



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. **“Eastampton Day” Will Be Held on Saturday, September 22 at Buttonwood Park from 12pm – 4:30pm.** Come out and enjoy a great day of rides, games, food and entertainment for the entire community. This event is made possible through the generous contributions of many area businesses. Contact (609) 267-5723, ext. 209 to learn how to get your organization involved with this annual event.
2. **Tax Bills.** Receipt of final tax rate documentation from Burlington County was delayed. Thus, residents will have until **September 7** to pay their 3rd Quarter taxes without penalty. Please contact the Eastampton Township Tax Collector’s Office at (609) 267-5723, ext. 204 for additional information.
3. **NO TAX RATE INCREASE 2018 Municipal Budget Adopted** by Eastampton Township Council in April 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 **27% 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.

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 Youth Police and Fire Academy a Huge Success.** The Township Police Department and Eastampton Township Fire Department co-sponsored the 3rd Annual Police and Fire Academy from August 13 – August 17. Based upon a motto of "Service Before Self," the free academy graduated twenty-eight (28) youth cadets who participated in a variety of law enforcement and emergency services activities. The program was made possible through the generous donations and support of several local businesses and organizations including Eastampton Township Council, Eastampton Fire Department, Eastampton Police Department, Eastampton Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #146, 537 Subs, John and Molly's, Miller Ford, Russo's Restaurant, Rancocas Veterinary, Walmart and Wawa. The program concluded with a ceremony in which participants received graduation certificates.
6. **Eastampton Township Leaf Collection Information.** Leaf collection begins the week of **October 22** 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 or by contacting the Public Works Department at (609) 267-5723, ext. 210.
7. **PSE&G Gas Service Project Continues on Woodlane Road,** from Jacksonville Road to Smithville Road. Work will be conducted Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Motorists should expect delays due to alternating traffic and signed detours. Additional project information can be found by contacting 1-833-661-6400.

8. **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>.
9. **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.
10. **Burlington County Shredding and Recycling Event will be Held on Sunday, September 9, from 9:00am to 1:00pm,** rain or shine, at the [Burlington County Resource Recovery \(Landfill\) Complex](#), located at 22000 Burlington-Columbus Road in Florence Township. Bring only "confidential" documents such as bank and credit card statements, tax returns and papers with account numbers. No binders, plastic folders, computer disks or credit cards will be accepted. Up to four bags or boxes per car will be accepted. Previously shredded paper can also be recycled at this event. Burlington County staff will unload cars. Proof of Burlington County residency required. For further information, visit Burlington County Recycling website at <http://co.burlington.nj.us/345/Recycling> or call (609) 499-1001.
11. **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](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.
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. Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information.

13. **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.

14. **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/.

15. **Burlington County Sponsors "Arts in the Park!" at Historic Smithville Park and Smith's Woods on Sunday, September 9** from 10:30am to 4:00pm. "Back to one! Stand by, Here we go, Lights! Background! Roll Camera! And Action!" This year, the Arts in the Park Festival turns its lens on the motion picture. Guests will enjoy taking their picture in a Jurassic Jeep, watching entertainment ranging from vaudeville theatre to motion pictures. Guests are encouraged to engage in free interactive activities, such as Chalk the Walk, Paint the Mural and Clothesline Art Workshop. Artists of all levels and disciplines will have an opportunity to showcase their skills. The Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery will host the Annual Juried Art Exhibit. There will be fine art vendors, artisan crafters, art-related activities, and performers in a variety of genres. "Cut! Check the gate, that's a wrap!" Enjoy the expansive scenery and wildlife of Smithville Park. Please 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. **Not Sure How to Dispose of Something.** Visit our web www.eastampton.com click the Public Works page and then Trash Collection and Recycling Information. It's a very helpful tool created by Burlington County Recycling Center.



18. **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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