Elverson Borough Newsletter

September/October 2024

The Elverson Parade

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

(Rain Date: October 17)

Register now at **elversonboro.org**
or contact Esther Prosser
esther@stoltzfus.com or **484.269.7153**

Bring a lawn chair and get ready for some fun!

Main Street is closed to traffic at 6:30 pm on October 16. South Pine Street is closed to two-way traffic at 6 pm. Enter from 401 onto South Pine after 6 pm.

Why I Support Kamala Harris—Conrad Wolff

I desire a strong and dynamic America, with leaders who have a deep and tempered track record of character, courage, experience, compassion and empathy. An America which is economically robust, environmentally sustainable and scientifically advanced. An America which welcomes all comers with generosity. An America where everyone I know and love is appreciated and empowered.

There is only one candidate who meets these standards, and that is Kamala Harris.

Kamala Harris has achieved impressive accomplishments in her life, from a humble beginning in a middle class home, the daughter of immigrants. Kamala Harris is talented, hard-working, well-educated, and courageous. Kamala Harris has been a prosecutor, working diligently for the rights of the most vulnerable. Kamala Harris has been an Attorney General, taking on corporate greed. Kamala Harris has been a Senator, crafting legislation for all Americans, and Kamala Harris has been the Vice President of the Unites States of America during one of the most positively consequential administrations in our nations history.

Kamala Harris has pledged to be a president for all people. Kamala Harris insists we have far more in common than what separates us. Kamala Harris maintains political leaders should build up, not tear down, should lift up, not punch down. Kamala Harris is very clear about her beliefs and policies. Kamala Harris is experienced, accomplished, principled and strong. Kamala Harris is the leader we need for a bright and prosperous future of unity and promise.

Everything that Kamala Harris is, her opponent is not. We have all witnessed the absolute failure of running our nation like a Reality TV show, with endless chaos, blatant lies, vicious spite, immature name-calling, and total contempt for anyone who speaks out with criticism. There is no place in our nation for such distain for the Constitution, the rule of law, free and fair elections and the peaceful transfer of power.

Kamala Harris has erected a Big Tent. What do Al Gore, Dick Cheney, Hillary Clinton, Jeff Flake, Bernie Sanders, Adam Kinzinger, Chrissy Houlahan, AOC, Liz Cheney, Taylor Swift, Bruce Springsteen, and many more, all have in common? They have all endorsed Kamala Harris for President.

Never in my lifetime have I seen such a wide array of prominent leaders, over the broadest of political and ideological spectrums, unite behind one Presidential candidate.

The world is a complex and dangerous place. The nations of the world count on the United States of America to be strong and to lead with purpose and confidence. America must have a principled, courageous president who will engage and inspire the national and global community through a very challenging future. America needs the steady, competent, leadership of Kamala Harris.

This is the most stark, consequential election of my lifetime. Let's choose capable, competent leadership. Let's end the dereliction, filth, lies and extremism of the Reality TV sideshow. Let us right the ship of our Democracy, and vote to save it, so that history will say of us… when our time of testing came, we did our duty and we prevailed, because we loved our country more.

Why I Support Donald Trump—David DeWalt

I'm not voting for Donald Trump because he has impeccable character and an unblemished personal history. He doesn't. But neither does the other candidate.

I'm not voting for Donald Trump because he represents all the Biblical values that I hold dear. He doesn't. But he doesn't pride himself on opposing those values like the other candidate often does.

I'm not voting for Donald Trump because he vows to fully protect the lives of the unborn. He doesn't. But I could never vote for the other candidate, who actively seeks to make the murder of children in the womb a "right."

So, I'm not voting for Donald Trump because his policies align perfectly with mine. They don't. But they're a lot closer than the policies of the other candidate. So, I'll cast my vote for Donald Trump because his platform more closely pictures the America that I want to live in.

I am confident that Trump will do more than the other candidate to end burdensome regulations that stifle innovation and crush small businesses and make everything more expensive.

I trust Trump will try to make America energy independent and return energy prices to the record lows we saw in his first presidency.

I know he will put Americans first by spending citizens' tax dollars on U.S. citizens rather than funneling that money to foreign governments or spending it on people who have come here illegally.

I don't doubt he will strengthen our borders, stop the invasion of illegal migrants that hurts our economy and increases crime rates; and promote American interests abroad and strengthen our military.

I know he will work to make our elections more secure by ensuring voters are citizens of the U.S. and voting only on Election Day.

I also believe he will stick to a strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, protecting all our rights, including parental rights, the right to free speech—even (especially?) speech that is not politically correct—religious liberties, and, of course, the right to bear arms.

This November, I'm not voting for Donald Trump because he is a perfect man or the perfect candidate. He's neither. But he is a better choice for America and for me.

