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News from Malvern Borough Council

Like the rest of the country, Malvern Borough continues to address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Borough continues to follow the guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Chester County Health Department, and the PA Department of Health. On June 26, 2020, Chester County was moved into the green phase of Governor Wolf's economic reopening plan. The Borough has prepared guidance documents for residents and businesses for the green phase that are available of the Borough website. COVID-19 cases in the Borough continue to remain low and no deaths have been reported; however, we urge all residents to continue following the guidelines issued in order to combat the spread of COVID-19. This includes regularly washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, wearing a mask when in public, limiting non-essential travel, and staying home if you are sick. Borough Council and the various volunteer boards and committees will continue to hold virtual meetings. Information on how to participate virtually is updated regularly on the Borough website.

On June 16, 2020, Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 2020-5, which provided several amendments to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. These amendments addressed area and bulk requirements, such as building coverage and side yard setbacks, in the Borough's residential zoning districts. Completion of this ordinance involved the professional guidance of the Brandywine Conservancy. We would also like to thank the Planning Commission for their diligent review.

Borough Council is also pleased to be in the beginning phases of the update to the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. The last update was completed in 2012. On April 8, 2020, the Borough learned that we have been awarded a $31,890 Vision Partnership Program grant from the Chester County Planning Commission in order to complete this project. The planned completion timeline is approximately two (2) years. On July 7, 2020, Borough Council appointed the Brandywine Conservancy to oversee the completion of this project. A taskforce from the community will also be established. Please watch the Borough website for additional information.

There are several projects underway in the Borough that will continue through this summer. On May 20, 2020, the N. Warren Ave. Transit Project resumed construction. Substantially funded through $560,000 in grant funding, this has been a long-planned project and we are happy to have it completed this summer. Borough Council also awarded two (2) paving projects. These paving projects will occur on E. King St. (from Bridge St. to Warren Ave.) and on N. Warren Ave. (from Pennsylvania Ave. to the Borough boundary with East Whiteland Township). Please watch the Borough website for information on these projects.

Borough Council consists of Amy Finkbiner, Ph.D. (Council President), Jamie Grossman (Vice-President), Joe Bones, Marty Laney, John Meisel, Brendan Phillips, and Julie Raynor. 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.

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 this Board for an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. This position carries a three (3) year term. The individual appointed will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2021. Alternate members attend all meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board; however, they do not vote unless a voting member is absent or can otherwise not participate in the hearing.

- **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 at:

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Storm Water Management

Untreated or uncontrolled storm water runoff is the number one cause of impairment in our local waterways. Polluted runoff is often transported through municipal drainage systems until it eventually discharges into streams, ponds, and rivers untreated.

Malvern Borough is committed to improving water quality through better management of storm water runoff. Every resident can participate in our stormwater program by reducing or preventing pollutant runoff from their own property and by reporting any non-storm water discharges into the Township's drainage system and local streams.

What can we do to help keep waterways clean? There are numerous things we can all do on a daily basis to keep pollution out of our waterways. The following are just a few things we can all do to help improve water quality in our streams, rivers and lakes:

- Never dump anything into storm drains, swales or streams.
- Pick up litter from the street before it gets into storm drains.
- Use limited amounts of fertilizer.
- If you must use pesticides, search for an environment-friendly brand.
- Recycle motor oil, paint, and other hazardous chemicals. Never dump such materials down the drain or into the storm system.
- Recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum.
- Always pick up your pet's waste or harmful bacteria can get into our water!

Codes Enforcement Officer

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 trying 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 sections 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.

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

Environmental Advisory Council

The Malvern Borough Environmental Advisory Council along with the Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee invites you to join the *Environmental Diet Challenge*

The Environmental Diet Challenge begins on August 1st 2020. Get rewarded for making more sustainable choices!

To join the challenge, choose at least 1 of the activities below. Over the next 30 days take your chosen action(s) and keep us posted on your progress.

