



November/December 2021

ELVERSON TRAILS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Lisa Palser

The Borough's Trails Project Task Force has continued to work with the Chester County Planning Commission to complete the draft of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). It will be presented to Borough Council for adoption in December. This Plan reflects the feedback received from 2 public meetings, from the information booth on Elverson Day and from those who completed the survey. Also considered were ideas put forth by the project Task Force and the Elverson Planning Commission. Overall, people seemed genuinely excited about the prospect of living in a place with more opportunities for safely walking and biking around town. There are two upcoming public meetings you are invited to attend to see the latest and provide any comments or questions before adoption by Borough Council:

1. The public information meeting hosted by the Planning Commission on **November 16 at 7PM.**
2. The final public hearing as part of the Borough Council meeting on **December 7 at 6PM.**

Location for both meetings will be in the **Community Room in Hopewell Manor**. When you arrive, just to the right of the main door is a patio which has entrance doors. Enter there. Parking is limited at Hopewell Manor. Alternatives are parking on Main Street, or in the Elverson Supply parking lot. The Elverson Supply team has graciously given permission for us to park there for the meeting.

Please RSVP to Lori at secretary@elversonboro.org if you wish to attend so that we can determine if it will be necessary to hold a Zoom meeting (based on the expected number of participants or a change in Covid guidelines). And if attending, check the day before on the Borough site www.elversonboro.org/news/event-calendar/ for the location or Zoom information.

You may also review the Plan on the Borough website home page: www.elversonboro.org. Page down and you will see under "ELVERSON BOROUGH TRAILS PUBLIC MEETINGS" the link to the Active Trans-

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Recommended Active Transportation Improvements within Elverson Borough



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portation Plan. If you wish to jump right to the updated map, the recommendations map is on Pages 30 and 31; and for comparison purposes, the existing conditions map is shown on Page 18.

If you have comments or questions, please send an email to elversontrails@outlook.com or secretary@elversonboro.org. These will be incorporated as input to the Public Meetings. We respectfully request you send in any comments or questions as soon as you can, on or before November 14 for our first public meeting and before December 1 for the Borough Council Meeting.

The Elverson Parade

Bella Kurtz

Crowds of people lined Main Street and set out chairs. It was nearing sunset when the place was crammed with families and costumes. Fire trucks sounded their engines and began the quest down the long street. A parade is not a parade without a fire truck. One of my favorite line ups to watch was the marching bands from the neighboring schools. The upbeat songs with drums and brass filled the streets. Flags danced and sirens sounded as children scrambled for candy. Classic cars rumbled by as I waved. An Olympic inflatable passed with many colors. A huge bulldozer made its way down the road. There was a portable basketball hoop with a ball they let you shoot. At the end of town a local dance school performed! Ballerinas floated in unison. A band's color guards expertly flew their flags high in the air, twisting and soaring.

I love sitting with my friends and neighbors, edging the busy street. This is one tradition I will always remember about our small town. My pockets bulging with candy and my head filled with music, I left for home.



Parade pictures above and on p 6 are compliments of Brittany Colmery photography.

2021 Veterans Holiday Gift Drive

Betty Shaw

For the past 24 years, I have hosted a Christmas gift drive for the military veteran residents and outpatients of the Coatesville V.A. Medical Center. I have focused the past several years on our Veterans who until recently were homeless and have received housing through different departments of the V.A. Luther House houses several of the Veterans that we have helped. When these folks are given housing, they are not given necessary items needed to make it a home. This is the third year the Village of Roseview is being asked to help provide household items. Last year we were able to collect approximately \$5,300 worth of gifts that helped to furnish kitchens, bath and bedrooms for our Veterans. Personal care items and clothing were also gifts that were donated.

