



Eastampton Township News

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*Mayor Rob Apgar, Deputy Mayor Dominic Santillo,
Council Member Eddie Besko, Council Member Jay Springer
and Council Member Anthony Zeno*

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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.

Eastampton Township Celebrates 140th year Anniversary

At the March 9th Council Meeting, ECS 8th grader Michael Zeno gave a brief overview of the first 140 years. Mayor and Council thanked Michael for his time



and effort in researching our township history. Below see his speech in its entirety along with a group picture taken with the Mayor and Council:

Good evening everyone, and welcome to this celebration of our town, that whether you just moved here or has been your home for many, many years, has a special place in your heart. 140 years ago today, per a petition request from our founder Hezekiah Smith, the New Jersey Senate ratified a bill to officially cede six square miles of land from Westampton Township to Hezekiah Bradley Smith as Eastampton Township.

Hezekiah Bradley Smith was an inventor, a politician, a congressman, and the founder of Eastampton. Although some may say his personal life was questionable, as well as his merits, but what he did for the township and the state of New Jersey cannot be ignored. On our town emblem is the century old Star Bicycle, the one with the giant wheel in front. That was his invention. The most influential non-automobile transportation invention at the time. Hezekiah only served two years in the House of Representatives from 1879 to 1881, but he is immortalized in his invention, and the great town he founded.

As we fast forward, our town has had more diversity at the mayoral position than a majority of our nation. We have had a Dominican American, African American, and a Woman serve as Mayor in the last decade. We have had a mayor graduate from an Ivy League school. Since 1982, we the people have decided the five men or women that would sit at the desk here in the Manor House and serve as our town council, and let the council decide which one of them is best suited for the mayoral position.

In the last forty years, multiple housing developments have been built, Carriage Park, Eastampton Farms, Eastampton Village, the Lennar Age-Restricted Development, and the dual apartment complexes known as Eastampton Place, which was begun under my father's mayoral service. This current council, Mayor Apgar, Deputy Mayor Santillo, and Councilmen Besko, Springer and Zeno. These men work every day to make this town a better place. I am so grateful to grow up in this amazing town that today, celebrates 140 years of life.

Michael Zeno

8th grader

Eastampton Community School



Eastampton is Closed to the Public due to COVID-19

All Municipal Buildings are closed to the public until further notice. Following the State guidelines Eastampton Township essential personnel will be working on a rotating basis. However, several key administrative persons will be working from home on rotating days. Please feel free to contact the below Staff Members.

Township Manager/Clerk- Kim White 609/267-5723 ext. 209 or kwhite@eastampton.com

Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk- Kijona Thompson 609/267-5723 ext. 213 or kthompson@eastampton.com

Public Works- Mark Philpot 609/929-6381
publicworks@eastampton.com

Construction Gene Blair mdblair@eastampton.com

During this ALL Bulk, Brush, Leaves and White Good pickups are **POSTPONED!**



Please Support Our Local Businesses

Are you tired of cooking 3 meals a day??? Well remember to support our businesses, their open for take-out only. They would **LOVE** to hear from you.

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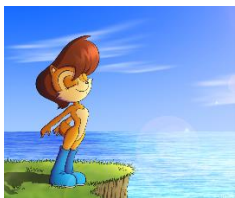
<http://www.theoldworldbakery.com/>

<http://www.russospubnj.com/>



The 2020 Census is happening now. Your response matters!!! The census can shape many different aspects of your community. In these challenging times, it is especially true that continued funding for healthcare, health insurance, and emergency response resources is critical. Let's make sure that New Jersey gets its fair share by achieving a complete count of all our residents. **You can respond online, by phone or by mail.** Eastampton you are doing great as we already have a 40.6% response rate. **Keep it going Eastampton!!!**

Visit: www.2020census.gov



Eastampton Township Does Its Part To Help Flatten The Curve!

Who needs a bit of fresh air? Please remember that **ALL Township playgrounds and basketball courts** are closed until further notice. The walking trails however have remained open. Feel free to take the little ones out for a nice walk. Just remember to keep a safe distance of 6 feet away from the next family. Social Distancing is **KEY!**

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 the website under Municipal Forms or by calling the Municipal Clerk's Office.



Township Council Meetings are on **Monday, April 13th and April 27th at 7p.m.** Come out and meet your Mayor and Council members. **Land Use Planning Board Meeting** is **Wednesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.** **PLEASE NOTE THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY TELE-CONFERENCE.** The call information will be listed on the Agendas for the both Council and LUPB meetings.

Tax Collection. In light of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the State has placed funding for Homestead Credits in reserve to meet emergency and statutorily required obligations. Second quarter tax payments are due no later than May 10, 2020 to avoid penalty. Payments can be made be left in the secure silver drop box located on the back of the building. For your added convenience you payments can also be made online at <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0311>

Please Note- Currently the Township has not legal authority that would allow us to extend the grace period more than 10 days. This is only authorized during natural disasters, under present law:

“in the case of a municipality that has experienced a flood, hurricane, superstorm, tornado, or other natural disaster, interest shall not be charged by the municipality to a delinquent taxpayer if:.... A state of emergency has been declared as a result thereof by the Governor less that 30 days prior to the date upon which a property tax installment payment is payable” (N.J.S.A 54:4-67)

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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 Google Play app stores for Burlington County residents.

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>

2020 Holiday Trash Schedule

Please note changes to the trash collection schedule for the following Holidays:

- Good Friday- April 10th
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on **Thursday, April 9, 2020.**
- Independence Day Observed- July 3rd
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on **Thursday, July 2, 2020.**
- Thanksgiving & Day after Thanksgiving- November 26-27th
All areas normally collected on Thursday (Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park) or Friday (Lennar) will be collected on **Monday, November 30, 2020.**
- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day- December 24-25th
All areas normally collected on Thursday (Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park) or Friday (Lennar) will be collected on **Monday, December 28, 2020.**
- New Year’s Day- January 1, 2021
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on **Thursday, December 31, 2020**

OTHER EVENTS AND DATES

Have general COVID-19 questions??

The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the Public on COVID-19:

Call: **2-1-1**

Call: (247/7) **1-800-962-1253**

Text: NJCOVID to **898-211**

Text: your zip code to **898-211** for live text assistance

NJ website- <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

BC Dept. of Health website- <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/290/Health-Department>

Burlington County Shredding and Recycling Events:

For further information, visit Burlington County Recycling website at <http://co.burlington.nj.us/345/Recycling> or call (609) 499-1001.