

The Borough Broadcaster



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News from Borough Council

The summer has ended and we are now turning our attention to year end activities. This summer has been very productive for the Borough. There were excellent events coordinated by the Borough's Parks & Recreation Committee, the Historical Commission, the Malvern Business & Professional Association, the Upper Main Line Memorial Association, and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund. These events brought people in to explore the Borough and see what Malvern Borough has to offer. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help make these events possible.

Several major projects were also completed this summer. Paving projects were completed on Green Street, E. King Street, and Church Street, as well as in the Borough's parking lot on King Street and in Burke Park. The upgrade to the Ruthland Avenue forcemain, which has been a long planned project, is underway and should be completed this fall.

In addition to these projects, the Borough recently awarded two (2) projects that should commence before the end of this year. The first is the installation of pedestrian signals on E. King Street in at the intersections with Church Street and Ruth-

land Avenue. This project was recommended as part of the *Malvern Borough-wide Multimodal Transportation Study* and was awarded to Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc.

Borough Council also recently awarded the N. Warren Avenue Transit project to Road-Con, Inc. This long-planned project is being substantially funded by a \$560,000 grant that the Borough received. The project involves the upgrade of the traffic signal at the intersection of Warren Avenue and King Street, as well as the installation of sidewalk from the northern train station parking lot to Pennsylvania Avenue. We are very pleased to have this project underway.

A reminder to residents: the Public Works Department will begin leaf collection on November 1, 2019. Leaf collection will occur the entire month of November. In addition, 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. The Public Works crew does an admirable job ensuring that the roads are safe during the winter months and commend them for the job that they perform every day.

Borough Council consists of Jamie Grossman (Council President), Zeyn Uzman (Vice-President), Amy Finkbiner, PhD, Marty Laney, John Meisel, Julie Raynor, and Carroll Sinquett. Meetings of Borough Council are held at 7:30 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. As always, if you have any questions about anything going on in town, contact any member of Borough Council, the Mayor, or the Borough Manager. Information is updated regularly on the Borough website at www.malvern.org and emergency notifications are sent through the ReadyNotify system.

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

Fall Leaf Collection

Malvern Borough Residents
November 1st to 30th

Codes Enforcement Officer

In August 2019, Malvern Borough adopted the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, which replaces the 2003 edition of the code. The ordinance adopting this code can be found on the Malvern Borough website and there is a copy of the actual code for anyone who may have questions concerning it. While there are often small changes to the code when it is updated by the International Code Council, some of the amendments added in the Borough's ordi-

nance include better criteria for trip hazards in sidewalks and clarifications on sleeping rooms in basements with no egress directly outside from the basement.

While we are just concluding another Fire Prevention Week, I need to remind everyone again about smoke detectors in sleeping rooms. There seems to still be some confusion regarding requirements for smoke detectors in homes. The requirement, per the Property Maintenance Code is, one

on each level including the basement and attic and one in every sleeping room. In the sleeping rooms, they should be mounted on the ceilings, no more than about 30 inches from the door to the hallway. Also, be sure to change your detector batteries at least once or twice a year, when you change your clocks.

~Provided by William T. Wilfong IV, BCO, PaCFI, Code Official / Fire Marshal

Board & Commission Vacancies

Below is a list of vacancies on the Borough's boards and committees.

Zoning Hearing Board: There is currently one (1) vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board for an alternate member. The individual appointed will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2022. This individual appointed will be permitted to participate in all meetings and discussion, but would not vote unless designated to do so by the Chair. This would include instances where a member is either absent, has recused themselves from a topic of discussion, or is disqualified by the governing body.

Planning Commission: There are currently two (2) vacancies on the Malvern Borough Planning Commission.

Regular Voting Member: This vacancy is for a full, regular voting member. This position carries a four (4) year term. The individual appointed to this position will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2021.

