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Important Information

Township Committee

Sean Elwell, Mayor

Jack Elk, Deputy Mayor

Jeff Stepler, Committeeman

Upcoming Events

Township Committee

Meeting Dates:

1/1/11- 11: 00 AM

2/7/11- 7:00 PM

3/7/11 – 7:00 PM

Rabies Clinic, Saturday,
January 29, from 9-1030.
Elsinboro Fire House

Dog License, Tuesdays in
February from 6-8 pm.
Elsinboro Municipal Bldg

Christmas Contest Winners

Simplistic

1st-Leroy and Janet

Emmons

2nd-Danielle and Mike

Khairzada

Creative

1st-George and Pearl Parris

2nd-June and Alan Jones

Original

1st-Paul and June

Denelsbeck

2nd-Tara and David Travis



Community Development Committee Creates Newsletter

On behalf of the community development committee we would like to wish you a Happy New Year. In an effort to foster better communication, we are proud to offer our first edition of a township newsletter.

The Elsinboro Township Community Development Committee was created in 2010 by then Deputy Mayor Elwell. The committee was created with the intention of bringing together interested residents to

develop ideas to improve communication within the municipality.

Elsinboro Townships' Community Development Committee was recently honored by Rutgers University and the State of New Jersey League of Municipalities as the best innovative way in the state to solicit resident participation and communicate effectively. The committee won the first place award for the entire state.

Members of the committee include: Sean Elwell, Douglas Hogate, Theresa Hooks, Michael Khairzada, Jennifer LaSpada, Danyelle Marts, Tricia Stephens, Angela Thomas, and Ronda LaSpada-Wilkins

Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Community Development Committee for future ideas. We all have the same goal in mind; continue to make Elsinboro Township the best place to live.

What's New In Elsinboro?

Elsinboro is a very quiet community in which to live. However, behind the scenes the township committee is very busy. As some of you may notice in the trash calendar, there are changes in bulk pickup. These minor changes have allowed the Township Committee to continue with the trash removal service, and to stay within our operating budget for 2011.

Last year, State legislature instituted a policy that no municipality can raise taxes by more than 2%. In order to stay within compliance, the Township Committee will

need to be even more frugal than ever, and will be forced to make tough decisions.

Along with the tax cap last year, the state requested each municipality complete a checklist of best practices. After completion, each town was scored, and was given a percentage of state aid which was equivalent to their score. Elsinboro Township was able to receive 100% of their state aid because of the work of the township committee.

Some of you have expressed concerns about water and sewer projects. The township committee will continue to

review this topic, and will have a follow up meeting within the first quarter of 2011.

The township committee is actively pursuing grants and additional funding for projects throughout the township. If there is a particular project that you are interested in, please let us know.

This is just a small sampling of the current work that is ongoing. Please reach out to committee members to express opinions and concerns.

Opinion Poll

In an effort to improve communication with residents we are attempting to develop different vehicles to get important information to the community.

Would you prefer receiving the township newsletter:

In Paper Form

Electronically

Please email your answer to sean@seanelwell.com or call 935-2200

Thank you for taking the time to answer this important question. The township newsletter can only be as successful as the residents in which it serves.

We will post the results to our opinion poll in our future communications.

Winter Safety

With the winter season fast approaching the township committee would like to take this opportunity to provide some winter safety tips:

Dress warmly, paying special attention to feet, hands, nose, and ears.

Dress in several layers to maintain body heat.

Avoid shoveling snow if you are out of shape.

Have your car tuned up, check the level of antifreeze, make sure the battery is good, and check your tire tread.

Keep on hand extra blankets, flashlights with extra batteries, matches, a first aid kit, manual can opener, snow shovel and rock salt, and special needs items.

Install a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home.

Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned if needed.

Take this time to enjoy the winter season and stay safe.



Resident Spotlight

Have a recipe or story you would like to share with the community? Send it our way for inclusion in future newsletters.

This spotlight is provided to us by Mr. Bill Jenkins.

My name is Bill Jenkins and I have always loved history and living in Elsinboro. I am surrounded by it. I am retired from Texaco and my wife, Rosie, is a retired elementary school teacher.

In my retirement I traced my ancestry and found that my

great grandfather had been a confederate soldier during the Civil War in the 26th North Carolina Company "e". The reenactor group from the 26th was selected to be honor guard at the burial of the crew of the Hunley, Confederate Civil War Submarine. I got so involved in the Hunley story that I give talks on it to Historic Societies and schools or any group that would like to hear its unbelievable story.

In researching the Hunley, I found a link to another historic submarine story about Simon

Lake. The Lake family owned Ocean City and Atlantic City back in 1800's into 1900's and Simon Lake was considered father of the American submarine.

So, now I also give talks on Simon Lake. It is fun to share history with others and it keeps my brain working. So, get involved with something you love to do.

Your Opinion Matters

Feedback is important. As this is our first newsletter we are 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.

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