



# EASTAMPTON NEWS

**JANUARY 2022**

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

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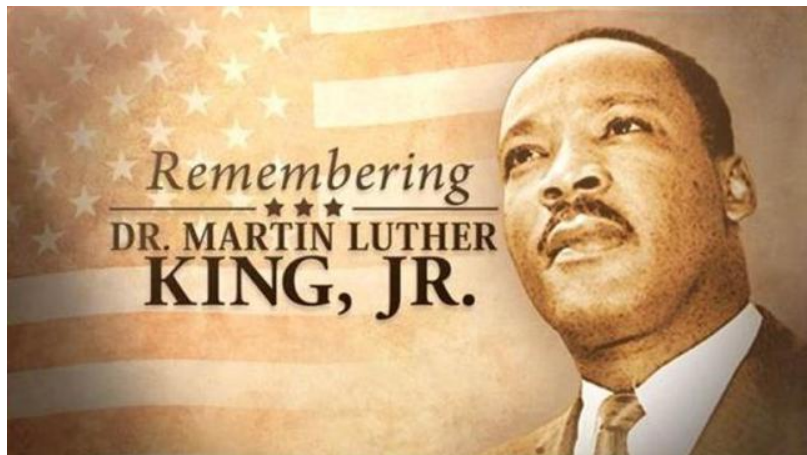
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Eastampton News provides information, helpful tips and reminders related to Eastampton Township and the surrounding areas. The Township is continually working to help keep residents informed about our community.



**Municipal Offices are closed on Monday, January 17, 2022** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

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*Eastampton Municipal offices will be closed to the public beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022. Township staff will be available to provide assistance through phone, email and use of the Drop Box. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to operate through these difficult times to keep our community safe during this public health crisis.*

**Township Council Reorganization Meeting** was held on **Monday, January 4, 2022 at 6pm**. Congratulations to **Anthony Zeno** who will be serving as **Mayor**, and **Rob Apgar** who will be serving as **Deputy Mayor** during 2022. Best wishes to our 2022 Eastampton Township Council: Mayor Zeno, Deputy Mayor Apgar, Council Member Besko, Council Member Santillo and Council Member Springer. The following is Mayor Zeno's message:

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank the voters for electing me to represent you on the Eastampton Township Council. I would also like to thank my fellow Council members for selecting me to serve as Mayor for 2022. It is an honor to serve my community, and a privilege to have the opportunity to build a better home for my family. I am also very grateful to my wife Michelle and our children for their continued support.

I look forward to the coming year, which I believe will continue to bring further improvements to our Township. We have already secured state and county grant funds that have allowed us to make improvements to our parks, roads, and walking paths, and we will continue to look for new opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Eastampton.

Eastampton has made progress in redeveloping our town center while working on other goals of our community's Master Plan, which calls for smart growth and a balance between preservation and development. We plan to further extend this progress by enhancing our efforts to attract new commercial development to our Township. In our efforts to achieve progress we will not lose sight of maintaining the character of Eastampton that our residents enjoy.

Our municipal departments will continue to maximize the value of your tax dollars, and we will continue to invest in those capital projects that are necessary to maintain the safety and curbside appeal of our Township. One of the main areas of vocal resident concern is the quality of our roads. Township Council recently took measures to ensure the Township's roads were a top priority, with a \$2.2 million dollar road improvements bond.

We may be geographically small in size, but whether you are a visitor, seeking a location for your business, or a potential future resident, Eastampton is certain to provide countless opportunities for you to enjoy your time here with our parks. Thanks to funding received from Municipal Aid Development Grants we have new playground equipment and Sports Courts at Buttonwood and Cliver Parks, and a

new Gazebo at Cliver Park for enjoying a family picnic. Grant funding will also be used for the installation of a new pavilion at Veterans Park this year.

There are plenty of walking and biking paths for exercise, or to simply enjoy time outdoors. Eastampton Township is also home to Burlington County's 280 acre Historic Smithville Park, which includes the Smithville Mansion, a section of the Rancocas Creek, and Smithville Lake, with a 600-foot floating walkway.

Eastampton Township always strives to serve our residents in the best manner possible, and our website is just one of the ways we accomplish that. It has been developed for the convenience of our residents and visitors, and offers a wealth of information about our Township. Here you'll find important contact, department, calendar, and other information you may need. During the global pandemic Township Council recognized the need to offer additional online services. In 2022 administrative staff will work with GovPilot to launch several more user-friendly online services, including Dog Registration.

Please browse through our website and discover all the great things that make Eastampton a wonderful place to live and enjoy time with friends and family. We hope you will return to this site often to keep informed about Township news by checking our [Newsletter](#) and [Calendar](#) sections.

