

# Borough Broadcaster

Spring Newsletter

Malvern, PA

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## *News from Borough Council*

Last month, a *postcard* was mailed to all Malvern Borough renters informing them of the various ways that we communicate with the residents. As a result, we've had approximately 30 more residents who have signed up for Constant Contact...in order to stay informed! If you haven't already signed up, we hope that you will sign up today at [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org).

Spring is always a great time of the year with the new growth on the trees, flowers beginning to bloom and no more heavy coats and scarves. To the Borough, Spring means new projects getting underway, more outdoor events taking place in our parks and along King Street and people strolling the streets to see what they've missed over the winter months when much time was spent indoors. Malvern has a lot to offer! This year, Council approved a repaving project on Monument Avenue from Crest Avenue to Sugartown Road. This section of roadway on Monument Avenue is in serious disrepair. When this roadway is repaved, we will also be adding new crosswalks at Malvern Avenue, and at Wayne Avenue or Crest Avenue. We are still working with the engineer to determine the best location.

Unfortunately, there is the possibility that we won't complete the multi-modal projects this year for which we received grant funding. Getting a kick-off meeting with PennDOT has proven somewhat challenging and, until that meeting occurs, we can't do any of the work on the traffic signals or work on the sidewalks along No. Warren Avenue from the Septa parking lot to Pennsylvania Avenue. The two projects tie-in together. This is very disappointing as we've been trying to obtain funding to upgrade the traffic signal for the past four years.

## *Bulk Trash Pick-Up - May 16<sup>th</sup>*

As we've already received numerous calls about this date, we're putting it right on the front page of the Newsletter. Bulk Trash Pick-Up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Time to clean out the garages, basements and attics (to make room for more)!

## *Parks & Recreation - Save the Dates!!*

The Spring Events from the Parks & Recreation Committee are as follows:

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Yard Sale at Burke Park** with refreshments. Set-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Sale from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Call Patti Rossiter at 610-644-1381 to reserve a space. This event continues to grow each year. Call to reserve your space today!

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling** with Rita's Water Ice and D. J. for entertainment. Come to Burke Park from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm to kick-off "Malvern's Memorial" weekend (always the weekend following Memorial Day).

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - Movie and Food Truck Night** in Burke Park. Movie starts at 7:30 pm.

Look for the August and September events in the *July Broadcaster*.

As always, visit [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org) for additional information on all events!

## *Malvern Farmers Market*

The 3rd season of the **Malvern Farmers Market** will be opening Saturday, May 9th, from 9AM - 1 PM, back in Burke Park. We had a wonderful winter market in the Baptist Church, but cannot wait to get back outside to the park. We're welcoming back all the familiar faces at the market and some new folks too. Stop by the market every Saturday for the best in local produce, meats, poultry and farm fresh eggs, cheese and dairy, baked goods and so much more. Shop LOCAL! Eat LOCAL!

**ELECTION DAY IS MAY 19<sup>th</sup> - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHANNING AVE.**

## **Malvern BLOOMS Weekend!**

May 2nd "**Get to Know Malvern**" at our **Saturday Stroll**. From noon to 4 PM Malvern invites you to explore our downtown retail and dining district on King Street. Pop into our lovely boutiques, enjoy our local eateries, take a tour of Malvern's historical landmarks, and ride the trolley on King Street. Invite your family and friends to *get to know us*, and keep coming back to enjoy our *Small Town, Big Charm!*

May 3rd is the annual **Malvern Blooms Festival**, from 11AM - 4 PM in downtown Malvern. King Street and Burke Park will be filled with local artists and crafters; our two stages will feature great musical artists; enjoy the antique car show and fashion show; bring your appetite for our fantastic array of dining options; lots to do for the kids including games, activities, crafts and more!

For more information on the Malvern Blooms Weekend, visit our website at <http://www.malvern-festivals.com/>.

Interested in participating in the Malvern Harvest Festival September 27th - check out the festival website. We have a variety of sponsorships available, and opportunities for artists, crafters and retailers.

## **Malvern's Community Spaghetti Dinner and Concert!**

Save the date for the second annual **Malvern Community Spaghetti Dinner:**

**Saturday, May 30th**

**Malvern Memorial Grounds on Monument Avenue**

**5 - 7 PM for dinner**

**7 - 8 PM for the Chester County Concert Band performance**

The spaghetti dinner, hosted by the **Malvern Farmers Market**, and catered by **Anthony's of Malvern**, includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and bread. Beverages will be available from Alex's Lemonade Stand, or feel free to bring your own soft beverage. For dessert - cake!

