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Malvern Borough Police Department Recognition

Borough Council would like to recognize the strides that the Malvern Borough Police Department has made over the past nine years. In 2012, Borough Council determined that the department needed new leadership. That leadership has been provided by Chief Lou Marcelli, who joined us in March 2013, and Mayor Dave Burton, who took office in January 2014. Their close working relationship has been the foundation for building a professional, respected, trusted police department.

Our full-time officers are highly capable, committed individuals who undergo an extensive interview process and background check. Chief Marcelli has professionalized our department, improving the work environment and

morale with increased training, quality equipment, and upgraded uniforms. Being well-prepared has enabled our officers to handle major incidents with the proper procedures. This professionalism also allows our department to work in full cooperation with all

walking through schools, and handling parking issues, traffic violations, accidents, domestic incidents, and so on. With two officers on duty, our department now has a dedicated Traffic Unit – created in response to residents’ concerns about traffic and parking – as

well as more time to investigate crimes.

Chief Marcelli and Mayor Burton both know the importance of listening to residents to learn

what they are most concerned about. Community involvement promotes positive communication between the public and the police. Chief Marcelli participates in local organizations like the Malvern Business & Professional Organization, and he has initiated outreach programs with local children – for example, edu-



our surrounding municipal police departments.

One major positive change has been expanding the department from four to six full-time officers. This enables us to have one full-time officer on duty 24/7, with two full-time officers during daytime shifts. Officers are responsible for meeting all the Borough’s needs – answering calls,

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cational programs at Prep, and having officers give away candy and safety items on Halloween.

In December 2020, Chief Marcelli was elected by other local Chiefs to serve on the Executive Board for the Chester County Chiefs of Police Association. He was also the first law enforcement officer selected to join the board of the Chester County Ra-

cial and Cultural Equity (R.A.C.E.) Group. He leads by example with respect to diversity and transparency – proudly hiring the department's first female full-time officer and obtaining dashboard and body cameras for all officers.

Borough Council thanks Chief Marcelli and Mayor Burton for their hard work building a well-trained, well-equipped, profes-

sional police department that is ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Amy Finkbiner, PhD

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Paoli Battlefield Historical Park Special Events

December 18, 2021 at 11am.

Wreaths Across America Celebration This will be streamed live on our Facebook page, presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution, PBPF, The Paoli Memorial Association.

Help us by sponsoring wreaths by going to

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164194>

The mission of Wreaths Across America - **Remember. Honor. Teach.**

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

We continue our popular ZOOM series on the 2nd Monday of each Month. These interactive events provide a Q&A period. **We do request a donation to participate to help support PBPF. Go to RememberPaoli.org to register for the lecture to get access codes and please click on the Donate button!**

November 13th, 2021 at 7pm – Historian, author, novelist Gene Pisasale introduces his latest book *Forgotten Founding Fathers* about important lesser-known Pennsylvania and Delaware citizens who helped form the basis of the United States including signing the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

December 13th, 2021 at 7pm – You've heard about Washington Crossing the Delaware. It led to the Battles of Trenton and Princeton that ended British General Howe's first attempt to capture Philadelphia, the new nation's capital. But did you know how and

why Trenton and its citizens were so important to the American Revolution. Noted New Jersey educator, historian and author William “Larry” Kidder who brings life into the tale of the City that became New Jersey's State Capital.



We are currently planning our 2022 Lectures starting on **January 10th, 2022**. Please check our website, **RememberPaoli.org**, to check on future lectures, details on tours, events, news, history and opportunities to volunteer and donate. Show your support by friending us on our Facebook Page (Paoli Battlefield Historical Park), follow us on Twitter (@PaoliBattle), and sign up for our digital newsletter on our website.

Shade Tree Commission

LET'S PLANT A TREE

by Aileen Fisher

It's time to plant a tree, a tree.

What shall it be? What shall it be?

Let's plant a pine—we can't go wrong: a pine is green the whole year long.

Let's plant a maple—more than one, to shade us from the summer sun.

Let's plant a cherry—you know why: there's nothing like a

cherry pie!

