

The Borough Broadcaster

Summer Newsletter



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News from Malvern Borough Council

While we all must continue to be vigilant in regards to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, Malvern Borough is starting to see a return of normal activities. Municipal meetings began resuming in-person attendance with the June 15, 2021 meeting of Borough Council. Even with in-person attendance becoming an option again, an opportunity for virtual participation remains available if you wish to attend and participate in that form. Information on how to participate virtually is printed on the meeting agenda and links are included in the monthly update issued by the Borough.

The Borough is pleased to announce the awarding of a grant in the amount of approximately \$92,000 from Chester County for the construction of a bicycle pump track off of Ruthland Avenue. This project is part of the Randolph Woods Nature Preserve Master Plan. The Borough Engineer is currently working on the survey and design for this new park. Additional information will be provided when it is available.

Borough Council would like to thank several members of the Borough's volunteer boards and committees who recently resigned for their service to the community. Jennifer Benson and Amy DiElsi recently resigned from the Parks & Recreation Committee after having served on the Committee since 2016 and 2018, respectively. Additionally, John Butow recently resigned from the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Butow also served on the Randolph Woods Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee. With these resignations comes the opportunity to welcome new members to our volunteer boards. Gail Newman and Tiffanie Quinn were recently appointed to serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee. We would like to thank them and all the other residents who serve on the Borough's volunteer boards and committees for their service to the community.

Finally, there are several projects currently underway in 2021. The 2021 paving program has outlined several roads to be repaired. Recently, paving projects were

completed on Green Street and Ruthland Avenue. For the remainder of 2021, it is our hope to complete paving projects on a section of Malvern Avenue and Karen Drive. Please watch the Borough website for information on these projects. We are hopeful to complete improvements to Quann Park, the costs of which are being offset by grants received from Chester County and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. Finally, work is continuing on the update to the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this process to date, either through completing the survey and/or joining us at the community planning open house in May.

Borough Council consists of Amy Finkbiner, Ph.D. (Council President), Jamie Grossman (Vice-President), Joe Bones, Marty Laney, John Meisel, Brendan Phillips, and Julie Raynor. Meetings of Borough Council are held at 7:30 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Malvern Borough Hall or via Zoom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. As always, if you have any questions about anything going on in town, please contact malvern@malvern.org or by calling 610-644-2602. Information is updated regularly on the Borough website at www.malvern.org and emergency notifications are sent through the ReadyNotify system.



Malvern Planning Commission

The Malvern Planning Commission (MPC) is a 'review and recommend' body of seven Borough residents who process Subdivision and Land Use (SALDO) applications, Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) applications, monitor Zoning Ordinances, undertake Planning Initiatives, and provide comments on other Community Planning matters referred by Borough Council. The MPC's planning efforts are supported by the Assistant Borough Manager, Borough Engineers, and the Planning Commission Solicitor, Kenneth Kynett, Esq. of the firm Petrikin Wellman Damico Brown & Petrosa.

Recent activity of the MPC has included a review of certain provisions of the Borough's Zoning and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinances. Current ordinances reviewed by the

Planning Commission include amendments to the Plant Materials List outlined in the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, provisions pertaining to materials acceptable for street trees per the Borough's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance, and proposed amendments to provisions for outdoor dining in the Borough's Zoning Ordinance.

Current MPC members include Brian Hamilton (alternate), Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, Mark Niemiec, Scott Oswald, Geoff Rubino, Carroll Sinquett III (Chairperson), and Zoe Warner (Vice-Chairperson). Tiffany Loomis, Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer, doubles as the Planning Commission Secretary.

The Malvern Planning Commission meets on the first and third

Thursdays of each month at 7:30 PM at Malvern Borough Hall or via Zoom. Public participation is welcomed and encouraged! The status of various SALDO applications and initiatives can be viewed on the Borough website under Boards and Commissions/Planning Commission/ Case Log.



