



Spring 2026

Celebrating Spring—On Wheels

Lisa Palser, Parks & Rec

What was once an unused flat grassy spot on the eastern edge of Livingood Park (and before that, tennis courts in disrepair) has recently been converted to our Elverson Skatepark and Pump Track, thanks to local skateboarders, Jansen and Justin Horrocks and their non-profit Action-Impact. They received Chester County grant funding and matched it with local donations so no dollars were needed from the Borough, the agreement put in place when the project was approved.

On Saturday April 11, on a bright spring day, Elverson celebrated the opening. What a fun event! People of all ages, some watching (like me), many with wheels – skateboards, roller blades, scooters, balance bikes - enjoying the outdoors and each other. Food and

drinks were donated, including BBQ from Stamped and breakfast sandwiches, snacks and drinks from Encourage Community Church and Arment Concrete.

The skatepark has been active since Thanksgiving, and on just about any nice day (and even on some snow days), individuals, groups of friends, and families are outside, enjoying rolling and riding along the ups and downs and ins and outs. A grandma mentioned that she spent hours there with her young grandsons, visiting from Pittsburgh—they are their balance bikes and scooters and she on her own bike. Young and old and every age in between are actively enjoying this new addition to Elverson’s Livingood Park.

Please check it out with your own wheels or drop in to watch the fun. The Park is open dawn to dusk.



L to R: Remo, Ollie and Matt Arment, Lisa Palser, Justin Horrocks (with his 2 sons) & Jansen Horrocks.



A beautiful April day for the Elverson Skate Park and Pump Track opening.

A Call to Preserve Elverson's History by Listening to the People Who Lived It

Katerina Skartsila

I have lived in many places, but I still remember driving into Elverson for the first time and passing the old train station. It stopped me for a moment, carrying a quiet sense of history and a nostalgia that reminded me of my own childhood, even though I had never lived here before. When I settled into Elverson in 2018, I stepped into my historic home on Chestnut Street and felt an immediate connection. It felt grounded in time, as if it had been holding onto its own story long before I arrived. I fell in love not just with the house, but with the life it had already lived.

Years before me, a woman named Elizabeth Anna Hawk lived there for more than half a century, witnessing the town change through generations of growth, hardship, and renewal. It made me realize that the places we live hold stories far beyond our own. Change happens, sometimes slowly, sometimes all at once. Unless we take the time to notice, document, and preserve what matters, those pieces of our shared story can fade. That is why the Borough of Elverson is working to reestablish the Historical Commission.

This commission will help preserve the character and history of our community and create a space for residents to share what they remember, what they have experienced, and what they have seen change over time. Because one day, someone else will look around and try to understand what Elverson once was. Let us make sure there is something to find.



Katerina on the front porch of her Elverson home on North Chestnut Street.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Borough of Elverson is actively working to reestablish its Historical Commission and is inviting residents to participate. The commission will focus on preserving local history, documenting community stories, and supporting efforts to maintain the borough's historic character for future generations. All residents are welcome. No prior experience in history or preservation is required. Those interested in joining or learning more, please email me—Katerina.Skartsila@gmail.com

WHY THIS EFFORT MATTERS

“Your story matters. We are here to listen.” Elverson's history is not only found in archives or photographs. It lives in its homes, its streets, and the memories of those who have witnessed its evolution. As time passes, those firsthand accounts become increasingly valuable.

The goal of the Historical Commission is to ensure they are preserved, not lost, so future generations can understand the town as it once was. The same sense of history I first felt when passing the old train station is what I now recognize throughout Elverson. It is present in the architecture, in the quiet streets, and in the places that once served as gathering points for daily life. What once moved people in and out of town by rail now remains as a reminder of how connected this community has always been to change, movement, and time.

Primary Election Schedule

Tuesday, May 19, 7 am to 8 pm, Brick Lane Community Church, 52 S Brick Lane

Last day to register to vote: Monday, May 4

“We do not have government by the majority.
We have government by the majority who participate.” Thomas Jefferson





Elverson Events



Elverson Yard Sale—Saturday, May 16, 8 am to noon.

Sales throughout Elverson including Summerfield, Parkside and Springfield Village. The Windy Hill Farm to Table Food Truck will sell breakfast sandwiches and smoothies at 11 South Pine Street. If you plan to sell and want your address shared prior, contact Esther Prosser, esther@stoltzfus.com, 484.269.7153.

**Elverson Memorial Day Remembrance Service
Monday, May 25, 10:30 am
Elverson Cemetery, 35 E Main**

Pause to honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives
in service to our country.



**Elverson Day at the Park
Saturday, June 27, 5 pm to dark
Livingood Park**

Music, food trucks, kid's games, animals, vendors, TVFD trucks. We end with fireworks.



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 22, 2026

Friday June 26, 2026

Friday September 25, 2026

Friday October 30, 2026

Saturday November 20, 2026

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

NO GARBAGE, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, TREE STUMPS OR DIRT AND STONES WILL BE COLLECTED!

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.

YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED!

This notice is being provided by the Elverson Borough Council Members

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Our Own Elverson Food Truck

Windy Hill Farm to Table food truck will be parked at A-Z Urgent Care, 45 South Pine Street every Wednesday from 11:30 to 5 pm. Food truck owner, cook and Elverson resident, Derek Altman writes, "I want everyone to know that we have take-home meals, just heat & eat. They are a great option and all homemade. During my time selling the heat and eat meals, I offer a small lunch menu consisting of soup, salads and upscale sandwiches. Anyone working in the local businesses receives a discount."

Take a break from cooking on Wednesdays and enjoy Derek's homemade food.

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A Note from our Mayor

Thankfully, the cold weather is finally pushing its way out, and the warm days are slowly making their return. This winter has been a harsh one for all of us, and it's wonderful to see families out walking through the neighborhoods again, enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.

As you notice kids riding their bikes, neighbors walking their dogs, and children playing in their yards, please remember to **slow down** on our roads. Be mindful of the **speed limits** throughout town and in our developments. We're a small community—and taking care of each other is what makes Elverson such a special place to live.

With warm weather comes the season of yard work! Let's keep **Elverson clean and looking fabulous** by giving our lawns, gardens, and porches a little TLC. Our ordinances do require that front porches and yards remain free of rubbish, so let's all do our part to keep our town beautiful. If you're having a tough time getting your yard in shape, reach out to a neighbor—lend a hand where you can, and ask for help if you need it. That's what community is all about. Together, we can keep Elverson



looking its best and feeling like home.

And as we celebrate the **250th birthday of our nation**, let's **light up Elverson!** I'd love to see our town decorated for *Elverson Day* in bright **red, white, and blue**. Join in the celebration of our country's milestone and show your community pride—our town would look absolutely **fabulous** shining in patriotic color!

Let's make this season one to remember—filled with community spirit, kindness, and pride in our hometown. One more fun piece of info - I'm excited to share that there's a new brewery in Elverson, PA — Gretz Brewery, located off Isabella Rd! I had the pleasure of touring the facility, and it's truly an impressive achievement. Their beer is crisp, refreshing, and full of character.

It's great to see a heritage brand like this return with quality at the forefront — Elverson's definitely landed something special. Be sure to keep an eye out for their brews and check out their website: gretzbrewing.com.

Warm regards,
Cindy Franchitti, Mayor, Elverson Borough