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News from Borough Council

Malvern Borough is pleased to welcome Dr. Amy Finkbiner, PhD as the newest member of Borough Council. Dr. Finkbiner was appointed on May 16, 2017 to fill the unexpired term of Christian Arena, who resigned on April 18, 2017. We thank Mr. Arena for his service and work on Borough Council and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

Malvern Borough was honored to host representatives from the Malverns Worldwide project from Malvern, Worcestershire in the United Kingdom. Cora Weaver and Dr. Bruce Osbourne, the founders of the project, attended the May 2, 2017 meeting of Borough Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of their community. The Malverns Worldwide project was founded to connect places around the world that share the same name. The Borough and Malvern, England have exchanged documents about each other's history over the past several years. Residents are invited to visit the History Center in Borough Hall to view some of the items from Malvern, England that are on display. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about our acquaintances from across the pond and build a new friendship.

At the July 18, 2017 meeting, Borough Council awarded a contract for the completion of the 2017 paving program. The project this year is the paving of S. Warren Ave. from First Ave. to Paoli Pike. The contract was awarded to DiRocco Brothers, Inc. Please be advised that road closures and delays are very possible while we work to complete this project. More information will be posted on the Borough's website as we get closer to the start of construction.

The Woodland Ave. Streetscape Project is also well into the design phase. In 2016, the Borough was awarded a \$490,000 Community Revitalization Program grant from Chester County for this project. This project has been on the Borough's radar for a long time and we are very grateful to the Chester County Commissioners for awarding us the funding to see it to fruition. This project will involve the installation of sidewalk along Woodland Ave. from King St. to Second Ave., new street lighting, and stormwater management improvements. Please look for additional information on the Borough website as it becomes available.

At the July 5, 2017 meeting, Borough Council reviewed and approved a plan for enhanced pedestrian markings on E. King St. All work involves installation of pavement markings using roadway paint in order to alert motorists on E. King St. to the crosswalks at the intersections with Bridge St., Church St., and Ruthland Ave. Please look for additional information on the Borough website regarding this project as it becomes available.

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, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS), is pleased to offer discount tickets to various amusement parks. Tickets are available for purchase at Borough Hall. Please visit www.malvern.org for a complete listing of available attractions and pricing information.

Malvern Fire Company Annual Pig Roast - August 26th

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Malvern Fire Company's Annual Pig Roast, Saturday, August 26th from 3pm to 7pm at the Malvern Firehouse. Advanced tickets are \$15 and include roasted pig with sides, desserts and beverages. Limited tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. For more information and to purchase tickets please contact Amber Lubker at 610-308-2245 or alubker@gmail.com. As always, the Malvern Fire Company thanks our community for their continued support - we look forward to seeing you on the 26th!

Harvest Oktoberfest and Bark in the Park - September 10th

Plans are in full swing for the annual Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest, September 10th from 11 AM - 4 PM. We have something for everyone as always. Burke Park will go dog-gone crazy with Bark in the Park! Polkadelphia returns to the Main Stage and, this year, the biergarten will have lots of great activities to keep the party FUN. Beam's School of Music is back in Gallagher's lot showcasing local talent. Songs for Seeds will be hosting a series of performances in Burke Park for the kids. And DJ Loudenclear will be cranking out dance music in the park to keep the dogs and the kids jumping. Burke Park will be packed with activities for the kids - bounces, mini golf, balloon sculptures, face painting, games, crafts and more! Crafters and retailers will dot King Street from Powelton Ave to Bridge Street. We'll have plenty of festival food too.

Help Wanted: Have a high schooler who is interested in helping out with the festival games or as festival staff? Please email lisa@growingrootspartners.com.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's 5th Annual Heritage Day & Battle Reenactment - September 23rd

The 5th annual Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Paoli Battlefield site from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This event will offer a day of visiting camps and first person interpreters from the French and Indian War to today's military forces, children's activities, and educational games. There will also be displays from many historical sites, organizations, veterans groups, food, fun, and music. Color guards and ceremonies honoring all American veterans and American soldiers will also be on display. After this event, there will be a FREE evening reenactment of the Battle of Paoli from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, narrated by Tom McGuire, author of the Battle of Paoli.

