



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 2018 Municipal Budget Adopted** by Eastampton Township Council on April 23 for **fifth consecutive year**. Thus, the 2018 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 \$221,149.00, the 2018 **municipal tax is \$1,881.98**. The Eastampton municipal component is approximately **25% of the total local property tax bill**. The 2018 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 Hosts Memorial Day Ceremony.** Mayor Robert Apgar and Township Council announced that the Township is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on **Friday, May 25 at 5:00pm** at Veterans Park (in front of the Manor House), located at 12 Manor House Court in Eastampton. Jointly coordinated by the Township's Recreation Advisory Committee and Veterans and Military Affairs 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. The planting of flowers and laying of wreaths will commemorate the men and women who died while serving our country. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.
3. **New Jersey American Water is Performing Routine Flushing of Their Water Distribution System.** The flushing, currently scheduled for **June 4 – June 16**, 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, www.newjerseyamwater.com and select “Alert Notifications”.
4. **REMINDER: Eastampton Township Now Accepting Online Tax Payments.** Residents can make payments online via ACH, e-check, credit card or debit card by visiting <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0311>. 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.
5. **Eastampton Township Co-Sponsors Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 9 at Iron Works Park in Mount Holly.** The annual event, co-sponsored by several area municipalities, will be held from 6:30am to 12:00pm. Registration begins at 6:00am. The event includes door prizes and trophies for various age groups. Contact the Mount Holly Recreation Department at (609) 267-1742 for additional information.
6. **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 planned. For information regarding these programs or any activities sponsored by the Westampton Township Recreation Department, please contact (609) 267-1891, ext. 8 or visit <http://www.westamptonnj.gov/recreation>.

7. **CALENDAR: Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 5.** Polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm. For further information, including polling locations, call (609) 267-5723, ext. 209.
8. **Burlington County Smithville Road Bridge.** Burlington County has begun repairs to the Smithville Road Bridge. Work is scheduled to continue throughout the year and Smithville Road is scheduled to be open to thru traffic in December. For additional information, contact the County Engineer's office at (856) 642-3700.
9. **Eastampton Township Encourages Residents to Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees.** Residents can apply to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Land Use Planning Board, Recreation Advisory Committee and the Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Committee. Residents interested in volunteering can obtain an application form by visiting http://www.eastampton.com/filestorage/71/546/548/Citizen_Leadership_Form_Application_for_Board_Committee.pdf or from the Municipal Clerk's Office. Completed applications should be returned by email to kwhite@eastampton.com 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. **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.
11. **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. Occupancy is scheduled to begin in 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. Township Engineer Environmental Resolutions is managing project oversight.
12. **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, constructed by Ryan Homes, 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. Township Engineer Environmental Resolutions is managing project oversight. For more information regarding Eastampton Village, visit http://www.ryanhomes.com/find-your-home/our-communities/new-jersey/eastampton/eastampton-village-th?utm_source=google&utm_medium=maps&utm_content=ohlocal&utm_campaign=googleplaces/.

13. **Residents are Encouraged to Utilize “GOV Pilot” Online Government Management Platform.** The purpose of the platform is to improve service productivity and resident engagement. There are three links on the bottom of the front page of the Township’s web site at www.eastampton.com. The first link is entitled “GIS Map.” This link provides several layers of data including property ownership and assessment information. The second and third links are entitled “Report Concerns – GovAlert App.” One link is for downloading the application to Android devices and the other link is for downloading the application to Apple devices. Once downloaded, users will be able to report concerns through their devices directly to the appropriate Township official. The program is preloaded with various options and also enables users to provide an additional description of the concern. The GOV Pilot application will assist the Township with continuing to provide outstanding local municipal services to Eastampton Township residents. For additional information, please contact (609) 267-5723, ext. 200.
14. **Burlington County Sponsors “Introduction to Backpacking” at Historic Smithville Park and Smith’s Woods on Saturday, April 28 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.** In this Ranger-led course, participants will learn the basics of backpacking including trip planning, navigation, health and safety and gear selection for overnight hikes. Please meet at the Visitor Center. Contact (609) 265-5858 for additional information.
15. **Burlington County Sponsors “Tails on the Trails” at Historic Smithville Park and Smith’s Woods on Saturday, May 12 from 9:30am to 10:30am.** Grab your canine companion and em”bark” on a guided hike throughout the park. Bring a long a donation (food or otherwise) for local animal shelters. Participants should meet at the East Railroad Avenue parking lot for Smith’s Woods. Contact (609) 265-5858 for additional information.

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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