



March/April 2018

WAIT

WAIT — We Are All in It Together

Communications Committee

There are few things that test the personal patience of someone more than a surprise in your daily routine. The unplanned change in a schedule and potential domino effect for the rest of the day results in an uncharacteristic level of anger compared to the benign circumstance of a slowed or stopped vehicle. After all, nobody is hurt.

The summers of 2018 & 2019 will be frustrating for impatient travelers in the Borough of Elverson. Main Street will be experiencing a total makeover from below the surface of the road as well as above ground, including the curbs.

Impatience is created by an unexpected set of circumstances. When we eliminate the surprise by planning ahead, adding a few extra minutes of travel time will not be a frustration. But, Elverson can do better than merely avoiding frustration and anger. Pressure and challenges always offer windows of opportunity. We've all enjoyed the great beverage created by adding pressure to lemons!

WAITing does not automatically waste

time. Planned use for waiting offers opportunities we may not have during any other time in our busy day. Experiencing a climate-controlled environment in a vehicle seat designed for hours of comfort offers a few minutes for meditation, positive thinking, prayer and/or conversation. This may result in the best-used minutes of our day if we plan

our WAIT; minutes we would not otherwise experience.

Borough Council has appointed a Communications Committee to keep Elverson Businesses and Residents informed about this



Major Main Street makeover. There will be a public meeting announced in the near future. It is the Committee's hope to present timely information to help Elverson plan and be in this together to use our **WAIT** for good. The long-term benefits of this project to our Borough are immense. The short-term challenges will be real. The process itself may become something more positive than we now imagine if "**We Are All in it Together**".

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Borough office—
secretary@elversonboro.org, 610.286.6420.

How Well Do You Know Elverson Borough?

Jody Phillips

No one identified the location of the photo printed in the November-December 2017 issue of the Elverson Borough Newsletter. Because I figured that residents might have been too busy to look for it during the holiday season, I reran the photo in the January-February issue. True, we've had a rough winter so far, but I think it's time to tell you the location of the photo and present you with a new challenge.

The photo depicts the alarm box on the west side of the old National Penn Bank building at 83 West Main Street in the Borough and can be seen from the parking lot for McCormick Chiropractic. Remember that I always take photos from a "road or public way" – never from private property – and I have to be able to see my subject clearly. If you look carefully, you can make out the words "Wells Fargo" in white lettering on the red shield painted on the box. Those letters appear to have been scraped with a sharp object, almost as if someone was trying to erase the identification of the alarm company. It took me a while to realize that this very rusty whole metal box on the side of the building even was an alarm box. But I knew that National Penn Bank was the only bank that had ever used the building so the words "Wells Fargo" could not refer to the bank by that name.

This month's mystery photo should be easier to identify. I chose to photograph this particular Elverson Historic Home plaque because the history of the original owner of this home is quite interesting and, frankly, I wanted to write about him. Email me at jodysfritz@gmail.com or call me at 610-286-8913 by April 1 with the correct answer and you will win a BOGO breakfast at the Heritage in Morgantown. Treat a friend to a delicious breakfast and the lower-priced of the two meals will be free.



2017 Elverson Veterans' Gift Drive Over 2,500 Gifts Delivered

Christmas at the Coatesville V.A. Medical Center this year surpassed expectations only dreamed of, thanks to the residents of Elverson. The last few years have been very successful and we were able to provide over 300 gifts one year. Another year we reached the unbelievable number of 702 gifts. Last year we exceeded all expectations by delivering over 1,500 gifts. This year we partnered again with the company I work for, TMACC and their members. On Thursday, December 21, 2017 we were able to give gifts to over 2,500 Veterans. We **filled two buses and a cargo van** with these gifts and once again we were able to help three different divisions of the V.A.

Some of the gifts donated were lap blankets and shawls made by the "Summerfield Stitchers", toothpaste and toothbrushes from Dr. Wallace and Wolitarsky, and a very generous check from the Twin Valley Rotary Club in memory of David Ballantyne, a Chaplain at the medical center who passed away in October 2015, a \$100 gift card from Walmart in Morgantown along with several very generous checks from individuals in the community (all of which we used to purchase gifts) and were added to the continuous flow of packages that arrived on my front porch on a daily basis beginning around Thanksgiving. We received a check from a World War II Veteran as well as a Purple Heart recipient of the Korean War.

This gift drive could not have been possible without the incredible participation and generosity of all of the members of our amazing Elverson community and surrounding organizations. For those who contributed money, thank you for trusting me with the honor and responsibility of shopping for you. For those who purchased gifts, thank you! Every gift found a home and helped to make Christmas for our Vets one they will long remember.

I look forward to working with each of you again when we start the drive for 2018! Happy New Year to all of you and **Thank You** for making Christmas 2017 for our Vets the best one yet!!

Betty Shaw





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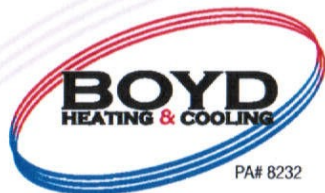
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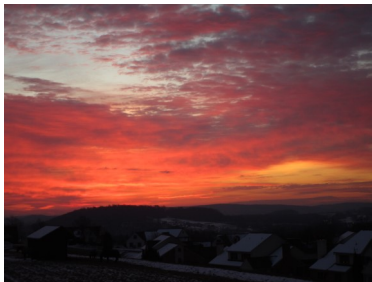
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HENRIETTA HANKIN LIBRARY

If you haven't been by the library recently, you may not have seen the construction that is taking place in the far parking lot. A day care center is under construction. Magic Memories Child Development Center will be the child care provider. The center is expected to open in August.

Did you see Darth Vader at the library? We were happy to host Garrison Carida, a group of Star Wars enthusiasts, in January. Our young program attendees knew an amazing amount of trivia. Between the trivia contest and a sound-a-like contest (do you sound like a Wookiee?) a good time was had by all! Check out our Facebook page for pictures.

The library is hosting AARP tax preparer volunteers to help you complete and electronically submit your tax forms. You may go online to make an appointment – chescolibraries.org and Events or leave a message at **610-321-1704**.

Other adult programs being offered in March include learning more about Libby, our eBook app, and selling on Craigslist. Our book clubs are always looking for new readers! Details on all these offerings can be found on the Events page of our website.

Happy Reading! *Beverly Lawler*

ELVERSON DAY IN THE PARK

Esther Prosser

I know it's not too early to begin talking about Elverson Day because I've already received a call from an Elverson resident planning a back yard party around our event. So, put it on your calendar for the last Saturday in June—**June 30** and we will begin at 5 with fireworks at dark.



Our committee is deep into planning again this year with kid's activities, music, food and hot air balloon rides. Some will be repeated from prior years; some will be new. Believe me, we have young people with great ideas putting this event together.

If you are a business wanting exposure or a vendor desiring to set up a table, please contact me (esther@stoltzfus.com, **484.269.7153**) . If you have ideas and want to be part of the planning, let me know. And at the very least, drop in at the Livingood Park for an evening of Elverson fun!

**STREET SWEEPING IN ELVERSON (except Main Street)
April 16 & 17
MAIN STREET YARD SALE—Saturday, May 19**