Alternate Member: This vacancy is for an alternate member and the position carries a four (4) year term. As an alternate member to the Planning Commission, this individual appointed will be permitted to participate in all meetings and discussion, but would not vote unless

designated to do so by the Chair. This would include instances where a member is either absent, has recused themselves from a topic of discussion, or is disqualified by the governing body.

Malvern residents who are interested in serving the Community on these committees may apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager.
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Malvern Police Department

The Malvern Borough Police Department, along with surrounding Police Departments, are once again growing beards for a good cause this October, November, and December. All participating Officers, along with our Police Association, will be donating funds towards two charitable endeavors, Unite for Her and Beards for Buc.

Unite for Her is a locally based charity committed to helping women diagnosed with breast cancer navigate their way through treatment by providing complementary therapies designed to promote physical and emotional wellness.

Beards for Buc is in honor of Sergeant Christopher Sambuco of the Caln Township Police Department who suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in April 2018 leaving behind an extended law enforcement family, as well as a wife and four young children. Chris was a devoted husband, Father, friend and public servant. Funds raised will benefit the Sambuco Children Education Fund.

October is internationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness month. The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness, wearing the rib-

bon or the color pink in general, express moral support for women with breast cancer. For this reason Malvern Borough Police officers have modified our uniforms for the month of October . . . we have gone pink!

If you would like to help, we will be accepting donations for both Unite For Her and the Sambuco Children Educational Fund at our police station throughout October, November and December. Checks can be made payable to Malvern Police Joint Negotiating Committee.

Malvern Public Library

Have you signed up for our monthly email newsletter yet? If not, visit our website and opt into our electronic communication. We'll keep you informed of the latest news and events from the library. You can also follow our events by adding Malvern Public Library to your calendar in the Burbio app. Make sure to sign up for our newsletter, follow us on social media, and visit our website to stay in the know!

Register online for various storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. The fall storytime session began September 9th, but registration is still open! Check our website for dates and times. We will also have afterschool events for older kids, including therapy dogs,

and more. Check our online calendar for details and registration.

We have many one time and reoccurring programs for adults. Adult Book Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Our Mystery Book Club will meet on every third Friday of the month. Check with the library for the book title. Check our online calendar for more information about one-time programs. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome!

We will be having our fall/winter used book sale the week of December 3rd. Be sure to stop by and make a great reading find!

Need to unload your bookshelves? Donate them to the library! If your used books are in good condition we will be happy to

accept them. They can be dropped off during our regular business hours.

Interested in learning more about our library board and how the board of trustees support the library? Join us at a meeting! Our remaining meetings for this year are Mondays, November 25th and December 16th at 7:00 PM.

Thank you to all who donated during our annual Give-a-thon. We appreciate all of our library supporters, and thank them for their yearly patronage to ensure the continued success of the library's programs and services. The main drive of Give-a-Thon may be over, but the Give-a-Thon is all year so please consider donating to your library.

Malvern Fire Company

October is fire prevention month

"This year's campaign works to celebrate people of all ages who learn about home fire escape planning and practice, bring that information home, and spur their families to action," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "From young students who learn about the campaign at school to parents who attend a community event like a fire station open house - all of them truly are heroes because they're taking steps to make their households much, much safer from fire."

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" also focuses on what a home escape plan entails and the value of practicing it. These messages are more important than ever, particularly because today's homes burn faster than ever. Carli notes that synthetic fibers used in modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, are contributing factors to the increased burn rate.

"People tend to underesti-

mate their risk to fire, particularly at home. That over-confidence lends itself to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice," said Carli. "But in a fire situation, we've seen time and again that advance planning can make a potentially life-saving difference."

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping ar-



as. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" along with a wealth of resources to help

promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Members wanted

The Malvern Fire Company is always looking for many new members to support our mission. We have many different types of membership that we are looking to fill for our community's needs. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call us at 610-647-0693, email us at Info@malvernfireco.com and speak to an officer, or you can even stop by to get the information you are looking for. You do not to be certified to join nor do you need to live with-in our response area to be a member! We will provide the proper training and equipment that you need.

