

THE MALVERN COMMUNICATOR

FROM THE DESK OF FRANK

This past year has been busy with both ups and downs. The road loan has been paid off early with a substantial savings of interest. This achievement was possible due to the early payment of dues by members and the sale of the Malvern lots.

The pool has been painted and steps added to prevent accidents to the volunteer pool

attendants. A new key system has been adopted in an effort to eliminate problems that had been caused by the old card system.

The Clubhouse has been updated to some degree. However the Clubhouse and Teen Center both require a new roof. Rentals and reservations continue to increase this year. Thank you Leona Yoder for keeping the rentals in order.

Paving plans include Sylvan Court, Old Forge Way, Half Penny Lane, Sleighbell Lane, and the repaving of the beach entrance. Repairs for road damage on all paved roads will be included also.

Requests for bids on the roofing and paving have been submitted. A loan will be required for these projects to be completed. Approval for this will be voted on at the April 24th meeting at which time more details will be provided.

VDOT taking over our roads has been in discussion for some time. The roads in question are Malvern Drive, Covered Bridge Drive, and Liberty Lane. This will require a 100% of the 90 lot owners abutting these roads to deed their easement over to VDOT. A 2/3 approval from the members at our April or October meeting. This turn-over would require some cost but the long-term savings would far outweigh that.

With the help of Bob Schantz we cleaned up and burned the downed trees on the Clubhouse side of the lake. There is still some cleaning up to do that will provide a walking path and fishing spots along the lake. Volunteers are asked to please call me at 948-3977 to arrange a time.

Last but not least a big thanks to Bob Schantz for filling out the term of a board member who resigned.

Sincerely,

Frank Sargent

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MALVERN COMMUNITY YARDSALE

May 15th 8AM-1PM at the Clubhouse. The rain date is June 5th. This is for everyone in the community. Get rid of that clutter and spend a day with your neighbors. For questions please contact Mrs. Partlow at 948-2251

PETITIONS AND YOUR NEIGHBORS

The board in all cases ask that issues you have with your neighbors be resolved at the neighborly level. Introduce yourself and discuss it like adults first and foremost. In response to recent events the board has made changes on how petitions will be handled in the future. If an individual or group would like to submit a petition to the Malvern board they must first receive the boards endorsement to circu-

late it. Failure to do so prior to getting an endorsement will leave the board no other choice but to turn it down. The endorsement process will include the board deciding if the petition is indeed warranted and if legal assistance is required.



PROPOSED DUE INCREASE

Dues have not been increased since 1991. However inflation has taken its toll on Malvern's maintenance and operating costs. Here are some of the details and why the increase is proposed:

Increase in dues to \$500 paid in two installments:

The first due on March 1st and must be paid by March 31st

The second due September 1st and must be paid by September 31st

NOTE: This increase would eliminate the special assessment of \$125. In total the increase would be \$150 over the present dues or equivalent to \$12.50 a month.

Justifications for the proposed increase and date change include but are not limited to:

General maintenance and office supplies increase

Road maintenance MUST be done and paving of more roads

Building and grounds costs

New roof on the clubhouse and continuation of window and door replacements

Insurance cost

Complaints of dues having to be paid at Christmas time

Outside of the road impact fees there are no more lots to sell for "extra money"

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Submitted by: Ann Ferguson

Job Well Done - Nine Malvern residents and two unknown Good Samaritans cleaned up two miles of Route 634 during the last week of March. A total of 16 bags of trash were hauled away by VDOT plus another 6 to 8 bags picked up by the couple who came out early on Sunday, March 22, and cleaned up the heavy accumulation on the south end of the route.

What Did We Find? - The litter left by people who don't respect our environment consisted of beer and soda cans and bottles, wine bottles, fast food cups and bags, oil and other car fluid containers, a few items of clothing, car parts, and tools.

How Much Time Did It Take? - The nine Malvern residents spent a total of 14 hours working along the roadway with their big, orange bags and grab sticks. The unknown couple probably spent another four hours on their section of the route for a grand total of 20 hours.

