

Elsinboro Township

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Important Information

Township Committee

Sean Elwell, Mayor

Jack Elk, Deputy Mayor

Douglas Hogate, Committeeman

Office Hours

Township Clerk: NEW TIMES

Tuesdays: 9:00-6:00

Fridays: 9:00-12:00

Tax Office:

Mondays: 12:00-6:00

Wednesdays: 12:00-6:00

Construction Office:

Thursdays: 4:30-6:00

Upcoming Events

Township Committee

Meeting Dates:

1/1/14 - 11:00 AM

2/3/14 - 7:00 PM

Trunk of Treat

On Saturday, October 26th the Community Development Committee held its Second Annual Trunk or Treat.

Thank you to event chairs Mike and Danielle Kharizada and the entire Community Development Committee for all of your hard work! The day was only successful because of your efforts.

Township Website

We continue to make changes and update our website. Please check back frequently.

www.ElsinboroTownship.com

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Elsinboro Township Committee and staff, we would like to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season. We hope each of you have a happy and healthy New Year.

-Sean, Jack, and Doug



Oakwood Beach Update

The Oakwood Beach project was initiated in 1996, with a feasibility study being completed in 1999. The project was authorized by Congress as part of the Water Resources Development Act.

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act was signed in January 2013. The Oakwood Beach project was deemed to be eligible for the act by FEMA, and federal funding was subsequently allocated for the project.

Two public meetings have been held over the last few months to update residents on the current project status. These meetings were held on October 12th and November 13th. Copies of both presentations are available on the township website. During these meetings the history of the project and project design was discussed. Representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as the NJ DEP were also present to offer additional information. During these public meetings, the DEP announced that if this project moves forward there will be no local cost share.

The State of New Jersey is currently revising the proposed easements. Once these have been revised they will be released to the township, who will in turn provide these to the residents. It was anticipated that these easements would have been received by now, but the state is taking longer than expected. Upon receipt of the revisions, the township will ensure properties within the project area receive the appropriate paperwork. Please contact the township clerk with additional questions.

Trash and Recycle Update

The township committee is pleased to announce that we are continuing our relationship in the TOLACEM trash and recycle coalition. This coalition has served the township well for many years.

This year we are excited to announce several changes which we think will benefit the entire township.

- **An additional recycle pick up has been added to the December 30, 2013 trash pickup, to accommodate the extra week in December.**
- **Recycling will now be picked up every other week**, as opposed to the first and third weeks of the month. This will eliminate the times when recycle is not picked up for three weeks.
- **Limbs and branches will now be picked up on a monthly basis during our bulk days.**
- We will **continue to utilize our sticker program for bulk**. Please see the township clerk for the fee schedule for bulk items.
- All bulk items should be placed at curbside **no earlier than the 1st Monday of each month**.

These changes are being completed without an increase in costs to the residents. We are extremely excited to be able to expand our services without increasing costs.

Additional details can be found in the Mayor's letter inserted into the trash calendar. Please call the municipal building if you have additional questions.



Police Contract

At the annual close out meeting, the township committee adopted a resolution authorizing another three year contract with the Lower Alloways Creek Police Department. The contract is dependent on adoption by the LAC Township Committee at their December meeting.

Holiday Health Tips

***Move every day!** Our busy holiday schedules can bump us off of our regular exercise routines. Physical activity can help relieve stress, regulate appetite, and burn up extra calories.

***Enjoy a pre-party snack.** Arriving hungry to a party makes us more likely to overeat. Plan and prepare to combat this by eating before a party.

***Be brainy about beverages.** Alcohol is high in calories and some mixed drinks contain up to 450 calories per glass. By contrast, water and diet sodas are calorie-free. Watch out for hidden calories in soda, fruit punch, and eggnog.

Reminder

Dumping of any items on another property is considered illegal and action can be taken. Please report illegal dumping to the LAC Police Department, 935-7300.

Questions about property maintenance should be directed to the township zoning officer.

Your Opinion Matters

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

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

Sustainable Jersey Certified!

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced recently that Elsinboro Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Elsinboro Township is one of 117 towns out of 399 registered municipalities that have attained bronze certification.

Elsinboro Township was honored at the Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 in Atlantic City with township representatives accepting the

award. Elsinboro Township is one of only two Salem County municipalities to earn certification, joining Lower Alloways Creek Township.

Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency and health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources, and addressing diversity and equity.

Sustainable Jersey is committed to empowering New Jersey towns to build a

better world for future generations. The organization provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward communities as they pursue sustainability programs.



Mayor's Corner-Year in Review

2013 was another eventful year in Elsinboro Township. While there are always challenges, many changes occurred that had a positive effect on the entire community.

We were able to continue our quarterly newsletters. These newsletters are designed to keep our residents informed of what is occurring in Elsinboro Township.

ElsinboroTownship.com continues to grow. The township website is a great resource for the latest information. Our goal is to continue to expand the website and use it as another vehicle to keep residents informed.

Elsinboro Township was awarded a safety award for the second straight year through the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF). This award provided funding for the purchase of a digital sign for the municipal building, along with other safety supplies.

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter we have been able to maintain our trash and recycle agreement in the TOLACEM collation. We are beginning to see our savings from automated trash and recycle pick up and will increase the frequency of recycle pick up in 2014.

We have also reached an agreement on renewing our police protection services.

In May our Community Development Committee was able to hold our third annual community day. This event continues to expand annually. Plans are already underway for Elsinboro Day 2014.

Our Community Development Committee also worked hard to create our Pride in Elsinboro program, and we will shortly announce our first annual winners.

The township committee also received grant funding for the reconstruction of Garden Drive. Although there were some bumps along the way, the much needed project was completed.

The first ever Bike to School with the Mayor event was held. This event was a great opportunity to bring the community together and learn at the same time.

In partnership with the Elsinboro 2nd grade class, we created a student shadowing program, which is becoming an annual part of the student's curriculum. This allows the students to learn first-hand about local government.

Over the last several years we have initiated a continuous improvement program, which

is designed to improve the community by enhancing services and becoming more efficient in other areas. In the last quarter we were rewarded for our efforts, by becoming Sustainable Jersey certified! Being a certified town demonstrates our continued commitment to sustaining our municipality.

This is just a snapshot of 2013. Although many positive changes have occurred, we still have work to do. We are continuing to look for ways to ensure fiscal responsibility, while maintaining the quality and services we are accustomed to.

On behalf of the township committee, I would like to thank all of our committees and volunteers for their continued service to Elsinboro Township. I would also like to thank my family for their continued support throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Mayor of Elsinboro Township. It is an honor that I do not take lightly. With your support we can continue to make Elsinboro the best place to live!

Wishing You and Yours a Happy New Year!
-Sean Elwell