During the past six months Malvern Borough has gone through an extensive transition. Thank you to the Community, Borough Council, the Administrative Staff, Malvern Borough Police Department, and Public Works Department for your patience and understanding and commitment to excellence during this time.

The following are personnel changes:

Corinne Badman, Police Department Administrative Assistant, has been appointed to Borough Assistant Manager.

Aubrey Gruwell-Keating, has joined the Administration as Office Coordinator.

Gina Seiler, has joined the Police Department as Administrative Assistant.

Scott Whiteman has joined Public Works as Laborer.

Mayor Uzman swore in Part-Time Jason Listmeier at the March 1, 2022 Borough Council Meeting.

Mayor Uzman, MBPD Administrative Assistant Gina Seiler & Police Chief Lou Marcelli

Center—Officer Jason Listmeier Surrounded by the Malvern Borough Police Department

Borough Manager Tiffany M. Loomis, Assistant Manager Corinne J. Badman, Council President Finkbiner, Ph.D.
Malvern Borough Happenings

At the Communities suggestion and/or request the Borough has made the following changes:

- A draft of the most recent Borough Council minutes is being published for review by the public in advance of the following Borough Council meeting.
- The financial report of the Borough is also being shared to create more transparency in advance of the following Borough Council meeting.
- The clock in Burke Park has been repaired. Due to the pandemic the new motor was on order for months.
- State flags have been installed to honor the fallen in their passing.
- The Borough Website and Social Media outlets are being updated.

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 notifications are sent through Constant Contact. If you have not yet signed up for e-mail notifications, please visit our website and click sign up for updates by providing your email address.

Main Street Revitalization on the Upswing

As you drive down King Street you will notice numerous buildings receiving a makeover:

- 148 E. King Street
- 232 E King Street

Economic revitalization has become a priority for the businesses located in the Commercial Zoning Districts in Malvern Borough, as well as the Community that frequents such. Borough Council has committed to holding events throughout the year to bring foot traffic to local businesses and brand Malvern for their events.

Spring is beginning to appear in Malvern Borough. Everyone is starting to clean up their yards, venture out for evening walks, and visiting our local businesses more and more. The members of the Malvern Borough Police Department would like to make you aware of some issues we see, which are more prevalent in warmer weather.

Scams: Make sure you look into anyone you are hiring to do work on your home. This is the time of year we see an increase in contractor scams. They know residents are looking to remodel, refresh their homes and revitalize their outdoor space. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Safety: Nicer weather brings everyone outdoors. When driving along the streets in Malvern, be aware of kids playing, joggers, bicyclists, etc. in the roadways. Drive slowly in residential areas and keep your eyes open for our neighbors!

Home and Vehicle Security: Vacations and travel plans pick up in the warmer weather. Make sure your home and vehicle are secure when leaving your home. Crimes of opportunity are on the rise in our surrounding communities and you can help us combat crime by closing your windows, locking your doors and vehicles. If you are going on vacation, let us know. Our Officers will perform house checks while you are gone.

Remember, we are here to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If there is anything you need to talk to us about or see going on that you feel is out of the ordinary, let us know. Together we can help keep Malvern a safe community. If you have administrative needs you can reach us at 610-647-0261. If you are in need of Police assistance please call 911.
Adult Programs:

Popular Scams and How to Avoid Them: May 2nd @7pm
Every day people are getting scammed out of THOUSANDS of dollars by so called “professionals” looking to separate them from their hard-earned money. This presentation introduces us to commonly used tactics, what to look for and how to avoid them.

Library 101: “Flipster” May 3rd @11am
Join one of the Malvern Library’s awesome board members, and eResource enthusiast, Carol, for a fantastic new program created to help you learn about the library’s online offerings. At each session, we’ll focus on a different electronic resource, showing you how to navigate the website and see what it offers. At this session, Carol will focus on the incredible digital magazine repository Flipster, which gives you access to 165 of your favorite magazines online!

Monthly Book Club:
Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 for our monthly book discussion. Meetings will either take place in Burke Park or on Zoom depending on group preference and weather. Stop by the library to pick up your book, today!