The first step to joining the department is to submit a membership application and bring it to the fire company during any Tuesday of any month at 7pm. Our station is located at 424 E. King Street, Malvern, PA. When you turn in your application, a background check will be performed which usually takes about thirty (30) days.

Local Government in Pennsylvania

How the Borough's government works

Local governments in Pennsylvania operate under various state laws that outline what powers they may execute. Municipalities exist as "creatures of the state." Some municipalities, such as Malvern Borough, have elected to operate under a Home Rule Charter as allowed by Pennsylvania. While this does provide leeway in how the government functions in certain aspects, we still operate under the various state laws. The information below is intended to provide a brief overview on the different facets of the Borough government's functions:

Borough Council is the governing body of Malvern Borough. Their duties include:

- Approving the budget and set-

ting tax rates

- Hiring the Borough Manager and Police Chief
- Adopting ordinances to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Borough citizens

The **Mayor** supervises the police department and participates in Borough Council meetings.

The **Borough Manager** administers all day-to-day operations. **Borough staff** provide services like police protection, road maintenance, sewage disposal, garbage collection, permits, and code enforcement. **Appointed consultants** provide engineering and legal services.

Borough residents serve on volunteer commissions in advisory or quasi-judicial roles.

All these people work to-

gether to invest in **planning and capital infrastructure**, often with the aid of grant funding to offset taxes. Recent and upcoming projects include the Woodland Avenue streetscape, Borough-wide multi-modal transportation study, North Warren Avenue transit upgrades, East King Street pedestrian signals, and updates to the zoning ordinance.

For more information, please visit: www.malvern.org. You can always direct questions and concerns to the Borough office at 610-644-2602. You are also encouraged to attend Borough Council meetings, which are held at 7:30pm on the first and third Tuesday of every month on the second floor of Borough Hall (1 East First Avenue).

Surrey Services for Seniors

Volunteering is Good for Your Health. Social isolation has been identified as a real factor affecting healthy aging. That's because research has shown that people who report being lonely or isolated also have a greater incidence of depression, cognitive decline and overall health problems.

One way to reduce social isolation is to volunteer at a non profit. Volunteering offers numerous benefits. You can choose the organization that holds meaning for you. Volunteers are valued and provide tremendous support for non profits. Volunteering is free. You can volunteer according to your schedule and ability.

Volunteering is a great ac-

tivity no matter what your health status, age, mobility or environment. A Duke University study found that those who volunteered after experiencing a heart attack reported reductions in despair and depression, two factors that are linked to mortality in post-coronary artery disease patients.

Begin by contacting organizations that are interesting or important to you. Your local church, animal shelter, arboretum or food bank are a few good places to begin. Ask about what volunteer positions they offer. Plan a visit and see where your talents and interests might fit the organization.

At Surrey Services for Seniors, there are many opportunities

for all types of interests. Volunteer drivers who provide rides to older adults is one of the most popular volunteer activities. Other volunteers pack and deliver meals to homebound seniors or help with administrative tasks in a Surrey location. A retired artist teaches an art class, the Consignment Shop is manned by volunteers, and volunteers are key for Surrey's fundraising events. Surrey even has people who volunteer from their homes doing data entry or friendly calls.

Whatever your interest might be, there is a volunteer position that matches it. Try volunteering and see what a difference it makes in your health and outlook.

Malvern Park & Civic Association

A new swing set has been installed at Malvern Memorial Park. We want to extend our thanks to the Malvern Borough crew for their work in prepping the area, spreading chips and installing new protec-

tive barriers. It looks great and we expect the children of Malvern Borough to enjoy them for years to come. 2019 has been a great tennis season and since adding pickle ball lines to the courts there has been a lot of pickle ball activity.

