

The Borough Broadcaster

Spring Newsletter

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News from Borough Council

The winter of 2016-2017 has passed and now we turn the page to spring. We would like to commend the members of the Public Works Department for the fine job they did this winter.

We are pleased to welcome representatives from the Malverns Worldwide project in Malvern, Worcestershire in the United Kingdom. Cora Weaver and Bruce Osborne from Malverns Worldwide will be in attendance at the May 2, 2017 meeting of Borough Council. We are very grateful for their kindness and interest in learning more about the Borough. Please join us in welcoming them to our town.

With the arrival of spring brings an abundance of activity to Malvern Borough. We will begin the traffic signal replacement and pedestrian improvements project on N. Warren Ave. The Borough has been awarded funding from both the PA Department of Community and Economic Development and the PA Department of Transportation in order to complete this project. We are hopeful to have this project completed in the Spring/Summer of 2017.

The Borough is also looking to complete a streetscape project on Woodland Ave. The project will involve streetscape improvements on Woodland Ave. from King St. to Second Ave. Improvements along Woodland Ave. will include new curbs and sidewalks, handicap ramps, Victorian streetlights, street trees, and stamped concrete pavers.

We are continuing to work on a large-scale traffic study. An online survey was conducted during March and April, which will be utilized in developing the final report. In addition, an open house was conducted at Borough Hall on April 3, 2017. We would like to thank all those who took the time to complete the survey and attend the open house.

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, on Facebook, and emergency notifications are sent through the ReadyNotify system.

A Very Special Thank You

The Malvern Parks and Recreation Committee extends a big thank you to all our "egg-cellent" egg stuffers this year. You helped make our egg hunt a success with more eggs than ever. Thank you to: **Great Valley Girl Scouts of Service Unit 638, Cub Scout Pack #7, The Interact Club and Key Club at Great Valley High School, St. Patrick's PREP Students, Nicholas Shaw, the Benson Family, and the Arena Family.**

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!

Bulk Trash Pick-Up - May 20th

Bulk Trash Pick-Up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 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.**

Parks & Recreation - Save the Date!!

The Parks & Recreation Committee has several great events this spring and summer. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Saturday, May 20, 2017** – 7th Annual Spring Yard Sale in Burke Park – Set-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Sale from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Call Patti Rossiter at 610-644-1381 to reserve a space.
- **Friday, June 2, 2017** – Malvern on Ice (Water Ice in the Park) in Burke Park – Come to Burke Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to enjoy water ice, D.J. entertainment, and to help kick-off "Malvern's Memorial" weekend.
- **Friday, June 23, 2017** – Family Movie Night in Burke Park – Bring out your blankets, and stuffed animals for a family movie night! The film begins at 7:30 p.m. Free Popcorn!

FREE! Shade Trees for Fall Planting

In partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and DCNR's TreeVitalize Program the Borough has made over 150 trees available to residents free for planting. Together, we're keeping Malvern green and providing lovely streetscapes. If you are interested in a free tree for your yard, watch for our announcement in the fall issue of the Borough Broadcaster or drop us an email at malvernstc@yahoo.com.

News from the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

2017 marks the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Paoli and the 200th anniversary of the dedication of the nation's 2nd oldest Revolutionary War Monument and the beginning of a parade tradition honoring veterans and those killed in action. The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBBF) continues to host dinner/lectures at the General Warren Inne: Monday, May 8th features historian Nancy Loan on Soldier Stories from Valley Forge and on Tuesday, July 18th musician Charlie Zahm returns with Tad Marks for an *Evening of Patriotic Music*. Other events include: on May 4th there will be a "Remember Paoli" Lecture (at the Rock Ford Plantation in Lancaster PA); on May 14th there will be a Mother's Day Tea with Reenactors at the Paoli Battlefield (11am to 3pm); on May 20th the Spring Paranormal Tour at the Paoli Battlefield (6pm to 11pm) (Must prepay <http://pbpfinc.org/tour>); and on Sunday, June 4th the Malvern Memorial Parade. Save the dates for August 10th, when the Chester County Town Tours & Village Walks program will be at the Paoli Battlefield (free - 5:30pm to 7:30pm); and for September 23rd the Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day and Twilight Battle Reenactment (11am to 4pm) Reenactment (6pm to 7pm) will be held! PBBF Vice President Jim Christ is featured on a new radio series, *Our American Heritage* on WFYL-1180 AM radio. Jim's talks can be heard anytime as a podcast at www.1180wfyl.com and we plan to have it on our website. Visit our website at www.RememberPaoli.org for details and reservations.