Gift requests that have been received from the V.A. caseworkers are items we use every day and take for granted. To the individuals in need, these items are true luxuries. If you would like to donate, please contact me (information below). If you prefer, I will shop for you and give you the receipt for items purchased. I will also provide a V.A. donation form if requested for you to use for tax purposes. If writing a check please make it out to Betty Shaw and in the memo space write Veteran Gift Drive. I will make a copy of the check and include the store receipt. All monetary donations will be used expressly for the purchase of gifts. Most of the gifts and monetary donations last year came from The Village of Roseview and Summerfield at Elverson as well as Twin Valley Rotary Club in memory of Pastor Dave Ballantyne serving the veterans at the Center.

The Coatesville Center has asked that the delivery deadline date be **December 11, 2021** to allow time for the caseworkers to pick up items for their clients. For a list of items needed or questions, please email or call me. And thanks so much for your help.

Betty Shaw

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Art Show—The Fabric of Nature

Elverson resident, Libby Cerullo, is now exhibiting her innovative textile artwork in a three-woman show called The Fabric of Nature, which runs through Dec 10 at The Hill School's Boyer Gallery in Pottstown.

"It is so exciting to be included with these amazing artists because we all work with textiles and are deeply inspired by nature. It is very interesting to compare how we express our connections with the local forest and grasslands. Our artistic voices are very different and yet synergistic, both visually and in content."

A brief description of just some of what you will see:

Libby Cerullo is showing "Portraits of Women as Trees" using photographs of trees from her neighborhood that are printed on cotton and 'dressed' in transparent clothing.

These are large pieces, on average 5 feet tall, that express female archetypes and metaphors of fertility, connection, and the cycle of life.

Ellen Nelson has fabricated (pun intended) stunning wearable art using cloth made from natural fibers and embellished with scales, needles, bark, seed pods and other items upcycled from the woods and grasslands (and YES they ARE Wearable!). These creations are her way of reconnecting to the land and honoring its elemental wisdom.

Diane Deery-Richards describes herself as a land artist and her work records the rhythms of the natural elements: light, water, and air currents. She uses LARGE pieces of lightweight fabric treated with powdered dyes and then leaves outside by the river at St. Pete's and other

places in the French Creek Forest. The results are a self-portrait of Nature-as-the-artist.

All artwork is for sale.

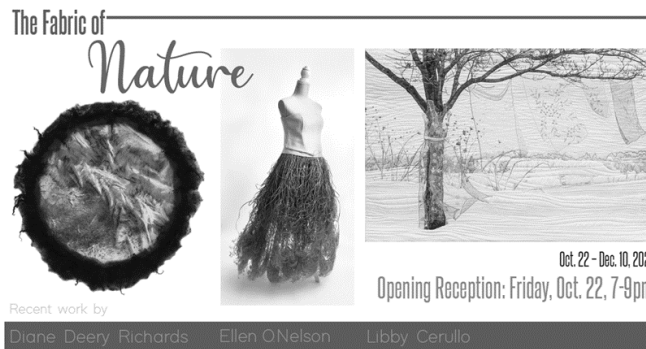
About the presentation of the artwork, Libby said, "We installed the show to emphasize the synergies among the pieces. It is visually very stunning. It is not like a typical gallery where you might see rectangle after rectangle. This show is a series of collections. I tell people it has a 'boutique-feel' which is very pleasing to the eye. I think people will enjoy the layout almost as much as the artwork."

In conjunction with the art show, Libby is giving away a free 9 x 13 inch art print of "Aurora." The original version of Aurora (55 x 38 inches, cotton, silk, polyester organza, imitation pear beads) is currently on display in the show.

Anyone can enter to win by signing up for her art newsletter, whether or not you attend the show. Your contact information will also be shared with the Boyer Gallery and Diane Deery-Richards for their newsletters. The winner of the print giveaway will be drawn randomly and notified Dec 12.

To enter the print giveaway, use this link:
www.libbycerulloart.com/the-fiber-of-nature-giveaway

Ellen Nelson, Director of the Boyer Gallery, and Diane Deery-Richards live in Pottstown and teach art at The Hill School. To see more artwork by these artists go to: www.LibbyCerulloArt.com, www.dianedeery.com; Ellen can be contacted at ENelson@thehill.org. They would love hearing from you.



