

## Eastampton Township News

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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 2017 Municipal Budget Adopted by Eastampton Township Council on April 24 for fourth consecutive year. Thus, the 2017 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 \$220,658.00, the 2017 municipal tax is \$1,877.80. The Eastampton municipal component is approximately 25% of the total local property tax bill. The 2017 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 Police Lieutenant Joseph Iacovitti Promoted to Chief of Police. Mayor Jay Springer administered the oath of office to Chief Iacovitti at the May 8 Township Council meeting. The vacancy was created by the retirement of former Chief of Police Christopher Muraglia earlier this month. Chief Iacovitti began his law enforcement career in 1994 as a Corrections Officer with the Burlington County Department of Corrections. After working as a Special Police Officer for the Burlington Township Police Department from 1996-1998, he started as a Patrol Officer with the Eastampton Township Police Department in 1998. He has also served the department as a Sergeant and most recently as the Lieutenant since 2013. Chief Iacovitti has received the department's Officer of the Year award on three occasions, in 2000, 2005 and 2010. Chief Iacovitti has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community members and is committed to leading the department with a vision of community policing.



Mayor Jay Springer administered the oath of office to new Chief of Police Joseph Iacovitti. Pictured from left to right are: Council Member Anthony Zeno; former Chief of Police Christopher Muraglia; Chief of Police Joseph Iacovitti, Council Member Matthew Edson; Mayor Jay Springer, and Deputy Mayor Robert Apgar.

3. Eastampton Township Council Recognizes "2016 Officer of the Year" Patrol Officer Michael Mulhern. Patrol Officer Mulhern served in the United States Marine Corps from 2004 to 2008 and received an Iraq campaign medal, a naval unit commendation and a national defense ribbon. He began his career with the Eastampton Township Police Department in 2011 and has received a Gallantry Start award for an outstanding arrest in which he disarmed a man who had discharged a firearm. He is a highly respected officer for his professionalism and

- dedication to his duties. Officer Mulhern remains a shining example for all police officers and is a great asset to Eastampton Township.
- 4. Eastampton Township Hosts Memorial Day Ceremony. Mayor Jay Springer and Township Council announced that the Township is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on Friday, May 26 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.
- 5. Construction of Cliver Park Parking Lot Expansion is Ongoing. The project consists of adding thirty-two (32) additional parking spaces to accommodate the growing use of the popular community park, which includes ball fields, tennis courts, a walking path, a basketball court and playground. Work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 7 am and 4 pm, weather permitting, and should last through May 19. The project is funded by a 2015 Burlington County Park Development Grant secured by Eastampton Township Council and the work is being performed by low bidder Pioneer General Contracting of South River, New Jersey.
- 6. New Jersey American Water is Performing Routine Flushing of Their Water Distribution System. The flushing will ensure that residents continue to receive high-quality water service. Flushing also allows American Water to monitor and maintain fire hydrants. When crews are working, residents may notice reduced pressure or discolored water. If your water is discolored, wait until it runs clear before using. This should typically take only a few minutes. For more information, and a map of the affected area log on to the American Water website at, <a href="https://www.newjerseyamwater.com">www.newjerseyamwater.com</a> and select "Alert Notifications".
- 7. **Eastampton Township Now Accepting Online Tax Payments.** Residents can make payments online via ACH, e-check, credit card or debit card by visiting <a href="https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0311">https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0311</a>. An administrative fee will be assessed by the company processing the transactions. For additional information contact the Tax Collector's Office at 609-267-5723, ext. 204 or ext. 213.
- 8. Eastampton Township Co-Sponsors Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 10 at Iron Works Park in Mount Holly. The annual

event, co-sponsored by several area municipalities, will be held from 6:30am to 12pm. Registration begins at 6am. The event includes door prizes and trophies for various age groups. Contact the Mount Holly Recreation Department at (609) 267-1742 for additional information.

