



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 want to thank the members of your Township Committee for honoring me with the Mayor's appointment once again for 2011. 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 want to congratulate Committeewoman Carolyn King-Sammons on becoming our newest member of your township committee. We all look forward to working with her, and the new ideas she will bring to our town. On behalf of the entire committee I want to thank all of you who volunteer to serve our township with your time, energy, and input.

As we start our budget process for this year, I am happy to report that your township has received another New Jersey Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the reconstruction of a portion of Cedar Bridge Rd. This will be a nice addition to the work done on Carl Ave. the last few years. The township committee appreciates that in these tough economic times, our State Government can still send some of your tax dollars back into our community to benefit Elk's residents.

I am pleased to announce that in the last year, we have had some nice safety improvements to our local township roadways. The State D.O.T has finally approved the installation of a flashing traffic beacon at the intersection of Rte. 77 & Fislerville Rd., where there have been several fatal accidents in the past few years. We have been told that this project should be completed this year. In addition, the County has already installed a 4 way stop beacon at the intersection of Rte. 538 and Whig Lane Rd. Lastly, we are waiting on the final installation date for another improvement to the current flashing beacon at the intersection of Rte.77 & Rte. 538. I am sure the traffic

improving safety measures will benefit everyone in our community.

Your Township Committee will continue working together to reduce costs, expand shared services, and be transparent about our local government. If anyone wishes to come out to one of our meetings and bring your ideas, please do so. You can find our meeting nights and agendas on our web site at www.elktownshipnj.gov. 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 that the new season brings with your family and friends.

Thank you,
Mayor Phil Barbaro



Elk Township Municipal Building
Main Phone Number – 856-881-6525

Municipal Clerk Ext. 10
Planning/Zoning Secretary Ext. 11
Tax Collector Ext. 12
Construction Office Ext. 18
Zoning Officer Ext. 19
Municipal Court Ext. 17
Police Record Clerk Ext. 22
Public Works Ext. 21

Fire Official
856-881-2352

Tax Assessor
Contact Gloucester County
856-307-6449

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

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.

Operation Take Back

On Saturday April 30, 2011, from 10am to 2pm at the Elk Township Municipal Building we will be participating in the Operation Take Back Initiative. **The goal of this program is to allow citizens of New Jersey to rid their homes of unused, unwanted or expired medications** by turning them in to their local police department. The last two years that we have participated in this initiative has been extremely successful. You can find more information at: <http://www.operationtakebacknj.com/index.html>

As the summer approaches we would like to remind everyone to drive safely, obey the traffic laws and most importantly do not drink and drive. Residents are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling 911. I would like to encourage our residents to visit the police department on Face Book and also on the township's webpage.

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, Disabled & Residents

The **Property Tax Reimbursement Applications** (PTR) forms have been sent out from the state. The applications for seniors and disabled are due by June 1, 2011. 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 for more information, or call 856-881-6525 Ext. 12 - Susan or Tana.

The **Homestead Rebate Credits** were sent out with a revised 2nd quarter (May 1st) tax bill. The credit was based on your 2006 tax base. If you have questions about this credit, please contact the State of New Jersey at 1-888-238-1233.

STEAKS

SUB SHOP

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www.moodsfarmmarket.com



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Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
Richard and Joyce Mood
Patti and Pam Mood

Environmental Commission Update

Winter 2010



The Environmental Commission (EC) had a busy and productive 2010, and continues to seek ways 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 the installation of new seating benches, 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 new Cherry tree for the Aura Elementary School and distributing free evergreen tree seedlings as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Providing brochures, information and applications for Sustainable NJ Grants and other environmentally related issues and programs at the Elk Day celebration.

Studying and researching State laws, Township ordinances and local projects related to solar farm development 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;

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.

ELK TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Elk Township Senior Citizen's Club wants to invite all seniors 55 years of age and older to join us for a day of socializing and enjoyment the third Monday of each month at Ferrell United Methodist Church Social Hall located on Ferrell Road (across from Ferrell Firehouse).

We meet each month, except July and August, starting 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, followed by Bingo.

