

Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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Elizabeth Township Community Center

New Year's Greetings

Your Community Center membership continues to grow. We now have 130+ members. We are looking forward to seeing you for a tour, class, or program. The winter brochure is now on-line (www.335-ETCC.com) and should be in your homes the first week in January. Some of the activities we will have are basket weaving, scrapbook club among others. We will have a Senior Club that meets at noon the first Wednesday of the month for a variety of lectures, programs, and entertainment. Fitness class will be offered for teens, adults and seniors. Youth activities include Basketball clinics, tumbling and martial arts. There is something for everyone in the family at the Elizabeth Township Community Center. Come be a part of the "neighborhood." We hope to see you soon!

Zlata Garrison
Executive Director
335-3822

Farmland Preservation

In December the State settled with Mark Batdorf. Mark received his check from Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation in the amount of \$312,218.00. The State contributed \$416, 291.00. The total development rights amounts to \$728,509.00. Information on when the 2008 program begins can be found at www.ohioagriculture.gov/farmland. Randy Mott is the president of Farmland Preservation for Elizabeth Township. He can be reached at 335-1866.

EMS

Fire, EMS and you.....

As we end another year serving the citizens of Elizabeth Township we think it is a perfect time for reflection and information. The New Carlisle Fire Division has been providing both Fire and Emergency Medical Services for over four years. We staff Emergency Medical Services in-house 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The station on Children's Home-Grayson Road is staffed with two cross-trained (Fire and EMS) personnel ready to respond to any emergency that may arise within the township. Many times in our busy lives we forget exactly what it takes to ensure you can sleep safely and with a peace of mind in knowing we are just minutes away.

We manage the coverage of your station based on a 28-day schedule as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act. That translates to 1344 hours that must be covered every schedule or approximately 17,500 hours per year. We do this using 40 Firefighter/EMTS working part time for the City of New Carlisle. Most are full time Firefighter/EMTS in surrounding communities. All are highly trained and capable. It takes 6-8 hours to prepare each schedule to ensure coverage is maintained. The bottom line is you get 24/7 Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) Emergency Medical Services anywhere in the township from qualified personnel.

The station in the Township houses the Advanced Life Support Ambulance unit designated as Elizabeth Medic 3. Ninety percent of our responses are for injuries and/or illnesses so it makes good sense to have that unit in that station. On average, we are on your doorstep within 8 minutes of you calling 911.

Elizabeth Engine 3 is stationed in the New Carlisle Fire House. Several of you have wondered about that. The answer is safety and appropriateness. All additional firefighters come from New Carlisle and are augmented by the ambulance crew at your station if necessary. If Elizabeth Engine 3 were posted in the township, it would necessitate firefighters responding in emergency mode in their personal vehicles. Depending on weather conditions, this could be a 12-20 minute emergency response that puts our firefighters and the people traveling on your roads at a high risk for accidents. This is where appropriateness comes into play.

Engine 3 may not be the most appropriate for the situation. We want to be sure the right piece of equipment is dispatched for the emergency at hand. For example, if the situation involves a tall building or requires a high stream of water our ladder truck would be a more suitable piece of equipment; if the situation is vehicular accident, Engine 3 with its rescue equipment would be the most suitable piece of

equipment. This approach accomplishes multiple tasks. It allows us to use the fire engine exercising the pumps, motor and on-board rescue equipment. In addition it allows our people to use the equipment to maintain competencies. Allowing Engine 3 to sit idle for months on end is hard on the equipment and difficult on the personnel. Even with this use and training Engine 3 has only recorded a total of 2,300 miles and less than ten hours pump time. We use Engine 3 if it is the most appropriate for a local emergency.

It is our responsibility to create the best Fire/EMS system within the confines of the budget, to take care of those in need in a timely, professional manner, and to preserve the safety of our Firefighters and EMTs. We thank you for your confidence and for allowing us to serve you. We wish each of you a happy, safe holiday and a prosperous New Year. Stop in and visit us, and remember, if you need us our number is 911.

**Ron Grout
Fire Chief**

Sheriff's Beat

Operation Flickering Light

In 2007 the Miami County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with area agencies began Operation Flickering Light. This program is designed to draw attention to homes where house numbers cannot be seen. The blinking light will alert emergency personnel AFTER 911 has been called.

To install, remove light bulb from your outside light or lamp and replace with the new socket. Return the light bulb to the socket you just installed. Flip the switch on and LEAVE IT ON. The light will automatically come on at dusk and will turn off when it becomes daylight. If you have an emergency, CALL 911 and flip the switch once. The bulb will begin to flicker on and off alerting emergency personnel of your location.

The following groups and organizations have endorsed the Flickering Light Program: Elizabeth Township, Concord Township, FOP Lodge 58, Pioneer Rural Electric, Piqua Police Department, Troy Police Department, Masonic Mt. Olivet Lodge #226, and Dayton Power and Light Company.

If you have not picked up your Flickering Light, you may do so at the Elizabeth Township Community Center.

Project Lifesaver

The Miami County Sheriff's Office offers the Project Lifesaver program. Project Lifesaver is a system that was designed to assist law enforcement and other emergency service personnel in search and rescue of missing citizens that have Dementia, Alzheimer's or any other illness that would cause one to have the tendency to wander.

How does this program work? Project Lifesaver relies on proven radio technology and a specially trained search team. Clients that are enrolled in the Project Lifesaver wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. When the caregiver reports to the Sheriff's Office that the person is missing, a search team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system. Nationally, search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. In over 1000 searches, there have been no reported serious injuries or death. Recovery times average less than 30 minutes. Miami County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Team is made up of four deputy sheriffs who train with the equipment once a month. We currently have six clients who range in ages and reasons for being involved with the program. Sheriff Cox offers the program at no charge due to the number of supporters of Project Lifesaver and their kind donations.

Charles A. Cox
Sheriff
Miami County

The Sheriff's Office wants us to be aware that leaving garage doors open is an open invitation to intruders. Locking your house will not keep out thieves who want in but it will slow them down. So be aware and if you notice something suspicious in the neighborhood call the Sheriff's Office. (440-6085).

Elizabeth Township Historical Museum

The Elizabeth Township Historical Museum is very lucky to have Audrey Phillis as the Museum Director. She has spent countless hours working to showcase our community. If you have any items for the museum please know that Audrey will display them and preserve them. Call Audrey if your group would like a tour. (339-5209)

"We are made strong by what we overcome." John Burroughs (1837-1921) American naturalist and essayist important in the evolution of the U.S. conservation movement.

Building Permits

James & Mickie Coburn-72 N. Childrens Home Rd.-Garage & addition to bedroom & bath

Sy Clark & James McNulty-1290 S. Dayton Brandt Rd.-Porch
Contact Ted McDowell , Zoning Inspector, at 335-1252.

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 7 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.