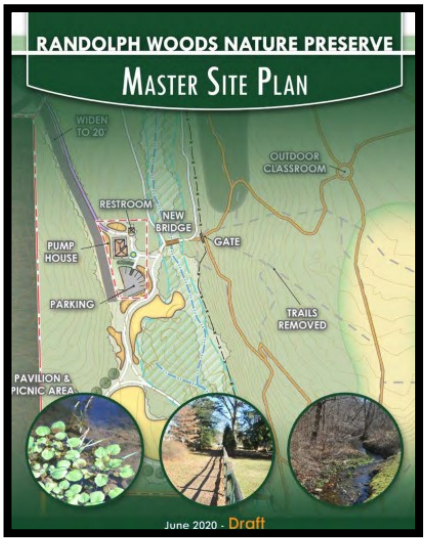
Share your progress with us! Email photos and updates to Malvern@Malvern.org! We will be sharing your stories and photos on the Malvern Borough's website as well as the Parks and Recreation Committee's Facebook page.

- **Litter Patrol** - Show us how you can keep our streets, parks, and open spaces clean by **picking up and disposing of 1 piece of trash daily**. Then think about taking it to the next step--make sure that that piece of trash gets in the appropriate receptacle. Is it recyclable, or does it go to the landfill? Show us a picture of yourself cleaning up, and tell us about your trek. What was the craziest thing you found? Did you have to go out of your way to find something? Did you learn a little more about recycling? And, of course, always use caution and safety when picking up any trash.
- **Sipping Sustainably** - Make a promise **not to use a plastic straw**. Plastic straws are one of the most widely used single-use plastics products. Straws are energy-intensive to produce but are too small to be recycled. They are not biodegradable and don't break down naturally. Straws often end up in our waterways, which harms turtles and other wildlife when they ingest them. Think about the sea life you're helping when you take this challenge, and snap a photo of the most unusual drink you had without a plastic straw. Let us know how you managed over the 30 days and whether you convinced others to skip the straw.
- **Idle No More** - Help the drivers in your family to improve our air quality by **turning the car off when idling**. Exhaust emitted into the atmosphere from idling vehicles poses real health risks such as respiratory problems, asthma, and allergies. Carbon dioxide emissions from car exhaust also contribute to climate change. But turning off the engine saves gas, which means more money in your pocket. So shut that engine off when waiting for take-out or curbside pickup, when waiting in a pickup/drop-off line, or when taking a phone call or lunch break. Where was the most unusual place you were idle without idling? Tell us whether you become more aware of others idling.

With these individual actions, we can witness the power of change, form new habits, and help make Malvern a healthier and a more environmentally sustainable community. Let's get ready to make a difference!

Randolph Woods Master Plan

The Randolph Woods Master Plan Committee is continuing to work on developing its Master Plan recommendation to Borough Council for the Randolph Woods Nature Preserve. Two (2) public meetings were held virtually on May 6, 2020 and June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Notes and presentation materials from these meetings are available on the Borough's website. We are very appreciative for the hard work and dedication of the members of the Committee and representatives from Simone-Collins. The Willistown Conservation Trust has also been an important partner in this endeavor and we are very appreciative of their support.



Through the work with Simone-Collins Landscape Architects, a draft plan has been developed. This plan includes some significant improvements to the nature preserve, including the following:

- The addition of ADA trails and bridges.
- A potential boardwalk along Ruth's Run.
- Construction of a pavilion and a natural play area for children.
- Improvements to the walking trails.
- Improvements to the condition of the forest by restricting deer.
- Reducing invasive species and better water shed management.

The Master Plan is targeted for Borough Council review in September. A draft of the Master Plan is available for public review on the Borough website.

The QR code may be used below to access the draft plan. **Please send any comments to malvern@malvern.org.**

SCAN ME

Malvern Planning Commission

The Malvern Planning Commission (MPC) is a 'review and recommend' body of seven Borough residents that examine 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 supported by the Assistant Borough Manager, Borough Engineers, and Borough Solicitors.

Over the course of the last few months, the MPC has primarily focused on the review and recommendation of pending applications before the Zoning Hearing Board. The following applications have been reviewed by the MPC:

- **418 E. King St. – JHT, LLC**: This is the site of a former auto repair facility being converted into an office. The application sought relief from the Borough's Zoning Ordinance for parking requirements. The application was ultimately withdrawn as an agreement was reached with a neighboring property for dedicated parking that is in colpliance with the Borough's Zoning Ordinance.

- **128-142 E. King St. – ZMC Partners, L.P.**: This is currently a three (3) vacant lots in common ownership at the corner of Bridge St. and King St. An office building is being proposed for this site. The applicant is seeking relief for building height, parking requirements, raised planting islands in the proposed parking area, and to have a buffer less than 20 ft. as required.

