

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: 1:00-6:00

Fridays: 8:30-3:00

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:

5/6/13- 7:00 PM

6/3/13 – 7:00 PM

Community Day:

Saturday, May 4, from 10-3.

Elsinboro School

Bike to School Day:

Wednesday, May 8th

Fire Company Breakfast:

Sunday, May 19 from 7-11.

Elsinboro Fire House

Township Website

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

www.ElsinboroTownship.com



Third Annual Community Day Planned

The Community Development Committee is hard at work preparing for the third annual Elsinboro Community Day on Saturday, May 4th. The community day will be held from 10-3 at the Elsinboro Township School, rain or shine.

Plans for the day include local vendors and organizations. Food vendors will also be onsite.

In addition to food and vendors, there will be fun and games for the whole family.

The community day is a free event that is funded through generous donations. No

taxpayer funds will be used to support the event.

The agenda for the day includes:

10:00-3:00, Vendors and Exhibitors
10:30, Opening Ceremony
11:00, Foul Shot Contest
12:00, Elsinboro Fire Company Fire Safety Relay
1:00, Community Softball Game (Bring a Glove)
2:00, Salem County Sheriff's Department K-9 Demo
2:30, Silent Auction Drawing

Exhibitors Include: Elsinboro Education Association, Elsinboro Fire Company, Elsinboro Municipal Alliance, 31 Bags, Alfred I duPont Hospital for

Children, Avon, Cooper Health Screenings, County Crafts and Primitives, If Works! (Fitness and Lifestyle Changes), Macaroni Kid, Miche, Origami Owl, Salem County Prosecutors Office, Salem County Sheriff's Department, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Third District Legislators, Tupperware, Viridian, and others.

The Community Development Committee is actively working on several other programs to bring the community together and increase communication.

Look for more information on other exciting events in future newsletters.

Municipal Alliance Community Assessment

Elsinboro Township has been fortunate to receive grant money annually to form the Elsinboro Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse (MAPSA). The Elsinboro MAPSA is a community-focused group consisting of volunteers who want to educate the community about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use and help with prevention.

MAPSA is directly responsible for several community programs, including: Trip to Cooper University Hospital's Scared Straight Program, MAPSA Awareness at Annual Community Day, After-school Games Club for Kindergarten through Third grade – Spring and Fall, One

week Summer Camp for grades Kindergarten through Fifth, National Night Out Activity, Senior Breakfast, and Community Movie Night.

One of the requirements of the grant is for the group to conduct a survey of the township. One of the vehicles the group will be using is an electronic survey. Please follow the below link to provide your feedback to the Elsinboro MAPSA.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5MNS7WM>

Questions? Contact Co-Chair Bethany Harris or Coni McAllister bharris@elsinboroschool.org cmcallister@elsinboroschool.org

Or call the municipal building.

Interested in Becoming a Part of a Local Group such as MAPSA?

If you have an interest in volunteering for a community group please let us know. Volunteers are always being recruited for various community groups.



A Story About Elsinboro

By Frank Powell,
Township Historian

Here is a story about Elsinboro and why the little community of Hagersville was called "Dogtown."

Lots of years ago, there was an old doctor in Salem whose name was Doc Wiley. He used to make a lot of house calls in Elsinboro. Now in those days his transportation was a horse and buggy. He used to say how much it worried him to go to Hagersville because there were more dogs than people living there and he was afraid of getting bit.

Bike to School Day

On May 8th, students in Elsinboro School will join Mayor Elwell on National Bike to School Day. Participants will bike to school, while escorted by the Mayor, police department and fire company. The goal of the initiative is to promote activity and encourage safe riding habits.

Reminder

Dumping of any items on another property is considered illegal and action can be taken. 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@seanelwell.com or by phone, 935-2200 to give us your suggestions and feedback.

Elsinboro Hosts Local Government Association

The Salem County Association of Local Government is an organization that meets monthly throughout the county. During the month of February Elsinboro Township hosted the meeting.

The meeting was held at VFW Post 253 in Tilbury. A special thank you to the post for allowing their facility to be used in hosting officials from throughout the

county. In addition to Elsinboro hosting the meeting, the township was also able to provide the guest speaker for the event. As you may be aware, Mr. B. Harold Smick Jr. attended his 18th Presidential Inauguration in January.

Mr. Smick served as the guest speaker for the association. Mr. Smick shared his experiences attending the Presidential Inaugurations. He shared his fondest

memories and tidbits from many of his past experiences. In addition to speaking at the event, Mr. Smick also provided two tables worth of memorabilia from his trips to Washington.

Thank you to Mr. Smick for representing Elsinboro Township at the event and sharing your experiences.



Community Clips

Flooding Mitigation

It is no secret that flooding remains a concern. Over the past year Elsinboro Township has experienced significant flooding throughout the community.

In an effort to be proactive, several areas have been targeted to mitigate future flooding issues. The township committee is working with the county freeholders and road department to address flooding along these areas.

Salem Fort Elfsborg Road
Fort Point Road
HB Fort Elfsborg Road
Tilbury Road
Abbotts Farm Road

CERT TEAM

Congratulations to Elsinboro residents Debbie Harris, Kacey Harris, Anne Richman, and Larry Sinclair for graduating from the most recent Community Emergency Response Team Training. Thank you for your commitment to the community!

Next Step

Congratulations to Elsinboro resident Troy Sieber on his recent acceptance to Saint Leo University. Troy will continue his baseball career in the sunshine state. Good luck!

Contest Winner

Congratulations to Elsinboro resident Hannah DeWitt for winning the health department poster competition. The contest asked participants to show what it meant to be healthy. Congratulations!

Shadowing Program

In February a new enrichment program was created between the Elsinboro Township Committee and the Elsinboro School 2nd grade class. The program was created to coincide with the students learning about the functions of government.

The week prior to the program, students in the class ran for the three member township committee. On Monday, February 4th, the entire second grade class took a field trip to the municipal building to meet with Mayor Elwell. There they were given an overview of Elsinboro History and how various services function within the township. In addition, the elected members of the class were able to appoint classmates into honorary positions. The

field trip concluded with the class learning about the budget process, and creating their own budget.

The members of the class that were elected by their classmates as township committee persons returned to the regular township meeting to shadow the governing body and be recognized at the meeting. Congratulations to the entire second grade class on their great work! Additionally, congratulations to 2nd Grade Mayor Evan Biddle, 2nd Grade Deputy Mayor Brian Deis, and 2nd Grade Committeeperson Molly Vengenock.

Continuous Improvement

Thank you to all of the residents that took part in the 2012 year end survey. This information was extremely helpful, as we are able to compare the results to the survey completed the previous year.