Does It Make A Difference? - The roadside to the left and right of our entrance is now clean so you can see the green of the new Spring growth. It may, once again, begin to show signs of new litter in the next few weeks. But, we can enjoy the beauty of the roadside now and forget for a bit that some people don't have the good manners to take their trash home with them.

An Interesting Note - The ages of the volunteer crew span from 55 to 83 years of age - it appears that the "older set" is able and willing to see that a job is "well done." Thanks to:

Claire and Bob Anderson
 Joann and Chas Egan
 Ann and Jack Ferguson
 Nick Humphrey
 Tom Jarrell
 Angie Wiseman
 The unknown couple who also cared



VOTE APRIL 24TH 2004

This April 24th several positions on the Malvern board will be up for election. Below are the personal bios of neighbors who will be running for election. Please give them your support.

BRIAN ADAMS

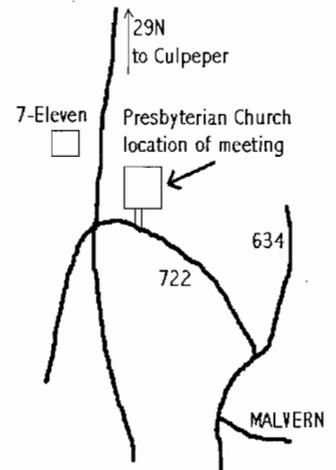
My name is Brian Adams and I am running for the Malvern Board in April 2004. I have lived in Malvern since 2001 with my wife, Amy, my five year old daughter, Celina and my two year old son, Brandon. I work as a mortgage loan specialist with Mason Dixon Funding out of Culpeper.

Being both a father and a member of the local business community, I know how valuable being in a good community can be to your property value and quality of life. I would like to personally work more closely with the home owners in Malvern to make sure that our subdivision get the needed improvements it needs. And to work with the Malvern board to make sure that Malvern of Madison continues to be the premier subdivision in Madison County.

JENNIFER PINDER

My name is Jennifer Pinder. My family and I have recently moved to Malvern and I care a lot about what happens here in our community. While I am currently a stay at home mom, I am well rounded and graduated from UVA in 1996. Through my work experience, I have acquired skills in managing projects and budgets as well as computer skills that I would like to use for our community. As a board member, I will strive to preserve a family friendly atmosphere in our community, work with other board members to fairly represent the wishes of the community members, and work to improve and maintain community amenities and property.

MAP TO THE SPRING MEETING



VOLUNTEER

Want to make a real difference? Start by attending meetings and also volunteering in the community. Not everything requires physical labor. Have a skill that would be valuable to the community? Donate some of your time and make Malvern a better place to live!

ATVs & SPEEDING

The Board has been asked to remind members of the community not to drive their ATVs on the roads of Malvern. This becomes even more dangerous as the traffic that utilizes our roads increases and fails to obey speed limits. As always we encourage drivers to slow

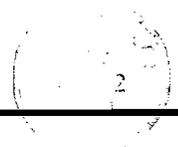


down especially with the warmer weather on the way. Many motorists can be seen doing well over 40 mph through the neighborhood. More walkers and bicyclist will be out now so please take caution. Pedestrians should wear reflective clothing, vests, or belts to make themselves more visible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Sargent, President	948-3977	Davy Aylor	948-6710
Bob Anderson, Treasurer	948-4545	Bill Hunt	948-3558
Diane Cross, Secretary	948-2234	Bob Schantz	948-3518
Brian Paul		948-9045	

Malvern Club, Inc.
905 Malvern Drive
Madison VA 22727



JOIN US APRIL
24TH, 2004 AT
10:00 AM -
SPRING BOARD
MEETING
LOCATED AT
THE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH ON 722



PROXY

(I) (We), _____ and _____ as owner(s)
of Lot(s)**# _____ Malvern Club, Inc. under the provisions of
the duly recorded legal instruments governing said Club, do hereby grant my/our
proxy to _____ of Malvern Club,
Inc., 905 Malvern Drive, Madison, VA 22727, owner of Lot # _____. This Proxy
is executed and carries with it the full right of the members. This Proxy is executed
for the **Spring 2004 Board Meeting**, to be held on **April 24th, 2004, 10:00 AM**, at the
Presbyterian Church (directions enclosed).

