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ELVERSON BOROUGH EASTER EGG HUNT

Chris Cameron

The weather cooperated for this year's Elverson Easter Egg Hunt and the children took full advantage of the festivities in the park. The Easter bunny didn't just bounce into Elverson's Livingood Park, he rode in on style atop a Twin Valley Fire Department truck.

The event was organized by Jenny Cameron and Lauren VanSteenvoort; volunteers included the Dunbar Family, Becca Walker, the Elverson Fitness Club staff, and Martin and Ellen Carmody. Special thanks to Elverson Borough, Dr. Chris McCarthy, Stell Enterprises, and Elverson Fitness Club for donating the grand prize baskets. More than 1,300 eggs were stuffed and hidden around the tennis courts and the gazebos in the park.

Nearly 200 children attended the egg hunt with their families, almost doubling the amount of participants from previous years.

"We had a lot of returning families and new families this year," Cameron said. "It was a great use of the park and we were happy to see so many community members come out to enjoy the day."

As children began to congregate, the Elverson fire truck siren announced the arrival of the Easter bunny. Children crowded near the tennis courts to see the bunny hop down from the truck to kick off the day's events. Mayor Bob Broderick reprised his role as the Easter bunny and was happy to say "hi" to all of the children and posed for many photos. Broderick, a former elementary school teacher, was very excited to play the part and did a wonderful job.

Volunteers of the Twin Valley Fire Department were happy to talk and take pictures with families, letting children sit inside the cab and answering questions about the equipment. Children watched in awe as the ladder was raised into the air. Registrant donations benefitted the Fire Department.

There was plenty of candy and plenty of smiles at this year's egg hunt. It's safe to say that Borough children are looking forward to this sweet event next year.



Tri-County Art Show and Sale

The 21st annual Tri-County Art Show and Sale, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Twin Valley, will be held from Friday to Sunday, **April 8 to 10**. The event will take place at the Caernarvon Township Community Center, 3307 Main St., Morgantown.

The event will begin with a gala preview reception from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 8. Food and beverages will be served, and guests will have an opportunity to meet the artists and participate in a silent auction. In addition, Twin Valley High School (TVHS) musicians will be performing during the reception.

The art show will be free to the public on **Saturday, April 9, and April 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** During the show, approximately 30 local artists and potters will display and sell their artwork. In addition, student artists from TVHS will present their work.

Mary Burke is this year's featured artist. Mary attended the Crawford College of Art and Design in Cork, Ireland where she graduated with honors in Printmaking. She attended Rhode Island College to pursue a degree in Art Education, started studying with Bruce Becker at The Warehouse Studios, and ultimately fell in love with oil painting. Lately she has begun to explore watercolors, which allows her to express her ideas through a very different creative process. Mary paints in a very realistic style using a variety of topics. She draws inspiration from the simplicity of everyday life that surrounds us and her desires to have people see the ordinary in an entirely different light. She is a member of The Warehouse Studio and teaches at the Wider School and the Community Home School of Elverson.

Advance tickets for the April 10 reception may be purchased by contacting Ron Moyer at 610-286-7689 or rmoyerfb23@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The show is the primary fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Twin Valley. Proceeds from the event will benefit community and charitable activities in the Elverson, Morgantown and Honey Brook areas.



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As a part of the Chester County Library System, you can have books/items delivered to this library rather than driving further for pick up. There are museum passes that check out for free and hot spots (Wifi for your home) that check out for a nominal fee. Our library offers book clubs, Bridge and Mah Jongg groups, and programs on finance, health, nature and history for adults to engage in lifelong learning.

Our children's department offers a variety of story time sessions and special programs to encourage early literacy of our little ones. In 2015, the library hosted over 700 events with nearly 14,000 attendees.

This spring we'll have programs for history buffs as well as nature lovers. Both departments are planning for Summer Reading Clubs. The clubs encourage children to read through the summer and give adults an opportunity to win gift baskets just for reading or attending programs. You can find details at <http://chescolibraries.org> – Events. There is always something going on at the library. I hope you'll stop in soon!

