



## September 2016



*Esther Prosser*

We are at it again, gathering our committee, contacting former entries and meeting with the TVFD to organize another Elverson Parade. We've been doing this long enough to know pretty much what to do and how to do it. However, each year we work to improve it. If you have ideas or would like to help, please call or email me (esther@stoltzfus.com, 484.269.7153).

Our theme for 2016 is Out of this World. The parade date is always the third Wednesday in October. This year it falls on **October 19** with October 20 as our rain date. Parade time is 7 pm. Our route begins on Main Street at the post office and continues west through town, ending at what used to be the bank (so we're still calling it that). If you are interested in participating as an entry, see registration on p 5 of this newsletter.

It's a fun night for Main Street as property owners invite friends and have front porch dinners. Our little town of Elverson is abuzz. If you live on Main Street, please park off street the evening of October 19. If you live in our Borough, you may want to arrive home by 6 pm that evening. Main Street will be closed to traffic by 6:30.

*I hope to see you on Main the evening of October 19.*



## URGENT CARE IN ELVERSON

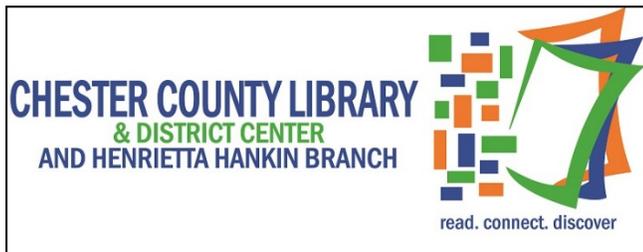
*Merle Stoltzfus*

Twelve years ago Elverson became the location for new and expanded Urgent Care Services provided by St. Joseph Regional Health Network. Many of us recall the excitement of having these services in our town. Even though a visit to the Urgent Care isn't usually a desirable choice, most of us have benefited by the services provided by the skilled staff of health professionals and the first class facility.

The unexpected announcement of the closing of the doors to this busy place by Penn State Health came as a surprise to everyone. Weren't new signs just installed a few months ago? However, Elverson is only a small pebble on the beach of a vast health network like Penn State. The business decision was made and the doors will be closed on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. So now what?

There are several other health networks currently working toward providing these medical services at this location. St. Joseph is engaged in providing information to the other interested health services to open the doors at 45 South Pine St. in Elverson again as soon as possible. So the "Where?" is known but much remains unknown. "When?" As soon as possible. "Who?" A regional health provider who will hopefully use much of the existing skilled staff. "What?" Hopefully no less services than previously provided.

All the involved parties are diligently working toward opening these doors again as soon as possible. Nobody likes the unknown; everybody likes to know. As information leads to decisions, the public will certainly be notified. After all, this facility is only viable and useful as it serves our surrounding community. The goal is to continue to have an Urgent Care in Elverson.



## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

*Jody Phillips*

Three more people guessed the location of the chalet-style birdhouse pictured in last month's newsletter – possibly because the wider-angle photo included several additional clues. Congratulations to Tralina Blankenship, Marcella Shingle and Becca Walker, who recognized that this picturesque wooden-post birdhouse is in front of the antique colonial house on the southeast corner of the intersection of Chestnut and Main Streets. This building has served many purposes throughout the years. Although currently unoccupied, it most recently housed Fisher's Antique Shop and before that a mercantile shop. It is better known, however, as the site of the former White Horse Tavern and Elverson's first post office. In the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the White Horse, an old drovers' tavern, served the mineworkers and men who drove livestock from one town to another (called "drovers.")

Changes are in the works at the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library. With a very generous donation from the Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library, new signage has been designed, crafted and installed throughout the library. Similar to signage at the main library in Exton, the new signage is colorful and more readable.



In 1849, when the first post office was established in this building, the town was named Springfield, but since there were already two other communities in the area called Springfield, it was decided to name the post office Blue Rock after the blue-tinted rocks found in the area. Eight historic buildings were used as post offices during Elverson's early days – one of which was used twice (as the fourth and ninth post offices). The current post office at the corner of Main and South Pine Streets was built in 1978.

We've added information areas for both the library and the community. With the Library Information hub, we'll be able to display more about offerings from the library. Just today I requested brochures that will describe Job and Career Resources, Seminars for Small Businesses and Doing Research. The Community Information hub will have items from the County of Chester, our state representatives, voter registration information, and items from some non-profit organizations. The bulletin boards at both entrances are still available for flyers from non-profits. Please take flyers to the Reference Desk (check out the new sign!) for approval.

