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# Borough Broadcaster

Fall Newsletter

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## *News from Borough Council*

The summer has ended and we are now turning our attention to the end of the year activities. This summer was very productive and included the completion of a major paving project on S. Warren Ave. DiRocco Brothers, Inc. completed a mill and overlay of S. Warren Ave. from First Ave. to Paoli Pike. We are thankful that the project was completed in a timely manner and with limited disturbance. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation as we worked to complete this project.

Since the project came in significantly under budget, Borough Council reviewed additional paving projects for completion this year. Bids were solicited for three (3) projects on Bridge St., King St., and Quaker Ln. At the October 3, 2017 meeting, Borough Council awarded contracts to DiRocco Brothers, Inc. for paving of Bridge St. and King St. Please watch the Borough website for information on these projects.

Borough Council would like to welcome Francis Givnish, Jr. as the newest member of the Parks & Recreation Committee and Barbara Stergiades as the newest member of the Historical Commission. Both were appointed at the September 19, 2017 and filled existing vacancies on their respective committees. Borough Council would like to thank Autumn Lexer and Joan Zimnoch for their years of service on the Parks & Recreation Committee and Historical Commission, respectively.

The Public Works Department is working diligently to ensure that we are ready for winter. They have been preparing equipment and making sure that we are ready with salt for the arrival of any storm that may come. The Public Works crew does an admirable job ensuring that the roads are safe for motorists during winter weather. We are very proud to have our crew and commend the job they perform every day. Hopefully, we do not experience another significant storm like we did a few years ago. However, if one does arrive, the Public Works Department is ready and able to address the event.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

## *Malvern Winter Farmers Market*

We're gearing up for our winter season at the farmers market. No reason to stop eating LOCAL just because old man winter is taking over. Our amazing farmers are using high tunnels and greenhouses to keep us supplied with fresh local produce all winter long. Our meat farmers will keep us supplied with the very best in sustainable raised, local meat and poultry, and farm fresh eggs. We'll have plenty of baked goods and locally produced foods to keep the family happy: wholegrain breads, homemade soups, fresh pasta, meat pies and quiches, cookies, pastries, fruit pies, maple syrup, honey, gluten free baked goodies, specialty treats using local ingredients including empanadas, tacos, mac 'n cheese and egg muffins, artisan tarts both sweet and savory, coffee and tea, and so much more.

### **Here's the winter season schedule:**

**November** 4, 11 & 18 in Burke Park from 9 AM - 1 PM. No market on Nov. 25th - giving you time to let the turkey digest!

**December** EVERY Saturday in the First Baptist Parking Lot from 10 AM - Noon.

**January - March:** 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month indoors at the First Baptist Church of Malvern from 10 - Noon.

## *Planning Commission News*

The Malvern Planning Commission (MPC) is a 'review and recommend' body of seven Borough residents which processes Subdivision and Land Use (SALDO) applications, monitors Zoning Ordinances, undertakes Planning Initiatives, and provides comments on other Community Planning matters referred to us by Borough Council.

The fall of 2017 finds the MPC reviewing several SALDO applications, primarily in the King Street corridor, including:

- A five-lot subdivision at 51 Ruthland Avenue,
- A garage and parking expansion at 324 - 328 East King Street,
- A two-lot subdivision at 11 Griffith Avenue, and
- A residential expansion at 156 West King Street.

We continue to pursue several planning initiatives:

- Revising the MPC Bylaws documents to reflect current application processes, and to make the bylaws conform to the Home Rule Charter and the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Act.
- Revising definitions and processes for important Zoning Ordinance sections that have been deemed ambiguous or open to interpretation.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> FROM 7:00am to 8:00pm**  
*Voting is at the First Baptist Church, Channing Avenue*

Current MPC members include Dave Knies (Chair), Amy Finkbiner (Vice Chair), Geoff Rubino, Chris Mongeau, Carroll Sinquett III, Lynne Frederick, and Mark Niemiec. Neil Lovekin - the Assistant Borough Manager - doubles as the MPC Secretary.