Current MPC members include Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, Mark Niemiec, Geoff Rubino, Carroll Sinquett III (Chairperson), and Zoe Warner (Vice-Chairperson). We continue to seek two additional Commissioners: a regular voting and an alternate member. Tiffany Loomis, Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer, serves as the Secretary for the Planning Commission and Kenneth Kynett, Esq. of the firm Petrikin Wellman Damico Brown & Petrosa serves as the Planning Commission Solicitor.

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.

Malvern Historical Commission

"No Monday Afternoon Club meetings were held in October 1918 'on account of the quarantine for influenza.'" (Malvern Treasures, Nancy B. Schmitt). It seems that history repeats itself, with meetings for the Historical Commission and other commissions and civic groups being postponed or canceled during 2020. This does not mean that we are not still focused on preserving both our past and the present for future generations.

So far in 2020, your Historical Commissioners have enjoyed our annual training opportunity from the Chester County Historic Preservation Network at the Brandywine River Museum on March 7. Seminar topics included historic integrity, as defined by the National Park Service. We were all very grateful to have attended this year's session before the pandemic shut things down.

Our June meeting resulted in our choosing our 2020 Preservation Awardees. We are cautiously optimistic we will have a chance to present these plaques soon. Please keep an eye on the Borough Council agendas and our social media (Facebook and Instagram are @MalvernBoroHistory). As always, if you know of a property in the Borough that is at least 50 years old and should be honored with an award for its preservation, please reach out via email to malvernborohistory@malvern.org.

Fresh air is still recommended for all, and if you fancy a walk about town, feel welcome to download a copy of our most recent Walking Tour Brochure, highlighting some of our most prized historic resources. It may be downloaded here: http://bit.ly/MalvernWTB2017

One of our last walks as a Commission was on Sunday, May 31 (see photo). The astute among you may recognize that date as what should have been the 152nd Memorial Parade. Four of our Commissioners were joined by Fran and Cathy Givnish as we upheld the tradition to march the Sunday after Memorial Day to honor fallen soldiers. Our route reversed the original marches of the late 1800s, walking from the Malvern Baptist graveyard westward on Monument to the Paoli Memorial Grounds and Monument Park. Officer Bury from the Malvern Borough Police escorted the paraders from Monument Ave to the flagpole at the top of the horseshoe, where we sang the National Anthem to the dozen or so persons enjoying the afternoon at the park. The official Memorial Parade, at the time of publication, was rescheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2020, at 1:30pm.

We invite all Malvernites to reach out to the commission with any requests or suggestions, but please be patient as our access to our archives in Borough Hall remains limited. Our Facebook and Instagram posts are also both great ways to engage with us and with our community.

Malvern Police Department

We have experienced unprecedented times over the past few months in the Malvern community and around the world. We have been dealing with a pandemic, quarantine, social unrest, riots and more.

First, the COVID-19 pandemic was a sudden shift in our societal norms and made all of us more in tune with our health practices and safety. COVID-19 presented the Police Department with many challenges. While still maintaining a quality level of service to the public, we needed to make sure our officers and their families were protected. I wrote new policies to ensure safe practices. Officers were issued personal protective equipment and shifts were staggered so the officers would not be together at the station. Calls were handled over the phone when possible to avoid unnecessary contact, public access to the police department was suspended and the cleaning of our work areas, including our vehicles, became a daily activity. All of these changes happened behind the scenes so the residents we serve were provided with a seamless transition to this "new normal."

Due to the prolonged closure and the cancelling of many activities, we wanted to do something for our community to boost their spirits. We initiated "Celebration Parades" for anyone who had a birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion. Malvern Police, in conjunction with the Malvern Fire Company and Willistown Police, coordinated with our residents to schedule drive by parades for their families to help with their celebrations. Seeing the smiles on kids' and adults' faces benefitted everyone. We scheduled a Class of 2020 "Graduation Parade," which included almost every street in the Borough. Surrounding agencies participated, which included Willistown and East Whiteland Police, as well as Malvern and East Whiteland Fire Companies. Bob Kelly from Fox29 News rode along doing a Facebook Live taping. It was a great day and we are glad to have been a part of your celebrations.

