



Eastampton Township News

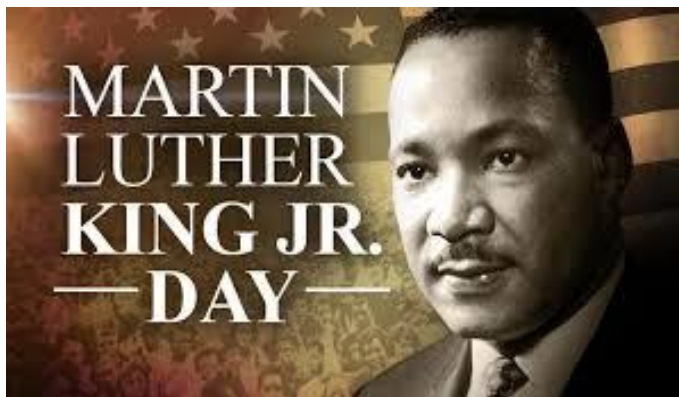
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Eastampton, NJ
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*Mayor Rob Apgar, Deputy Mayor Dominic Santillo,
Council Member Eddie Besko, Council Member Jay Springer
and Council Member Anthony Zeno*

January 2020

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.

Observed Holidays



Municipal Offices are closed on
Monday, January 20, 2020 in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
Day.



**Matthew Trofe
accepts his
Proclamation from
Mayor Anthony Zeno
and Township
Council Members on
December 16, 2019.**

**He successfully
completed his Eagle
Scout Project of the
construction and
installation of two
Free Little Libraries,
located at Veteran's
Park and Cliver Park.
These additions will
allow for further
reading enjoyment for
Eastampton
Township.**

**Thank you Matthew
for your community
service contributions!**



(Left to right: Deputy Mayor Jay Springer, Council Member Eddie Besko, Matthew Trofe, Mayor Anthony Zeno, Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Dominic Santillo)

Township Council Reorganization Meeting was held on **Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7pm** at which time Robert Apgar was elected Mayor, Dominic Santillo was elected Deputy Mayor and Eddie Besko, Jay Springer and Anthony Zeno remain Council Members.



Robert Apgar with his wife Ally and their two daughters, following his swearing in as the 2020 Eastampton Township Mayor on January 6, 2020.



Mayor
Robert Apgar

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends,

Thank you again for electing me to serve as one of your representatives on the Eastampton Township Council. Eastampton is an excellent place to live and raise a family, and I am honored to serve as Mayor this year. I promise that our Township Council will continue to work hard to deliver the type of leadership that you expect from your elected representatives and an Eastampton that you are proud to call home.

I look forward to the coming year, which will continue to bring great things for our community. This Council has historically committed itself to the delivery of quality services at an affordable price, and invested in those projects necessary to maintain the safety, curbside appeal, and family-friendly character of our town.

We have dedicated staff who are always looking for new ways to better serve our community, and we have already secured grants that will allow us to continue to move forward with road, park, and pathway improvement projects. We have made progress in redeveloping our town center and achieving the other goals of our community's Master Plan, which calls for smart growth and balance between preservation and development, and we know we must build on this progress by attracting new businesses to our town.

Our community has thrived because of the many hands that have worked to support it, and so before closing, I would like to say, "Thank you." Thank you to my fellow Council Members for their sound leadership. Thank you to our Township Manager and municipal employees for delivering quality services. Thank you to our volunteers, from board and committee members to firefighters, coaches, and PTA parents, for making Eastampton a vibrant community. And last but not least, thank you to my family. Thank you to my wife, Ally, whose support makes my service possible and my daughters, Cassidy and Sierra, who inspire it by giving me two reasons to try to make everything better .

I encourage everyone to remain engaged this year. Whether you volunteer your time, join us at a meeting, or simply stay informed, it makes a difference for our community.

Best wishes for 2020,

Robert Apgar
Mayor



**Dominic F. Santillo
with his wife
Elizabeth and their
three children,
Dominic Jr., Kaitlyn
and David following
his swearing in as
the 2020 Eastampton
Township Deputy
Mayor on January 6,
2020.**



**Deputy Mayor
Dominic F. Santillo**

Dominic F. Santillo has been a resident of Eastampton Township since 2013, residing in Eastampton Farms. An active member of the community, Dominic serves as a volunteer coach for Westampton Recreation and Sacred Heart CYO Baseball. A member of the Sons of the American Legion, Mount Holly Post #11, he is also a member of the Board of Directors of Sacred Heart CYO serving as VP Marketing.

