

Malvern Borough

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Malvern Borough Happenings



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Five (5) Borough Council Members were sworn in on at the January 2, 2024 Borough Council meeting by Mayor Uzman. Pictures from Right to Left: President Brendan Phillips, Vice President Joe Bones, Council Member Zoe Warner, Council Member Mark Niemiec, and Council Member Lynne Frederick.



The Borough Council is the governing body of the Borough. The Council is comprised of 7 members who are elected to staggered 4-year terms in "at large" elections.



Malvern Borough Events

- Saturday, February 10, 2024:** Wine & Chocolate Stroll Hosted by the MBPA from 2-4PM.
- Saturday, February 17, 2024:** History Center Open to the Public
- Saturday, February 3 & 17, 2024:** Malvern Farmers Markets hosted by Growing Roots Partners
- Saturday, March 2, 2024:** Cabin Fever– Hosted by Parks and Recreation
- Saturday, March 2, 2024:** History Center Open to the Public
- Saturday, March 2 & 16, 2024:** Malvern Farmers Markets hosted by Growing Roots Partners
- Saturday, March 23, 2024:** Egg Hunt– Hosted by Parks and Recreation

Volunteers Needed

The following committee has a vacancy : Environmental Advisory Committee for a three (3) term ending January 1, 2027. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Committee is always looking for volunteers to help out with their monthly events.

If you are interested in the Volunteering for the Borough, please send an interest email to malvern@malvern.org.

Malvern Fire Company

As we enter the winter season, the Malvern Fire Company would like to remind everyone of some **important fire safety tips:**

- Heating equipment is involved in one of every six home fires. Be sure to have your home heating system serviced on a regular basis.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from any heat source including fireplaces, wood stoves, or space heaters.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms and test the devices at least once a month.
- Plug only one heat producing appliance into an electrical outlet at a time.
- In the event of a power outage and using a portable generator, keep the portable generators outside as far away from your residence as possible and away from windows.

While it is important that ashes should be removed from the fireplace, one additional important tip to remember is to place ashes from a fireplace in a metal container, outside of your home and at least ten feet away from the structure. Our company responded to a close call due to improperly discarded ashes earlier in the season. Due to the alert actions by the homeowner and a quick emergency response, the damage was minimal, however this is not always the case.

With the beginning of the New Year, our 2024 Operations Officers have assumed their roles, ready to serve the community. Our officers are as follows:

Fire Chief - Jerry Vaughn

Deputy Fire Chief - Kyle Vaughn

Assistant Fire Chief - D. Matt Miles

Assistant Fire Chief - Neil D. Vaughn

Battalion Chief - Martin McKenzie

Captain - Joey Fitzgerald

Lieutenant - Larry Crisp

Chief Engineer - Barry Patton

Fire Police Captain - Mark Johnson

Director of EMS Operations - Eric Nowaczyk



We would also like to recognize outgoing Fire Chief Jim Rapp for his service as Fire Chief for the past six years.

Speaking of service, are you still looking for a New Year's Resolution? Do you want to help your community? The Malvern Fire Company is a volunteer organization, and we need YOU! We are accepting members to assist in all facets of our operations including emergency responders and administrative personnel. Interested? Visit our website at www.malvernfireco.com or email us at info@malvernfireco.com. Members are also eligible for the newly passed emergency responder county tax rebate which was recently passed by the Chester County Commissioners. More information on this program can be found on the County's website at <https://www.chesco.org/5461/Responder-Rebate-Policy>.

Malvern Police Department

The Malvern Police Department hopes everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and wishes everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year!



This year, Mayor Uzman, Chief Marcelli, Officers, residents and business owners contributed to the Blue Beards for Charity Organization during October and November. Over \$6,600.00 was raised by the Malvern Borough Police Department and donated to the following Chester County organizations: Unite for Her, Chester County Crime Victims Center, Child's Light and The Sambuco Children Education Foundation. Thank you to everyone who contributed! Malvern Borough was once again one of the highest donors!