Teen Programs:

Teen Book Club: April 18th @10:30am
Join Megan in person at the library for a breakfast book club meeting. We’ll discuss the graphic novel On A Sunbeam by Tillie Walden, while eating donuts and sipping coffee and juice. Weather permitting, we’ll grab some blankets and sit outside!

Teen Advisory Board: April 30th @10am
TAB is a group of teens in grades 7-12 who wish to volunteer their time to help their library and community, assisting with creating and running programs, advising the children’s librarian on what to add to the teen collection, promoting the library to other teens and helping to keep it a safe space, all while earning community service hours.

Teen Art Club: May 16th @4:30pm
Join Megan for a meeting of the Teen Art Club. At each meeting we’ll do an art/craft tutorial, share our current WIPs (works in progress), and offer constructive criticism. At this meeting we will be making macramé wall hangings!

Kids Programs:

ABC Steam Storytime: Thursdays @ 10:30am
Join Ms. Megan as we work out way through the Alphabet at ABC STEAM Storytime! We’ll explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts through weekly themes with fiction and nonfiction. The whole family is welcome to join!

Family Storytime: Tuesdays @10:30am
Join Ms. Megan for a fun and upbeat family storytime! We’ll read books, sing songs, and get moving, all to encourage Early Literacy skills. All ages.

Kids Can Cook!: April 13th and May 25th @4:30pm
Join Ms. Megan at the library for a fun and interactive cooking demonstration. At this special spring break session we will be making our own microwave pizzas!

Tinker Time: April 25th and May 20th @4:30pm
Calling all Tinkerers! Join Ms. Megan for a Tinkercad hangout where we’ll learn how to use Tinkercad to make designs ready for the 3D printer. We’ll share ideas, swap tips, and create original designs. All attendees will have their designs printed using the Malvern Library’s brand new 3D printer!

Music With Miss Jill: May 9th @ 9:30am
Music with Miss Jill is an interactive music program for toddlers through Kindergarten. Weekly activities consist of songs, fingerplays, puppets, props, and musical games.

Movement Adventures Storytime: May 10th @10:30am
Join Imagine More Story Adventures with Thembi Palmer at the Burke Park Gazebo as we journey through the jungle or even outer space, as we move our bodies and act out the stories we read!

*All programs require online registration which can be accessed via Malvern-library.org under the “Events” tab.

*We’re starting to meet in-person again! Look for the blue “In-Person” logo, to the right of each program title on our calendar, and see if you’re event is meeting in the library.
Ten Years——Three Hundred Bare Root Trees

This spring Malvern will welcome 24 new bare root trees provided to our residents free of charge! These trees will join the other 300 plus trees that have been planted in the Borough over the past 10 years thanks to our partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources TreeVitalize program, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, The Malvern Shade Tree Commission and you, our residents.

This public private partnership was first initiated in 2004 by DCNR with the goal of planting over 1 million trees to restore the declining tree canopies of Pennsylvania’s communities. Initially these trees were offered to municipalities at a minimal charge for planting only in parks and other public areas. At that time, our Shade Tree Commission took full advantage of this opportunity, planting a number of trees in Randolph Woods, Burke Park, The Paoli Battlefield Park and other public spaces.

10 years ago, the TreeVitalize program was expanded to allow trees to be planted on private property provided the community has 3 residents who have attended a 9 hour PHS “Tree Tender” course to guide in the planting and care. Thanks to Linda and Dave Burton and Bobbi Tower, Malvern meets this requirement. Since that time “300 trees in 10 years” have been distributed and planted. None of this would be possible without the support of Borough Council and our Public Works department who pick up the trees at the Philadelphia Naval Yard and distributes them to our residents.

The STC also thanks those residents in our community who have planted a tree whether through this program or on their own, keeping our town beautiful, improving air and water quality, moderating extreme temperatures, reducing storm water run-off and providing a habitat for wildlife.