The Malvern Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 7:30 PM at Borough Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### *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 2, 2017** – “Parsley: The Amazing Quiet Herb” Presented by Jane Irvin-Klotz, Master Gardener
- **January 4, 2018** – Come share your favorite house plants with us. Bring it in for display. Please provide the name and why it is a favorite of yours. The plants will be judged as part of our horticulture exhibit.
- **February 1, 2018** – Elizabeth DiTullio will present a program on antique vases.

All meetings are held at 11:00 am at Malvern Borough Hall and programs begin at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact the Club of Little Gardens of Malvern at [littlegardensmalvern@gmail.com](mailto:littlegardensmalvern@gmail.com).

### *Malvern Historical Commission News*

Malvern Lyceum Nights return on Tuesday, November 14th! In lieu of our regular public meeting, on this evening we will host Jim Christ, Vice President of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund at 7:30pm in the Hibberd Room in Borough Hall. 2017 is the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philadelphia campaign during the Revolutionary War, including the Battle of Paoli fought right here in Malvern. In the 1880s and 1890s, the Malvern Lyceum social club met several nights per year. They hosted lectures, short plays, special music, debates, and other events. We wish to revive these culturally-stimulating evenings for today's Malvernites and friends at Borough Hall. Should you have a suggestion for a topic, presenter, or other event, please contact us at [MalvernBoroHistory@malvern.org](mailto:MalvernBoroHistory@malvern.org).

In December, we plan on being available for two nights with our wares for holiday gifting. On Friday, December 1st, we will once again accept the invitation for our presence at the National Bank of Malvern from 6-8:30pm for Malvern's Victorian Christmas. We will have a Christmas carol singalong in addition to selling our Malvern books, anniversary coins, and postcards. Cash, checks, and credit cards welcomed. Thursday, December 14th, is an additional Malvern Stroll evening for the Borough, where we plan on being at Scoops 'n' Smiles on East King St from 6-8:30pm.

On a final note, we'd like to welcome Barbara Stergiades to the Historical Commission, once again rounding out our Borough-appointed group of 7 volunteers. Please give her a warm welcome and congratulations at one of our public meetings or events this quarter.

### *Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat*

The annual Malvern Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Line-up begins at 3:00 pm on King St. between Ruthland Ave. and Church St. and the parade will start at 4:00 pm. Come early to get a good seat to watch this “spooky” spectacle. **Please be advised that there is no rain date and this is a “rain or shine” event.**

Marching divisions are as follows:

***Preschool (Ages up to 3 years old), Preschool 2 (Ages 3-5 years old), Funniest, Scariest, Adventure Characters, Storybook Characters, Most Original, Groups, Pairs, Floats and wheeled vehicles, Doggie Division (all dogs must be leashed), and Adults.***

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places for the children's divisions. There will also be great prizes for adults. All are invited to march or come watch the passing parade.

Trick or Treat is Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 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.

### *Malvern Public Library News*

Welcome, Maggie Stanton, the new Library Director at Malvern Public Library! Maggie comes to us from the Phoenixville Library after years of experience as the Circulation Manager. Be sure to say hello next time you drop into the library.

Signup for the holiday and winter storytime sessions for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers begin on Monday, November 13. Please go to our events calendar at [malvern-library.org](http://malvern-library.org) or email Kelly Shea at [kshea@ccls.org](mailto:kshea@ccls.org) to register. The holiday storytime session runs from November 27 – December 21. The winter storytime session runs from January 8 – March 15.

Show us your crafty side! T(w)een Craft Nights are every third Monday of the month from 4:30PM – 5:30PM. Tweens and teens in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to attend. Please register in advance online.

The Adult Book Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Check our website or call the library at 610-644-7259 for the monthly title. We keep extra copies on hand for book club members to check out for the month. No need to register.