Malvern Public Library

The Malvern Public Library is happy to announce we are now open to the public with the following hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays 9am-8pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-6:30pm

Fridays 9am-5pm

Saturdays 9am-4pm

Sunday Closed

Curbside Pickup appointments will remain available Mondays through Thursdays from 1pm-5:30pm and Fridays from 1pm to 4:15pm. If you wish to schedule a curbside pickup appointment, you must do so online. Click the link in your email when your hold notification is sent.

Summer Reading is here! Join our Tails & Tales children's summer reading program online with READSquared. You can sign up any time throughout the summer until August 15th. Adults can join in the fun as well with our Adult Summer Reading program. Read or listen to any Chester County Library System book, fill out a short review card, and you will be entered to win one of our weekly gift card prizes to a local restaurant.

For children's events, online story times are held on Tuesdays at 10:30am via Zoom, or you can join Ms. Meghan on Thursdays at 10:30am for



our Outdoor Family Storytime at the Burke Park Gazebo from June 10 through August 12. Registration is required.

On July 30th, join us for a Story Improve adventure! Master storytellers from the Imaginatum are teaming up with the Malvern Library to bring you an interactive fantasy adventure. This event is best suited for kids eight and up. Both events require online registration.

For adults, our monthly book club meets the third Tuesday of every

month at 9:30am in the Burke Park Gazebo or on Zoom, weather pending. Copies of the monthly book are on reserve at our circulation desk for pick up. Please check our events calendar for more details.

A representative from Kristine Howard's mobile office will be hosting public hours in the library from 10-1 every third Wednesday of the month. Her first visit will be on July 21st. She will be available to address constituent concerns.

Keep your eye out for our weekly online yoga courses, we hope to get them started again in early Fall.

Traveling this summer? Check out one of our mobile hotspots, or download the Libby app to get e-books and e-audiobooks on your phone or other mobile devices. We're here to help with any technical problems you may have.

Thank you to all who donated during our annual Give-a-thon! We appreciate all of our library supporters, and thank them for their yearly patronage to ensure the continued success of the library's programs and services. The main drive of Give-a-Thon may be over, but we accept donations all year. Please consider donating to your library.

Malvern Shade Tree Commission

The picture on the left was taken in 1998, looking west on Monument Avenue from the corner of Warren Avenue. The picture on the right was taken in 2021 from approximately



10% to a home's selling price. For our businesses, shoppers spend significantly more time strolling and shopping on a tree lined street. Trees also make a major contribution to reducing erosion and stormwater run-off. See previous Broadcasters articles for more details on the benefits of trees!

Monument Avenue is not the only street in the Borough suffering from the loss of a shade tree canopy. So what can we do? To promote the planting of more shade trees throughout the Borough the STC will continue to sponsor our "bi-annual" tree giveaway program through Tree Vital-

ize. To learn more please contact the STC or look for details on our web site. This fall the STC will also begin a project to reestablish the Tree Canopy on King Street. This will be a multi-year project, so please watch for updates.

What can you do?

- If you have space, plant a street tree in your front yard. Even a small tree will help. The STC and the Borough partner with Tree Vitalize to provide you with a choice of free street trees. Just email us at malvernstc@malvern.org. We plan to place an order in Septem-

ber.

- Encourage your neighbors to take advantage of this program.
- Work with your Homeowners Association. Some HOA's have been very proactive in maintaining and enhancing their street tree canopies.
- Never remove a street tree without a permit from the Borough.
- If you are unsure of how to plant or select a tree for your property, the STC can assist you.
- Plant a tree!
- And a piece of good news: while it will take decades to replace the canopy, neighbors on Monument Avenue have rallied to replace their lost trees!



the same spot. Five trees, 50-80 feet high were removed in just this one block; the 2 remaining on the left will be taken down soon, leaving one large deciduous tree where 8 used to be. Seven more were removed in the next block. The cause? Storm damage, attrition, indiscriminate removal.

