



The Elk Township EDGE



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

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BARBARO

Dear Elk Resident,

I want to thank the members of your Township Committee for honoring me with the Mayor's appointment once again for 2010. It has been a great experience working with my fellow committee members, residents, and Township Committees to improve the quality of life we all enjoy in Elk Township. I thank all of you who volunteer to serve our township with your time, energy and input, and will continue to work with those around me to make decisions with all residents in mind.

I want to take a moment to personally thank Joe Laux, owner of the Lake View Mobile Home Park here in Elk. Joe worked with our 911 committee last year, putting hours of his personal time in, to correct the street address issues in his development. The park now has new street assignments, home numbers, properly marked street signs, and 911 GPS access for those who may need assistance from our County or local fire and police departments. Mr. Laux's hard work for his community and the betterment of Elk as a whole should be commended from everyone in our town.

Thank You Joe! If anyone wishes to come out to our 911 Committee meetings, they are held on the first Wednesday of each month in our municipal building at 7:30 PM.

This year our township will decrease the size of our local government once again. Our municipal staff will be reduced with the elimination of our Tax Assessor position, and our consolidation into the new County Assessment program. We will continue to utilize part-time employees wherever possible. Our Municipal Utilities Authority has also decided to change its meeting dates from six times each year

down to just four, to help reduce our costs. In addition, our shared service agreement with Franklin Twp and their sub code official has been successful in keeping costs down as well. We will also continue to discuss the consolidation of our court system with a neighboring municipality.

As we continue to be creative with your tax dollars and reduce the size of our local government, we can only reduce so much before it affects negatively on the services to our town. For Elk residents only 25% of their tax bill goes towards local services. The other 75% is determined by your County and Local School Districts. That 25% of tax revenue funds three primary services in the form of our Municipal Staff & DPW, trash/recycling collection, and our Police department. With the loss of state aid once again this year, the burden is continually put on the local tax payer with much frustration from everyone.

If anyone wishes to come out to one of our meetings and bring your ideas, please do so. If anyone wishes to speak to me about our budget or other issues regarding our town, please call me at 856-881-5540.

Please enjoy the spring and all the new season brings with your family and friends.

Thank you,
Mayor Phil Barbaro



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ELK TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Elk Township Police Department is committed to providing a meaningful and responsive law enforcement service to the residents of Elk Township. We are sworn to preserve the peace and enforce state and local laws. Our officers are committed to serving the community in such a manner which not only promotes community awareness, but remains sensitive to the needs of everyone.

Residents are reminded to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity by calling **911**.

Reported Crimes/Offenses/Activity Statistics For Year Ending 2009

Calls for Service:	7,752	Arrests:	240
MV Summons:	2,585	MV Crashes:	186, (70 Injuries)
Burglaries & Thefts:	119	Simple Assaults:	35
Sexual Assaults/Contacts:	6	Aggravated Assault:	7 (1 Officer Assaulted)
Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes:	0		

Census 2010

As most of you are already aware Census 2010 is currently underway. At some point you may see Census Bureau workers in your neighborhoods. They will be both temporary and permanent employees. Each temporary Census employee will have an official identification card with the employee's signature and an expiration date. Identification cards for temporary employees *do not* include a photograph. Each permanent employee's identification card will have his/her photograph and expiration date. You can check their website for information. <http://2010.census.gov/>

REMINDER: Unfortunately there will always be someone out there that will try to take advantage and come up with some kind of scam or commit a crime during the time that the Census workers are gathering information. Please be cautious of who you invite into your property and in your homes. Request to see their identification cards. Their ID's should be visible at all times. If at anytime you feel uncomfortable with any situation, please call 911. The officers will respond and further investigate the situation.

Elk Township Community Watch Program

The Elk Township Community Watch is always looking for members. If anyone is interested in joining our Community Watch Program or would just like to attend a meeting, call Mr. Robert Tate @ 881-4046 or Lieutenant Walter Garrison @ 881-6688.

Attention: Seniors and Disabled Residents

The Property Tax Reimbursement Applications (PTRS) have been sent out from the state. The applications are due by June 1, 2010. This application must be signed by the tax collector prior to mailing. If you are not already enrolled in this program, and did not receive an application from the state, please stop by the tax collector's office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 881-6525 ext. 12.

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector
Tana Sammons, Asst. Tax Collector

Environmental Commission Update:

After submitting an application for consideration last year, the ETEC has recently been notified that the NJ Audubon Society has elected Elephant Swamp Recreational Trail to be listed in the Audubon Society's Birding and Wildlife Trail Guide (www.njwildlifetrails.org) being published this year. We are very excited to have the Trail and our Township featured in their guide.