Adult Kickball Returns from the Parks & Recreation Committee

This fall join fellow area residents for the second season of the Parks and Recreation Committee's Adult Kickball League. Weekly games span September and October. The league is for teams and players (18 and older) of ALL athletic abilities and there is no cost to participate. Sign-up with coworkers, family members, friends, and neighbors. Please check www.malvern.org or email malvernparks&rec@malvern.org for more information or to register a team.

News from the Malvern Police Department

Malvern Borough has been conducting numerous traffic surveys in an attempt to use our resources effectively. Our surveys have shown, although we don't have many accidents in Malvern, we continue to experience high volume of traffic. I receive many complaints from residents of vehicles traveling at high speeds, failing to stop at cross walks and failing to stop at posted stop signs. Police enforcement is the most effective way to handle these issues.

Until now, Malvern Borough had one Officer on duty most of the time. Over the last two years, I set a goal to have more Officers on duty on a regular basis. I have received support from the Mayor, Borough Manager and Borough Council. I am very happy to inform you at the last Borough Council Meeting, Mayor Burton swore-in Officer Mark Koenig Jr., as our newest full-time Officer. Officer Koenig has worked part-time in Malvern for over a year. Officer Koenig grew up in Chester County, graduated West Chester University, with a Bachelor of Science in 2014. He graduated from the Delaware County Community College Police Academy in December of 2014. This additional Officer gives the Department the ability to schedule an Officer who will be assigned for Traffic Enforcement as well as support the Patrol Officer.

Our Department also added two new part-time Officers: Officer E. John Pot and Officer Daniel Sheridan. Officer John Pot grew up in Chester County, graduated West Chester University in 2012, and graduated Delaware County Community College Police Academy in 2014. Officer Pot has been working with Birmingham Police for three years. Officer Pot lives in the Malvern area with his wife and daughter. Officer Dan Sheridan grew up in the Malvern area, attended Great Valley Schools, graduated West Chester University with a Bachelor's of Science in May 2016 and graduated Delaware County Community College Police Academy in December 2016. Officer Sheridan has been a volunteer for the East Whiteland Fire Company for seven years. These Officers are a great addition to the Malvern Police Department.

Please remember, if you need a Police Officer, you need to call 911. When you call 610-647-0261, you will reach our Administrative Staff, who can help you with general questions, but we do not have dispatch capabilities at that number. If you feel your call is not an emergency, contact Chester County Emergency Services, Police Dispatch at 610-647-1440.

As always, I thank you for the continued support you show for your Police Department! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues, concerns or ideas about how we can strengthen the Department's relationship with the people of Malvern. Stay safe!

News from the Shade Tree Commission

FREE! Shade Trees for Fall Planting

Over the last few years, the Borough has made over 150 shade 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, please contact us at malvernstc@malvern.org. The Borough expects to continue to partner with the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society and DCNR's TreeVitalize Program to give free shade trees to qualified residents.

If you have planted trees within the last 12 to 18 months, please inspect them. With temperatures as hot as they've been, it can be a particularly sensitive time for new trees. If we don't get much rain, watering will be needed. 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 during drought and/or hot/dry 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 twice per week should suffice. 'Gator bags' or irrigation bags are available as well. These get filled, and drain slowly from the bottom, then get re-filled when empty. Finally, soaker hoses can be used- but you *must* ensure water is reaching all parts of the root ball. On sloping ground this can be problematic. So protect your new trees—water and mulch!

News from the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

Since the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBPF) first secured a grant in 2014 from the NPS (National Park Service) American Battlefield Protection Program it was to continue our documentation about the full history surrounding

the Battle of Paoli, also known as the Paoli Massacre. This nearly \$60,000 grant was for two years. It allowed us to hire some of the most experienced military historians and archaeologists in the nation. Our goal was to gather enough documentation to prove that this brief battle had national significance. When the site was put on the National Register of Historic Places, it was listed as only locally important. This was an expedient in order to avoid potential delays by reviewers. It was a "safe" tactic which ultimately became a barrier.