We are extremely thankful to our residents and businesses for your support and kind donations of items, such as masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and other personal protective equipment. Our community came out in full force to support first responders during this unprecedented time. We had a job to do and we wanted our residents and businesses to know, no matter what, we would be there for you.

I wish I could say this was the most difficult time we would face, but sadly, it was not. People across the country and around the world witnessed the horrific actions, which occurred on May 25, in Minneapolis, MN, involving the death of George Floyd. Malvern Police Officers joined me along with other departments condemning those actions. We witnessed many peaceful protests, but also violence, riots, and looting all over our great country. As law enforcement across the nation came under scrutiny, Mayor Burton and I reviewed our policies and confirmed we comply with the "8 Can't Wait" Campaign. We worked together with local activists to plan a peaceful protest for Black Lives Matters and provided them with security during their rally. I participate in virtual town hall meetings with advocates for race equality; these meetings create dialogue for us to understand better the needs of our society and discuss ways to enhance our relationship.

As Chief of Police, I am committed to listening to the community. The Malvern Police Department takes pride in being professional and providing superior police service to all people, regardless of gender, race, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation. Malvern Police will continue to provide our services without bias.

Malvern Officers will attend available diversity training to continue to learn and grow.

We at the police department have seen firsthand our community at its best and we encourage you all to continue to let Malvern be the place where everyone is welcome to live, work and raise their family.

Thank you for letting us be a part of it all.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Mayor Burton if you have any issues, concerns or ideas about how we can strengthen the Department's relationship with the people of Malvern.

~Sincerely, Louis Marcelli, Chief of Police

Malvern Park & Civic Association

The Malvern Park & Civic Association (MP&CA) is responsible for maintaining the park area including the tennis courts, Big Toy, playground area, gazebo and pavilion and picnic tables. To play tennis, the cost is only $50 per year. A check may be sent to PO Box 544, Malvern, PA 19355 made payable to Malvern Park & Civic Association. This will allow you to play and a key will be forwarded to you to enter the courts. The courts will undergo some much needed maintenance in September or October at the cost of $10,000. We need more members to make this more feasible. In addition, if you are using the park, which we promote, please make a contribution to the MP&CA as well. Funds are needed to help keep the grounds and courts in good repair and we thank you for any contribution you can make.

Real Estate Tax Payment Deadlines Extended

On April 21, 2020, Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 810. In accordance with Act No. 15 of 2020, this Resolution extended the payment deadlines for the Borough's real estate tax payments. The new payment deadlines are below:

- **Discount period** – Payment during the discount period outlined on your Real Estate Tax bill is extended until **August 31, 2020**.
- **Face period** – Payment during the face period outlined on your Real Estate Tax bill is extended until **December 31, 2020**.

Property owners are encouraged to make tax payments through the mail or by placing payments in an envelope in the dropbox located on the exterior of Borough Hall. The dropbox is secure and being checked daily.

Malvern Parks and Recreation Committee

PARKS UPDATE

If you have been out in Burke Park over the last few weeks, you may have seen our NEW Little Free Library! This community resource was installed by Public Works and is now fully stocked with books. Stop by the next time you are out for a walk.

The Parks and Recreation committee wanted to give a special thank you to Michelle Troha, who installed the original Little Free Library in Burke Park.

Have extra book? Feel free to reach out to us! We are always looking for book donations.

EVENTS

The Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation committee has been busy coming up with fun activates and events for the residents of Malvern Borough during these stressful times. The safety of our community members is the number one priority at this time. The committee thanks you all for your participation in our events and the continuous support!

We will be updating our Facebook page regularly with photos and stories from those who wish to share them with us. Send it to our Facebook page @MalvernBoroughParks or email at Malvern-Parks&Rec@Malvern.org.

IN PERSON EVENTS:
Summer Yoga Series-
Adult Yoga

Now that we are in the Green Phase, we are taking our summer Yoga series outside to Burke Park. Join us under the gazebo every Wednesday until the end of August at 6:00am for a 55 minute practice. This is an "All Levels" Hatha yoga class with Linda DiValerio, our in-house yoga instructor and RYT500 Please note: For everyone's safety, THIS EVENT IS LIMITED to 15 PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE REGISTER PER CLASS VIA FACEBOOK MESSENGER. Also, please wear your mask or cloth facial covering for arrival. #WellnessWednesdays

Malvern Rocks

Malvern Rocks is our newest community event! Here are the rules. Take a Rock. Paint a Rock. Share a Rock. Hide a Rock. Pretty easy right? Join the hunt by painting a rock, sharing a photo of your painted rock, and hiding your painted rock for neighbors to find in the Borough!

