

Malvern Hills Community News

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Christmas Party time! Amy and Chuck Larrick invite the Malvern Hills Community to their home at 58 Bear Creek Road for the annual holiday party. So bring a goodie and drop-in from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. Guests can park on the north side of Bear Creek Road (traveling from Houghton to Patton Avenue).

A special thank you to the street representatives for delivering our community news. We have a new representative on Clarendon. Jim White has agreed to assume the responsibility for his neighbors on the lower part of Clarendon. We always have a need for back-ups. If you have some extra time and would like to get involved, just give the President a call. We try to do at least four newsletters a year so the time investment is not a lot.

Congratulations to Bill Burnette, Street Representative for Chester Place. Bill has collected yearly dues from all but three of the residences. Dues are \$5 per household and can be mailed to our Treasurer Dorland Winkler at 77 Cranford Road.



Safety First!! If you are parking your car outside your home, be aware that we continue to have random thievery as unwelcome visitors to our community take the opportunity to go through vehicles, especially if they are unlocked. All valuables should be removed and cars locked **every** night to discourage the thieves.



Nancy Hodges, Watershed Resource Manager at RiverLink, was our speaker at the October meeting. She shared information about Water Rich, a program for cleaning runoff water from roofs, downspouts, driveways by utilizing landscaping, such as water basins, rain gardens, French drains, rain barrels and plantings to improve the quality of water draining into streams. RiverLink staff is available to look at our homes and give recommendations. Residents can apply for grant money for these projects. Anyone interested in having a Water Rich landscape should contact: www.riverlink.org or call Nancy Hodges at 252-8474 ext. 14.



Just a reminder as we come to the end of leaf season that the City workers will not pick up leaves that are raked to the curb. All leaves must be bagged for pick-up on yard waste pick up day. Be respectful of your neighbors as we work together to keep our community attractive, vibrant, and safe.



Bear Creek Road Traffic Calming- Elaine Poovey made a presentation to City Council on Tuesday, October 23. Residents have committed \$2,050 to the speed bump project. The final petition was submitted with 80% of the residents favoring speed bumps. The city policy requires 60% support to proceed. Now we are waiting to see what the response from City Council will be.

Announcements:

1. A big thanks to Dale Groce and Groce Funeral Home for printing our community newsletter. Dale and his staff have graciously copied our newsletter through the years and we sincerely appreciate their assistance.
2. Check out our website address malvern hills.org to stay informed about our community. Russ Davis is doing a great job keeping it updated.
3. Bear Sightings on Arthur Road! Keep trash cans covered and stored inside if possible. Protect pets as well.