

# Malvern Hills Neighborhood Association

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## A LOOK BACK TO 2018

Malvern Hills' weather was the big mediator of our neighborhood activities in 2018. The rains came and washed away our annual picnic. We rescheduled, but many could not attend. Ice and snow cancelled our Christmas/Holiday Gathering, leaving us with no alternative date. Yet the weather didn't get us down in February, 2018, our dues month. The addition of Pay Pal and convenient mail-in envelopes gave us easier ways to pay dues...and the MH Neighborhood Association is grateful to everyone who did. When the sun came out, our new Green Team beautified our triangles with new mulch, plantings and clean-ups. Many of our young sidewalk chalk artists gave us the most spectacular sidewalks in Asheville. Several families decluttered for our Neighborhood Yard Sale in May, and our Ice Cream Social/National Night Out was the social event extraordinaire of the summer season. Work in the administrative arena brought the revision of our by-laws and the production of a "welcome- to- the - neighborhood" brochure for new residents. Elaine Poovey made contact with the City regarding our traffic and pedestrian issues. A couple of issues were resolved with a pedestrian crosswalk and flashing sign on Bear Creek Road, and new speed bumps on Bear Creek Road. Traffic and pedestrian issues are still on the docket with the City for the new year. Good by 2018 and your storms...we'll hang on to all of our good times and good memories....and... look forward to 2019!

## FEBRUARY IS DUES MONTH

**Easy ways to pay dues...use PayPal or mail your money in the enclosed self-addressed envelope (be sure to put a stamp on it) or otherwise get it to our Treasurer, Cleone Black.**

Our Malvern Hills Neighborhood Association dues are ***VOLUNTARY*...\$10 PER HOUSEHOLD per**

**year**, but not limited to \$10 if you wish to contribute more. The dues we collect are used for community projects. Last year we bought mulch and plants for our triangles. We paid for food and other expenses for our social events. This year we will also use money to pay for reprinting our neighborhood directories and printing new welcome-to-the neighborhood brochures for our new neighbors. You can see our "welcome" brochure now...it is attached to your newsletter. Also attached is a self-addressed envelope for mailing your dues. Please don't forget the stamp! Everyone who pays dues, will receive an updated directory. The receipt for your dues will be delivered with your directory.

## CHANGES AT MALVERN HILLS PARK

Sandra Travis from the Asheville Parks and Recreation Department tells us that there is a new move throughout the city parks to change/refit facilities from single-use to multi-use. The first park using the 2016 bond money for this purpose is Malvern Hills. The tennis courts will receive new nets that will allow for tennis and pickle ball play, a basketball goal has been set up, and there is an informal group that is using the court for bike polo. Bike polo is a game played on bicycles using a modified puck. This group generally plays in the evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 PM. The lights on the courts can be turned on manually, but turn off automatically for a 10:00 curfew. The Bike Polo group has permission from the City to play their sport. Using the court facilities continues to be on a first-come-first-served basis so come to the Park and enjoy the new set-up.

Sandra Travis also tells us that maintenance evaluations of Park property will take place in March. They will look at the picnic tables under the shed at Malvern Hills Park then make a decision about whether they will be repaired this year.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY: A REAL CONCERN FOR US ALL**

Besides being the envy of many other neighborhoods, our sidewalks in Malvern Hills make our neighborhood so accessible for walkers, runners, bikers and trikers, wheelchairs and strollers. Our sidewalks keep us safe from traffic, but they can become real hazzards when bushes and trees have overgrown the pavement, and when debris, limbs, and sticks litter the walkway. Please, let us all work together to make sure our sidewalks are kept clean and safe. If you have a bush or tree that is infringing on the sidewalk, please trim it. If there are limbs or sticks laying on the pavement, please move them. If a neighbor needs help with maintaining a safe sidewalk area, and you can help, please help them. The Asheville City Ordinance says that bushes must be trimmed to clear the edges of the sidewalk. Trees must be trimmed to a seven (7) foot head clearance. Working together we can maintain clean, safe sidewalks for everyone to enjoy.

On another safety note, a reminder for us to check on our neighbors, especially during severe weather conditions and power outages. The best check is “the old fashioned way”...knock on the door!

**Stay tuned for more information about our Neighborhood Watch Program, and our community meeting to be scheduled with the Asheville Police Department. It is likely to be in MARCH.**

And...we are reminded by the Asheville Police Department that taking valuables out of your car and being sure to lock it makes for the best deterrent to would-be thieves.

**2019 MALVERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PRINT WORKS**

Thank you... Kate Millar for producing our outstanding Welcome-To-The Neighborhood Brochure. Thank you...Meg Winnecour for the beautiful artwork. Thank you...Russ Davis for the excellent community map.

Thank you... Elaine Poovey for heading up the Neighborhood Directory Committee. Volunteers will be calling or knocking on your door very soon to update your directory information.

Thank you... Dale Groce for printing our newsletter. Thank you to everyone who delivers our newsletters: Stephen Canner, The Masters Family, Bill Burnette, Chris McMillian, Donna Parks, Terrie Groce, Dorland Winkler, Linda Baird, Jim White, Elaine Poovey.

Thank you...Russ Davis for being our Web Master extraordinaire at... [malvern hills.org](http://malvern hills.org)

Thank you...Suzanne Klonis for your excellent work as our Admin for our Facebook page.

**Thanks to everyone who lit up our neighborhood through the holidays!**