Dominic and his wife of thirteen years, Elizabeth, met at The College of New Jersey. They previously lived together in Bordentown and Willingboro before settling down in Eastampton with their three children: Dominic Jr. (11), Kaitlyn (9) and David (6). All three children attend Eastampton Community School and are active participants in Eastampton Youth Soccer Association, Westampton Recreation and Sacred Heart CYO Baseball & Softball.

Dominic is employed by Christiana Care Health System in Newark, DE as an Information Services Team Leader. He has worked at Christiana Care for over 6 years and currently oversees the Enterprise Medical Record Core and Incident Management Services team. He is graduate of The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) and participated in Student Government and other activities while attaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Specialization in Information Systems Management.

As a high school junior, Dominic was selected to attend the American Legion Jersey Boys State ("ALJBS") program where he was elected "mayor" at the week-long, hands-on leadership seminar on civics and government. After an invitation to return to staff, he has continued to serve as a member of the all-volunteer staff and now serves as First Assistant Director and Dean of the Program. In addition, he also was selected as a Trustee of the New Jersey Boys State Foundation - the fundraising organization associated with the program. In June of 2008, Dominic was elected as Chairman and has since served in that capacity.

Dominic was elected to Township Council in November 2018 and represents the Township Council on the Land Use Planning Board.



Councilman

Eddie Besko

Eddie has been a resident of Eastampton since 1989, and began his early education at preschool in Eastampton. He then attended Eastampton Elementary School, and continued on to Eastampton Middle School. He graduated from what is now known as the Community School in 2000.

Eddie then graduated from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in 2004, and was awarded a partial scholarship to DeVry University. Through enrollment in summer courses Eddie accelerated his degree completion and graduated from DeVry in October 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He was also one of the first students to graduate with a concentration in Business Information Systems.

Eddie became actively involved in the community during his early life through participation in his Eagle Scout project with the beautification of Veterans Memorial Park, earning the highest scouting rank in Scouts BSA. He was also a participant in the Eastampton Youth Soccer Association where he later became an official FIFA Referee for the organization in 2001 and continues to referee soccer. Eddie joined the Eastampton Recreation Committee in 2017 and became Co-Chair in 2018. In 2019 he served on the Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. Eddie was elected as Councilman in 2018, serving his first year on town council in 2019. He is proud to be part of a community that is focused on growth and community efforts to work together for a better future.



Councilman

Jay Springer

Jay has been a resident of Eastampton Township since 1991. For 10 years he lived in Eastampton Mews and served as President on the board of the Eastampton Mews Homeowners Association. In 2001 he and his family moved to the Lakeview section of town. Prior to his election to Eastampton Township Council, he was active on the Township's Environmental Commission and was Vice Chair of the Township's Land Use Planning Board.

Jay and Kim, his wife of 30 years, have two children, Joshua and Jenna, who both attended the Eastampton Community School. Jay has been very active in the community for many years. He coached youth baseball and softball and currently volunteers much of his time in support of the performing arts programs at Rancocas Valley Regional High School. He also serves as a Chief Steward with the Communications Workers of America Local 1036 and is a New Jersey AFL-CIO endorsed labor candidate.

For the past 32 years Jay has been employed as an environmental professional at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and has a diverse background in several clean water programs working on initiatives such as watershed restoration, sustainability and controlling water pollution. He also represents the State of New Jersey on the federal Delaware Estuary Program, working with partners from around the region in the corporate, public and non-profit sectors.

He attended Rowan University, where he met his wife Kim and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology in 1988. In 2017, he earned a Certified Public Manager (CPM) from the Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration. He has also been an Instructor at Rutgers University teaching Continuing Professional Education courses on Wetlands, Stormwater and Floodplain Management and has been a guest speaker on environmental issues at classes and seminars at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, Montclair State University, Stevens Institute of Technology and at several environmental, professional and governmental organization events.

Jay was first elected to Township Council in 2008 and served as Deputy Mayor in 2009 and 2019; and as Mayor in 2010 and 2017. He currently represents Township Council on the Environmental Advisory Committee, and has previously represented the Township Council on the Land Use Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Committee.