As the weather begins to change and snow starts to fall, during icy road conditions we remind everyone to use caution while driving. Prepare your vehicle for the winter weather and temperature. Have your battery checked, fill your washer fluid and check the air pressure in your tires. If you can stay home do so. Please try to park off the roadway so our Public Works department can clear the roads of snow and ice. This process is a long tedious, and our crew does a great job! Let's do all we can to help the process.

Please remember it is illegal to place snow in the roadway. So, as you clear your sidewalks and driveways you are not permitted to place the snow in the road, it is a serious hazard and is illegal.

Reminder for anyone looking to have your car seat installed or checked. Please use this https://www.malvern.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf8371/f/news/fall_newsletter_2023_-_final_as_of_10.30.2023.pdf (link) and Officer Keating will respond and schedule an appointment.

All Borough residents who have an alarm system are required to register their alarms annually. Payment for registering can be made online, in person, or check mailed to Malvern Borough Police.

We receive a lot of support from our local businesses and residents. Your generosity over the holidays and throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

We are proud to serve the community whom we swore to protect and hope you will call us if the need arises. As a reminder, for non-emergency police response, please call, 610-647-1440. For emergencies, call 911. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Messages left requesting police assistance will not be received while office is closed.

Surrey Services for Seniors

Make 2024 A Year of Balance: The New Year often inspires people to make resolutions about their health. Sometimes enthusiastic resolutions can be difficult to keep because they are too challenging. Instead of making a long list of aggressive goals, make 2024 a year of balance. Add small changes to your daily life that will add up to better physical and mental health.

Physical balance is very important to help prevent falls. Specific exercises added to your daily routine can significantly improve balance improve stability. Surrey offers a wide array of balance-focused exercise programs such as Silver Sneakers, Chair Yoga, and Strength and Stretch. Try a new class once a week and see how it makes you feel.

Nutritional balance can help strengthen immunity, prevent health conditions from escalating, and even improve mood. Try adding one green, leafy vegetable to your diet a few times per week add beneficial fiber, vitamins, and minerals.

Reducing stress and doing a cognitive workout can help with mental balance. Try the new Stronger Memory class at Devon, Inspire Mind & Memory at Broomall, or Mindful Monday at Media. Using one of Surrey's services also can help reduce stress caused by situations that are difficult such as driving to doctor appointments or organizing bills. Make a few of these small changes and see the big impact they can have.

SURREY
Services for Seniors

Property Maintenance in Malvern

Some Winter Season Code Enforcement Reminders

The winter weather that has already occurred means another season of snow and snow covered sidewalks and walkways. Please remember that after the snow has stopped falling, The **Malvern Borough Code** requires that sidewalks be cleared 36 inches wide within 24 hours after it has stopped. In addition, where icy patches result on sidewalks, please be sure to put down salt or some other material that will minimize the chance of someone slipping or falling until the sidewalk is clear and dry. If you have a neighbor who is elderly or unable to clear their sidewalk, perhaps several neighbors could help them out by clearing their sidewalk for them. This will help to ensure that all of the sidewalks in Malvern are passable this winter season. Remember also, it is unlawful to place the snow from sidewalks into the street.

Switching gears to the inside of your home, smoke detectors have been required in homes; one on each level including attics and basements and one in each sleeping room for more than twenty years! During use and occupancy inspections, I continue to find residences with no smoke detectors in sleeping rooms. Since they've been required in all of the mentioned locations for so long, the time to make sure that they're installed in the proper areas is now, not after it's called out on a U&O inspection.

When installing them in sleeping rooms, they should be located on the ceiling, somewhere near the bedroom door, at least a foot out from the wall. If the room has a ceiling fan, make sure that the detector is located several feet from the edge of the fan blades, otherwise the air movement from the fan may keep smoke from getting to the detector. If you must install smoke detectors on the wall, that's ok also, just make sure you mount them at least six inches down from the ceiling.