Attending Malvern Victorian Christmas on Saturday, December 2? Drop by the library between 11:00AM – 2:00PM for a Christmas-themed craft. There will be a special reading of the Polar Express at 11:30AM. Can't make Victorian Christmas? We'll have a Polar Express Storytime and craft night on Wednesday, December 13, at 4:30PM.

The library is now accepting book donations. We appreciate your generous donations of used books, audiobooks, and DVDs. Please bring all items inside the library. Please no encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, yellowed and/or moldy books, VHS or audio tapes, or music CDs. Thank you!

Congrats to all the participants in Malvern's first annual pumpkin decorating contest! See our Facebook page for photos of the pumpkins and an announcement of the winners.

The Malvern Public Library will be closed to the public on Thursday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also be closed on December 25 and 26 for Christmas and on January 1 for New Year's Day. Happy holidays, everyone!

Stay tuned and check out our online event calendar for more fall adult, teen, and children's programs.

## *Malvern Stroll - Third Thursday of the Month*

Get cozy in your jammies because the Malvern Stroll is all about PAJAMAS this holiday season. King Street Merchants of the Malvern Business and Professional Association have teamed up with the **Plaid Pajama Project** (<http://plaidpajamas.org/>) to collect jammies for folks throughout the area, young and old alike, who need a warm, clean pair of pajamas this holiday.

### **How can you help?**

1. Shop at King Street Merchants - many are giving a portion of their proceeds from December Thursday Stroll sales to the Plaid Pajama Project.
2. Donate NEW pajamas at one of the many participating retailers drop off sites in town from November 25th through January 5th.
3. Want to donate money - King Street retailers will have containers for monetary donations as well.

### **Save these dates:**

**November 25, Black Friday** - King Street Merchants will have lots of amazing promotions to kick off the shopping season!  
**December 1st and 2nd, Malvern Victorian Christmas** - Many shops will be open late on Friday evening for strollers. On Saturday browse the shops on King Street for gifts for the family.

**December 7 - THURSDAY STROLL** - We're kicking off December Strolls with special promotions in the shops. The elves will be out handing out candy canes and getting you into the holiday spirit.

**December 14 - THURSDAY STROLL** - This is kids night at the Stroll. The Malvern Buttery will be hosting the Snow Globe Ballet again featuring Ballet 180 performing a sampler of the Nutcracker. Performance times are a Matinee at 5 PM and a Twilight performance at 7 PM. Bring the kids in their pajamas to celebrate our Plaid Pajama Party theme. Cross your fingers - we might have a special visitor that night too!

**December 21 -THURSDAY STROLL** - Last Minute Shoppers Alert! Come on out for the last Stroll before Christmas!

## *Codes Enforcement Officer - Bill Wilfong, CBO, Code Official*

As the amount of daylight grows shorter, another winter season approaches. That means the potential for another season of snow, snow covered sidewalks and walkways. Early meteorological predictions, which I hope are wrong, call for a colder winter with above average precipitation, resulting in potentially more 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. Please 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 ensure that the sidewalks in Malvern are passable this winter season.

## *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. Please check the Borough's website at [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org) for dates they will be collected. This information will also be available through our e-mail notification system, on the Borough's Facebook page, 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 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Burke Park. Activities throughout town will be held from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Most of the activities are **FREE**. The fun will

continue on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. For specific information regarding the various events/activities available on Friday and Saturday, go to <http://malvernsvictorianchristmas.org>

Road closures for December 1, 2017 will be along King Street from Warren Avenue to Bridge Street from 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM. This is a rain, shine, snow, or starlight event so come early to enjoy all that this event has to offer.

### *News from the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund*

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Day event at the Paoli Battlefield and the first reenactment of the Paoli Massacre since the Historical Park was dedicated in 2002. We had the best attendance with hundreds of visitors strolling through separate encampments of reenactors devoted to America's wars from the French & Indian to Vietnam. Many children's activities, including an educational Paoli Passport game, finding "Paoli Pete's" hidden in "plain sight", face-painting, balloon sculpture, Kid's Musket Drills and hourly prizes. Weapons & Firing drills by reenactors included early American mortar firings and Pistol Duels settling disputes. There were Search and Rescue Dog demonstrations, a Colonial Brewer and many historical sites, organizations, authors and veterans groups set up displays for the public. A formal color guard salute to America's military and the laying down of wreaths at the 1817 Paoli Massacre Monument and mass gravesite followed PA State Representative Duane Milne's comments on how much we owe to our nation's founders and the veterans that have served and protected us.