The ETEC and the Township Committee is also in the process of submitting an application to the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions for a grant to fund the preparation of an Open Space Plan for the Township. With such a plan, the Township would be able to pursue Green Acre Funding for the acquisition of open space if desired.

Lastly, the ETEC and the Recreation Committee are working together to plan our 4th annual Arbor Day celebration which is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The celebration will be held at the Aura School and will include a proclamation reading, planting of a ceremonial tree, and hand out of free seedlings to all in attendance. Come out and enjoy the celebration and get a seedling. We look forward to seeing you there.

The ETEC can be reached via email at etec@elktownshipnj.gov or by leaving a phone/written message at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully,
The Elk Township Environmental Commission

TAX ASSESSOR

Gloucester County will be assuming the duties of Tax Assessor for Elk Township effective April 1, 2010. Robin Glocker-Hammond, Assistant Deputy County Assessor will maintain regularly scheduled office hours in the Elk Township Municipal Building. She will be available on Monday's from 9am to 11am starting April 12, 2010 to assist with any questions or forms related to the assessors office. The county assessor's office is located in the Clayton County Complex, 1200 North Delsea Drive, Clayton Phone 856-307-6445 and Fax 856-307-6447

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RECREATION

Now that the warmer weather is coming, it's time for everyone to get outside and start using our Parks in Elk Township. There is our Whig Lane Recreation Park, Ida B. Hull Park and Elephant Swamp Trail, for everyone to enjoy. This is a great time to watch everything coming back to life after the winter months.

I also want to take this time to thank our outgoing Chairperson, Ann Marie Weitzel, for all that our Recreation Committee accomplished last year. We had a great year with everyone working together so well, from the start with our Senior Citizen's Valentine Dinner-Dance in February, to the end of the year with our Christmas Tree Lighting in December.

This year we will be having our activities as usual, but we are also planning an Elk Township Community Cookbook. We will include important information to residents in Elk Township along with your favorite recipes. We will have recipe forms available at the Municipal Building for everyone to get their recipes to us.

The Elk Township Recreation Committee is here to provide an array of programs and services to members of our community, for everyone to enjoy! A good part of our funding comes from private donations that is greatly appreciated, and helps us to serve the community even better.

Our next activity is Little Miss Elk Township which will be on April 23rd at Aura School. The very next day, on April 24th, we will be celebrating Arbor Day, along with the Environmental Committee, at Aura School. On May 21st we will be having Movie Night in the Elk Township Recreation Park. Please be sure to check the Township web site for more information regarding these and future events.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone taking advantage of getting to our upcoming activities in Our Community.

Barbara J. Pearson, Chairperson
Elk Township Recreation Committee

Arbor Day Celebration

Please Join Us
Saturday, April 24th
10am - 12 noon
Aura Elementary School

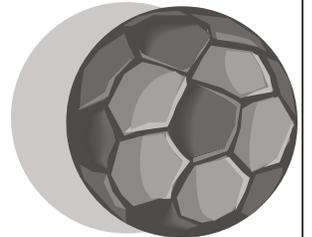
**Mayor's Proclamation
Tree Planting
Free Seedlings**

Elk Township Soccer Fall Sign-ups

Fall soccer registration dates for ages 4 to 14 will be:

April 30th, 6 to 8 PM
May 1st, 9 AM to Noon
May 15th, 9 AM to Noon

All sign-ups will be held at
Municipal Building.



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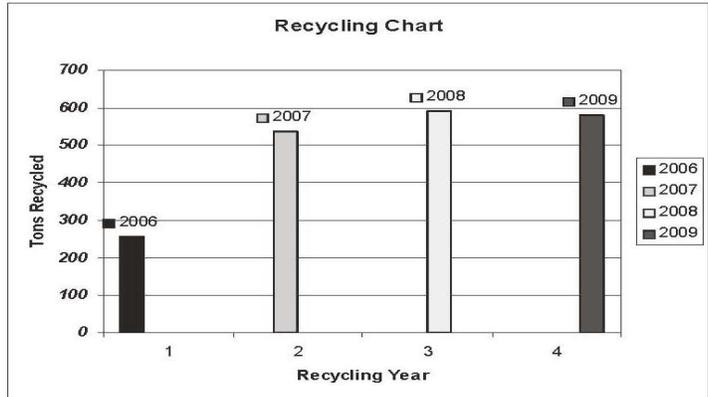
RECYCLING NEWS

667 Whig Lane Road, Monroeville, NJ 08343
 Phone 856-881-6525 ext. 21;
 Email: salexander@elktownshipnj.gov

**Elk Township
 Public Works
 Department**

Recycling has become an important part of our everyday effort in reducing expenses. In 2009 over \$48,000 was saved as a result of recycling. This trend has more than doubled since we enrolled into the RecycleBank program in early 2007. As the chart to the right indicates our recycling numbers increased in 2007 and 2008. However in 2009 the number has dropped slightly. Every resident should be recycling on a regular basis. Throughout the year we may be inspecting curbside trash for recycling contamination. Warnings and or fines may be administered if a violation is found. To reduce your chances of being inspected make sure you are doing your part

RECYCLE!