Membership for the courts is still the best deal around — \$50 for the entire season. Park donations (distinct from tennis memberships) are always appreciated and used for park improvements.

Planning Commission

The Malvern Planning Commission (MPC) is a 'review and recommend' body of seven Borough residents who process Subdivision and Land Use (SALDO) applications, Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) applications, monitor Zoning Ordinances, undertake Planning Initiatives, and provide comments on other Community Planning matters referred by Borough Council. The MPC's planning efforts are ably supported by the Assistant Borough Manager, Borough Engineers, and Borough Solicitors.

In the Summer quarter of 2019 the MPC completed review and recommend cycles for two ZHB applications and related sketch plans, including: a new Veterinary Hospital in the R-1 district at 545 South Warren Avenue., and a

sketch proposing to connect two existing rear yard patios at 107 Mountain Laurel Ln.

The MPC is also preparing to process the SALDO application for: the newly designed Veterinary Hospital in the R-1 district at 545 South Warren Avenue.

In 2019 - 2020, we will continue working on a long-term Planning Initiative to revise definitions and processes for Zoning Ordinances related to Building and Lot coverage in Residential Zones. We are also in the early stages of a Planning Initiative - with Borough Management and Borough Council - for updating the Borough's basic planning documents: the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinances, and the Official Map - in that order.

Current MPC members include Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, Mark Niemiec, Geoff Rubino, Carroll Sinquett III, and Zoe Warner. Neil Lovekin - the Assistant Borough Manager & Zoning Officer - serves as MPC Secretary. We are seeking two new Commissioners: a replacement for Malvern super-volunteer Lynne Frederick and an alternate member.

The Malvern Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 7:30 PM at Borough Hall. Public participation is welcomed and encouraged! The status of various SALDO applications and initiatives can be viewed on the Borough website under Boards and Commissions/Planning Commission/Case Log.

Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association

Malvern Resident Kurt Leininger To Receive Environmental Volunteer Award from Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) will honor Malvern resident Kurt Leininger with its Volunteer Stewardship Award at their 15th Annual Awards Dinner, Thursday, November 7th at the Barn at Tyler Arboretum.

"Kurt has been a very active volunteer for us, including his enthusiastic Site Coordinator role for the annual CRC Streams Cleanup," says Lynn Meza, CRC Volunteer Coordinator. "In addition, Kurt also locates potential new sites for us, including a recent corporate event we held with Workday in the Malvern area. Kurt gladly went out and scouted the area to see which locations would be suitable for planting at this time of year -- and the event was a great success!"

"CRC would not exist without the unfailing hard work and enthusiasm of our volunteers, and Kurt is a real role model for them,"

says Meghan Lockman, CRC Executive Director. "The local watersheds are better for his commitment to keeping them healthy!"

The CRC Annual Awards Dinner also honors several other categories of environmental stewards. This year's other recipients are Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College for Organizational Stewardship; Apple Leisure Group for Cor-

porate Stewardship; and Tracy Bouvette for Environmental Leadership. In addition to a silent auction, this year's dinner will feature biologist Colin Purrington speaking on "What to Do About Spotted Lanternflies." For ticket information, please go to crcwatersheds.org or call the CRC office at 610-359-1440.

Founded in 1970, CRC is a

volunteer-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the enjoyment, restoration, conservation, protection and prudent management of the natural resources of the Chester, Ridley and Crum Creek watersheds.

CRC works with community volunteers, corporate "green teams" and other organizations to conduct its many programs, including tree plantings, an annual streams cleanup throughout the watersheds, and educational programs. In 2018, CRC welcomed more than 1,000 volunteers supporting efforts to benefit local watersheds. Volunteers dig holes for new trees, clear invasive weeds, haul trash out of streams, and much more. Since 2005, CRC volunteers and partners have planted more than 8,500 trees and shrubs in riparian and upland areas to slow and reduce stormwater runoff, reduce erosion and sediment load to our streams, filter groundwater, provide wildlife habitat, and increase shade to reduce invasives and improve the overall health of our watersheds. To volunteer, please go to crcwatersheds.org



Storm Water Management

With the cold weather upon us, water pollution prevention is still critical. Winter brings with it unique and significant pollution concerns to our streams and ponds. Because the ground will be frozen over the next few months, it acts like a hard surface similar to asphalt or - concrete. It no longer has the ability to act like a natural filter.

