

The

Borough Broadcaster

Summer Newsletter

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News from Borough Council

Borough Council would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Louis Thomas, Jr. for his many years of dedication to the community on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Thomas served as the Chair and resigned after 23 years. We are very grateful for his service to the community.

At their meeting on June 21st, Borough Council awarded the contract for the 2016 Paving Program to Melchiorre Construction Co. The following roads are set to be paved this summer: King Street (from Bridge Street to Woodland Avenue), W. King Street (from the Mobile Station to Powelton Avenue), Monument Avenue (north side from Griffith Avenue to Warren Avenue), and Old Lincoln Highway (south side from Longford Avenue to Bridge Street). Please monitor the Borough website for information on these projects.

Borough Council recently approved Ordinance #2016-8 to initiate the process of amending the Borough's Home Rule Charter. The adopted ordinance will amend section 205 of the Home Rule Charter pertaining to the term limits of Borough Council members. This measure must be voted on by the public and has been submitted to the Chester County Board of Elections for consideration as a referendum in the November 8th General Election. Borough Council also adopted new regulations for peddling and soliciting in the Borough. This amendment provides for stringent background check requirements for those wishing to conduct door-to-door solicitation in the Borough. If residents do not wish to have door-to-door solicitors enter their property, please post a "No Soliciting" sign prominently.

Borough Council appointed individuals to the expanded Parks & Recreation Committee. We are very pleased to have Christian Arena, Jennifer Benson, Kevin Comstock, and Brendan Phillips join the Parks & Recreation Committee.

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.

Discount Amusement Park Tickets Available

Malvern Borough has recently become a member of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS). As part of this membership, we are pleased to offer discount tickets to various amusement parks. Tickets are available for purchase at Borough Hall. Please visit <http://www.malvern.org/parks-and-rec-overview/discount-ticket-sales/> for a complete listing of available attractions and pricing information.

Chester County Solid Waste Authority accepting electronics

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority is now accepting TV's, computers and other electronics and appliances at the landfill for FREE **until December 2016**. The landfill is located at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555. Please note that the SECCRA Landfill, 219 Street Road (Route 926), West Grove, is also accepting televisions and electronics. There is a three (3) unit limit per vehicle. A complete computer system is considered one unit. All items must be intact and no disassembled items will be accepted. Residents must be able to unload their own items. Items must be put on the appropriate pallet or in the labeled Gaylord box. Appliances that are mostly metal should be disposed in the metals container for recycling. Please contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771 or visit www.chestercountyswa.org for additional information.

News from the Malvern Police Department

At the March 15, 2016 Council Meeting, Mayor Burton swore in the Borough's newest part-time Police Officer, Tyler Bury, who is a lifelong resident of Malvern Borough. Officer Bury graduated from Malvern Prep in June of 2009. He graduated from the Delaware County Community College Police Academy in December 2015. Officer Bury joined the Malvern Police in March 2016 and is excelling during his Police Department's Field Training Program. He had many family members present at the ceremony.

At the Tuesday, July 19, 2016 Council Meeting, Council appointed the newest full-time Police Officer, Stephan Walker. Officer Walker graduated from Bishop Shanahan High School in June of 2004; he attended Penn State University and graduated with a degree in Communications Art and Sciences. After graduation, Officer Walker worked for SAP America as a Human Resource Consultant. During this time, he attended the Delaware County Community College Municipal Police Academy. Officer Walker has held a part-time Police position with other municipalities and joined the Malvern Borough Police Department in January 2016. Officer Walker has done an outstanding job during his employment with Malvern Police and is looking forward to continuing his service to the Malvern community.

A large amount of effort has been used in an attempt to resolve some of the parking and traffic issues experienced

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in Malvern Borough. Addressing these quality of life issues is very difficult and time consuming. No decision is made in haste. Decisions are made with the understanding that they will ultimately affect everyone in the community. Parking restrictions affects residents, businesses and commuters. Our decisions are made with the community in mind and safety is always the goal. A large amount of time is invested enforcing these restrictions. Safety should never be sacrificed for convenience or cost.

