



EASTAMPTON NEWS

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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, **February 19, 2024** in Observance of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 am.



TAX COLLECTORS CORNER

The first quarter property tax payment is due on February 1st, and there is a 10-day grace period. Payments made after the close of business on February 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).



**You Asked We Heard You
Pay Property Taxes online at**

[Tax Office | Eastampton New Jersey](http://TaxOffice|EastamptonNewJersey)

Setup automatic payments

Pay with e-checks (\$1.95 fee)

Pay with credit/debit cards (2.95% fee)

Due February 1st

Pay without penalty through February 12th

Questions, please contact Tax Collector at kthompson@eastampton.com or

609-267-5723 ext. 213



MEETING CORNER

The Township Council meeting will be held on **Monday, February 12th and February 26th at 7:00 pm.**

The Land Use Planning Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm.** The meetings will be held in the Council Room at the Manor House.



DOG LICENSING CORNER

Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs over 7 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year. Dog licenses are valid for the current calendar year, and expire annually on December 31st. Dog Licensing began on January 1st and the cost for the months of January and February is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog, and \$13.00 for a

non-neutered or non-spayed dog.

A **\$10.00 additional fee** will be assessed for each dog **beginning on March 1st** as per Ordinance 2021-5. Please note that the **rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2024 by NJ State Law** to obtain the dog license.

Payments are made online, or you can also drop off or mail your dog license application and payment **along with a self-addressed stamped envelope** to 12 Manor House Court to receive your license by mail.

Animal Control personnel are permitted to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing within the Township. Licensing information may be obtained by calling (609) 267-5723 ext. 200.

There will be a **FREE Rabies Clinic** at the Burlington County Animal Shelter located at 35 Academy Drive in Westampton **on Wednesday, February 28th from 3:00pm-4:00 pm.** Please see the below additional Free Rabies Clinics:

Lumberton Township
Saturday, Feb. 17th, 10am-12noon
Lumberton Township Municipal Building
Community Room (Right side of the building)
35 Municipal Drive
Lumberton, 08048

Westampton Township
Saturday, Feb.17th, 9am-11am
710 Rancocas Road
Westampton, 08060

Introduced: March 8, 2021
Adopted: March 22, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-5

TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON
BURLINGTON COUNTY
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 145-14 (D) OF THE EASTAMPTON
TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING FEES; RENEWAL AND EXPIRATION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I.

The Township Council hereby amends Chapter 145-14 (D) of the Township Code regarding “Fees; Renewal and Expiration” to now read as follows:

Chapter 145-14 (D)

D. In the event that a person required to apply for a dog license by this article fails to apply for said dog license by March 1st of any year, the person shall pay a late fee of \$10.00 for each month that the license is not obtained. Said late fee to be cumulative and to be charged after the first day of the month, for that month, regardless of when the license is obtained during the month of obtaining the license.

SECTION II. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

1. **Repealer.** Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
2. **Severability.** In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect on March 1, 2022 and upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

Adoption: March 22, 2021

RESIDENT CORNER



New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

The NJDMV Mobile Unit will be at Buttonwood Park (Recreation Building) **February 20-23rd**. Appointments are available from **9:00am-2:45pm** for REALID and Registration renewals. Please make your appointment at the below links:

REALID: <https://telegov.njportal.com/njmvc/AppointmentWizard/225>

Registration renewal: <https://telegov.njportal.com/njmvc/AppointmentWizard/262>

BRUSH COLLECTION

During the months of December through March **brush will not be collected**. Please do not put any brush out for collection during these winter months.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection has ended for this season, **and will not be collected**. Collection will resume the first week of October. Please do not put any leaves out for collection from February through September.

BULK PICKUP

Beginning the first Friday in January 2024 the changes adopted in Ordinance 2023-11 are in effect. Each household will be permitted a maximum of two large items, such as furniture or bicycles, and 5 bags. Please see the below flyer and visit our website at www.eastampton.com for further details.

BULK PICKUP CHANGES STARTING 1/1/2024

Per Ord. 2023-11 there will be a maximum of two (2) large items and 5 bags allowed per household per bulk trash collection.



Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions at 609-267-5723 ext. 210 or email publicworks@eastampton.com



SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION

The Eastampton Police Department is seeking voluntary emergency contact information for any person (of any age) that are affected by any form of altered mental status including *Autism, Dementia, Bi-Polar Disorder, Schizophrenia*, or other illness, condition, or “Special Need” that may cause them to become impaired.

Police Officers receive specific training to follow protocols when they contact persons with “Special Needs”. It would greatly help if The Eastampton Police Department was able to understand who the person is prior to making contact. This prior knowledge will aid in better communication which will lead to a safer resolution for all involved parties.

"Please be advised that New Jersey's Open Public Records Act defines information sent to a public agency as a public record and makes public records subject to public disclosure. New Jersey does exempt from disclosure any "information relating to medical, psychiatric or psychological history, diagnosis, treatment or evaluation." So it is the Township's opinion that any information submitted here will be exempt from public disclosure, and the Township will not release this information, however please be advised that the Government Records Council and the Superior Court are the only parties with final authority to determine whether a public record must be released."

The Eastampton Police Department can enter specifics such as:

- Noise, Sound, Touch sensitivities
- Medication they may be taking
- Places they frequent
- Topics to easily discuss to put the individual at ease

Furthermore, after the individual's needs are registered (go to [Eastampton Township, NJ Online Application Forms \(govpilot.com\)](https://www.eastamptonnj.gov/pilot)), they will be provided with an Identification Card, which if kept on their person, can assist an Officer in identifying the individual or contacting a family member/guardian.



ANNIVERSARY CORNER

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

February 22	Kijona Thompson	8 years	Tax Collector
February 25	Bill Angelaccio	16 years	Public Works Department
February 27	Jason Koestel	1 year	Public Works Department

EVENTS CORNER

Historic Smithville Park & Smith's Woods
803 Smithville Road
Mt Holly, NJ 08060
609-265-5858

Footsteps into the Past: SMITHVILLE SLEUTHS – History Hackers

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Historic Smithville welcomes you to join us for a series of fun, interactive, educational programs for children and their families. A different topic will be covered each month and will include a story, craft, and movement activities. Parent or guardian must be present. Discover the history of historic Smithville, its industrial history, and the story of February the Moose. Hear “I Love You More Than A Purple Moose” by Laura Galben Gates. Make your own moose craft and take a tour of the mansion and village.

Please Note: This time slot is for our History Hackers (9-12 years old) from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

"Footsteps into the Past: SMITHVILLE SLEUTHS History Hounds" morning session is designed for our History Hounds (5-8 years old) from 10:00am - 11:30am.

Registration: [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](https://www.rec1.com)

Please go to the following link for all activities at Historic Smithville Park & Smith's Woods for the month of February: [Calendar • Smithville Park & Smith's Woods \(burlington.nj.us\)](https://www.burlington.nj.us)