Councilman
Anthony Zeno

Anthony became a resident of Eastampton when he moved to his home in Carriage Park in 2008 with his wife Michelle and their 4 children, Anthony Jr., Angela, Dominique and Michael. Anthony Jr. is a member of the United States Air National Guard and a graduate of Penn State University with a Master's Degree from George Washington University. He is a detective with the Baltimore Police Department as he resides in Maryland with his wife Ali and their son Vincent. Angela resides in Burlington Township with her husband Isaac and their three children, Gabriella, Anthony and Alaina. Dominique attends Rancocas Valley Regional High School and Michael attends the Eastampton Community School.

Shortly after moving to town Michelle joined the Eastampton Community School PTA, and the Eastampton Township Recreation committee, which she remains very active in today. Anthony became a volunteer on the Eastampton Recreation Committee and was elected to the Eastampton Township Council in 2012.

Since his election, he has served as Deputy Mayor (2014 and 2016), Mayor (2015 and 2019), on the Recreation Committee (2012-2014), on the Land Use Planning Board (2014-2015, and 2019-2020), on the Finance Committee (2015-2016 and 2018-2019), and on the Economic Development Advisory Committee (2016-2018).

Anthony has spent many years volunteering his time with Youth organizations. He was the Treasurer of North Brunswick Youth Baseball, President of North Brunswick Pop Warner, and Vice President of Central Jersey Pop Warner, which governed all Pop Warner Football teams in Central and North Jersey.

Anthony has spent the last 30 years around children making sure activities and sports were provided, keeping children off the streets and helping them grow into involved community members. Anthony was one of the founding members of Eastampton's first girls softball team, The Eastampton Knights, which has now evolved into the Central Burlington Knights Softball Organization. He formerly served as the Head Coach of the Lady Patriots Softball Team, which includes many girls that are Eastampton residents, as well as others from the RV sending district.

Anthony has been employed for the past 35 years by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 456. He attended Middlesex County College for 2 years, followed by a 5 year Apprenticeship at MCVTS, graduating with High Honors. Anthony has been the Electrical General Foreman on various large projects throughout New Jersey, including Princeton University Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Seton Hall University, Rutgers University, and major data centers. He is currently employed with EleanorHawkeye as Supervisor of Underground Electrical Transmission working with PSE&G and other utility companies updating the electrical infrastructure throughout the state.

Anthony, Michelle, Dominique and Michael love to call Eastampton home. Anthony is dedicated to the Youth in the community and to providing quality programs and services to the residents of Eastampton Township to continue advancing the efforts of various paths of progress.



Township Council Meeting is Monday, January 27th at 7 pm. Come out and meet your Mayor and Council Members. **Land Use Planning Board Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, January 23rd at 7:30 pm.**

Christmas Tree Collection. The Department of Public Works collects Christmas trees as part of the Township's brush collection program. Trees should be placed curbside for collection and all lights, decorations and tree stands must be removed. Trees which are chemically treated or "flocked" will be collected with regular trash as they cannot be recycled. Collection will begin on January 13, 2020. If you have any questions about collection, please call 609-267-5723, extension 210.

Eastampton Township Encourages Residents to Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees.

We are looking for volunteers for our Recreation Advisory Committee, which sponsors programs for children and adults throughout the year. There are approximately 10 sponsored events per year, including painting parties, an Easter Egg hunt, Eastampton Day, and Trunk or Treat. The Recreation Advisory Committee meets the 1st Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Recreation Building located at 7 Knightsbridge Road in Buttonwood Park.

Are you Active Duty, Guard or Reservist? Or the spouse of a current or former service member? The mission of the VMACC is to celebrate and recognize our service connected families and act as a liaison between the town and Joint Base MDL. The VMAAC sponsors the Memorial Day celebration and the annual Boots vs. Badges basketball game. The VMAAC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee is a seven member board, and meets as needed in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court. The EDAC makes recommendations to the Land Use Planning Board on the economic development of Eastampton Township.

The Land Use Planning Board is a nine member board and meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court.

The Environmental Advisory Committee is a seven member board and meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. in the Recreation Building located at 7 Knightsbridge Road in Buttonwood Park or in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our committees please fill out our Citizen Leadership form, which can be found through the following steps on our website:

- Documents & Forms
- Find Municipal Forms
- Clerk's Office
- Volunteer Application for Board or Commission

The completed form can be dropped off at 12 Manor House Court, or emailed to the Township Manager's Secretary Christina Lucas at clucas@eastampton.com.

