Elverson Borough Newsletter

July\August 2022

Elverson Day in the Park

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Elverson Day in the Park! The goal of this event is to celebrate our community together, and there's no doubt we achieved that: Old friends caught up over dinner from local fooderies, kiddos enjoyed exciting activities throughout the park, and our lineup of talented musicians provided an excellent soundtrack to the evening. From the Anchored Ministries 5K in the morning to the fireworks grand finale at the close of the night, it was a beautiful day to appreciate the community we're all blessed to be part of. (*Photos compliments of Brittany Colmery Photography)*

ANCHORED MINISTRIES

ELVERSON DENTAL CARE

Elverson's 5 K Run Sponsored by Anchored Ministries

Erika Kanter

Sixty-nine runners from all over the area gathered at Livingood Park for the 2nd Annual Elverson Community 5K with 1 Mile Fun Run, benefitting Anchored Ministries. It was a hot summer day and was a great way to kick off Elverson Day! Congratulations to all of the runners of all ages for completing the course!

Anchored Ministries is a local, Elverson based non-profit organization empowering and encouraging the community. Anchored Ministries provides basic necessities through nine current programs in the areas of clothing, food, nutrition, and community. With Free Wawa Thursdays, Monthly Community Meal, Mobile Clothing Closets and so much more, Anchored's root mission is serving the local communities with an emphasis on the Twin Valley School District. All students and their families in the TVSD are invited to attend the annual Back to School Giveaway One-Day Event taking place on August 13th and hosted at Hopewell Community Church. All students attending the event will receive brand new backpacks, school supplies, shop both Mobile Clothing Closets, enjoy lunch, Chen's Corner Library with activity packs and books, entertainment by Marian and Friends Ventriloquy, and a touch-a-truck feature. This is always a great event to help kids get ready and excited to head back to school! Donations of new backpacks as well as school supplies are currently being collected to make this event a success.

For more information on events, how to get involved and/or donate, head to AnchoredMinistries.org.

Elverson Dental Care and Elverson's 5K

Chrissy Wildonger

On Saturday, June 25th, many of us from Elverson Dental Care stepped out of the office and enjoyed a fun event with our neighbors! We truly love working in such a great community and this seemed like a good way to show our appreciation.

Elverson Day is an awesome all-day event that many of us have enjoyed for years. We knew we wanted to sponsor Elverson Day and when we saw that Anchored Ministries was organizing the 5K race, we were all in! Anchored Ministries supports the community in so many ways. It was exciting to be able to get involved and support both the community and Anchored at the same time!

Elverson Dental Care 5K Team

Our enthusiasm grew so we decided that we didn't want to just sponsor the race. We also wanted to participate. We organized a group from the office and registered online. Some of us walked and others ran, but we all had a blast! We are already looking forward to next year and hope to have an even larger group (as long as we don't have any more office weddings on the same day).

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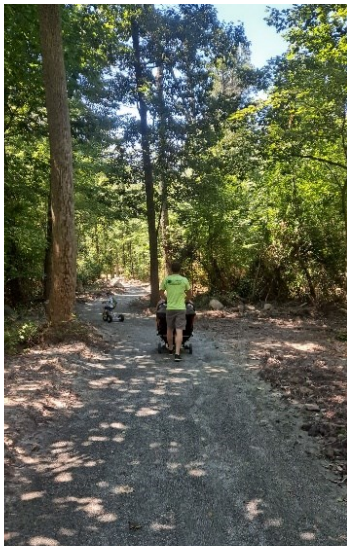
WELCOME … Wildflower Trail



- our newest Elverson trail! This new 0.2 mile walkway, also suitable for bikes, is wonderful. Not only does it connect our Blue Rocks Community to the Hopewell Spur, near the intersection of Park and N. Pine, and thus to Main Street; it is also simply a lovely walk. It meanders amongst the trees, paralleling Park Avenue, providing a pleasant and safe walk. Sincere thanks are extended to all who had a part in bringing this trail to fruition.

There are additional improvements still in the plans, such as the final connection to the sidewalk on Wildflower Court, some re-grading, and more, but it is already a needed and enjoyable addition to our Elverson walkways.

ELVERSON: A DRY TOWN

Susan Gibble

As a resident of Elverson since 1971, I have a first hand experience of Elverson as a wet town. There was a bar on the corner of routes 23 and 82 where the hotel/deli is now. They sold liquor until about 2 AM and when they closed there was a lot of noise as the patrons left. I don't think we want to open up the "Greatest Square Mile in Chester County" to that again.

If you think it is important to sell liquor at a family event like Elverson Day, perhaps an event-only option could be explored. If problems occur, you are able to discontinue the sales of future events.

My Retirement—*Attorney Jim Scheffey*

In November, 1976, I began the practice of law as an associate attorney in the Pottstown law firm of Kranzley.Wrigley.Yergey.Daylor. Five years later, I became a partner in that law firm, which is now named Yergey.Daylor.Allebach.Scheffey.Picardi (YDASP). After forty-five plus years of practice, I have retired effective March 31, 2022.