- 9. Eastampton Township Encourages Residents to Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees. Residents can apply to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, Land Use Planning Board and the Recreation Advisory Committee. Residents interested in volunteering can obtain an application form by visiting <a href="http://www.eastampton.com/filestorage/71/546/548/Citizen Leadership Form Application for Board Committee.pdf">http://www.eastampton.com/filestorage/71/546/548/Citizen Leadership Form Application for Board Committee.pdf</a> or from the Municipal Clerk's Office. Completed applications should be returned by email to <a href="https://www.eastampton.com">kwhite@eastampton.com</a> or by mail to Eastampton Township, 12 Manor House Court, Eastampton, NJ 08060. For further information, call the Municipal Clerk's Office at (609) 267-5723, ext. 209.
- 10. Westampton Township Recreation Programs Open to Eastampton Township Residents. Eastampton Township residents have the opportunity to register for any of the exciting programs and activities offered through the Westampton Township Recreation Department. Several upcoming spring and summer programs are attached below. For information regarding these programs or any activities sponsored by the Westampton Township Recreation Department, please contact (609) 267-1891, ext. 8 or visit <a href="http://www.westamptonnj.gov/recreation">http://www.westamptonnj.gov/recreation</a>.
- 11. PSE&G Continues Burlington County Gas Pipe Replacement Project on Woodlane Road. The project, which includes the replacement of approximately 9 miles of older gas pipes throughout various Burlington County municipalities, will directly impact the entire span of Woodlane Road in Eastampton Township. Work will be conducted Monday through Saturday from 8am to 5pm. Additional project information can be found by visiting <a href="www.pseg.com/gaswork">www.pseg.com/gaswork</a> or by contacting PSE&G at (973) 430-7734.
- 12. Fieldstone Associates, LLC Continues Site Work on Eastampton Place West on Woodlane Road, the Former Gregory's Furniture Site. Fieldstone Associates, LLC received Land Use Planning Board approval for a mix-use project on the site. "Eastampton Place West" consists of 7 buildings totaling approximately 383,000 square feet, including over 12,000 square feet

of commercial space, a 4,300 square foot clubhouse and 240 **market-rate** luxury apartment units ranging from 800 to 1,400 square feet each. The property is located adjacent to the existing Dunkin Donuts on Woodlane Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in April and occupancy is scheduled to begin in February of 2018. Work is scheduled to be performed on weekdays, weather permitting, from 7am to 4pm. Work will occasionally be conducted on Saturdays during the same hours. Progress and timelines will be provided throughout the project via all Township information outlets.

- 13. Holgate Development, LLC Continues Construction on Eastampton Village II and III on Woodlane Road. The project, consisting of 8 market-rate single family homes and 55 market-rate townhomes is located adjacent to the existing Sharbell development. Work is scheduled to be performed on weekdays, weather permitting, from 7am to 4pm. Work will occasionally be conducted on Saturdays during the same hours. Although vehicular traffic may be impacted in this area, roads will remain open throughout the project. Construction work is being performed by Blenheim Construction of Sicklerville and Township Engineer Environmental Resolutions is managing project oversight. Progress and timelines will be provided throughout the project via all Township information outlets.
- 14. Fieldstone Associates, LLC Continues Construction on Eastampton Place on Woodlane Road, next to CVS. "Eastampton Place" consists of 5 buildings totaling approximately 199,000 square feet, including 5,600 square feet of commercial space and 140 market-rate luxury apartment units ranging from 1,000 to 1,350 square feet each. The 3-parcel property, most of which was formerly a junkyard, is located adjacent to the existing CVS pharmacy. Construction has begun and occupancy is scheduled to begin in August of 2017. Residents should expect some traffic delays due to utility work in this area. Work is scheduled to be performed on weekdays, weather permitting, from 7am to 4pm. Work will occasionally be conducted on Saturdays during the same hours. Progress and timelines will be provided throughout the project via all Township information outlets. For more information regarding Eastampton Place, visit <a href="http://eastamptonplace.com">http://eastamptonplace.com</a>.
- 15. Burlington County Sponsors "Tea and Tour of the Smithville Mansion" at Historic Smithville Park and Smith's Woods on Thursday, May 25 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Enjoy tea in the Historic Smithville Mansion dining room followed by a tour of the mansion. Cost is \$25.00. For additional information contact Jo at (856) 767-3159.

- 16. 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 GooglePlay app stores for Burlington County residents.
- 17. 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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