Dog Licensing



Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs over 6 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year. Dog licenses are valid for the current calendar year and expire annually on December 31. We have now started our 2020 licensing, which may be done by mail or in person. **A \$2.00 per month additional fee will be assessed for each dog registered after January 31.**

In addition to normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, the **Manor House will be open to license dogs on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** The cost is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$13.00 for a non-neutered/spayed dog. Animal Control personnel are permitted to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing within the Township. Licensing information may be obtained in person at the Manor House or by calling (609) 267-5723, ext. 200.

Please note that the **rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2020 by NJ State Law** to obtain the license.

The **Burlington County Animal Shelter Free Rabies Clinic** will be held **Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at 35 Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060.

They advise not arriving any earlier than 2:30 pm as the Vet does not start to administer the vaccine until 3:00 pm. Please bring proof of prior rabies vaccine (tag, certificate, township license, vet records) so the animal may receive a three year booster, without proof of prior vaccine the vaccine will be marked for one year. The line will form in the front of the building outside so please dress accordingly to the weather.

For further questions please call the shelter (609) 265-5073 or email Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@co.burlington.nj.us

Tips for Residents to Follow During Winter Weather Advisories and Storms:

- Be aware of parking regulations and once snow has begun, remove all vehicles from roadways to enable plow trucks to clear the roads. In general, it is helpful to park vehicles in garages and driveways wherever possible and not on the street during a storm to improve street snow clearing.
- Remove accumulated snow from abutting sidewalks to assist neighbor and school student safety. When clearing snow, be mindful not to shovel snow into roadways or adjoining properties.
- Shoveling out neighborhood fire hydrants is encouraged to allow for quick location and access in event of an emergency. Residents should be aware of fire hydrant locations and street address signs that could become inaccessible due to snow accumulation.
- Unless officially authorized, residents should never assume that frozen ponds or lakes are suitable for skating or other recreational activities
- 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>

SIGN UP 

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:

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Automated Trash Truck

AUTOMATED TRASH TRUCK IS COMING TO EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP



Eastampton Township will transition to a fully automated trash collection system, similar to recycling collection. This is scheduled to begin on February 4, 2020. Every household in the Township will receive one new 96-gallon wheeled cart that hold approx. 8-9 average filled 13-gallon bags of trash. Once your new cart has been provided, only solid waste that has been placed inside the bin will be collected. Trash placed at the curb in any other receptacles will not be collected.



Effective February 4, 2020

Please join us at the Manor House on January 8, 2020 at 5:30pm for a question & answer session.

12 Manor House Ct. Eastampton, NJ 08060
(609) 267-5723 Ext. 200
publicworks@eastampton.com

Special Meeting Notice

TAKE NOTICE that Eastampton Township shall hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Eastampton Township Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court in Eastampton, New Jersey. The purpose of this meeting is to have a question and answer session on the new automated trash collection service starting on February 4, 2020. No Formal action will be taken.

Automated Trash Collection Frequently Asked Questions

Why has Eastampton Township moved to an automated trash truck?

The Township considered many factors before making the final determination. Communities that have chosen to go with an automated service have reported a significant reduction in the amount of trips taken to the landfill. This has the additional benefit of reducing the cost of fuel for the trash truck. The new containers with lids keeps rain and snow from impacting the weight of the loads delivered to the landfill, further reducing tonnage costs. Automation is a faster and more efficient way to collect residential solid waste. It was more cost effective to transition to the automated trash collection system than to continually repair outdated equipment on multiple vehicles. There were many instances where trash collection was delayed due to the maintenance of these outdated pieces of equipment. We wish to minimize any equipment related delays to our residents.

In a time when many communities have to contend with 2% caps on their expenditures and facing a higher cost for trash collection, it was determined an automated trash collection system offered the township the best opportunity to provide the service without negatively impacting other services.

In addition to time and cost savings, the program will help keep our neighborhoods neat and clean, improve safety on residential streets, and provide safer working conditions for trash collectors.

Do I have to pay for my new trash cart?

No. All households will receive one new, 96-gallon trash cart at no charge. There is also a 10-yr. manufacturer's warranty on the trash cart provided.

What do I do if I have a large household and need a second cart?

