

Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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Elizabeth Township Community Center

Zlata Garrison was hired as the Executive Director of the Elizabeth Township Community Center. She has a tremendous amount of experience and will be a welcome addition to our community. This is what she has to tell you about herself.

Let me introduce myself

Hello, I am Zlata Garrison the Executive Director of the Elizabeth Township Community Center. I have been charged with the task of making this a central gathering place for the community. I am excited to be a part of this new endeavor. My vision for the Community Center is a place for everyone. I foresee activities for children, families, adults and seniors. Our new fitness center will be a state-of-the-art facility and will offer a variety of fitness classes. The center will have day care, preschool, and latchkey care for infants through school age children. We will have a beautiful multipurpose room—what a great place for a shower or luncheon. The refurbished classrooms will be available for community group meetings. A lounge will feature a large screen TV, wireless internet capability, and be a great place to meet friends. The gym and stage will accommodate many types of activities. A museum celebrating the rich past of Elizabeth Township will be a show piece for the community. The center should be completed early summer and programs should begin in the fall. Look for more information early this summer.

On a personal note, I moved to Miami County in 2005 upon my marriage to David Garrison. Between us we have four children. They are Elizabeth Morgan of Louisville, KY, Joe Carroll of Dayton, Jeremy Garrison and Zane Garrison of

Miami County. Dave and I participate with Zivio Dancers, a folk dance group that celebrates the country of my birth, Slovenia, along with the countries of Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Bulgaria. We perform at Dayton's International World A' Fair and for various nursing homes and schools. My love of dancing has led me into fitness and a lifelong commitment to an active lifestyle.

I welcome your comments and concerns for the new center.
I can be reached at zlata.garrison@yahoo.com

Day Care Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Elizabeth Township Community Center Day Care will be Wednesday, June 6, 2007 from 5 P.M to 8 P. M. at the Kids Learning Place, 1849 Towne Park Drive, Troy. There will be a \$25 deposit required for each child enrolled. For more information call Kathy Cool at 937-778-5220.

The opening of the Community Center should be the end of June.
The picnic will be in September at a date to be determined.
There will be a small cost for the celebration this year. This will enable us to have a more accurate counting of how much food is needed.
We will have games. Please plan on attending. It will be fun for young and old.

Opening of Elizabeth Township Historical Museum

The museum hours will be by request. Call Audrey Phillis (339-5209). The museum is still looking for any donations of the Township. If you are interested in becoming part of the Elizabeth Township Historical Society, you can become a member and volunteer to help Audrey in the museum.

Farmland Preservation

The deadline for Farmland Preservation is June 1st. Make sure you contact the Miami Soil & Water Conservation District (335-7645 or 335-7666) for any help you need to accomplish this. They are located at 1330 N. County Rd. 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373. Their website is www.miamiswcd.org or e-mail is info@miamiswcd.org. They are very helpful.

EMS

There were 21 Medic runs and 4 fire runs during the months of January and February. Illnesses and injuries as part of household accidents dominated the runs. There were 3 responses for Motor Vehicle crashes.
In March there were 11 Medic runs and 4 Fire runs. The average response time was 8 minutes from time of dispatch to time on scene.

The cost of EMS and Fire Services are \$77,875.00 per quarter. The last quarter is adjusted as needed. This pays for wages, Social Security, Public Employees Retirement System, Medicare, FICA, administrative city, solicitor, officers, disability, training, physicals, uniforms, paging, pager services, medical supplies, communications, software, support, and membership.

The Village of Casstown has an EMS Contract with Elizabeth Township. It is for 3 years. They pay the township \$1,000.00 per year for the service.

Sheriff's Beat

Speeding is still the main problem in the community.

Remember the Sheriff's hours are 8 hours a day, 7 days a week, but the Sheriff's Office determines when we have patrol cars out here.

Man is the only kind of varmint who sets his own trap, baits it, then steps in it.
John Steinbeck, *Sweet Thursday*, (1902-1968).

Building Permits

Jack Gheen-garage/workshop-3265 S. St. Rt. 201

Cove Springs Church-covered entry addition-5705 E. Walnut Grove Rd.

Keith Brown-room addition-1455 Sanders Rd.

Jerry Thorstad, Zoning Inspector, 335-6760

If you are planning on adding to your residence, you will need a permit.

Jerry is very helpful in these matters.

Miami County Bicentennial

The Miami County Bicentennial will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds, Troy, on July 6th, 7th, and 8th. There will be many displays and it should be very interesting and educational. The admission is free.

Ohio Township History and Functions

The township has a video for your use about Ohio Township History and Functions. You may borrow it from the Township House. It would be useful in classrooms or for your own information.

What is the largest function of a township? Road maintenance

Other functions can be police protection, fire protection, parks and recreation, zoning, waste disposal, control of weeds and brush, cemeteries and lighting.

More than 700 townships have some form of zoning. There are worksheets also.

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 8 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.