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Elverson Borough Celebrates

Lori Kolb's Retirement and Welcomes Lorrie Stolz—*Laura Pennza*

After a decade of dedicated service, Lori Kolb, the esteemed Secretary/Treasurer of Elverson Borough, is retiring at the end of June. Stepping into her shoes is Lorrie Stolz, a familiar face in the community, bringing with her a wealth of experience in municipal roles.

Reflecting on a Decade of Service: Lori Kolb

Lori Kolb's tenure as Secretary/Treasurer of Elverson Borough spans ten fruitful years. Throughout this time she has witnessed and contributed to significant changes within the community.

"Over the years, the Council Members worked together to make numerous improvements to the buildings and grounds, which they continue to strive to maintain, for the pleasure of the residents," Lori shared.

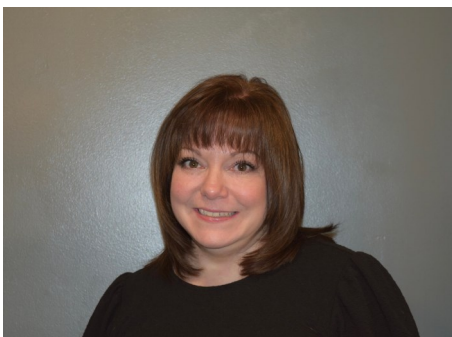
What she cherishes most from her time at the Borough is the camaraderie and collaboration with the Council and Committee Members along with the connections formed with the residents of Elverson. "I have enjoyed working with the Council and Committee Members and I am blessed to have met and worked with some wonderful residents of the Elverson Borough Community. I will miss working in the greatest square mile!"

However, the journey was not without its challenges. Learning the intricacies of municipal business was no small feat. Lori expressed her gratitude for the unwavering support from Council Members and Borough professionals, which made her role both rewarding and enjoyable.

As Lori steps into retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with family and friends, especially enjoying the warm summer months. Beyond that, she remains open to whatever new adventures come her way.

Welcoming Lorrie Stolz Back to Elverson Borough

Taking over from Lori is Lorrie Stolz, who brings 13 years of experience in municipal roles to her new position. This is not Lorrie's first-time serving Elverson Borough; she previously worked here from December 2009 until March 2014, under the leadership of then-Mayor Arleigh Hegarty.



Lorrie Stolz—Borough Secretary

Lorrie is eager to reconnect with the community she has always enjoyed working with. "I always enjoyed working with the residents of Elverson and I look forward to reconnecting with the community," she said.

Since her last stint in Elverson, Lorrie has noticed several positive changes in the Borough, including upgrades to Borough Hall and enhanced security features. Outside of work, Lorrie enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends. An interesting tidbit about her is her volunteer work with the Morgantown Carnival Committee, highlighting her commitment to community engagement.

As Elverson Borough bids farewell to Lori Kolb, the community also extends a warm welcome to Lorrie Stolz. With her experience and enthusiasm, Lorrie is well prepared to continue the legacy of dedicated service that Lori exemplified. The Borough looks forward to this new chapter with optimism and gratitude for the leaders who help make Elverson the greatest square mile.

I Won! *Ellie Mountz*

This spring my teacher, Mrs. Leever, showed us this writing contest. She said that if we wanted to we could participate in it, but it was not an assignment. First through 4th graders had to draw a picture, 5th graders had to write an essay, and 6th graders had to do a video. The main idea was to get people to open their eyes to litter. I am in 5th grade so I would write an essay if I participated. I wanted to. So I wrote one. I submitted it. I waited a few months. After Mom didn't get any texts saying who won I decided that I had lost.

One day after I got home from school Mom said, "Guess what? You won the contest!"

I was flabbergasted. Mom also told me that we could go to the state capital to get some sort of certificate. The reason I wanted to go was because she said that there were also going to be refreshments. We decided to go. Mom asked Mrs. Frey to babysit my siblings while we went. So one day Mom picked me up from school to go to Harrisburg. We talked on the way. When we got there we went to this big room. In it there was a little table with refreshments and a few chairs. We got refreshments and sat down on the chairs. There were government leaders standing in front of the chairs. The other winners came. One of them gave a speech about how harmful litter was. I think that was kind of odd because we already had to know to participate in the contest. Then they gave us certificates that proved we won. I had a fun time writing the essay and am glad I got to go to Harrisburg.

