The winter of 2017-2018 has passed and now we turn the page to spring. This winter proved to have its share of challenges given the snow storms that occurred. We would like to commend the members of the Public Works Department for the fine job they did this winter.

Borough Council has been busy during the beginning of the year and has outlined initiatives for the upcoming term. These included reviewing the existing Zoning Ordinance for amendments, updating the Home Rule Charter, and reviewing the Borough’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan. Regarding the Zoning Ordinance amendments, Borough Council has solicited proposals from land planning firms in order to assist in guiding the amendment process. These proposals are currently under review by the Public Works Committee of Borough Council, who will make a recommendation to Borough Council.

In January, Borough Council appointed two (2) ad hoc committees. The first ad hoc committee is charged with reviewing the Home Rule Charter and recommending amendments for consideration. The Home Rule Charter was adopted in 2008 and has been amended once to address term limit requirements, which occurred in 2016. Ultimately, the decision to amend the Home Rule Charter lies in the voters of the Borough and any proposed amendment will appear on the ballot in the fall General Election. The first proposed amendment was adopted by Borough Council on April 3, 2018 to address the advertising requirements of the annual budget. Please watch the Borough website for information on proposed amendments.

The second ad hoc committee is charged with reviewing and updating the Borough’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan was last reviewed in 2016 and serves as an important budgeting tool for Borough Council. This plan outlines potential road construction projects, renovations to Borough property, park projects, and other long-term investments. Once the review is complete, the proposed plan will be presented to Borough Council for review.

Borough Council is pleased to welcome the newest full-time officer with the Malvern Police Department, Officer Sian Keating. Ofc. Keating was appointed as a full-time officer on April 3, 2018 and brings with her a wealth of police experience as she previously served as a police officer in Darby Borough and East Whiteland Township. We are delighted to have Ofc. Keating as a member of the Malvern Police Department.

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of our volunteer boards and committees. Zoe Warner was appointed to the Planning Commission, Lloyd Stackhouse and John Kohler were appointed as alternate members on the Zoning Hearing Board, and Amy DiElsi was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Please watch the Borough website for information on vacancies as they are announced.

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.
News from the Codes Enforcement Officer

Property Maintenance in Malvern
In 2004, Malvern Borough adopted the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code, published by the International Code Council. The purpose of this code is to ensure that existing Residential and Non Residential properties and structures are maintained in a “clean, safe and sanitary condition”, and “structurally sound”.

The Property Maintenance Code requires property owners to maintain the exterior of their property to include the grass not exceeding 10” in height, trash and rubbish not accumulating on the property, gutters and downspouts working properly and not allowing the discharge of water to create a nuisance on neighboring properties, roof areas being water-tight, and all structures including sheds and fences to be in good repair and safe condition. Additionally, all vehicles on the property must have current registration and state inspection.

The International Property Maintenance Code is intended to ensure that all properties where the code is in effect are kept in a safe condition and structurally sound to help to reduce the risk of fires or other emergencies from occurring, thus aiding in saving lives and protecting property. And while all emergencies may not be able to be eliminated altogether, the code requires that those systems that are in place to give warning to the occupants provides the best chance of keeping people from becoming victims if an emergency does occur.

Questions regarding the Property Maintenance Code may be directed to the Borough at 610 644-2602 or by email at bwilfong@malvern.org.

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

AirBnB

AirBnB…What Every Homeowner Should Know

- Are you now, or are you thinking about using online home sharing platforms to provide short-term lodging on your property? If so, know...
- That if you collect money from a third party for a short-term stay within your home, you have a business.
- That your home may not be properly zoned for short-term lodging.
- That you may be required to install sprinklers or other safety features based on the Uniform Construction Code.
- That you must collect the hotel and other taxes.
- That not all insurance companies will cover short-term rentals.


Board & Commission Vacancies

Below is a list of current vacancies on the Borough’s volunteer boards and committees:

- Malvern Historical Commission – There is currently one (1) vacancy on this Commission. This position carries a five (5) year term. The individual appointed will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2021.
- Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee – There is currently one (1) vacancy on this Committee. This position carries a five (5) year term. The individual appointed will complete term that expires on January 1, 2021.