We often take our tree shaded streets for granted. Did you know that street temperature on a treeless street can be up to 36 degrees hotter on a summer day, making our air conditioners work much harder and cost more? Further, a mature tree can add up to

Storm Water Management

Public Participation for Storm Water Management

Untreated or uncontrolled storm water runoff is the number one cause of impairment in our local waterways. Polluted runoff is often transported through municipal drainage systems until it eventually discharges into streams, ponds, and rivers untreated.

Malvern Borough is committed to improving water quality through better management of storm water runoff. Every resident can participate in our stormwater program by reducing or

preventing pollutant runoff from their own property and by reporting any non-storm water discharges into the Borough's drainage system and local streams.

What can we do to help keep waterways clean? There are numerous things we can all do on a daily basis to keep pollution out of our waterways. The following are just a few things we can all do to help improve water quality in our streams, rivers and lakes:

- Never dump anything into storm drains, swales or streams.

- Pick up litter from the street before it gets into storm drains.
- Use limited amounts of fertilizer.
- If you must use pesticides, search for an environment-friendly brand.
- Recycle motor oil, paint, and other hazardous chemicals. Never dump such materials down the drain or into the storm system.
- Recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum.
- Always pick up your pet's waste or harmful bacteria can get into our water!

Malvern Historical Commission

We are delighted to return to pre-pandemic ways in town, and wish to remind you that if you are looking to purchase historic postcards of borough sights or any of our three history books still in print, please stop by the Administration Office on the second floor of McGuigan Hall at 1 E First Avenue during their weekday hours. If you'd prefer to stop by during a weekday evening or on Saturday (during the library's hours, when Borough Hall is open), please email us at Malvern-BoroHistory@malvern.org to make an appointment to do so.

Other reasons to email us include wanting to suggest a building (perhaps your own house) for our Preservation Awards, which we've done annually in September since our 125th anniversary in 2014. While our

2021 Awardees have already been chosen and recipients will be notified shortly, we're always looking for new suggestions. Is yours a Sears house, perhaps? Or maybe it's a home from prior to our incorporation in 1889? We'd love to hear from you!

If you haven't followed us on Facebook or Instagram (@MalvernBoroHistory on both platforms), you're missing out on our posts with brief vignettes regarding days past. We love having you share your memories with us, enriching our knowledge of our village. For the past two Broadcasters, we've posted a question here and then on our Facebook page for people to reminisce. The commenter with the most "likes" or reactions will receive a copy of Malvern Items. Here's this quarter's ques-

tion: What was it like going back to school in the fall? Did you go to the little red schoolhouse? Did you have a favorite subject or lunchtime meal? Let's all go back to school with our memories!

We look forward to participating in the Memorial Parade (rescheduled to September 26th at 1:30pm) this year. There was a small contingent of our Historical Commissioners, the Parade Committee, and other distinguished guests who marked the traditional parade date of June 6 (the Sunday after Memorial Day), with a solemn walk from Borough Hall to the Paoli Memorial Grounds. Taps was played, and a 21-gun salute capped off the occasion. See you in September!

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

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.



HERITAGE NIGHT – September 25th, 2021 from 6 – 10 pm. The site of the 9th bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War with costumed interpreters telling about the battle, Weapons and Artillery, Soldiers' experiences, General "Mad Anthony"

Wayne in the words of his son, Issac, Ben Franklin's Experiments, the Nation's 2nd Oldest Revolutionary War monument and its oldest parade honoring soldiers who fought & died for America. Donation of \$10/person, accompanying children 15 years & under are FREE.

We will hold TWO Paranormal Tours: October 2nd and October 23rd. The tours (from 6 to 11 pm) will be led by PBPF and experienced paranormal investigators. For each tour the Fee per person is \$40 if paid before 9/15/2021 and \$45 if paid on 9/15/2021 or later. More information and required registration go to the Events tab at www.RememberPaoli.org. This is a private tour & the Paoli Battlefield Historical Park will be CLOSED during the tour to all other visitors.

