

## Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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## Elizabeth Township Community Center

### Elizabeth Township Community Hog Roast and Carry-In Dinner

Bring the family and join us on Sunday, July 12th at 4 pm for an afternoon of fun and food. We will be supplying a hog. Please bring a dish to share and your own tableware. Lawn chairs are greatly appreciated as well. Enjoy a game of outdoor volleyball, corn hole and just plain good company. Dinner will be served at 5 pm. Registration is required by Wednesday, July 8th. Tickets can be picked up at the Community Center.



Date: Sunday, July 12

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm with dinner served at 5:00 pm

Cost: Free for Elizabeth Township Residents and ETCC Members

\$5.00 Non Residents and Non Members

### Summer Events

- Th. July 1 Senior Club Luncheon Noon  
Dining with Diabetes, Bonnie Sutherly, Retired OSU Extension Educator
- Th. July 9 Class starts: Marriage Builders 7-9:30 pm
- Th. July 30 Food Preservation Workshop: Freezing & Water Bath Canning 6-8 pm
- Th. Aug. 5 Senior Club Luncheon Noon  
Travel Tips & Destinations, Joe Ramos, Provident Travel
- Th. Aug. 6 Food Preservation Workshop: Pressure Canning 6-8 pm
- Fri. Aug 7 Parent's Night Out / Children's Movie Night 6:30-9:30 pm

### Tumbling - Ages 5 and up

Classes are designed to develop strength, balance and tumbling skills.

Classes are grouped by age and ability.

Call Instructor: Dawna Hellyer at 335-7340.

Summer Classes Available

ETCC Members Cost:

\$30 1 class per week per month

- \$50 2 classes per week per month  
(either 1 or 2 children in same family)
- \$70 3 classes per week per month  
(either 1,2, or 3 children in same family)

Non Members Cost:

- \$35 1 class per week per month
- \$65 2 classes per week per month  
(either 1 or 2 children in same family)
- \$95 3 classes per week per month  
(either 1,2, or 3 children in same family)

### **Outdoor Walking Track**

The trustees are considering installing a walking track around the center and the township house. We would like your feedback – please call 335-3822 to let us know if you would use this track.

### **ETCC Advisory Board**

Are you interested in serving on the **ETCC Advisory Board**? Meeting 3 to 4 times a year, the board serves in an advisory capacity on program ideas and policies for the center. We are accepting 2 volunteers to serve a 3 year term beginning January 2010 ending December 2013. Requirements include living in Elizabeth Township and membership in the ETCC. If you are interested please call Zlata Garrison at 335-ETCC (3822).

Zlata Garrison      **Phone 335-ETCC (3822)**      [www.335-ETCC.com](http://www.335-ETCC.com)

## **Walnut Grove Learning Center**

Thursday, May 28 marked the end to our first official year of preschool. Upon receiving our license in October, we opened our doors with four preschool students. By years end, we had grown to nine. A wonderful sense of community developed among these children as they worked together in the classroom. We were delighted to support them on their first major project: designing and building a bird feeder for our school. This project came about as the children wondered: "Why are the birds not coming?" After sharing many theories and hypotheses, as well as integrating state standards for preschool (measuring, shape recognition, letter formation) the children worked together to offer the birds a new feeder that was placed right outside our classroom window! Imagine the thrill when, eventually, the birds did come! Binoculars, bird identification books, and Elizabeth Township resident and expert, Marian Moeckel, supported the children as they yearned to learn more about these new visitors. They have become an abundant source of knowledge.

An additional 15 children utilize our center for child care. We invite all interested families to call us for a tour of our facility. K We are currently enrolling for the fall (preschool, child care, and before and after care for elementary students.) Let your friends and family know about this hidden gem in rural Elizabeth Township. We are happy to be here.

## **Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation News**

We are in the final stages of completing the Federal Farm & Ranchland Preservation Program that began back in 2007. The Township was awarded \$600,000 for the purpose of preserving agricultural lands and the funds have to be dispersed by the end of June, 2009.

We have 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 will preserve approximately 893 more acres in the Township for agricultural use. The Township cost to acquire the easements is approximately \$752 per acre.

The Township Trustees have committed \$1,000,000 annually toward the preservation program 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 545-8772 for more information.

## **Bids**

All bids on projects for Elizabeth Township will be published in the Troy, Ohio newspaper.

## **Zoning Board of Commission**

The first quarter of 2009 has been very busy as far as new contraction in the Township. Permits have been issued for new houses, additions, and agricultural buildings for a total of over 1.2 million dollars. This is the ideal time for construction. Interest rates are low, the price of building materials is down, and most contractors are very competitive when bidding on new projects. We are also working on updating the Zoning web page and will continue to add more information in the near future.

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

## **Elizabeth Township Historical Museum**

A big thank you goes to the township trustees for the beautiful large antique glass showcase. You can see this showcase in the school room museum where it displays diplomas, school announcements and other various school memorabilia. The historical society appreciates the continued support of the township trustees.

We are now busy working on transferring pictures and files to our new computer donated by Chuck Martin. Chuck also donated an all-in-one printer and scanner. Bring in your old historical photos and we can copy them immediately.

We are in the process of collecting vintage clothing for the museum. Some of the clothing will be used during the July 12 Community Hog Roast and Carry-In Dinner. We will be taking period pictures as a fundraiser during this event. Larry Hess will be the photographer so you can expect great pictures. Be sure and come and enjoy the day, plan on a visit to the museum and see all the changes.

Call 335-5209 to schedule a museum tour, to share ideas, or if you have any questions.

Audrey Phillis, Museum Director

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.elizabethtownshipohio.com).