The result of our new research was unexpected and surprising. We started with quite a bit of information about the actual battle and its part in the larger Philadelphia Campaign. We could reasonably provide this Revolutionary War documentation to establish a solid "regional" level of significance. We have examined over 9,000 Revolutionary War sites, monuments, memorials and markers and determined that the 1817 Paoli Massacre Monument is the second oldest one in America. And the 200 year-old tradition of annual parades honoring soldiers killed in action and military veterans appears to be the longest in the United States.

After consultation with the Chief of the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmarks Division, we have decided to follow normal procedures and first update our National Register listing with all our new and varied information. This process allows us to introduce more supporting information than is possible in the National Historic Landmark (NHL) program. The American Battlefield Protection Program has again extended our Grant period. We hope to complete this large update by the end of 2017. If successful, then next year, we can focus on a new submission for NHL based on already recognized national significance. We keep on fighting, honoring General Anthony Wayne's "never give up" attitude and accomplishments.

News from the Paoli Memorial Association

The Annual Meeting of the Paoli Memorial Association (PMA) will be held at the Boy Scout Cabin on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 9:30 AM. The Scout Cabin is located at Monument Avenue and Sugartown Road, on the property of the PMA. All members and non-members are invited to attend. In order to become a lifetime member of the PMA, please forward a check (made payable to PMA) in the amount of \$100 to National Bank of Malvern, P.O. Box 38, Malvern, PA 19355. Anyone who submits a check by the date of the Annual Meeting will become a lifetime member at the meeting. The PMA is responsible for maintaining the Grounds from Wayne Avenue to Sugartown Road along Monument Avenue. This includes the gravesite of the 52 soldiers buried within the stone wall in the southeast corner of the grounds following the Battle of Paoli. The grounds are located adjacent to the site of the battle.

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, undertakes Planning Initiatives, and provides comments on other Community Planning matters referred to us by Borough Council.

The summer of 2017 finds the MPC reviewing a half-dozen SALDO applications across the Borough, including residential expansions in the King St. corridor, a 3-lot subdivision at 323 Old Lincoln Highway, a 2-lot subdivision at 11 Griffith Ave., a warehouse expansion at 100 Quaker Lane, and a 5-lot subdivision at 51 Ruthland Ave. We also continuing to work on several planning initiatives, including revising the MPC's bylaws and developing a plan of action and milestones to review and revise the Borough's planning-related ordinances.

Current MPC members include Dave Knies (Chair), Amy Finkbiner (Vice-Chair), Geoff Rubino, Chris Mongeau, Carroll Sinquett III, Lynne Hockenbury, and Mark Niemiec. Neil Lovekin, Asst. Borough Manager, serves as 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.

Randolph Woods Ad Hoc Committee

At the end of Ruthland Avenue lies one of Malvern Borough's best kept secrets: Randolph Woods. This preserved 40-acre tract of land is the headwaters of Crum Creek and a sensitive environmental resource, providing habitat to many wildlife, bird, and native plant species. The area is a publicly-accessible, recreation area consisting of woods, open space, and wetland. Many miles of walking trails meander through the trees, streams, and fields of this idyllic setting.

Randolph Woods is the former site of Malvern's waterworks, which supplied water to the Borough since its inception to the 1890s. Following the sale of the water system, members of the community pushed heavily to preserve the land via a conservation easement with the Willistown Trust. This easement ensures that Randolph Woods is protected as open space for passive recreation in perpetuity. While the water towers were removed, some remnants of it's past, such as the old pumping station, are still nestled in this tranquil preserve.

Recently, however, a number of issues have threatened Randolph Woods. This unique natural resource is imperiled by invasive plant species, encroachment, hunting, dumping, and many other hardships. To remediate these concerns and to improve the preserve, Borough Council formed the Randolph Woods Ad-Hoc Committee. This all-volunteer committee has been tasked with creating a plan of action for protecting, improving, and raising awareness of this preserved area. The group is actively considering ways to benefit Randolph Woods such as improving the many walking trails, clearing dead tree limbs, and establishing an education center.

