

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 Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th at 8:30 am.

TRASH COLLECTION CORNER

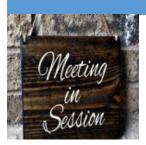
There will be a trash collection schedule change due to the Christmas holiday. All areas normally collected on <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 24th</u> (Venue at Smithville Greene-Lennar) will be collected on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 28</u>, 2021.



TAX COLLECTORS CORNER

Tax Sale Information. Tax Sale Notices have been mailed out. All unpaid property taxes or other municipal charges which remain unpaid as of November 11, 2021 are subject to the annual Municipal Tax Sale scheduled for December 20, 2021. All outstanding charges must be paid by December 17, 2021 to be removed from the tax sale. Payments can be made by exact cash or

certified funds only. NO PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED! Contact the Tax Collector's Office at (609) 267-5723 ext. 213 for additional information.



MEETING CORNER

Township Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, December** 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Manor House Council Room. Land Use Planning Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December** 9th at 7:30 p.m. via zoom.

RESIDENT CORNER



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 will begin our new online dog licensing on January 4, 2022. The cost for the months of January and February is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$13.00 for a non-neutered/spayed dog.

A \$10.00 additional fee will be assessed for each dog beginning on March 1 as per Ordinance 2021-5.

In addition to online payments you can also drop off or mail your dog license application and payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your license by mail.

Please note that the **rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2022 by NJ State Law** to obtain the dog license. <u>It is recommended to review your dog's rabies vaccination expiration date now to avoid any delays in your 2022 licensing.</u>

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. 201.



Eastampton Township Leaf Collection. Leaf collection begins the first week of October and will be collected through January, 2022. Residents please rake leaves and place in the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk for collection. Leaves should not be placed in the street or near fire hydrants, sign posts, portable basketball hoops, or telephone poles. Leaves must be free of all trash,

sticks, branches, vines, rocks, dirt, and debris. **Mixed material will not be collected.** Additional information including your areas scheduled collection week can be found by visiting the Township website at www.eastampton.com or by contacting the Public Works Department at (609) 267-5723 ext. 210.

Brush Collection. During the months of December through March brush will not be collected. Do not put any brush out for collection during these winter months, or you will receive a letter to remove, followed by a Notice of Violation. If you have brush that needs disposal of you may take it to the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex located at 2000 Burlington Columbus Rd. Columbus, NJ 08022. You may visit them at Facilities | Burlington County, NJ - Official Website



Household Battery Recycling. Do Not Recycle Alkaline Batteries, such as AA, C, D, or 9 Volt. Put them in your household trash. Rechargeable batteries come in the same sizes and are used for laptops and toys. Rechargeable batteries include Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb). Recycle these at Home Depot, Lowes, Staples and other locations listed at www.Call2Recycle.org. *Never put batteries in your recycling! Batteries have caused fires at recycling centers!

Holiday Toy Drive

Each year, the Sheriff's Department solicits donations of toys for underprivileged children in our county, to help make each child's holiday a happy and memorable one. The County Consumer Protection Department checks all toys for safety before they are released to the various human service agencies for distribution. Donated toys are distributed between the social service agencies listed below for underprivileged children throughout Burlington County.

These are the charities that receive donated toys.
Christian Caring Center
Delaware House Health Services
Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency
Foster and Adoptive Family Services
House of God Outreach
Oaks Integrated Care - Aspire Youth
Providence House Shelter
Servicios Latinos
Sisterhood

Eastampton Township is participating in the Holiday Toy Drive sponsored by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department. A collection box is located on the 1st floor of the Manor House near the Council Room, and will be picked up by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department in mid-December. To contact the Community Services Unit regarding the Holiday Toy Drive please call 609-265-3788.



ANNIVERSARY CORNER

Mayor and Council would like to thank you all for your continued years of service!

December 3	Paul Buchhofer	14 years	Construction Department
	Kathy Newcomb	14 years	Zoning Official
December 22	Zachary Rodina	1 year	Police Department
December 23	Daniel Graham	10 years	Police Department
December 30	Kelsey Knudsen	2 years	Police Department

EVENTS CORNER



Your Eastampton volunteer firefighters will be escorting Santa Claus on Sunday, December19th starting at 11:00am. Listen for the sirens and have your families ready to greet Santa as he passes through with the Eastampton Township fire engines. The ETFD members will be distributing candy canes to everyone to help celebrate the holidays.

You can follow them on Facebook

@eastamptonfire, as they will be posting updates throughout the journey. Please contact the Fire District with any questions at <u>Eastampton Fire District</u>. We are all very excited to see Santa Claus, but please know the visit will be subject to weather and any emergencies.

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

Victorian Holiday Celebration

December 5th 1:00pm-5:00pm. An event that will be sure to get you in the holiday spirit! The Victorian Holiday Celebration is an annual tradition at Historic Smithville Park that kicks off the holiday season with festive tours of the Smithville Mansion and Village. Take a ride on a train or horse-drawn carriage, try to stay on the Rodeo Reindeer, skate on the synthetic ice skating rink, and roast a S'more! Visit the Holiday Marketplace to shop for unique gifts for family and friends.

Santa arrives by horse-drawn carriage, and there will be plenty of photo opportunities to capture the perfect family photo for your holiday cards! Live entertainment by The Village Carolers and the Cinnaminson Middle School Choir. Event is free. There is a nominal fee to tour the holiday decorated mansion. Proceeds from the tours and s'mores benefit the Friends of the Mansion at Smithville.

Holiday Family Tours of Historic Smithville

December 10th, 11th, 15th, 17th and 18th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Celebrate the holidays with your family at Historic Smithville. Stroll through the illuminated village, view holiday scenes, and enjoy a story, hot chocolate, and cookies with Mrs. Claus. Along the way, you will meet guides in period costumes to share the story of HB and Agnes Smith and the village they created. Be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, where each child will receive a craft to take home. And don't forget to bring your letters for Santa!