



The Elk Township EDGE



A newsletter designed to keep Elk Township residents informed, in-touch and involved

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Elk Resident,

I hope you are enjoying the summer with your family and friends, and staying as cool as possible with this early heat wave we have experienced.

To help control our budget for 2011, we have instituted more cost cutting measures in order to reduce our expenditures. Your municipality has once again reduced the size of its local government, while continuing to maintain the services to its residents. I want to personally thank our Municipal staff and Police department, who have accepted a wage freeze this year, as well as your Township Committee members and Construction code officials for reducing their pay. In addition, we are in the process of disbanding our Municipal Utilities Authority, since we have not seen any signs of sewer or water coming into our town for the past 10 years now. Looking forward, we are discussing the possibility of sharing additional services with several other towns.

We hope by now you have all received your new recycle cans. If you need an additional can, please contact Steve Alexander in our Public Works department.

Our township was fortunate to receive another D.O.T. Grant this year in the amount of \$200,000 and we will begin repaving the portion of Cedar Bridge road from Clayton Ave. to the Route 55 overpass. This will be a nice improvement as the road will pass by and join the recently paved Carl Avenue from last year. We should be able to complete this work by the fall of this year and are now looking to submit new roadway projects to the D.O.T. for repair in 2012.

I am sorry to announce that we will not be having Elk Day this summer. Like many other

municipalities, we did not feel it was right to spend any taxpayer funds for this event at this time. If things get better in the future, we will reconsider holding the event with the support of our recreation committee once again.

Things have not been easy for any Municipality in NJ, but your Township Committee has worked hard to tighten its belt, and continue to provide essential services to our residents. Under my leadership, we will continue to be one of the best small towns in New Jersey.

Please note that: The Land of Canaan Cemetery is looking for volunteers to help with grounds keeping, if interested contact Mamie @ 856-986-7545.

Mr. Fred Boeckle of the Ferrell Fire Dept. is looking for volunteers to help maintain our Veterans Memorial, contact Fred @ 856-371-3729.

If you have any questions, I would like to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to call. 856-881-5540

Thank you, Mayor Phil Barbaro



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Elk Township Public Works

856-881-6525 ext. 21

Waste Management
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Call Waste Management to schedule
Metal Item Pickup

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION CONCERNING THE TAX ASSESSOR

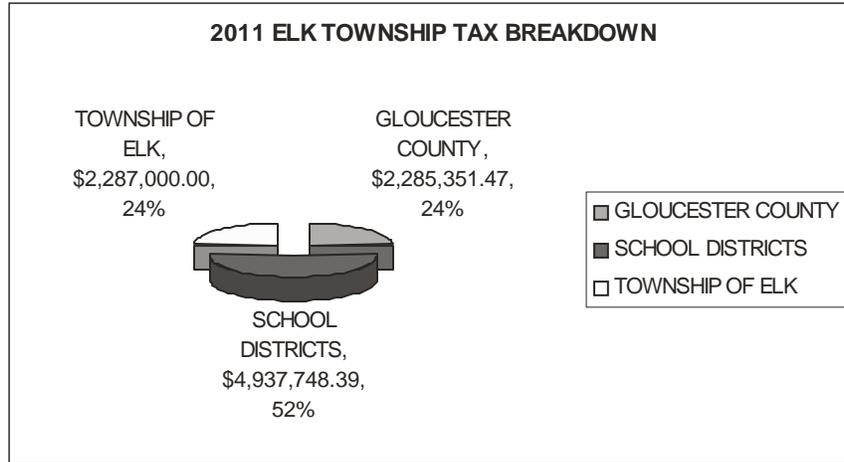
Effective July 26th, 2011, the visiting Tax Assessor will no longer have hours in the Elk Township Municipal Building. The Tax Assessor will be available during the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM at the Clayton Complex, Bldg. A
1200 N. Delsea Dr.
Clayton, NJ 08312
Or Call: 856-307-6445

The Newsletter is Coordinated by the Township Committee, Debbie Pine Elk Township Clerk & Elk Employees.