We have taken trips to Rainbow Dinner Theater and Lancaster. We hope to continue these and additional trips and outings this year for everyone to enjoy.

Our next trip will be on April 12th, to the Rainbow Dinner Theater. Reservations are required.

It would be great to see all of you at our next meeting on Monday, April 18th . 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 if you are coming for lunch.

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

Secretary --Jean Hawkins 856-881-4620 Treasurer--Marie Filippello 856-881-2890

Rainey's
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Mark Franklin, Pastor
(856) 881-0057

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Hardingville Bible Church
www.hardingville.com

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 Elk Township Recreation Park, located off Whig Lane Road; Ina B. Hull Park, off Stanger Avenue and Elephant Swamp Trail off Elk Road, for everyone to enjoy. This is a great time to watch everything coming back to life after the winter months.

The Recreation Committee is planning the following activities for the 2011 year.

****Easter Egg Hunt in the Park**, 10AM, Saturday, April 9th, in the Elk Township Recreation Park

****Elk Township Yard Sale in Ina B. Hull Park**, on Saturday, June 4th, 9AM till 1PM—spaces available

For \$15.00 each, contact Barbara Pearson at 856-478-2977 to register.

****Elk Township Movie in the Park**, Friday, June 10th, at dusk in the Elk Township Recreation Park

For information on any of these events please call: 856-478-2997

Barbara J. Pearson, Chairperson

Elk Township Recreation Committee

EMERGENCY 911

With Elk Township having a 911 system in place, the importance of having an address number on your home can not be emphasized enough. Consider this, a real-life incident, that could happen in Elk Township. A call was placed to 911 reporting that a man was undergoing cardiac-arrest. EMS was dispatched to the address. They were desperately searching for an address number on homes along the street and stopped at three homes that had no number. This could be you or someone dear to you if the property is not properly identified.

In life-threatening situations, every minute is critical.

In an effort to serve you better, the Elk Township Committee is requesting that residents cooperate in posting their house numbers. Deputy Mayor Swanson agrees with emergency responders who advise, *"When we are called to a home for an emergency, time is always critical."* That means finding that residence as quickly as possible. Walk out to the street in front of your home and see if your house numbers can be easily seen. If they can, then emergency responders have a greater chance of possibly saving a life." **The guidelines can be found in the Code of the Township of Elk**

Chapter 46 House Numbering Specifications are as follows:

- A. In Numerals
- B. A minimum size of three inches in height.
- C. Mounted in a secure fashion to the wall or porch of the building so as to be clearly visible from the street. If numbers affixed to the front of the building are not visible from the street, there shall, in addition, be a second number as specified by this section, placed upon a post, rod, or other type of fixture frontage, so that the number may be conspicuous and visible from the street upon which the building fronts.
- D. Sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing and uniformity so as to be clearly visible from the street.
- E. All numbers shall be at least 48 inches above ground level and placed such that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street upon which the building fronts.

The main concern of everyone is for the safety of the residents of Elk Township. You never know when you may be the next one to call 911 for an emergency. Be sure your house number is posted and visible from the road, possibly by illuminating numbers, so that you can be found as quickly as possible, as every minute counts. If you have any additional questions please contact: Wayne Swanson (ELK 911 COORDINATOR) at (856) 366-4219 or by email wxswanso@verizon.net.

Recycling News

Elk Township
Public Works
Department

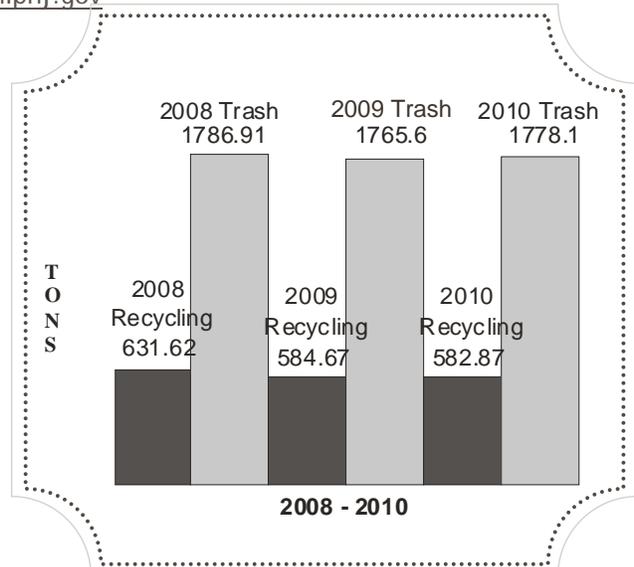
667 Whig Lane Road, Monroeville, NJ 08343
Phone 856-881-6525 ext. 21; Email: salexander@elktownshipnj.gov