A Message from the Code Enforcement Officer

With the heat of summer, more and more stores are selling a variety of swimming pools. For many years, the majority of above ground pools required a lot of work to assemble and place so as not to end up with a tear in the liner, making the pool unusable. Nowadays, with improved materials and methods of assembly systems, many of these pools can be set up in very little time and are quite rugged and tear-resistant. When purchasing a pool for your yard, if the depth of the water in the pool is over 24 inches deep, that pool requires both building and zoning permits, similar to the typical 4 foot above ground pool or any in ground pool. This includes the fencing requirements for those pools. If you've already purchased such a pool and have it set up, are considering purchasing one or would like additional information concerning the requirements for pools, please contact the Borough Codes Office.

Malvern Public Library News

Summer might be winding down, but we still have lots to keep you occupied at the Malvern Public Library! Sign up for children's K-5 programs, or collect your prizes for the summer children's and teen library challenges. Wrap up the summer with a party at Greentree Park on August 22 from 5:30PM – 7:30PM, complete with live music, face painting, and more. Make sure you collect your GoWilMa raffle tickets before the prize drawing at the party!

Have you downloaded the new Overdrive app, Libby, yet? Access our vibrant collection of E-books and E-audiobooks on your phone, tablet, or E-reader. We also have a library app where you can renew books, place holds, and access your account. Download the free Chester County Library System app today!

September is Library Card Signup Month! Sign up for a card at our library and enter to win an autographed book or a Target gift card. Already have a library card? Check out a dozen books during a September visit to Malvern Public Library, and we'll enter your name into the raffle.

Signup for fall storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers begins on Monday, August 21. Please visit us, call the library at 610-644-7259, or email Kelly Shea at kshea@ccls.org to register. The fall storytime session runs from September 11 – November 10.

The Adult Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 12, at 10:00AM. We will be discussing our two summer reads: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.

Are you attending the Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest on September 10? Visit our table from 11:00AM – 4:00PM for giveaways and fun for children and adults alike.

Stay tuned and check out our online event calendar for more fall adult, teen, and children's programs!

Historical Commission News

The Historical Commission has a new e-mail address! If you are trying to contact us by e-mail, please use malvernborohistory@malvern.org instead of our old Yahoo address. Speaking of getting in touch with the Commission, there are a number of events where you will see us in the next few months:

- On **Thursday, August 10, 2017**, from 5:00-7:30 p.m., the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will be having a free evening tour of the Battlefield. Members of several different area Historical Commissions, including our own Kelly Schmitt, will be presenting during that tour.
- **Sunday, September 10, 2017** will be the day for this year's Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest, held along the center of King Street and in Burke Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Historical Commission will have a table on King Street.
- Finally, **Saturday, September 23, 2017** is the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's annual Heritage Day. Various organizations, including our Historical Commission, will have a table at the battlefield from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the event will conclude with a reenactment at twilight. Come by and say hello to your Historical Commissioners!

The Historical Commission is always looking for Malvern residents willing to help set up and run our sales table at Malvern events. Interested? Contact Borough Manager Chris Bashore at malvern@malvern.org or Commission Chair Lynne Hockenbury at malvernborohistory@malvern.org. The more volunteers we have, the more events we can attend.

Finally, any Malvern resident interested in serving as a member of the Historical Commission should contact Borough Manager, Chris Bashore, as we are still looking to fill a vacancy. The Commission presently meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Malvern Farmers Market Update

The Malvern Farmers Market continues every Saturday in Burke Park from 9 AM - 1 PM. We are entering the time of year where the bounty of the harvest is simply overwhelming! We simply have the very best produce available. Take your pick: conventionally grown, certified naturally grown or certified organic. Our meat selection includes beef, pork, lamb, chicken and turkey, and yes, ostrich! And this year we have sheep's milk cheese once a month, too.

If it's amazing baked goods you are looking for, look no further - we have breads, sweet treats, and savory baked goods. The market boasts a number of impressive local food producers you have to see, and taste, to believe. Our little market continues to grow and the number of shoppers who are dedicated to buying their food from local farmers and producers is fantastic. If you haven't stopped by, we welcome you to see what it's all about.