Let's plant an elm, the tree of grace, where robins find a nesting place.

Let's plant an apple—not too small, with flowers in spring and fruit in fall.

Let's plant a fir—so it can be a lighted outdoor Christmas tree.

Let's plant a birch, an oak, a beech, there's something extra-nice in each...

in winter, summer, spring or fall.

Let's plant a...

why not plant them ALL?



Malvern Borough Library

We are happy to welcome a new staff member on board! Meet Megan Dehmelt, our new Children's Librarian. Megan is a former children's librarian from New Jersey who is happy to start her new journey at the Malvern Library.

Keep an eye on our e-calendar and Facebook page for more information about upcoming children's events with Ms. Megan.

Music with Miss Jill has resumed on Zoom, **Mondays at 10am**. Play with puppets and sing songs each week to a different musical theme.

Join Kelly Bergh for Kids Online Yoga, **Wednesdays at 10am**. Have fun stretching, bending and balancing with a certified yoga instructor.

Join us **each Friday in October at 10am** for Storytime with Themi Palmer at Burke Park. Dance and sing your way

along with her for an interactive story adventure.

(Keep checking our calendar into November to meet Ms. Megan for her Story Time adventures, too!)

Zoom Adult Yoga has resumed on **Tuesdays at 7pm**. These sessions will continue through mid-December. All levels are welcome. Feel free to register for as many sessions as you would like.

Our monthly book club meets every **third Tuesday of the month at 9:30**. Be sure to register online and pick-up your copy at the library, today.

Want to stay even more up-to-date with everything happening at the library? Check us out on Instagram and Facebook where we post news, remind-

ers, and events several times a week.

If you'd like to get more involved with the library, consider becoming a Friend of the Library today! Friends of the Library help us by volunteering for public events (such as our book sale!) and brainstorming ways we can be more connected in this community.

As of this time, masks are required upon entry of the building



Malvern Borough Council Appointment

Malvern Borough Council appointed Mark Niemiec to fill the Council vacancy at their October 5, 2021 meeting. His term expires January 1, 2024.

Mr. Niemiec is replacing John Miesel who is to be commended for his years of dedicated service to Borough Council and other Committees since 2014.

Borough Council consists of Amy Finkbiner, PhD (Council President), Jamie Grossman (Vice-President), Brendan Phillips, Marty Laney,

Mark Niemiec, Julie Raynor, and Joe Bones. Meetings of Bor-



ough Council are held at 7:30

pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Borough Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. 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 and emergency notifications are sent through the ReadyNotify system.

Environmental Advisory Council

As part of the Environmental Advisory Council, we are always looking for simple home remedies to do our part to keep our planet healthy and our world more sustainable. Here are 3 very straightforward and effortless things we can each do to achieve that goal:

An alternative disposal to putting yard waste in the trash

With the change of the season upon us, many people are looking to clean up their property for the winter months. It is easy to dispose of your yard waste in the trash- but there are other, more environmentally healthy alternatives which keep this waste out of landfills. Consider keeping leaves on your lawn as long as possible. They provide a natural habitat for worms, chipmunks, salamanders and other critters. The borough offers leaf pickups throughout November. The leaves are picked up from the road and are hauled off to compost. Composting is another way for you to make use of your yard debris. Mix three parts of brown leaves, branches, and other dead yard waste with one part of green materials such as food waste. This will produce nutrients that can be used to feed your flower and vegetable gardens.

-Brian Walker

What does a winter garden look like? Is anything even alive in there?

To many, a winter garden may look untidy or like something that "needs cleaning up." But a winter garden, which is essentially a garden that has been left alone, provides rich habitat for birds, pollinators, and pest-eating insects, especially if it contains native plants. A winter garden's true beauty comes from the life emanating from the dried flowers, leaves, and twigs. Nothing goes unused.

