



December 2013

IN MEMORY OF BOB PATRY *By Chris Cameron*

From the moment I met Bob Patry, I knew that he cared about Elverson. Six years ago my wife, Jenny, and I moved to Elverson and shortly after moving in, we met Bob and his wife Gloria who were also new to town. They lived on the south side of Livingood Park and Jenny and I are on the north side of the Park. We frequently bumped into one another while walking the path and Bob and I got to talking about everything Elverson. Bob loved history and by the time I met him, he was already hard at work writing and assembling his book, *Elverson: The History of Our Community*.

Shortly after I joined the Elverson Historical Commission, Bob became chairperson of the Commission. Under his leadership the Commission grew and undertook a number of community-based projects. Specifically, during Bob's tenure as chair, the Commission started its historical plaque program, placing dozens of historic home and historic site plaques throughout the historic district. The Commission created three historical calendars during this time. Bob also played a vital role in the Borough's inclusion in the 2011 Chester County Historic Town Tours, which brought many visitors to the Borough to learn about Elverson's rich history. He was an early supporter of the Elverson Farmer's Market in the park. Bob was also involved in the Borough's Centennial Day Celebration and helped to orchestrate the time capsule that was placed outside of Borough Hall. Another project that Bob was passionate about was the preservation of the historic tree stump outside Borough Hall. In fact, a story that he wrote about that tree is on a granite marker next to the stump.

Bob always seemed to have a million ideas

running through his head about historical plans and his vision for the future of Elverson. Sometimes it was difficult for the Commission members to keep up with him. Many a late Monday night was spent inside Borough Hall listening to Bob enthusiastically deliver historical plans and research that he had been conducting. He was a planner and a leader and even if one of his proposals didn't take off, he was never discouraged and had 10 more ideas that he was anxious to discuss.

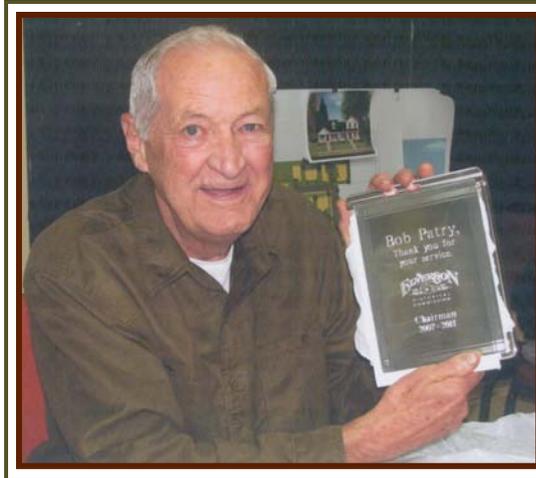
He loved to travel and frequently told me about his adventures and the history that he gleaned during his trips. He inspired me to take many historical journeys with my family just by listening to his stories. He also loved to write. Not only did he publish his book in 2011, he was a regular contributor to this newsletter and other

publications, sharing his historical research and encouraging others to embrace the community's history. Most recently, he wrote a play about the region's iron industry history.

Although Bob and Gloria moved down the road to Churchtown a few years ago, he still remained active in the Borough and this past fall gave a presentation about Elverson's role in the early iron industry. Bob's presentation can be viewed on our website at <http://elversonboro.org/history-1/>.

Bob graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island and served with Army Security Agency in Korea from 1953 to 1956. He served on the board at Historical Poole Forge and has also been involved in the Tri-County, Churchtown, and Caernarvon historical societies.

Bob passed away recently, but his vision for the community lives on. He was happy to see the Main Street streetscape project and the placement of the streetscape historical banners throughout the historic district. Bob was a good friend and a mentor and we'll miss him.



