Elverson Borough Newsletter

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Trees Added at Livingood Park

Herb Hamilton, Elverson Tree Commission Chairman

Aivars Spilde, an Elverson resident, is a health professional and an avid gardener. Three years ago, he purchased several saplings from the Arbor Day Foundation and planted them in his garden. The trees flourished under his care and this year it became obvious that the trees needed to be moved before they outgrew their space. That is when Aivars decided to donate the trees and reached out to Mayor Esther Prosser.

Herb and Aivars planting at the Livingood Park.

Esther brought me into the conversation and asked if there were any spots in Elverson where the trees could be planted. I leapt into action and quickly found spots in Livingood Park. The donation of four colorful ornamental trees, one crape myrtle, one crabapple and two kousa dogwoods, is not only thoughtful but also welcome additions to the park's landscape. Early evening March 25, Aivars and I met to plant the trees.

We spent a wonderful evening playing in the dirt planting the crape myrtle and the crabapple near the gazebos and the two kousa dogwoods along the pathway across from the car wash. The trees will flower at different times with their color stretching from April to July.

Thank you, Aivars, for the thoughtful donation. We look forward to watching the trees grow.

Goodbye Gertrude

Doug Streuli

Four years ago today I said goodbye to Gertrude. She was an old friend who came into my life in 1965. My violin teacher - the late Salvatore Princiotti - found her in an instrument store and suggested that my mom get her for me. She was already my elder by over 100 years. She had no label and was not a great instrument, but she was strong and durable - just right for a young boy. For the price of $100 she became mine.

Music Clinic—1970

Over the years, I learned what she liked, and she learned how to respond to me. She traveled to Indiana with me in 1966/7 and then back to Connecticut. She was the one who introduced me to most of the girls I dated in High School. She was the one who took me to music clinics at Indiana University in 1970. She accompanied me in many youth orchestras and, together, we performed in the Pit for such shows as My Fair Lady, West Side Story, Mame, and many others.

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In 2005, we played together for the last time at a reunion concert for the Stamford Young Artists Philharmonic. It was then that I realized that a combination of physical limitations, atrophy of skill, and other interests had caused us to no longer have anything in common.

For years she sat on a shelf in a closet and, as many people my age discover, she became “clutter”.

As we simplified our life and home, it seemed that there was simply no room for Gertrude anymore so I took her to the High School and donated her to the music department. It is my sincere hope that she will bring as much joy to some young person as she brought to me.

Play on, Gertrude! May your voice outlive mine for many years!

Elverson Garden Club and Members Win Awards at Philadelphia Flower Show

Laura Alden

For nearly 20 years, the Elverson Garden Club has created an exhibit for the Philadelphia Flower Show. This year’s presentation, called “Upbeat,” received a second place ribbon along with a class commendation in the competitive Open for Business design category.

“This is quite a feat for a small club like ours,” said Carol Simonetti, club president. “We benefit from the skills and experience of our members, who lead the way.”

Lisa Cherpanich and Mary Wickerham chaired the club’s exhibit committee. In addition, 18 of the Elverson club’s members participated in the 2024 show in various capacities. Notably, Elverson club member Robert Grenfell serves as chair of competitive classes for the Philadelphia show.

Other club members earned significant individual recognition as well. Wendy Fox was awarded a blue ribbon in the Overall Platform Design class and an honorable mention in photography for her Still Life class submission.

Carol Simonetti received a third place ribbon and class commendation in the Play class. Lisa Cherpanich placed third in the Miniature Design Class.

The nation’s largest and oldest flower show (dating to 1829) convened in Philadelphia from March 2-10 under the theme, “United by Flowers,” celebrating the power of plants and gardens to connect people.

Elverson Garden Club member Wendy Fox won a first-place blue ribbon in the Overall Platform Design class. The Club exhibit earned a second-place ranking in its design class.

Club members—L to R: Robert Wickerham, Trudy Moore, Mary Wickerham, Lisa Cherpanich, Patricia Beaton, Aivars Spilde, Wendy Fox., Carol Simonetti.

Stoltzfus Enterprises—An Anniversary Move

This year, we at Stoltzfus Enterprises, Ltd. are celebrating 50 years of being in business by God's faithfulness. Part of our 50th year involved an office move last month from our previous location at 26 East Main Street, where we functioned since 1990, to our new location at 11 South Pine Street (across Pine Street from the Post Office). Phoenix Rehab is on the second floor. We are on the first floor. Please feel free to stop in and check out our newly renovated and decorated space. New signs for the building will be installed very soon.

For Elverson Water Company customers, a separate entrance and drop box for payment are located on the East side of the building facing Meadowview Drive. Elverson Water Company also now has its own phone number. To contact them please call 610-286-5116.

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WellFest

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 11th from 8:30am to 4pm...**Kinetic Physical Therapy and Elverson Fitness Club will be jointly hosting our 1st annual *Well Fest* on site at **Elverson Fitness Club.** The event will serve as an open house, so members of the community can check out our space, learn more from experts about physical therapy and stretching, and even demo some of our group fitness classes! In addition, there will be a vendor fair with local health and wellness partners, and a variety of complimentary hands on services, like chair massages from French Creek Aesthetics and vital signs assessments from A-Z Urgent care. Starting off at 8:30 am, come to the Free Sample Class Marathon, featuring 15 minute "tasters" of 8 classes. Stop by between 12 and 4pm to visit with local wellness vendors and experience what EFC and Kinetic have to offer. Elverson Fitness Club is located in the heart of Elverson Borough, at **51 S. Pine St.** Hope to see you there!

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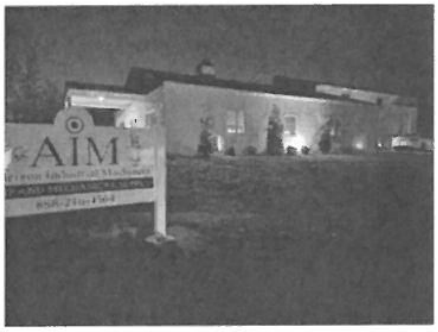

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Elverson Events

Primary Election Day—***Tuesday, April 23***
Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm
Brick Lane Community Church, 52 South Brick Lane

Borough Street Sweeping—***Wednesday, April 24***
Main Street residents——Please sweep sidewalks and park off-street!

Elverson Yard Sale—***Saturday, May 18, 8 to noon***
If you are planning to sell from your property, please add a balloon and sign as bargain-hunters peruse the town. Also, email your address and I will add that to our social media advertising—esther@stoltzfus.com. Rain or shine.

Elverson Memorial Day Observance—***Monday, May 27, 10:30 am***
Elverson Cemetery, Main Street (across from the Elverson Methodist Church)

Elverson Day in the Park—***Saturday, June 29, 5 pm***
Livingood Park—Music, kid's activities, food trucks, fireworks. A 5K Run sponsored by Anchored Ministries begins at 8 am. Rain date is June 30.

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