

# Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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## Elizabeth Township Community Center

The work continues on the Community Center. The new roof should be an improvement over the flat one that leaked for years. The elevator and exterior drop off point on the east side will be very nice when the weather is bad.

## Farmland Preservation

In January people will again have an opportunity to apply for placement in Farmland Preservation. More info will be in the Winter 2007 newsletter.

## EMS

Ron Grout reported for the month of May 13 medic and 2 fire runs. In June there were 7 medic and 3 fire runs. In July there were 8 medic and 1 fire run. During August there were 12 medic and 1 fire run. The average response time was 8.5 minutes from time of dispatch to time on scene. Injuries happening as part of household and vehicular accidents continue to dominate, with illnesses as the second cause for dispatch. Please check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

## Township Trivia

What is the earliest cemetery in Elizabeth Township?

## Sheriff's Beat

The Sheriff's reported that robberies are picking up, so be aware. Gary Back is in charge of abandoned vehicles. His number is 440-6085. Also it has been reported people who are turning at the intersection of State Route 41 and Children's Home Rd. are going left of center.

## Township Roads

The township is responsible for the township roads. They are Adams, Benham, Cedar Cove, Dayton Brandt North of 41, Hickory Hollow, Hufford, Lehman, Marshall, McCandliss, Mill, Rudy, Sanders, Sayers North side, Shaggy Bark, Gearhart South of Tipp Elizabeth, Weddle, and Widener. The Trustees plow these roads in the winter and have the weeds cut the rest of the year. They are not responsible for the county roads.

## Barn Again!

This is a national program to preserve historic farm buildings. This program helps owners rehabilitate them back to productive use. In Ohio we have a web site developed by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and the Ohio State University Extension which describes the barn preservation program. The web address is [www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~barn/](http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~barn/)

## Election Changes

For the November 7 election, there are two important changes.

1. Proof of identity will be required at the polls. This could be: current and valid photo ID, military ID, copy of utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document showing name and current address. Voters cannot use notice sent by Board of Elections.
2. Absentee voting no longer requires a reason to vote early. It is "no fault early voting." Submit request for absentee ballot in writing to  
Board of Elections  
201 W. Main Street  
Troy, Ohio 45373  
937-440-3900

Include name, signature, address at which you are registered, date of birth, election you wish to vote, address ballot mailed to, and one of the following: drivers license number, last four digits of Social Security number, or copy of current/valid ID. Absentee voting must be received by Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

3. Walk in voting at the Election Board, 201 W. Main Street, Troy, is until Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.  
George Eliot, 1819-1880 English Novelist

## Important Papers

Do your kids know where all your important papers are? Is your will current? These are important items to consider, because in times of crisis they are even more difficult to find.

## Building Permits

Freda & Deborah Couch- new home-3191 Gearhart Rd.  
George & Margaret Dillow-2<sup>nd</sup> story home addition- 2715 S. Children's Home Rd.  
Kenneth Matlock-master bedroom & bath-8619 E. State Route 41  
Patrick Wisecup-addition of covered porch to 3 sides of home- 6234 Tipp Elizabeth Rd.  
Dan & Debi Wollam-home addition-8792 E. Casstown Clark Rd.  
Elizabeth Township Community Center-building addition and refurbish- 5710 Walnut Grove Rd.  
These permits were approved by Gerald Thorstad, Zoning Inspector, 335-6760.

### Did you know the answer?

The Gearhart Cemetery at 1776 Knoop Road contains the graves of Gearhart family members who owned this property. The earliest burial dates from 1818 and is Catherine Gearhart, wife of pioneer John Gearhart.

Ben Sutherly and Carol Mumford, *A History of Elizabeth Township*, page 142

## Contact Us

Township newsletters are mailed to all registered voters and landowners in Elizabeth Township. If you know someone who is not receiving a newsletter, but would like to receive one, please contact the township trustees by phone 335-1920, fax 335-1927 or e-mail at [eliztshp@voyager.net](mailto:eliztshp@voyager.net)

Trustees meet at 8 P.M. on the first and third Wednesday of each month through the end of November at the township house, 5710 Walnut Grove Road (meetings begin at 7 P.M. December through March). Work sessions are held at 8 P.M. on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to be placed on a meeting's agenda, please contact the township trustee office with as much advance notice as possible.