Malvern Blooms - May 7th

Malvern Blooms returns this year with fun for the whole family on May 7, 2017 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the heart of Malvern. This spring, Twangabillies will be performing on the main stage in the Hillbilly BBQ and Beer Garden. Get ready to have some country fun! Beam's School of Music returns to Gallagher's lot with Malvern's own version of Malvern's Got Talent! DJ Loudenclear will be rocking out in the west end of Burke Park.

And back again this year, Songs for Seeds, a Kids' Only Concert in the east end of Burke Park! There will be plenty of activities to keep the little ones entertained for hours: bouncies, the R-5 Train Ride, crafts, games, face painting, balloon artists and more! In addition, we have nearly 200 crafters, artists, and exhibitors setting up shop on King Street, Warren Avenue and in Burke Park. And while Bark in the Park used to only be at our Harvest Festival, those dogs just couldn't get enough of Malvern - Burke Park will have lots of treats for the pups, including pups in need of a good home! If it's good food you looking for, we aim to please. We'll have a nice selection of food trucks pulling into town to make sure no one goes home hungry! Many thanks to our Premier sponsors: Affinity Veterinary, Eastside Flats, and Malvern Dental Medicine.

Concert in Burke Park - July 20th

The Malvern Parks and Recreation Committee is pleased to announce a special outdoor concert with central Pennsylvania-based *Simple Gifts* on Thursday, July 20th at 7:00 pm. The group performs a range of traditional folk music from around the world on a wide array of string, percussive, and wind instruments. The performance is free to the public and is made possible with generous support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Malvern's Community Spaghetti Dinner & Concert - June 3rd

Back for the fourth year is Malvern's annual Memorial Weekend Community Spaghetti Dinner and Concert in Memorial Park. The Malvern Farmers Market hosts the Spaghetti Dinner cooked up for us by Malvern's own Anthony's Italian Restaurant! We'll have spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and garlic bread. Water bottles will be available. For dessert, Scoops and Smiles will be dishing up ice cream! Tickets will be available starting May 1st at the Malvern Farmers Market, National Bank of Malvern, and Kohlerman's Pharmacy. This is the best deal in town folks: \$12 per adult, \$8 for children 6 - 12, and Free for children under 6. Following the dinner and open to all for free, is the annual concert by the Chester County Concert Band. Wear your red, white and blue - this is a good old fashioned patriotic celebration that would make John Philip Sousa smile! Many thanks to the Malvern Parade Committee for sponsoring the band.

Run for Freedom - June 3rd

On Saturday, June 3rd, the 6th annual Run for Freedom will be held starting at 9:00 AM with registration beginning at 8:00 AM, to be held at the Paoli Memorial Grounds off of Monument Ave. Proceeds from the Run for Freedom will support a medically discharged Marine. For further information on the run and to register please contact Keri Phillips at 267-566-6790. In addition, you can review the site at runforfreedompa@gmail.com.

Malvern Memorial Parade - June 4th

On Sunday, June 4th, the Upper Main Line Memorial Association will hold the 149th annual Memorial Parade. The parade will begin on E. King Street between Kimberton Whole Foods and the entrance to the Malvern Fire Company at 1:30 PM and will end at the Paoli Memorial Association grounds on Monument Ave. Recognized as the oldest continuously held Memorial Parade in America, the Parade is expected to include at least eight bands, military color guards, military and antique vehicles, floats, fire trucks and a decorated bicycle procession. Immediately following the parade will be a Memorial Service, after which will be a reenactment. For questions on the parade, please call Frank Ortner at 610 647-2577 or Rich Lee at 610 647-3084.