Voting By Mail—NOTE: If you plan to vote using a mail-in or absentee ballot in the 2024 GENERAL ELECTION held on 11/05, your completed application must be received by your county election office by **5:00 PM on 10/29.** The deadline to return your completed mail-in or absentee ballot is **8:00 PM on 11/05.**

You must be a registered voter to submit an application. You may check whether you are registered to vote in Pennsylvania using www.pavoterservices.pa.gov

Instructions:

- If you have a valid PA driver's license or PennDOT ID number, you must use it to apply for a mail in ballot.
- If you do not have one of those ID numbers, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number and upload your signature.

Otherwise, you may download a paper application at www.pavoterservices.pa.gov and mail it to your county board of elections

Mail in Ballots will not go out until early/mid-October. You are able to track the status of your application at www.pavoterservices.pa.gov or call Chester County Voter Services at 610-344-6410. Mail completed applications to: Chester County Board of Elections, 601 Westtown Rd, Suite 150, West Chester, PA 19380-0990

Once you receive your ballot from the Board of Elections, you can either personally hand-deliver it, place it in a monitored drop box, or mail it back to Chester County Voter Services, where it *MUST BE RECEIVED* no later than 8 pm on November 5. The closest satellite office is Henrietta Hankin Library 215 Windgate Dr, Chester Springs, PA 19425

IF you decide to vote in person, you must bring the mail in ballot with you to the polling location. Bring ballot and both envelopes with you for submission. If you are a married couple with the same last name, DO NOT mix up the envelopes, as it will invalidate your vote.

In the Borough of Elverson, voting in person takes place on Tuesday, November 5 at the Brick Lane Community Church, 52 South Brick Lane from 7 am to 8 pm.

Exciting Upgrade Coming to Livingood Park Playground!

Laura Pennza

The Elverson Borough Council is pleased to announce the addition of a specially designed full-body swing to the Livingood Park playground. This new swing is designed to cater to children with special needs and babies who are just beginning to sit up on their own.

Features and Benefits

This innovative swing is designed for:

- Special needs children weighing up to 125 pounds.
- Babies just starting to sit up on their own.

The swing's unique design ensures that these children can participate and have fun in a safe and accessible way.

Installation and Availability

The council expects the installation of the new swing to be completed this Fall. We kindly ask all visitors to the playground to reserve this swing for its intended users, allowing them to fully enjoy this wonderful new addition.

A Big Thank You!

The Elverson Borough Council would like to extend its gratitude to everyone involved in making this upgrade possible. We are excited to provide a more inclusive experience for children with special needs and their families in our community.

Trick or treating in the Borough is scheduled for Halloween—**Thursday, October 31, 6-8 pm.**

Yard Waste pick up day is **Saturday, November 16**. Put your bags at curbside before 5 am. Bags can be purchased at Elverson Supply.

Yard waste materials are leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings, shrubbery and other organic landscape

New Interim Council Member Sworn into Office—*Laura Pennza*

The Elverson Borough Council is pleased to announce that John Scalia has been sworn into office as an interim member of Council. John will serve until the next general election, at which time residents will have the opportunity to vote for him on their ballot.

John has generously volunteered to fill the Council seat vacated by Tom Feely, who has taken on the role of interim Council President following the retirement of former President Bob Clements. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Bob for his dedicated service to our community over the years. We wish him and his wife all the best as they begin their new chapter in their relocated residence.

John Scalia brings a wealth of experience to the Council, with a strong background in law enforcement and the insurance industry. A seasoned professional at 57, John holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a detective license in Pennsylvania. In his role as a carrier adjuster for Farmers Insurance, he has acquired nearly every insurance-related license, with the exception of a life insurance license. John is proud of his Republican values and embodies a proactive, self-reliant nature.

Outside of his professional life, John and his wife enjoy relaxing by the water at the beach in South Carolina, a shared passion that fuels their connection with the coastal lifestyle. We are excited to have John on board and look forward to his contributions to our community.

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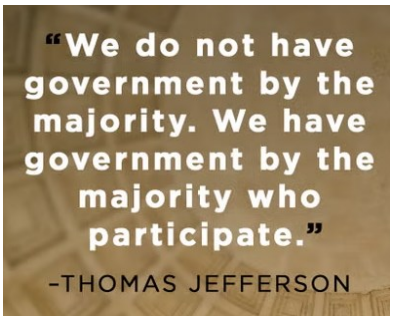

Main Street Speed Limit

Earlier this summer, Elverson Borough Council formally requested that PennDOT consider reducing the speed limit on Main Street between S. Yeingst Drive and Pine Street to 30 MPH. PennDOT conducted a comprehensive study in response, analyzing the speeds of 55,868 vehicles along this stretch.

The study results indicated that the 85th percentile speed, a key measure in determining appropriate speed limits, was 40 MPH, with an average speed of 35 MPH. Based on these findings and engineering parameters, *PennDOT has determined that a reduction in the speed limit is not warranted at this time.*

As a result, there are no immediate plans to install additional speed limit signage on Main Street. However, the Borough emphasizes the importance of all drivers adhering to the current 35 MPH speed limit. It is crucial for drivers to remain vigilant of pedestrian crossings, and to exercise courtesy and caution at intersections throughout the Borough.