THE ELVERSON BOROUGH 2014 BUDGET

INCOME 2014

Real Estate Transfer and Income Taxes	\$218,000.00
Cable Franchise & Licenses / Permits	\$10,380.00
Fines	\$300.00
Interest Earnings	\$230.00
Rents & Royalties	\$3,500.00
State Capital & Operating Grants	\$11,300.00
PA Liquid Fuels	\$21,000.00
Community Development (MABE Grant)	\$492,047.30
Community Development (Borough's Grants)	\$38,000.00
Charges for Services	\$2,950.00
Borough Plan Review (Subdivision Income)	\$1,000.00
Public Safety Permits	\$16,800.00
Sanitation - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$300.00
Culture - Pavilion Rental - Donations -Historical	\$12,500.00
Private Contributions	\$11,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$839,807.30

EXPENSE 2014

Salaries/Engineering/Auditor	\$63,275.00
Government Office Supplies	\$5,485.00
Advertizing/ Printing/ Communications	\$7,900.00
Rentals/ Web Page/ Dues	\$34,150.00
Contributions	\$250.00
Emergency Services	\$52,979.00
Highways/ Roads/ Streets	\$55,686.00
Street Lighting	\$27,450.00
Parks/Historical/Trees	\$34,550.00
Community Development (MABE Grant)	\$492,047.30
Community Development (Borough's Grants)	\$50,000.00
Employer Paid Withholding	\$2,525.00
Insurance	\$13,510.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$839,807.30



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

by Jody Phillips

Caleb Ober, who has been a regular player in this contest ever since it was started, knew right away that the photo in last month's Elverson Borough Newsletter was part of the brick sign support at the Twin Valley Elementary Center on Rte 401. He contacted me the day I received my Newsletter and was the only one to do so. So a big congratulations to Caleb, who is a very observant young man. He wins the grand prize of a \$10 gift certificate to the Elverson Deli. There were no runners-up this month.

The December photo is more "pedestrian-friendly" than last month's. In fact, I doubt anyone could identify it from a car. But long-time borough residents should have no trouble recognizing it. I would like you to tell me the name of this landmark and where it is located. Email me at Jodysfritz@gmail.com or call me at 610-286-8913. Correct entries received within three days from the day I receive the newsletter in my mailbox will be eligible to win the grand prize of a \$10 gift certificate to the Elverson Deli. Runners-up will get a free beverage at the Deli. Good luck!

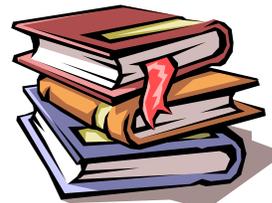


TRASH SCHEDULE

Trash pickup in the borough is every Tuesday morning. Please put your trash out the evening before after 4 pm. The first Tuesday of every month is bulk trash day—you are permitted one big trash item easily handled by two men. Yard waste and recyclables are permitted every week.

When a holiday falls on a Monday (i.e. Memorial Day, Labor Day), trash pickup will be on **Wednesday** of that week. This does not include holidays like Martin Luther King Jr Day, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day.

For trash questions, please contact Melissa at Eagle Disposal—717-355-9560 or melissa@eagledisposal.net.



LOVE TO READ...

PIE (Partners in Education) is holding its 6th annual "USED BOOK SALE" this month! The sale will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 4:30 to 7:30pm, Friday, January 24th from 4:30 to 7:30pm, and on Saturday, January 25th from 9am to 11am in the Twin Valley Elementary Center LGI room. This event is open to the entire community as well as all TVEC families and staff. The profits from this fantastic fundraiser will be used to benefit our school and its students.

To have a successful book sale, **we need your help and support.** First of all—we need your donation of books and other items that will be sold at the book sale. Then we need you to join us at the book sale to purchase whatever you love to read! Please tell other families and friends about the event, so they can come too! Items will range in price from \$.50–\$3.00. **NOTHING MORE THAN \$3.00!** The sale will feature a great variety of books.

Have books to donate? Here is how...

We will start collecting books/items at TVEC on **Friday, January 3rd**. There will be a bin in the lobby (outside library) for donations.

There will be **TWO** drop-off dates to drop off your books at the LGI room (convenient if you have A LOT to donate!) Please drop off items on **Tuesday, January 14th from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm** OR on **Thursday, January 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**.

You can also drop off donations at the Twin Valley Fitness Center (51 S. Pine Street), National Penn Bank (3697 Main Street), or at Aroma's Coffee Shop (Twin Valley Road). Please drop off books during normal business hours and donations are accepted December 9th through January 15th.