Each trash cart holds approximately 8-9 average filled 13-gallon bags of trash. This equals an equivalent of 3-4 average household trash cans. We ask that residents take the opportunity to use the trash cart for their weekly household trash collection to see how much trash it can accommodate before purchasing a second cart at the cost of \$60.00. During the initial rollout phase of this program quantities are unavailable for the purchase of a second cart, but we will have a second cart request list for when additional quantities are available.

When and how will we receive our new carts?

Carts will be delivered to every household in the Township on or about the week of January 27, 2020.

What do the new carts look like?

Eastampton's new trash carts are very similar to your blue recycling cart, and these uniform carts will help keep our residential streets neat and clean. The carts will have the Eastampton logo on the sides and lid, and will be linked to your address via a serial number embedded in the plastic.

(Please note Eastampton's carts will be **GREEN**, not gray as seen in the sample picture below.)



How do I prepare my trash cart for weekly collection?

All trash should be bagged before being placed in the cart. The lid to the cart must close tightly, and no material should be sticking out of the cart. Cart handles and wheels should be facing the house and the lid opening should face the street. Trash carts should be placed at the curb at least 4 feet from obstacles such as mailboxes, telephone poles and any overhead obstructions.

When will automated trash collection begin?

Automated collection will begin the week of February 4, 2020.

Will my collection day remain the same?

Yes. Your trash will continue to be collected weekly on the same collection day.

1st Recreation Advisory Committee Event of 2020!



**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT
12 MANOR HOUSE COURT
EASTAMPTON, NJ 08050
Phone: (609) 267-5723 x200**



Olaf

Eastampton Township Council in Conjunction with
Eastampton Recreation Presents...

Youth Painting Workshop

The Eastampton Recreation Department, in partnership with Once Upon a Painting, is sponsoring a "Painting Workshop" in March for students in Grades K - 8. In this workshop, Once Upon a Painting will be providing a hands on, creative art experience for children. A certified art teacher will guide children through step by step instructions while they explore their creative side. Students will create and bring home a 12x12 canvas of "OLAF".

Class will be held Friday, March 6, 2020 from 7pm – 8:30pm in the Cafeteria at the Eastampton Community School. The cost of the program is \$20.00 per child.

Painting Workshop - Registration (DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2020)

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____

Email _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian

of _____, do hereby consent to allow my child to participate in this program sponsored by Eastampton Township. I certify that he/she is in proper physical condition for safe participation. I understand and recognize that there may be risk of injury by participation in this program. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Eastampton Township, the Eastampton Board of Education, Once Upon a Painting, and their agents and employees from any injuries my child may sustain by participating in this program. Program starts at 7:00pm promptly and ends at 8:30pm promptly. Children must be picked up by then.

Signature _____

Date _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE DETACH THE BOTTOM HALF OF THIS FLYER, ALONG WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO "EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP" AND RETURN TO THE MANOR HOUSE. THERE IS A SILVER BOX ON THE PORCH OF THE MANOR HOUSE THAT REGISTRATIONS CAN BE DROPPED IN OR YOU CAN MAIL IT TO: 12 MANOR HOUSE COURT, EASTAMPTON, NJ 08060.

OTHER EVENTS AND DATES

Historic Smithville Park & Smith's Woods
803 Smithville Road
Mt Holly, NJ 08060

Moonlit Walk, Friday, January 10, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Join Naturalist Kate Forte on a moonlit walk through the park. Look for signs of nocturnal animals while also gazing at the stars! Register online. Meets at Parking Lot A on Meade Lane.

REI Family Winter Hike, Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Just because it's cold and snowy outside, doesn't mean you have to stay indoors. Join REI Outdoor School instructors on a kid friendly winter hike in a local park to discuss tips and essentials for planning winter family trips into the outdoors. You'll learn how to use traction devices on icy trails and develop safe winter hiking habits. Kids need to be old enough to hike, or, bring your child carrier backpack. Free. Meets at Parking Lot A. Register at www.rei.com/Marlton

Winter Botany Walk, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Join Park Naturalist Jen Bulava on a winter botany walk around Smithville Park. Explore the subtle beauty of plants with berries, needles, and interesting seed pods. Learn about the special adaptations of various kinds of trees, shrubs, vines, and mosses. Meet at Smith's Woods lot, E Railroad Ave.