Please remember to clear your sidewalks when it snows so Elverson pedestrians can safely walk.

Elverson Borough Election Results

Borough Council:

Robert Clements
 Tom Feeley
 Dennis Kurtz
 Micheal Trojecki
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Mayor: Esther Prosser

Welcome to Elverson

Rose O'Connor

As I sit here to write this article, looking at the fall colors on the tall trees of the area that grace my backyard, I feel so fortunate to have come to live here in Elverson. As a child, I spent my youth in Pottstown, later moving on to live many other places, like Virginia, Texas, and Colorado, and I have been fortunate to experience many things. I spent a good number of years working with horses while here in PA, and have always kept a love for them in my heart.

Moving back to PA in 2007 found me starting a whole new career learning massage therapy, reflexology, and Reiki.

Reiki, a soothing practice that increases a person's life force energy and vitality, while bringing a deep sense of relaxation, peace, and joy, literally changed my life in 2008. Ever since then, I've been a practitioner helping others and a Reiki teacher, sharing the practice of Reiki with hundreds of ordinary and extraordinary people. The friends made through this work and the joy it has brought to myself and my husband, also a Reiki practitioner, is beyond measure.

Beginning in 2015, my second love as a writer really took off as my husband and I left our home in Colorado to travel all throughout the UK, while house and pet sitting for various people in the small villages across that beautiful country. Those travels sparked the writing of my first book, *Footpaths, love adventure and finding home within*, a tale of our adventures laced with personal exploration, humor, and discovery. It is available on Amazon or I'd be happy to sign a copy for a neighbor who wanted to read it!

My life as a teacher and an author continue as I am now branching out to teach Animal Reiki and also work with

animals and their caregivers in sessions. Reiki can be so beneficial for animals as well as people, helping to ease pain and stress, give emotional support, and support the aging and/or dying process. It also brings the caregiver into a deeper relationship with them.



I just taught my first Animal Reiki class at the nearby Honey Brook Stables, where the group connected through Reiki with the beautiful horses that live there. I also offer reflexology sessions, an amazing practice of working on the feet that is about the most relaxing thing ever!

This service is available, along with Reiki sessions, out of my home here in Elverson.

I'd love to share my newest book with you when it's finished! A novel set in Ireland, so if you'd like me to keep you updated on it, please email me.

My goal is to be of service to the people in my community as a friend, a neighbor and a professional who is able to offer healing practices that can ease many ailments, and bring greater joy to one's life. If you ever want to just talk to me about this, please feel free to reach out as education is a big part of what I am here to do.

My husband Joe is the one you will see out walking the town every morning and his idea of being here is about being a good neighbor. He already knows a lot of you from his walks and if ever you need help, he's your man! I am so blessed to call him my partner in life. Thank you all for being such a welcoming community!

To connect with me about a session, a class, or my book (s): email: rose@reikislove.com or call 484-318-9380 or visit my website www.reikislove.com

PICKLEBALL IN ELVERSON

Esther Prosser



Pickleball in Elverson is up and running with a nice mix of experienced and new players. Two courts have lines at the Borough Hall basketball courts with portable nets, easy to put up and take down. Bring your paddles and balls and join us. We have moved play time to Monday at 2 to accommodate daylight savings time. As the weather becomes colder, we are looking into indoor venues.

If interested, please ask to join the Elverson Pickleball Nextdoor page as all information about play days and times are posted there (or email me—[esther @stoltzfus.com](mailto:esther@stoltzfus.com)).



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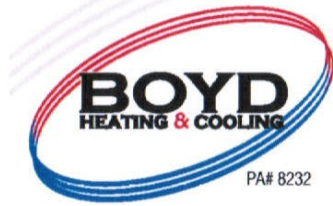
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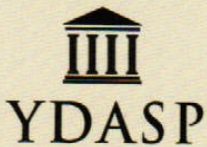
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