Our next tree give away is planned for this coming fall. If you would like to receive a tree, become a Tree Tender or just volunteer in the greening of our community, please feel free to contact the Malvern Shade Tree Commission.

~Joe Bones, Bobbi Tower, and Linda Burton
malvernstc@malvern.org

(Picture Left to Right:)
Joe Bones—Certified Arborist, Bobbi Tower, - Master Gardener, Dave Burton, and Linda Burton—PHS Tree Tender
Malvern Historical Commission

As things continue to return to a new normal, we are hoping to organize and open up our History Center in Borough Hall this year! Until we are able to accept drop-in visitors, we are still making appointments for those interested in any of our 3 in-print history books (A Century in Malvern; Malvern Items; and Malvern Treasures). The 3 books may be purchased individually, or as a set of all 3 for $75. Please email malvernborohistory@malvern.org to arrange a time to meet with an historical commissioner.

We welcomed our new commission member, Jonathan L. Hoppe, to our fold in the first quarter of 2022. He comes with an impressive resume of archival knowledge and we look forward to putting him to work soon. He joins Hugo, Barbara, Catherine, Lynne, Ian, and Barbara, to round out a full panel of 7 commissioners. Things to look for this year include our participation in the Town Tour and Village Walks on August 11, 2022. The theme is “Founding Mothers and Fathers,” and we are looking to hold a graveyard walk on the grounds at the First Baptist Church of Malvern. If you would like to assist the Commission with research, writing, picking up donations, and organizing attendees, please let us know! The borough will be emailing out requests for assistance soon, or you may email us at the address above and we’ll get you connected. If you would like to know more about the Town Tour series for 2022, please go here for the rest of the lineup: https://chescoplanning.org/Historic/TownTours/Introduction.cfm. Tours are on Thursdays around the county.

Our other big project we anticipate completing is the creation of a new woven keepsake blanket, depicting around 10 historical scenes from round town. Keep your eyes peeled for more news on this endeavor!

As always, what happens in the here and now will eventually become part of our town’s history. We hope to see you all on June 5th for the annual Memorial Parade, and we eagerly await the announcement of the Malvern Fire Company Carnival dates!

~Malvern Historical Commission

Property Maintenance in Malvern

In 2019, Malvern Borough adopted the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, published by the International Code Council. The purpose of this code is to ensure that existing Residential and Commercial 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, including 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 public nuisance on sidewalks and streets, 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 completely eliminated, the code requires that those systems that are in place give sufficient warning to the occupants to provide the best chance of keeping people from becoming victims if an emergency does occur.

~William T. Wilfong IV, BCO, Code Official / Fire Marshal
Malvern Fire Company

It’s easy to associate at-home fire protection with the colder months with the use of space heaters, fireplaces, decorative candles, and tangled strings of holiday lights. But, just because we’re less inclined to turn the heat on doesn’t mean we shouldn’t still be vigilant when it comes to protecting ourselves and our property from fire hazards. As you transition from sweaters to shorts, deep fryers to grills, and indoor holiday parties to backyard barbecues, keep an eye on these areas:

Grills
Fire is unavoidable when it comes to preparing the perfect kabob or rack of ribs on the grill, which means you’ve got some inherent risks right from the get-go. In fact, the NFPA reports that an average of 8,900 home fires are caused by grilling each year. Here are some fire safety tips for the grill:

- While the meat is marinating, be sure to check each potentially problematic point of the grill including the propane tank, the hose, and all connecting points.
- Charcoal should be soaked with charcoal starter fluid only, so don’t let the pyro-happy Boy Scout in your family go anywhere near the grill with a container of lighter fluid, no matter how cool he swears it will be!
- Make sure the grill is clean, failing to clean the grill before and after use is a contributing factor in nearly 20% of all grill structure fires.
- Make sure the grill is set up in an open, outdoor area with nothing flammable (plants, paper products, etc.) nearby.