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The location at 45 South Pine Street has been in place for more than a decade and offers an array of services including: Laboratory Services, Physical Therapy, Radiological Services, Urgent Care, WorkCare (Occupational Medicine). The location also features a family practice led by Dr. Christopher McCarty, who grew up in the community and is a graduate of Twin Valley High School.

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Betty Shaw

As the health care environment has changed, hospitals within geographic proximity are consolidating into regional systems, just like St. Joseph and Penn State Health. There are many reasons for this including compatible missions, a shared vision to make the best care available to the people of the region and, in this instance, a five-year record of St. Joseph and Penn State Health successfully working together in clinical relationships that resulted in bringing much needed specialty care, not currently available in the Berks, Chester, Montgomery communities closer to home.

The 2015 Christmas VA Gift Drive was so successful that I wanted to become involved in other areas to benefit the Coatesville VA Medical Center. A branch in need is the Veterans Multi-Service Center Thrift Store. This store accepts furniture and household items. These items are then either given to newly housed Veterans or sold in the Thrift Store and then the monies received help sustain other programs such as food vouchers, clothing, rent or emergency utility payments. No matter what is given, the end result is our Veterans benefit from your donations.

Penn State Health President and Chief Executive Officer John R. Morahan noted that family physicians, like Dr. McCarty, are extremely important because they play a daily role in helping people maintain their health, especially those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Further, he said, for patients who need advanced levels of care, like that provided either on St. Joseph's acute care hospital campus in Bern Township, or in the academic care setting at Penn State Hershey, Dr. McCarty has access to more specialists and can connect patients with the right services for their unique circumstances and can ensure the continuity of care for each patient.

The Thrift Store can use most any household or furniture items. The only things they do not or cannot accept are mattresses, child car seats and toys. The trucks are usually out in the Elverson/Morgantown area on Fridays. You can call the store to set up an appointment for a pickup. Depending upon the number of stops scheduled, they may need a week's notice for any given Friday.

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HAPPY ELVERSON TREES

Elverson Shade Tree Commission

Mulching trees, when done properly, is beneficial for their health. Mulch helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds, moderate soil temperature, and improve soil structure and fertility. A mulch thickness greater than 2 to 4 inches, however, is over-mulching. If mulch is piled high against the tree trunk, the consequences of over-mulching can eventually kill the tree.

With mulch piled against the tree's trunk, the bark softens because of moisture and becomes susceptible to cankers, splits, and bark rotting. The moist environment leads to fungal and bacterial disease and insect attacks which results in further decline in the health of the tree.

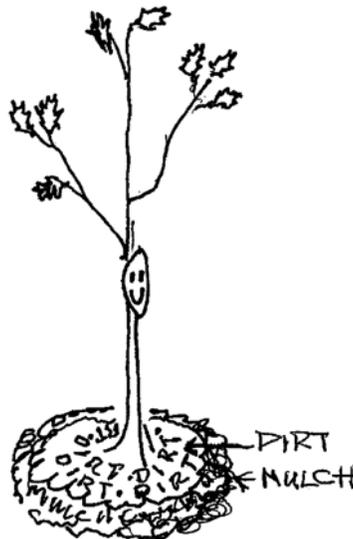
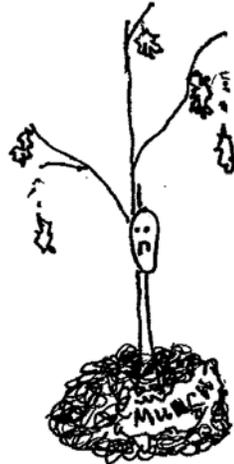
What is the correct way to mulch a tree?

If mulch is piled against the tree trunk, pull it back 8 – 12 inches from the trunk exposing the trunk and root flare to the air.

Spread a thin layer of mulch around the tree to a depth of 2-3 inches forming a mulch "ring" with no mulch touching the tree's bark.

