



Spring 2025

Elverson Events



Elverson Yard Sale—Saturday, May 17

8 am to 1 pm

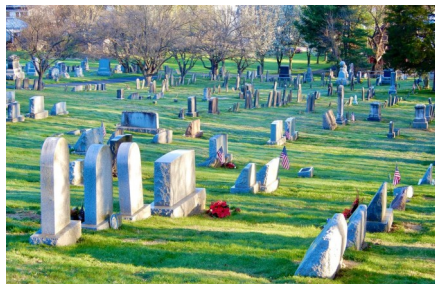
Summerfield, Parkside, Springfield Village, Main and Chestnut Streets.

Elverson t-shirts will be sold at the Elverson Fitness Club—51 South Pine.



Primary Election— Tuesday, May 20

7 am to 8 pm, Brick Lane Community Church,
52 South Brick Lane



Elverson Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 26

10:30 am—Elverson Cemetery, 35 East Main



Elverson Day at the Park

Saturday, June 28, 5 pm—Livingood Park

Food trucks, games, face-painting, music, bouncy house, barrel train. Ends with fireworks.

Rain date is Sunday, June 29

Coming soon – New Activities for Livingood Park

Lisa Palser, Parks & Rec Committee

Two new additions to Livingood Park will be here this summer. The soonest to arrive is 2 sets of **Corn Hole game boards** for friends and family to play at Livingood Park. All thanks go to the Trail Life group that meets in Elverson, a group of local boys and their fathers who built and painted the boards. There are 2 sets of boards that will be stored at the Livingood Park Pavilion, along with the bean bag sets to play the game. Anyone can use them at the Park. We just request you put them back in the storage box before you leave. Have fun!



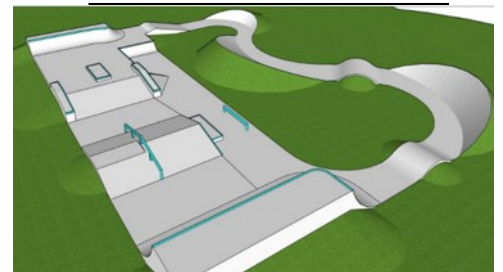
Boys building corn hole boards.

The second is the **Elverson Skate Park and Pump Track!** The project is being led by the Action Impact organization, a Christian Youth Organization who planned, designed, and raised funds for the matching portion to a grant which was approved by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Greenways, Trails & Recreation grant program! Construction is scheduled to begin in May and we are hoping the track will be ready for use in August. A huge thank you to Justin, Jansen, and the Action Impact organization! The Skate Park and Pump Track will be installed on the field that was formerly tennis courts at the Park (the east side of the parking lot off of S Chestnut Street).



Corn hole boards at the Park.

Please be patient and safe while the construction is underway – and do not walk or ride on it early, so that the concrete completely sets. We will put up a sign when it is expected to be open for use. Stop in at the information table at Elverson Day on June 28 to have the latest update on the schedule.



Skate Park and Pump Track Design.

For Elverson Updates, join us on Savvy Citizen.

**Elverson Borough Residents,
Savvy Citizen® is now available!**



Elverson Borough would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the borough to send information about important news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



For more info:
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Winter Recovery

Herb Hamilton

After a rough winter I am enjoying spring and hope you are, too. And it's everything that goes along with it, not just the warm weather. It's nice to be out playing in the garden and as I play with my plants, I have noticed winter burn. Maybe you have noticed this on your plants, brown leaves on one side or plants that have gone completely brown. This is a result of multiple factors, the dry fall, lack of snow cover, extended temperatures below freezing, the winter winds and road salt. It's been a tough winter, but we can help the plants recover.

Start by assessing the damage. Broadleaved evergreens like azaleas and rhododendron are the most susceptible but under the right conditions winter burn may be experienced by any plant. The visible sign is the brown leaves on the plants but check the branch. Is there branch dieback? Scratch the branch in the affected area. If there is green beneath the bark, the branch is alive and new growth should emerge. If instead of green you see brown or black, the branch has died, and you prune it. The same holds true for deciduous plants that are not fully leafing out. Run the scratch test on the branches showing no leaves or stunted leaves. Take your time as you check. It's not a race, but rather an opportunity to get to know your plants better.

The last thing to do is fertilize. For most plants, Holly Tone is a good basic fertilizer that slowly releases nutrients into the soil.

As with any gardening, it takes time. Be patient, get to know your plants and enjoy connecting with nature. Happy gardening.