"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!

August 9th, 2021 at 7pm – Recently, the term MEMES (humorous

images, clips spread on the internet) has become popular. But they are not new! How Americans fought the Stamp Act with Memes introduces us on how they helped start the Revolution! Presented by Boston author J. L. Bell.

September 13th, 2021 at 7pm – Learn about the other Colonial Americans who fought in the Revolution – the Loyalists. Join us when award-winning author Todd Braisted tells about The Provincial Corps Raised at Philadelphia, 1777-1778.

October 11th, 2021 at 7 pm – Dr. Bob Selig, who has been crucial in learning about the Battle of Paoli, brings a new perspective in Spells and Witchcraft during the American War of Independence.

BATTLEFIELD WALKING TOURS: The popular walking tours of the pristine Revolutionary War Battlefield sites in America continue. PBPF tour guides follow the route of attacking Redcoats and describe the battle and its aftermath where it happened. Fee per person is \$20 and the tour size averages around 20. Tours get sold out quickly. For more information and to Register: go to RememberPaoli.org, click on the Events tab and select "Walking Tour".

Environmental Advisory Council

If you have never heard of or seen a Rain Garden or Pollinator Garden-- you are in for a treat!! These gardens are an easy and effective way to bring color and beauty to any area, but they also have an environmental purpose. Malvern Borough will create a magnificent Rain Garden in Quann Park in the near future.

Rain Gardens reduce stormwater runoff from the residential properties surrounding it. These gardens are strategically placed to intercept pollutant filled stormwater runoff. The runoff accumulates from the impervious areas that are a natural outcome of a growing urban community. Such impervious areas include patios, swimming pools, pavements- basically any area that water cannot seep through into the ground below. The Rain Garden will absorb this runoff and allow it to be fully absorbed into the ground. Why is this so important? Water absorption prevents flooding, erosion, water debris that clogs sewer drains and the pooling of water that attracts mosquitoes and other unwanted insects. Impervious areas contribute to pollution because as water runs off impervious areas, it picks up pollutants from that walkway or patio or road that are not filtered out. The water then goes straight into the storm drains and then into the ponds, streams, rivers and so forth, contaminating these water sources. The wildlife,

agricultural growth and public health in these areas are therefore negatively affected. In addition, when water does not seep into the ground and gradually make its way to natural aquifers, it will be pushed into streams and other large bodies of water. This causes groundwater being used too quickly, leading to premature depletion of aquifers. This creates "Water Table Recharging" issues which again are very detrimental.

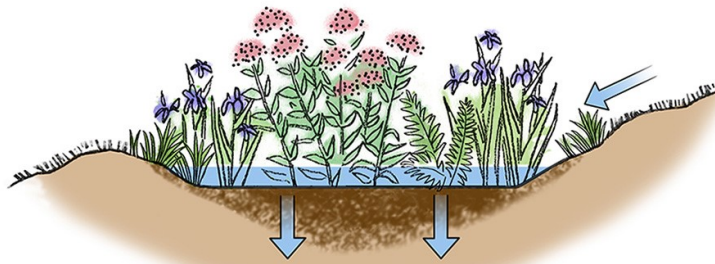
Rain Gardens have a special underground design such that the garden acts as a "bowl" that collects the rain from impervious areas or from downspouts, etc. The water collected in the "underground basin" is able to slowly infiltrate into the underlying soil. It is all natural, no artificial anything needs to be planted! Rain Gardens can be any shape or size. They are best when planted with native or indigenous flowers, shrubs and trees that are exceptional for wetland edge vegetation. Native plants tend to have deeper roots relative to exotic plants, which allows for better absorption. Rain Gardens have the same look and feel as any other landscape

bed, but with the added benefit of increased stormwater filtration. Of course a second benefit is that the plantings will provide food and habitat to wildlife such as butterflies, birds, and a host of other critters.