Provided by William T. Wilfong IV, BCO, Code Official / Fire Marshal

Malvern Business and Professional Association

Starting in 2024, we have eliminated our monthly strolls, although some stores will remain open late the third Thursday of the month. Contact individual stores to confirm hours. We will instead be holding 4 bigger events during the year, the first of which is outlined below.

Returning on February 10th from 2-4 pm is our popular Wine + Chocolate Stroll, this year featuring a pairing of wine by Malvern's own Vino d'Italia by John Vestri and Chocolates from Christopher's Chocolates in Newtown Square. There will be 10 locations along King Street who will welcome you to stop in for samples. Each location will be hosting a different varietal and chocolate. It will be a feast for your palate! Grab friends, family, your BFF and head out on King Street to discover all we have. It is free to the community, but only those over 21 will be served wine. Hershey kisses will be handed out to accompanying little ones. Actual locations will be listed on our website at malvernbusiness.com/

Our first member-only event will be on February 6th at 8 am at Brick & Brew. It's time to renew your membership! You can do so online at www.malvernbusiness.com/become-a-member



King Street
Wine + Chocolate
stroll

Feb 10
2-4 pm



Chocolates by Christophers

Environmental Advisory Committee

New No Mow (or Low Mow) May Initiative

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that lawns cover 40 million acres (or 2%) of land in the U.S., making it the single largest irrigated crop grown. However, maintained lawns provide little benefit to wildlife since they lack floral resources and nesting sites for bees. Lawns are often treated with pesticides and herbicides that further hurt pollinators.

On the recommendation of the EAC, Borough Council recently passed the “No Mow May” resolution. As the name suggests, “No Mow May” is simply a pause on mowing some or all of your lawn during the month of May, allowing early season flowers to bloom. Floral resources are limited in late winter and early spring, and the intent of this initiative is to provide pollinators additional habitat and nectar resources through the growth of



more yard flowers. The resolution suspends the ordinance that requires yard weeds and grasses to be maintained less than 10 inches high (§153 Section 302.4) for the month of May.

Consider the following when deciding whether to participate:

- Optional** - Participation in “No Mow May” is entirely optional. Details about how to register participation will be shared in the spring on the website and Constant Contact.
- **No Size/Percentage Requirements** – You may include as little or as much of your yard as you wish. If you are concerned about how this initiative will affect the appearance of your property, consider including just a portion of your yard, such as a side yard or back yard.
- **LOW Mow May is OK** - You don’t need to go a full month without mowing. Mowing every two or three weeks can increase flower blooms and provide food for hungry bees too. Particularly if you fertilize your lawn, “Low Mow May” may be a better approach for participation. Turf grass that has been fertilized grows quickly and can be “shocked” when more than 1/3 of the height is mown at a time.

Limited Flowers in Treated Yards - If you have treated your lawn with pre-emergent herbicides (weed-killers) in recent years, your lawn will not yield

many flowers for the pollinators. Instead of participating in “No Mow May,” consider reducing or eliminating the application of these treatments.

- **More Information** - For more information about the history and benefits of No Mow May, visit <https://beecityusa.org/no-mow-may/>

No Mow/Low May is not a permanent solution to the lack of habitat for pollinators and impacts from turf grass. Consider these ideas for your lawn too:

- **Reduce Grass Area** – Consider replacing areas of turf grass with perennial natives to increase biodiversity and landscape for wildlife. Native plant species provide the best resources to our local insect and bird populations.
- **Mow High** – Keeping areas of turf grass at 3” or higher helps shade roots and reduces evaporation of water from soil, requiring less water throughout the long “lawn season.”
- **Re-Seed with Low Maintenance Grasses** – Tall and fine fescues need less nitrogen and water than Kentucky bluegrass and ryegrass species.