Outdoor Fire Pits
The necessary safety precautions for an outdoor fire pit (s’mores, anybody?) are much the same as for a grill, plus a few others:
- Never leave young children unattended near a fire in the pit.
- Fill a bucket with water and set it next to the pit before you even begin building the fire.
- Avoid throwing leaves, pinecones, pine needles and paper into the fire. They catch fire quickly and can result in dangerous floating embers.
- Unless there’s an emergency, avoid dumping the entire bucket of water on the fire to put it out. Instead, spread the pieces of fuel as far apart as possible and gently sprinkle water over them until there are no more glowing embers. This prevents the scatter of embers and a thick cloud of smoke.
- Toast your marshmallows over the embers rather than the flames. This not only gives them that perfect golden crust but prevents them from catching on fire.

Chimneys
As cozy as it was in January and February, come April and May chances are you’ll be less inclined to build a fire in the living room fire-place. As easy as it is to just scoop out the ashes, close it up, and forget about it until November, go ahead and have the chimney inspected as part of your spring-cleaning effort. The NFPA recommends having a chimney inspected and thoroughly cleaned at least once a year anyway, and getting it out of the way this time of year often means ridding it of buildup that would only cause more damage if it hung around until the fall. Plus, chimney technicians will be more likely to have flexible schedules in the springtime.

Dryers
If you’re lucky enough to have the space for a clothesline, consider drying your clothes and linens outside during these lovely warm months—is there anything better than the smell of freshly-laundered sheets after they’ve been dried by a soft spring breeze? If that’s not an option, keep in mind that the leading cause of clothes dryer-related fires is a failure to keep them clean. Scooping out the lint basket takes all of about 12 seconds, so be sure to clear it out every time you throw a load in. The NFPA also recommends cleaning out the vent pipe at least once a year, so might as well add that to the spring-cleaning list, too.

We hope that you found these tips helpful. Happy Spring!

Malvern Fire Company
Jim Rapp, Fire Chief

Malvern Farmer’s Market

Market season is upon us! The Malvern Farmers Market officially opens for the season on Saturday, April 30th! Join us every Saturday in Burke Park from 9am - 1pm. Our producer-only market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, grass-fed meats, pasture raised poultry and farm fresh eggs, artisan baked goods and breads, local beer & spirits, kombucha, hand-made pasta, local honey, and value added products made with locally sourced ingredients. We are committed to supporting and promoting the rich agricultural history of Chester County and beyond!

Visit www.GrowingRootsPartners.com/Malvern for up to date information, including a weekly line-up of producers or to subscribe to the market newsletter.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER BUT NOT SURE HOW TO?

Our very own Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee is looking forward to seeing all our wonderful residents once again this year! We have had a relatively mild fall and winter which enabled us to have a few outdoor fun events, including the 1st Annual Halloween Monster Mash, Movie in the Park and a cozy S’mores and Stories event in Burke Park. As a committee, we had been brainstorming new and exciting events over the past 2 years, as the pandemic restrictions have limited us from most in-person events. These constraints have been all but lifted recently and our team is working feverishly to adjust our 2022 and beyond event calendar!!

A committee of 9 members, we each volunteer our time in different ways to ensure the borough has community activities that are kid and adult friendly and are fun and/or educational. In a nutshell, we are responsible for planning for the present and future park and recreation needs of the residents of the borough. The parks belong to the residents of Malvern Borough and our public spaces are the most accessible manifestation of that ideology. It is important that we create and maintain spaces that will be used and appreciated by the entire community for many years to come. We are currently looking forward to many projects, including enhanced recreation programs, cultural events and activities, public use of the parks and enhancements to those parks (recreation facilities, walkways, etc)

If you don’t have the time to commit to being a committee member, no worries, we are always looking for volunteers at our events! We are looking for all ages and all backgrounds. Are you retired and have extra time? Are you a high school or middle school or college student in need of volunteer hours? Are you a pro at decorating or event planning? Are you an arts and crafts guru?

We have met so many folks that are yearning to get involved in our community. Some folks just want to get out of the house, do something different, meet new neighbors, and just make their mark in the borough- to make a change, a difference. If you answered yes to any of these questions, join us! You may contact the borough directly at malvern@malvern.org or you can sign up in person at any of our events.