Residents who are interested in serving the community on these committees may apply by sending a letter of interest and résumé to the Borough Manager at malvern@malvern.org.
Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk Trash Pick-Up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 throughout the Borough. Freon appliances must have a certification of removal clearly VISIBLE. Only items that can be picked up by two men will be taken. No plant waste or yard compost will be removed during bulk collection. Items should be placed at curbside after 5:00 p.m. the night before or by 6:30 a.m. the day of collection. NOT TAKEN will be hazardous items, construction debris, tires, paint, gasoline, oil or sealed containers, dirt, stone, concrete or piles of small items that could have been boxed or bagged. Please be advised that electronics WILL NOT be accepted.

A Friendly Reminder to Pet Owners

Just a friendly reminder to be courteous and respectful of your neighbors by picking up after your pets. Dog waste is more than just a smelly and unsightly mess. It’s also a breeding ground for bacteria and parasites, all of which are commonly found in dog feces and are easily transferable upon contact. Borough Code, Chapter 68-6 specifically sites that dog owners are to clean up after their pets on any sidewalk, pathway, play area, park or any place where people congregate, or on any private property. Any one observed violating this section of the Code could face fines and associated court fees if found guilty. Although this may not be a pleasant chore, it is the responsibility of a pet owner.

News from the Malvern Fire Company

Since 1888, the Malvern Fire Company has always relied on community support through volunteers and generous donations to protect and serve our community. We invite you to join in carrying on a tradition of excellence in volunteer service. Our doors are always open - whether you choose to serve on the hose line or through community outreach events, Station Four has a place for you. Last year a combination of volunteer and paid professionals responded to 349 fire calls, 2653 emergency medical services calls and participated in 1637 fire and medical training hours. We serve Malvern Borough and portions of Willistown, East Whiteland, and East Goshen Townships. Ready to join in the action? We are looking for volunteers who want to become Malvern’s next generation of firefighters. Stop by the station during drill on Tuesday nights from 7p-9p for more information and to fill out an application.

The firefighters of Station Four rely on the generosity of our community to put our trucks to work everyday. The municipalities we serve provide contributions to the company however these allotments account for only 15% of our annual budget. The remaining 85% of the money used to serve and protect our community comes from fundraisers such as the fair, boot days, the pig roast, Annual Fund Drive and Amazon’s Smile Program. Through Amazon’s Smile Program, a portion of every purchase you make can be donated to the Malvern Fire Company. Simply use smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com to begin your shopping and select Malvern Fire Department as your charity. That’s it! Everytime you shop Amazon, 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon purchases will be donated to the Malvern Fire Company - at no extra cost to you! The prices you pay stay exactly the same. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on the product detail page.

The members of the Malvern Fire Company want to thank you for your continued financial support through our events and fundraisers. For more information on how to become involved at the Malvern Fire Company in firefighter or administrative volunteer capacities please visit www.malvernfireco.com or stop by for more information - we are located at 424 E. King Street in Malvern Borough. From all of us at Malvern Fire Company, thank you and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.
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.

Spring 2018 finds the MPC reviewing several SALDO applications, primarily in the King Street corridor, including:
- A garage and parking expansion at 124-128 East King Street,
- A two-lot subdivision at 11 Griffith Avenue,
- A residential expansion at 156 West King Street, and
- A consolidation of three parcels on Channing and Woodland Avenues for St. Patrick’s Parish school expansion.

We are continuing a planning initiative to revise definitions and processes for important Zoning Ordinance sections that have been deemed ambiguous or open to interpretation.

Current MPC members include Dave Knies (Chair), Mark Niemiec (Vice Chair), Lynne Frederick, Geoff Rubino, Chris Mongeau, Carroll Sinquett III, and Zoe Warner. Zoe was appointed by Borough Council, filling the seat occupied by Amy Finkbinder who is recently began a full term on Borough Council. 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!

News from the Parks & Recreation Committee

Egg Hunt.
The annual Egg Hunt was a hit! This year’s event was held on March 25th at 2pm. A big thanks to the Malvern Fire Company for allowing us to hold this year’s event in their facilities.