Date: _____

Signature (Owner): _____

Signature (Owner): _____

**Each Lot is entitled to one vote. Please indicate all lots owned. Fold in half, with proxy facing inward and return.

AMMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

ADDITION TO "VOTE APRIL 24TH 2004"

Bob Anderson is also running in this Spring election to continue his role as Treasurer for Malvern. Bob has served the past two years as our Treasurer.

AMMENDMENTS TO "PROPOSED DUE INCREASE"

DISCUSSION FOR APRIL 2004 MEETING:

Increase the amount of dues to \$500 paid in two installments:

The regular assessment of \$250 per lot due March 1st and must be paid by March 31st.

The special assessment of \$250 per lot due September 1st and must be paid by September 30th.

JUSTIFICATION:

Regular Assessment:

This assessment has been the same since 1991 with no adjustment. (A shortfall in this category has been covered with proceeds from the sale of club-owned lots. No lots remain to provide revenue for future expenses)

Day-to-day expenses for general maintenance and other facilities have increased:

Insurance premiums, buildings and grounds, etc.

The club roof must be replaced and window and door replacements need to be completed.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:

There are approximately 2 miles of gravel based roads in Malvern that must be paved.

Major repairs are needed on some of the older paved roads.

NOTE: This notice is provided to give members background information for discussion of this proposal. A budget showing the specific funds needed for 2005 will be presented at the budget meeting in October.

AMMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS (CONTINUED)

MALVERN LAKE AND THE BALANCE

Submitted by: Wallace Harvey

I recently had a nice conversation with Frank Sargent, Malvern President, in reference to the fishing conditions at Malvern Lake. I agreed to do some research, and learned some interesting facts.

1. Fish to avoid stocking: Crappie, Bullhead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed, and Green Sunfish. These fish species tend to eat the available food supply for the other species and can put a lake out of balance. I know we have Crappie and Perch in this lake.
2. Harvesting: Unfertilized ponds can be harvested up to 40 lbs of adult Bluegill, and 10 lbs of adult Bass per acre per year. Our past history is to totally catch and release causing our lake to be out of balance.
3. Accurate records of what type and size are caught of each fish will help us to bring the lake into the proper balance.

Possible solutions to improve fishing:

1. Pond fertilization increases pond productivity by stimulating the growth of microscopic plants. These plants are eaten by Bluegill, which feed the Bass. It is not recommended for ponds that drain into waters that feed the Chesapeake Bay.
2. Introduce minnows into the lake population will only create a temporary fix. They will be eaten prior to sponging thus doing nothing in the long run.
3. As we have numerous undersized Bass, it is recommended to catch and keep all Crappie, and keep Bass under 12 inches. As we have a private pond, we can permit this without state intervention. The removal of the Crappie will eliminate the Bass's competition for food. Also removing Bass under 12 inches in length will allow the others to grow and mature.

Recommendation:

1. I hereby recommend the Malvern Board adopt a policy for the next 2 years that all Crappie caught in the lake be removed.
2. I hereby recommend the Malvern Board adopt a policy for the next 2 years that all Bass under 12" caught be removed from the lake. Normal state daily limits do apply.

Conclusion:

I believe that the recommended course of action will improve the fishing conditions in Malvern lake. I suggest that the policy be reviewed in 2 years and continued if necessary. My conversation with Ron Southwick of the State Department of Inland Game and Fisheries was positive that this would help our lake. He also sent me a brochure on "Management of Virginia Ponds for Fishing." I am willing to make it available to the Malvern Board for their consideration. I know you will find it very informative. Thank you for the opportunity to help the Malvern Board. If I can be of further service, please let me know.