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Memorial Day Observance 2015

-Mayor Bob Broderick

Crowds, patriotic music, and the rumble of a motorcycle Color Guard were the highlights of the Memorial Day Observance at the Methodist Cemetery in Elverson. The largest attendance in recent memory was on hand to honor those who have served our country. Twin Valley senior Ms. Casey Cloonan led the crowd with our "National Anthem", "America The Beautiful", and "God Bless America". Ms. Cloonan will further her studies next year at the University of Pittsburgh.

Elverson Boy Scout Troop 37 provided a stirring flag folding ceremony. American Legion Post 537 Commander Roger Jacobs performed a wreath placing ceremony and was followed by the Color Guard Gun Salute and "Taps". Korean War veteran John Mohl provided closing remarks.

Many locals attend every year but the crowd this year was swelled with more children and citizens from surrounding townships. We ended this event by whole heartedly singing together "God Bless America" !



ELVERSON DAY AT THE PARK – SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Our Elverson Day will begin at 3 pm this year with a few patriotic songs performed by our own Carol Ruffner. The Cripple Creek Gang, Chris Burkholder and Ring of Fire will follow. The West Chester Band will begin at 7 pm with fireworks to end the evening.

New this year is the inclusion of businesses, the most noteworthy of which is St Joe's Urgent Care. They are celebrating their 10th year in the Borough and are joining us to give free blood pressure, osteoporosis and cholesterol screenings. McCormick Chiropractic will be on hand to conduct nervous system scans and chair massages.

Come hungry as Dick's Barbecue, Moore's French fries, Lickety Split Ice Cream, Rita's Water Ice and Captain Chucky Crab Cakes will be serving delicious fare. Although the food is not free, everything else is. Children will again enjoy riding ponies, jumping on the moon bounce and holding/petting unusual animals.

Sports competitions will include a softball game between the TV Fire Department and Churchtown. Sand volleyball teams will compete as well.

We want to thank MANY local businesses for their support of this year's events and fireworks.

Sunoco Pipeline in Elverson Scheduled to Expand

Pipeline Background

Around 1933, a petroleum pipeline was first established that runs through Elverson. Keystone Oil Company ran this oil pipeline to send petroleum from Marcus Hook (Port Shipping area) to western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. Petroleum was shipped across the pipeline from the port of Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and its surrounding area.

Sequence of new gas-based products to ship on the existing petroleum line and building of additional pipeline(s)

Beginning in 2013, when fracking got started, gas-based products were extracted from the ground in the western and northern tier of Pennsylvania. The current pipeline that runs through Elverson will carry these new gas-based products. Since the pipelines in place are not sufficient, one or two additional pipelines need to be installed. These will permit the shipping of the gas-based products from eastern Ohio and the western and northern Tier of Pennsylvania to Marcus Hook (Philadelphia). Back in 1933, when the original pipeline was installed, no one expected that these new pipelines would come to and through the Borough of Elverson. In 2014, Sunoco Oil Products, which currently owns the pipeline, began to review the current pipelines to ensure that they were in good condition and would handle these new products. That year, the pipelines that had carried petroleum were reversed and were tested for shipping gas-based products that had been extracted from the earth of western Pennsylvania. It was a successful test. A billion and a half dollars or so have been set aside by Sunoco to contact the landowners across the state for land easements, and to lay a second pipeline and potentially a third pipeline within the next thirty-six (36) months.

What's all the fuss?

This pipeline will cross Route 23 at the far end of Borough close to the Twin Valley Elementary Center. Traveling across privately owned land, it next will go into and through the Parkside Community, land owned by resident citizens and Elverson Borough land near Livingood Park. The pipeline will run within 25 feet of homes in Parkside. The pipeline is to cross Route 82 into private property that backs up to Homestead Drive and then cross Route 401 into other privately owned open land and into another township

Propane, ethane and butane, all of which are highly volatile and flammable, have already been shipped during testing through this originally petroleum-based pipeline. Sunoco is currently seeking easements from homeowners in the Borough as well as owners of open land to add at least one more additional pipeline and possibly a

third. The timeline is planned to be open for the next thirty-six months. The easement funds are minimal dollars.

What Might it Mean to You?

We will have volatile gas-based products passing near our Elementary Center. Borough residents affected by having a pipeline in their yards have been asked to grant easements with the loss of land by these easements. As with any easement, no shrubs or plantings are permitted. The Borough may lose land to an easement as well as potentially a park path in Livingood Park with an expanded easement as proposed. There are some unknowns about the new and existing pipelines: How explosive are the gases? What is the record of explosions and other dangers from other similar pipelines? What dangers may exist for homeowners and members of the public within the Borough? Why is it necessary to expand the pipelines beyond the current easements? Potential value of homes may be lowered and open land may not be able to be used for any purpose other than hosting of a pipeline. Are local businesses too close to pipelines and are they a danger to residents?

Thoughts to Consider

1. Why should pipelines be permitted to pass so close to a school?
2. Why should pipelines pass so close to homes and through a residential community?
3. What safety precautions should be in place for the community of Elverson and its pipeline residents?

To be kept informed of the pipeline issues, contact Jim Huxoll at jhux@ptd.net or Shirley Crehan at crehan.shirley@gmail.com to be placed on the email list. This list will post county and local meetings as well as updates as known by members on the list.