Don't forget to recycle your E-WASTE!
Call Public Works today for more information

Important Phone Numbers

Elk Township Public Works
 856-881-6525 ext. 21

Waste Management
 Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste and
 Metal item pickup
 1-800-472-7335

Recycling Rewards Program
 Recyclebank 1-888-727-2978

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

Things to Recycle in your Recycle Bin

- Newspaper, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, Junk mail
- Paper, paperboard (cereal and tissue boxes)
- Cardboard
- Narrow neck plastic bottles (labeled #1 and #2 on the bottom of the bottle)
- Milk jugs, bleach, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles (labeled #1 and #2 on the bottom)
- Glass bottles and Jars (any color)
- Aluminum, steel and tin cans (including empty aerosol cans)

What should NOT BE placed in your Recycle Bin

Food Scraps, Batteries, Ceramics, Porcelain, Cookware, Coat hangers, Appliances, Light bulbs (fluorescent and standard), Mirrors, Window and Auto glass, Plastic bags, Lawn chairs and tables, Laundry baskets, Laptop carriers, Tires and rims, Empty Gas cans, Propane and Air tanks, Mattresses and frames, Roofing Shingles, Wood and Siding, Toilets, Sinks and Faucets

ELK TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Elk Township Senior Citizen Club wants to welcome all seniors 55 years of age and older to join with us for a day of socializing and enjoyment every third Monday of each month at the Ferrell United Methodist Church Social Hall on Ferrell Road, just across from the Ferrell Firehouse.

Our meetings start at 12 noon, with lunch and social time. This is a great way of getting to see friends and neighbors, and meet new friends. We also have a program each month that is fun and informational. We have taken several trips to Dinner Theater and to the Lancaster area and we plan to take more outings, for everyone to enjoy. We presently have a trip planned for April 6th, to go to the Rainbow Dinner Theater to have dinner and see a play.

We would love to have more residents take advantage of what we have to offer. It would be great to see all of you at our next meeting on April 19, 2010.

We hope you can all come out to enjoy the day with us.

Just call one of the phone numbers below, for information, or to let us know your coming.

President--Barbara Pearson 856 478-2997 Vice President--Bill Rainey 856 881-4790

Economic Development Update

The Elk Township Economic Development Committee continues to be hard at work in 2010. Through exceptional attendance and participation in Township non-economic working groups, our volunteers are committed to ensuring a productive vetting of ideas and concepts aimed towards improving our community.

As part of this Year’s goals and initiatives, the EDC has begun to meet with prospective solar energy developers to learn more about some of the benefits associated with renewable energy projects. Potential township owned sites for such projects include the now-closed landfill located in Ferrell. Over the coming months, the EDC will seek to learn more about such opportunities as we pursue a greater understanding of the economic, environmental and socioeconomic impacts for certain applications. Given the technical, engineering and regulatory issues inherent to these projects, the EDC will also serve to intermediate such ideas and concepts with the Township’s other special purpose committees.

Please feel free to join us at our monthly meetings held at the municipal building which start at 7:30 pm. Schedules and contact information can be found at www.elktownshipnj.gov under the Boards and Commissions section.

