



EASTAMPTON NEWS

MAY 2023

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Eastampton News provides information, helpful tips and reminders related to Eastampton Township and the surrounding areas. The Township is continually working to help keep residents informed about our community.



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Municipal Offices are closed on **Monday, May 29th** in Observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:30 am.

BUSINESS CORNER

Mayor Rob Apgar and Councilman Jay Springer participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for **The Lemongrass Room** with mother and daughter owners Johnna Latkovich and Michele Truax on April 22, 2023. The Lemongrass Room offers health and wellness massage therapy with over 35 years of experience in the massage industry! Mayor Apgar and Township Council would like to welcome The Lemongrass Room to Eastampton Township!



Pictured left to right: Sergeant Kevin Ballinger, McKayla Latkovich, owners Michele Truax, Johnna Latkovich, Jude Latkovich, Romeo Truax (spa pup), Russ Latkovich, Mayor Rob Apgar, Councilman Jay Springer, Patrolman Matthew Tippin



MEETING CORNER

The Township Council meetings will be held on **Monday, May 8th and 22nd at 7:00 pm.**

The Land Use Planning Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm.** The meetings will be held in the Council Room at the Manor House.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Eastampton Township Hosts Memorial Day Ceremony. Mayor and Township Council are hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on **Friday, May 26th at 5:00 pm.** The event will be held at Veterans Park, directly in front of 12 Manor House. The ceremony will feature comments from Council Members and songs performed by the Eastampton Community School Choir. There will also be laying of wreaths to commemorate the men and women who died while serving our country.



TAX COLLECTORS CORNER

The second quarter property tax payment is due on May 1st, and there is a 10-day grace period. Payments made after the close of business on May 10th will accrue interest dating back to the original due date. **Eastampton Township Accepts Online Tax Payments.** Residents can make payments online via ACH, e-check, credit card or debit card

by visiting [WIPP \(edmundsassoc.com\)](http://WIPP.edmundsassoc.com). *An administrative fee will be assessed by the company processing the transactions.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Tax Collector at 609-267-5723 ext. 213 or kthompson@eastampton.com

For your convenience, you may also view accounts for updated information on the Township's website at [WIPP \(edmundsassoc.com\)](http://WIPP.edmundsassoc.com).

VOTING CORNER



The last day to register to vote for the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 is on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023.**

Visit the NJ Voter Information Portal to check your registration status, or fill out your voter registration application online at [NJ DOS - Division of Elections - Register to Vote! \(state.nj.us\)](http://NJ.DOS-DivisionofElections-RegistertoVote.state.nj.us).



Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the upcoming Primary Election...

1. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY



Vote in person at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **on Election Day, June 6.** Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

Go to **VOTE.NJ.GOV** for your polling place, listed on the Polling Locations page.

2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING



This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot **in person, using a voting machine, during a three-day period prior to Election Day.** You can choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule.

No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of **your** county's designated in-person early voting locations. Find your county's locations at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.

In-person early voting locations will be open **Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4.** Hours will be **Friday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

No appointment is necessary. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

3. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



Registered voters can apply for a **vote-by-mail ballot** by following the instructions found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV** or contacting their County Clerk.

Then, VOTE and RETURN your ballot one of the following ways...

- **Mail:** Your vote-by-mail ballot **MUST** be postmarked on or before **8:00 p.m. on June 6** and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before June 12.
- **Secure Ballot Drop Box:** Place your vote-by-mail ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on June 6. Drop box locations can be found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.
- **Board of Elections Office:** Deliver your vote-by-mail ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on June 6. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.

NOTE: Vote-by-mail ballots CANNOT be returned to your early voting location or polling place.



Governor Phil Murphy
Secretary of State Tahesha Way

1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)
Vote.NJ.Gov



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RESIDENT CORNER

Volunteers Needed

After a brief hiatus following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic we have been working very hard to bring back some of our longstanding community events. In 2023 we will host our annual community day, bonfire, and tree lighting, but we need you! The volunteer members of our Recreation Advisory Committee have always helped us plan, coordinate, and staff these fun family events, and the Township Council is currently looking to fill a number of vacancies on the Committee. Volunteering a few hours to assist with one or more event will go a long way in our growing community. The Citizen Leadership Form Application can be found under the "Documents/Forms" section of our website at the following link: [Volunteer for Commissions | Eastampton New Jersey](#)



ANNIVERSARY CORNER

Eastampton Township, Mayor and Council would like to thank you for your continued years of service!

May 1	Michael Vannoy	8 years	Police Department
May 7	Daniel Snyder	16 years	Police Department
May 14	Darren Diloreto	5 years	Police Department
May 20	Michael Shepard	16 years	Police Department
May 26	Dennis Shepard	15 years	Police Department

MONTH OF MAY



- May 2nd National Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 6th National Nurses Day
- May 14th Mother's Day
- May 20th Armed Forces Day

RECYCLING CORNER

Rejection Notifications

Eastampton Township has been notified by Burlington County Recycling regarding rejection of non-acceptable items in residents' recycling collection. Some common rejections are: Styrofoam, loose trash and trash in bags, recycling is bagged in plastic bags, yard waste, large piles of boxes, construction materials, metal poles, wood, plastic wrap, pizza boxes and TV's. Please note the residents' address and reason for rejection are submitted to Eastampton Township. **Burlington County reserves the right to refuse to collect from addresses that continue to place rejected materials in their recycling.**

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

- Recycle used motor oil.

- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.

- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.

- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

- Participate in community cleanups.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021



www.cleanwaternj.org



EVENTS CORNER

DRIVE-IN MOVIE EVENT. Burlington County Parks is kicking off our Free movie series starting on **Saturday, May 6th**, at the Burlington County Fairgrounds with a Drive-In movie. We are showing **Top Gun Maverick** on an enormous 52-foot screen with the sound streaming through your car stereo. Come out early and enjoy a picnic and fun festivities with food trucks and an entertaining interactive DJ who will get everyone up and moving. We will have many lawn games, including corn hole, Giant Jenga, and Giant Connect Four. **The event starts at 4:00 pm. The movie begins at 8:00 pm or dusk.** Burlington County Fairgrounds address is 1990 Jacksonville/Jobstown Rd., Columbus. Please enter through gate #2.

Smithville Park & Smith's Woods
803 Smithville Road
Eastampton, NJ 08060

Star Watch. May 11th 8:00pm-11:00pm.

Join the West Jersey Astronomical Society for an evening of stargazing! Look through a variety of telescopes at planets, stars, and galaxies. Learn about constellations and ask questions about our solar system with knowledgeable club members. Guests are also encouraged to bring binoculars for viewing the night sky. Meets in the big field event area of Smithville Park. **Registration is required, please go to the following link:** [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](https://www.rec1.com)



On **Sunday, May 21st from 11 am to 5 pm**, we will be "Bringing in the May" and celebrating the storied history of Hezekiah & Agnes Smith and the Smithville Mansion with a free event for the whole family.

Built in 1840, the mansion is the former home of Hezekiah B. Smith, an inventor, entrepreneur, and politician who founded the company town of Smithville in the late 1800s, an international center for the production of woodworking machinery and the Star Bicycle. There will be fun for everyone, with a historic twist:

- May Pole and Millstone River Morris Dancers.
- Live Music by the Golden Eagle Band, Pinelands Dulcimer Society, and Libby Prison Minstrels.
- Theatrical Melodramas performed by Riddlesbrood Touring Theater.
- American Magic Lantern Theater
- Storytelling by Lady Hawke.Storytelling
- Horn's Punch & Judy Show
- Face Painting and balloon artist (additional charge to benefit the Friends of the Mansion at Smithville)
- Meet Hezekiah & Agnes and hear stories of Smithville past, including one about their most unusual pet, February.
- Screening of "*A Scandal at Smithville*"
- Historic Arts & Crafts Demonstrations; Blacksmith, Cyanotype Photography, Basket Weaving
- Tours of the stately Historic Smithville Mansion decorated with period furniture (\$5 additional benefitting the Friends of the Mansion at Smithville) and tours of the grounds (Free)
- The New Jersey Wheelmen will be displaying their vintage bicycles

SPRING 2023

PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

SUNDAY

MARCH 26
APRIL 23
and
MAY 21

All events are from 9 AM until 1 PM*
RAIN OR SHINE

**Burlington County
Resource Recovery Complex** (Landfill)
22000 Burlington-Columbus Road
Florence, NJ 08518 (Exit 52A off I-295)

***EVENTS MAY END PRIOR TO 1PM IF
SHREDDING TRUCKS REACH CAPACITY.**

Now is a great time to purge your home of old financial papers and sensitive documents. The Burlington County Board of Commissioners is offering three free paper shredding events this spring to help you properly dispose of these documents. Please save the dates and take advantage of this great County service.



– Tom Pullion, Deputy Director,
Board of County Commissioners



**Find Paper Shredding
dates and more!**



**recycle
coach**

Download the **FREE** app today!



- ✔ You must remain in your car.
- ✔ Paper must be placed in trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to staff, who will remove it from the vehicle.
- ✔ **Confidential files ONLY -
ABSOLUTELY NO MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL OR HOUSEHOLD TRASH!**
- ✔ Limit of 4 bags/boxes of unshredded paper weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. Shredded paper is also accepted.
- ✔ No businesses or non-profits.

BURLINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY. IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.

Questions? Call **(609) 499-1001 ext. 271 or 266**
or email recycle@co.burlington.nj.us





We are looking for new members to join the Fire Department!

There are many roles available to fill. No experience is required. Candidate must be at least 18 years of age:

Positions

- Interior Firefighter (Certified)
- Fire Police (Traffic Control)
- Administrative

Benefits

- Free training and certification
- College credits from training
- Up to \$2,400 towards college
- Pay-per-call incentive program
- No shift schedule required




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