The "seed heads" from flowers that once colored our yards now feed birds who become our winter color. Thickets of dead plant material protect native bees from cold and predators, so they can pollinate our gardens during the blooming season. Most butterflies don't migrate. Instead, they shelter under leaf litter, tree bark, or rocks. Or they overwinter as chrysalises hanging from dried leaves, waiting to emerge in spring. Predatory insects, like ladybugs that eat garden pests, hibernate in a winter garden's warmth, keeping your pest control on site, ready to knock back pest populations early in the spring.

-Zoe Warner

Healthy alternatives to salt: Winterize your sidewalk and driveways

The most environmentally friendly tactic to remove snow and decrease the ice is good ol' shoveling. But try to shovel frequently during a storm, when the snow is easier to move and you are not lifting but instead pushing it. Deicers claiming to be Eco friendly are usually a mixture of different kinds of salts to lessen the effects that one type of salt alone would cause. Sodium chloride, calcium chloride and magnesium chloride are the three most common types. New ideas: Sand, woodchips and birdseed work well as they cause friction. But use sand sparingly as it can clog drains and be messy once the snow melts. Spread dried coffee grounds or the ash from the fireplace/firepit. These absorb the sunlight and melt snow and ice. Spread a pickle brine and beet juice mixture. Alfalfa meal (yes- the fertilizer!) is super effective when used in moderation. Make a mix of 2 lbs of salt + 1 gallon of water + a glass of sugar beet juice. Be creative and challenge your inner scientist!

Helise Bichesky-Reilly, DO

Malvern Historical Commission

At the September 21, 2021 meeting of Borough Council, the Commission announced the eighth annual Preservation Awards, and presented same to the building owners who were present.

Adaptive Re-Use:

24 South Warren Avenue (rear). This Late Victorian Frame Vernacular style building was originally home to a grave memorials business started in 1899 that continued under different owners for nearly one hundred years. For much of that time the business was operated, first by Joseph Annear and then, after his death, by his widow, Catherine Annear. The National Bank of Malvern purchased it in 1982 and rents it as residential space.

116 E. King Street. This masonry building was built around 1890 in the Late Victorian Second Empire Style. At various times in its history, it housed Samuel Teamer's harness shop and the Duffryn Mawr-Malvern newspaper. It is currently the home of Uzman Engineering.

Commercial:

109 E. King Street. This building was built in 1875 in the Italianate style to be a residence. It appears on the 1881 map of Malvern and, later became the site from which William E. Downing operated Phelps Plumbing and Heating for over 35 years. Today, it houses Sacco's hair salon.

121/123 E. King Street. This building, now known as the home of the Flying Pig, is the 16th oldest building still standing in Mal-

vern. It served as a general store (and, briefly, as Malvern's post office) for many years until, shortly after the repeal of Prohibition, it was reinvented as a bar by Louis G. Thomas, Sr. More than 80 years later, it's still a fine old small town bar.

Residential:

17 and 19 Powelton Avenue. Both halves of this lovely and well-maintained duplex were built around 1920 on property once owned by Josiah Roberts. Barbara Leighton owns 17 Powelton, and Mayor David Burton and his wife, Linda, own 19 Powelton.

145 Woodland Avenue. The land on which this Late Victorian residence rests was part of the sold to David Evans by farmer Issac Ruth in the 1870s. Evans sold this tract to Robert Everett, founder of Philadelphia's first Sunday newspaper, the *Sunday Dispatch*, who built the present house around 1890 to be his retirement home. It is now the residence of the Doughty family.

336 W. First Avenue. This Colonial Revival style home, owned by Sheron Bitsko and the late Ralph Bitsko, was built in the early 1930s. The land on which it was built was part of a 32-acre parcel sold by the Harry B. Rosengarten Estate later known as Malvern Heights.

Congratulations to all!

You can reach us e-mail at malvernborohistory@malvern.org or message us through our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/malvernborohistory/>

Catherine O. Raymond



**Malvern Borough
Historical Commission**

vern, having been built in 1875 as a

Malvern Borough Manager Transition

Mr. Chris Bashore, who served as our Borough Manager since January 2016, resigned in September to become the Assistant Manager of West Goshen Township. We are sorry to see him go, but we recognize that this is a great opportunity for him at a much larger municipality. The Borough is in good hands with our Assistant Manager/Zoning Officer, Tiffany Loomis, who has stepped in seamlessly as Acting Manager while we

conduct a search for a permanent replacement.

