



# *Eastampton Township News*

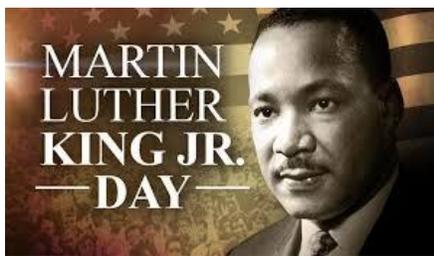
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Eastampton, NJ  
(609) 267-5723  
[www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com)*

*Mayor Anthony Zeno, Deputy Mayor Jay Springer,  
Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Eddie Besko  
and Council Member Dominic Santillo*

## **January 2019**

Eastampton Township News is generally published on a monthly basis to provide residents with pertinent information and reminders related to Eastampton Township and the surrounding area. The Township views this as another important means of keeping residents informed about our community.

### Observed Holidays



Municipal Offices are closed on **Tuesday, January 21, 2019** in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Dog Licensing



**Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs Over 6 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year.** Dog licenses are valid for the current calendar year and expire annually on December 31. We began 2019 licensing. Licensing maybe done by mail or in person.

In addition to normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm), the Manor House will be open to license dogs on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$13.00 for a non-neutered/spayed dog. A \$2.00 per month additional fee will be assessed for each dog registered after January 31. Animal Control personnel are permitted to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing within the Township. Licensing information may be obtained in person at the Manor House or by calling (609) 267-5723, ext. 200.

Please note that the **rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2019** to obtain the license. The Burlington County Animal Shelter hosts a FREE Rabies Clinic the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 3:00-4:00 pm.

## Brush & Leaf Collection



### **Eastampton Township Brush Collection Schedule Reminder.**

Brush chipping is done the first full week of every month except when the first Monday is a holiday. When the first Monday is a holiday, brush collection will be done the following week. In the event of inclement weather, brush will be collected the following week as well. Residents are reminded to place brush curbside at the front of their home by 7:00am on the first day of scheduled collection. Branches should be longer than (4) four feet and not exceed (8) eight inches in diameter. All butt ends must face the same direction for ease of loading. Sticks and branches less than (4) four feet in length should be tied in bundles that weigh no more than (50) fifty pounds. Please keep sidewalks and pathways clear for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Additional information can be found by visiting the Township website at [www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com) or by contacting the Public Works Department at (609) 267-5723, ext. 210.

**Christmas Tree Collection.** The Department of Public Works collects Christmas trees as part of the Township's brush collection program. Trees should be placed curbside for collection and all lights, decorations and tree stands must be removed. Trees which are chemically treated or "flocked" will be collected with regular trash as they cannot be recycled. Collection will begin on January 14, 2019. If you have any questions about collection, please call 609-267-5723, extension 210.



**Eastampton Township Leaf Collection Information.** Leaf collection begins the week of October 15 and will be collected through January, 2019. Residents can bag leaves or rake them to the curb for collection. Leaves should be placed in the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk, not in the street. Leaves should not be placed near fire hydrants, sign posts, portable basketball hoops, or telephone poles. Leaves must be free of all trash, sticks, branches, vines, rocks, dirt, and debris. Mixed material will not be collected.

Additional information can be found by visiting the Township website at [www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com) or by contacting the Public Works Department at (609) 267-5723, ext. 210.

### **Tips for Residents to Follow During Winter Weather Advisories and Storms:**

- Be aware of parking regulations and once snow has begun, remove all vehicles from roadways to enable plow trucks to clear the roads. In general, it is helpful to park vehicles in garages and driveways wherever possible and not on the street during a storm to improve street snow clearing.
- Remove accumulated snow from abutting sidewalks to assist neighbor and school student safety. When clearing snow, be mindful not to shovel snow into roadways or adjoining properties.
- Shoveling out neighborhood fire hydrants is encouraged to allow for quick location and access in event of an emergency. Residents should be aware of fire hydrant locations and street address signs that could become inaccessible due to snow accumulation.
- Unless officially authorized, residents should never assume that frozen ponds or lakes are suitable for skating or other recreational activities
- The Township will continue to notify residents of pertinent information through our website, Facebook page and email notification system. To register for the email notification system, "control and click" on the link below: <http://www.eastampton.com/content/85/87.aspx>

SIGN UP



**Burlington County Recycling Program.** Get the latest recycling updates on shredding events, schedule changes due to inclement weather and more with the free Recycle Coach smartphone application. The application is available on iTunes and Google Play app stores for Burlington County residents.

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**Township Council Reorganization Meeting** was **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7pm** at which time Anthony Zeno was elected Mayor, Jay Springer was elected Deputy Mayor and Eddie Besko and Dominic Santillo were sworn in as Council Members. Pictured below are your 2019 Township Council Members.

**Township Council Meeting** Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7 pm. Come out and meet your Mayor and Council Members.



Pictured Left to right: Deputy Mayor Jay Springer, Councilman Eddie Besko, Mayor Anthony Zeno, Councilman Robert Apgar, and Councilman Dominic Santillo.



