Elverson Borough Newsletter

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Elverson's Anchored Ministries Changes Leadership

We are writing to inform you of an important transition at Anchored Ministries. As you are aware, our co-founder and former Executive Director, Erika Kanter, has stepped down. We are deeply grateful for her leadership and the significant impact she has had on the community.

We are pleased to announce that Russ Williams has joined Anchored Ministries as our new Interim Executive Director. Russ brings over 18 years of experience as a leader, project manager, and military officer. He has been a longtime volunteer for Anchored Ministries, making him familiar with many of our programs. His strong faith, professional background, and commitment to community service make him an excellent fit for our organization.

Russ with his family.

Russ is supported in this role by his wife, Frances, who shares his passion for our mission and will be actively involved in our activities. Together with their three children, they bring a family-oriented approach that aligns beautifully with our values and community-focused initiatives.

You can reach Russ directly at russ@anchoredministries.org. Russ will be reaching out to all our partners over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or needs, we encourage you to connect with him at any time.

We are confident that Russ, with the support of his family, will continue to uphold the values and mission of Anchored Ministries, fostering relationships and driving positive change within our community. We appreciate your continued partnership and look forward to the exciting developments ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Elverson Day in the Park

Esther Prosser

Our annual event was cut short because of weather but we packed 4 hours of fun into about 3. With a combination of interesting vendors, kid's activities, good music, delicious food and fireworks, those who came by were delighted to be a part of it.

Elverson Day is always scheduled for the last Saturday evening in June. Mark your calendar now for 2025—June 28! And if you'd like to help in planning, please contact me—esther@stoltzfus.com, 484.269.7153.

Pictures compliments of Brittany Colmery (more on p 4).

T-shirt painting sponsored by McCormick Chiropractic.

Municipal Authority Project

The Municipal Authority is happy to announce that we have kicked off a grant project at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The two large process tanks are being sanded and re-painted for the first time since the tanks went into use. While each tank is empty, worn equipment will be replaced inside the tank. The project is somewhat weather dependent, so the dry weather has been working in our favor. Grant funds are critical for this small Authority to maintain the equipment and keep the treatment process efficient and meet permit requirements as well to help control user costs. MABE appreciates your patience with any additional noise or activity during the 7:00a -5:00p workday.

Water in the Park

We have drinking water in Livingood again! A water bottle filler was installed on June 20th on the west wall of the concession building—right in the middle of the heat wave and in time for the next. Although it does not work, the old water fountain will stay in place, at least for now. We were unsuccessful in finding its leak so it must be somewhere underground, and the expense of digging to search for it is rather daunting. So the bottle filler option was chosen.

Here's to your health!

Free Reading Phillies Tickets

A representative from the Reading Phillies dropped off a bunch of FREE tickets today for Morgantown Night at the R-Phils game on **Tuesday, August 13th at 7pm.** Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors to stop in at the Borough Hall, 101 S Chestnut Street Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm to get a ticket!

Flowering Plum: Black Knot

The flowering plum tree, Prunus cerasifera, is a popular tree in Elverson, and deservedly so. The Thundercloud cultivar is a lovely small tree growing 20-25' tall with a spread of 15-20'. It produces small pink flowers in spring before the dark reddish -purple leaves emerge. Its small form and multi-seasonal appeal make it a favorite for foundation gardens.
While the tree has few insect or disease problems, there is one disease that can be devastating. In old age the flowering plum becomes susceptible to a fungal infection called black knot. This highly contagious disease forms near the branch ends and spreads to other nearby plum trees.

Example of black knot

On average flowering plums have a lifespan of 20 years and as I mentioned, it is not uncommon to see this disease develop on trees nearing their end. What do you do when you see this disease in your tree? Take down the tree. There really is not an effective treatment to free the tree from the disease. Can you replace the flowering plum with another? Absolutely. After removing the tree, clean up the debris and go for it; plant another one in its place. The younger tree will have youthful vigor and greater resistance to black knot.

I like the tree and have enjoyed it in my garden. Currently, I don't have one but I'm sure that I will again at some point. It's a good tree. Don't let this one disease discourage you from planting it.

Happy gardening,
Herb Hamilton, Tree Commission Chair

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Elverson's Queen of Hearts Honey

The West Chester Swing Kings

The kids loving the animals.