A big thank you to all our egg stuffers this year. You helped make our egg hunt a success with more eggs than ever. Thank you to: Great Valley High School Interact & Key Clubs, Girl Scouts of General Wayne, KD Markley and St. Pat’s, Joe Benson, the DiElsi Family, Jake and Jackson DeRafelo, the Gunderson Family, the Petcov Family, the Scoropano Family, Nicholas Shaw, and Francesca & Guilianna Troiano.

We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming an egg stuffer to call the Borough office and provide them with your name and email address so we can put you on our list for next year!

Community Event.
Malvern Borough’s Parks and Recreation Committee will hold their annual Spring Yard Sale in Burke Park on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Setup will begin at 8:00am. To reserve a table, or for more information, please contact Alicia Marziani at amarziani@malvern.org or 610-644-2602.

Family Fun.
Malvern on Ice will be held on June 1st from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Burke Park. Come out for a night of water ice and fun!

September 8th, we will hold our annual Movie Night at Burke Park. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Adult Sports.
On May 11th, we will be holding a Dodgeball Tournament at General Wayne Elementary School. For more details keep an eye on our Facebook or email us at malvern-parks&rec@malvern.org.

This June, Parks and Rec will organize an adult wiffle ball league on borough fields. Details will be forthcoming. Then later in the summer look for the 3rd season of Malvern’s adult kickball league. Please email malvern-parks&rec@malvern.org for more information or to be kept informed of updates.
The Commission has a new map for sale! This map is a color copy of a map dating to 1938; here is a black-and-white image.

If you’d like to own a copy of the new map, we will be selling it at our table at Malvern Blooms, which is on May 6th this year. We also have new postcard designs. Hope to see many of you there!

There is currently an open position on the Historical Commission. We are advertising this position. We are looking for a person who is available to attend meetings and volunteer for events. We would like this person to be good at face-to-face interviews, and it would be helpful if they are social media savvy. Any Malvern resident interested in this position should contact Christopher Bashore, Borough Manager. The Commission presently meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Finally, the Commission is always looking for Malvern residents interested in and willing to help set up and run our sales table at Malvern events. Interested? Contact Borough Manager Christopher Bashore at cbashore@malvern.org or Historical Commission Chair Lynne Frederick at malvernborohistory@malvern.org. The more volunteers we have to help, the more events we can attend, so please consider signing up if you have spare time on weekends and a love of Malvern and its history.

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

May 3, 2018 – Xeriscaping: Learn about gardening to help survive severe drought conditions. This program will be presented by Susan Doblmaier, Master Gardener.

All meetings are held at 11:00 am at Malvern Borough Hall.

For more information, please contact the Club of Little Gardens of Malvern at littlegardensmalvern@gmail.com.

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2018 Household Hazard Waste Events

2018 Household Hazard Waste Events – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SHARP

NO ELECTRONICS OR FREON APPLIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THESE EVENTS.

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority has several Household Hazardous Waste Events scheduled throughout 2018. Please see the collections dates and locations below:

- Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 881 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465
- Friday, June 22, 2018 – Coatesville Learning Center, 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
- Saturday, October 13, 2018 – Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

These events are open to residents only. No waste from businesses or contractors will be accepted. For a list of items that are accepted and not accepted, please visit www.chestercswa.org/documentcenter/view/1475.
Malvern Blooms

Welcome spring season with a visit to Malvern Blooms on May 6th from 11 AM - 4 PM, hosted by the Malvern Business and Professional Association. Blooms will feature nearly 200 exhibiting crafters, artists, retailers, non-profits and local businesses, something for everyone. This year we are showcasing more crafters than any other year - we’re talking Retail Therapy! With Mother's Day right around the corner you're sure to find something special for Mom.

Be sure to bring the kids - we'll have lots of activities in Burke Park to keep them entertained all day long including bouncies, face painting, balloon artists, kids concert from Songs for Seeds, games and prizes, crafts and more. The kids are gonna love it.