2011 Tax Breakdown

Tax Breakdown for Elk Township Residents

Your tax bill is enclosed with the newsletter. We felt it important to let you know where your tax dollars go after they are collected by the Township. As you can see from the chart, 52% of your tax dollars go to support our schools. The County of Gloucester (which includes the County Library and County Open Space Tax) makes up 24% of your tax bill and Elk Township makes up the final 24%.



ELK TOWNSHIP CAT SPAY DAY

Save the Animals Foundation in conjunction with Animal Welfare Association will be holding a Spay Day on **Friday, September 9, 2011** at the Elk Township Public Works Building.

A mobile surgical unit with a licensed veterinarian will give Rabies & Distemper shots, absorbable sutures, one low fee per cat; Male or Female.

Appointments are required! This Program is subsidized by donation and grant money. Please call **856-218-8437** to reserve your cat's space. Additional information is available on line at: www.stafnj.org

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Environmental Commission Update

Summer 2011

So far this year the Environmental Commission (EC) has been affected by the economic downturn, as has most of local government departments, with the reduction of available grant monies, Township budget restraints, and the general slow down of building development. However, the Commission has taken advantage of this time by preparing for the inevitable economic upswing in the future by searching for means to protect and improve the valuable environmental resources that Elk Township is so fortunate to possess. The EC has been working closely with the Township Committee, Planning & Zoning Board, Zoning Officer, Recreation Committee and Township Residents on numerous environmental-related issues including:

Reviewing subdivision and site plan applications of potential developments in the Township and noting Potential Environmental impacts and suggested protection measures.

Continuing on-going work funded by a Recreational Trails Grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on the Elephant Swamp Trail. Improvements to the trail consisted of planting of perennials around the entrance sign, maintenance of the interpretive signs and trimming, weeding and clearing of vegetation along the trail. Future work will include spreading of stone on the trail path, installation of distance markers and erecting a gate at the southern terminus of the trail.

Hosting guest speakers from various State of New Jersey government agencies, attending seminars and conducting research in order to apply for state grants from agencies and programs such as the State Forestry Service and the Sustainable NJ Program.

Providing comment and recommendations to the Township Committee and Zoning Officer on various environmental issues and/or complaints;

Planting a replacement Pear tree in the children’s play area at Elk Township Park as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Hosting guest speakers, studying and researching State laws, Township ordinances and local projects related to solar and wind turbine farm developments which could impact our Township in the near future.

Assisting residents with guidance regarding environmental matters and/or complaints;

Corresponding and developing an open line of communication with various State and County agencies.

The EC is also fortunate to have received a new member, Barry Cohen, this year. Barry is a rarity in that he is a developer with a great appreciation for the environment. He feels he has a great responsibility in preserving the environment for future generations and takes pride in developing sites that are sensitive to environmental concerns. His background and experience will provide a huge asset to the Commission for years to come.

If you have concerns regarding environmental issues in town or wish to share your comments, please feel free to contact the Environmental Commission at 856-825-6525 Ext. 14, leave a message in our mailbox at the municipal building, or join us at our meeting which is held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the municipal building.

56th Annual Ferrell Volunteer Fire Company Fair

August 18, 19 and 20th, 2011

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Ferrell Fire Department Fair Grounds

Elk Road (CR 538) and Ferrell Road (CR 641)

Lots of food, games and fun for all!!



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MONROEVILLE, NJ 08343**

Up Coming Recreation Events

SEPTEMBER-Community Yard Sale-Elk Township Recreation Park
OCTOBER- Derby Race-Elk Township Recreation Park

Senior Citizen Meeting

Elk Township Senior Citizen's next meeting will be held on
Monday, September 19th, 2011, 12 noon at the Ferrell Methodist Church
Social Hall - For info contact Barbara Pearson 478-2997

Weber's Power Equipment, Inc.

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3rd Quarter Tax Payment

Due Date Extended

3rd Qtr. Tax Payment due by September 2nd, 2011

Tax Collector Office Hours

Monday-CLOSED

Tuesday-9AM to 3PM

Wednesday-1PM to 6PM

Thursday-1PM to 4:30PM

Friday-9AM to 1PM