

Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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A Note from the President

As fall is upon us, and harvest begins, I thought it would be a good time to recap the projects the Township has going on. We have the Community Center very near completion. Dayton Brandt Road will be paved this month. Patriot Paving is crack sealing all other Township roads. Ace Tree Service is trimming trees on the right of ways, and the salt bin has 130 tons of salt in preparation for winter. The rights of ways have just been mowed for the last time this year, and gravel has been replaced along berms. I hope everyone has a great fall, and a safe harvest.

Dave Wagner, President

Elizabeth Township Community Center Open House Coming Soon

The Elizabeth Township Community Center will soon be up and running. (Hopefully the wait has been worth it!)

An open house will be held Sunday, November 18th, from 1:00-5:00 P.M. when all the township residents and visitors can walk through the newly remodeled Community Center and see what the Center plans to offer the residents.

At 2:00 P.M. that Sunday, during the open house, there will be a program which will include a dedication, community singing, and presentations. This program will be held in the gymnasium. All are invited to attend!

Ron Swallow, Third Trustee

Community Choir to Sing

If you love to sing and would like to be part of a community choir endeavor—please read on! The choir will perform during a program that includes special presentations the day of the Elizabeth Township Community Center Open House. The program will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 18, 2007 and will be held in the gymnasium. Open House is 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. that afternoon.

There will be 3 to 4 practices for the choir. The first practice will be Sunday, October 21st at 3:00 P.M. at Cove Spring Church, 5705 E. Walnut Grove Road. Please come to this first practice if you are interested in participating.

If you have questions prior to the first practice, please call Delores Swallow at 339-1084 or Wade Wilhelm at 845-3279.

Delores Swallow

Update

Work on the Elizabeth Township Community Center continues. Our maintenance staff, Frank Bowman and Dale Puchalski, is busy with finishing details. They have painted railings, steps, and the lounge as well as hung dry erase and bulletin boards. Not to mention the countless holes they have patched in the exposed brick walls. A portion of our fitness equipment has arrived, the new Star Trac treadmills, elliptical trainers, and an upright bike. I think you will enjoy working out on this fitness equipment; the personal fans are one feature I personally enjoy. We are due to receive the remainder of the fitness equipment order by mid October. We have received our office furnishings and you can now reach me most mornings at the building just call 335-ETCC(335-3822).

We should be ready for our November 18th grand opening to be held from 1 until 5 P.M. Events will include the ribbon cutting, dedication of the Bicentennial bench, a community sing along and other events. Look for more information on our new website www.335-ETCC.com.

Please call me for any suggestions for classes and programs you would to see at the ETCC. I look forward to meeting the community's needs.

Zlata Garrison, Executive Director
335-3822

Farmland Preservation

Farmland Preservation is alive and well in Elizabeth Township! We did not have any applicants rank in the Ohio Agriculture Easement Preservation Program high enough to receive funding this year, although residents who are interested in any of the programs for farmland preservation need to apply to this program as the first step in order to

receive a ranking that is used to determine the eligibility for both the local Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation Program and the new USDA Farm and Ranchland Preservation Program. The Elizabeth Township Trustees applied for and received over \$400,000.00 from the USDA-NRCS to be used for the purpose of preserving farmland in our township. Two months after we received that grant, we were informed that another \$200,000.00 was also available. We have two farms that have applied for the federal program and are starting the application which includes a detailed appraisal. The whole process takes about 18 to 20 months, but in the end, 49% of the easement value is paid for by the federal program and 25% of the easement value is paid for by Elizabeth Township and the landowner donates the rest, which can be a tax benefit to the owner. If you have 40 acres or more of agricultural land and are interested in preserving your acreage from future development, please contact any of the Trustees or Randy Mott, Farmland Preservation Chairman, 335-1866 in the evenings. The next openings for applications will be in January or February of 2008. A great source of information is the ODA website, www.ohioagriculture.gov/farmland/farm-index.stm.

Randy Mott, Farmland Preservation Chairman

EMS

Report from Christiansburg Fire Department was the number of runs for the year was down. Only 17 from 32 in year 2005. There were 9 motor vehicles, 1 structure, 3 grass and 3 other full fires. This year there have been 2 fires. 1 run for EMS. They will be presenting a 5 year plan and outline capital improvements with upgrades to their building and equipment. Insurance and fuel have driven the cost up. They could use more manpower. Squad runs during the daytime hours are down. They are looking to go with paid daytime help and combine with Lostcreek and Jackson Townships.

In June there were 2 Medic runs. Illnesses and injuries were the cause. The average response time was 10 minutes

There were 6 Medic runs and 1 Fire run during the month of August, 2007. The average response time was 8 minutes from time of dispatch to time on scene.

The EMS has made 77 runs through the month of August.

Sheriff's Beat

The biggest issue we have is the speeding on State Route 41 and Alcony Conover Road. They are out here to protect us, so slow down.

If you have a non-emergency problem, call the Sheriff's Office at 440-6085.

Elizabeth Township Historical Museum

The museum is being organized and will soon be ready to open for visitors. I am looking for interested people who would like to volunteer to help staff the museum for several hours once or twice a month. It would not be hard, just to be there to answer questions. I would also like to have a group of volunteers to help run the museum, take inventory, help set up displays, and that sort of thing.

Please let me know if you are interested.

I also need your help in finding pictures and information about anyone who was in the military. Any uniforms or other articles would be appreciated. This includes newspaper articles. I am hunting pictures or newspaper articles about life in the community or the school. I would like to find mannequins to showcase clothes and uniforms.

I also am looking for any information on the one room schools especially the one on the corner of LeFevre and Hufford Road.

Audrey Phillis, Museum Director
339-5209

“Be who you are and say what you feel ‘cause people who mind don’t matter, and people who matter don’t mind.”---

Theodor Seuss Geisel, American children’s author (1904-1991)

Voting at the Township House

Voting at the Township House is from 6:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Make sure you have everything you need to vote. Be informed.

For the November 6, 2007 election, this is what is needed.

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, pay check, 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 6th.

3. Walk in voting at the Election Board, 201 W. Main Street, Troy is until Monday, November 5th, until 4:00 P.M.

Building Permits

James & Sally Jones-7616 LeFevre Rd.-new home & barn
Jim & Alice Beeman-8325 E. Walnut Grove Rd.-sunroom & screened porch
James & Lisa Pierce-760 S. Children's Home Rd.-barn
Thomas & Cherilyn O'Malley- 3063 Gearhart Rd.-barn
James & Lisa Cozatt- 4946 E. St. Rt. 41-swimming pool
Andrew Lair-8515 LeFevre Rd.-detached garage
Dean A. Bowman Construction-Lot 1, Havenview, Marshall Rd-new home
Bill & Candy Schlieper-4015 Tipp Elizabeth Rd.-dining room
Cary & Mary Haun-7595 E. St. Rt. 41-new home
Bill Hershberger-2365 Gearhart Rd.-home addition
Catherine Sutherly-2570 S. State Route 201-barn
Contact Jerry Thorstad, Zoning Inspector, at 335-6760.

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

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.