Pollinator Gardens have a history going back to WW1. Victory Gardens were promoted to help cover food shortages. The Pollinator Garden in essence does the same- it is a source of nectar and pollen. Plants increase the food supply, habitats, places to breed and places for wildlife to live in or to visit. A Rain Garden is planted in clumps, rather than single plants. Again, native plantings are best. Do not forget night-blooming flowers that support moths and bats. Include larval host plants, a "damp salt stick" (sea salt is best) for butterflies and bees, hummingbird feeders and overripe bananas and fruits for butterflies. Leave dead tree limbs to provide nesting sites or build a "bee condo". Beneath the trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, annuals and grasses, these gardens create an essential ecosystem service.

Both these gardens are relatively simple to create in your backyard or in smaller pots on a patio and very easy to maintain. So enjoy the color and natural grandeur of nature while supporting our planet in a healthy and organic manner!!

~Helise Bichefsky, DO,
Chair, Environmental Advisory Council



Board & Commission Vacancies

Below is a list of vacancies on the Borough's boards and committees.

•Zoning Hearing Board:

There is currently one (1) vacancy on this Board for an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. This position carries a three (3) year term. The individual appointed will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2022. Alternate members attend all meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board; however, they do not vote unless a voting mem-

ber is absent or can otherwise not participate in the hearing.

•Parks & Recreation Committee:

There is currently one (1) vacancy on this Committee. This position carries a five (5) year term. The individual appointed will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2026.

•Environmental Advisory Council:

There is currently one (1) vacancy on this Committee. This position carries a three (3) year term. The

individual appointed will complete a term that expires on January 1, 2024.

Malvern residents who are interested in serving the Community on these committees may apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager at:

Borough of Malvern
1 E. First Avenue, Suite 3
Malvern, Pa. 19355
Voice: 610-644-2602
E-mail: malvern@malvern.org

Malvern Police Department

Summertime every year comes with much needed relief from school, harsh weather, and sometimes work as vacations pick up. This year it also has a deeper meaning since things are starting to get back to "normal" for most of us. Covid-19 had kept most of the community indoors and worried about doing everyday things like grocery shopping, but that part of this pandemic seems to be behind us. With stores opening fully, baseball games being attended, and restrictions being lifted, Malvern seems to have its buzz back. Our King Street shops are bustling with customers at times, parks are full on sunny days, and you even see more people at the train station heading to fun destinations now. This is the Malvern we all love and were missing. At the Malvern Police Department, we are looking forward to getting back together with our

community. We have given speeches at Boy Scout meetings, handed out some Community Involvement gear, stopped into our businesses to check in, and are enjoying the smiles on our residents' faces when we drive by. As we look forward to more of these types of activities, we also wanted to make everyone aware of normal summertime crime prevention tips. Unfortunately, we are not the only ones happy to be back out and walking around. Nice weather also brings criminal activity. Please make sure you are taking the following steps to protect your property:

- Lock your vehicles. Crimes of opportunity are on the rise in our surrounding areas and an unlocked car door provides easy access.
- If you are going on vacation, let us know. We provide Vacation

Watches to our residents and will keep an eye on your home while you are gone.

- Warm weather brings summer storms. Make sure loose or low hanging branches are trimmed to avoid damage to your property or your neighbors.
- Pools are open, so make sure you have protection from little ones getting access to the area.
- Kids are out of school. Pay attention to speed limit signs when driving through Malvern and on residential streets.
- As always, if you see something, say something! Either call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch number, 610-647-1440. We are here for you 24/7, 365!

Malvern Fire Company

Become a Member of the Malvern Fire Company



The Malvern Fire Company is always looking for new members. Becoming a member is as easy as stopping by the station to fill out an application. We are always looking for both Active members and Professional members. Below is a brief list of positions we are always looking for but these are not the only positions we need help with. If you think you have valuable services you can offer, please do not hesitate to call or stop by!