Mayor Anthony Zeno

### Mayor's Message:

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you again for electing me to represent you on the Eastampton Township Council, and to thank my wife Michelle and my children for their support. It is an honor to serve my community, and a privilege to have the opportunity to build a better home for my family. I would also like to thank my fellow council members for selecting me to serve as Mayor for 2019, and to extend a warm welcome to our two newest council members, Eddie Besko and Dominic Santillo.

I am looking forward to the coming year, which I believe will bring great things for our town. As you know, we have been actively planning for the future. We have already secured state and county grant funds that will allow us to continue to make improvements to our parks, roads, and walking paths, and we will continue to look for new opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Eastampton.

As you also know, much progress has been made in redeveloping our town center and achieving the other goals of our community's Master Plan, which calls for smart growth and a balance between preservation and development. We are pleased to see that property values are on the rise, and we plan to build on this progress by enhancing our efforts to attract new commercial development to our town.

While we push for progress in these areas, we will not forget those things that our residents already enjoy, our municipal efficiency and character. Our municipal departments will continue to maximize the value of your tax dollars, and we will continue to invest in those capital projects that are necessary to maintain the safety and curbside appeal of our town.

Before closing, I would like to take a moment to thank our outgoing council members, John Adams and Matthew Edson for their years of service, and again congratulate our recently appointed Township Manager, Kim-Marie White, who has also proven her dedication to improving our town. It is the dedication of our residents and staff that make Eastampton a great place to live. We look forward to working with our staff and many community

volunteers, including other local elected officials in the coming year, and I thank you all in advance for your passion and support.

Please be sure to sign up for our monthly newsletters so that we can keep you informed of our progress throughout the year, and know that you are always welcome to join us at our Township Council meetings.

Best wishes for 2019,  
Anthony Zeno, Mayor



Deputy Mayor Jay Springer

Jay has been a resident of Eastampton Township since 1991. For 10 years he lived in Eastampton Mews and served as President on the board of the Eastampton Mews Homeowners Association. In 2001 he and his family moved to the Lakeview section of town. Prior to his election to Eastampton Township Council, he was active on the Township's Environmental Commission and was Vice Chair of the Township's Land Use Planning Board.

Jay and Kim, his wife of 28 years, have two children, Joshua and Jenna, who both attended the Eastampton Community School. Jay has been very active in the community and for many years. He coached youth baseball and softball and volunteers much of his time in support of the performing arts programs at Rancocas Valley Regional High School, especially the Red Devil Marching Band, where he is very active on the Rancocas Valley Band Boosters. He also serves as a Chief Steward with the Communications Workers of America Local 1036 and is a New Jersey AFL-CIO endorsed labor candidate.

For the past 30 years Jay has been employed as an environmental professional at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and has a diverse background in several clean water programs working on initiatives such as watershed restoration, sustainability and controlling water pollution. He also represents the State of New Jersey on the federal

Delaware Estuary Program, working with partners from around the region in the corporate, public and non-profit sectors.

He attended Rowan University, where he met his wife Kim and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology in 1988. In 2017, he earned a Certified Public Manager (CPM) from the Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration. He has also been an Instructor at Rutgers University teaching Continuing Professional Education courses on Wetlands, Stormwater and Floodplain Management and has been a guest speaker on environmental issues at classes and seminars at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, Montclair State University, Stevens Institute of Technology and at several environmental, professional and governmental organization events.

Jay was first elected to Township Council in 2008 and served as Deputy Mayor in 2009 and as Mayor in 2010 and 2017. He has represented the Township Council on the Environmental Commission, Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Land Use Planning Board.



Councilman Robert Apgar

Rob has been a resident of Eastampton since 2010. He lives with his wife Ally, a public school teacher, and their two children in Eastampton Farms. His oldest daughter (6) attends the Eastampton Community School, and his youngest daughter (3) attends Timothy Christian Academy.

Currently employed by the State of New Jersey, Rob is a grants administrator with over ten years of experience in the non-profit and public sectors. Rob has also taught courses in sustainable development and environmental history at Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly BCC) and The College of New Jersey, and has consulted on the development of courses in the field of sustainability policy and management.

Rob earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from The College of New Jersey in 2005, graduating with highest honors, and a Master of Environmental Studies degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010, with a concentration in environmental policy.

Rob, who currently serves as the Council's liaison to the Environmental Advisory Committee and Eastampton Community School, has also served on the Council's Finance Committee, the Land Use Planning Board, and as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.



Councilman Eddie Besko

Eddie has been a resident of Eastampton since 1989, and began his early education at preschool in Eastampton. He then attended Eastampton Elementary School, and continued on to Eastampton Middle School. He graduated from what is now known as the Community School in 2000.

Eddie then graduated from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in 2004, and was awarded a partial scholarship to DeVry University. Through enrollment in summer courses Eddie accelerated his degree completion and graduated from DeVry in October 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He was also one of the first students to graduate with a concentration in Business Information Systems.

