

# Elizabeth Township Fall 2010 Newsletter

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## Elizabeth Township Community Center



Your community center is the place to be! We have a Euchre Tournament November 19 at 7 pm. Are you interested in getting together with others that knit, crochet or do other needlework? There's the Hooked on Stitching Club the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10 am. The Senior Club meets at noon on the first Wednesday of the month. November 3 will feature Amberly Mitchell's photography and December 1 we will have Christmas music. For the children there's Breakfast with Santa on December 4 and Parent's Day Out December 11 for the parents to get some shopping completed. Don't forget the great fitness classes such as Spinning, Zumba and Pilates among others. You can check out our programs at [www.335-etcc.com](http://www.335-etcc.com). If you don't find what you need or have a suggestion call Zlata Garrison at 335-etcc (3822.)

## Walnut Grove Learning Center



Preschool openings are still available. Contact us for more information. [contact@wglc.info](mailto:contact@wglc.info) or call 339-2189

**Open House** – Sunday, February 13, 2011 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

## Zoning Board of Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

For zoning information call Ted McDowell at 335-1252.

## Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation

We have four landowners in the Township that now have funding obligated for the 2010 USDA-NRCS FRPP program. This program had \$2.1 million in funds that were committed to farmland preservation in Ohio and our four

farms, which total almost 655 acres, have been accepted into this program. The four township easements for 2010 total a minimum easement value of \$1,228,396 and USDA-NRCS contributes 50% of the easement value, Elizabeth Township contributes 25% of the easement value, and the land owners donate the final portion of the value of the preservation easement. This means that Elizabeth Township will receive at least \$614,198 in federal funds, the township will add \$307,099 of local funds, and the landowners will donate the balance of the easement value. We will have \$692,901 of local funds that will go unused for 2010.

The Township Trustees have committed \$1,000,000 annually toward a farmland preservation program. To date 1980 acres in the township have been preserved using the Ohio Agricultural Easement Protection Program, the USDA-FRPP program, and the local township program. We anticipate a new Ohio program will be announced in early 2011, and we also believe that there will be another FRPP program in 2011. If you have any interest in participating in our programs, please contact us. As you can see, we have funding available. As the value of our farmland increases, our easement appraisals have increased as well. 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 545-8772 for more information and to take advantage of these great programs.

## **Elizabeth Township Historical Museum**

The museum has been a busy place recently with groups visiting as well as several family members coming to look at the pictures and genealogy that we have at the museum. Also, we have acquired quite a few things to add to the museum. Military information about servicemen and women has been added to the collection and we hope that the community continues to give us the information about their family members. We've also got pictures and information about the people who graduated and attended Elizabeth School.

One of the things I hope to do in the coming year is to get a picture of all the graduating classes from Elizabeth and to hang them all in a hallway at the center. This will require help from the community. I have no pictures of the classes before 1929 and I still need a picture from the classes of 1950 and 1951. The early years from 1919 on may not have group pictures and we may need snapshots from family albums to complete the group. Please think about whether you have any pictures I need or if you might know of anyone who worked at the school or drove a bus. I'm working on a collection of all the classes and activities for the last year of 1951-1952 before the school became Miami Central.

I appreciate all of you who have been helping me collect these things and really appreciate the stories that you tell me about life in the community. These memories need to be written down and saved. The stories don't have

to be long. Sometimes a few sentences is all it takes and then someone else will add a little more and it becomes several paragraphs.

Remember the museum belongs to all of us. Let me know if you want to visit or you can also just come and the staff at the center will be glad to help you. Please let me know of any questions or concerns you may have.

Audrey Phillis, Museum Director 339-5209

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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](http://www.elizabethtownshipohio.com).

## **Community News**

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) needs your help! Come find out what people throughout the Miami Valley Region think about how the region should grow and change in the next 30 years and help us select a vision! Join us at an open house. Troy Rec Center Oct 21 from 4-6 pm, Friendship Village Coffee House, door 18 at 5790 Denlinger Rd, Dayton, OH on Oct 27 from 4-6 pm, November 10 from 4-6 pm at the Center for Regional Cooperation, 1100 W. Third St. Dayton, OH. For more information contact MVRPC at (937) 223-6323 or visit [www.mvrpc.org/rlu](http://www.mvrpc.org/rlu) or [goingplaces@mvrpc.org](mailto:goingplaces@mvrpc.org).

Troy resident James Mannier has received an appointment to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He is the son of Chet and Jackie Mannier and a graduate of Graham High School.

## Contact Us

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