

Elizabeth Township Summer 2010 Newsletter

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Elizabeth Township Community Center

The Elizabeth Township Community Hog Roast and Carry-In Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 11th at 4 pm. We will be supplying a hog. Please bring a dish to share, your own tableware and a lawn chair. Dinner will be served at 5 pm. Registration is required by Wednesday, July 7th. Tickets can be picked up at the Community Center. Free for all Elizabeth Township Residents and ETCC members. Non residents who are non members \$5.

Check us out on-line at www.335-ETCC.com We have some great programs coming up on Understanding Your Computer, Introduction to the World of Interior Design & Decorating, and Red Cross Babysitting among others.

Walnut Grove Learning Center

Our program offers children opportunities to explore, discover, question, hypothesize, and find solutions. We will support them as they learn to problem solve and express themselves through a variety of medium. We incorporate a plethora of activities and experiences that give children opportunities to grow emotionally, socially, intellectually, and physically. For more information or to enroll in the 2010-2011 school year contact us at 339-2189 or email us at contact@wglc.info.

Walnut Grove Learning Center is located in the Elizabeth Township Community Center, 5760 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, OH
www.wglc.info

Fire & EMS

Did you know that you can get a Free Blood Pressure Check at the EMS building located at 2287 S. Children's Home Road. Call 339-7444 to let them know you are coming and they will open the door.

Zoning Board of Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

On May 25th the Miami County Zoning and Planning held a informational meeting at the Miami County Safety Building. There were several representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to advise of the new FEMA maps on Flood Plain areas in Miami County. The Elizabeth Township Zoning Inspector was present and ascertained that there is a reduction of the amount of land that was designated in the Elizabeth Township Flood Plain. FEMA stated that the process would take 12-18 months to finalize maps and update all information. If your property was in the Flood Plain area, and after the updates it is not, then FEMA states that you will be able to cancel mandatory flood insurance on a mortgaged property and be able to go back 12 months for a refund from the insurance company. Any additional information will be posted in upcoming News Letters.

Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation

We have four landowners in the Township who applied for the 2010 Ohio Agricultural Easement Protection Program consisting of a total of 654.37 acres. By virtue of their state application, they also qualified to apply for the 2010 USDA-NRCS FRPP program and have done so. This program had \$2.1 million in funds that were committed to farmland preservation in Ohio and our farms stand a very good chance of being accepted into this program. 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. The deadline for the applications was June 16, 2010.

The Township Trustees have committed \$1,000,000 annually toward the preservation program. There have been preserved about 660 acres through the Ohio Agricultural Easement Protection Program, 680 acres through the USDA-FRPP program, and 640 acres through 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. 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 is open whenever someone wants to visit. Many times the ETCC staff will open it for you or you can call me to schedule a time when someone from the historical society will be available to assist you. Please let us know as we believe the museum belongs to all of us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We are still working on collecting stories and pictures about people who have lived here in the township or are currently living here. We are working on a collection of Elizabeth graduates. We are adding their spouses, obituaries, and other information in the collection. We are still hunting information on the people who served in the military. We would like a picture and what branch they served in and any other information. We have received a few copies of family genealogies and are hoping to add to our collection.

So many stories are not being saved and may be lost if not written down. Please let us hear your stories and if you or a family member don't feel comfortable writing them down call and a member of our society will help you. I hear people say they don't have anything of interest and then later I hear them discussing how things used to be. That is exactly what I believe needs to be written down for others to enjoy.

Don't forget to think of the museum when you are cleaning out the attic, garage, or barn. We are interested in anything that will show how the people of Elizabeth lived in the past. It doesn't have to be from 60-70 years ago. Things from 30 years ago are "old" to someone who is 10 years old.

Please let me know of your concerns or questions. Call me at 339-5209. Also consider joining the Historical Society. You will get our newsletter where we are sharing the stories and pictures we are collecting. It only costs \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family to join. 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.