In May, 1999, my wife Paula and I moved to Elverson from Pottstown. I soon recognized that there were not any law offices in the immediate vicinity and that local residents would have to travel at least thirty minutes to visit an attorney's office. The partners in the law firm agreed that it would be a good business opportunity to open a branch office, and in September, 2005, YDASP opened an office at 50 South Pine Street in Elverson, where it continues to be located. I worked in the Elverson office two days a week, and the local practice continued to grow over time.

Jim Scheffey and family

From 2008 through 2021, I served as Solicitor for the Borough of Elverson. The YDASP law firm continues to serve as Borough Solicitor, having been reappointed in January, 2022, with Gregory Philips, Esquire as the primary attorney.

The law firm will continue to keep the Elverson office open by appointment only by calling either 610-286-0058 or 610-323-1400 to schedule an appointment to meet with one of the attorneys. For those clients for whom I have prepared estate planning documents, we still have copies of your documents in our office.

Over the past forty-five years, I have witnessed many changes. Many laws have changed, and the number of judges, governmental agencies, and attorneys have increased. Technological changes have completely changed the way that law is practiced. One thing that has not changed and that remains a constant is human nature.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of you who have patronized our office over the past seventeen years and who have trusted me with your legal matters.

ELVERSON DAY – PARKS & REC STYLE

Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski—ElversonTrails@outlook.com

Elverson Day—a beautiful evening and wonderful company. Thank you to all who stopped by our table to talk with us and share their opinions about walkways around the Borough and what next to improve our parks. First, we congratulate Kassey, Kathy, Nathanial, Erin, Jose, Kay, Joe, Jamie, Katie, and Noah – the winners of our drawing. (Although we do ask Kay (child's bicycle helmet) to contact us). Second, we need more input in choosing our direction. On the Borough Home page under the Recent News (page down), we have links to surveys (https://elversonboro.org/) along with a more complete report of each item in the survey and feedback to-date. We would very much appreciate your providing your input on both improvement for the Park and the walkways that most interest you so that we have the views of as many in Elverson as possible! The surveys have been modified to include the new items, so we invite everyone to respond, even if you did so on Elverson Day.

<u>What's next to improve our park facilities</u>? We started with seven suggestions for improvements or additions and ended with twenty-one. Some of the additions are maintenance items like the drinking fountain and fixing a depression in the walkway. We sincerely thank all of you for your responses. Many of you starred a feature that you particularly would like to see. Passions ran pretty high for a skate park or disc golf circuit, and overall, the interest ran highest for the addition of climbing boulder(s) or disc golf circuit with a pump track close behind. The full report on the Home page has more information on each.

<u>Which of the walking paths</u> in the Active Transportation Plan are of most interest? – Thank you for the responses so far! While the differentiation on favorites is not large, the leading candidates are completing Hopewell Spur west to North Chestnut and also east from Park Avenue along the old rail bed over to the Blue Rocks, and completing a walkway from Summerfield to North Chestnut for safer and easier access to Livingood Park. We will post a picture on the Parks subsite as well. The FULL Plan describing each is chapter 28 of the Comprehensive Plan under "Government" menu item of the Borough site.

In the meantime, a summary of the current status of the survey input to-date is on the Elverson Borough home page in the "Recent News" section. We will update it after allowing a couple months of further input via these surveys.

Please consider providing your input via the surveys on the Borough Website under the Recent News (page down). We have put links to surveys (https://elversonboro.org/

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Elverson t-shirts for sale

Yard Sale tables

Elverson News

Esther Prosser, Mayor

I hope you came by Livingood Park for Elverson Day. It's always the last Saturday in June. Mark it for 2023– **June 24.** I think the people of Elverson had fun which is my measure of success. If you have ideas or want to help plan, please contact me (484.269.7153, esther@stoltzfus.com).

Our Elverson t-shirt sales have been successful, thanks to a young committee who knows the market. Prices are $15 for adult, $10 for kids. Email our Borough secretary—(secretary@elversonboro.org) if you have interest. They make great Christmas gifts for your kids or grandkids as you can promote Elverson (the greatest square mile) and cross off Christmas list items at the same time.

Our May Main Street Yard Sale was busy, thanks to many who set up tables and helped get the word out. Besides the Summerfield sale, there were numerous Main, S Chestnut and Parkside Drive sales. Action Impact provided ice cream at the corner of 82 and 23 and tacos were sold from the front yard at 16 E. Main. I can testify to their deliciousness and I hear there will be a repeat next year.

We continue to play pickleball at the Borough Hall courts on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30. It's not a highly competitive group. Come make Elverson friends and learn a new sport. If you would like to be in the know on this, email me and I will add you to the Elverson Pickleball Nextdoor page.

And if you want to be a Captain, contact me. We need a Block Captain for the Blue Rocks community and a few other Elverson streets. Thanks to the Captains who have observed and posted crime or possible crime in our town.