In closing, I would like to congratulate our recently reappointed Township Manager, Kim-Marie White, who has proven her dedication to improving our Township. It is the commitment of our residents and staff that make Eastampton a great place to live. I look forward to working with Township staff and other local elected officials in the coming year. I thank you all in advance for your enthusiasm and support.

Please be sure to sign up for our monthly newsletters and email notifications so that we can keep you informed throughout the year. You are always welcome to join us at our Township Council meetings, which are generally held the second and fourth Monday of the month. Please check our website calendar for further details.

Best wishes for 2022,  
Anthony Zeno, Mayor

#### **Deputy Mayor Rob Apgar**

Rob has been a resident of Eastampton since 2010. He lives with his wife Ally, a public school teacher, and their two children in Eastampton Farms. His daughters attend the Eastampton Community School.

Currently employed by the State of New Jersey, Rob is a grants administrator with experience in the non-profit and public sectors. Rob has also taught courses in sustainable development and environmental history at Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly BCC) and The College of New Jersey.

Rob earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from The College of New Jersey in 2005, graduating with highest honors, and a Master of Environmental Studies degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010, with a concentration in environmental policy.

While on Council, Rob has served as a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee, a member of the Land Use Planning Board, Council's liaison to the Eastampton Community School, and as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

### **Council Member Eddie Besko**

Eddie has been a resident of Eastampton since 1989, completing his education here from preschool through eighth grade. Upon graduating from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in 2004, Eddie attained a partial scholarship and graduated from DeVry University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration that concentrated on the newly offered Business Information Systems program.

Eddie has been and continues to be active in Scouting, achieving the prestigious Eagle Scout rank, leading the beautification of Veterans Memorial Park for his Eagle Scout Project and continuing to serve as a troop committee member. He also played in the Eastampton Youth Soccer Association founded by his father in 1999, became a soccer referee in 2001 and continues to referee.

Eddie joined the Eastampton Recreation Committee in 2017 and became Co-Chair in 2018. In 2019, he began serving on the Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

Eddie was elected as Councilman in November 2018, serving his first year on Township Council in 2019 and continues to focus on serving the residents of Eastampton and assist in supporting community efforts that enhance our future goals.

### **Council Member Dominic F. Santillo**

Dominic F. Santillo has been a resident of Eastampton Township since 2013, residing in Eastampton Meadows (Farms). Since moving to town he has been a member of the Eastampton Community School Superintendent search committee (2016) and was appointed as a member of the Eastampton Land Use Planning Board in January 2018. Dominic is also active in the community as a volunteer coach for Sacred Heart CYO Baseball & Softball. Mr. Santillo has been a coach for 7+ years of baseball & tee-ball, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of Sacred Heart serving as VP Marketing. Dominic is also a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Mount Holly Post #11.

Dominic and his wife of fifteen 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 (13), Kaitlyn (11) and David (8). All three children attend Eastampton Community School and are active

participants in Sacred Heart CYO Baseball & Softball and RV Soccer. Beth is a school teacher in the Bordentown Regional School District.

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 8 years and currently oversees the Enterprise Medical Record Core and Incident Management Services team. He has previously served as application analyst and systems engineer working with the EMR team. Previous healthcare IT experience includes time served at Kennedy Health System in Cherry Hill and as a vendor consultant traveling across the US implementing emergency department software.

Dominic was admitted to 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. After graduation, he spent time in the restaurant industry as a server, bartender and banquet manager until finding a position to leverage his IT skills.

Raised in Garfield, NJ (Bergen County) where he attended public school for grades K-12, in his junior year of high school Dominic was selected to attend the American Legion Jersey Boys State ("ALJBS") program. Held at Rider University the week-long, hands-on leadership seminar on civics and government, Dominic served as "mayor" of his Boys State city. He returned to be a member of the all-volunteer staff the following year and has served 23 consecutive years. He now serves as First Assistant Director and Dean of the Program where he oversees every facet of the program from invitations of keynote speakers, scheduling, and staffing. 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. As Chairman of the 24-member board, Mr. Santillo oversees the annual budget, meeting planning and coordinates fundraising efforts from a Parent Mailing, online campaigns via Paypal, annual 5K's and other dine & donate events. Dominic also maintains websites for both ALJBS and the NJ Boys State Foundation.

Dominic was elected to Township Council in November, 2018. Dominic represents the Township Council on the Land Use Planning Board. Dominic served as Deputy Mayor in 2020 and Mayor in 2021.