I would like to remind everyone that phone scams are still occurring. Please do not give out any of your personal information over the phone. Theft from vehicles is also still occurring. Most vehicles are entered while left unlocked. Please remember to close and lock all doors and windows when leaving your home. If going away during the summer, notify the Police Department so the Police can give your home extra attention.

Summer is in full swing, many pedestrians and bicyclist are out. All traffic must yield to pedestrians in cross walks. All roads are 25 MPH, speeds and traffic are strictly enforced. All pedestrians and bicyclist are reminded to use caution while using the roads. Have a safe fun summer!

Flashback Friday 80s Movie Night in Burke Park - August 12th

The Malvern Borough Parks & Recreation Committee is pleased to present "Flashback Friday – 80s Movie Night in Burke Park" on Friday, August 12th. The selected movie will get started at 8:30 p.m. Visit the Malvern Parks and Recreation Facebook page to vote for one of four famous movies from the 80s that you would like to see. The movie with the most votes will be shown that night.

Malvern Fire Company Annual Pig Roast - August 20th

Join the Malvern Fire Company for their annual Pig Roast on Saturday, August 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House, 424 E. King Street. Tickets are \$15 and advanced ticket sales are preferred (to be sure there is plenty of food for all attendees). There will be limited tickets available at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Amber Lubker at alubkar@gmail or call 610-308-2245. Live music by Chris LeBresco. Menu includes roasted pig, baked beans, corn, desserts, and beverages. If you missed the Fair, this is another opportunity to support your local volunteer fire company.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's 4th Annual Heritage Day - September 24th

The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund is pleased to host its 4th Annual Heritage Day on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Paoli Battlefield Historical Park and Paoli Memorial Grounds off Monument Avenue. This event brings back the traditional celebration of the Paoli Massacre starting in 1817 when local veterans erected the nation's second oldest War Memorial atop the mass grave of 52 Continental Soldiers killed and gave rise to the United States first battle cry - *Remember Paoli!*. The event features reenactor encampments from most wars and conflicts from the French & Indian War to today's PA National Guard, military drills & firing demonstrations, rescue dogs, children's games, contests, crafts, music, face-painting, and displays from many local historical sites, organizations and authors! More information is available at www.RememberPaoli.org.

Harvest Oktoberfest and Bark in the Park - September 25th

The Malvern Business and Professional Association's annual Harvest Oktoberfest and Bark in the Park is scheduled for Sunday September 25th from 11:00 am – 4:00 p.m. We've got a great day planned for the Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest this year, Mother Nature willing. Bark in the Park returns and will be bigger and better than ever! Polkadelphia will be back playing in the beer garden, always entertaining! And Beam's School of Music will be showcasing local talent in Gallagher's lot. Burke Park will be rocking out again with DJ LoudenClear! We'll have tons of fun for the kids - games, crafts, bounces, race cars(!), and so much more. Food trucks galore, from waffles to BBQ, and everything in between.

Sponsorships available for the annual Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest, presented by the Malvern Business and Professional Association. This is a great way to promote your business while showing your support to the community of Malvern. Please see the website for a full listing of the available sponsorship opportunities: <http://www.malvern-festivals.com/sponsorship-opportunities/>

Interested in participating in the Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest? Applications are open for the festival - we are almost full so hurry! If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the event, please use the online application to apply: <http://www.malvern-festivals.com/festival-applications/>.

Paoli Memorial Association and Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund Dinner & Auction - October 13th

The Paoli Memorial Association and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will hold their 3rd Annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction. The event will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse at People's Light & Theatre Company (39 Conestoga Road, Malvern, PA 19355). The enclosed flyer gives you all the information and what to do to attend. Please set aside the date and come to support both of these very worthy organizations. We look forward to seeing you there.

News from the Malvern Public Library

A huge thank you to the volunteers who "dialed for dollars" during our annual Phonathon and our generous donors! This is our only fundraiser and we truly appreciate the response we get from our patrons. Please send in your donation. If we missed you during the Phonathon, more donation forms are at the circulation desk.

