

# Elsinboro Township

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## Important Information

Township Committee

Sean Elwell, Mayor

Jack Elk, Deputy Mayor

Jeff Stepler, Committeeman



## Betty Jean Eby, Municipal Clerk, Retires

On January 31st, after more than 29 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Betty Jean Eby retired as municipal clerk. Mrs. Eby was first asked to serve as the township clerk in 1982 by Mayor Lee Lark Sr. At that time, Mrs. Eby was serving as board of health secretary.

Not only did she accept the position, but Mrs. Eby also became one of the first to attend classes and become a certified

clerk in the State of New Jersey. Mrs. Eby was also instrumental in implementing the Elsinboro Bike-A-Thon, seasonal contests, and municipal bus trips.

While Mrs. Eby has officially retired, she will be continuing as the board of health secretary for the township. Thank you for everything you continue to do for Elsinboro.

We would also like to welcome our new municipal clerk, Marty Uzdanovics. Marty has several years of experience as the municipal clerk in Quinton Township. Please note our new hours of operation for the clerk's office.

Congratulations Mrs. Eby and welcome Mrs. Uzdanovics!

New Clerk Hours:  
Tuesdays: 1:00-6:00, Thursdays: 2:30-4:30, Fridays: 9:00-2:00

## Office Hours

### Township Clerk:

Tuesdays: 1:00-6:00  
Thursdays: 2:30-4:30  
Fridays: 9:00-2:00

### Tax Office:

Mondays: 12:00-6:00  
Wednesdays: 12:00-6:00

### Construction Office:

Thursdays: 4:30-6:00

## Upcoming Events

Mornings with the Mayor:  
Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 am  
RSVP by March 27 to Clerk

Hazardous Waste Day  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Salem County Solid Waste

Community Yard Sale  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sign up with Clerk

Community Day  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Fire Company Breakfast  
Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>



## Mornings with the Mayor Initiative

In an effort to continue open communication between township officials and local residents, a new initiative has been developed.

Mayor Sean Elwell will be hosting "Mornings with the Mayor," an initiative to provide a light breakfast and invite residents to have an open dialogue.

The mayor will answer questions that arise

and take feedback regarding the township and its services. These morning meetings will be informal, acting as an open forum for all residents.

The township committee continues to strive to maintain open dialogue with the residents.

The first Mornings with the Mayor is scheduled for Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 0900 at the Elsinboro Fire House.

**An RSVP is required** by Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to the municipal clerk, 935-2200.

Future sessions will be scheduled and days will vary to ensure everyone has an opportunity to attend.



## Safety Excellence Award

In our first year as a member of the Joint Insurance Fund, Elsinboro Township has received the Safety Excellence Award. In order to qualify for safety incentive monies, a safety committee needs to meet at least four times a year, participate in regional and regulatory training programs, conduct periodic hazard inspection surveys and job site observations.

As a result of the award, Elsinboro will receive \$1,755, which can be spent on safety related items.



### Basketball Update

Congratulations to both the boys and girls JV basketball teams for winning championships and everyone who played this season.

### Reminder

Dumping of any items on another property is considered illegal and action can be taken.



### Your Opinion Matters

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

**Please reach out to us by email, [sean@seanelwell.com](mailto:sean@seanelwell.com) or by phone, 935-2200 to give us your suggestions and feedback.**

## Survey Results

For the month of January residents were given the opportunity to participate in a township wide survey to evaluate existing services and provide feedback. Thank you to all who took the time to participate.

The results of the survey highlighted the views of those responding and also gave constructive feedback on areas needing improvement. The township committee has taken the

feedback provided and created action plans to address these areas.

The following ratings were collected as part of the survey. Please note, these ratings are on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being the lowest and 4 being the highest.

Clerks Office, 3.27  
Tax Office, 3.09  
Police Department, 3.05  
Trash Collection, 3.00  
Construction Office, 2.38  
Planning Board, 2.32

Our goal is to improve upon these areas and have a follow up survey to evaluate our results at the end of 2012.

Thank you for helping us measure our progress and contributing to the future success of Elsinboro Township.



## Community Clips

### Recycling Change

After a public informational meeting held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, the township committee has agreed to change the recycling strategy for the township.

Trash is currently picked up by an automated truck, with the trash mechanically picked up and dumped, but recyclables are picked up traditionally, with a worker on the back of the trash truck manually picking up recyclables and dumping it into the truck.

The change will include each resident receiving a recycling can from the township that is the same as their current trash can, but a different color. This will allow an automated truck to pick up recycling. In changing the way recycling is picked up, the township will see a cost savings in future years.

The change will be further communicated, but is

expected to occur mid 2012

### Mayors Book Club/ Read Across America

Elsinboro was one of eight towns selected in South Jersey to be a part of the Mayor's Book Club grant program.

Through the program, mayors are challenging first-graders to read books during a three-month period (February to May). Every child who reaches their goal will receive a book from NJLM this spring.

As an additional incentive, school districts where children read at least 1,000 books will receive \$1,000 to purchase books for first-graders. Mayor Elwell kicked off this program for our first graders. He also promised them a pizza party if they make the goal.



Bottom Left: Mrs. Demko's First Grade Class participating in the Mayor's Book Club  
Bottom Right: American Idol Celebrity Judges, Cher (Mrs. McAllister) Pauly D. (Mr. Ottinger) and Elvis (Mayor Elwell)

Preliminary reports say that the students are already close to the goal.

### American Idol

The second annual American Idol Elsinboro Edition was sponsored by the Elsinboro Education Association using money received from a PRIDE grant from NJEA. American Idol is a lip sync contest open to all students and their families.

The winner is chosen by using a panel of judges who are members of the school and community and an audience vote. This event seems to be popular as over one hundred people came out to support their favorite singer.

Congratulations to the winners: 1<sup>st</sup>: Toni Almond and Lauren Orton, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jimmy Walker, Billy Walker, Levi Maxwell, and Dominic Gambino, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Miranda, Marissa, and Madison Giovanetti.

