

Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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Township Trustee News

Road Work

Township trustees are considering a three year road improvement project on Hufford Road. The first phase will be between 41 and Walnut Grove Road. The side ditch and berms would be improved in 2010. The second phase will be between State Route 41 and LeFevre Road. The third and final phase will be between LeFevre Road and Casstown-Clark.



Outdoor Walking Path Update

The outdoor walking path bid for the Community Center was awarded to Booher Blacktop. They began construction of the path October 26th. The path should be completed by November 30th weather permitting. This new improvement will give all residents a place to walk that is safely out of traffic.

Electric Generator

Kossler Electric was awarded the bid for installing an electric generator for the Community Center building. This generator will operate the entire building during a power outage. Township residents asked for this improvement following the September 2008 windstorm.

Ohio Township Association 2010 Scholarship

The Ohio Township Association is offering three \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors. Requirements include living in one of Ohio's 1,309 townships, a completed application, 500 word essay, high school transcript with a B cumulative average, a score of at least 22 ACT or 1000 SAT, two letters of recommendation and plan to attend a two or four year Ohio college or university in the fall. Deadline to apply is Jan 29, 2010. Call the ETCC for more information at 335-3822.

Elizabeth Township Community Center

Fall Events

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| Mastering Your Finances | Th. Nov. 12 | 7 - 8:30 pm |
| Holiday Craft Bazaar | Sat. Nov. 14 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Get Into the Holiday Spirit/ Craft Class | Th. Nov 10 | 6 – 8 pm |
| Senior Club Carry In Brunch <i>"Christmas program with Walnut Grove Learning Center Children"</i> | Wed. Dec. 2 | 10:30 am - 12 pm |
| Get Into the Holiday Spirit/ Craft Class | Th. Dec. 3 | 6 – 8 pm |
| Breakfast with Santa | Sat. Dec. 5 | 9 – 10:30 am |
| Tag Your It / Craft Class | Th. Dec. 10 | 6 – 8 pm |
| Parent's Day Out | Sat. Dec. 12 | 10 am – 4 pm |

New Fitness Class

Zumba returns in November! Join our new instructor Stephanie Richardson for great Latin themed class. A Saturday class will be held at 9 am. Class cost per month is \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. Look for a Tuesday and Thursday class at 6 pm starting in January.

Zlata Garrison **Phone 335-ETCC (3822)** www.335-ETCC.com

Walnut Grove Learning Center

Walnut Groove Learning Center is celebrating its first birthday this month. The doors to the child care/preschool opened on October 21, 2008. The first year was truly wonderful. Inside the walls of the center, families and staff built relationships co-directors Amy Hawkins and Karen Leffel believe to be an important component in the learning process for children.

At present the center incorporates tow A.M. preschool classes from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is available from 6:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for children ages 3 to 11. We invite you to come and see the facility and meet Amy and Karen. Their passion for working with children can be seen in the documentation on the walls and heard as they describe the importance of respect and acceptance for all children.

Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation News

We have completed the Federal Farm & Ranchland Preservation Program that began back in 2007. We had six land owners and seven farms that applied for the program.

USDA-NRCS provided \$600,000, the Elizabeth Township Trustees provided another \$672,000, and the land owners donated the final portion of the value of the preservation easement that preserved approximately 952 more acres in the Township for strictly agricultural use.

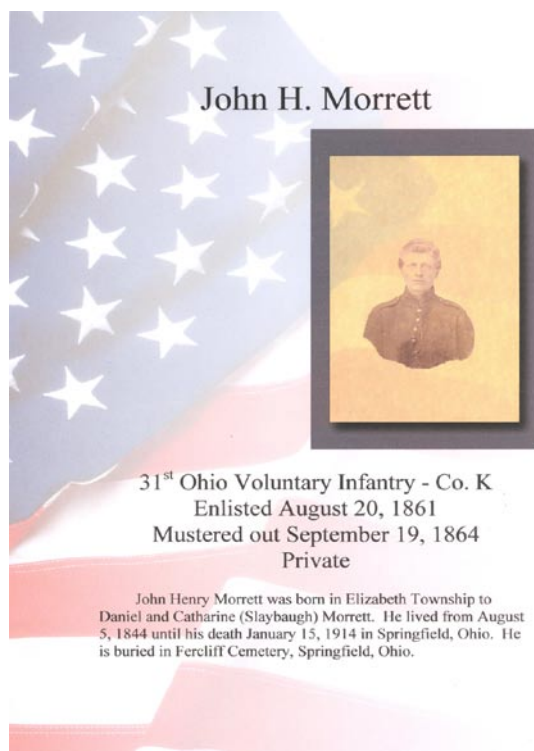
The Township Trustees have committed \$1,000,000 annually toward the preservation program and have preserved about 680 acres through the Ohio Agricultural Easement Protection Program, and 470 acres through the local township program. We anticipate a new Ohio program will be announced in early 2010 and we would encourage any interested township land owners to contact any of the Trustees, the Township office 335-1920, or Randy Mott, Farmland Preservation Chairman at 545-8772 for more information.

Zoning Board of Commission

Any zoning related questions can be directed to Ted McDowell at 937-335-1252

Historical Society

The museum continues to get donations. We want to thank everyone who helps us by giving things.



Check out the picture of what our military collection will look like. We are hoping to get a page like this for all people who served in the military from the township, which service branch and when they served. Please send us a picture and information about you or your relative. We also have information about two men who served in the Civil War from Elizabeth Township. If you are interested in volunteering to compile this information contact Audrey Phillis at 339-5209.

I hear so many stories when people visit the museum and have asked them to write down their stories so that everyone can enjoy them. There is so much history here and it isn't written down it will be lost. Please share those stories with us. You can either write the story or tape it and send it to us. If you don't feel comfortable doing either of those methods, call and someone will tape it for you.

It's time for our membership drive for 2010. Don't forget to join us. We are looking for new members, too. It doesn't cost very much to join and with the newsletter you will know what is happening here in our community.

The museum belongs to all of us. Please let me know any concerns or questions you have. If you would like to volunteer to help it would be appreciated. Call me if you would like the museum to be opened for you or a group. Audrey Phillis 339-5209

Contact Us

Township newsletters are mailed to all registered voters and landowners in Elizabeth Township. Please let us know if your address changes. If you know someone who is not receiving a newsletter, but would like to receive one, please contact Zlata Garrison at 937-335-3822 or email at Zlata.garrison@335-ETCC.com

Trustees meet at 8 P.M. on the first and third Wednesday of each month through the end of October at the township house, 5710 Walnut Grove Road (meetings begin at 7 P.M. November through March). Work sessions are held on the second Monday of each month through the end of October at the township house, 5710 Walnut Grove Road (meetings begin at 7 P.M. November through March). 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. Additional township information can be found on our website: www.elizabethtownshipohio.com.