If you are unsure of your time to commit or the energy to do projects, feel free to join us at a meeting to see if our committee would be a fit for you. There are opportunities for short and quick volunteering and for more involved and longer commitments. Our meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month. The meeting schedule is posted on our borough webpage.

Looking forward to meeting new volunteers!!
~Helise Bichefsky, DO
~Tiffanie Quinn
~Angela Riccetti
Greening Your Lawn

With grass season in full swing, it’s time to think outside the box when it comes to lawn maintenance! The verdant hues we cultivate may camouflage some unwelcome economic and environmental realities.

Collectively, Americans spend $30 billion on lawn maintenance, and though grass looks “green,” its benefits to nature are limited. Most lawn grasses are not native to North America. The majority of local insects struggle to survive in them, which affects songbirds, amphibians, and reptiles that feed on those insects. This reduced biodiversity opens opportunities for unwanted invasive pests to thrive.

Since non-native grasses are not naturally suited to local conditions, they require a lot of “help” to keep them looking healthy. As a result, American lawns tend to have more in common with agriculture than nature preserves. Lawns, which cover an area greater than PA, NJ, and DE combined, are, in fact, America’s largest irrigated crop, surpassing corn, wheat, and fruit orchards combined. On average, landscaping makes up 30% of household water consumption, totaling ~8 billion gallons of water annually.

Keeping lawns lush and green in the heat of the summer often requires chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Though we are more aware now of the negative impacts of agricultural chemicals, it is less widely known that lawn maintenance uses 10 times more toxic chemicals per acre than farming. These lawn care products are often over applied, which can impact the health of pets and other species using the lawn. Unused chemicals also wash off during heavy rains, making their way down storm drains and out to rivers and lakes. Once in the water system, fertilizers and pesticides cause harm to aquatic species and promote algae growth that can cause oxygen-poor dead zones.

In addition, lawns maintenance relies heavily on gas-powered mowers and yard equipment, which typically have less efficient motors and create more air pollution than car engines. It takes over 500 million gallons of gasoline annually to fuel this equipment—the equivalent of 3.5 million more cars on the roads. The EPA estimates about 5% of air pollution is related to lawn mowing, fertilizing, and weed whacking.

Despite these trends, adopting more sustainable lawn care practices can help create a garden oasis that provides habitat and acts as a carbon sink. Here are some tips for “greening” your lawn.

- **Taller is healthier** – Mowing higher encourages deeper roots, requires less mowing, and supports bee habitat and pollinators for your garden. Cut grass to 2.5 – 3 inches, removing only about 1/3 of the blade each time to prevent weakening or destroying new grass tissue.

- **Fertilize naturally or sparingly** – Mulching grass clippings into the lawn promotes soil fertility. Using organic fertilizer improves soil for root growth, assists with water retention, and is safer for children and pets. If using synthetic fertilizers, use it only on newly plant-
We entered 2022 after just completing our 5th Wreaths Across America Celebration - which can be on the Facebook page and sponsored by The Daughters of the American Revolution, PBPF & the Paoli Memorial Association. This free event is presented annually throughout America to help Remember, Honor and Teach: to Remember our fallen heroes, honor those who serve and teach our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Observed annually in December, National WAA Day is a movement to cover all Veterans grave markers with a Christmas wreath.

“A REVOLUTIONARY LECTURE SERIES” ON-LINE

PBPF continued our popular ZOOM series on the 2nd Monday of each Month. These interactive events provide a Q&A period. We presented the following lectures this Quarter:

January: Numerical Strength of Washington’s Army During the Philadelphia Campaign presented by Gary Ecelbarger & Michael Harris. Their research has provided new insights into the actual size and composition of the Continental forces defending Philadelphia.

February: Hessian Prisoners in Pennsylvania by Michael Jesberger explained who the “Hessians” were, how many captured and how they were treated in an area where many Germanic immigrants had settled.

March: Results of the 2021 Paranormal Tours of the Paoli Battlefield presented by Laurie Hull (author, renown psychic medium) and Hugo Schmitt (Malvern Historical Commission, PBPF & PMA board member) review the findings and impressions from our sold-out paranormal tours.