Pollutants accumulate in snow banks and ice all winter long. Once the snow melts, all the grime, grit, dirt, road salt, and other pollutants are washed into our storm water systems, rivers, and lakes. It's important that we take steps to reduce the amount of potential pollution sources during the winter months.

Be good to the environment and remember these suggestions for reducing your winter impact on our streams and ponds:

Be stingy with your salt application and consider alternative salting methods. Road salt can be

harmful to plants, aquatic life and drinking water supplies.

Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.

More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount. Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use a traction agent as needed, but remember they do not melt ice.

Salt alternatives like potassium acetate (KA), calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), or sand are less damaging to homes and landscaping and can be used to de-ice and improve traction on a walkway or driveway.

Sweep up excess. Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before

it is washed away and apply less the next time.

Rethink rinsing your garage floor. While it's tempting to take out the hose and wash that ugly, gray sludge and salt off your car and out of your garage on a mild winter day-please stop! Residue left from road salt, oil, gas, and other road pollutants drips from your car and ends up on the garage floor. The water will end up into our streams. Take your car to a commercial car wash. A clean car means a cleaner garage!

Watch your waste. Picking up pet waste is just as important in the wintertime as it is in the warmer months. Animal waste can be a significant source of harmful bacteria and disease.

Help to keep our streams wonderful even in the winter! To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a stream, creek or pond, call Malvern Borough at (610) 644-2602.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

Hopefully, many of you attended our 7th Annual Heritage Day in September. This was our largest, most popular event with encampments displaying soldiers from many wars, scores of historical and service organizations, kid's activities, a Rev War skirmish between the Continentals and the Redcoats, great Food Trucks & Beer Garden and featured our new display of a broken cannon - *visit the Battlefield to learn its importance!*

And, if you're interested in ghosts, you have to wait until next Spring as our two night time Paranormal Tours were sold out this year (or come to our March 2020 Lecture featuring video, photographs and recordings of what was experienced in 2029!

A REVOLUTIONARY LECTURE SERIES

Our popular series at the General Warren featuring special

18th Century dinners and friendly interaction with noted historians on the 2nd Monday at 6 pm for most months. Reservations suggested, \$49/person. Our lectures in the upcoming months include:

11/11/2019 Lecture-Dinner at the General Warren: *Battle of the Clouds* Only 5 days after the Battle of Brandywine and 4 days before the Battle of Paoli, why, where and how it was fought is presented by Chris Reardon.

11/26/2019 This **SPECIAL** Lecture-Dinner, in conjunction with the Museum of the American Revolution, is about *The Life of an Irish Soldier* who was at the General Warren on the night of the Battle of Paoli and who later commissioned the famous *Xavier della Gatta* painting featured at the Museum.

01/13/2020 Learn about *General John Lacey*, the young & inexperienced leader of the PA Militia who seemed to bungle every

mission Washington assigned but who also faced many obstacles out of his control. Presented by historian Dennis Cook.

SPECIAL EVENTS

12/14/2019 Saturday (11 am) *Wreaths Across America Celebration* Join us and the Daughters of the American Revolution in this free national celebration to honor veterans by laying 53 wreaths by the mass grave.

11/19/2019 *Historical Bus Tours* Our last 4-hour narrated tour of the year about the battles and little-known facts in the 18th Century Great Valley, Consistently sold out in 2018 and 2019. Check our website for additional Bus Tours!

Get details on the events & make your reservations on our website **RememberPaoli.org**, Friend us on Facebook, other popular social media sites and sign up for our digital newsletter.

