



Eastampton Township News

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*Mayor Anthony Zeno, Deputy Mayor Robert Apgar,
Council Member John Adams, Council Member Matthew Edson
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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. **Eastampton Township “Fun Day” Draws Huge Crowd.** Thousands of local residents and friends and family from neighboring communities attended the Township’s annual Fun Day on September 19. Beautiful weather provided a wonderful setting for food, rides, games, entertainment, vendors and demonstrations throughout the day. Eastampton Township Mayor and Council are thankful for the hard work of the Recreation Advisory Committee, volunteers, staff and emergency responders who made the event possible. A very special thanks also go out to event sponsors 537 Subs, ABCO Federal Credit Union, Boilermakers Local #28, Bowman and Company, Burlington County Times, C & S Equipment, Eastampton Democrats, Environmental Resolutions, John & Molly’s, Michael M. Kay, DDS, PC, Miller Ford Lincoln Subaru, Armando V. Riccio, LLC and Russo’s Pub & Restaurant.
2. **Eastampton Township Partners with Eastampton Community School in “Walk to School Day” on Wednesday, October 7.** The goal of the program is to raise awareness of important issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion,

concern for the environment and building a sense of community. Students who live to the West of the school are encouraged to meet at Learning Lane and students who live to the East of the school are encouraged to meet on the school property border near the Manor House. However, students may report to either of the meeting points at 8am and the walk to the Community School Main Office will begin at 8:30pm. Bus students will be dropped off at the back of the school and escorted to the Manor House to walk with their classmates. Parents of students in the WeeKids Morning Program who would like their child to participate should send a note prior to October 7 so their child may be excused early. NOTE: Learning Lane will be closed to vehicular traffic the morning of October 7. Rain date is October 8. The program is coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School and additional information can be found by visiting walkbiketoschool.org.

3. **Last Day to Register to Vote in the November 3 General Election is Tuesday, October 13.** Individuals also can **Vote by Mail**. The deadline to apply for vote by mail ballot is *Monday, October 26 by mail* and *Monday, November 2* by 3pm if in person. Registration forms and vote by mail application forms can be obtained online at www.njelections.org. Questions can be directed to the Municipal Clerk's office at 267-5723, ext. 209.
4. **Eastampton Township Council Passes Resolution in Response to the Proposed Wharton State Forest Motorized Access Plan.** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Division of Parks and Forestry, State Park Service, has prepared a proposed Wharton State Forest Motorized Access Plan ("M.A.P."), which identifies certain routes and areas previously opened to the public to be closed to vehicular and motorized access. While the overall stated purpose of the proposed M.A.P. is acknowledged to preserve and protect the natural environment of the Wharton State Forest, Eastampton Township Council has requested the NJDEP to delay any implementation of the presently proposed M.A.P. until sufficient public comment is received and accepted in order for a compromise to be reached to represent a more adaptable M.A.P. Township Council specifically called for a plan which continues to permit vehicle and motorized access to many areas and routes that have always been open to responsible public use and that restrictions on limiting vehicle and motorized access only be applied to the more sensitive of natural resource areas. Township Council further urged the NJDEP and State Forest Service to emphasize enhanced enforcement of the existing regulations established to protect and preserve the Wharton State Forest.
5. **Eastampton Township Begins Construction of Cliver Park Pathway.** The project consists of a six (6) foot wide shared use asphalt path around a significant portion of the perimeter of the popular park and is part of the Township's pedestrian circulation plan. When completed, the pathway will link The Farms development to the entire park and ultimately to the recently constructed Powell Road pathway. Beginning in mid-October, work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 7 am to 4 pm. The

project will not impact vehicular traffic in this area. The project is funded by a 2013 Burlington County Park Development Grant secured by Eastampton Mayor and Council. The work is being performed by low bidder Viviano Construction of Allentown, New Jersey and is expected to be completed in approximately thirty (30) days.