Following the dinner, the **Malvern Parade and Family Fun Day Committee** has invited the **Chester County Concert Band** to entertain us. This is all about an evening of fun, friends and community. We hope you'll join us!

Tickets for the Malvern Community Spaghetti Dinner **must be pre-purchased!** You can pre-purchase your tickets at the Malvern Farmers Market, the Malvern National Bank, and Kohlerman's Pharmacy. Tickets are:

\$12 general ticket price

\$8 for children 6 - 12 years of age

Kids 6 and under eat free

For questions, please email [malvernevents@GrowingRootsPartners.com](mailto:malvernevents@GrowingRootsPartners.com).

## **2015 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule - 9:00am to 3:00pm SHARP**

**No Electronics will be Accepted at any of the Events - No Freon Appliances**

Saturday, April 11 - CAT Pickering Campus, 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Saturday, April 25 - Octorara High School, 226 Highland Road, Atglen (Take Proof of Residency)

Saturday, May 16 - Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown

Friday, June 16 - Coatesville Learning Center, 1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville

**Residential Event Only - No businesses or contractors**

## **Dates to Remember**

May 21 & June 18 - 5:00-8:00 pm - **Malvern Stroll** along King Street. Extended shopping hours!

Borough Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 pm.

Agendas and Minutes can be found on our website at [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org).

## **Paoli Battlefield Revolutionary Lecture Series**

On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Dr. Michael Gabriel returns to present "Anthony Wayne on the Northern Frontier". This presentation will examine Anthony Wayne's role in the final stages of the Canadian invitation in 1776, including the Battle of Three Rivers and his command at Fort Ticonderoga. If you are a history buff, you won't want to miss this lecture at the General Warren Inne. Admission price is \$49 and it includes the 18<sup>th</sup> century American Fare Buffet, all soft beverages, family style sweets, all taxes and gratuities, and a small donation to the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund. Book your reservation at <http://www.generalwarren.com/a-revolutionary-lecture-series.php>.

## *The Codes Enforcement Officer Reminds You...*

### Sidewalks, Walkways and Streets Must be Kept Unobstructed

As the hedges, bushes and flowers grow along the sidewalk at your property, please make sure that they don't obstruct the sidewalk. This makes it difficult, not to mention dangerous, for pedestrians using the sidewalks. In light of Malvern Borough's size, many people, residents and visitors alike, use the sidewalks to get around. All vegetation along sidewalks must be trimmed back just behind the paved area. In addition, where vegetation is planted near road intersections, keep them trimmed back so they're not a sight hazard to motorists attempting to go through those intersections.

If you have trees that hang over the sidewalk and road, they must be trimmed up so that there is at least eight feet from the sidewalk to the bottom of the branches and at least thirteen feet from the street to the lowest branches.

While clearing back the hedges and bushes from your sidewalks and walkways, be sure to have a look at the walkway and sidewalk blocks. If they've been lifted up by trees or frost heave during the winter and there is a half inch or greater difference between blocks, they should be repaired or replaced to eliminate potential trip hazards between the blocks.

The **2003 International Property Maintenance Code**, as well as the **The Code of the Borough of Malvern**, requires that exterior property areas be kept clean and "free from hazardous conditions." All residents and businesses that have hedges, bushes and trees along sidewalks and streets must help keep them safe by ensuring that the sidewalks and streets are not obstructed.

## **NEWS FROM MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A huge thank you to our Phonathon volunteers and donors. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$25,000!! If we missed you during the Phonathon, it's never too late to give! Donation forms are available at the Circulation Desk.

Get ready to discover Every Hero has a Story this summer!!! We have a great line up of activities to keep everyone busy....from babies to preschoolers to school age kids to teens to families. Summer calendars will be available in late May. Science in the Summer will be offered to children going into grades 2 through 6 during the week of July 20th. When you register for our Summer Reading Club, you also join GO WilMa, a fun program to explore parks in Malvern and Willistown. A Family Fair will be held in Greentree Park on June 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Go WilMa!

Stop by our table in Burke Park at the Malvern Spring Family Festival on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll have crafts for the children. We also have t-shirts and great tote bags available when donations are made to MPL. See you there!!

For those of you who use OverDrive to download the system's free e-book and e-audiobooks, there is a great new feature. You can now "freeze" your holds. The "Freeze" option allows you to freeze a hold without losing your place on the waiting list for that item. For example, if you are going on vacation and don't want to miss getting your holds, you can freeze them before you leave then unfreeze them when you return. This function can only be activated by patrons through their online account. Any questions, stop in and we'll talk you through it.