This month's photo is of a logo on a sign that has just recently appeared in multiple locations in the borough. Please tell me what business is advertising with this logo, where you saw the logo and what it represents. E-mail me at [JodySfritz@gmail.com](mailto:JodySfritz@gmail.com) or call 610-286-8913 by September 15th if you think you know the answer. E-mail is preferable as my message machine sometimes garbles messages so I cannot understand them. All winners will win an Elverson Day tee shirt. As I mentioned last month, certain sizes and colors are limited - especially the larger sizes.

We will be adding shelving in the lobby to display new books. The books will be convenient for you to browse on your way in and out of the library. The Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library also funded this purchase. To use our space better, some adult collections will be moving to new locations in the fall. We want to enlarge some areas, and reduce others that need less space. We are trying to make the library as easy for you to use as possible.

Starting September 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll be open on Sundays again from 1 PM – 5 PM. Stop in and say hello!

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# MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY UPDATE

## Board Member Changes

We wish to acknowledge and thank Mike Popow for his service to the Municipal Authority. Mike brought great ideas and energy to the Board. We wish him well as he leaves the area for a new job opportunity. We welcome Lori Sifford who will complete Mike's term on the Board and appreciate her willingness to serve with her time and talents.

## Lagoon Closure and Water Service Upgrade

You may have noticed the increase in activity at the Treatment Plant on North Chestnut St. The work to close the two remaining lagoons as required by DEP has begun. The majority of the work will be completed by year end with potential re-seeding to occur next spring. The Water Service Upgrade work to improve water supply to the plant operations will begin shortly. Both of these projects are partially funded by a County Grant. We also completed work to the drainage swales on the property at the Influent Building to improve flow during substantial storms to help protect the equipment and prevent storm water from entering the sanitary sewer system.

## Anticipated Rate Increase

The Municipal Authority Board members want to make residents aware that they are continually monitoring the finances of the Authority and continuing to explore ways to save money, spend wisely and work within the budget. While Board members are residents of the Borough also and do not wish to raise rates unnecessarily, the facts are that the current rates do not fully support the operations, debt service and capital reserves needed to keep the finances in the black.

Delinquent customers only account for about 3% of our total customer base and we continue to monitor this very closely, using legal measures when necessary to ensure that all customers pay for services provided. MABE is planning a rate increase for 2017 and wants to remind customers that MABE is non-profit and our rates are based on the funds required to cover Engineering, Plant Operations, Chemicals, Administrative Staff, Equipment and Supplies. County Grants have provided a big boost in helping complete 3 large projects since 2011. While MABE must cover a 25% match, these County Funds have made it possible to make necessary improvements to keep the plant and sewer system in good working order. More information on a rate increase will be communicated later in the year.



## Inflow and Infiltration Project Continues

Study and mapping of the sewer manholes to identify Inflow and infiltration problems in the Borough continues. Some of the manholes have been fitted with inserts to prevent storm water from entering the system. Residents should know that illegal connections of downspouts, sump pumps and foundation drains as well as uncapped sewer vents and cleanouts increase expenses for the Authority. These types of intrusive connections add to the volume of water that must be treated and impacts the total plant treatment capacity and operating costs. If you need help identifying and/or correcting problems with your property, please contact the Authority for direction and assistance.

Board Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm and are open to the public. Feel free to contact MABE by phone 610-286-8876 or email at [mabe@elversonboro.org](mailto:mabe@elversonboro.org).



Mark Lisowski chose our Livingood Park gazebos a few weeks ago to propose to Emily Brunton. Mark is a contractor with Simple Smart Solutions and is the son of Joe and Dot Lisowski. Emily is a student at West Chester University and is the daughter of Norm and Gerri Bruton. The happy couple enjoys being a part of the Young Life and Good Works ministries as well as spending time with family and friends. A wedding is planned for March 2017.

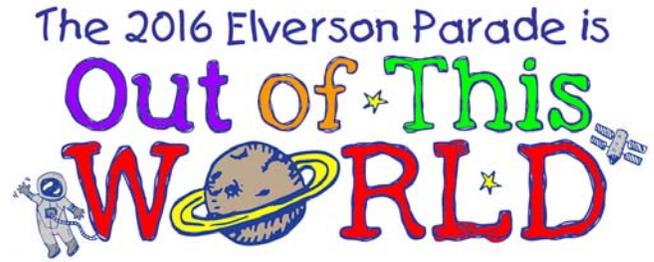


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## ELVERSON PARADE RAFFLE WINNERS

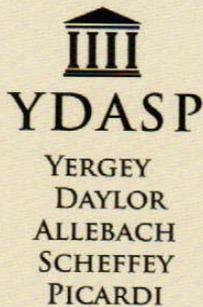
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| 1st Place - \$60.00 | Sandy Young                               |
| 2nd Place - \$40.00 | Marita Scheibe                            |
| 3rd Place - \$25.00 | Clem McGrath                              |
| 4th Place - \$20.00 | Dwight Frizen                             |
| 5th Place - \$15.00 | Wallace & Wolitarsky<br>Dental Associates |

Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets.  
This drawing supports our Elverson Parade.

