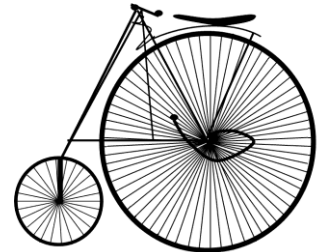


Eastampton Township Municipal Matters



From the Desk of the Mayor

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I am honored to serve our community as Mayor for 2010. Public service is not always easy, especially in tough economic times like these. As expected, the new Governor and Legislature are moving forward with deep cuts to government programs, funding for schools and municipal aid. These deep cuts, a reduction of \$109,756 in our municipal aid, a reduction in aid of \$807,795 to the Eastampton School District and a reduction in aid of \$1.9 million to the Rancocas Valley Regional School District will have a significant impact on our community.

However, your Township Council is doing all we can to make sure you are treated fairly in these tough times. On March 22, 2010 we unanimously passed Resolution 2010-37, which demands that our Legislature and Governor Chris Christie address the ongoing inequities in municipal funding. Our town ranks 526 out of 566 New Jersey municipalities in per capita municipal aid despite having one of the lowest per capita spending amounts of any municipality in New Jersey. Our town should not continue to be penalized for our historically smart and efficient government.

Regardless, our community is a great place to live and raise a family. Unfortunately, our greatest assets also work against us. Eastampton has one of the lowest ratios of residential to commercial and industrial development in the state. Consequently, too much financial burden is put on the residential taxpayers of this township. That is why this year I announced a new initiative that I call Eastampton 2020 – a year and a vision. The smart, sustainable development and redevelopment of our Town Center, Rt. 206 corridor and the small portion of our town that fronts Rt. 38 is essential for the next decade. I am happy to report that projects in all of these areas are moving forward and we will hopefully be announcing specifics on each of them later this year.

Township Council is doing everything we can to continue to efficiently provide the municipal services you deserve while stabilizing property taxes and minimizing the impact of the State Aid cuts on our community. I encourage you to come to our meetings. They take place the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Manor House, beginning at 7:30pm.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay Springer

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

DATE: APRIL 16TH
TIME: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
PLACE: EASTAMPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

This fundraiser is a community event to raise funds for Kiersten's Cause. Please follow the link on the Community School website (www.eastampton.k12.nj.us) under this logo:



COUNCIL ADOPTS BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND HOME BASED BUSINESSES

Council has adopted an ordinance requiring all businesses operating in Eastampton to apply for and obtain a local business license. The annual fee for the license is \$25.

Applications can be picked up at the Township Clerk's Office. Please contact either the Township Clerk or the Township Zoning Officer for more information.

Township Council

Jay Springer, Mayor * Louise Campbell, Deputy Mayor * Joseph Maroccia * Keith Nagler * Walt Tafe

Municipal Services

Manor House

12 Manor House Court
(609) 267-5723
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30pm

Police Department

725 Smithville Road
(609) 267-1717
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30pm

Tax Payments Due:

May 1
August 1
November 1

Tax Collector's Office is open Monday - Friday
from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

NEW FEATURE ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Township has added a feature to our website. Visitors can sign up for three separate mailing lists; Council Agendas, Newsletters, and Emergency Notification.

www.eastampton.com



Important Voting Location Information

School Election, April 20 from 3:00-9:00pm
All residents vote at Eastampton Community
School

Information on Property Tax Relief
Programs can be found at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>

Public Works Information

Brush Chipping

The Eastampton Brush Collection Program is running full-steam! Residents' tree limbs and branches are collected the **first full week of the month**. Residents are urged to **place limbs and branches curbside the weekend prior to the first Monday of the month**. The Public Works Department covers each street **once**. Do not place brush curbside after your street has been picked up!

Brush should be placed in front of your home. Do not place brush on Township property, or block bike lanes. The Public Works Department can not pick up the following: tree stumps, shrubs with a stump attached, tree parts larger than eight (8) inches in diameter, plywood, fence posts, or lumber. The township will not pick up large amounts of brush or tree parts cut by contractors. Disposal must be provided by the contractor.

Leaf Collection

The Public Works Department will complete the Leaf Collection Program soon. Residents who still have leaves to be collected should bag them and contact the Township to schedule pick up. Bagged leaves should not weigh more than 50 lbs. Bags should be placed curbside, separate from your trash.

Stormwater Management

The State requires all municipalities to have an effective Stormwater Management Program in place to reduce contamination to our waterways. You can help out the following ways:

- When cutting grass, do not blow the grass onto the street. Grass clippings wash into our drains and flow downstream.
- NEVER throw foreign objects into the storm drains. Items can restrict water flow and cause flooding.
- NEVER discard any oils, paints, cleaners, or other hazardous chemicals into a storm drain.

Recreational Opportunities

Eastampton Senior Citizens Group

Upcoming Events:

April Meeting

Please check out the Senior Citizens Group page on our website for date, time and program.

Reading Group Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2010
1:00pm.

Discussion and Desert
THE NECKLACE: THIRTEEN WOMEN and
THE EXPERIMENT THAT TRANSFORMED
THEIR LIVES
By
CHERYL JARVIS

5K Park Run/Walk, Kids 1 Mile Fun Run, & Lollipop Dash

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Please check out www.eastampton.com for information on registration, sponsorships, and volunteering.



Soul Line Dance Lessons

Kenny J has been featured on the Dr. Oz show showcasing this program and has now brought it to Eastampton. Classes will be every Wednesday from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the Eastampton Community School.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

Registration dates:

Thursday April 15th 6:30pm-8pm

Saturday May 1st 8am-10am

\$100 deposit due at time of registration to hold your child's place in camp.

Registrations will be accepted until Friday June 11th.

Location: Manor House, 12 Manor House Court

Registration and Information at

www.eastampton.com

For more Information on Recreational Opportunities throughout the Spring and Summer, please visit our website at www.eastampton.com

Eastampton Township
12 Manor House Court
Eastampton, NJ 08060

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Eastampton Environmental Commission Veteran's Memorial Paver Program

If you would like to honor a specific Veteran or let our troops know how much you appreciate their service to our country, please consider sponsoring a paver. Each paver will be 4" x 8" and costs \$50.

Order forms are online at www.eastampton.com

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Please join us for the 2010 Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Park on Saturday, May 29, beginning at 10am. Guest Speakers TBA. Refreshments will be served.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

DATE: APRIL 14TH
TIME: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
PLACE: EASTAMPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Township Council is hosting this annual event to recognize volunteers and public servants. The ECS Chorus will be performing as well as the local band Final Warning. The Girl Scouts will be providing cookies and Cub Scout Pack 30 will be holding a cake decorating contest. Please join us for a great time and help honor those that help make Eastampton such a great place to live.