PBPF has also been active this year continuing historical research and other outreach programs including attending a number of conferences including the Annual Conference of the American Revolution in Williamsburg VA and various AmRev Round Table meetings. PBPF also has given many presentations to local organizations.

April: Walking Tour of Paoli Battlefield was held on April 9, 2021 and a Zoom Lecture of The Week Before Paoli was held on April 11, 2022

Get details on events, news, history & make your reservations on our website RememberPaoli.org. Friend us on our Facebook Page (Paoli Battlefield Historical Park), follow us on Twitter (@PaoliBattle), and sign up for our digital newsletter on our website.

We also sell books and merchandise relating to the Paoli Battlefield on line and at the Mad Anthony Wayne Café located in the Wayne Train Station (135 North Wayne Avenue, Wayne).
Paoli Memorial Association

It has recently come to our attention that many people in the Borough are not aware of the Paoli Memorial Association (PMA) and what it is trying to accomplish in the Borough.

Adjacent to the Paoli Battlefield, which is located behind the homes on West First Avenue, the PMA begins at the gravesite where 52 soldiers are buried following the Battle of Paoli which took place on September 20, 1777. In 1897, the Chester County Court awarded to the PMA all of the grounds from the gravesite west to Sugartown Road and north to Monument Avenue to maintain. The grounds total about 22 acres.

There are several monuments on the grounds. The first one was placed above the gravesite in 1817, forty years following the battle. The second and larger one, the centennial monument, was placed on the grounds in 1877 to commemorate the battle having taken place 100 years before. Other monuments have been placed on the grounds since the following of the Great War, World War II and most recently the black granite monument referring to many wars or conflicts since World War II.

In addition to the PMA, in the middle of the last century, the Malvern Park & Civic Association was formed to build and maintain the tennis courts and surrounding park grounds, the Little League which maintains the two baseball fields and the scout cabin, maintained by two boy scout troops.

The PMA consists of about 250 members and is governed by a Board of Directors and Officers, similar to how a corporation is established and maintained. It has an annual meeting in September of each year where items are discussed and plans made for the following year.

Since it is a private organization, you can become a lifetime member by paying a one time dues of $100 which entitles you to attend the annual meeting and vote on items that are on the agenda. PMA's only source of income is the rent received from the house at the corner of Wayne and Monument Avenues as well as donations received from new lifetime members, current members and Malvern Borough. The cost to maintain the property - grass cutting, tree removal and replacement, flag pole and lights, electricity, driveway maintenance, house repairs, etc. can be substantial. Additional information can be found on the internet just by typing in Paoli Memorial Association.

To join, forward a check (which is tax deductible since the PMA is a 501(c)(3) organization) for $100 made payable to Paoli Memorial Association and forward to P.O. Box 38, %National Bank of Malvern, Malvern, PA 19355. The $100 fee is for each individual so please list the person(s) wishing to join, the address and email address of all parties.

Additional information can be found on the internet just by typing in Paoli Memorial Association. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Fooskas, the treasurer of PMA at the National Bank of Malvern (610 647-0100) or Frank Ortner, Chairman of the Grounds Committee by texting 610 420-5127.

Malvern Borough Events

April 30, 2022 - Shredding Event from 10AM to 1PM located at the Malvern Borough Fire Company sponsored by Senator Carolyn Comitta and State Representative Kristine C. Howard.

May 7, 2022 - Plant Giveaway & Meet the Malvern Bunny located in Burke Park - More Information to follow. Bring your Coupon for a Free Plant!

May 14, 2022 - Here Comes the Sun Spring Festival located at Burke Park and along King Street from 12PM to 5:30PM sponsored by the MBPA.

May 20 & 21, 2022 - Malvern Library Book Sale located at the Borough Building

June 4, 2022 — Walking Tour at Paoli Battlefield sponsored by The Battlefield Trust.


Please check the Borough Website regularly for updated information and new events. Hope to see you out!