The Parks and Recreation committee has a large pile of rocks located at the Randolph Woods parking lot. Feel free to grab a few the next time you are there! Or paint your own rocks from home and hide them. The committee cannot wait to see how creative our community is!

Follow us on Facebook for videos and photos of rocks that were found around Malvern!

Go WilMa!

GO WilMa! is an exciting and entertaining summer outdoor adventure program that encourages children in the Willistown and Malvern region (no residency requirements) to explore the natural and historic treasures of our area through a series of scavenger hunts. GO WilMa! combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, reading, and lots of fresh air fun. Exploring the natural and historic treasures of our area also brings families, friends, and our community together, lifting spirits and delivering smiles. GO WilMa! is one of the wonderful happenings that makes our community so special...join in the adventure!

Sign-up is ongoing throughout the summer. Please contact Mary Hundt, Director of Parks and Recreation, at MHUNDT@WILLISTOWNTOWNSHIP.PA.US, to request an invitation to sign up. Registration is limited.

FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS:
Summer Yoga Series-
Children's Yoga

Please join Linda DiValerio, our in-house yoga instructor, for this fun LIVE online yoga series for children. Join us every Wednesday until the end of August at 4:00pm on Facebook LIVE via our Facebook page. This event is free and no registration is required. #WellnessWednesdays

Online Scavenger Hunt

Join us on the Malvern Parks & Recreation's Facebook page LIVE on Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 PM for a fun scavenger hunt for household items! Join the fun on Facebook Live. "See" you soon!

Malvern Shade Tree Commission

The Borough's Spring bare root tree planting was cancelled due to Coronavirus. However, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has contacted us and they are hopeful, and moving forward, to have trees available for Fall planting. If this takes place, those residents on the Spring 2020 list will receive a tree this Fall and we will carry over the waiting list until next spring.

Please refer to the Shade Tree Ordinance when planting or contemplating removal of street trees on your property. For instance, if you are considering the removal of a street tree within the Borough's right-of-way, a permit is required, because by law, such trees are considered public amenities. No permit is required for trees on your property if they are not in the right-of-way. If in doubt, please contact the Borough. If planting trees, please call 811 prior to planting so utility lines can be marked and avoided during the planting process.

A series of June storms brought unusually high winds that caused a significant amount of damage to Malvern's trees. If you are concerned about a tree on your property, before having it removed we suggest you first have it inspected by a certified arborist to determine its condition. Malvern has a number of large shade trees that contribute to the health and beauty of our community. A certified arborist can help you determine if your tree represents a risk or is a treasured asset to your home and community.

Thanks for your help in keeping Malvern green and beautiful! Many thanks to Ira Dutter and his crew for the clean-up after the last huge storm.

Malvern Public Library

Malvern Library is introducing themed Book Bundle Activity Kits for kids! Each bag includes five picture books, one DVD, and one activity packet, geared toward preschool through first grade children. Themes include: Apples, Bedtime, Bugs, Colors, Dinosaurs, Pirates, Sports, Summer, Things That Go, and Zoo. Please call the library at 610-644-7259 to reserve your bag and schedule a curbside pick-up time. While we may not be open to the public we still have events happening online. Children can participate in our annual Summer Reading program online by logging their reading to earn prizes.

Adults can all also get in on the fun by reading a book and writing a short a review. Each review is entered into a weekly drawing for a $25 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Sign up through our website under Events – Summer Reading.

Other online events include Zoom Book Club on the third Tuesday of every month at 10am. Registration is required to receive the link. And storytime for kids are every Tuesday at 10:30am on Facebook, no registration required. Be sure to check our events calendar for other upcoming online events. We look forward to when we can see you all again!

