused coats!
- Don't forget to stop in the Library on Saturday, December 5th, 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. We still have a few t-shirts that will spark conversation around the holiday table! A great stocking stuffer is our MPL tote bag.

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 19th. Put it on your calendar today. The retailers should be stocking up for the holiday season..... Friend Third Thursday on Facebook.

Codes Enforcement Officer - Bill Wilfong, CBO, Code Official Address Numbers

During some recent Use and Occupancy inspections, I've been noticing that address numbers on buildings has become an issue. Either they're too small to be seen from the street, they blend in with whatever background they're on, they're obstructed by vegetation, or placed on a door that may be left open during the summer, covered over by various holiday decorations or placed too low to be seen after it snows. The Borough's Property Maintenance Code contains a section dedicated to this, called "Premises Identification", and it says that, "Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches (12.7 mm)."

Remember when Emergency Services may be sent to your location, they're sent to an address on your street, so that's what they'll be looking for. The same with other folks, such as delivery services. Help them all out by ensuring that your address numbers are in a readily visible place and large enough to be seen.

Provided by William T. Wilfong IV, BCO, Code Official

A Special Thank You to the Club of Little Gardens

We would like to thank, once again, the Club of Little Gardens for the beautiful flower pots that adorn the entrance to McGuigan Hall. The ladies take such good care in planting and keeping them watered throughout the year. What a nice splash of color to our front entrance. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done!!

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 4th, 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 5th, 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 4th 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 Community Forum on Facebook

Looking for service providers in the Malvern area? Check out the Malvern Community Forum on Facebook! This is a Closed Group but you can join today! This group is for people who live in or near Malvern. They invite you to please feel free to post information about activities.

I've seen questions asking if anyone knows of a good child care facility, a housecleaner, etc. If you are looking for a good contractor, you could ask this Community for recommendations. It is a great fount of information. And, best of all, it is providing information based on personal experiences.

Calendar of Events (Not Previously Listed)

November 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn your clocks back on Saturday night.

November 3 – Election Day – Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm – Polling takes place at the First Baptist Church on Channing Avenue.

November 3 & 17 – 7:30 pm - Borough Council Meetings

November 5 & 19 – 7:30 pm - Planning Commission Meetings

November 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Farmer's Market in Burke Park

November 11 – VETERAN'S DAY – Remember to thank a veteran today! – Borough Offices Closed

November 23 – 7:30 pm - Historical Commission Meeting

November 26 – Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27 – Borough Offices Closed

December 1 & 15 – 7:30 pm - Borough Council Meeting

December 3 & 17 – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission Meeting

December 6 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown – Happy Hanukkah!!

December 25 – Merry Christmas!

December 26 – Kwanzaa Begins

December 31 – New Year's Eve – Have a safe and happy New Year!

January 1 – New Year's Day – Borough Offices Closed



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