Ellie's Essay—

As Emma sat in her yard she saw a person carelessly toss a handful of trash out of his car window. Helplessly she watched as it all danced away on the wind. Scrambling out of her chair she frantically ran after the trash, but it was too late. Her hands grasped the air. She slowly sat back down. What was that about? She looked at where the car was headed. The man in it made a sharp curve and Emma could see his face for a split second. He was laughing at something his friend said—he didn't even notice all the trouble he had caused. Looking at him Emma felt a surge of anger. She stood up. That was wrong! That man must open

his eyes to the dangers of litter. Then Emma realized that although she knew littering was terrible she knew little else. She sat back down and thought about it. She had so many questions! Did litter hurt animals? Is food considered litter? What about things made from wood? Emma decided to puzzle over those as she took a stroll around her neighborhood. Unfortunately, she saw more litter than she expected. This was terrible! She needed to do something about it, but first she would learn about it. Emma hastily turned and jogged past her house to the library. She consulted the librarian who then gave her some good books on the dangers of littering. Once she got back to her home she settled down under a patch of sunlight near her garden. As she dove into the book, all of Emma's questions that had been lurking around in her mind were answered as she dived into

the book. She ate it up, learning much. Who knew that 100,000 marine animals and turtles and 1 million seabirds are brought to their deaths by pollution? Or that many small animals crawl into bottles and can't get out therefore staring to death? That is cruel! Also, litter is just ugly. Who wants to live with piles of litter heaped nearby? Yuck.

The next day, Emma decided to take action. She could maybe make posters? Yes! That was it! She got out her gel pens and racked her brain for a good idea to get the message to the world with a simple sign that was no-

ticeable. Now, to be fair, Pennsylvania was actually doing a good job preventing litter. Emma realized that she may have been overreacting, but there still was a lot of trash and stuff just laying around. That was not good. Once the others saw the litter they would, thinking it was ok, probably add to it. Maybe a sign wasn't the best idea. She thought about it some more then decided to go to the store to buy some environmentally friendly trash bags. She then walked around her neighborhood collecting litter. A week later she hopped onto her bicycle and peddled around looking at the improvement. The neighborhood looked amazing! Without litter around the beautiful views were so much more beautiful. Tomorrow she will get to work on a poster. She knew it was just a start, but even one person caring today would make more people care tomorrow.



Elverson Fitness Club

The rain came and went and so did the month of May! This last month was pretty exciting for all of us with our first annual WellFest under our belts! We would also



like to give a warm thank you and appreciation to all our vendors who helped make this WellFest a memorable one!



in to show support! We couldn't do it without you!

The gym is becoming more eco-friendly and will not be providing paper cups anymore. We encourage all our members to bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated! If you forgot your water bottle, we have a water fountain in the aerobics room. With the summer weather upon us, it is very important to remember to stay hydrated! Sixty percent of our body weight is made up of water. However, not all of us know how much we should be drinking to

As for the month of June, we have some exciting news and changes! Starting June 3rd, we have a guest Zumba instructor Alicia, who will be taking over Sue's Monday Zumba classes. Let's all give a warm Welcome to Alicia! Make sure you stop by and say Hi!

A special thanks to the instructors that stayed and showed support of their fellow instructors during the class demos in the morning! As well as our regulars that came

stay hydrated.

According to nutritionsource.hsph.harvard.edu/water/ generally 14–18-year-olds should drink 8-11 cups (64-88 ounces) a day. Men, 19 and older would benefit from 13 cups (104 ounces) and Women, 19 and older aim for 9 cups (72 ounces). Remember when you exercise to always replenish your body's water.



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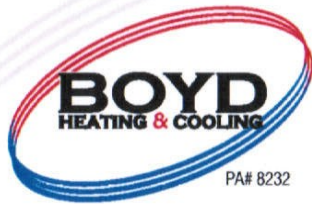
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Elverson News

Esther Prosser, Mayor

Speed control on our Main Street continues to be a concern for many within the Borough. Councilperson, Laura Pennza, has requested a reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph. PennDOT is conducting research and we are hoping they agree that reducing it will slow traffic, creating a safer town. In the meantime, if you see work trucks regularly speeding through Elverson, I encourage you to call the company and share your concerns. We can help, one truck at a time.

You probably know that pickleball is the rage nationally.

We are enjoying our own Elverson pickleball at the Elverson Borough basketball court. We play Monday at 6:30 and Thursday at 5. If you want to join us, just show up with your paddle. We recently entered two teams in the Young

Life tournament at Owen J Roberts Middle School. It was a fun afternoon of play with one of our teams taking second place. Our courts are scheduled to be paved the end of



Pickleball players with Dr. Coppins (right)

June so hopefully “fissure” shots will be a thing of the past. Our thanks to Dr. Chris Coppins, local physical therapist, who showed up on a Thursday to teach us a stretching routine before we play.

A reminder that Elverson Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 29. Join us at 8 am for the Anchored Ministries 5K, at the Livingood Park. It is a family-friendly event. Run, Elverson, run!

Questions or concerns? Contact me—
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