



Eastampton Township News

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*Mayor Robert Apgar, Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno,
Council Member John Adams, Council Member Matthew Edson
and Council Member Jay Springer present...*

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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.

1. **NO TAX RATE INCREASE 2016 Municipal Budget Adopted** by Eastampton Township Council on April 28 for **third consecutive year**. Thus, the 2016 municipal tax rate component remains the same, at the rate of **85 cents** per \$100 of assessed valuation. This means that for the average current residential assessment of \$220,501.00, the 2016 **municipal tax is \$1,874.25**. The Eastampton municipal component **remains at less than 27%** of the total local property tax bill. The 2016 municipal tax levy also is well below the available state cap levy amounts. The *fiscally conservative* budget document also will continue to deliver a very high quality level of services to residents. The **NO TAX RATE INCREASE** municipal budget is a result of the Township's commitment to continually seek out additional efficiencies, cooperative purchasing avenues and service sharing opportunities, a low debt level, and pro-active efforts to carefully plan and to closely monitor expenditures and revenues throughout the year.
2. **Eastampton Township Council Members Participate in Eastampton Community School Arbor Day Celebration.** Mayor Robert Apgar, Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno and Council Member Jay

Springer joined Superintendent Dr. Robert Krastek, members of the Board of Education, school administrators and staff, members of the Township's Environmental Commission, and hundreds of students in honoring Arbor Day on April 22. The Township's Environmental Commission assisted in coordinating the event and honored retiring Superintendent Dr. Krastek with the planting of a cherry blossom tree in his honor. Recycling poster contest winners were also announced and were awarded to Mrs. Kennedy's First Grade class, Ms. Horne's Fourth Grade class and Mr. Phillips' Eight Grade Class.



Mayor Robert Apgar addresses Eastampton Community School students at the school's 2016 Arbor Day Celebration.

3. **Eastampton Township Hosts Memorial Day Ceremony.** Mayor Robert Apgar and Township Council announced that the Township is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on [Friday, May 27 at 5:00pm](#) at Veterans Park (in front of the Manor House), located at 12 Manor House Court in Eastampton. Coordinated by the Township's Recreation Advisory committee, the ceremony will feature comments from Council Members and representatives of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and songs and music by the Eastampton Community School Chorus. Local Girl Scout Troops will be participating in the planting of flowers and laying of wreaths to commemorate the men and women who died while serving our country. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.
4. **Join the Eastampton Seniors Group.** This growing group of seniors began meeting in April, 2009 and meets monthly at the Recreation Building in Buttonwood Park on Knightsbridge Road. All Eastampton residents ages

50 and up are welcomed to join. Activities include guest speakers, luncheons, holiday parties, trips and other special programs. Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information.

5. **Eastampton Township is Offering Several Summer Recreation Programs** including Mad Science enrichment programs, US Sports Institute multi-sport and tennis camps and Youth Stages theatre arts workshops. Programs will be offered at Buttonwood Park from July 11 to August 19. Visit the Township website at www.eastampton.com for additional details.
6. **Burlington County Sponsors “Tours of the Mansion” at Historic Smithville Park and Smith’s Woods.** Tours begin on May 1 and are every Thursday and Sunday at 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Please contact (609) 261-3295 for additional information.
7. **Burlington County Sponsors “Victorian Times” on Sunday, May 15 at Historic Smithville Park and Smith’s Woods.** Travel back in time and join the Friends of the Mansion at Smithville for an afternoon of Victorian activities in the park. Gather to experience and play a variety of games that Hezekiah B. Smith and his wife Agnes Gilkerson Smith may have enjoyed while residing in Smithville in the 1800’s, along with enjoying music and festivities from the Victorian era. Visit exhibits in the Worker’s House and Gallery and the Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery. Entertainment, music and lessons in the tea etiquette will be free. There will be a nominal fee to tour the mansion. This annual event will spotlight vendors, artists, crafters, game and activity providers, and performers that have a Victorian theme. The event runs from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. Please contact (609) 265-5858 for additional information.
8. **Register to Receive All Eastampton Township Announcements.** 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>

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