### **Council Member 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 32 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 33 years Jay was 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. In 2021 Jay became the Business Administrator for Lumberton Township, in Burlington County.

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 the Land Use Planning Board and has previously represented the Township Council on the Economic Development Advisory Committee.



## MEETING CORNER

Township Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via phone and Zoom.** Land Use Planning Board reorg meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. via phone and zoom.** Login information will be posted for each meeting on each Agenda on our website.

## RECOGNITION CORNER

**Sergeant Michael Shepard** of our Eastampton Township Police Department was recognized at the December 20, 2021 Township Council meeting by Mayor Santillo and Township Council for his outstanding skills as he continually serves to protect the residents of Eastampton.



*Sergeant Michael Shepard accepts his Proclamation from Mayor Dominic F. Santillo and Township Council.*



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Michael Shepard began his career as a Police Officer with Eastampton Township in 2007; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael performed with great dedication and commitment as he advanced to the rank of Sergeant; and*

*WHEREAS, Sergeant Shepard is to be commended for his leadership and actions in the apprehension of an armed suspect in an extremely volatile situation; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout the entire incident Sergeant Shepard maintained control of the situation and ensured the safety of the other officers and the community; and*

*WHEREAS, Sergeant Shepard exemplifies the qualities of an admirable leader with excellent communication and interpersonal skills, in addition to his abilities to remain composed, patient and compassionate that all facilitated to resolve a potentially critical incident with no injuries or use of force.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dominic F. Santillo, Mayor of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize*

**MICHAEL SHEPARD  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

*and thank you for your extraordinary efforts as you utilize your skills and knowledge to ensure public safety to the community and demonstrate an outstanding example of the Eastampton Township Police Department.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Eastampton Township this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.*

*DOMINIC F. SANTILLO*  
DOMINIC F. SANTILLO  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*KIM-MARIE WHITE*  
KIM-MARIE WHITE  
Municipal Clerk



**Richard Austin Tracy** and **Michael Robert Vannoy** were sworn in as **Detectives** of our Eastampton Township Police Department on December 20, 2021. Congratulations!



*Left to right: Detective Tracy, Detective Vannoy*

## RESIDENT CORNER



**Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs over 7 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year.** We began our new online dog licensing on January 1, 2022, please go to [Online Services | Eastampton New Jersey](#) 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. 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. 200.

**Christmas Tree Collection.** The Department of Public Works collects Christmas trees beginning on January 11, 2022. Trees should be placed curbside for collection, and all lights, decorations and tree stand must be removed. Live, artificial, or trees which are chemically treated or "flocked" will be collected on an as needed basis. If you have any questions please contact the Dept. of Public Works at 609-267-5723 ext. 210.

### **Bulk Pickup**

We need everyone's cooperation to help keep Eastampton neat and tidy. Anything is to be placed out only on the night before your scheduled pickup day. Please note that as per Ordinance 2019-17 **no house clean outs** will be accepted for bulk pick-up by the Public Works department. ***Please note bulk pickup has been suspended due to limited staffing as a result of the surge in COVID-19 cases. The regular schedule will resume on February 4, 2022.***

**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. You can subscribe to receive email alerts for: Council Agendas, Eastampton Township Newsletter, Emergency Notifications, General News, Recreation Activities, Tax Quarter Reminders, or all six alerts! To register for the email notification system, "control and click" on the following: [Subscribe to Email Alerts | Eastampton New Jersey](#)

## Tips for Residents 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: [Subscribe to Email Alerts | Eastampton New Jersey](#)



### Eastampton Township Leaf Collection.

Public Works will begin collecting leaves in October through January. The schedule may be modified at any time due to personnel, equipment and inclement weather.

Residents can rake them to the curb for collection. Leaves should be placed in the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk, not in the street. Leaves should not be placed 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 below, or by contacting the Public Works Department at (609) 267-5723, ext. 210

**Please adhere to the schedule of your area for leaf collection. Leaves are to be placed out only the week before your scheduled pickup day.**

It is especially important that leaves are not placed at the curb many days before scheduled pickup days, as rain makes the leaves wet and difficult to collect, and presents a safety hazard to Eastampton staff and other residents.



## LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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### **AREA 1 – BEGINS THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF THE MONTH**

#### VISTA'S/LAKEVIEW

Bedford Court	Durham Terrace	Lakeview Terrace	Stafford Court
Berwick Court	Essex Court	Lancashire Drive	Stonegate Drive
Brook Run Road	Farmdale Road	Meadow Lane	Suffolk Drive
Buckingham Drive	Gloucester Court	Northumberland Drive	Surrey Court
Cambridge Court	Hampton Drive	Nottingham Way	Tollhouse Road
Carol Court	Jennifer Court	Oxford Court	Warwick Road
Cedar Mill Lane	Juniper Street	Parkview Drive	Worcester Court
Darby Circles	Kent Court	Prince William Court	York Circle
Dawn Drive	Kingsley Road/Court	Shelter Rock Road	

## AREA 2 – BEGINS THE SECOND WEEK OF THE MONTH



### EASTAMPTON FARMS

Ariel Drive	Dewberry Drive	Liat Drive	Red Oak Court
Aspen Court	Elderwood Drive	Linden Tree Lane	Rochelle Drive
Butternut Court	Elm Tree Lane	Mahogany Court	Willowbrook Way
Cedarwood Court	Honey Locust Lane	Mulberry Lane	Woodcrest Drive
Chestnut Drive	Jessica Way	Peachtree Court	Woodhurst Court
Christopher Lane	Knotty Oak Court	Poplar Court	Woodhurst Drive
Cypress Drive	Laurelwood Lane	Red Bud Court	Woodstone Court

### CARRIAGE PARK

Bennington Lane	Danbury Court	Newbury Lane	Westover Court
Carriage Drive	Kensington Drive	Nottingham Way	Wexford Court
Chelsea Road	Knightsbridge Road	Strathmere Road	Windham Drive
Coventry Road	Manchester Road	Wellington Court	

### OUTSIDE AREAS

Ella Drive (Ryan Homes)	Monmouth Road	Powell Road (Sharbell)	Woodlane Road
Jacksonville Road	Oak Street	Smithville Road	Parker Blvd.
Mill Creek Road	Oxmead Road	Star Drive (Ryan Homes/Sharbell)	



## AREA 3 – BEGINS THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH

### GORDON HEIGHTS/FENIMORE VILLAGE/PRIVATE ROADS

Birch Lane	Gordon Road	Joe Road	**Paducah Road
Dunham Lane	Hardwood Lane	Koa Court	Park Road
East Railroad Avenue	Hys Lane	**Lake Drive	Route 206
Fir Lane	Jade Court	Lee Street	Rusty Lane
Gerber Lane	Jess Court	Limetree Lane	West Railroad Avenue
Goodman Lane	Jill Court	Maple Road	Worthams Lane

### VENUE AT SMITHVILLE GREENE (LENNAR)

Beach Drive	Canal Street	Lighthouse Ct.	Pier St.
Boardwalk Drive	Coliseum Drive	Museum Drive	Tower Blvd.
Bridge Blvd.	Landmark Way	Nature Way	

**\*\*Limited Access Private Roads**

If you have any questions please/email Rupi Swaitch at 609-267-5723 x200

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## WEBSITE CORNER



GovPilot is a cloud-based Government Management Platform that allows Eastampton residents to complete forms online and submit to Township officials electronically. Please see the main page of our website, one of the middle large icons “Online Services”. You can apply for:

- Business Registration
- Certificate of Continued Occupancy
- Dog Registration \*New!
- Landlord Registration
- No Knock Application \*New!
- Report a Concern

You can also access the GIS map for property information of an address, including:

- Assessment
- Block/Lot
- Building Area
- Building Description
- Land Description
- Last Date of Sale
- Owner
- Taxes
- Year Built
- Zoning

We have several additional modules that are coming soon, including: Block Party Application, Dumpster/Pod Permit, Yard Sale Application, Marriage License Application, Road Opening Permit, Hawker/Solicitor Permit, and White Goods Pickup.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

The Burlington County Clerk’s Office launched a new online service to alert residents of potential mortgage fraud and identity theft. The subscription service is free and residents can sign up online at [Choose a County \(propertyfraudalert.com\)](http://Choose a County (propertyfraudalert.com)) or call 1-800-728-3858.

For further information please visit [News Flash • Burlington County, NJ • CivicEngage](#)



## ANNIVERSARY CORNER

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

January 1	Robert Apgar	9 years	Council Member
	Eddie Besko	4 years	Council Member
	Dominic F. Santillo	4 years	Council Member
	Jay Springer	13 years	Council Member
	Anthony Zeno	9 years	Council Member
	Erik Jarvis	2 Years	Police Department
January 3	Gene Blair	14 years	Construction Department
	Bradley Regn	14 years	Construction Department
January 25	Keith Harrison	1 year	Public Works Department
January 28	Janet Fabiani	3 years	Pubic Works Department

## EVENTS CORNER

It may be cold outside but you can visit the Virtual Programs offered on the Burlington County website any month of the year!

[Virtual Programs | Burlington County, NJ - Official Website](#)