The free Evening Reenactment attracted over 1,000 visitors. It started off with the Central York Middle School Fife & Drum Corps who marched and played across the Battlefield. The reenactment was narrated by Malvern Preparatory School teacher, scholar and noted author, Tom McGuire - who literally wrote the book about the Battle of Paoli. Over 120 reenactors, representing both the British and the American Continentals under General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, fought a running battle across the very fields where it took place 240 years ago. Only at that time it involved nearly 3,500 troops on the same field!

We'd like to thank the following: Malvern Borough, which sponsored the event, and especially the Public Works Department who made sure the fields were mowed, groomed and safe. Malvern Boy Scout Troop 7 provided assistance in parking and guiding visitors, Historic Sugartown which helped provide gazebos, the Paoli Memorial Association in providing access and parking, and the many volunteers who made it possible. Malvern is so fortunate to have this cherished site in walking distance to all its residents!

The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's next events are our *A Revolutionary Lecture Series* at the General Warren, 9 Old Lancaster Road. These dinner/lecture events feature nationally-recognized authors and historians plus 18<sup>th</sup> Century buffet in a relaxed, informal setting. They are held at 6 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (except for December, June, and August). Coming up are:

- Monday, November 13, 2017 – *Revolutionary Delaware* by noted historian Kim Burdick
- Monday, January 8, 2018 – *Lancaster Road & the American Revolution* by Tom McGuire
- Monday, February 12, 2018 – *Give Me A Fast Ship!* by naval historian Tim McGraph
- Monday, March 12, 2018 – *Results of the 2017 Paranormal Tours* by Tri-County Paranormal

For more information on the Battle, registration for our events and our other educational programs please go to [www.RememberPaoli.org](http://www.RememberPaoli.org) and our facebook page Paoli Battlefield Historical Park.

### *News from the Malvern Fire Company*

Firefighters of the Malvern Fire Company, members of Explorer Post 4, and first responders across the nation were recognized at the September 16 Penn State vs Georgia State game as part of PSU's First Responders Weekend. While recognizing the service and sacrifice of all our nation's first responders, Malvern Fire Company members were given the opportunity to hold the flag in the south endzone during the National Anthem. Attending Penn State's First Responders Weekend game is a tradition among members of Station Four but being on the field prior to kick off and holding the flag made it a memorable weekend for all who attended.

Explorer Post Four has hit the ground running, continuing to grow with new members through the first months of the school year. In conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Post 4 provides boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 21 the opportunity to build character while exploring the skills required to pursue a career in fire, rescue and emergency medical services. Members come together for peer led meetings to learn new firefighting, teamwork, communication skills and plan for group selected outings which include hiking, camping and kayaking trips. The adult leaders, firefighters of the Malvern Fire Company vetted through the Boy Scouts of America training program, facilitate all meetings and outings, providing years of firefighting and emergency medical expertise to lead drills and team building activities. Those interested in obtaining additional information regarding the program or to sign up may contact Beth Wilkins at 610-637-8428 or [bwilkins@malvernfireco.com](mailto:bwilkins@malvernfireco.com)

The Malvern Fire Company wants you to join us in carrying on a tradition of excellence in volunteer service. Whether behind the hose line or behind the desk, Station Four has a place for you. Our doors are always open – we would love to give you a tour of the station and our trucks. Want to join in the action? Fill out our online application or stop by Tuesday nights at 7pm for drill night to meet our active crew.

We look forward to meeting you! For more information and ways to serve, visit [www.malvernfireco.com](http://www.malvernfireco.com) or call us at 610-647-0693.