Recycling Saves Money

By Steven Alexander

Recycling has become an important part of our everyday effort in reducing expenses. In 2010 \$44,000 was saved as a result of recycling. This trend has more than doubled since we offered larger recycling containers in early 2007. As the chart to the right indicates our recycling numbers have slightly decreased since 2008. Every resident should be recycling on a regular basis. Throughout the year, without warning, we may inspect curbside trash for recycling contamination. If recycling is found in regular trash we may issue fines and or warnings accordingly. To reduce your chances of being inspected make sure you are doing your part.....

RECYCLE!



Important Phone Numbers

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

Waste Management
Account # 407-26972
1-800-472-7335

Call Waste Management to schedule
Metal Item Pickup

Items to Recycle

- Newspaper, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, Junk mail
- Paper, paperboard (cereal and tissue boxes)
- Cardboard
- Food and Beverage containers; Plastic bottles, Milk jugs, bleach, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles (labeled #1, #2 and #4, #5, #7 on the bottom)
- Glass bottles and Jars (any color)
- Aluminum, steel and tin cans (including empty aerosol cans)

DO NOT

put the following 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, Children's Toys and Yard Waste

Elk Township Economic Development Committee Needs Your Input

Residents of Elk are invited to attend the monthly meetings and participate in meeting discussions, by providing ideas, suggestions and comments on the future of Economic Development in Elk. Meeting dates and times are listed on the township web site along with meeting agendas and minutes. <http://www.elktownshipnj.gov> The present mission statement, list of members and specific areas of endeavor are also listed and updated. In order for the committee to best serve the township residents, we are asking for your input on the brief survey that follows. We ask that all responses be returned by May 15, 2011. The responses can be returned in your tax bill, or dropped off at the municipal building drop box, by email to: vcm7@verizon.net or called in to Victor C. Morella, from the time you get the newsletter until May 15, 2011. Call 609-458-4272 If the line is busy please leave a message, your name and phone number. The call will be returned. The EDC appreciates your input and will only publish the results as a summary without any individual names. At the June 6th, 2011 meeting of the EDC, the results of the survey will be discussed. Residents are encouraged to attend.

SURVEY

Have you visited the Elk Township web site. YES _____ NO _____
 If NO, Why _____

If Yes, Did you find it of value _____

As an Elk Township resident what do you like most about living in Elk Township? _____

What do you like least. _____

What suggestions do you have for improvement, regarding areas that you like least. _____

Respondent Name and Address. _____

Thank you, from the EDC Committee Members. Chairman David Slack.



Dog registration form

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Dog's name _____

Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Dog Size: _____

Expiration of Rabies Vaccine: _____

MUST include paper certificate from vet.

Birth date of dog: _____

Hair Type: _____ short _____ long

Breed of dog: _____

Spayed/Neutered: _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please give date _____

Number of dog(s) registering _____

\$6.00 spayed/neutered

\$9.00 non-spay/non-neuter

\$5.00 Late fee (if after 3/31/2011)

Total Amount enclosed _____

Please make payment payable to Elk Twp.

DOG REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW DUE!!

ALL DOGS must be registered by March 31, 2011.

\$6.00 for spayed/neutered \$9.00 for non-spayed/non-neutered

There is a \$5.00 Late Fee for dogs registered after March 31, 2011.

Licenses can be purchased in the Clerk's Office

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:15am to 4:15pm, Wednesday 9:15am to 5:45pm and Friday 9:15am to 2:45pm.