## *Historical Commission News*

We hope many of you read the article in InGreat Valley magazine about Sears catalogue houses. We would love to know if you believe your home is a catalogue house, help you verify it, and document it for our files. If you have questions about this, please contact us at our email address below or call the Borough office to set up an appointment.

Please look for us during our short tour on Saturday, May 2 between 12-2pm! You will find us outside various places along East King Street, where we will give some brief history on 4 or 5 buildings. This will be happening during the Malvern Blooms Saturday events. This will be a loose tour - please feel free to stop as you walk by. There is no beginning or end to the tour, stop at as many or few places as you are interested in. We look forward to seeing you!

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coins and banners are still for sale as well as many other items, including early 20<sup>th</sup> century replica postcards, coins from the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, refrigerator magnets, and three history books by Nancy Schmitt. For questions or to purchase any of these items, contact the Commission, or visit us at our booth at Malvern Blooms on Sunday, May 3.

We invite you to visit the Malvern History Center, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Borough Hall. The History Center is currently open by appointment only. To schedule a visit, simply call the Borough office at 610-644-2602, who will put you in touch with Commissioners who will meet with you and show you around the Center or email us directly at malvernhc@yahoo.com. Come and see what we have to share with you!

We also encourage any and all interested people to attend our meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Borough Hall. Please contact us at our email address or call the Borough Office for more information! We'd love to have you visit!

## *The Police Chief's Corner*

Another winter has come and gone. Although we did not have the snow amounts of recent winters, mother nature supplied enough winter weather to be taxing on our Road Crew, Fire Company and Police services. I would like to thank each department for their outstanding service year round, but especially during the winter months.

Spring is now here and summer is knocking. Malvern Borough's logo is "A great place to live, work and play". Malvern prides itself on being a pedestrian Borough. We enjoy many events in Malvern and many people walk, jog and bike in the Borough. Safety must be a priority for everyone. All our parks have many activities; our baseball fields are full every night and weekends. Please use extra caution while driving our streets. Malvern Borough's speed limit is **25 MPH** and at times, that speed may be too great for all the activities. Safety is everyone's responsibility, so as you drive in the Borough be alert for pedestrians; as you walk, jog or ride bikes in the Borough, please use caution .

During the last few months several "scams" have been occurring. One is a caller stating they are from the IRS. The IRS will not contact anyone via phone or email. The IRS only contacts people through the United States Postal service. If you are questioning a call or letter you receive DO NOT give personal information, and do not send money.

All alarms, residential and businesses, must be registered with the Police. If you are not registered, please contact our office at 610-647-0261 or stop by at 1 E. First Avenue, Suite 1.

Parking in Malvern is a premium, many of our streets and parking lots have hour parking restrictions posted. Please be aware of the allotted number of hours you are permitted to park. While parking on our streets please respect the residents, stay at least 10 feet from private driveways, stay off the curbs and grass. Park with the flow of traffic, 20 feet from intersection/crosswalk, 15 feet from fire hydrant, and 30 feet from a stop sign. If the roadway is lined, your entire vehicle must be within the painted, or marked, spaces .

Malvern Police operates 24 hours, 7 days a week. Should you see suspicious activity or need police assistance, please call 911 immediately. **DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** as we do not have dispatch capabilities.

## *Put Rainwater to Work for You*

Harvesting rainwater is a simple way to make your household green and help your gardens prosper. Using rainwater instead of the tap to water your gardens will cut your water bill. It also keeps water from running off of your property and carrying pollutants into our streams. The two most common ways to put rainwater to work for you are rain barrels and rain gardens:

- **A rain barrel** collects water from your roof and stores it for future use. You can connect a hose to the barrel or use it to fill watering cans. Rain barrels are available commercially at home improvement stores or you can build a do-it-yourself rain barrel at little cost; see [www.diynetwork.com/how-to/how-to-create-a-rain-barrel](http://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/how-to-create-a-rain-barrel) for simple instructions. Most barrels hold 55 gallons of water and will fill quickly during a storm. Make sure to include an overflow pipe to transport excess water away from your house. Also, a screen or filter on top is essential to prevent mosquitoes.



This rain barrel at the Media Community Center was painted to provide a splash of color. Rain barrels are available in many colors and can be painted to match any home.

- **A rain garden** is a collection of water-loving plants in a slight depression in the ground. Running a downspout towards a sunken garden will capture rainwater and allow it to slowly sink into the ground over the next day. Rain gardens should be located at least 10 feet away from your foundation. Their size varies based on how much roof area is draining to the garden. Resources on building your rain garden can be found many places online, including <http://www.raingardensforthebays.org> and <http://www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden>. Pick the right spot on your property, create a design using your favorite plants, and start using rainwater to beautify your yard.