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Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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Elizabeth Township Community Center

New Year's Greetings

Your Community Center membership continues to grow from 130 members in January 2008 to over 400 members today. We had 16,573 people visit the center in 2008. If you haven't visited us yet, please stop by!

Basic membership for a township resident is \$25 for an individual and \$50 for the entire family. Basic members can use the gym during open gym times, play drop in volleyball or drop in basketball at no additional cost, and they receive classes at the member rate. Add on the fitness center to your basic membership at \$120 an individual and \$300 for the family and use our state of the art fitness rooms. Our staff will orient you to the machines. We even offer fitness testing and personal training at an additional cost.

Our new programs include, Quilt Class, Beginning Crochet, Floral Centerpieces, and Adding Color to you Landscape. New youth programs include Beginning Kung Fu starting in March, the Mad Scientists Club, Kids Get Cooking, Parent's Night Out, also Tumbling and Basketball Clinic's return. There are fitness classes for both adults and seniors. Check out the brochure for complete information on programs and classes or visit us at www.335-ETCC.com.

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

Walnut Grove Learning Center

New Year...New Prices!

*New child care prices effective immediately! Now \$3.00 /hour.

*Join us at our Open House on February 21 from 2:00-4:00 to register for the 2009- 2010 school year. 50% discount on registration if register on or before February 21.

*Information about summer programs available soon. Call for more information. Programs accommodate children ages 3-5 and 6-11.

**Our environment provides challenging experiences that encourage investigation, problem solving, and creative thinking.

Invest in your child...WGLC

PH. 339-2189



Fire and EMS

Flicker light devices are available free at the Elizabeth Township Community Center for township residents. These devices screw into an outdoor light socket and when turned on will flash your lights on and off making it easy for emergency services to see your home. Stop by anytime the center is open to pick up yours up.

Green reflective address signs also make it easier for emergency services to locate your home. These are available at the Elizabeth Township EMS building. For more information call the Elizabeth Township EMS at 339-7444.

Zoning Board of Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

In the fall of 2008, the Elizabeth Township Trustees passed two new Resolutions pertaining to Junk Motor Vehicles and Tall Grass and Trash Abatement.

The purpose of the Elizabeth Township Resolution is to demonstrate the ability to take a proactive stance dealing with Junk Motor vehicles and Tall Grass and Trash issues within the Township and the associated issues that accompany them.

Both Township Resolutions will be explained in detail as we proceed with setting up our Zoning Website within the next few weeks.

In the meantime. If you have any questions on Junk Motor Vehicles, Tall Grass and Trash issues, or any other Zoning related questions, please contact Ted McDowell at 937-335-1252

Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation

2008 has been very successful for the Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation Program. We have had seven farms which have applied for a total of over 1019 acres. At this time we are in the process of processing these applications and hope to have them completed and funds dispersed by March 31, 2009 for those who wish to complete the 2008 preservation program.

The 2009 Ohio Farmland Preservation Program has not been announced as yet, but information from the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Reynoldsburg is that there will indeed be a program, even though Ohio is economically challenged right now. There will be at least three million dollars available for the program that was already committed in 2008 for the 2009 program. The sign up period for the Ohio Agriculture Easement Purchase Program will begin approximately February 26 and will end approximately June 1, 2009.

The Elizabeth Township Trustees will again commit up to \$1,000,000.00 in 2009 for the purchase of preservation easements locally at the rate of \$1,000.00 per acre. The only requirements for the local program are that the applicant must first apply to the Ohio AEPP program through the Miami Soil and Water

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Conservation District, 335-7645 and have 40 acres or more of agricultural land. Linda Raterman or Kreig Smail will be happy to assist you with filling out your application. For more information, please contact the Trustees, 335-1920, or Randy Mott, Farmland Preservation Chairman, 545-8772.

Elizabeth Township Historical Museum

It has been slow at the museum because of the cold icy weather. Hopefully, we can get back to work. Oral histories and picture collecting are two of the things we will be working on. If you or anyone you know has a story to tell about our community, please let us know. We would like to hear it.

The museum has received a picture of Alcony Grace church dated 1906 that shows a group of people in front of the church. We also have the loan of the huge copper kettle used by Cove Spring Grange when they made apple butter. We received some information on the kettle from Rick and Marcia Knife about the maker of the kettle and its probable date of manufacture (1880's). If you have any pictures or stories of the making of apple butter, please let us know.

We are looking for pictures of our community from the first half of last century, especially early farm machines, (tractors, combines, etc.), school pictures from 1916-1953, and any community or church activities from this time. We will copy and return the pictures to you in a short period of time.

The museum belongs to our community, please come and visit. Let us know how we can serve you. Any help will be appreciated. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at 339-5209 or leave a message for me at the ETCC.

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

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.