OR

Licenses can be purchased by mail

Mail your check or money order, the attached registration form and a self addressed, stamped envelope along with a **copy** of the rabies certificate to the clerk's office.

OR

Licenses can be purchased using the drop box in front of the Municipal Building

Put your check or money order, a self addressed, stamped envelope, a **copy** of the rabies certificate and the attached registration form into an envelope to the attention of the clerk and place in the drop box.

License(s) will be sent to you by mail.



ELK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY

Elk Township Residents Only

No Commercial Trash

Date: **SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011**

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

NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS

As most of you are aware, Elk Township has decided not to renew our contract with RecycleBank. As a result, we must relinquish ownership of our current recycling containers.

During the week of March 28th, RecycleBank will begin picking up the blue RecycleBank containers. Please place your "RB" container(s) to the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling day. Do not return the container(s) to your home, leave them at the curb to accommodate easy removal.

During the week of April 4th, Elk Township will begin delivering new recycling containers. Each resident will receive 1 (one) container with an option to lease additional containers from the township at a cost of \$50.00 each. Please Note: each container is the responsibility of the homeowner. If moving, the container must stay with the home.

ELK TOWNSHIP CAT SPAY DAY

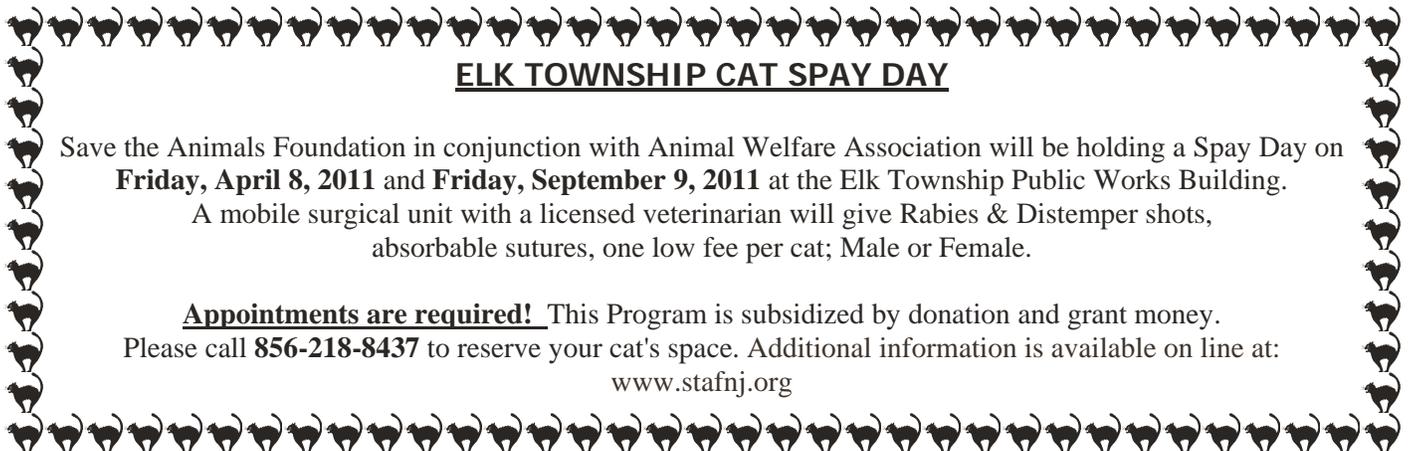
Save the Animals Foundation in conjunction with Animal Welfare Association will be holding a Spay Day on **Friday, April 8, 2011** and **Friday, September 9, 2011** at the Elk Township Public Works Building.

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



ELK TOWNSHIP EDGE NEWSLETTER

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Financial Advisor

Edward Jones

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**Elk Township Soccer
Fall Sign-ups**

Fall soccer registration dates for ages 4 to 14 will be:
Friday, May 13th, 6:30 to 8:30PM
Saturday, May 14th, 9AM to Noon
Saturday, May 21st, 9AM to Noon

All sign-ups will be held at the
Municipal Building.



KEEP INFORMED ABOUT YOUR TOWNSHIP VISIT OUR WEB SITE OFTEN !

www.elktownshipnj.gov