Malvern Farmers Market

We're gearing up for a great winter season at the market. Our farmers have been getting their greenhouses and hoop houses winterized to keep us supplied with fresh, local veggies all winter long. And we'll have lots more: meats, eggs and dairy, baked goods, pasta, ready to eat, and more!

Eat fresh, local and healthy all year long while supporting local agriculture!

Winter Market Updates:

We're moving! **Winter market will be held in the Burke**

Park Gazebo! We are so excited for the move! We've got plans to protect us from the harsh winter weather too!

Speaking of weather, while we are more than prepared to tough out rainy days, snow and ice are not our friends. If we receive any frozen precipitation prior to a market, we will update our social media (Facebook and Instagram) on the status of the market.

November markets: Saturday from 9 AM - 1 PM, no market November 30th.

We will host our annual

Thanksgiving Farmers Market in Eagleview Town Center on Tuesday, November 26 from 2 - 7 PM. Local pasture raised turkeys are available from Lindenhof Farm at our Thanksgiving market. Pre-orders recommended: <http://www.lindenhoffarm.net/>

December markets: Saturday from 10 - Noon in Burke Park. No market December 28th.

January - April markets: The first and third Saturday of the month from 10 - Noon in the Burke Park Gazebo, weather permitting.

Christmas on King

Santa Claus is coming to town, Saturday, December 7th! Christmas on King is back and we have a great event planned for the whole family! The festivities start at noon, but we do have a special treat starting at 10 AM!

10 AM - 11 AM: **Gingerbread House Creativity at Malvern Bible Chapel!** This is limited to 25 participants. Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds are donated to the Malvern Library! Tickets are available at the National Bank of Malvern, and they go fast! The Malvern Bible Chapel is located at 20 Woodland Ave.

Christmas on King festivities start at 12 Noon.

What to expect:

Beer Garden in the Yard Bar located in the municipal parking lot next to Wolfe's Baldwin Brass. Locust Lane will be pouring.

A Holiday Block Party on Ruthland Ave. hosted by Brick and Brew. We've got a life size snow globe for the kids to explore!

Make and Take Tent in Burke Park for aspiring elves.

Mistletoe Market in the Burke Park Gazebo featuring local crafters.

More fun and games in Gallagher's Lot for the little ones including performances and story time hosted by the Malvern Library.

Polar express train ride on Powelton Avenue.

Olaf, Anna and Elsa will be visiting; and everyone's favorite wooden soldier, 10 foot tall Andrew!

Our elves are planning a fun activity for the kids to help them explore the town.

Santa arrives at 2 PM! Yay!!!!

The Santa Parade starts at 4:30 PM and will head from Church

Ave to the gazebo in Burke Park.

Our annual tree lighting ceremony begins at 5 PM in the Burke Park Gazebo with entertainment from Malvern Prep and Notre Dame de Namur.

And at 6 PM, we'll top off the evening with a concert by West Chester Uptown Singers, followed by the 5th Annual Snow Globe Ballet performed by Ballet 180 at the Malvern Buttery.

For more information, and to get involved, please visit the website at www.Malvern-Festivals.com.



Mental Health First Aid Course

The Chester County Department of Human Services and the Malvern Police Department will host an all-day course on mental health first aid on **Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 8:00 to 5:00 pm at Malvern Borough Hall**. This is a new public education program designed to teach citizens the skills

to help another person who is struggling with a mental health concern or crisis. Participants will: Learn risk factors, warning signs and the impact of mental health concerns. Practice the Mental Health First Aid action plan. Learn local resources for mental health and substance abuse treatment

Receive a comprehensive, user-friendly 136-page manual & certification

Information on this course and a link to register is available on the Malvern Borough website. The deadline to register is **November 13, 2019**.