A Night at the Planetarium - June 13th

The Paoli Memorial Association (PMA) and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBPF) are having a fundraiser at the Planetarium at West Chester University on Tuesday, June 13th. A flyer is enclosed to attend this event and note that we can only accommodate the first 130 people to attend due to the size of the Planetarium. A picnic dinner is included as well as a presentation from the Director of the Planetarium. Come see what the night sky looked like on September 20, 1777, the night of the Battle of Paoli and many other interesting things taking place in the night sky this summer. Please see the flyer for details.

Planning Commission News

The Malvern Planning Commission (MPC) is a 'review and recommend' body of seven Borough residents which processes Subdivision and Land Use (SALDO) applications, monitors Zoning Ordinances, takes Planning Initiatives, and comments on other Community Planning matters referred to us by Borough Council. The early days of 2017 finds the MPC reviewing a half-dozen SALDO applications across the Borough, specifically:

- Residential expansion in the King Street corridor - 346 East, and 156 West,
- New residential at 323 Old Lincoln Highway,
- Two new buildings Malvern Preparatory School,
- A warehouse expansion at 100 Quaker Lane, and
- A re-review of the landscaping plan for 217 South Warren Avenue.

We also have begun two planning initiatives:

- Revising the MPC Bylaws documents to reflect current application processes, and to make the bylaws conform to the Home Rule Charter and the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Act.
- Developing a plan of action and milestones for a comprehensive review and revision of the Borough's planning - related ordinances.

Current MPC members include Dave Knies (Chair), Amy Finkbiner (Vice Chair), Geoff Rubino (Secretary), Chris Mongeau, Carroll Sinquett III, Lynne Hockenbury, and Mark Niemiec. 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 Code Enforcement Officer - Address Numbers

The Borough's Property Maintenance Code requires that all residential and commercial buildings in the Borough display the address number for each. The numbers must be 4 inches high for residences and 6 inches high for commercial buildings. They must be located on the side of the building facing the road which the address number applies to and should be mounted on a contrasting color surface, so they can be easily seen from the road. The numbers may not be located on the front door and make sure that any vegetation growing near the numbers is kept trimmed back and that they aren't blocked by front porch roof posts.

Malvern Public Library News

It's time for the Give-A-Thon! From April 24th to May 7th, we are encouraging our patrons to donate to the library. Our goal for the year is \$24,000, or ten percent of our total operating expenses. Your donations are so important to keeping us running. If you want to know more, check us out at www.malvern-library.org

Our knitters group, the WoolGatherers, meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 3:00PM. Beginners and experts are welcome. The Adult Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. No registration needed to join this lively group! We now have an Adult Coloring Club, hosted at the Malvern Buttery. We meet every third Friday of the month at 2PM. And on every third Friday of the month at 3:30 PM we have a Book Craft Afternoon. Come and help us upcycle broken down books into one of a kind paper crafts!

Summer story times run from June 12th to August 17th for ages zero to six years. Call the library at 610-644-7259 or email Miss Kelly at kshea@ccls.org to register. Summer Reading Club: Build a Better World, Read! Beginning June 12, register at the Malvern Public Library for our summer reading club and GoWilMa! Children entering grades pre-K to 5 can read their way to cool prizes. Stop by the library or join us at the GoWilMa! kickoff party to register.

This summer children entering grades K-5 are invited to join us for a wide variety of programs, including crafts, STEM activities, theater games, and more! Register at the library beginning June 12th.

Teen Summer Reading Club: Build a Better World, Read! Tweens and teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join their version of the summer reading club. Earn raffle tickets for reading books from our reading scavenger hunt. We also have volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Miss Kelly at kshea@ccls.org for more information.

Teen Grab Bag: Every Wednesday evening from 4-6 PM, we will have a different event for teens including board games, paper crafts, writing, and STEM activities. No need to register in advance!

Malvern Fire Company News

Spring brings a new season of training for the firefighters at the Malvern Fire Company. Tuesday nights have brought with them unique opportunities for the firefighters to hone their skills in search and rescue, ventilation, ladders and more. During a training session in early April, the firefighters were granted access to an acquired structure where they

searched for and rescued a victim and practiced life safety skills such as wall breaching. In addition, the crews scaled the roof of the structure for hands on roof ventilation and basic operating procedures.