Mr. Bashore's education and expertise brought a new level of professionalism to our Borough's operations. The Borough is in an excellent financial position because of his prudent fiscal management. He was successful in securing grant funding for major and minor projects alike, from updating our Comprehensive Plan to the

multi-modal transportation improvements near the train station. His commitment to high standards of integrity and lifelong learning have been recognized by his peers across Chester County and beyond. We thank him for his service and look forward to watching where his career takes him from here.

Amy Finkbiner, PhD

Malvern Farmers Market

Fall is here and the harvest season is abundant! The Malvern farmers market is open outdoors YEAR ROUND! The farmers market is held **weekly** on Saturdays in Burke Park from 9am-12 noon through the end of the year (2021). Please note: market is closed for two holiday weekends: Saturday 11/27 and Saturday 12/25. Starting in January through April 2022, we transition to our winter schedule: 10am-12 noon on the

3rd/5th Saturdays in January and 1st/3rd Saturdays in February, March, and April.

Stop by the Malvern farmers market for fresh, local, and seasonal fruits & vegetables, pasture raised chicken & eggs, grass-fed meats, fresh cut flowers, farmstead dairy and cheeses, locally milled and naturally leavened breads, exquisite pastries, and many more locally made, specialty foods! Head to our

website:

[w:www.growingrootspartners.com/malvern](http://www.growingrootspartners.com/malvern)

to see the line-up of producers at market each week, or just stop by for day-of sales to shop. As always, you will find plenty of good farms, good food, and good people at the Malvern Farmers Market! See you soon!



Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee

Volunteering in Malvern Borough

Twenty plus years ago, my husband and I looked for a place to call home. We wanted to take walks, enjoy local events, feel safe and wave to people that we pass on the street. And start a family. So my husband thought "Malvern Borough!!" And here we are! Over the years we have seen a number of changes in the borough- most impressively though, is the business corridor on King Street and the activities available to the residents. So- how do I help to shape the Borough?

A wonderful friend invited me to apply as a volunteer on one of the committees a few years back. He told me that Malvern is a place where your voice and actions really can be heard and appreciated -- As a volunteer! Since, I have witnessed the dedication, time and undeniable effort that the Malvern Borough residents have put in as volunteers over the years.

I became a volunteer with the Parks and Recreation committee in 2018 and have enjoyed every minute of it. Our Parks and Recreation Committee has been responsible for several of the activities in the borough such as the Halloween Parade, Pizza and Pumpkins, Movie Night and Malvern on Ice. Since the pandemic, we have had the need to pivot from our "usual" events. This would not have been

able to happen without our mind-boggling Parks and Recreation Committee volunteers!!

I would like to introduce our committee members to you:

Our awesome Virtual Fitness instructor, Healthy Snacks mentor and Monday Night Work Out guru is Angela Lewis. She has brought health and fitness to our neighbors which was much needed during this past year. She is also working alongside Brendan Phillips to bring Quizzo to Burke Park. Brendan is world famous for his introductions during Movie Night and for organizing the Annual Randolph Woods Campout. The very clever and talented Angela Riccetti is working with Angela L on a community wide Food Drive. I cannot overlook the amazing videos that Angela R created and starred in to introduce everyone to Malvern Rocks, our paint-the-rocks project. Pizza 'n Pumpkins is now Pumpkins 'n Spooky Gift Bags thanks to our newer members, Gail Newman, who has been on top of it from the beginning, and the very artistic Tiffanie Quinn. Thanks to John Finkbiner, who has a knack for evaluating and reevaluating events to be sure they are fun, for helping me organize another new event called StoryWalk. Andy Johnson, who is completely hands on from the beginning, has been involved in evaluating and rethinking the inclusivity

of our parks and playgrounds.