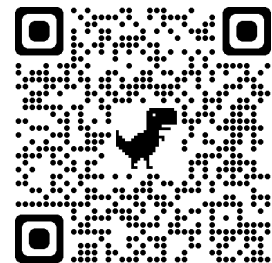
Volunteer applications can be dropped off at the firehouse any time! If you'd prefer to have us contact you, please fill out our Volunteer Recruitment Information Form and someone will contact you shortly.

Active Member Positions:

- Firefighter
- EMR / EMT / Paramedic / PHRN / Driver
- Driver/Operator/Engineer
- Fire Police Officer
- Professional Positions:
- Administrative Assistant
- Financial/Investment Advisor
- Insurance Consultant
- Engineer for Civil, Drainage and Architectural Projects
- Corporate Law
- Purchasing Agent
- Catering/Commercial Food Purchasing
- Fund Raiser organization and implementation

If you are interested in becoming a member, or would just like to speak to someone, or get more information on what the Malvern Fire Company has to offer you, feel free to call us at 610-647-0693, or stop by the station anytime.

Visit www.malvernfireco.com/content/recruitment/ or scan the QR CODE for more information about the Malvern Fire Company as well as applications for volunteers.



Community Announcements

Online Payments

Did you know that Malvern Borough accepts online credit card payments?

You can make payments for real estate taxes, quarterly sewer bills, building and other permits, and applicable items with the Malvern Police Department. The Borough outsources this service to MuniPay, which is specifically designed for government use. All information entered is secure. Links to pay online are available on the left side menu of the Malvern Borough website, with specific links for sewer, tax, code enforcement, and police payments. Clicking the respective links will send you to a third-party payment website specifically designed for Malvern Borough.

Please be advised that there is a 3% service charge for paying by credit card. Please contact the Malvern Borough administrative offices with any questions.

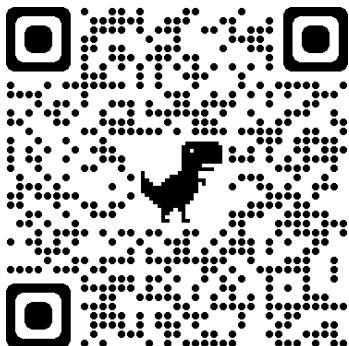
The following credit cards are accepted:



Malvern Farmers Market

The bounty of market season is plentiful and beautiful this time of year! Stop by the Malvern farmers market every Saturday in Burke Park from 9am - 12 noon 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 www.growingrootspartners.com/malvern or scan the QR CODE 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!



Bulk Trash Reminder

This is a reminder about the changes to bulk trash collection in Malvern Borough. With the new service from A.J. Blosenski, Inc., residents who receive trash and recycling collection under the Borough's contract may have **one (1) bulk item collected each week**. Please be advised that bulk items will **only be collected on Fridays**. Due to this change, the special collection days that previously occurred will no longer be scheduled.

Sewer Rate Increase

At the December 15, 2020 meeting, Borough Council approved the 2021 budget. The 2021 budget included an increase to a portion of the Borough's sewer rate. Starting with the first quarter billing of 2021, the variable sewer rate will increase from \$4.00/1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons/quarter to \$6.00/1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons/quarter. The base rate of \$95.60 for the first 5,000 gallons of usage was not increased.

Pet Owners

Just a friendly reminder to be courteous and respectful of your neighbors by picking up after your pets. Dog waste is more than just a smelly and unsightly mess. It's also a breeding ground for bacteria and parasites, all of which are commonly found in dog feces and are easily transferable upon contact.

Borough Code, Chapter 68-6 specifically sites that dog owners are to clean up after their pets on any sidewalk, pathway, play area, park or any place where people congregate, or on any private property. Any one observed violating this section of the Code could face fines and associated court fees if found guilty. Although this may not be a pleasant chore, it is the responsibility of a pet owner.