Items we **WILL accept as donations: hard cover and paperback books (both adult and children's books), cookbooks, Blu-ray discs, DVD's, CD's, audio books, and Nintendo/Wii games.

Items we **WILL NOT** accept as donations: encyclopedias, textbooks, medical journals, magazines, Reader's Digests, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, and comic books.

**Any questions...contact Gina at gmodo@comcast.net
Thank you in advance for your donations and see you at the
Used Book Sale!**

YOUR BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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MEETING SCHEDULES

Borough Council

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

Municipal Authority

Last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission

Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM (when scheduled)

Historical Commission

Third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM

Shade Tree Commission

Meet when scheduled



COUNTDOWN 'TIL CHRISTMAS!

A Christmas party for children grades kindergarten through sixth grade
(Kindergarten children must be no younger than 5 years old.)

Friday, December 6, 2013

6:15 PM—8:45 PM

Community Evangelical Free Church

52 South Brick Lane, Elverson—

610.286.6790—cefcelverson.org

ELVERSON BOROUGH CANE TO BE PASSED ON

Jody Phillips

Harry L. Barnett Jr of Park Avenue has been determined to be the oldest long-time resident of Elverson Borough. He has lived most of his life in Elverson (Springfield in the early 20th century) and will be 89 years old when he receives the Elverson Borough Cane at a ceremony on **Sunday, January 17 at 2 p.m. at the Twin Valley Fire Department Meeting Room.** All who would like to congratulate Harry and talk to him about his experiences living in Elverson in the early part of the 20th century are welcome to attend.



POLITICALLY INCLINED?

Our two Chair Positions for the Republican Party in the borough are vacant. Here's an opportunity for you to be involved in selecting candidates on a local and county level. It involves meetings in West Chester and actually interviewing possible candidates as well as getting to know them.

You will need to have your petition to West Chester sometime in March. If you are at all interested in learning more about the position or are truly interested in filling out a petition, please call **Beth Stoltzfus at 610-286-6792 or Larry Moran at 610-913-7008.** They would be more than happy to help you with the process.

Submission Deadline is December 15th

for the January issue to brenda@stoltzfus.com,
26 East Main Street

or 610-286-5115. Remember to check out the newsletter *in full color* online at www.elversonboro.org.

OUR THANKS TO THE ELVERSON BUSINESSES BELOW WHO SUPPORT THIS NEWSLETTER. If you would like your business included, please contact Esther Prosser, esther@stoltzfus.com. 484.269.7153.



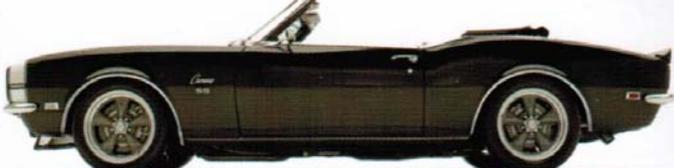
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ELVERSON DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **Children's Christmas Party**
Friday, December 6
6:15 to 8:45 pm—Community Evangelical Free Church
- ◆ **The Farmers' Market at Elverson**
Saturday, December 21
10 am to noon - Livingood Park Gazebos

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SUPPORT THOSE WHO PROTECT US

Jere Scott Bradshaw



Over the last year, we have been the beneficiaries of a group of volunteers, who labor silently behind the scenes so that our livelihoods might flourish. These unpaid individuals form the Twin Valley Fire Department. This organization is not only dependable and industrious in their preparations; they are financially responsible with a 10-year budget of estimated expenditures and income.

However, over the last year, changes in the state law have prohibited this group from fund-raisers done in the past. Consequently, the annual income generated from these endeavors has left the year-end budget with a deficit of \$50,000.

Will you join with us by supporting those who protect us? There are two ways to help. First, you may contribute personal funds directly to the Twin Valley Fire Department for a tax-deductible donation. Donation letters have recently arrived in your mailboxes to make contributing in this way easy for you. Second, business leaders can make year-end tax-deductible donations through their organization. If you can help in either endeavor, please contact Jill Green at jgreene@newmorganborough.org or 610-286-TVFD.

Thank you for serving those who serve us!