Don't forget that the library has eBooks and audiobooks available through Overdrive! If you have a library card, you have access to Overdrive, which can be viewed on any of your mobile devices, or on your computer. And don't forget there is now a CCLS mobile app. Download this app on your phone or tablet and have access to your account online and the catalog. You are truly able to carry the library with you on your travels.

News from the Malvern Fire Company

The firefighters with the Malvern Fire Company have been spending their summer training on the new FireVent ventilation and forcible entry trainer. This training apparatus allows the firefighters to practice the skills of roof ventilation and forcible entry, crucial when responding to the various call types Station Four responds to everyday.

The Malvern Fire Company would like to congratulate Firefighter Joe Fitzgerald, Firefighter Austin Turner and Firefighter Alex McCarthy for their completion of, and graduation from, the Montgomery County Fire Academy's Pennsylvania State Fire Program. The firefighters participated in over 180 hours of training in fire suppression and tactical response in order to serve the Malvern community. We congratulate these firefighters on their hard work and dedication to their community and to the fire service.

The Malvern Fire Company would love to meet you! We currently operate three pieces of fire apparatus in addition to two command vehicles, two ambulances, three medic units, and a Squad that respond to an average for 3,000 Fire, Rescue and EMS calls each year. Whether you are interested in firefighting or administrative functions or would like to meet our crew and see our trucks – our doors are always open!

News from the Paoli Memorial Association

On September 24th, the Paoli Memorial Association (PMA) will hold its Annual Meeting at 9:30 AM at Borough Hall. The PMA is responsible for maintaining the grounds where the 52 soldiers are buried who were killed during the Battle of Paoli on September 20, 1777. The grounds are adjacent to the site of the Battle and include the area beginning at the western edge of Wayne Avenue and go to Sugartown Road.

In addition to the gravesite, surrounded by a stone wall, there is a large park off of Monument Avenue with a horseshoe drive that also has several monuments that have been erected over the years. The oldest monument dates back to 1817 and is placed above the gravesite. The newest monument will be dedicated on the afternoon of September 24th at the end of the Heritage Day activities. Various groups assist in maintaining the park area west of the horseshoe drive, including the Malvern Park & Civic Association, the Chester Valley Little League, and the Boy Scouts of Troop 7 (celebrating their 100th anniversary). The PMA works with these groups to ensure that all the grounds are properly maintained. The PMA is a tax qualified non-profit organization and if you would like to become a lifetime member to help maintain the grounds, please forward a check payable to Paoli Memorial Association for \$100 to PO Box 38, Malvern, PA 19355.

News from the Planning Commission

During the first half of 2016, the Malvern Planning Commission (MPC) has been engaged in our normal activities of processing Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) applications, revising planning-related Borough Ordinances that were outdated or difficult to interpret, and establishing initiatives for the years 2016 – 2017.

In the applications area, we are working on an application to expand a custom woodworking business's facility in the industrial park. We have also reviewed sketch plans for one residential site renovation and one mixed use building expansion; Borough Council requested that we review these cases which were applying to the Zoning Hearing Board for variances. In addition, we reviewed - for safety implications - a previously approved plan that needed to relocate a driveway.

Over the years as the MPC processes SALDO applications, we have encountered a small number of Borough Ordinances that applicants, zoning officers, and planners have found difficult to understand or administer. MPC has with the help of our Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer created procedures and ordinance - language that provides better outcomes for the Borough. Borough Council has adopted and put these changes into effect; examples include front yard setbacks in Residential Zoning Districts; definitions of lot lines, street lines, and impervious cover; revised SALDO review procedures; and removal of ambiguous terms such as 'generally'.

Initiatives for 2016 - 2017 include the design of a system of 'Wayfinding' signs for the increased number of pedestrians (and motorists) coming to the Borough. A second initiative centers on the review of Borough parks and recreation facilities with a view toward upgrading existing facilities and potentially creating additional venues.

