

Elsinboro Township

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Important Information

Township Committee

Sean Elwell, Mayor

Jack Elk, Deputy Mayor

Jeff Stepler, Committeeman



Office Hours

Township Clerk: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-5:00

Tax Office: Mondays and Wednesdays 12:00-6:00

Construction Office:
Thursdays 4:30-6:00

Upcoming Events

Look for many new and exciting changes in 2012!

On behalf of all the staff, volunteers, and Elsinboro Township Committee, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Joint School Board, Township Committee Meeting Held

On November 14th, the township committee and school board met jointly. Although the two frequently interact, the meeting was held for several reasons.

The school board and township committee discussed ways that they can utilize each other's resources and not duplicate services.

The idea behind the meeting was to discuss

the community needs, ways that the two groups can potentially share services, as well as update each other on current topics.

This meeting was one way to brainstorm for new ideas to improve the community. Some of the ideas that were brought up during the session include:

Jointly applying for community grants.

Using the schools connect ed telephone system for the entire community.

Using some of the technology services available to each.

Forming inter-local agreements on shared services already performed.

The school board and township committee plan to meet early next year.

Township Volunteers Recognized

One of the most exciting parts of Elsinboro Township is the number of residents who are active in the community. Each and every resident is a valuable resource for the community.

Over the last few months, several community volunteers have been recognized for their commitment to Elsinboro Township.

In October Mrs. Bethany Harris was honored for being the municipal alliance volunteer of the year. In addition, Mr. Adam Dodds was

recognized as the municipal alliance youth volunteer of the year. The municipal alliance is responsible for implementing several programs within the township and could not do so without Mrs. Harris and Mr. Dodds.

Just recently members of the Elsinboro Fire Company were recognized by the township committee for their efforts during Hurricane Irene. The dedication of these members of the community was paramount to protecting our community.

The residents of our community continue to make Elsinboro the best town

in Salem County. We would like to thank all of the volunteers throughout the township.

Whether serving through the municipal alliance, fire company, community development committee, planning board, or in another fashion, your dedication and commitment are appreciated.



2011 Survey

Complete the 2011 year end township survey by visiting:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7KX859V>



Clean Communities

On October 8th, community groups gathered together to do their part in keeping Elsinboro beautiful. This yearly tradition is made possible through grant funds that allow the organizations to be compensated for their efforts.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle...

Throwing away paper is throwing away money
Elsinboro Township receives revenue from paper recycled
Recycling is valuable!



Your Opinion Matters

Feedback is important. We are always eager to hear your thoughts.

Please reach out to us by email, sean@seanelwell.com or by phone, 935-2200 to give us your suggestions and feedback.

Elsinboro Gets Walking

Elsinboro recently implemented a town wide walking incentive program that encouraged residents to start moving to get healthy and stay healthy.

Individuals had a goal of reaching 10,000 steps a day; with a community goal of walking across America. By wearing a pedometer, participants were able to measure the number of steps taken in a day and work toward increasing that

number to 10,000 steps per day or more depending on their current activity level.

Typically, American adults average 3,000 to 5,000 steps a day. Increasing your daily steps can give you more energy, less stress, better weight management and decreases your chance of developing many diseases.

The program began on October 12th and ran through November 12th. As a

community we were able to walk over 6 million steps. Congratulations to all of our walkers who participated.

Congratulations to our top three walkers:

Theresa Hooks, First Place

Cindy Elder, Second Place

Judy Almond, Third Place

Thank you to everyone for making the program a success.

Mayor's Corner-Year in Review

2011 was a year full of challenges for Elsinboro Township. Many changes occurred that had a positive effect on the entire community. In January our first edition of the township newsletter was implemented. This was the first of four newsletters designed to maintain transparency and keep our residents informed.

Elsinboro Township officially joined the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF). Joining JIF provides better coverage to the township while reducing costs.

Although prolonged, we were able to secure our police shared services with Lower Alloways Creek for another three years. This contract was an important step in ensuring our community is protected.

In May our Community Development Committee was able to hold our first annual community day. Although we could not keep the rain away, a good time was had by all and plans are already underway for Elsinboro Day 2012.

Speed reductions were completed on Tilbury Road and Sinnickson Landing Road and have been submitted on several others. These reductions are necessary to ensure the safety of our residents.

The township was fortunate to receive several grants which allowed for many projects to be completed. These included funding to resurface the second part of Mason Point Road, resurface Riverview Drive, upgrade the lighting in the municipal building, maintain recycling efforts, implement the Elsinboro Gets Walking program, and complete a community forestry plan.

Although many positive changes have occurred, we still have work to be done. We are continuing to look for ways to ensure fiscal responsibility, while maintaining the quality and services we are accustomed to. We want to continue to keep the community engaged, while keeping everyone's best interest in mind.

In an effort to meet the needs of our residents I have developed a survey in which I am encouraging residents to complete. The township committee is the voice of the residents and it is important that we know the opinions of those we serve. I have always felt this was imperative and creating this survey is the first step.

The 2011 year end survey can be accessed electronically by going to the site:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7KX859V>

If you do not have access to a computer to complete the survey we will allow access through the municipal computers. If you should experience any issues with accessing or completing the survey please contact our office so that we can ensure your voice is heard.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Mayor of Elsinboro Township. With your support we can continue to make Elsinboro the best place to live!