Paoli Memorial Association

PMA is the non-profit organization which owns the grounds along Monument Avenue from Wayne Avenue to Sugartown Road. This includes the grave site where 52 American soldiers are buried following the Battle of Paoli in 1777, the surrounding grounds, Monuments and road, the park and tennis courts which are maintained by the Malvern Park & Civic Association, the two baseball fields maintained by the Little League and the Boy Scout Cabin maintained by the Cub and Boy Scouts. The mission of the PMA is to preserve all the grounds for the use and enjoyment of the residents and to memorialize the soldiers buried there. As mentioned, the PMA has a responsibility to maintain these grounds but needs funds in order to do so. A person may become a lifetime member of the PMA by paying $100 and forwarding a check for that amount made payable to Paoli Memorial Association to P.O. Box 93, Malvern, PA 19355. You will then be able to attend the Annual meeting of the Association, which has been held at the aforementioned Boy Scout Cabin. The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26 and by becoming a member, you will be invited to attend the meeting. We sincerely appreciate those who have become members and any and all contributions made to the organization.

Malvern Farmers Market

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends in Malvern for supporting the Malvern Farmers Market. These past few months have been challenging, but changing to a preorder pickup farmers market allowed our farmers and small food businesses an outlet for their products at a time when food shortages brought a fresh awareness to just how fragile our food system truly is, and how important it is to have a robust local agricultural infrastructure. When grocery stores were tight on meats, eggs, dairy and grain sourced from national suppliers, our local farmers were able to help fill the void. And, while grocery stores have somewhat recovered in terms of supply issues, we noted our shoppers' commitment to supporting local agriculture has grown steadily. Thank you!

As the summer rolls on, we've introduced day of shopping at the market in addition to our online preorder system. You'll find fresh fruits and veggies, meats and eggs, dairy and more, all available without a preorder, at the market. Please note, we'll be continuing with our preorder system for the foreseeable future as our customers have voiced their preference loud and clear. You love preorders for safety and convenience, and so do we. You have been a very important part of the farmers market success story during COVID19, and we thank you for your compliance in all of our efforts to keep the public safe.

The Malvern Farmers Market is held weekly, every Saturday in Burke Park from 1 - 3 PM. For more information on the market, how to place preorders, and to sign up for our weekly newsletter visit our website at www.GrowingRootsPartners.com/malvern. Questions: info@growingrootspartners.com.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

The Borough of Malvern has opened the entire Historical Park to the public, not just the walking trails. Please observe all current Pennsylvania guidance, including masking, self-distancing, and hand-cleanliness when in the Park area. Keep in mind that it is an open, passive, park and there are no on-site Malvern Borough, Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund or Paoli Memorial Association personnel present. Please use common sense when at bulletin boards, interpretive panels, monuments, exhibits and the sole free-standing portable toilet. They have surfaces that might be compromised. There is no running water at the Battlefield Park.

PBPF has cancelled a number of events over the summer, including our lecture and entertainment at the General Warren. We have also cancelled our popular Annual Heritage Day in September. Instead of our full day event with scores of organizations, exhibits, activities, music and food trucks, we are partnering with the Malvern Memorial Parade.

The Malvern Memorial Parade has rescheduled to Sunday, September 20, 2020, after which we will stage a skirmish between British Light Infantry and American Continental soldiers. The Battle of Paoli was the ninth bloodiest encounter in the Revolutionary War. The Memorial Parade is the oldest, continuously held parade specifically honoring American fighting forces. And prior to Decoration Day/Memorial Day started after the Civil War, annual parades were held starting 1817 as Paoli Day to honor those who are buried here. Please support this unique historical event.

We are looking into using Zoom for our popular monthly Lectures in the Fall and checking if the speakers can participate. More on this later! Like many other organizations, we have been holding Board Meetings via internet conferencing.

Currently we are scheduling our Fall Paranormal Tour for Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 7 to 10 pm. Our paranormal tours have been sold out in past years. Tickets must be purchased on-line at our website.

We are again honored to participate in the *Wreaths Across America* celebration held at the same time throughout the nation. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 11 am to Noon at the Paoli Memorial Grounds and Historical Park.

We hope all our friends and supporters remain safe during these trying times. Please note that all these activities and events may be changed due to pandemic conditions.

For updates and other information check our website (RememberPaoli.org), sign up for our digital newsletter, Twitter (@PaoliBattle), and Facebook (Paoli Battlefield Historical Park) where you can still get a daily fix of Revolutionary War history!