Real Estate Taxes

The face period for annual real estate tax payments ended on June 30, 2021. As such, any real estate tax payments made until the end of the year are made at the penalty amount indicated on your real estate tax bill. This amount assess a 10% penalty on the face amount. Real estate tax payments are due by December 31, 2021. At the end of the year, any unpaid real estate taxes are turned over to Chester County for collection.

If you have any questions regarding your real estate tax payment status, please contact the Borough Treasurer, Mary Lou Whitcomb, at 610-644-2602.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee is excited to get back to IN PERSON events! We wanted to thank all of the amazing residents who followed us over the last year, kept up with our online events and activities, and, hopefully, got out to the parks! But now that things are opening up, we hope to return in the Fall with some of our events.

Keep an eye on our social media for updates. You can also sign up for Malvern Borough's emails to receive updates on all matters Borough related. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @MalvernBoroughParks

Below are a few of the events

that we have going on during the summer.

Monday Night Fitness: Join the Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee for our free 30 minute weekly fitness class in Burke Park every Monday evening at 6:30pm to 7pm. This is an ALL AGES and LEVELS welcome community class. Bring your water, a towel or mat, and an open mind!

Wednesday Morning Yoga: Join the Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee for our FREE Wednesday Morning Yoga Class in Burke Park under the Gazebo. Join your community at 6am on Wednesdays at Burke Park for a 55min prac-

tice. Bring your own mat, water, and of course a smile!

Malvern Rocks Hunt: Join the Malvern Borough for our 2nd Annual MALVERN ROCKS Hunt! This is a community event for ALL AGES! The Malvern Parks and Rec Committee has provided rocks, located at Randolph Woods, for you to take home and decorate! You can use paint, markers, or whatever craft supplies you have in your house. Once decorated, take a walk around your neighborhood and place the rock somewhere for somebody else to find. Once you find a rock, take a photo and re-hide it for the next person! Use #MalvernRocks to tag us!

Codes Enforcement Officer

Clothes Dryers Maintenance

The last few years, as I have conducted a number of Use & Occupancy Inspections, one of the items that I come across now and again, is the incorrect vent hose for clothes dryers. I continue to see dryers with the old vinyl hose attached from the air outlet to the wall outlet that moves the hot air outside.

If you have a clothes dryer in your home, take a moment and check the exhaust hose. If it's a vinyl hose it needs to be changed to either a flexible aluminum hose or galvanized pipe.

Check the manufacturer's information that came with the dryer to ensure that you have the correct diameter hose or pipe. Additionally, these should be disconnected from the dryer and wall outlet and cleaned out annually to ensure that any lint that may have deposited in the hose is removed, lessening the chance for a fire in the hose and subsequently, in the dryer.

While you're checking your hose, check the lint trap of your dryer. It should be cleaned after each use. If you use dryer sheets regularly, you should try running water through the lint trap

while it's removed from the dryer. If the water doesn't flow freely through the trap, the residue from those dryer sheets may be clogging the trap in much the same way as a buildup of lint in the trap. With the trap blocked, heat from the dryer may not be able to exhaust to the outside properly. If this heat builds up enough, there may be a risk of a fire resulting in the dryer. Scrubbing the trap with soap and water and rechecking to ensure that the residue is removed should take care of it.

~Provided by William T. Wilfong IV, BCO, Code Official

Comprehensive Plan Update

Malvern Borough Council appointed a Comprehensive Plan Task Force as of October 6, 2020 to assist Brandywine Conservancy in revising the 2012 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the vision and planning foundation for Malvern Borough. It is used as a guide in community development and ordinance revisions for the future vision and overall development of the Borough. The public meetings concluded in July 2021 and Brandywine Conservancy is drafting the

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS



final comprehensive plan document for final review in Fall 2021 with an anticipated adoption of the revision in Spring 2022.

Please check the Borough Website regularly for updates, as well as access to the 2012 Comprehensive Plan that currently exists. In the event you have further questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact the Borough at (610) 644-2602.