

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. Township Branding Exercise and Community Input Survey.
 - Eastampton Township has embarked on an exercise to develop and articulate a community brand. When completed, Township Council will be adopting brand identifiers, such as a slogan, which will be used to market and promote the Township. A well-developed brand is necessary to highlight Eastampton Township as a welcoming community. The brand development process involves public participation to ensure that the final product accurately represents the benefits of living and working in Eastampton. Please assist the Township in branding and marketing our community by completing the survey online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RDCV9P
- 2. Eastampton Township Annual Reorganization Meeting Was Held on January 4, 2016. Robert Apgar was sworn in as Mayor and Anthony Zeno was sworn in as Deputy Mayor. Township employees, volunteers, professionals and residents joined Mayor Apgar, Deputy Mayor Zeno and Council Members John Adams, Matthew Edson and Jay Springer in the largely ceremonial meeting. Regularly scheduled Council Meeting dates for

the month of January are January 11 and January 25 at 7:30pm at the Manor House.



Eastampton Township Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White administers oath of office to Mayor Robert Apgar. Pictured (from left to right) are: Mayor Robert Apgar, his daughters Cassie and Sierra and his wife Ally.



Eastampton Township Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White administers oath of office to Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno. Pictured (from left to right) are: Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno, his son Michael, his daughter Dominique and his wife Michelle.

- 3. New Solar Farm Off of Route 38 in Eastampton Township Now Fully Operational. The 12.93 megawatt-dc solar farm, located on the closed L&D Landfill, is the largest landfill solar farm in the United States. The 41,720 solar panels will generate enough electricity to power more than 2,000 average-size homes annually. The L&D Landfill Solar Farm is the twenty-seventh centralized "Solar 4 All" project and the eight built on a landfill or brownfield site. The 50 acre site, most of which is located in Eastampton Township, is owned by Waste Management of New Jersey and operated by PSE&G.
- 4. Eastampton Township Awarded Recycling Tonnage Grant of \$6,807.35 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The grant funds, awarded based upon recycling collected reports filed by the municipality, are authorized through the Recycling Enhancement Act, funded by a \$3 per ton surcharge on trash disposed at solid waste facilities.
- 5. Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs Over 6 Months of Age Are to be Licensed Each Year. Dog licenses are valid for the current calendar year and expire yearly on December 31. A dog census will soon begin which involves the canvassing of residences within the Township to inspect for valid licenses. Animal Control personnel will be required to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing at your residence. Licensing information may be obtained in person at the Manor House or by calling (609) 267-5723, ext. 200.
- 6. **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.
- 7. Recreation Department Offers After School Theater Arts Program. Through visual arts, movement, and other creative drama warm-ups and games, young actors will be encouraged to bring a story to life. A different book will be read each class and students will enact that story both physically and vocally, focusing on the actions, emotions, voices, and sounds of the story. On the last class, family members are invited to a "sharing" of the students' favorite story. The program is coordinated by Youth Stages of Princeton. The program will be offered to students in **Grades K-2 on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Community School beginning on January 19. Please contact (609) 267-5723, ext. 200 for more details or a registration form.
- 8. **Burlington County Sponsors "A Town Within A Town" Presentation on Wednesday, January 13**. The presentation, led by Division of Parks employee Marisa Bozarth, will focus on various northern

Burlington County communities that help to make up our towns, how they were developed, what their name means, and the people who lived there. The free presentation will take place from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the Billiard Room at **Historic Smithville Park**, located at 803 Smithville Road. For additional information call (609) 265-5858.

- 9. Burlington County Sponsors "Winter Waterfowl" Presentation on Thursday, January 14. The presentation, led by Division of Parks Naturalist Jennifer Bulava, will provide an overview of waterfowl and other water birds that spend the winter in New Jersey. Attendees will learn about the migration, behaviors and diversity of the ducks, geese, swans, and other water birds. The free presentation will take place from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in at the Academy Drive Complex, located at 15 Pioneer Boulevard in Mount Holly. For additional information call (609) 265-5858.
- 10. Burlington County Sponsors "Beaver Watch" on Saturday, January 16. The event will provide attendees with the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of beavers with a park naturalist. Watch and learn about their habitats, what their favorite foods are, and their life history. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight, binoculars and a folding chair. The free event will take place from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at Historic Smithville Park, located at 803 Smithville Road. For additional information call (609) 265-5858.

11. 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.
- For changes in Township schedules, including municipal office hours, trash collection and other important updates, visit the Township website at www.eastampton.com, or call (609) 267-5723, ext. 200.

12. 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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