In addition, I have been fortunate enough to work with local scouts who are working toward their Eagle Scout badge. We have guided them in projects that enhance our parks. Our Parks and Rec members are Park Ambassadors—we "watch over" the many parks to see that they are well kept and being enjoyed by all. We make sure our Free Little Library in Burke Park is well cared for.

The Parks & Recreation Committee is also working diligently with the Borough to bring a new and vibrant Randolph Woods to realization and a rain garden to Quann Park. We are working with our many local business owners during our events to make them part of our community, to be sure that we maintain a vibrant and energetic King Street and surrounding area.

I have been the most fortunate of the volunteers because I am the Chairperson of this remarkable and awe-inspiring team of Malvern Borough Parks & Recreations Committee volunteers. They have brought smiles, laughter and community to our Malvern Borough. So, when you see Angela L, Angela R, John, Brendan, Gail, Tiffanie, Andy or myself with our "volunteer" T-shirts on, please come over and say Hi!! We would love to meet you and your family!

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, DO

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I find contact information for elected and appointed officials?

All members of Borough Council and the Mayor have their own email address. They are listed on the Borough website in the "Borough Council & Mayor" section. Each committee, with certain exceptions as governed by law, has its own centralized email address. These are distributed to either the chair or the chair's designee (e.g., secretary). The email addresses are as follows:

Planning Commission – malvern-mpc@malvern.org

Historical Commission – malvern-borohistory@malvern.org

Parks & Recreation Committee – malvernparks&rec@malvern.org

Shade Tree Commission – malvernstc@malvern.org

2. What is "Executive Session"?

Meetings of the Borough are governed by the PA Sunshine Law and are advertised and open to the public. The law grants Borough Council authority to meet on certain items for discussion in a closed meeting called "Executive Session." Topics that may be discussed in Executive Session include:

- Personnel matters
- Holding an information, strategy and negotiation session related to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement
- Considering the purchase or lease of real property
- Consulting with an attorney about active or pending litigation
- Discussing agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law
- Discussing certain public safety issues if disclosure of the information discussed would be reasonably likely to jeopardize or threaten public safety or preparedness or public protection

The specific reason for the Executive Session must be announced in a public meeting either before or directly after the Executive Session. An official action must be taken in an open, public meeting.

3. How do you obtain copies of records?



The release of records is governed by the PA Right-to-Know Act. In addition, the Borough has adopted a policy governing the release records in connection to this law. Request for records must be made on either the Borough's request form or the blanket form created by the PA Office of Open Records. There are fees associated with receiving copies of records and these may be found on the Borough's adopted fee schedule. The law does prohibit the release of certain records, including the release of people's personal identification information (e.g., email address, phone number, social security number), records relating to investigations (both criminal and non-criminal), and pre-decisional deliberations. Additionally, other state and federal laws protect certain records from being released.

4. Am I able to schedule a matter before Borough Council as an agenda item?

Yes. Residents and taxpayers who wish to have a matter placed on the agenda of Borough Council may make the request in writing to the Borough Manager by **12:00 pm the Friday before the meeting**. Borough Council also has a "Public Forum" at the end of each meeting where items not on the agenda may be brought before Borough Council. Borough Council also takes public comment on each agenda item.

5. Where may I obtain budgetary information?

Information regarding the Borough's annual budget is available on the Borough website in the "Budgets & Audits" section. Borough Council traditionally holds two (2) budget presentations during the preparation of the budget. These presentations are held during regular public meetings.

6. When are the meetings held?

All meeting dates are available on the Borough's website. The meeting schedule is publicly advertised each year. Meetings are held as follows:

- **Borough Council**—1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30 pm
- **Planning Commission**—1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm
- **Zoning Hearing Board**—4th Monday at 7:00 pm (as needed)
- **Historical Commission**—2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm
- **Shade Tree Commission**—3rd Monday at 3:00 pm
- **Parks & Recreation Committee**—1st Wednesday at 7:00 pm

All meetings are held at Malvern Borough Hall (1 E. 1st Ave., Malvern, PA 19355).

6. How do I find what positions are open to volunteer?

<http://www.malvern.org/general-info/vacancies/>