Mid April's warmer weather allowed the crews to work with the roof simulation trailer at the firehouse. This trailer, acquired by the Malvern Fire Company in 2016, allows the firefighters to practice working on roofs of various pitches and through various scenarios. During training, the firefighters practiced ventilating, ladder placement and radio communications while working through a variety of evolutions. Each evolution was led by a different firefighter, giving each the opportunity to lead their crew members. Training props such as the roof simulation trailer provide the firefighters with the hands on experience and training needed to respond to emergencies effectively and safely within the community.

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community? The Malvern Fire Company wants you to join us in carrying on a tradition of excellence in volunteer service. Are you ready to ignite your life? Whether behind the hose line or behind the desk, Station Four has a place for you. Our doors are always open – we would love to give you a tour of the station and our trucks. Want to join in the action? Fill out our online application or stop by Tuesday nights at 7pm for drill night to meet our active crew. We look forward to meeting you! For more information and ways to serve, visit www.malvernfireco.com or call us at 610-647-0693.

Historical Commission News

If you like the postcards the Historical Commission has been selling at local events, you'll be pleased to hear that we recently increased our postcard selection. We have new designs available, including a great picture of the Malvern Public School building (now Borough Hall) circa 1900, and the picture showing King Street with a banner for the 50th Anniversary celebration, which we recently showed on the Commission's Facebook page. Come by our table at Malvern Blooms on May 7th, and you can buy copies of our latest postcards for yourself.

The Commission is looking for Malvern residents willing to help set up and run our sales table at Malvern events. Interested? Contact Borough Manager Chris Bashore at cbashore@malvern.org or Historical Commission Chair Lynne Hockenberry at malvernhc@yahoo.com. The more volunteers we have to help, the more events we can attend. For example, if you'd like the Commission to appear more often at Malvern's weekly Farmers' Market, your volunteering can make that possible.

Finally, any Malvern resident interested in serving as a member of the Historical Commission should contact Chris Bashore, as there may be a resignation from the Commission which we will need to fill. The Commission presently meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.

2017 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 2017. Please see the collections dates and locations below:

- **Saturday, May 20, 2017 – Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 881 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465**
- **Friday, June 23, 2017 – Coatesville Learning Center, 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320**
- **Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Oxford School District Admin. Bldg., 125 Bell Tower Ln, Oxford, PA 19363**
- **Saturday, October 14, 2017 – 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.chesterccswa.org/documentcenter/view/1475.

Malvern Farmers Market Update

The Malvern Farmers Market is back every Saturday in Burke Park from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enjoy the very best in locally grown, raised, and created food each week starting May 6th at the Malvern Farmers Market. We've had a fantastic winter market and cannot wait to move back outside to Burke Park. Our three veggie growers, B&H Organic Produce (Morgantown, PA), Down to Earth Farm (Downingtown, PA) and Old Homestead Farm (Ronks, PA) will keep you stocked all season with the freshest, most nutritional veggies you can find. Our orchard, Frecon Farms (Boyertown, PA) will be back with fruits, ciders, and baked goods.

Local meats? Well you can't get much more local than Malvern! Canter Hill Farm will have their sunny yellow yolked farm fresh eggs, poultry (including ostrich), pork, lamb, and more. And joining us this year, Carnucopia with locally sourced grass-fed beef from Lancaster County. And this year we have a few dairies joining in, bring us amazing cheese. Day Spring Farm has sheep's milk cheese, and Stoudt's has cow's milk cheese.

The Malvern Buttery heads up the bakery group, bringing wholesome breads and more to the market each and every week. They are backed up by a host of other bakers who visit the market, including gluten free options. There's lots more: jams, honey, maple syrup, locally roasted coffee, tea, wine, ready-to-heat-n-eat, olive oil, soap, and more!

This year we're introducing "the daily dish" - quick recipe ideas using market finds. We'll have decals for the car so you can tell folks that you support the Malvern Farmers Market, and insulated grocery bags too! And, we're bring back out Loyal2Local Program with lots of great prizes monthly for loyal market shoppers!