Submitted by: Cecelia Oswald

Environmental Advisory Council Members:

Zoe Warner, Ph.D.: Chair

Helise Bichefsky, DO: Vice Chair

Tiffany Brouillet. Member

Joanne Zhou: Member

Cecelia Oswald: Member

Eric Beauregard: Member

Christine Hafer: Alternate Member

Vacancy: Member



**Malvern Borough
Environmental
Advisory
Council**

Malvern Library

MPL'S RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!

We are excited to begin our long awaited renovations and bring our patrons a new and improved Malvern Public Library. Our construction schedule is as follows:

We are closed January 8th through February 3rd to the public for demo. Patrons may pick up holds and return materials after 1pm in our lobby. During this period, all programs will be held on the top floor of the building in the Malvern Borough Meeting Room.

After February 3rd, portions of our library will remain open while certain rooms may be closed periodically for renovation. To stay up to date and follow our progress, please follow us on Facebook or Instagram or check our website. Please feel free to call us at [610-644-7259](tel:610-644-7259) if you have any questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS in FEBRUARY and MARCH

Zoom Yoga!

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 7pm

Carve out some time for yourself this winter with this virtual yoga series. All ages and levels are welcome! Register for any week or all 4 sessions! The Zoom link will be emailed 24 hours prior to the event each week.

Imagine the Possibilities: Building and Sustaining an Inclusive Community

Feb. 10 @ 10:00am

In this interactive workshop led by Marvin Worthy of Worthy Consulting and Training, participants will learn how to build and sustain an inclusive community that empowers and enables each member to become a positive contributor.

Light breakfast fare will be provided, please call the library about any major allergies.

Live Author Event! (Hybrid Event)

Feb. 24 @ 11am

Pennsylvania author, PJ Piccirillo, will be on hand to discuss his historical novel, *The Indigo Scarf*. *The Indigo Scarf* is based on the true story of two escaped slaves who fled their owners with white women into the wilderness of the upper Susquehanna River in the early 1800s.

PJ Piccirillo is the author of the novels *The Indigo Scarf* and *Heartwood*, and the collected novella *Nunc Stans-A Ferry Tale*. He has twice won the Appalachian Writers Association Award for Short Fiction. PJ is a literary artist-in-residence for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and has worked as a literary scholar for the PA Humanities Council.

This is a hybrid event meaning patrons can register for attending in-person or via Zoom. If registering in-person, please be mindful that there is a limited amount of space and register for each attendee individually.

To register for these events or to see MPL's full list of children's programs and storytimes, please visit our calendar at www.malvern-library.org/calendar.



Historical Commission



We have an exciting year this year, as this is our first full year of our History Center open hours. Expect to see the History Center open from 2-4pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month (March excluded; see below). Commissioners will be working on improvements in the History Center during these hours. Feel free to stop by with questions, stories, or to browse our displays and items for sale!

Regarding March, our open hours will be March 2 from 1-4pm, to coincide with Parks & Rec's Cabin Fever. Everyone of all ages can stop as multiple groups will be available on the 2nd floor of McGuigan Hall at 1 E First Ave, where our History Center is also located.

To recap, our next few open hours dates are February 17, March 2, and April 20. Hope to meet more of you and learn a little more of Malvern's history from you.

We thank those of you who stopped by the National Bank of Malvern during "Christmas on King" on November 25, 2023, where we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the renaming of the train station from West Chester Intersection to that of Malvern. The Pennsylvania Railroad Commission made the change in their meeting minutes dated November 26, 1873. Our village shares this date with the Athensville (now Ardmore) station.

Demonstrating the changes and yet similarities to our Malvern from 100 years ago, here's a quote from the September 18, 1923 *Daily Local News*:

"Malvern has grown to be to-day (sic) commonly recognized among the progressive and growing towns of Chester county. Malvern is blessed with having the best of natural advantages and a location through which the commerce of United States is moving. Geographically it is the highest point between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, having an altitude of 583 feet above sea level and on any clear night the people of this town may stand on the Monument Grounds and see the lights of Billy Penn in Philadelphia... Much more could be said about this glorious little town above the sea, but no words can ever quite tell it just as one of the old inhabitants of the town would. The old people, who have watched it grow know its people and know its assets and faults and one of these can in a very short while tell just how they have learned to love and appreciate it. It is without a doubt a growing town with a big future to look forward to and to inspire its people to work hard for its ultimate success."