Eddie became actively involved in the community during his early life through participation in the Eagle Scout program. His Eagle Scout Project was the beautification of Veterans Memorial Park, and he earned the highest scouting rank of BSA. He also participated in the Eastampton Youth Soccer Association. He later became an official referee for the organization in 2001, and continues to referee. Eddie joined the Eastampton Recreation Committee in 2017, and became Co-Chair in 2018. He is proud to be part of a community that is focused on growth and community efforts to work together for a better future.



Councilman Dominic Santillo

Dominic F. Santillo has been a resident of Eastampton Township since 2013, residing in Eastampton Meadows (Farms). Since moving to town he has been a member of the Eastampton Community School Superintendent search committee (2016) and was appointed as a member of the Eastampton Land Use Planning Board in January 2018. Dominic is also active in the community as a volunteer coach for Westampton Recreation and Sacred Heart CYO Baseball. Mr. Santillo has been a coach for 3+ years of baseball & tee-ball, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of Sacred Heart. Dominic is also a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Mount Holly Post #11.

Dominic and his wife of twelve years, Elizabeth, met at The College of New Jersey. They previously lived together in Bordentown and Willingboro before settling down in Eastampton with their three children: Dominic Jr (10), Kaitlyn (8) and David (5). All three children attend Eastampton Community School and are active participants in Eastampton Youth Soccer Association, Westampton Recreation and Sacred Heart CYO Baseball & Softball. Beth is a school teacher in the Bordentown Regional School District.

Dominic is employed by Christiana Care Health System in Newark, DE as an Information Services Team Leader. He has worked at Christiana Care for over 5 years and currently oversees the Enterprise Medical Record Core and Incident Management Services team. He has previously served as application analyst and systems engineer working with the EMR team. Previous healthcare IT experience includes time served at Kennedy Health System in Cherry Hill and as a vendor consultant traveling across the US implementing emergency department software.

Dominic was admitted to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) and participated in Student Government and other activities while attaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Specialization in Information Systems Management. After graduation, he spent time in the restaurant industry as a server, bartender and banquet manager until finding a position to leverage his IT skills.

Raised in Garfield, NJ (Bergen County) where he attended public school for grades K-12, in his junior year of high school Dominic was selected to attend the American Legion Jersey Boys State ("ALJBS") program. Held at Rider University the week-long, hands-on leadership seminar on civics and government, Dominic served as "mayor" of his Boys State city. He returned to be a member of the all-volunteer staff the following year and has served 22nd consecutive years. He now serves as First Assistant Director and Dean of the Program where he oversees every facet of the program from invitations of keynote speakers, scheduling, and staffing. In addition, he also was selected as a Trustee of the New Jersey Boys State Foundation - the fundraising organization associated with the program. In June of 2008, Dominic was elected as Chairman and has since served in that capacity. As Chairman of the 21-member board, Mr. Santillo oversees the annual budget, meeting planning and coordinates fundraising efforts from a Parent Mailing, online campaigns via Paypal, annual 5K's and other dine and donate events. Dominic also maintains websites for both ALJBS and the NJ Boys State Foundation.

Dominic was elected to Township Council in November, 2018. Dominic represents the Township Council on the Land Use Planning Board.



Honor Yoga Mansfield will be relocating to the Eastampton Place development on Patriot Way in early 2019! They offer Flow, Power, Beginners, Calm & Strong, as well as Yoga for Kids and Teens. They host multiple workshops monthly to deepen and advance your yoga practice. This beautiful studio in a new building will offer 2700 square feet of space and many more types of classes including floor classes, aerial yoga, yoga barre, bodywork, kids and teen programming, birthday parties and more. Follow them on FB and Instagram for updates on construction, promotions, and pre-sale offerings as the new yoga home comes to life. Stay tuned for a fantastic deal they will be offering to new students. Namaste Eastampton!

## Local Business Spotlight

### **Maryanne's Sweet Creations**

1302 Monmouth Rd. (Next to Russo's)

<http://maryannssweetcreations.weebly.com>

1-484-300-5458



Homemade cakes, cookies, fudge and candies made to order for weddings, birthdays, parties, or any type of event

**Valentine's Day** is coming soon! *Pre-order* chocolate covered strawberries for your sweetheart today!

Stop in right next door to **Miss Bee Haven Florist** and grab flowers to go with your sweet treats! Call 609-261-2900 or visit <http://missbeehavenflorist.com>



## OTHER EVENTS AND DATES

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### Mammals and Tracks

**January 19, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Certain mammals may be more difficult to observe during the colder months of the year. Learn about the different mammals you can find in Smithville Park, how to identify their tracks, scat, and other signs that they've been in the area. Meet at parking lot B on Meade Lane

### Tails on the Trails and Collection

**January 27, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Grab your canine companion and em"bark" on a guided hike throughout the park. Bring along a donation (food or otherwise) for local animal shelters. Meet at the Smith's Woods parking lot on East Railroad Ave