In the spring, rake existing mulch to refresh and break up the top crust. Add additional mulch if needed to a depth of 2-3 inches.

Mulching the right way helps support healthy lateral root growth and also protects trees from lawn mower and string trimmer damage, making for happy Elverson trees.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

Congratulations to Ruth A. Cook, who recognized the small, diamond-shaped window pictured in the March issue of the "Elverson Borough Newsletter" as being on the front of the attractive historic brick home located at 103 East Main Street, next to Elverson Supply Company. Ruth contacted me with her correct answer the day the newsletter was placed in my mailbox – which didn't surprise me at all since the window is part of her house. Ruth has won an Elverson Day tee shirt.

This house was built around the turn of the century (early 1900's). Robert Cook and his wife Bertha bought it in 1922 from Sophie R. Sigmund, Issac K. Sigmund's widow. Their son, George Randall Cook, moved his family into the home in 1938 (when Robert E. Cook, Sr. (Bob) was about 13 years old) to be closer to the family business next door. George and his wife Ruth S. then purchased the house from his father in 1941 and Bob and his wife Ruth A. bought it in 1965. Ruth still lives in this sturdy brick home and loves being so close to her family, most of whom work at the business Bob's father and grandfather co-founded, which is now Elverson Supply Company.

Ruth told me that except for taking out a little-used stairway and replacing it with a modern powder room on the first floor and removing a pantry door, the house has not been remodeled. It is cozy and remarkably quiet considering it faces busy Main Street.

This month's photo is of a part of another Elverson Historic home. As you may have guessed by now, I enjoy looking at and photographing old buildings and writing about their history. This picture is of a well-worn shutter with an interesting-looking shutter dog to hold it in place. Tell me where this historic home is located and if you are correct, you will win an Elverson Day tee shirt. Contact me at jodysfritz@gmail.com or 610-286-8913.



ELVERSON EVENTS

TVEC Used Book Sale	April 7, 8 & 9	TVEC
Main Street Yard Sale	Saturday, May 7	Main Street
CEFC Women's Event	Saturday, May 21	CEFC
Memorial Day Event	Monday, May 30	Elverson Cemetery
Elverson Day at the Park	Saturday, June 25	Livingood Park



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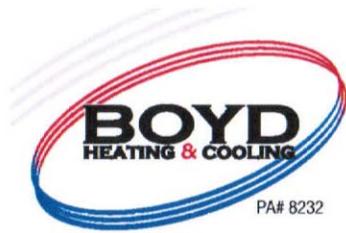
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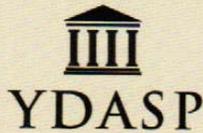
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ELVERSON DAY AT THE PARK

Katie DeWalt



Make sure your calendar is cleared to celebrate small town life at Livingood Park on **Saturday, June 25th**. One of the Borough's most significant events, Elverson Day at the Park provides a fun (and free!) evening for all ages.

This year's celebration will feature many past favorites, including pony rides and a petting zoo for the children, and will wrap up with the traditional highlights: a concert by the Chester County Band and an exceptional fireworks display. However, we're excited to host a few new events as well: Children will love our "Touch a Truck" station, where they can explore machines owned by local businesses. Or, if you've ever been tempted to consider small town living a bit humdrum, enjoy a whole new view of the Greatest Square Mile from a hot air balloon. If heights aren't your thing, then consider joining our first annual knockerball game, or grab a barbeque sandwich and an ice cream cone from one of the several new food trucks we'll be hosting.



The past success of Elverson Day has been largely due to the generous contributions by local businesses, which make possible events like those listed above. *Would your business consider sponsoring an activity or giving towards the fireworks?* Besides your company name being listed in our program and announced by our MC, we'll offer publicity for your business on our event Facebook page. **If you're interested in giving towards Elverson's favorite summer evening, contact event Chairperson Esther Prosser at esther@stoltzfus.com or 484.269.7153.**