Malvern Borough Farmers Markets

The Malvern Farmers Market is open outdoors, YEAR ROUND and highlights the very best in locally grown food. **During the winter season (Jan-Apr 2024), markets are held on the 1st/3rd Saturdays from 10AM-12 Noon in Burke Park.** Our producer-only market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, grass-fed meats, pasture-raised poultry and farm fresh eggs, local dairy & fresh cheese, artisan baked goods and sourdough breads, local beer & spirits, fresh roasted coffee, local honey, dog treats, on-site knife sharpening, compost pick-up, hand-made gifts, and an assortment 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.



Parks and Recreation

Crossword

Across

2. What event will P&R host at Burke Park on Saturday, May 18th, 2024?

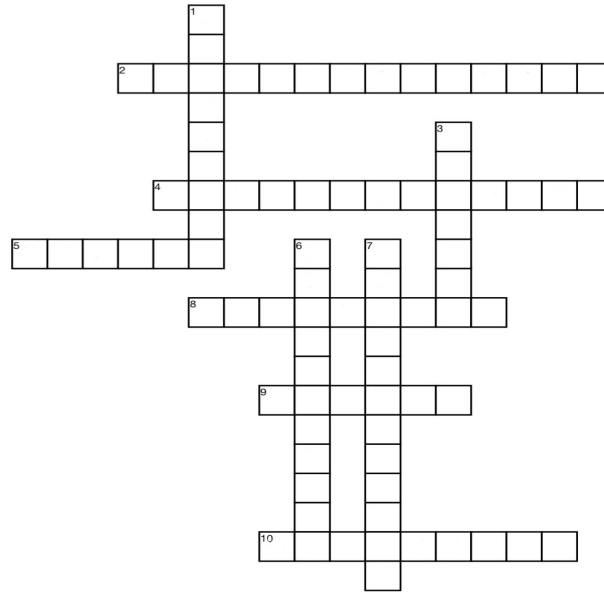
4. You can picnic amongst the trees in this park.

5. What park is situated between Bridge St. And Miner St.?

8. Where is the entrance to Theodore S. A. Rubino Memorial Park?

9. If you're caught in the rain at Burke Park you can hide under the...?

10. The Parks and Recreation Committee meets once a month; which day of the week do they meet?



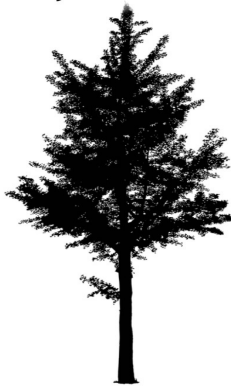
Down

1. Where is the borough clock?

3. Malvern Borough teams up with Willistown for a fun summer activity every year. What is it called?

6. What borough road leads into Randolph Woods?

7. Two parks in the borough have basketball courts; John & Marion Herzak Memorial Park and...?



Shade Tree Commission

Winter Interest in the Garden

It's difficult to imagine gardening in the middle of our last snowstorm. And you may have noticed how beautiful our trees and shrubs have looked covered with snow. So while you're warming yourselves indoors, think of what the new spring gardening season could bring to your future winter landscape. If you have the space, you might want to consider adding the following trees and shrubs to your yard.

American Holly—see some newly planted specimens adjacent to Quann Park where Powelton Avenue goes into the woods. These evergreens have beautiful berries which provide food for birds in the early spring when they have little else to eat. Hollies are deer resistant (important in the Borough) and provide cover and nesting places for our birds. And of course, cuttings make wonderful holiday decorations.

Winterberries—are deciduous hollies. When their leaves drop, they have bright red berries on bare twigs. They are a

Shade Tree Commission

a native winter standout until late February or early March when armies of robins descend and eat all the berries within an hour.