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or call her at 610.286.5115. Newsletters can be found on [elversonboro.org](http://elversonboro.org).*

# The 2016 Elverson Parade is Out of This WORLD

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016 - 7:00 pm (Rain date: October 20)**

- The parade will begin to assemble on South Pine Street at 6:00 pm and begin promptly at 7 pm.
- Entry to South Pine Street must be made from Route 401 after 6 pm.
- Prior to the parade date, you will be notified by mail of your assembly spot number. That number designates your parade position. Assembly spot number markers will be placed along South Pine Street to help you find your position.
- If you give out candy, it must be handed out by someone walking beside your vehicle.
- Parking for parade participants will be at the Community Evangelical Free Church on Brick Lane. There will be no parking at Elverson Fitness Club, St. Joseph's Health Network, Heritage Medical Center or along South Pine St.
- The Judge's Stand will be located in front of Shear Heaven Hair Salon, 70 West Main Street.
- Late entries will not be judged, (registration deadline is October 12.)
- The Best of Show award will only be awarded to entries which decorate around our theme.

For questions, contact Esther Prosser, 484-269-7153 or [esther@stoltzfus.com](mailto:esther@stoltzfus.com)

## REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to Elverson Parade c/o Esther Prosser, P O Box 20, Elverson, PA 19520  
or fax to 610-286-8957 or email to [esther@stoltzfus.com](mailto:esther@stoltzfus.com)

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate Number of Marchers \_\_\_\_\_ \*Music (circle one) Yes No  
 Number of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_  
 Categories (circle one):      Commercial Float                      Noncommercial Float                      Marching Unit  
    Scout Group                                      Best on Wheels (bikes, wagons, skateboards)  
 Describe vehicles (size/length/type etc) \_\_\_\_\_

*If you would like to have an announcement read as your group marches past the Judges' Stand, submit the announcement in writing with this registration. \*If you have music to accompany your entry, please make sure it is on a CD (not cassette tape) and hand it to our announcer at the Judges Stand before performing.*

***Deadline for registering is October 12th.***

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## TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

### Recycle and Help to Create a Green Community

The Elverson Borough's Recycling and Waste Reduction Ordinance requires all residents to recycle. Please remember to put your recyclables out weekly for regular trash pick up Tuesday mornings. Recyclables need to be placed in the specially designated container provided by Eagle Disposal. Acceptable recyclables include, clean food / beverage cartons, clean food/drink bottles, jars (no lids), cardboard, paper bags, magazines, mail, paper books, clean boxboard / pizza boxes, clean empty food and beverage cans and aerosol cans, aluminum cans, pie plates and clean foil. Plastic containers #1 through #7 will need to have caps removed, and be rinsed before recycling (No Styrofoam, foam or polystyrene). Yard waste can be disposed of in your weekly scheduled trash pick-up by placing them in biodegradable brown bags with brush being cut in four foot or shorter lengths, and tied together in a bundle. Christmas Trees are picked up on with regular trash from January 1<sup>st</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Tips for Disposal of Unused Prescription Drugs and Sharps

Please follow safe, proper disposal procedures for Sharps, soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves. Sharps can be placed in a puncture resistant hard plastic or metal container. An empty detergent bottle with a screw-on-cap or an empty coffee can will do. It is best to add a small amount of bleach, close the container with its original lid, and seal with heavy tape. Place the container in a paper bag and discard it with your household trash. Non-sharp home health care waste can be placed in a doubled, securely closed opaque plastic trash bag and then disposed of along with regular trash waste.

**DO NOT PUT SHARPS OR MEDICAL WASTE IN RECYCLE BINS!** If you are uncertain how to safely dispose of your unused drugs and sharps, you can check with your local hospital, doctor's office or pharmacy.

**For any questions or additional resources regarding trash or recycling, please contact the Borough Secretary, Lori Kolb at 610-286-6420 or check online at [elversonboro.org](http://elversonboro.org).**