Music - we've got a great selection. Frog Holler will bring their country rock to King Street on the main stage, adjacent to the Blooms Beer Garden. Christopher's will be our host in the Blooms Beer Garden serving up signature cocktails and a delicious menu. Sit a spell and enjoy the show! Beam’s School of Music will be bringing their troupe of amazing local talent to Gallagher's lot again this year. Grab some lunch or snacks from the West King Food Court and relax in Gallagher's Lot while you enjoy the local talent. And back again this year, DJ Loudencoder in Burke Park - feel free to dance to the music! Hungry in Burke Park - no problem - stop by the Food Court in the parking lot and you'll be treated to a collection of deliciousness.

Many thanks to our presenting sponsors, Malvern Dental Medicine Associates and ACME! Thanks also to Daimion Heating and Air Conditioning, Renehan Building Group, Penn Medicine at Valley Forge, Malvern Auto, Samaritans At Last, Sila, Sugartown Vet and the Montgomery School. www.Malvern-Festivals.com

Malvern Stroll

Mark your calendars now for the Third Thursday of the Month - you won't want to miss our monthly Malvern Stroll. What exactly is Malvern Stroll? Its an invitation from King Street merchants and eateries to explore King Street and our many boutiques, shops and restaurants. Mingle with friends and neighbors, and meet new people, as you wander in and out of our retailers or dine al fresco. Enjoy our quaint town and all it has to offer. Shops are open late till 8 PM and musicians perform from 6 - 8 PM along King Street.

May 17th is our bi-annual Sip & Stroll featuring visits from local craft breweries, cideries and distilleries. Our visiting libation crafters will be located inside our retailers along King Street. And in June we'll be participating in a town-wide Alex's Lemonade fundraiser - a huge hit last year. Arrive thirsty - drink lots of lemonade!

Malvern Stroll is hosted by the Malvern Business and Professional Association.

Malvern Farmers Market

We hope to see you opening day at the Malvern Farmers Market, May 5th from 9 AM to 1 PM, and every Saturday May through November. We have an absolutely amazing collection of farmers participating in the market - all LOCAL! Welcome back our fruit and veggie farmers - B&H Organic Produce, Down to Earth Harvest, Frecon Farms and Old Homestead Farm. Canter Hill Farm returns with their locally raised meats, poultry and farm fresh eggs; and Carnicopia will be back with their locally sourced, expertly butchered beef. Malvern Buttery will be back with their wholesome breads and the reason to get out of bed on a Saturday morning - Buttery Sticky Buns!

We have a whole host of other food producers visiting the market who craft amazing food from locally sourced ingredients - incredible bakers, ready to heat and eat dinner options, pasta, preserves, pickles and ferments, honey, and maple syrup. We also feature a number of producers who offer fair trade sourced ingredients to create tea, chocolate, coffee and olive oil.

We encourage families to bring the kids to the farmers market to introduce them to our farmers. It's an incredible learning experience for kids to help them understand where their food come from. It's been a long winter - spring veggies are going to taste sweeter than ever. We're expecting berries by the end of May, and it looks like this could be the first time in 5 years for local apricots, as long a Mother Nature cooperates!

See you at the farmers market - bring your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. Please help to support our local farmers and small businesses. www.GrowingRootsPartners.com
News from the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

The PAOLI BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION FUND has expanded its Revolutionary Lecture series at the General Warren and is offering exciting new programs about the 9th bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War!

- 4/28/2018 Saturday
  SOLD-OUT! Bus Tour of the Battle of Paoli. This 4-hour tour starts at the Battlefield and takes you to Historic Waynesborough, St. Peters-In-the-Great Valley church, the General Warren Inn and other notable sights, explaining the troop movements, clashes and atrocities. Cost $49/person. Limited seating.
- 5/14/2018 Monday
  Lecture-Dinner at the General Warren: Brothers in Arms: How France & Spain helped gain our independence. 6 pm  Cost $49/person.
- 5/19/2018 Saturday
  Spring Paranormal Tour (7-11 pm) – after-hours private tour guided by the Malvern Paranormal Society includes refreshments. Cost $45/person.
- 5/26/2018 Saturday
  Bus Tour of the Battle of Paoli
  This 4-hour tour starts at the Battlefield at 9am. Cost $49/person. Limited seating (reservations required).
- 6/4/2018 Monday
  Lecture Dinner at the General Warren: James & Dolley Madison: Opposites Do Attract! Renowned first-person interpreters recount their exciting life. 6 pm Cost $49/person.
- 7/17/2018 Tuesday
  Colonial Music & Dancing at the General Warren at 6pm on the Spring House patio with light refreshments. Cost is $39/person.
- 9/10/2018 Monday
  Lecture Dinner at the General Warren: John Singleton Copley: Painting Soldiers, Spies and Patriots. 6 pm Cost $49/person.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 6th ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY Event on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 from 11 am to 4 pm featuring our celebrated military encampments from the French & Indian War to today’s Military Services and a full day of other events, music, games, noted authors and many displays from historical and service organizations. Cost: $10 per person, $20 maximum.