ATTENTION ELK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

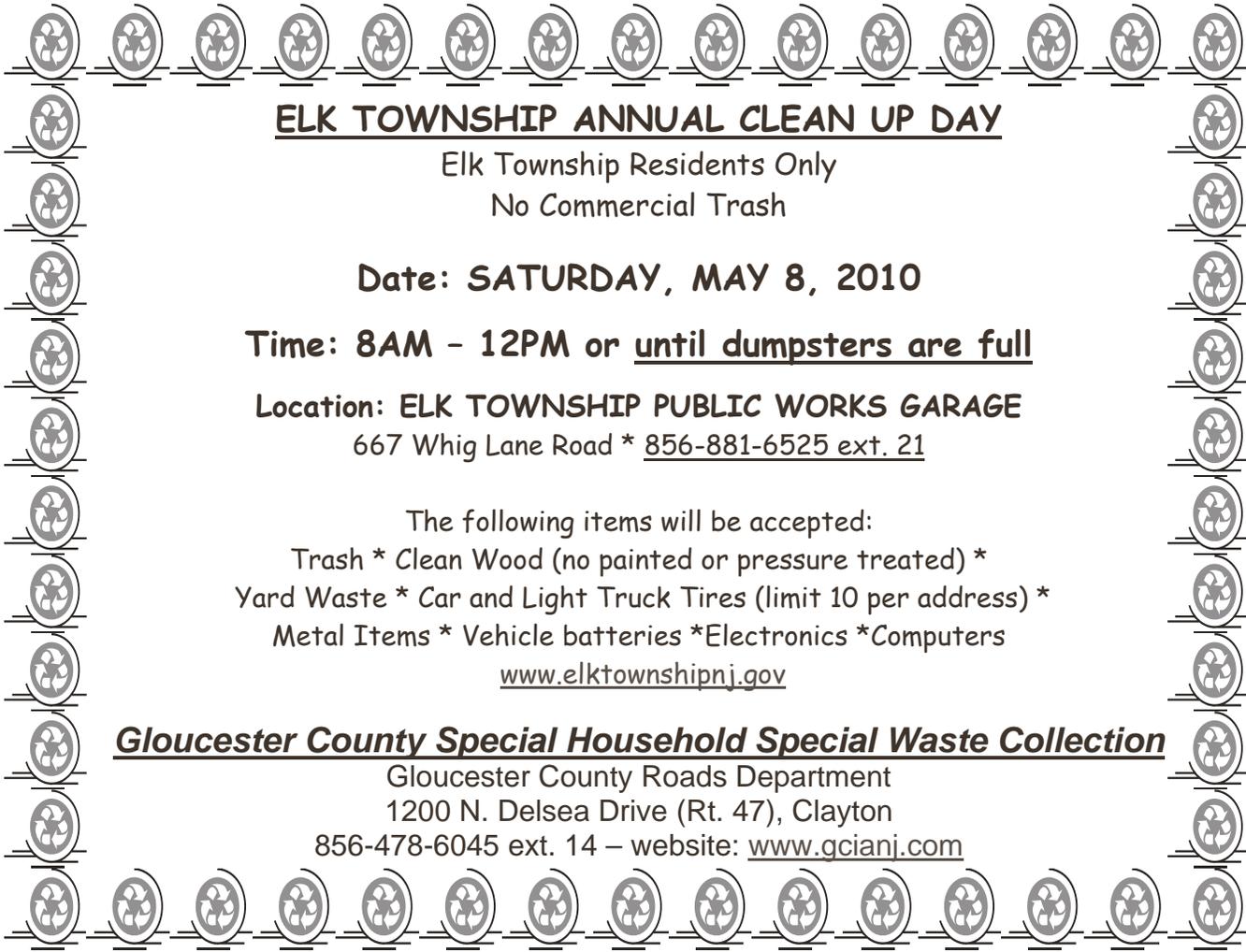
The Society to Protect Animals will be conducting a Dog Census between April 1st and September 1st . The Society will canvass the township on a door-to-door basis to determine the dog population of the township. If you have not registered your dog(s) please come into the Clerk’s Office as soon as possible. If your dog is not registered the Society may issue a summons and you may be required to appear in court.

If you have any questions please call 881-6525 ext. 10

ELK TOWNSHIP SPAY DAY

Save the Animals Foundation in conjunction with Animal Welfare Association will be holding a Spay Day on Friday September 10, 2010 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! 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



ELK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY

Elk Township Residents Only
No Commercial Trash

Date: SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010

Time: 8AM - 12PM or until dumpsters are full

Location: ELK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE
667 Whig Lane Road * 856-881-6525 ext. 21

The following items will be accepted:

- Trash * Clean Wood (no painted or pressure treated) *
- Yard Waste * Car and Light Truck Tires (limit 10 per address) *
- Metal Items * Vehicle batteries *Electronics *Computers

www.elktownshipnj.gov

Gloucester County Special Household Special Waste Collection

Gloucester County Roads Department
1200 N. Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Clayton
856-478-6045 ext. 14 – website: www.gcianj.com

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Support our Local Farmers



It is getting to be that time of the year again, when our home grown fruits and vegetables will be available at our local farm stands. Before you purchase produce at the grocery store, try some of South Jersey's, if not the world's, finest produce grown right here in your own town. Check the Elk Township web site to see what is in season.

KEEP INFORMED ABOUT YOUR TOWNSHIP VISIT OUR WEB SITE OFTEN!

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