Elverson's Egg Hunt

On a beautiful Saturday morning on Easter weekend, many in Elverson enjoyed gathering at Livingood Park to meet the Easter bunny and hunt for eggs. Calla's Critter Rescue, an Elverson nonprofit, sponsored this event. The Twin Valley Fire Department joined in on the fun.

If you have interest in saving kittens, log onto www.callascritterrescue.com and learn more about the hard work of rescuing kittens. Our thanks to them for resurrecting Elverson's Egg Hunt.



Want FREE tickets to the Reading Phillies game on Saturday, May 17th? Contact the Borough office—
610-286-6420
secretary@elversonboro.org



YARD WASTE PICK UP FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING CUSTOMERS ONLY

A.J. Blosenski, Inc. will be providing yard waste collection to **current trash and recycling customers** on the following dates:

- Friday May 23, 2025
- Friday June 27, 2025
- Friday September 26, 2025
- Friday October 31, 2025
- Saturday November 29, 2025



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

HOW TO PREPARE YARD WASTE FOR DISPOSAL

Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper bags or bundle it with biodegradable twine in easy-to-handle bundles.

- No more than 5 biodegradable bags of yard waste per collection
- No more than 15 biodegradable bags of leaves per collection
- No more than 4 bundles of branches per collection
 - Bundles may be no longer than 5 feet in length.
 - Bundles may not weigh more than 30 pounds each.
 - Bundles may not exceed 17 inches in diameter and branches may not exceed 2 inches in diameter.
- Once prepared, yard waste must be placed at the curb on scheduled pick-up day before 5:00 am.

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= Non-Summerfield residents
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 = Yard Waste

Home Security: Tips for Summer Travel

Kate Trost

When you're preparing for a trip, whether it's for a weekend getaway or a long vacation, one of your biggest concerns should be the safety and security of your home while you're away. A home left unattended can be an easy target for burglars or vandals. However, with a little preparation and a few precautionary steps, you can ensure your home remains safe and secure, even when you are miles away. Here are some essential home security and safety tips to follow before you head out on your next adventure.

Secure All Entry Points: Slow down and take the time to double-check every door and window is properly secured. For added security, consider reinforcing window locks, installing deadbolts, or security bars on sliding door tracks.

Notify Trusted Neighbors or Friends: Prevent potential threats to your home by keeping a trusted person informed about your travel plans. Don't hide a spare key outside, but give it to your advocate for potential emergencies.

Unplug Electronics and Appliances: Consider fire safety and energy consumption by unplugging unnecessary appliances like toasters or televisions to reduce the risk of electrical fires. Further conserve energy by setting your thermostat to an efficient temperature. For an extended period, turn off the main water valve to prevent leaks or floods.

Use a Home Security System: If possible, invest in a system that allows you to monitor your home remotely. Consider utilizing security alarms, surveillance cameras, or smart locks to control access to your home.

Avoid Sharing Travel Plans Publicly: While it's tempting to share your excitement on social media about your upcoming trip, doing so can jeopardize the security of your home. Don't post about your trip until your return, review online privacy settings so only trusted followers can

see posts related to your travels, and keep your absence low-key to ensure your home doesn't become a target.

Stop Mail, Deliveries, and Package Drop-offs: An obvious sign that someone is away from home for an extended period is the accumulation of mail, newspapers, or packages at the doorstep. Contact the post office to hold your mail or ask a friend to pick it up for you regularly. Pause subscriptions, and schedule or redirect package deliveries.

Take Precautions for Valuables: Use a locked safe for important documents, jewelry, or small valuables. Avoid leaving expensive items in plain sight that can be seen through windows (such as electronics, cameras, tools, etc.)



Make Your Home Appear Occupied: A home that looks unoccupied is an easy target for suspicious activity. Using a smart device, or programming lights to turn on and off at certain times, can make it appear as though someone is still at home. Additionally, ask a neighbor to park their car in your driveway on and off.

Prepare Your Yard: Overgrown lawns or unkempt gardens can be an indication that no one is home. Mow the lawn and take care of any outdoor maintenance before you leave. Secure gates and fences so access to private areas are limited and activity can't go unnoticed.

Keep Emergency Contacts Handy: In case anything happens while you're away, know local emergency numbers.

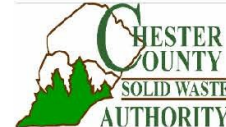
The last thing you want to worry about is the security of your home while you're enjoying your vacation. By taking a few proactive steps and being mindful of your home's safety, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing that your property is secure and your home is protected while you are away. Safe travels!