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

New Battlefield Tours may be added for the summer!

Malvern Public Library News

What’s buzzing at Malvern Public Library this May? Honeybees! Adults and children alike can learn about pollination from a local beekeeper on Saturday, May 5, from 11 AM–12:30 PM. Register for this one-time event online, and be sure to join us at the annual Malvern Blooms Festival on Sunday, May 6, from 11 AM–4 PM. We will have a buzz-worthy table with giveaways and goodies to buy.

New this spring and summer: Evening Book Club will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM, starting in May. Please see our website or check with the library for more information and book club picks. Morning Book Club will continue to meet at 10 AM every second Tuesday of the month, with a break in July and August.

Thank you to all who donated and continue to donate during our 2018 Annual Give-a-thon. Your continued generosity helps us provide the wide variety of high-quality programs and services that you have come to expect.

Traveling this summer? Reserve a mobile hotspot to take the internet on the go! Hotspots check out for $14 a week, or $28 for two weeks. Check with the library for more details. Don’t forget to download audiobooks from your Libby app, or stock up on stacks of books for your suitcase. Place your holds on those summer reads before they disappear!

Summer reading and GOWilMa! are almost here: join us at the kickoff party at Greentree Park on June 12 to register for GOWilMa! and the Library Rocks Summer Quest, or drop by the library anytime this summer. Read and get outside to earn cool prizes! In addition, we will also have a wide variety of programs for school age children all summer long. Check out our online calendar after the kickoff party to register for all programs.

Preschool children are also encouraged to participate in GOWilMa! and register for summer reading and weekly summer storytimes. Storytimes begin June 11, and wrap up on August 16, with various times for children ages birth-5 years. Please register online.

Tweens and teens entering grades 6–12 are invited to join their version of the Library Rocks Summer Quest, and attend weekly summer programs for grades 6–8. Teens ages 13 and older may also apply to be summer volunteers for children’s programs and shelving. Please check with the library or email Miss Kelly at kshea@ccls.org for more information on how to apply.
It looks like spring has finally arrived and that means the Malvern Memorial Parade is right around the corner. This year is a special year for the parade. As many of you know, the parade began in 1869 following the Memorial Day Proclamation in 1868, to recognize the more than 600,000 soldiers who died during the Civil War. This makes it the 150th parade. To our knowledge, it is the oldest, continuous parade in the country recognizing Memorial Day. The parade will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, starting at 1:30pm on King Street in front of the drive to the Malvern Fire House and will end at its usual site on the grounds of the Paoli Memorial Association on Monument Avenue. The parade committee has many special things planned for the parade and the festivities afterwards. We are also planning to have the largest Reenactment the parade committee has ever held after the ceremony at the Memorial Park on Monument Avenue. This should prove to be very exciting and something you will not want to miss. Following the Reenactment we will be having another cakewalk so be ready with your quarters. We thank the Borough of Malvern and the Malvern Fire Company for its assistance and all the wonderful citizens and businesses who also contribute to make this happen.

On the night before the parade, a spaghetti dinner will be held at the park on the drive next to the tennis courts starting at 5:00 PM and lasting until 6:30pm and after the dinner a concert will be held at the pavilion adjacent to the tennis courts. The Chester County Concert Band will be performing from 7:00pm to 8:00pm that evening. The dinner is $12 and tickets must be purchased in advance (see another article) but the concert is free. Just bring a chair to relax and enjoy the wonderful sounds of our County Band. These events will be held rain or shine.

So, mark your calendars for that first weekend in June and be hopeful for good weather. Please see our website at www.malvernmemorialparade.com for additional information.