The Malvern Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

News from the Shade Tree Commission

It is common knowledge that we plant trees primarily for their beauty and shade, but they do create many other benefits. Trees can sooth and relax us and help us connect to nature and our surroundings. The color green is a calming,

cool color that helps your eyes quickly recover from strain. By planting and caring for trees, you help improve your surroundings, reduce pollution, lower energy costs, improve the community's appearance, and increase property values.

Over the last few years, at a nominal cost to the Borough, approximately 150 shade trees have been made 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 this fall, please contact the Shade Tree Commission at malvernstc@yahoo.com. We expect to continue to partner with the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society to provide free shade trees to qualified residents.

If you have planted trees within the last 12 to 18 months, please inspect them. Watering is the most critical part of protecting your new trees. Typically, supplemental water is necessary for one growing season following planting (through the following year for fall installations). Additional water may be necessary in the second year depending on conditions.

Trees need 20-25 gallons of water weekly, or the equivalent of about 1" of rainfall (a good, slow, soaking rain... not a passing shower). Using a hose end shower type nozzle or 'watering wand,' about 5 minutes 2X per week should suffice. So protect your new trees—water and mulch!

News from the Historical Commission

EXCITING NEWS – While we have been on a cash/check only basis in the past, we are accepting credit card payments for our books, posters, banners, and more! Look for us at Borough Hall during normal business hours, or at the Malvern Farmers' Market once a month or so. Each transaction will include a small convenience fee.

If books aren't your thing, we have other items to show your Malvern pride. Who wants a t-shirt? Please go to www.zazzle.com/MalvernHC to purchase and peruse the Malvern designs we've created. We have a design depicting Burke Park, and a customizable street sign shirt to show off where you live or grew up!

If you'd prefer something for free, the 2015 Malvern walking tour brochure may be picked up at various locations around the borough, or downloaded from <http://bit.ly/MalvernWTB2015>. Enjoy the borough while learning about its past!

Finally, please LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MalvernHC for news, found photos, updates on items we're selling, and any "pop-up" hours at the History Center or around Malvern.

Parks & Recreation - Kickball League

The Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee is pleased to announce the start of an **Adult Kickball League**. The league is for players (18 and older) of **ALL** athletic abilities and there is no cost to participate. Teams will be coed and mixed-age. Games will take place on weeknight evenings.

The league begins this September with 4 weeks of games, playoffs, and a special prize for the championship team. Sign-up for yourself, with a partner, or with friends and neighbors. Please note, we will also need referees if you would like to participate in the league, but not play.

If you are interested in joining us or just want to learn more, please email parks@malvern.org. Kickball is just the start of the sports we hope to offer.

A Message from the Code Enforcement Officer

There are quite a number of people out and about, walking their dogs throughout the Borough. While most of them have their dogs on a leash and carry a supply of bags for cleaning up their pet's messes, I still receive complaints of dogs not on leashes, running loose, as well as waste from dogs being left on both public and private properties.

Chapter 68 of the **Malvern Borough Code** contains information concerning the dos and don'ts of handling your dog off of your property. Dogs must be on a leash, whether you're on someone else's property, walking them on the public sidewalk or street, or at one of the public parks in the Borough. Additionally, your dog must be kept under control at all times while out in the public. This is for everyone's safety.

If your dog stops to relieve itself, the solid remnants must be picked up and properly deposited in a trash receptacle. Bags and receptacles can be found at the local parks in case you've left yours at home.

The Malvern Borough Police Department also helps to enforce this code if they see or receive a complaint regarding any of these issues. Residents are also asked to help by following these rules regarding your dogs. If you're not sure of the regulations, please contact Borough Hall for additional information or to file a complaint regarding these issues.

2016 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 will hold Household Hazardous Waste Events on the following dates:

- **Saturday, September 10 – Oxford School District Administrative Building, 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford (Take Proof of Residency)**
- **Saturday, October 6 – Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester**

Residential Event Only – No businesses or contractors