Anaerobic Digester Update

As you may be aware, Kirkland Farms in Morgantown has proposed the construction of an anaerobic digester intended to process agricultural and other waste materials into natural gas. Although the conditional use application for this facility has recently been withdrawn, it's important to stay informed. Elverson Borough has formed a dedicated committee to keep an eye on developments in Caernarvon Township. Interested residents are strongly encouraged to seek good information and remain engaged. One great way to do that is by downloading the **Savvy Citizen** app. Not only will this app inform you of Elverson's upcoming events,—it also helps you track what's happening in neighboring townships.

KEEP LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES OUT OF TRASH & RECYCLING

By Patti Lynn
Recycling Resources Manager



It is extremely likely that you have rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in your home – to power a cell phone, laptop, or power tool, for example. Batteries are both ubiquitous and confusing, having various sizes and chemistries in multiple products. They also don't last forever. It is important to know how to properly dispose of them, ESPECIALLY those with lithium-ion (Li-ion). From button cells to embedded ones, batteries are smaller, lighter, cheaper, but more energy-dense than ever before. Their power can make them dangerous to manage, even if you think they have lost their charge.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? The two Chester County landfills that accept your trash must routinely manage potential fire conditions. Collectors of trash and recyclables must also be prepared for dangerous materials that may be hidden in residents' containers. You wouldn't want a "hot load" dumped in your neighborhood!

BASIC FACTS: Batteries are either primary (one and done), or they are rechargeable.

RECHARGEABLES DO NOT go in your recycling bin OR your trash bin.

- Look for these symbols that mean lithium-ion in a battery: Li-ion, Li+, LiB, LIB, UN3480, and UB 3481 (If built into a product).
- Beware counterfeit Li-ion batteries; they are often made with lower quality materials and less safety features. Look for misspelled words, forged certifications, cheap packaging and pricing, and suspicious third-party sellers online.

HOW YOU SHOULD HANDLE "DEAD" BATTERIES:

- A spent battery can still have a charge. Li-ion batteries are flammable if they are punctured. It is unsafe to remove a Li-ion battery. Before battery drop-off, tape the terminals, or put the same **type** of batteries (all NiCad, e.g.) in a plastic bag. [View the CCSWA's safety video here.](#)
- Retailers such as Staples, Home Depot, and Lowes often accept batteries. Check online or use Call2Recycle's zip code locator: www.call2recycle.org/locator/
- [Register for a County Household Hazardous Waste event here.](#)
- Bicycle batteries: the Call2Recycle product stewardship organization that recycles batteries has partnered with [People for Bikes](#) to collect bike batteries at retail bike shops.
- Small power equipment batteries: www.opei.org/battery-basics/
- Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, etc.) are the **ONLY** ones that can safely go in trash.
- For more battery types, visit www.chestercountyswa.org/373/Disposing-of-Batteries

Batteries *are* getting recycled for their component metals, thereby reducing extraction needed from the earth. That is a good thing. Please be safe and responsible with your batteries.



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2025 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

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NO TV's, ELECTRONICS, LATEX PAINT OR FREON® APPLIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: www.chestercountyswa.org
(Go to Household Hazardous Waste dropdown → Click on [Upcoming HHW Events](#))

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025	Technical College High School – Pickering Campus 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460	
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025	Coatesville Learning Center 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 (Stone walled entrance – Veteran's Drive – Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025	Oxford School District Administrative Building 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025	Downingtown Middle School 115 Rock Raymond Road, Downingtown, PA 19335	

Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 gallons or 220 lbs. / No Metal Drums

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Lots to Love

Esther Prosser, Elverson Mayor

There's a lot to love about Elverson. Fresh in my mind right now are the many who are volunteering. Our Main Street flower pot planting and watering is a recent example with at least a dozen Elversonians maintaining fifteen Main Street pots to beautify Main. In March, a few showed up on a rainy, cold Saturday morning with trash bags and gloves to pick up litter at our parks and along our main streets. Boys and their fathers in a new club, Trail Life, built two corn hole games for use at Livingood Park. Our

Elverson Egg Hunt was resurrected by volunteers from a nonprofit, Calla's Critter Rescue. I am in the throes of planning our Elverson Memorial Day Ceremony, all of which is conducted by volunteers. The Elverson Day committee, filled with young and energetic minds, is working hard to again bring a fun evening at our Livingood Park. This is not a complete list (I did not even mention the Twin Valley Fire Department or our Elverson Parade Committee). What a great square mile God has blessed us with! Thanks to many who are helping make Elverson the best!



We have moved to a bi-annual publication. Send your Elverson news and stories to our editor at brenda@stoltzfus.com or call her at 610.286.5115. Newsletters can be found on elversonboro.org.