Witchhazels—Native witchhazels bloom in the late fall, cultivars bloom in the very early spring in yellow or orange. They are a wonderful addition to any garden. See them to the right as you go down Wayne Avenue into the Battlefield Park.

River Birch—white birches suffer from climate change, they like a colder climate, but river birches grow really well here. They have wonderful exfoliating bark, and their catkins are an early spring food source for hungry, weak, overwintering bees. They are good for our bees and beautiful for us. See some excellent specimens in the 100 block of Monument Avenue.

Red Twig Dogwood—a native shrub with bright red stems in winter, also available in a yellow twig form. It grows up to 5 feet tall, but can be pruned lower. We're hoping to plant this dogwood at the Borough Hall this spring.



Upper Main Line Memorial Association

WHY IS THE MEMORIAL PARADE ON A SUNDAY

Malvern's parade on **Sunday, June 2, 2024**, is a Memorial Parade instead of a Memorial Day Parade, for at least two reasons. One, our parade has always been the Sunday just after Decoration (Memorial) Day; and two, our parade is older than Memorial Day itself.

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors – the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen.

John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., with dozens of towns and cities across the US holding their own parades in 1869.

Research is still underway to determine why Malvern's event happened on the Sunday after May 30th, but one plausible theory states that there were only so many living Civil War veterans to decorate the graves at all of the cemeteries.

What we do know is the McCall Post (GAR) commonly visited several cemeteries all in one day. As described in the 1885 account of Decoration Day in the Daily Local, the McCall Post began their Decoration Sunday at Goshenville Friends at 7:30am before stopping by the

Paoli Monument at 8:30am, the First Baptist Church of Malvern (now Valley Creek Church) at 9am, and then Great Valley Baptist at 10:30am.

But our remembrances actually reach back to September 20, 1817, 40 years after the Battle of Paoli. On that date, more than 400 volunteer troops in eight militia units from three counties, and two bands "in a slow solemn march" participated in the dedication of the first monument installed on what we now call the Malvern Memorial Grounds on Monument Ave. It was the start of a tradition that we still honor today.

We are very proud to say we not only have the oldest Memorial Parade, but we are very grateful to the volunteers who organize, run, and participate in the parade and remembrance ceremony at the park. Our parade committee will begin meeting soon; we also could use a few hands with set up, tear down, and making sure things run smoothly both at the parade start and throughout the route.

Of course, we also would love participants. If you have walked in the parade before, or have a civic group that would like to join in this year, please reach out to the Upper Main Line Memorial Association chair, Larry Buchholz, at his email larrybuck.lb@gmail.com

MALVERN
MEMORIAL PARADE

Paoli Battlefield Historical Park



Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBBF)

WINTER 2023-2024



We entered 2024 after just completing our 6th **Wreaths Across America Celebration**. This was the largest one so far and had perfect weather! Sponsored by the DAR, PBBF, Paoli Memorial Assoc. (PMA) and a new sponsor **AMERICAN LEGION POST #668, WAYNE PA.** This year we had representatives of all 7 US Military Units including Space Force & Merchant Marine lay large Wreaths and 53 volunteers laid 53 smaller wreaths. General George Washington was our special speaker along with Honor Guard, Singers, Bagpiper, Bugler and Singer. Over 100 guests were seated and many more standing to honor all those who have protected our democracy.

“A REVOLUTIONARY LECTURE SERIES”

PBBF continues our popular Dinner/Lecture series at the Black Powder Tavern now on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (6pm – 8:30pm). These interactive events provide a Q&A period. We will be presenting the following lectures this Quarter:



January 23rd

General Charles Cornwallis



February 20th

Privateers



March 9th

War Sites in Radnor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walking Tours of Paoli Battlefield & Spring Paranormal Tour



Get details on these events, news, history & reservations on our website RememberPaoli.org, Friend us on our Facebook Page (Paoli Battlefield Historical Park), follow us on X (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).