Chester County Health Department Recommends Preparation for West Nile Virus Season

The Chester County Health Department reminds residents that along with warmer weather comes mosquito season and the threat of West Nile Virus which is most commonly transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. The best way to control mosquitoes is to get rid of standing water on your property. The following precautions are strongly recommended to reduce the mosquito population in your yard which will help reduce the risk of West Nile Virus and help your family remain healthy:

- Empty standing water from flowerpots, buckets, wheel barrows, pet water dishes, and birdbaths on a regular basis.
- Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor recycling containers so that water will not collect.
- Keep your property clear of old tires.
- Clean roof gutters, particularly if leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug drains.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools when not in use. A swimming pool left untended for an extended period can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Mosquitoes can even breed in the water that collects on top of pool covers.
- For stagnant pools of water that cannot be drained, homeowners can purchase Bti products - commonly called mosquito dunks - at lawn and garden and home improvement stores. Bti is naturally occurring bacteria that kills mosquito larvae but is safe for people, pets, aquatic life and plants.



Personal protection is also important during warmer weather. The Chester County Health Department recommends these simple precautions to prevent mosquito bites:

- Make sure screens fit tightly over doors and windows to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors, particularly when mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, or in areas known for having large numbers of mosquitoes.
- When possible, reduce outdoor exposure at dawn and dusk during the summer months.
- Use insect repellants. Effective repellant contains DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always be sure to follow the manufacturer label directions. Consult with your health care provider if you have questions about the use of repellant on children. Repellant is not recommended for infants under the age of two months.

For more information about the Chester County Health Department's West Nile Virus program, watch our video, or visit www.chesco.org/wnv.

For questions relating to West Nile Virus prevention, please call 610-344-6752.

What's Wrong With This Picture?

Cookie Onushko

Coming home from church on Sunday, May 17th we were on Elverson Road approaching North Chestnut Street. When we saw the arrow curve sign we saw bags of trash hanging from it. What an attractive sign coming into town. It reminded us of all the trash along the guardrail on route 23 near the bottom of route 401. We drove around the block to check it out. My sister Joan and I decided we'd do something about it. We had to wait until Monday morning. When I went for the mail I drove to both locations to take pictures. Then went home to get some garbage bags and Joan. We only took two bags but needed three.

It's a shame so many people think nothing of throwing cans, bottles, paper trash, etc., out the window while driving instead of throwing it away when they get home. Instead of being thoughtless and irresponsible, they could help solve the problem of all the litter along the roads. Nature is much nicer without trash.

Thankfully, there are groups and individuals who adopt parts of highways to pick up litter left by others. A group was in town a few weeks ago. Out my car window I thanked them.

Sunday, May 24th when we were coming home from church we couldn't believe there was a new bag of trash at the base of the curve sign. I guess for someone it is Elverson's new dump site. I stopped and brought it home. Apparently the problem of littering is ongoing.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH? *Jody Phillips*

I was surprised that only one person could identify last month's photo, and she admitted that she felt she had an unfair advantage because she worked in the building where I took the picture. Being the only one who contacted me by May 18, she automatically wins the grand prize of a free beverage of her choice from the cooler at the Elverson Fitness Club. Congratulations to Mary Farmar-Wickerham, who knew that the lock and mail slot were on the Tim Hennessey's Southern Chester County Office at 60 East Main Street.

This building used to be the Elverson Train Station. Originally built as the Springfield Station in 1873, it was rebuilt in 1893 in its current Victorian style. The station was part of a complex that included a house for the station master (no longer standing) and numerous storage sheds and warehouses. The freight station was the focal point of the town in the late 19th century as building and farming supplies, coal and even cattle were loaded and unloaded along with passengers heading northwest to Reading and east to the resort town of St. Peter's Village. The name of the station was changed to the Elverson Station when the name of the town and postal district was officially changed to Elverson in 1899.

This historic building was renovated and remodeled in the past five to ten years, with part of it becoming a mailbox station in 2012-2013. All of the platform and ramps were rebuilt and the sidewalk was added in 2013.

This month's photos should be easier to identify. If you think you know where each one was taken and the history of the subjects of the photographs, contact me at JodySfritz@gmail.com or call me at 610-286-8913. All those who send me the correct answers within three days after the Newsletter arrives in my mailbox will have their names put into a drawing. I will choose one name (at random) to win the grand prize of a beverage of their choice from the cooler at the Elverson Fitness Club. All who guess correctly by my deadline of June 15 will win a runner-up prize of two free passes to the Fitness Center – to be used for the winner or guests. Happy Hunting.

Here are this month's photos:



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Saving Our Ash Trees

We, the Shade Tree Commission, have begun treatment to save the 27 ash trees along our Borough streets and Livingood Park. The Emerald Ash Borer is an insect destroying ash trees throughout the country. Instead of waiting for the trees to deteriorate and die, we have proactively contracted with Heilner Landscaping to inject a solution into the trees to kill the insects and save the trees. So if you noticed someone working at the base of trees along South Pine Street a few weeks ago (see photo at bottom right), he was a Heilner employee hired to inject the trees to save them from the EAB.

The Shade Tree Commission is a group of five Borough residents appointed by Council to govern the street trees in the Borough. If you have questions about this treatment, feel free to contact us—Esther Prosser-esther@stoltzfus.com, George Summer-geomarsum@gmail.com, Teri Tegtmeier-thetegtmeiers@windstream.net, Angie Facciolo-pompfacc@ptd.net, Herb Hamilton-herbhamilton25@gmail.com.



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