6. **Recreation Department Offers After School Theater Arts Program.** Through visual arts, movement, and other creative drama warm-ups and games, young actors will be encouraged to bring a story to life. A different book will be read each class and students will enact that story both physically and vocally, focusing on the actions, emotions, voices, and sounds of the story. On the last class, family members are invited to a “sharing” of the students’ favorite story. The program is coordinated by Youth Stages of Princeton. The program will be offered to students in **Grades K-2 on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Community School beginning on October 20. Please contact (609) 267-5723, ext. 200 for more details or a registration form.
7. **Recreation Department Offers After School “Mad Science” Program.** Students will engage in exciting and interactive activities as they learn about detective science, kitchen chemistry, science of toys, bugs, mad science machines, movie effects, walloping weather and earthworks. The program is coordinated by Mad Science of West Jersey. The program will be offered to students in **Grades K-4 on Mondays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Community School beginning on October 19. Please contact Mad Science directly at (609) 737-0313 or visit their web site at <http://wnj.madscience.org> for more details or registration information.
8. **Recreation Department Offers “Karate” Program for Youth and Adults Ages 5 and Up.** Join black-belt instructors for the basic movements, philosophy and training methods of the American Tae Kwon Do – Moo Duk Kwan Karate discipline. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eastampton Community School beginning on October 6** and the cost of the program is \$45.00 per student, per month. **Session I for ages 5-12 is offered from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and Session II for ages 13+ is offered from 7:30pm to 9pm.** Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for more details or registration information.
9. **Recreation Department Sponsors “Hayride and Bonfire” on Friday, October 16.** The event is scheduled for 7pm – 10pm at Buttonwood Park on Knightsbridge Road and includes both a large bonfire and a small bonfire for marshmallow roasting. The cost is \$3.00 per person for unlimited hayrides. **NOTE:** Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate in marshmallow roasting at the small bonfire. Refreshments and glow in the dark items will be available for purchase. Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information.

10. **Recreation Department Sponsors “Dog Parade and Trunk or Treat” on Saturday, October 24.** The event is scheduled for 1pm – 3pm at Veterans Park in front of the Manor House. Dog prizes include Best in Show, Most Creative and Scariest Costume. A bounce house will be available for children and dog licensing information also will be available. There is a \$2.00 entry fee per dog. Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information.
11. **SAVE THE DATE: Eastampton Township is Sponsoring a Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, November 14 from 1pm to 4pm at the Recreation Building in Buttonwood Park.** All animals must be properly restrained by leash or carrier. The cost is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$13.00 for a non-neutered/non-spayed dog. 2016 dog licenses also will be available and checks should be made payable to “Eastampton Township.” Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information.
12. **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. The next meeting is scheduled for October 9 at 1pm. Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information.
13. **Burlington County Hosts Fido’s Festival at Burlington County Fairgrounds on October 3 and October 4.** Fido’s Festival USA® is a two-day, themed, all-inclusive dog festival for humans and their furry counterparts—the loveable family dog. This year's theme "Supermutts" celebrates superhero dogs. Whether a service dog or your best friend, at Fido’s Festival USA®, all canines are "super" dogs. Bring your furry hero and enjoy dock diving with Ultimate Air Dogs, Lure For A Cure lure racing, agility activities, Disc-Connected K9's World Famous Frisbee Dogs, Freestyle Dog Dancing performances, entertainment, special guests, fun dog contests with a superhero twist, vendors, experts in canine topics, food including a doggie bistro, and so much more. You can even meet your next best friend amongst the adoptable dogs presented by rescues and shelters. The event is held at the Burlington County Fairgrounds on October 3 and 4 from 10am - 5pm each day. Advanced tickets available at www.fidosfestivalusa.com or call 856-854-FIDO.
14. **Burlington County Announces New Saturday Hours for the County Resource Recovery Complex.** Effective Saturday, October 3, the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex will change Saturday hours. The new hours of operation, including the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, will be from **7am to Noon**. The complex is located at 22000 Burlington-Columbus Road, Florence, NJ 08518.

15. **Burlington County Hosts Farmers Market at Burlington County Community Agricultural Center, located at 500 Centerton Road in Moorestown.** Burlington County operates a weekly community farmers market each Saturday featuring over 30 vendors. The market is an extension of the County's farmland preservation goals in that it provides opportunities for local farmers to directly market their products at retail prices. As a result, local farmers have gained greater control over production and marketing decisions while capitalizing on the opportunity to sell specialty or niche products, test new enterprises or give direct marketing a try without making a huge financial investment. For the consumers and the community, the market offers a host of social, economic and health benefits. The community as a whole has more access to fresh food and the opportunity to develop relationships with local growers which results in healthier eating habits. The market remains open on Saturdays through October 31 from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Contact the Burlington County Community Agricultural Center at (856) 642-3850 for additional information.
16. **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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