Paoli Battlefield Park Walking Trails

The Paoli Battlefield Park, located adjacent to the Paoli Memorial Grounds, is an important community facility, both in its historical significance and its natural beauty. This area includes the open, battlefield area, as well as the woods adjacent to the battlefield. Malvern Borough acquired the property in 1999 through a Park Land and Open Space Acquisition grant awarded by Chester County. This grant outlined what the property may be used for in perpetuity, including the battlefield and the woodland area.

The woodland area of our

Battlefield Park has a network of trails that are enjoyed by many of our residents. Whether taking a moment to enjoy nature, reflecting on history, walking your dog, going for a run, or taking a stroll, the trails are a great place to spend some time. When enjoying these trails, please remember that biking is not allowed in the Battlefield Park. This is to maintain the safety of both walkers and bikers. In addition, biking compacts the soil damaging the root systems of trees and plants and increases the erosion of soil, especially when the trails are wet. As a reminder digging, the removal of

plant material, dumping, and the use of motorized vehicles are also prohibited. Please remember that dogs must always be leashed while being walked in the park.

Malvern Borough's Code of Ordinances outlines certain activities that are not permitted in the Borough's parks. As you use the trails in the park, you may notice signage that was recently installed in order to alert individuals to prohibited activities. Please be mindful of these signs. We must all work together to ensure that the integrity of this important resource in the community is preserved for all to use.

Malvern Historical Commission

On September 17, 2019, we recognized our awardees for this year's Preservation Awards: two residential properties, one commercial property, one institutional property, one example of adaptive re-use, and a special Chair's Award.

The Residential awardees each own half of a duplex home: 136 and 138 Church Street. Built around 1910, in a Period Revival of the Dutch Colonial style, they share one unusual feature; a "double dormer" on the second story. (A "dormer" is a window placed vertically in a sloping roof with its own roof.)

The Commercial awardee is 18-22 East King Street, currently occupied by Hunt Engineering. It was built in the Masonry Vernacular style in the mid-1920. For many years, it served as the garage and showroom of Chester V. Thomas's Chevrolet dealership; since then, various other businesses have occupied this space.

The Institutional award was given to the Main Line Christian Assembly church at 25 Ruthland Avenue. Ground was broken in November of 1929, the cornerstone was laid on May 2, 1930, and the building was dedicated for worship in early June of the same year.

The Adaptive Re-Use award went to 1-5 West King Street, now the home of Restaurant

Alba. It was built around 1910, and housed many different businesses during its history, including a news agency, a florist, a gun shop, a hair salon, a luncheonette and, during the mid-1930s, Malvern's post office.

Last but not least, the Chair's Award went to the Malvern Memorial Cabin. It was built to resemble log cabins of the Revolutionary War era and incorporates timbers from actual Revolutionary War era buildings that no longer exist. Though this building is not, strictly speaking, "historical," the fact that it was built to help instruct Boy Scouts about an important aspect of Revolutionary War era history led the Commission to give it this special award.

Awardees have expressed a concern that accepting a Preservation Award might somehow restrict their ability to use or renovate

their home. The Commission would like to assure everyone that such is not the case! The Preservation Awards merely recognize and commend those who have maintained historical buildings in good condition. If you receive one, we would appreciate it if you help us publicize the Awards by displaying your plaque on the front of your building.

If you know of any older buildings in Malvern Borough that you think deserve a Preservation Award, please let us know. Although Award recipients are chosen solely by the Commission, we welcome questions, suggestions, and nominations from residents and members of the public. Feel free to send us requests and questions by e-mail

at malvernborohistory@malvern.org or message us through our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/malvernborohistory/> Don't forget to LIKE our Facebook page and FOLLOW our new Instagram account, [@malvernborohistory](https://www.instagram.com/malvernborohistory).

Finally, here's a big thank you to everyone who came out to our Town Tour in August, or our table at Malvern Summerfest and the Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day! Don't miss us at Christmas on King on Saturday, December 7, 2019. If you miss us at an event and want to purchase books or other items that we sell, stop by Borough Hall during normal business hours.

